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**#1: “Let your light shine”**

**February 6<sup>th</sup>, Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Reflection:** *“Your light must shine for others to see” Matt 5: 16a*

In so many communities there are good people doing great things. In our consumer culture where image is sold as a marketable product and the celebrity is revered as some sort of hero, the quiet workers are counter-cultural. But they are the ones who bring about change for the better. They are the volunteers who give their time, talents and energy for others in schools, local communities, parishes. They are those who support asylum seekers, the homeless, prisoners, gay people, indigenous people, those on the edges of society. They are those who work to change unjust laws and practices. They don't get recognition for what they do. They can even be denigrated as “bleeding hearts”, but they keep on keeping on. Their “light shines” out of their actions. Let's spread that light and goodness!

**Fact File:** Slavery exists today. **ACRATH** stands for **Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans**. It is a group of religious women committed to working together towards the elimination of human trafficking in Australia, the Pacific and Internationally. Australia is a destination for trafficked people who are used for a variety of purposes!

**Action:** Find out more about ACRATH and tell others about their work. Support them!

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