

# *The Catholic Community of Bradford*

*The Baptism of the Lord  
January 11, 2026*

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*Our Mission: We are a Catholic Christian community committed to being welcoming, outreaching to the homebound and forgotten, while strengthening the faith formation of our youth and adult members in their faith journey.*

*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

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## **ST. BERNARD MASSES**

Saturday 4:00 pm

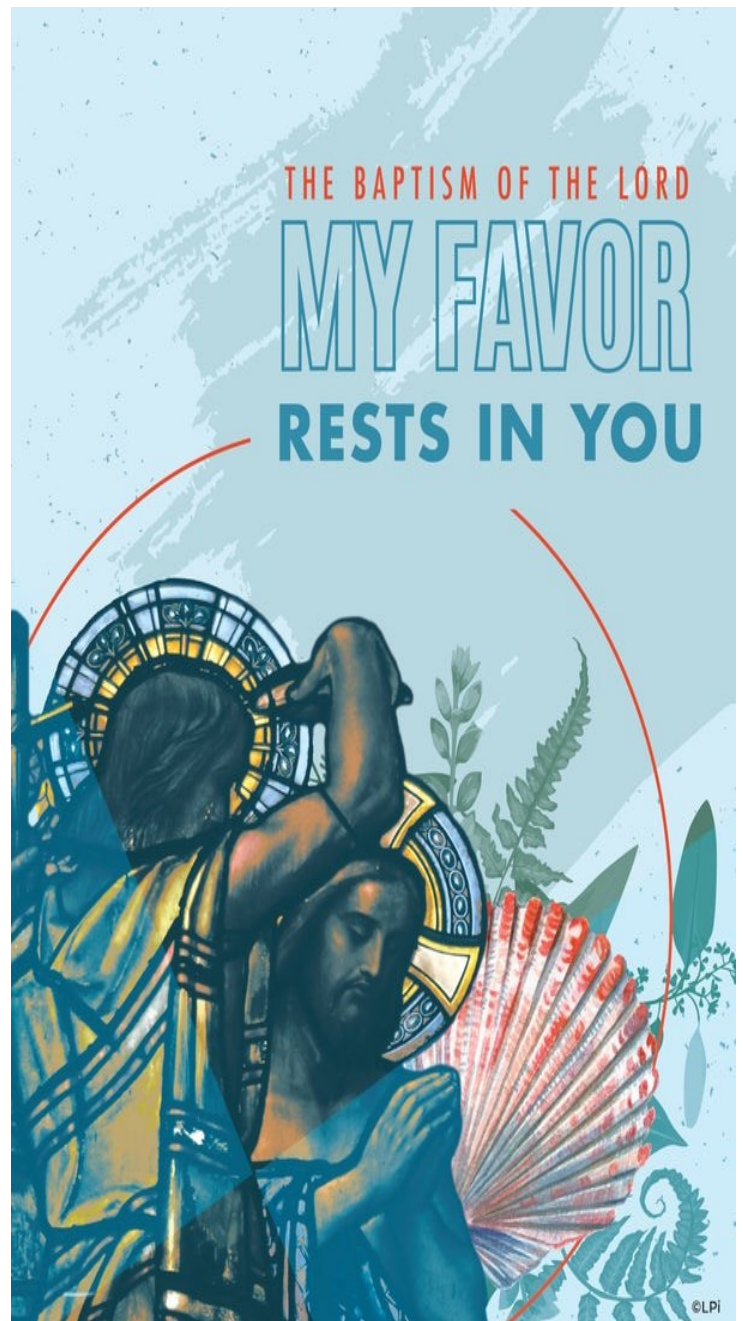
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

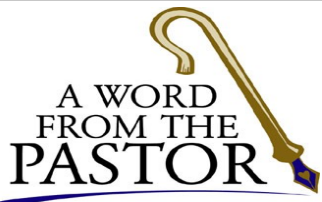
## **DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL MASSES**

Monday & Thursday — 8:00 am & 9:00 am

Tuesday — 9:00 am Wednesday — 8:00 am

Friday — 12:10 pm Saturday — 9:00 am





Of all the issues pleading for attention, I'd like to focus on these first.

The St Francis Church status needs to be resolved. The next step is to meet with diocesan officials and receive direction from the bishop as to changing the status of this space from "consecrated for worship" to "secular but not sordid use." To that end, we hosted Fr Joe Petrone, freshly back from Catholic University of America last Thursday, with some of our parish leaders, in order to explore exactly what we need to do.

We need to carefully consider the whole story of the parish from its founding, clarify what are we asking and the reasons, look at the specifics of canon law and understand what "relegation" means, and then make the case of the "grave cause" for this request. The proposal goes to the Priest Council which needs to approve it in order for the bishop to make an official declaration. Should all proceed accordingly, we would then be able to move toward sale of the properties.

We should also formulate a plan for safety in the event of an emergency situation, particularly with regard to any individual threatening harm during worship or social gatherings. We all lament the need for such planning, but we would be remiss if we did not make some kind of preparations and ensure more security. A parish safety committee has been commissioned to meet with me and think about what we need to do.

Meanwhile, I've given the go-ahead to a railing in the choir loft and to look into two other delayed upgrades to our church – the boiler room entrance and the sacristy bathroom area.

There are a lot more things on the list. Let's approach one (or three) at a time.

*Fr John*

**2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST FORMS** are in the back of the church. Please read directions carefully. We will start processing them later this month. An announcement will be made in Church when they're ready for pickup. Thank you!

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** We are refreshing our Prayer Request list. If you, or someone you know, would like to remain on the list please let the office know. If you, or someone you know, has recovered and may no longer need to remain on the list, again please let the office know. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

## PRAYER

**SPECIAL PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP:** O Almighty God, Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father and those who assist him in the discernment of our new bishop. May the one chosen have the strength to be a compassionate leader, who models humility and joy. Grant him the wisdom of Solomon, the courage of the apostles, and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd. We also pray for the Diocese of Erie that he is called to serve. May we welcome him with open hearts and work with him in a spirit of synodality, called to listen, collaborate, and build unity. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, St. Joseph, the protector of the Church, and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese, may we journey the path of life with an unwavering focus on the hope we have in Christ. For he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



## Prayer for the People of Venezuela

God of mercy and peace, we come before you today with hearts heavy for our brothers and sisters in Venezuela. Our hearts are with them in their hour of fear. Lord, hear our prayer and bring your peace.

We pray for the families in Caracas and across Venezuela who were awakened by the sound of explosions. Protect the children, the elderly, and the vulnerable from the physical and emotional scars of violence. Prince of Peace, guide us toward a nonviolent path.

We pray for our leaders and the leaders of all nations. Soften hearts that seek power through force and enlighten minds to see the path of dialogue. May they remember that every life is sacred and every act of war is a failure of peace. Holy Spirit, grant them the wisdom to be peacemakers.

Loving God, grant us all the strength to be your hands and feet in a time of darkness. Amen.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Rosary Altar Society:** Thursday, February 12th @ 6:30 pm  
**Widow's Group:** Wednesday, January 21st @ noon in the Chapel for Rosary followed by lunch in Gallina Hall (Bring your lunch)

**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, January 13th @ 7:00 pm

**Cemetery Board:** TBA

**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, February 24th @ 6:00 pm

**Finance Council:** Thursday, January 22nd @ 4:30 pm

**SF 50+ Club:** Wednesday, January 14th @ 11:00 am

**Liturgy Committee:** Tuesday, January 20th @ 6:30 pm

**Catholic Women's Club:** TBA



**The Bradford Council #403  
of the Knights of Columbus**  
[www.koc403.com](http://www.koc403.com)

Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office. **Please Note: Next meeting on January 13th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

**Ordinary Time** contains thirty-three or thirty-four weeks. It begins on the Monday following the Sunday after January 6 and continues until the beginning of Lent; it begins again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and ends on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent.



**Grades 1-5** meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (11:00 am—12:15)  
 Jan 11th & Feb 1st

**Grades 6-9** meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (5:45—7:15 pm)  
 Jan 25th & Feb 22nd—Confirmation Class only—  
 Letters to the Bishop

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072**

Christmas.....\$ 8,991

December 28.....\$15,020

Solemnity of Mary.....\$ 2,084

January 4.....\$ 7,111

**2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414**

2025 CSA Collected \$105,710

**Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard. Please do not COMBINE other payments with CSA.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**



*St. Bernard Sanctuary  
Candle will be burning this  
week in Memory of  
Ann Mongillo*

We have one April and 4 May weeks available for the Sanctuary Candle. Call the office if you're interested in reserving one. \$15 each.

**MARRIAGE MOMENT**—"All I have is yours and all you have is mine." (John 17:10) Although these are the words of Jesus to God the Father, they also reflect the total self-giving of spouses to each other. What possession might I find difficult to share with my spouse? Maybe there's a good reason. Think about it.

## Virtues, Explained! Joy

Though it is often used as a synonym for happiness, joy has far more to do with the choices we make than the emotions we feel. Joy is the experience of achieving what we most desire — and what we most desire is love. God made us in love and for love, and so, in the same way that a flower seeks the sunlight, our souls seek the warmth of true, selfless love. The virtue of joy, therefore, is a fruit of the virtue of love, or charity (CCC 1829). "We are meant to have our human joys: the joy of living, the joy of love and friendship, the joy of work well done," said Saint Pope John Paul II. "We who are Christians have a further cause for joy: like Jesus, we know that we are loved by God our Father. This love transforms our lives and fills us with joy."

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**WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS**

We appreciate each and every one of you who gave so freely of your time & talents in 2025! Thank you!

**PARENTING POINTERS**—Apologizing isn't a sign of weakness, it shows you are big enough to admit your mistakes and models an important skill for your child. Is there anything you've done (or not done) during the past year that an apology would help heal? Be a big enough to do it.



**St. Bernard Church is hosting a Hygiene Drive  
on behalf of Destinations. Please drop  
donations off to the Parish Office during the  
month of January.**

### Shopping List

<b>Toothpaste</b>	<b>Dish Soap</b>
<b>Toothbrushes</b>	<b>Household Cleaners</b>
<b>Shampoo</b>	<b>Paper towels</b>
<b>Conditioner</b>	<b>Mops</b>
<b>Body Wash</b>	<b>Brooms</b>
<b>Soap</b>	<b>Buckets</b>
<b>Deodorant</b>	<b>Rags</b>
<b>Toilet Paper</b>	<b>Garbage Bags</b>
<b>Laundry Detergent</b>	<b>Ziplock Bags</b>
<b>Lotion</b>	<b>Socks</b>

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**—The words in today's gospel, "This is my beloved, with whom I am well pleased," are words every child needs to hear often. Affirmation is crucial for raising happy and confident children.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month.** In 2024, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children received over 27,800 reports of possible child sex trafficking. The average age of child sex trafficking victims is 15 years old. Child sex trafficking is child abuse. It occurs when a minor is advertised, solicited, or exploited through a commercial sex act where sex is exchanged for money, food, shelter, drugs, or anything of value. Traffickers can be family members (even parents), friends, gangs, foster parents, trusted adults or boyfriends. Talk openly with your child about this reality and build resiliency. Address myths that glamorize the commercial sex industry. Warn about online risks: social media and gaming platforms are used by traffickers to target, groom, and recruit victims. Prepare your child: at some point they will likely encounter inappropriate messages or harmful content online. Teach them how to respond safely. Report suspected child sex trafficking by calling 1-800-843-5678 or visit [CyberTipline.org](http://CyberTipline.org). For additional resources visit [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/)



For accounting purposes, please do **NOT** combine your December offertory envelopes with your January 2026 envelopes!

*Thank You!*

**Respect Life - Pregnancy Loss** Did you know that "10 to 20 percent of known pregnancies end in miscarriage" ([Mayo Clinic](http://Mayo Clinic))? Couples mourning the loss of a child before or at birth are in our families, among our friends, and in our pews. They need to know that the life of their child (or children) matters, and that they have the support of their parish community during this time of mourning. Show these couples your support by listening to them, praying for them, bringing them a meal, reminding them that God is with them, and that they are not alone. For more resources and support, visit [www.springsinthedesert.org](http://www.springsinthedesert.org).

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA** Question: What is the name for the formal letters in the New Testament sent to people and Christian communities?

Answer: Epistles.

**Engagement Encounter Weekend** Planning your wedding? Prepare for a lifetime of love with an **Engagement Encounter** retreat, February 6-8, 2026, at *St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie*. This weekend fulfills diocesan marriage prep requirements. **Catholic and interfaith couples** are welcome. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email: [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org), register at [eriercd.org/familylifeoffice](http://eriercd.org/familylifeoffice).

"A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

"What's a snowman's favorite devotion?"



"A Snow-vena!"



Novenas are a focused way of praying, often for nine days in a row. Give one a try!

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**SAVE THE DATE**-A Favorite Parish Event is coming up. Saturday, January 24th—Annual Parish Chili Cook Off in Gallina Hall, following the 4 pm Mass. Details to come.

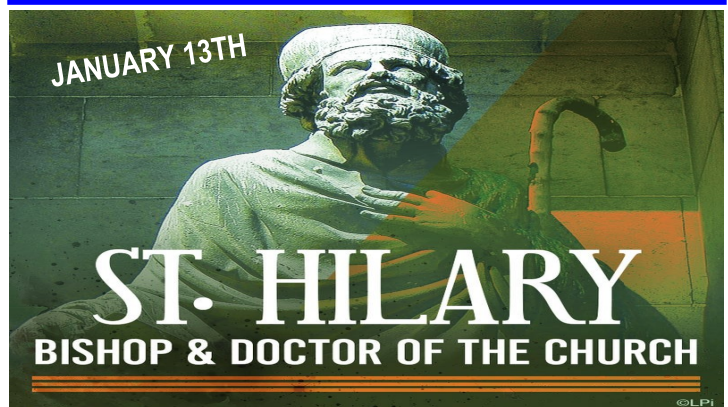
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### Word of Life - "A Prayer for Hope"

"Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own. Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world. Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying. Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"A Prayer for Hope"



Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

# LIVE OUT YOUR BAPTISM

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## PASTORAL STAFF

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## CONFESSIONS:

**St. Bernard** — Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45 pm before

4:00 pm mass; Thursday before First Friday from

4:30 to 5 pm; After 9 am mass on Saturdays.

Private appointments may be made by calling the **Parish Office 362-6825**.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)

REP Coordinator: **Cindy Greek**

Students not attending Catholic school should be enrolled in REP programs. The Bradford Catholic Community Religious Education program is Grades 1—5 & Grades 6—9 (Confirmation). Please call the parish office for more information.



**BULLETIN INFORMATION MUST BE  
RECEIVED IN WRITING  
BY NOON ON FRIDAY  
2 WEEKS PRIOR TO BULLETIN DATE.**

**MEMBERSHIP:** All Baptized Catholics should be registered, practicing and supporting members of a Parish. Only properly registered members appear on our parish list and are eligible to receive the benefits of parish membership for sacraments. Each parishioner is called upon to practice good stewardship of time, talent and treasure. If you are not currently receiving envelopes, you may not be registered. Call the Parish Office - we would love to meet you!

**MARRIAGE:** Couples need to contact a priest *at least six months before their wedding*. Registered and active participation needs to be considered before marriage.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

We welcome all inquiries about the Catholic faith. This **RCIA** process begins in the fall of the year. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office to request the Sacrament of the Sick for family members who are seriously ill. Communion for the sick is taken to the hospital, nursing homes, and the home-bound on a regular basis.

**BAPTISM:** Both parents must attend the Pre-Baptism Preparation Program. Please call the St. Bernard Parish Office for dates and times of upcoming class. Baptisms are scheduled after completing the program. Call the Parish Office to schedule the class and baptism. Godparents must be at least 16, confirmed and active, registered members of their parish.

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Liturgical

#### Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Organist St. Bernard Rita Bennardi

Michael Hicks

Resurrection Choir Joan Raabe

God's Housekeepers Parish Office

Liturgy Fr. John B Jacquel

### Parish Community

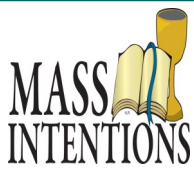
Pastoral Council Craig Cuthbertson

Catholic Women's Club Joan Yohe

Rosary Altar Society Dawn Kozminski

Telephone Prayer Chain Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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**JANUARY 12TH-JANUARY 18TH** All daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel (Including Saturday, 9am) (Subject to change) Weekend Masses in the Church

**Monday, January 12th**

SBC 8:00 am John Hayes (Jessica Hervatin)  
SBC 9:00 am Beverly Hull (Ron & Kathy Symington)

**Tuesday, January 13th**

SBC 9:00 am Bob Johnson (Ron & Terri Orris)

**Wednesday, January 14th**

SBC 8:00 am Michael Pecora (Stacie & Michael Salerno)

**Thursday, January 15th**

SBC 8:00 am Angelo Piersimoni & Humbert Piscitelli (Joyce Schaming)  
SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

**Friday, January 16th**

SBC 12:10 pm Mary Lou Ross (Theresa Constanza Bucci)

**Saturday, January 17th**

SBC 9:00 am J. Harry & Gwen Hannon (Ron & Kathy Symington)  
SB 4:00 pm Dan Hillard (Sue & Family)

**Sunday, January 18th**

SB 8:00 am Pauline Dudo (Pehonsky Family)  
SB 10:00 am Kay Henry (Cindy Greek)  
SB 11:30 am Joseph Bucci (Theresa Constanza Bucci)

**Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass & 3:15 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass.**



**JANUARY 17TH, 2026**

**Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm**

**LECTOR:** Jean Truman

**EM:** Peggy Johnson **CUP:** Tammy Black/Chris Pehonsky

**Servers:** Peyton & Cooper Haight

**JANUARY 18TH, 2026**

**Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Lynn Kuntz

**EM:** Dave White **CUP:** Deb Woodley/Joan Yohe

**Server:** Dave Hill

**St. Bernard 10:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Jim Colligan

**EM:** Lynn Hogue **CUP:** Gloria Scarano/Beth Mongillo

**Servers:** Abigail Carlson/Jaxyn Eckstrom

**St. Bernard 11:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Sue Lee

**EM:** Kim Ditz **CUP:** Carol Vinca/Charlotte Cuthbertson

**Server:** Dan Cuthbertson



**Please pray for those who are sick or suffering**

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Mary Beth Behan, Nancy Black, Theresa Bond, Sue Bradley, Nancy Bukowski, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Tami, Charters, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Charlotte Cuthbertson, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Jan Hancock, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Lisa Komidar, Chris Lechner, Don Long, Paula Louk, Judy Mazzeo, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Dan McCarthy, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, Lois Pessia, John Pockey, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, Linda Rabineau, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, George Rhodes, Sandy Rhodes, Kathy Ryan, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Rosanne Strotman, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Damion Wasiewski, Heather Watson, Philip Weese & Family, Rick Wheaton, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Jim Wineberg, Lisa Zurat.

**May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.**



**Readings for the week of January 11th**



**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/  
Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/  
Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/  
Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1  
Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34