

# The Catholic Community of Bradford

*The Epiphany of the Lord*  
*January 5, 2025*

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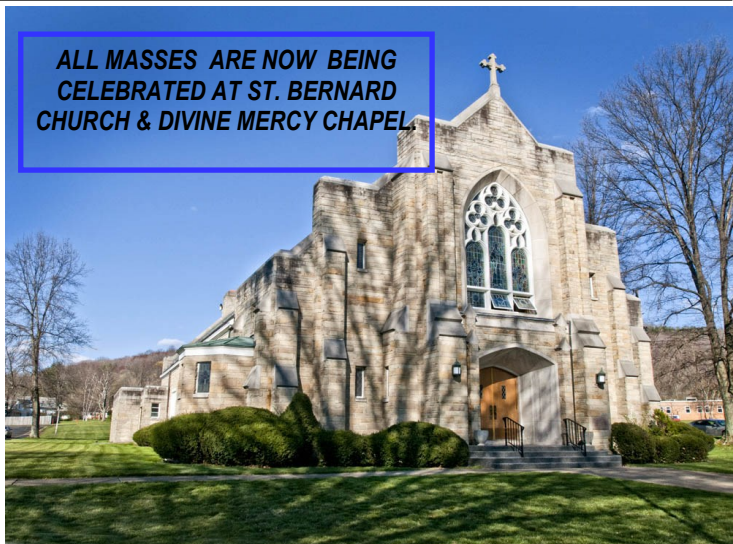
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*St. Francis of Assisi*

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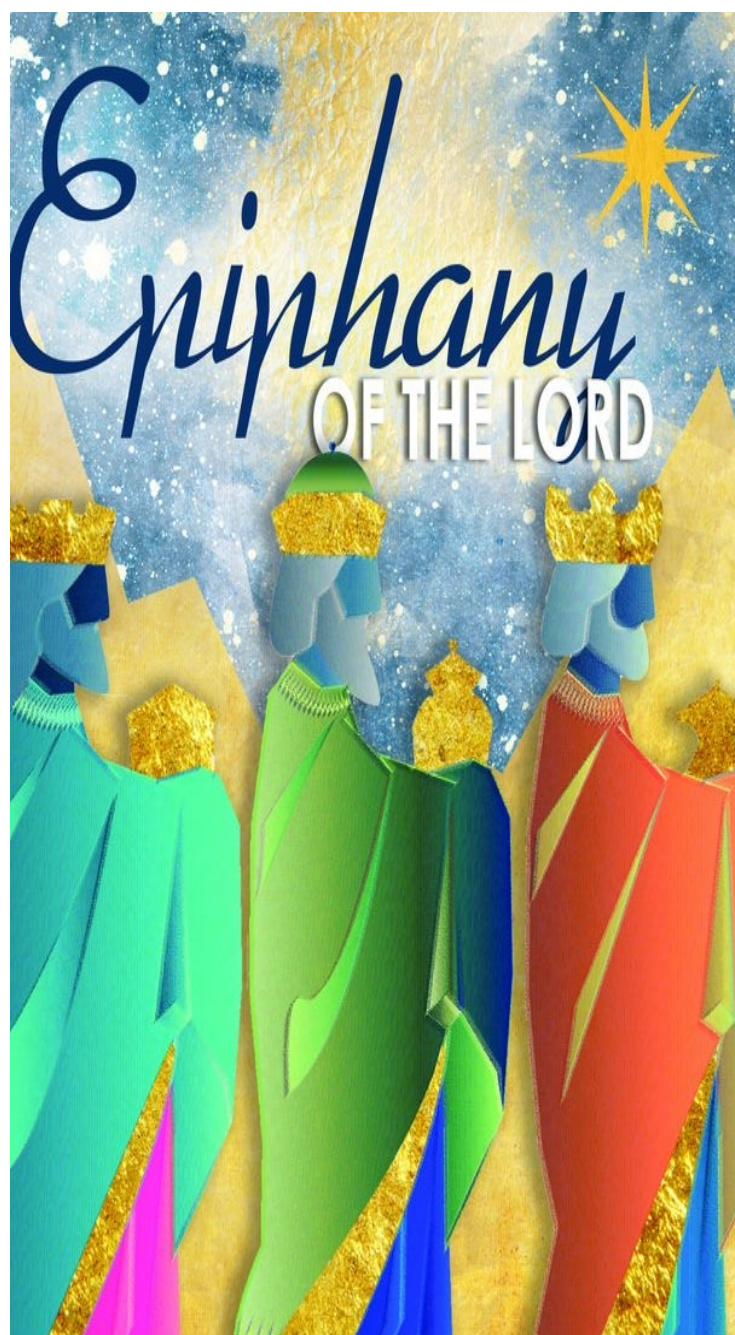
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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Here we are, starting a new year, a year of Jubilee. The concept of Jubilee comes from the Jewish Scriptures. In the third book of the Bible, Leviticus chapter 25, it decrees that everyone should take a major break every 50 years. That includes the land – (although I'm not sure how they would have survived without farming).

Prisoners were to be released, debts forgiven, and rest experienced. Everything belongs to God. But over the course of time, erosion happens and there is need for some intentional restoration.

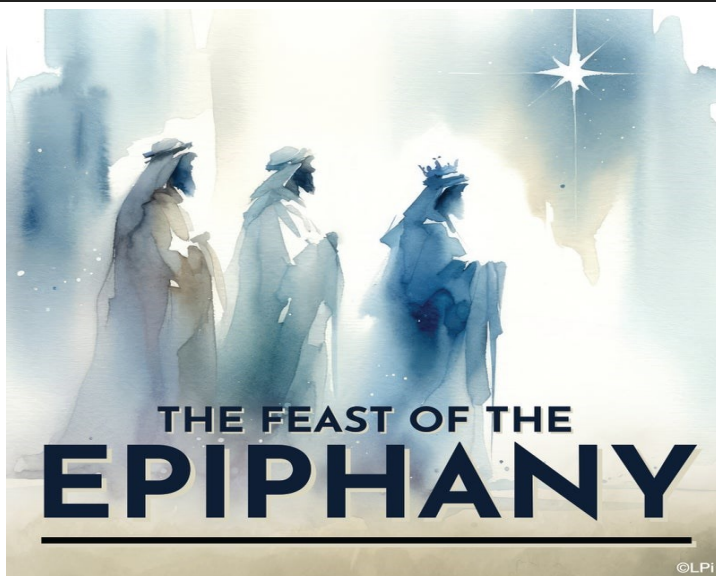

The Church decided it needed to increase the frequency of Jubilee – not wait until a full fifty years elapsed – thus providing more opportunity for people to enter into this kind of graced time. Thus, 2025 becomes a regular "Holy Year" – for new and different kinds of activities and pursuits. It began with Christmas Eve in Rome and opened on the Sunday after (Feast of the Holy Family) in Erie.

To that end, the Church invites people to visit Rome – and experience blessings in being pilgrims. So, too, the Diocese of Erie, which will sponsor a pilgrimage to Italy October 15-25. Meanwhile, there are local parishes that will share, with our Cathedral, as regional pilgrimage sites, the closest of which is St Leo, Ridgway. More on those plans soon.

And if you combine your spiritual practices and fulfill the requirements, you are guaranteed a plenary indulgence, "spiritual fruits accumulated through holy living." Of course, sincere repentance is the key.


If you want to follow this closer, please feel free to visit the website: [www.eriecd.org/hollyear2025.html](http://www.eriecd.org/hollyear2025.html)



*Fr John*

# Jubilee Journey:

*Celebrating Together for Holy Year 2025*



 Journey with the Diocese of Erie  
[ErieRCD.org/HolyYear2025.html](http://ErieRCD.org/HolyYear2025.html) 

The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Rosary Altar: TBA  
 Widow's Group: TBA  
 K of C #403 : Tuesday, January 14th @ 7 pm  
 Cemetery Board: Wednesday, January 29th @ 11:15 am  
 Pastoral Council: Tuesday, February 4th @ 6:00 pm  
 Finance Council: Wednesday, January 8th @ 4:30pm  
 SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, January 8th @ 11:00 am (@ RH  
 Liturgy Committee: 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 8th**

Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.



**Mark Your Calendars!** The Women's Club of the Catholic Community of Bradford, along with the Rosary Altar, and the Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring the annual **Chili Cook-off**. It will take place on Saturday, January 25th following the 4 pm Mass at St. Bernard Church and will be in Gallina Hall.

**Called to Connect: Pilgrims of Hope**

As we prepare for this upcoming Holy Year, I want to share with you some reflections on **the significance of this Jubilee Year: "Pilgrims of Hope"**. The Holy Father has called us to "fan the flame of hope that has been given us" and to help others "gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

This theme underscores the commitment we have made in our own diocese to look forward after facing the challenge of pastoral planning to embrace our future with trust and faith. As we unite during this sacred time, may our hearts be opened to the graces and blessings of this extraordinary celebration. Whether you are making a pilgrimage to Rome or encountering the Lord in your local community, let us honor this Holy Year with a renewed sense of mission and hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
 Bishop of Erie

THE MAGI: The journey of the magi would have been treacherous and uncomfortable. Imagine the peace in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was. It was an epiphany for them. It can be the same for us.

Have you ever had an epiphany? I'll confess that I've never spent much time reflecting on the term "epiphany." In my head, there has always been a strict separation of church and state when it comes to this word. I think of the religious feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the magi's encounter with the Christ Child, as totally distinct from our modern understanding of the ancient Greek word epipháneia, which means "manifestation" or "appearance." "I've had an epiphany," I have said many times before, and what I mean is that I have come to a long-awaited realization. I have received the answer to a question which has perplexed me, perhaps troubled me. I now know what course of action I must take. "Today is the Epiphany," I say to my children when we make a king cake and bring the little magi figures to our Nativity beneath the Christmas tree (which will, after today, be put back into storage, for the Christmas season has come to its fulfillment). And I've always thought I meant I was saying two very different things. But today, I ponder the journey of the magi, one that must have often been treacherous and uncomfortable. I think about their meeting with Herod, a situation that certainly was fraught with tension and fear. And I imagine the feeling in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. I think of the peace they must have felt. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was. It was an epiphany for them — a discovery of truth. It should be the same for us.

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GOAL: \$89,918



Our CSA deadline is quickly approaching—January 31, 2025. Our goal this year is \$89,918 and we are about \$30,000 short as of December 9, 2024. Any deficit we have will come out of the general fund unless we receive generous donations. Any donations are greatly appreciated! Please use the blue envelope or mark your donation CSA.



GRADES 1-5 will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, January 5th at 11:00 am. GRADES 6-9 will meet on Sunday, January 12th @ 5:45 in Gallina Hall.

**PARENTING POINTERS**

The Epiphany - According to tradition, 3 kings came to honor the baby Jesus on this day. In this way the larger/secular world also recognized Jesus as God. Consider giving something gold, sweet smelling, or soothing (myrrh-like) to your child today as a sign of God's presence within him or her.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Mike Kemick has stepped down from managing our candle needs at the church. We need a volunteer to help manage the candles moving forward. This will require little time and effort on your part as the main job is to replace candles when they burn out. Please call or email the office if you are interested!



December 28, 2024  
**WELCOME**  
*Addison Grace Scott*

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by “**another way.**” What in your family needs to be done “**another way?**” Do you need a new approach to resolving differences, communicating, or showing affection? This new year is the perfect time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from the wise men—there's always “**another way.**”



**ALLEGHANY WOOD MOLDINGS**  
 PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!



**COLUMBARIUM UPDATE** Due to unforeseen circumstances, there is a delay in the opening of the new columbarium. We are anticipating late January/early February opening. We apologize for any inconvenience and will update the progress in the bulletin.

**Question:**

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

**Answer:**

Epiphany means “manifestation,” or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew’s infancy narrative differs from Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph’s long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

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**MARRIAGE MOMENT** Epiphany: The 3 Magi’s search for Jesus reminds us that Jesus came for all humankind, not just the Jewish people. So too, married love is not a gift to be hoarded. Reach out to someone who is sad, in trouble, or from a different culture. Can you do it together?

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA**

Question: What is Christ often depicted pointing to when portrayed in Christian artwork?

Answer: The Sacred Heart of Jesus. ©LPi



*St. Bernard Sanctuary  
Candle will be burning this week  
in Memory of  
Deceased Members of the  
Doriguzzi Family*

**Pastoral Council Election 2025** Notice to the Parish Community: four seats on the Pastoral Council are up for election in 2025. The available seats up for election are currently held by parishioners Dave Geitner, Bill Graham, Dawn Kozminski, and Tim VanHorn. Dawn, Tim & Dave have decided not to run for re-election. We thank them for their two years of service and dedication on the council. From now thru Sunday, January 12th, 2025, the parish community is asked to nominate an individual or individuals for the four seats. Candidates should be registered parishioners in good standing. The term to serve on the council will be for three years. Please fill out a nomination slip and place it either in the collection basket at Mass or you may turn it in personally to the Parish Office. Candidates will be announced on the weekend of January 25th/26th. The election will take place on the weekend of February 1st/2nd.

**CLEANERS NEEDED:** We are looking for volunteers to clean St. Bernard Church moving forward. Saturday mornings would be the ideal time so everything is clean and neat for the weekend masses. If you are able to commit for a few hours on Saturday mornings please call the Parish Office. Thank you.

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS**


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

December 22.....\$7,750  
Christmas Offering.....\$ TBA  
December 29.....\$ TBA

**2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$89,918**  
2024 CSA Collected ..... \$62,457

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**





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

**PASTORAL STAFF:**  
 Rev. John B Jacquel, *Pastor*  
 Rev. Edward Walk, *Senior Associate*

**LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM:**  
 You Tube, [St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford](#)

**WEBSITE:** <https://stbernardcatholic.org/>

**FACEBOOK:** [St Bernard of Clairvaux - Bradford Pa](#)

**MAILING ADDRESS:** PO Box 2394  
 Bradford, PA 16701

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm**  
 Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*  
 Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

**CONFESSIONS:**  
**St. Bernard** — Saturdays from 3:00 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: Kim VanHorn**

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.

**Nurse Program** The former Nursery Program is now a Kid's Liturgy Program. During the 10 am Mass, during the Liturgy of the Word, volunteers will take the kids, ages 3-6, for a mini lesson. The lesson will be held in a small room off the Sacristy. They'll return to the pews during the Presentation of the Gifts. We are excited for this new format! See you Sunday!

**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**

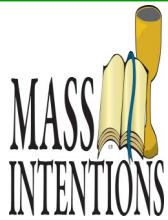
**Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

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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**WEEK OF JANUARY 6TH—JANUARY 12TH**

**All Masses now celebrated at St. Bernard Church except for the daily Masses in the Divine Mercy Chapel, indicated by SBC in front of the time.**

**Monday, January 6th**

SBC 8:00 am Sandra O'Brien (Angela & AR Nelson)  
SBC 9:00 am Jude Luke (Kay Sirvet)

**Tuesday, January 7th**

SBC 9:00 am Bill Cauley (Mary Anne Stauffer)

**Wednesday, January 8th**

SBC 8:00 am Don Girard (Sandra Behan)

**Thursday, January 9th**

SBC 8:00 am Kathleen O'Mara (M/M C. Cappelino)  
SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

**Friday, January 10th**

SBC 8:00 am Zachary Vigliotta (Family)

**Saturday, January 11th**

SBC 9:00 am William O'Donnell (Family)  
SB 4:00 pm Henry & Margaret Satterwhite (Mary Ann Satterwhite)

**Sunday, January 12th**

SB 8:00 am Robert Kaczmarek (Family)  
SB 10:00 am Michael F. Pecora (Michael & Stacie Salerno)  
SB 11:30 am Kenneth Jadlovec (Denise & Steve Housler)

**Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass and 3:00 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass.**



**JANUARY 11TH, 2025**

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

**Lector:** Peggy Johnson  
**EM:** Dick Williams **CUP:** Tammy Black/Chris Pehonsky  
**Servers:** Bella & Giana Davidson

**JANUARY 12TH, 2025**

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

**Lector:** Mike Kozminski  
**EM:** Joan Yohe **CUP:** Deb Soyke/Patty Colosimo  
**Server:** David Hill

**St. Bernard 10:00 am**

**Lector:** Jim Colligan  
**EM:** Gloria Scarano **CUP:** Lynn Hogue/Teri Everett  
**Servers:** Daniel Marasco/Caleb McAndrew

**St. Bernard 11:30 am**

**Lector:** David Ditz  
**EM:** Karen McClain  
**CUP:** Craig Cuthbertson/Kim Ditz  
**Server:** Dan Cuthbertson



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

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Frank Barton, Mary Beth Behan, Nancy Black, Theresa Bond, Sue Bradley, Nancy Bukowski, Tim Burris, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Charlotte Cuthbertson, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Pat Geary, Kate Geils, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Kristen Marie Hayes, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Marilyn Manion, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Lorraine Mueller, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Mary Rae, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandra Remington, Sandy Rhodes, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Philip Weese & Family, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat. **May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.**

**Readings for the week of January 5, 2025**

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
(see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk  
6:34-44



**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/  
Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/  
Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/  
Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a  
and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

**Next Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,  
27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22