

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025*

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St. Bernard of Clairvaux



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

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the "master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently" (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he wants us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— Father John Muir

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Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which unbaptized adults or those baptized in other Christian traditions are fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It's a journey of faith, study, and sharing within the Catholic community. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith and becoming Catholic, classes began on September 16 at 5:30 pm at St. Bernard's Conference Room. Please call Laura Brewer at 814-596-0181.



Adult Faith Formation Class - Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Refresher to the Great Adventure Bible study will begin on

September 24 at 5:30 pm for 8 weeks. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. To register, or for more information contact the Parish office. Feel free to bring your bibles and a snack to share. *Donation of \$30.00*, you will receive a full color workbook and *Bible Timeline®* Chart.



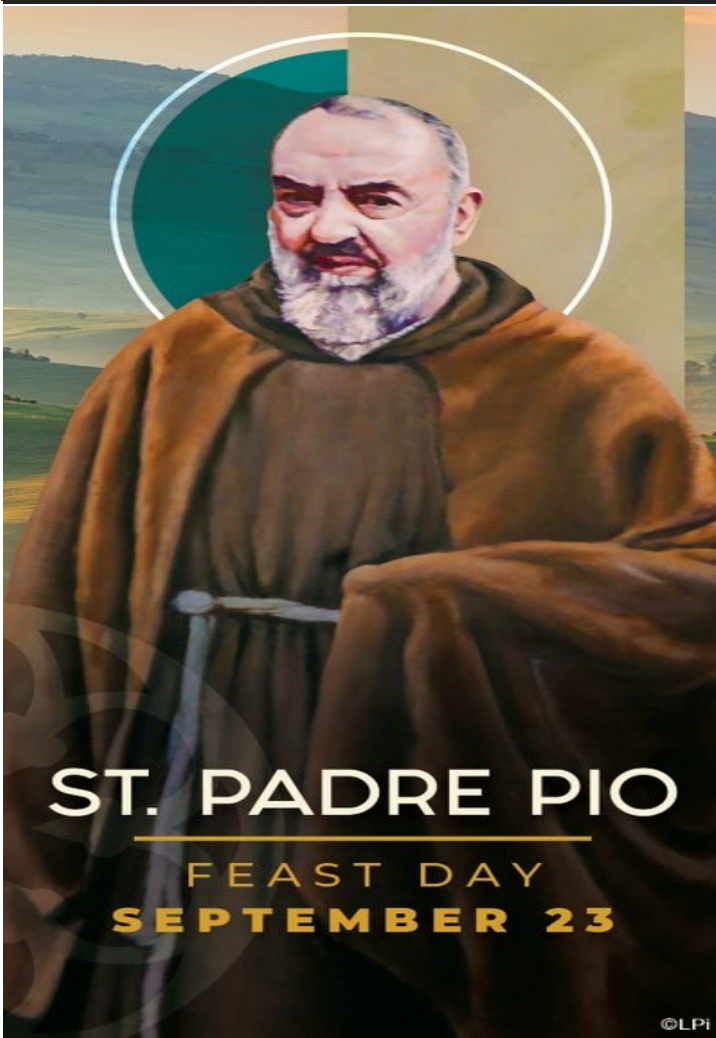
CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION—Today is the 2025 Catholic Education Collection As we bless our catechists, know that half of what you give today will remain at our parish to support our catechists who volunteer for our religious education and faith formation programs! You can make a gift by using the envelope provided in your offertory packet, online at www.stbernardcatholic.org or online at <https://www.eriercd.org/cec.html>. Thank you! And please remember in your prayers all who are involved in educational ministries in our parish and throughout our diocese.



St. Francis Feast Day—Saturday, October 4th
9 am & 4 pm Masses will be celebrated at St. Francis Church. Following the 9 am Mass there will be coffee & donuts served in Ritchie Hall. There was a reservation form in the September 14th bulletin which you can drop in the offertory basket, or at the Parish office, by September 28th.



On Sunday, October 5th at 1 pm at St. Francis Church there will be the Blessing of the Pets. Bring yours to receive a special blessing!



One of the most popular Catholic saints of the 20th century, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, commonly known as Padre Pio, was a Capuchin Franciscan friar, priest, and mystic. His tomb can be found in the Sanctuary of St. Mary Our Lady of Grace in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy.

On Sept. 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata while praying in a church. The wounds remained visible on his body for the rest of his life. The wounds were on his hands, feet, and side, corresponding to the wounds suffered by Jesus during his crucifixion.

Referred to as the "odor of sanctity," the blood that came from Padre Pio's wounds is said to have smelled like perfume or as having a floral aroma. The trait has also been exhibited by other saints who manifested stigmata markings.

Before dying at the age of 81, all his wounds healed without scars, just as he had foretold they would 50 years prior. A doctor examining the saint's body who was present when he was dying observed that the wounds of the stigmata were completely healed, without any trace or scar.

Padre Pio's body was placed in a coffin in the church of the monastery to allow pilgrims to visit and pray.

Several miracles have been attributed to the saint's intercession, including the story of Gemma di Giorgio, a little girl who visited Padre Pio. Born blind without pupils in either eye, she miraculously regained her sight after visiting him. One truly miraculous factor about her healing was that, although she could see, she still lacked pupils.

Even before his death on Sept. 23, 1968, Padre Pio reportedly spent his last moments in prayer.

Beatified in 1999, St. Padre Pio was canonized on June 16, 2002, by the late pope St. John Paul II. He is known among Catholics as St. Pio of Pietrelcina. More than 500,000 attended his canonization..



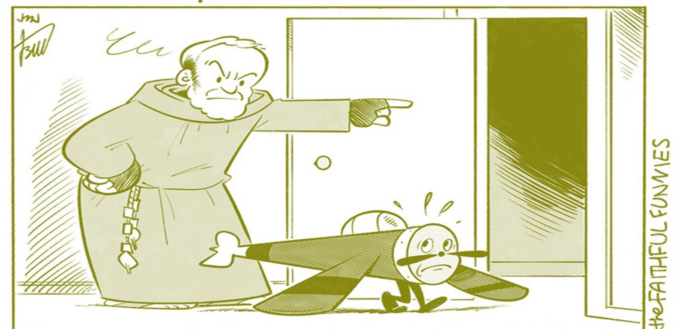
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WELCOME

Owen Bernard Steffan

Emma Lee Steffan

"Why did Padre Pio send the airplane to its room?"



"Bad altitude."



Some stories relate that Padre Pio was seen airborne by airplane pilots flying during WWII. Padre Pio is better known, however, for his wisdom as a confessor.

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HAND BELL CHOIR will begin practice on Thursday, September 25th from 1 pm until 2 pm in the main floor music area of St. Bernard. New members are welcome to join.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Thursday, October 9th @ 6:30 pm (RH)

Widow's Group: TBA

K of C #403 : Tuesday, October 14th @ 7:00 pm

Cemetery Board: Wednesday, September 24th @ 11 am

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, October 28th @ 6 pm

Finance Council: TBA

SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, October 8th @ 11 am (RH)

Liturgy Committee: TBA

Catholic Women's Club: Tuesday, November 11th @ 6:00 pm
in Gallina Hall (Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting)



Collection of Rosaries for Distribution to Middle East Catholic Communities. There is a basket in the back of the Church to deposit Rosaries which will then be shipped out. There is a letter next to the basket explaining the program. Thank you!



BE THE LIGHT
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
We recognize and celebrate the gift that catechists give to our parish community by volunteering their time for the faith formation of our children.



Gift card (SCRIP) order forms are available in the back of the church. A percentage of gift card sales goes directly back to the church. This is a great way to give back! **Orders are due by Sunday, September 28th. There will be another order in November for Christmas.** Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.

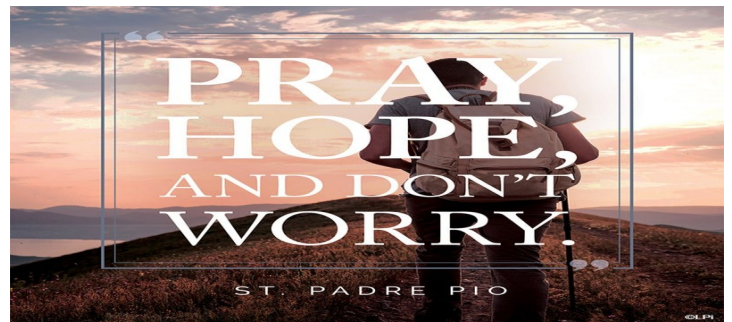


**The Bradford Council #403
of the Knights of Columbus**
www.koc403.com

Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office. **Please Note: Next meeting on October 14th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

FRIDAY HOURS—during September the office will be closing at 3 pm on **FRIDAYS ONLY**

MASS CARDS—Please stop in between 12 and 4 pm. (3 pm on Fridays during September). Mornings (especially Mondays) at the Parish Office are our busy times. We appreciate your patience!



The Jesus Prayer, Explained! The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

The exact origins of the prayer are unclear, though it is often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, possibly via the Desert Fathers (early Christian ascetics who dwelled in Egypt). The prayer has been important to the traditions of both the Eastern Orthodox and the Eastern Catholic faithful. The text echoes the words of the publican in the parable from Luke 18:9-14, whose humble manner of prayer was praised by Jesus. Its short form and simple wording make it ideal for meditative prayer.

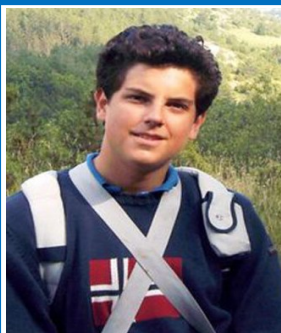
The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 2667, highlights the Jesus Prayer, saying that "by it the heart is opened to human wretchedness and the Savior's mercy."

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: What do Catholics call the four books of the Bible that describe the teachings and life of Jesus?

Answer: The Gospels.

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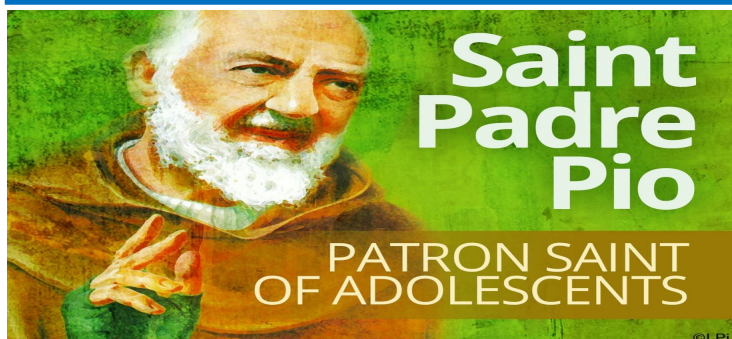


September 7th was an historic day for the Catholic Church: Pope Leo XIV canonized Carlo Acutis, the first Millennial saint.

Biography: Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991 –2006) was born in London, England and raised in Milan, Italy.

From an early age, he displayed a remarkable talent for computer programming and a deep love for the Christ in the Eucharist. He loved sports, particularly soccer, playing video games, graphic novels, and volunteering with those in need outside of his school hours. Carlo's particular devotion to the Eucharist was inspired by St. Francis of Assisi and evident in that he always spent time in prayer before his parish's tabernacle either before or after every Mass he attended. He tried to go to Mass daily and he saw the Eucharist as a tangible manifestation of God's love. With his tech-savvy skills, young Carlo spent four years creating a website that catalogued Eucharistic miracles from around the world. The purpose of his site was to increase awareness and appreciation for the Eucharist while also celebrating the worldwide Church. His hope for this project was to inspire those who visited the site to deepen their faith and develop a stronger relationship with Jesus. Tragically, in 2006 when Carlo was just 15, his life was cut short when he succumbed to leukemia. Despite this, his story, and website, live on as a shining example of youthful holiness. Recognizing his extraordinary sanctity, the Church beatified Carlo on October 10, 2020, making him the first millennial to be beatified. Carlo's beatification has gone on to spark a renewed interest in the Eucharist among some young people today. His story also serves as a reminder that holiness is attainable even amid modern challenges and that today's tools, like computers and the internet, can also be an avenue through which someone can serve the Kingdom of God. Blessed Carlo, pray for us!

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St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of Bob Piganelli



Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 11:00 am—12:15 pm. Sept. 28 & Oct. 19.

Grades 6-9 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 5:45 pm—7:15 pm. Oct. 5 & Oct. 26. (Safe Training)
(Full schedule in packets.)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Despite all our time-saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To address this, we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today that we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

September 14.....\$ 7,946

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414

2025 CSA Collected \$ 56,094

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM:

You Tube, St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford

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FACEBOOK: St Bernard of Clairvaux - Bradford Pa

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Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*

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Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

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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

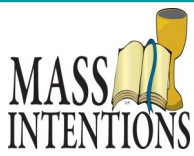
Pastoral Council Craig Cuthbertson

Catholic Women's Club Joan Yohe

Rosary Altar Society Dawn Kozminski

Telephone Prayer Chain Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22ND—28TH. All daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel (SBC)
SB (Indicates Church)

Monday, September 22nd

SBC 8:00 am Mary Lou Cleveland (Kris & Marty Sapko)

SBC 9:00 am Louis Monti (Ann & Jim Bernhard)

Tuesday, September 23rd

SBC 9:00 am Baker Piganelli (Patsy & Tom Arrowsmith)

Wednesday, September 24th

SBC 8:00 am Lawrence & Theresa Pace & Family (Estate)

Thursday, September 25th

SBC 8:00 am George Pascarella (Bill & Debbie Taylor)

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, September 26th

SBC 12:10 pm Rocco & Kay Camas (Ted & Jeanne Fargo Szymanowski)

Saturday, September 27th

SBC 9:00 am Connie Schreiber (Fr. Steve, Diane & Mike)

SB 4:00 pm Loretta DeSantis (Family)

Sunday, September 28th

SB 8:00 am Bob McCann Sr. (Family)

SB 10:00 am Alice & Charles Laughlin (Gene & Helen DeFrank)

SB 11:30 am Frederick Eaton (Family)

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



SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 PM

LECTOR: Peggy Johnson

EM: Tammy Black **CUP:** Dick Williams/Chris Pehonsky

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Carla Manion

EM: Deb Woodley **CUP:** Cindy Greek/Chris Pehonsky

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Andy Kearns

EM: Lynn Hogue **CUP:** Teri Everett/Beth Mongillo

Servers: Claire & Teddy Henretta

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Craig Cuthbertson

EM: Kim Ditz **CUP:** Carol Vinca/Karen McClain

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, 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, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Kate Geils, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Lisa Komidar, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, 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, 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, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Heather Watson, Philip Weese & Family, Rick Wheaton, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat.

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

Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/

1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,

4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/

Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/

Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-

10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-3

