

The Catholic Community of Bradford

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

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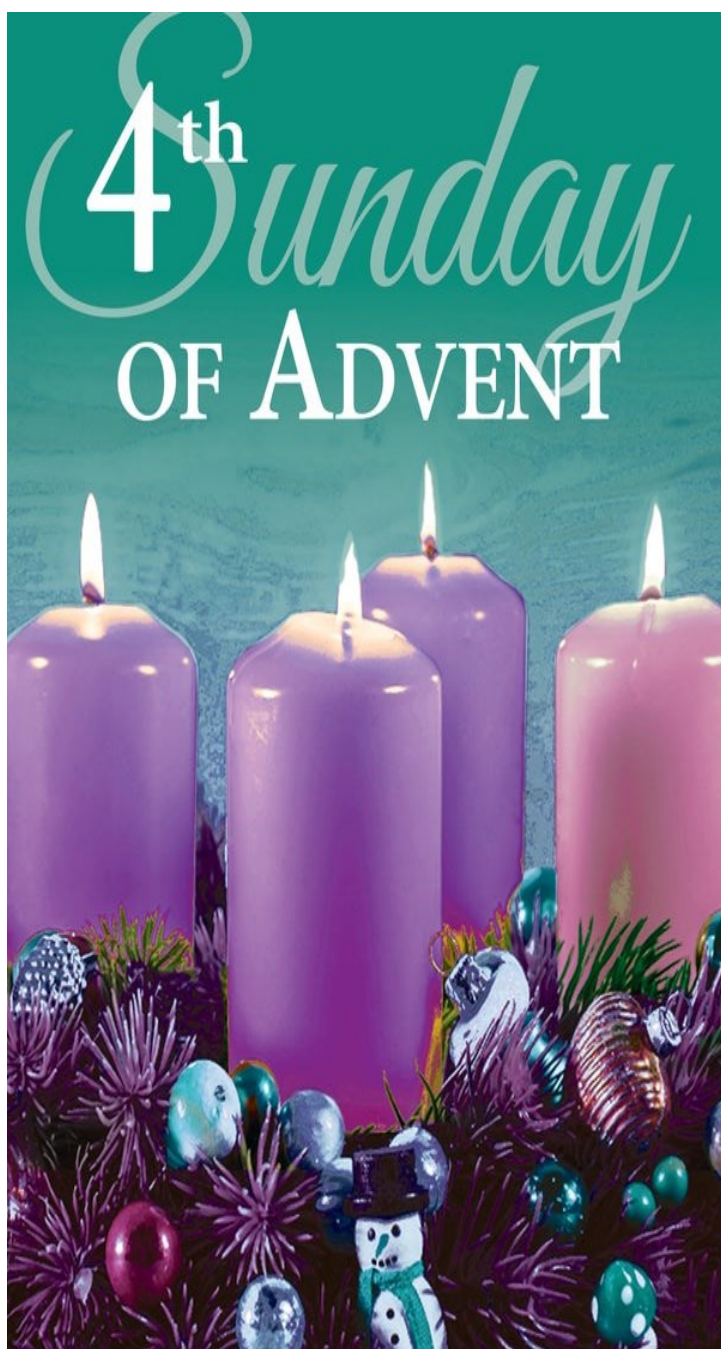
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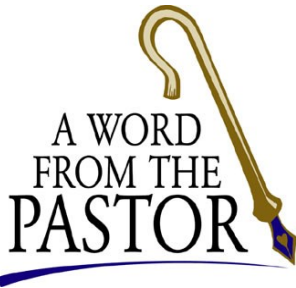
**RENOVATIONS COMPLETE!
WELCOME BACK
TO ST. BERNARD CHURCH!**



St. Francis of Assisi

**ALL MASSES ARE NOW BEING
CELEBRATED AT ST. BERNARD
CHURCH & DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL.**





Yes, we had fun with the Christmas Parade. Since the date of the parade fell on the feast of St Nicholas, we decided that would be our theme this year. Now, you're not allowed to include Santa Claus in your float, but why not the saint that evolved into this?

Nicholas was the bishop of Myra, today known as Demre, in present day Turkey, a port city on the Mediterranean Sea. He would have attended the Council of Nicaea (nearby) in 325, where the creed was hammered out. It is said that he helped save three girls by his anonymous gift of gold coins to supply marriage dowries for a poor family. This prevented them from being sold into slavery to make ends meet. Times were very hard in the fourth century.

There are numerous stories and legends about this very revered and saintly Church leader – but there's enough known so that non-Catholics revere him, sometimes more than St Francis of Assisi. He eloquently proclaimed and celebrated Jesus Christ despite persecution of his people and himself.

He is patron saint of children (due to his widely-known and kindly nature), sailors (many came to know him due to the city's commerce), merchants, students, and Russia. I sure wish Russian leadership would learn from this amazing leader.

Catholics in Europe often leave their shoes outside the doors of their bedroom the night of December 5th and find treats in the morning. This is why our float committee gave children along the parade route little paper shoes with gold-wrapped chocolate coins and a tag with a little St Nicholas history.

Thus, the connections with his proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus, in the season we prepare to celebrate his birth. And from all of us here in and around the parish office, our wishes and prayers for you to celebrate a truly Holy and Merry Christmas! Blessings to you!

Fr John




HOLIDAY

Mass Schedule

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Christmas Eve Masses-Dec. 24th
 4:00 pm & 8:00 pm at St. Bernard
Christmas Day Masses-Dec. 25th
 9:00 am & 11:00 am at St. Bernard
New Year's Eve-Dec. 31st
 9:00 am in Divine Mercy Chapel
 5:30 pm at St. Bernard

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on
 Tuesday, 12/24, & Wednesday, 12/25
 Tuesday, 12/31 & Wednesday, 1/1/25

IMPORTANT: For reporting and tax purposes **please do not** combine your January 2025 donation envelopes with your December envelopes. Thank you!

Prayer for Christmas Visitors

God bless us all this Christmas season, those who enter and exit our home, those near and far away, those who will visit and those who cannot. Fill our lives with the peace that comes from You. Amen.

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Keep "Christ" in Christmas!



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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



The Bradford Council #403
 of the Knights of Columbus
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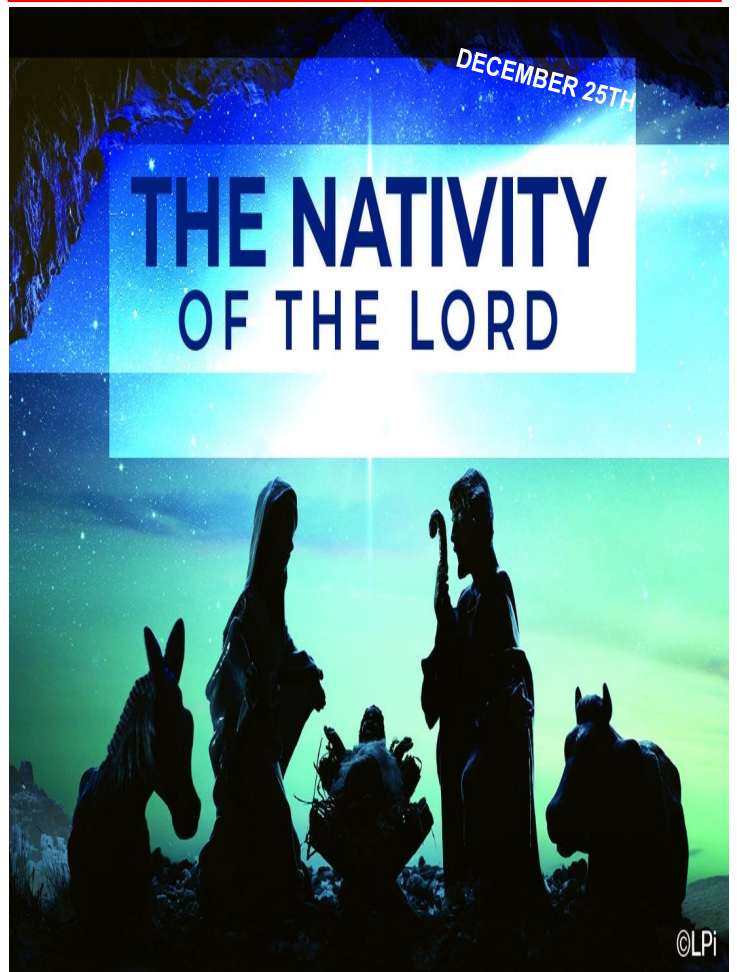
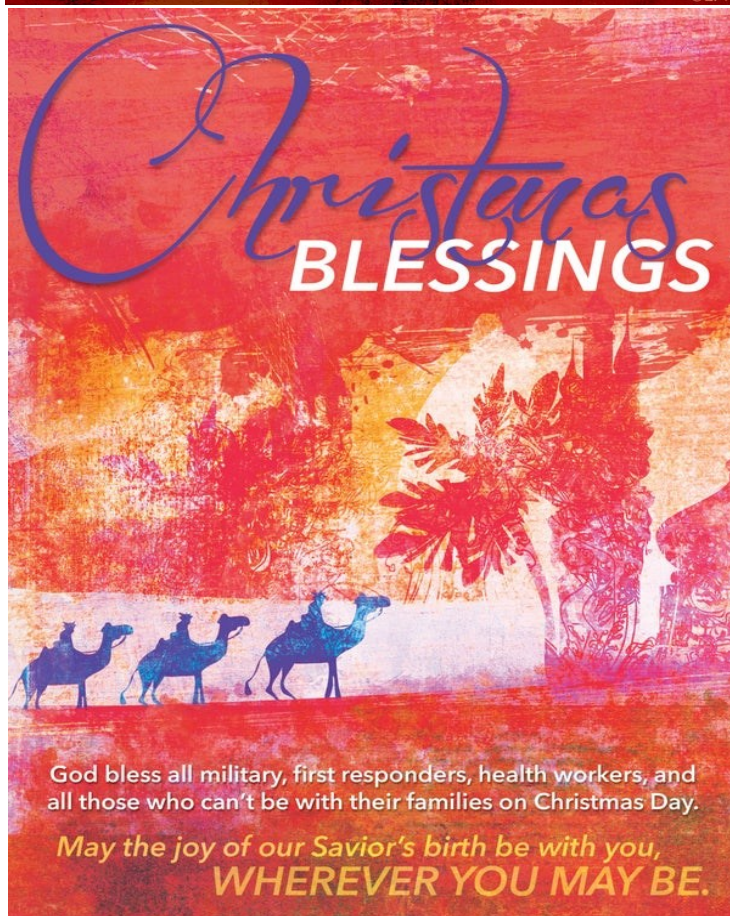
meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each
 month at 7:00 pm at the parish office.

Please Note: Next meeting on January 8th

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

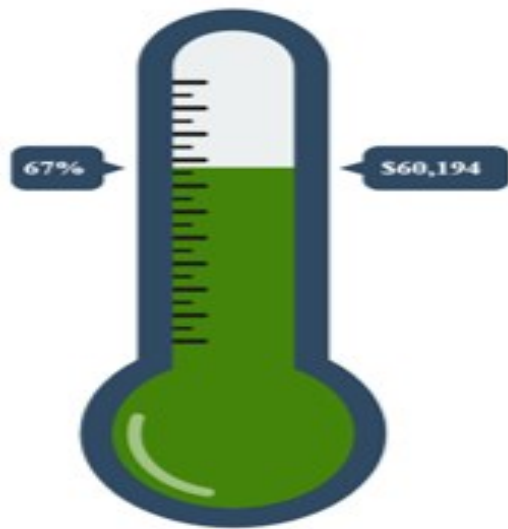


The Bradford Catholic Community Youth Christmas Choir under the direction of Ryan Cannon, with Lynne Kuntz assisting, will be singing at Christmas Eve Mass at 4pm at St. Bernard Church. **Last practice session Sunday 12/22 at 12:30 in St. Bernard Church. Choir will be singing at the 4 pm Mass on Christmas Eve.**





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.



COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank will be available in the St. Bernard Cafeteria Monday, **December 23rd** 12:00 Noon until 5:00 pm

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to share the news with her cousin. Sadly, children are often seen as a liability, “another mouth to feed,” or an “obstacle to my career.” While it is said that “Christmas is for children,” it is more accurate to say, “Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!”



Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent

Dear Lord,
Visit our homes!
Visit our families!
Bring your goodness and light to every broken heart we’ve met on this journey of life.
Your presence brings healing and rebirth.
Come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

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TOGI'S FAMILY RESTAURANT & CATERING
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE Due to unforeseen circumstances, there is a delay in the opening of the new columbarium until further notice. It will most likely not be open until late spring. We apologize for any inconvenience.



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Council #403, Bradford, Pa.



December 10, 2024

Back Row: Bill Ditz, Harry Solarek, Jeff Hilzinger, Craig Cuthbertson, Mark Luciano, John Place, Doug Kuntz, Tony Haller, Dan Cuthbertson, Joe Auteri, Mark Steffan Front Row: Tim Walter, Andy Kearns, Greg Ulyan, Pat Ashmore, Rev. John Jacquel, Bob Geisler

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 and Tim 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.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What are the names of the two Sacraments of Healing?

Answer: The Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation/Confession. ©LPi

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$10,072


December 8.....	\$10,157
December 15.....	\$ TBA
Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$ 3,907
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 1,341

2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$89,918
2024 CSA Collected \$61,736

**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*
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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.

NURSERY: Nursery is available during 10 am Mass at Ritchie Hall. If interested in helping out, even in a limited capacity, please reach out to Ruby Morris at 814-989-0194 or at rubbytmor@gmail.com.

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

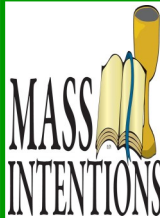
Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Organist St. Bernard	Rita Bennardi
Organist St. Francis	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 DECEMBER 23RD—DECEMBER 29TH

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

Monday, December 23rd

SBC 8:00 am Dr. George P. Evans (Quenton & Julie DeGolier)

SBC 9:00 am Edward Harris (Pat Pascarella)

Tuesday, December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

SB 4:00 pm All Parishioners

SB 8:00 pm Retired Priests of St. Bernard/St. Francis

Wednesday, December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

SB 9:00 am Frances Heitzinger (Kristine & Bob Pollack)

SB 11:00 am All Parishioners

Thursday, December 26th

SBC 9:00 am Lucille Vinca (b) (Dave Vinca)

Friday, December 27th

SBC 8:00 am Deceased Members of Whelan Family (Kathy Whelan)

Saturday, December 28th

SBC 9:00 am Scott Alter (Mary Ann Satterwhite)

SB 4:00 pm Ray Goll (Kris & Darcy Goll)

Sunday, December 29th

SB 8:00 am Robert L. Butler (Beverly Butler Family)

SB 10:00 am Julius Doriguzzi (Family)

SB 11:30 am Bob McCann Sr. (Family)

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

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 28TH, 2024

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

Lector: Peggy Johnson

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

Servers: Cooper & Peyton Haight

DECEMBER 29TH, 2024

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

Lector: Joan Yohe

EM: Cindy Greek **CUP:** Dawn & Mike Kozminski

Server: David Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

Lector: Jody Randolph

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

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**

St. Bernard 11:30 am

Lector: Craig Cuthbertson

EM: Charlotte Cuthbertson

CUP: Kim Ditz/Carol Vinca

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, 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 & Paulette 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, Donna Whitford, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat. **May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.**

Readings for the week of December 22, 2024

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/ Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Wednesday: Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22



Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/ Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52