

# The Catholic Community of Bradford

*The Presentation of the Lord*  
*February 2, 2025*

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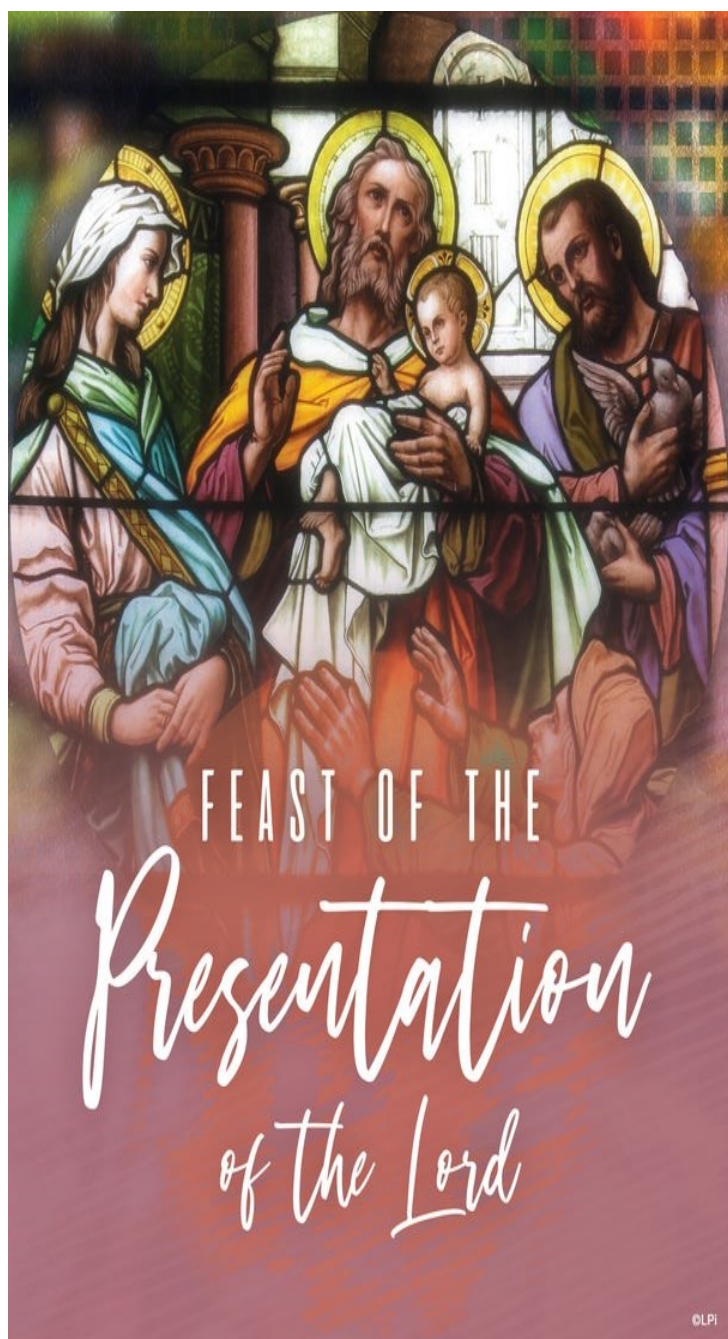
## *St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

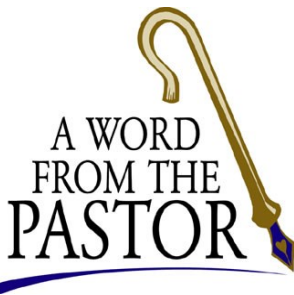
RENOVATIONS COMPLETE!  
WELCOME BACK  
TO ST. BERNARD CHURCH!



## *St. Francis of Assisi*

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





Last week, I mentioned an article “The Anti-Social Century” by Derek Thompson in *Atlantic* magazine. It makes a lot of good points.

He begins by describing a local Mexican restaurant. They are busy – not with eat-in customers, but with take-out, so much so they have to close the bar – it’s the only place to line up all the phone-in orders. Of course, COVID contributed to this, but you could say the same about movies. Theaters are practically empty (or closed – like ours or St Marys’). People prefer livestreaming, it seems – but they miss out on the social dimension of enjoying the film with friends and strangers. And this contributes to our experience of isolation and loneliness.

Smartphones have exacerbated the problem – and all these issues are especially affecting our teenagers. Social media does not fulfill our need for live in-person social interaction. Now, add AI (artificial intelligence) to our daily lives and see what happens.

An experiment was proposed. Commuters were told to either engage others in conversation on the bus or train or keep to themselves. After a few weeks, those who had “broken the ice” found themselves feeling better, than those who had imposed introverted behavior. We are essentially social, and to deny ourselves this interaction harms us. Derek Thompson writes, “Our mistaken preference for solitude could emerge from a misplaced anxiety that other people aren’t that interested in talking with us, or that they would find our company bothersome... Many people, it seems, are not social enough for their own good. They too often seek comfort in solitude, when they would actually find joy in connection.” (p.36)

“One reason, perhaps, that the decline of socializing has synchronized with the decline of religion is that nothing has proved as adept at inscribing ritual into our calendars as faith.” (p.38)

Who am I to argue?

Fr John

GOAL: \$89,918



Our CSA deadline ended on January 31, 2025. Our goal this year was \$89,918 and we fell short about \$11,765. The deficit will come out of the general fund. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Stay tuned for 2025 CSA news!

**FIRST FRIDAY AT ST. BERNARD**

We will have **Confessions** on **Thursday, February 6th** beginning at 4:30 pm at **St. Bernard**. If we need to stretch that beyond 5:00, that’s okay. God’s mercy knows no boundaries. **First Friday morning, February 7th** we will have Eucharistic Adoration after 8:00 am Mass in the Divine Mercy Chapel until closing at noon with Benediction. We will need to ensure someone will be able to remain in the Chapel, thus there will be a sign-up list near the chapel door.



**Pastoral Council Election 2025 Nomination slips are at the doors.** If you haven’t already done so, please deposit your nominations in the offering basket, or at the Parish Office.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Rosary Altar:** Thursday, February 13th @ 6:30 pm— R.H.  
**Widow's Group:** Wednesday, February 19th @ noon  
 In the Chapel for Rosary with lunch out  
**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, February 11th @ 7 pm  
**Cemetery Board:** TBA  
**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, February 4th @ 6:00 pm  
**Finance Council:** Wednesday, March 19th @ 4:30 pm  
**SF 50+ Club:** Wednesday, February 12th @ 11:00 am  
**Liturgy Committee:** Tuesday, March 18th @ 6:30 pm

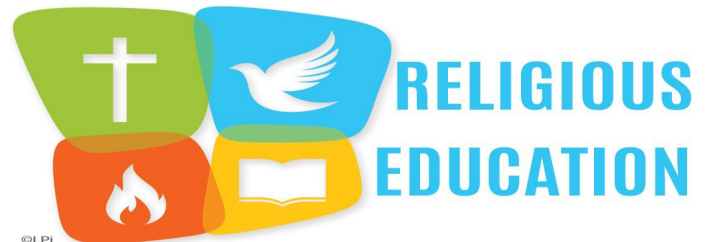


**The Bradford Council #403  
 of the Knights of Columbus**  
[www.koc403.com](http://www.koc403.com)

meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office.

**Please Note: Next meeting on February 11th**

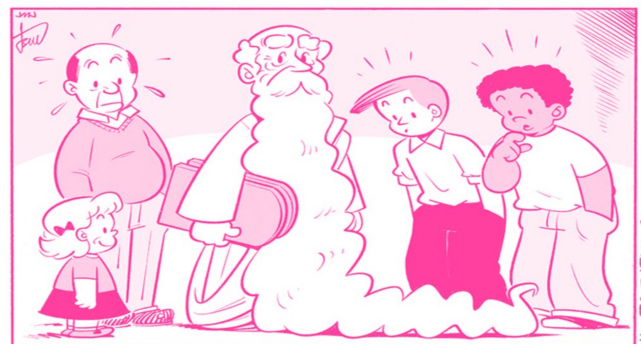
Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.



**GRADES 1-5** will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, February 2nd at 11:00 am. **GRADES 6-9** will meet on Sunday, February 23rd @ 5:45 pm in Gallina Hall. **(Instead of Feb. 9th which is Superbowl.)**



*"If Moses were alive today, why would he be considered a remarkable man?"*



**"Because he would be several thousand years old!"**



Moses was chosen by God to free the Israelites from slavery by the Egyptians, and bring them to the promised land. It was also through Moses that we received the Ten Commandments.

**World Day for Consecrated Life**

God of all goodness, you have called people to follow you faithfully. Humans have heard that call and many choose to follow your call in varied and faith-filled lives.

Some follow your call in private, silent lives as hermits; some choose to follow you with lives lived as virgins and widows; while others choose public lives of vowed men and women as religious brothers and sisters.

Abundantly give to these men and women the courage to follow their call as witnesses to your gifts and faith and service to the world.

We ask this in faith through the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. Your support helps CCC connect millions with Christ. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc). #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the national efforts supported through the collection—see [usccb.igivecatholictogether.org](http://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org).

**Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)**

Under current federal tax law, individuals are required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from his/her tax-deferred retirement plan(s) for the year in which he/she turns 73 and for all subsequent years.

However, even before reaching the age requirement for taking a RMD, he/she may make a tax-free Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from his/her tax-deferred (Regular) IRA after reaching the age of 70½. QCD contributions may be made to St. Bernard Catholic Church and/or any organization that qualifies under Section 501(c)(3) of the US Internal Revenue Code. If the individual is required to take an RMD, the amount of any QCD contributions counts toward the required amount of the RMD.

The advantage of contributing a QCD to St. Bernard and/or other qualified organizations is that you may be able to make more generous contributions since these charitable distributions from your IRA are not taxed. Also, making such contributions will not decrease the standard deduction for which you are eligible when filing your federal income tax return. To make a QCD contribution, you should contact your tax-deferred retirement plan custodian.



**HOLLENBECK-CAHILL FUNERAL HOMES**  
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

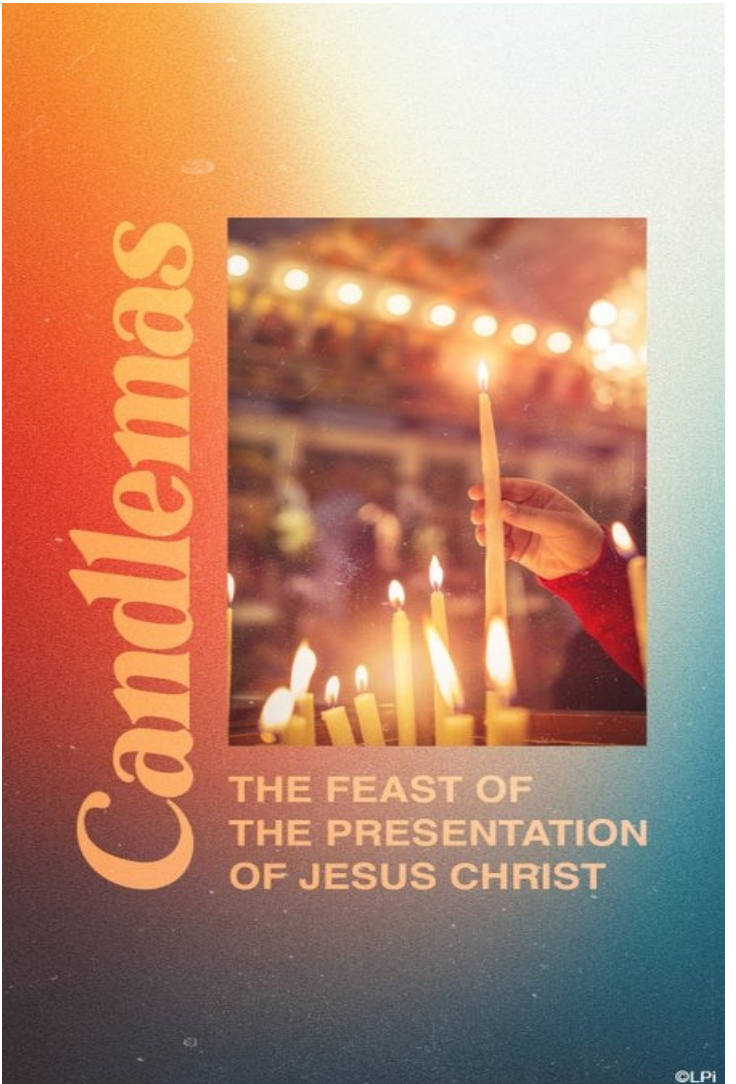


**PARENTING POINTERS**  
Family discussion starter: Imagine being present at the Creation. Which day is your favorite: light, the sky, the earth and vegetation, the sun and moon, birds and sea creatures, animals, humanity, a day of rest? (adapted from *Family Calendar, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown*)

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

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**  
Mary and Joseph must have felt immense pride when their village 'all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words.' However, they likely experienced shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are part of our journey towards becoming a Holy Family.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA**  
Question: What country do the majority of Coptic Catholics live in?  
Answer: Egypt. ©LPi





The Sanctuary Candle is available as a weekly memorial for the cost of \$10. Please call the parish office for more information.



*St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of Judy LeRoy*

**MARRIAGE MOMENT**

Communication tip #1: If a verbal and non-verbal message conflict, the non-verbal message is always stronger. That's why if you ask if anything is wrong and she says, "NO" but rolls her eyes, believe the eyes.



**VALENTINE CARD PARTY** for Catholic Women, Rosary Altar and Guests. **Saturday, February 15th** in Gallina Hall, 11am—2pm. Light luncheon, 50/50, Basket Raffles, bring your games.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB**—There is a Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th at @ 5:45 pm followed by a general meeting at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be in the Classroom as Gallina Hall will be in use that evening. The meeting will include firming up plans for the rest of the year. **NOTICE: See above—this event has been postponed until further notice.**




**DID YOU KNOW?**

THERE ARE 5 PATRON SAINTS OF NURSES! ST. AGATHA, ST. CAMILLUS, ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, ST. JOHN OF GOD, AND RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL.



FEBRUARY 5

MEMORIAL OF

*St. Agatha*

VIRGIN & MARTYR

**PRAYER OF FAITH**

Dear God,  
Open my eyes to Your movement in my life. And, even when I don't see it or don't understand, help me to rely on the promises of Your love and mercy.  
Amen.

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**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

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

January 26.....\$ 7,098  
Catholic Communication Campaign.....\$ 1,692

**2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 89,918**  
2024 CSA Collected .....\$ 78,153

**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! Watch the bulletin for the first scheduled session.

**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**

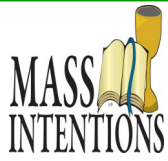
**Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

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 FEBRUARY 3RD—FEBRUARY 9TH**

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, February 3rd**

SBC 8:00 AM Deborah Smith (The Stauffer Family)  
SBC 9:00 am The Fenstemaker Family (Joan Mansour)

**Tuesday, February 4th**

SBC 9:00 am Tony Reese (Tom & Patsy Arrowsmith)

**Wednesday, February 5th**

SBC 8:00 am Gary Grassi (Bonny Steck)

**Thursday, February 6th**

SBC 8:00 am Theresa Cummins (Kathy Symington)  
SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

**Friday, February 7th (First Friday)**

SBC 8:00 am Paulette Little (Rosemary Burke)

**Saturday, February 8th**

SBC 9:00 am Judy Harten (Mary Webster)  
SB 4:00 pm Patricia Johnston Serra (BCCHS Class of 1963)

**Sunday, February 9th**

SB 8:00 am Mark Cunningham (Martha Rhodes)  
SB 10:00 am In Honor of Lisa Zurat (Julie & Steve)  
SB 11:30 am Lena & Bruno Carey (Nellie Vecellio)

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



**WEEKEND  
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**FEBRUARY 8TH, 2025**

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

**Lector:** Peggy Johnson

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

**Servers:** Bella & Giana Davidson

**FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025**

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

**Lector:** Ann Frownfelter

**EM:** Dawn Kozminski **CUP:** M. Kozminski/Chris Pehonsky

**Server:** David Hill

**St. Bernard 10:00 am**

**Lector:** Joyce Geis

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

**Servers:** Daniel Marasco/Caleb McAndrew

**St. Bernard 11:30 am**

**Lector:** Sue Lee

**EM:** Karen McClain

**CUP:** Craig Cuthbertson/Kim Ditz

**Server:** Dan Cuthbertson



*Pray For...*

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, 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, 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, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, 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 February 2, 2025**

**Sunday:** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/  
Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and  
30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43



**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2,  
13-14,17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4,  
9, 10-11/Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
Mk 6:30-34

**Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5,  
7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11