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December 11, 2016

Third Sunday
Of Advent



The Grapevine

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00 p.m.
Sundays 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
9:00 a.m. (MSH), 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday .. 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6:00 pm followed by
Novena/Benediction
Holy Days..... As announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 5:30-5:45 p.m.
Friday..... 8:00-8:20 a.m.
Saturday..... 2:45-3:45 p.m.
Other times as announced or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Notify Parish Office during pregnancy. Instruction for parents and godparents is required.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Parish Office at least six months before desired date.

PRAYER LINE: (confidential ministry)
Contact Ms. Pat Pastor at 664-1097.

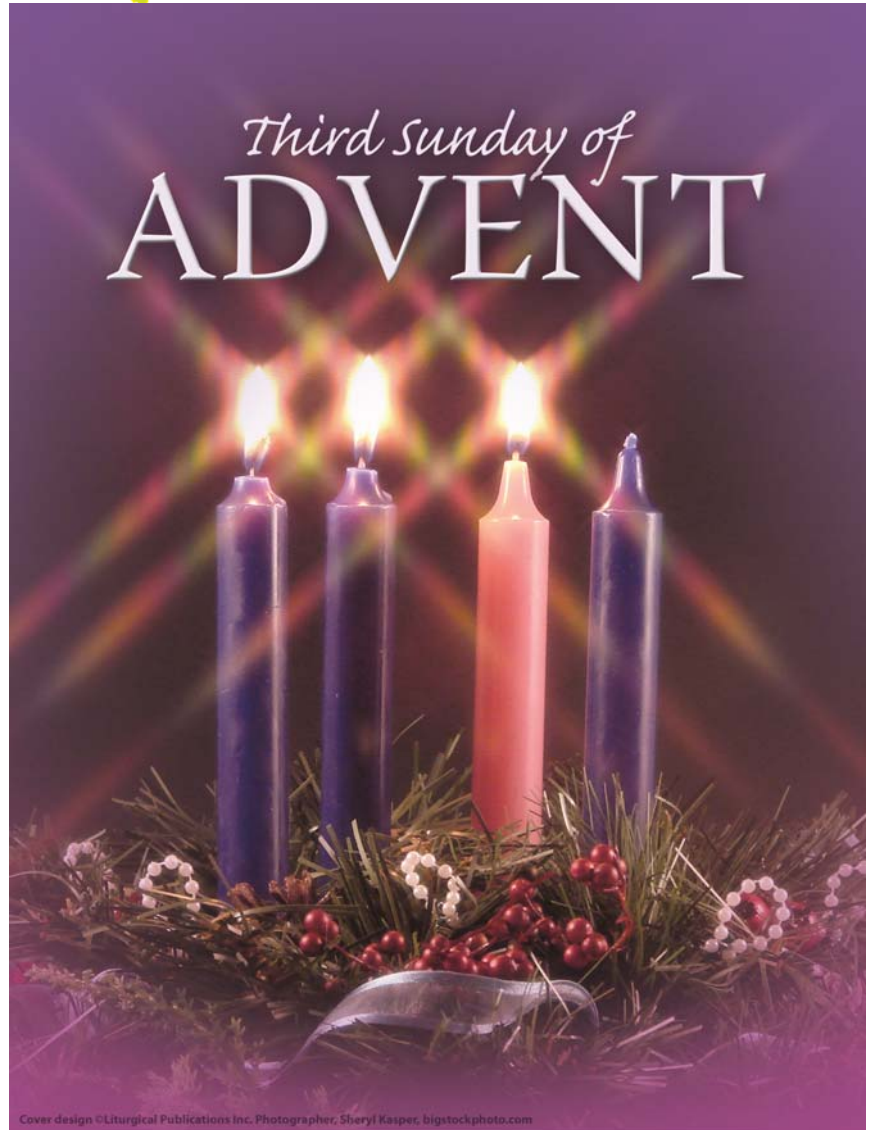
CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls answered immediately. Home visitation for the sick and shut-in weekly and upon request. Hospital visits weekly and upon request.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC

ADORATION CHAPEL: **TEMPORARILY CLOSED**
Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Contact Allison Renfrow at 665-1424.

Information or news for *The Grapevine* (published weekly) should be called in to the Parish Office at least two weeks prior to the event.



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MISSION STATEMENT

Immaculate Conception Church Parish and the Mission of the Sacred Heart is a welcoming community, centered in the Eucharist, rooted in faith, growing in fellowship, and sharing in unity the mission Christ entrusted to us.

This week at a Glance

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Mass/Church
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Donut Sale Pick-up/Small Hall
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	RCIA-C/FFC-105
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	RCIA/FFC-211
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Mass-ICC/C; MSH
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Mass/Church
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Baptisms/Church
12:30 PM - 4:00 PM	PSR Grades 6-8/Main Hall/FFC
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Retrouvaille Follow-up/FFC-211
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Liv. Parish Children's Choir/C
4:00 PM - 5:45 PM	Youth Choir/Church
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Mass/Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Patriotic Rosary/Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Mass/Church
9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/FFC-112
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	PSR 1-5 Grade/FFC
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	PSR 1-5 Grade/FFC
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Baptism Seminar/C

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/FFC-112
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Reconciliation/Church
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Mass/Nov/Bene/Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Adult Choir/Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/FFC-112
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	PSR 1-5 Grade/FFC
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Children's Choir/Main Hall
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Reconciliation: The Light is On for You/C
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	PSR 1-5 Grade/FFC
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	PSR 1-5 Grade/MSH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Mass/Church
9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/FFC-112
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Boy Scouts/Pavilion

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 AM - 8:25 AM	Reconciliation/Church
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Mass/Church
9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/FFC-112
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer Group/Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	AA/FFC-112

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/SH
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Reconciliation/Church
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Sunday Mass/Church

Parish Life ♦ Upcoming Events

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

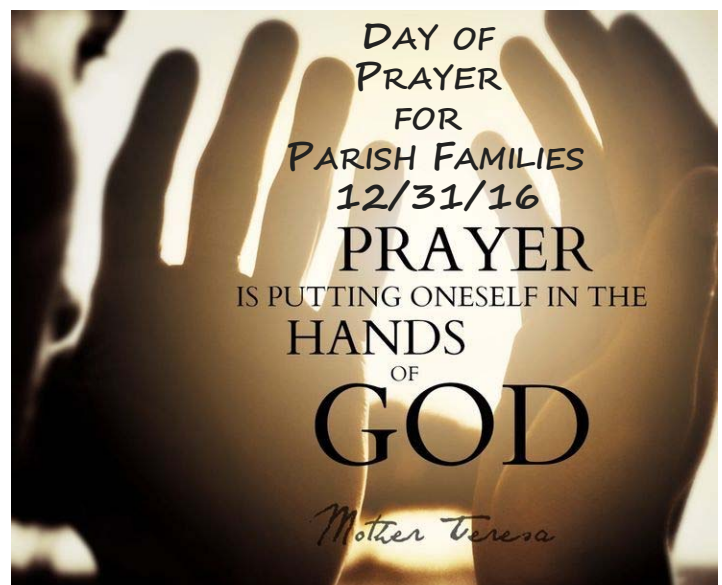
"The Light is On for You"

Wednesday, December 14 & 21, 2016
from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception
(also available at 2 area churches
Our Lady of Mercy and St. George, Baton Rouge)

Tuesday, December 13 and 20 at 5:30 p.m.
Friday, December 16 at 8:00 a.m. and
Saturday, December 17 at 2:45 p.m. at
Immaculate Conception

Communal Reconciliation Services

St. Patrick Church, Baton Rouge and
St. Aloysius Church, Baton Rouge
Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.



We will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end about 3:45 p.m. We are asking parishioners to join our effort to pray for every family of the parish.

- Choose the time that fits best into your schedule—stay as long as you like.
- When you arrive, we will give you a number of prayer cards. You specify how many.
- These prayer cards have a prayer for healing, a picture of the Holy Family and the name of an ICC family and its members.
- Sit in church, in the presence of Jesus, and pray for each family by name.
- The prayer takes less than 30 seconds to read making it possible to pray for 30 to 60 families in one hour.

If you can commit to this day of prayer, please notify us by either calling the office at 665-5359 or email pcowart@me.com.

Question of the Week

Luke 1:26-38--Given the exchange between Mary and the angel Gabriel, in what ways does Mary model the faith for you?

Consideration of our Christian Commitment: Awaiting Fulfillment

This Sunday as we begin the Third Week of Advent, the prophet Isaiah uses the term return – “Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing.” Isaiah offers us an invitation, one that is offered to us in a particularly meaningful way now in Advent. The reading uses language of “return,” so to me this **is an invitation to come home, to return to where God desires us to be.**



Where is this? It's a place of wholeness, where our afflictions are healed. It is a place where life and energy and beauty abound. It is a place of harmony and unity, where the causes of fear and mistrust are removed. This is where our invitation calls us.

The implication, of course, is that if we are returning somewhere, we have been someplace else. Perhaps, in the language of Isaiah, we have been feeble, weak, or frightened, blind or deaf. Perhaps we have been thirsty in a spiritual or emotional desert. Maybe we have been foolish and gone astray in how we treat the people in our lives, how we choose to spend our time, or in our general attitude about life. We all have a journey to make this Advent; we all have a holy way to travel as we seek to return home to the way of living and being that God desires for us. How can I work toward healing for myself, for someone else, or in a particular relationship? What areas of my life need a fresh dose of life, energy, and beauty? How can I contribute to harmony and unity in my family and my community? How can I return?

The gospel shows us how Jesus is present to make it happen. Our road, our holy way of returning to God is a way of action, choosing to take steps in our lives that lead to healing, abundant life, and unity. What are those steps for us? What holy way are we being invited to travel this Advent?

The blind, deaf, lame, and mute are mentioned in the Scriptures. This is how Isaiah in our first reading; the psalmist in our responsorial psalm; and Matthew in the Gospel describe life without God. Nearly lifeless, it would seem! All these words imply being cut off in some way, longing for a connection. When one avenue of communication is unavailable, we try to find different ways to connect when it matters.

If I couldn't see, I may not know where I am in relation to the world, or to others. I may not be able to read facial expressions or body language as part of communicating with someone. I may not be able to share a sight, a vision, with someone else. (“Do you see what I see?” “Well... no.”)

Light would not touch me through my senses. Figuratively speaking, I might be closed in on myself and my own perceptions, unable to acknowledge the presence of another. I would need to seek other ways to communicate.

If I couldn't hear, my world might be silent but for my own thoughts. I may not be able to understand the tone or inflection of another's words. I may not be able to acknowledge someone trying to reach me, even if they are shouting as loud as they can. I may not initially be able to receive the message someone wants to give me.

If I couldn't move, I might be unable to walk with someone. I may observe their experiences, but not share the same experience with them. I may be dependent on others for basic care. I may not be able to express myself through movement. I may not feel free, but rather captive and confined.

If I couldn't speak, it would be a challenge to share my thoughts and feelings with others. I may not participate in communal cheers or songs. I may feel as though no one acknowledges or values me, since I cannot speak up for myself. I may not be able to respond when asked a question, or when called.

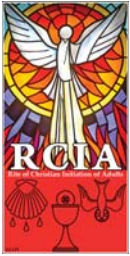
Dark, silent, and still: a world defined by absence. Isaiah, the psalmist, and Jesus say that with God, our world is defined by presence. Where there was dryness, abundant life! Where there was blindness, light and vision! Where there was deafness, understanding and relationship! Where there was paralysis and captivity, dancing and leaping in freedom! Where there was not even speech, singing in joyful response!

James reminds us in the second reading that such joy is worth waiting for. We are still in the midst of Advent, the season of waiting, of preparing in joyful anticipation. The rose candle today is a reminder of the first rays of dawn. In the meantime, before the sun is up, we are called to “make our hearts firm” in order to walk with God through the desert, and to work with God in the fields that will bear fruit.

Many thanks to those who returned the (re)Commitment to Stewardship of Prayer cards as we began the Advent season. It was a really good response and we remind you that the commitment brochures remain in the rear of the church and you can still fill it out and drop it into the collection.

We received good news as we began the month of December. The pew parts are supposed to arrive on Monday, the 12th. Let us pray for each other as we all seek to return in one way or another to where we know we are whole, where God wishes us to be. Love,

This Week ♦ Parish Life ♦ Formation ♦ Youth Events



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

R.C.I.A. The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: his son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you during the Christmas season.

Contact Judy Graphia at the Church office, 665-5359, if you would like more information.



Congratulations and prayers to the children who were baptized recently:

*Lillian Grace Buuck
Kellen Dean McGhee*



**Catholic Daughters
Christmas Social
Monday, December 19, 2016
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**

Join us as we gather together for our Holiday Social. This will not be a sit down dinner as in years past. This year we specifically wish to invite all those that have been impacted by the recent flood to attend. All members of the court are encouraged to attend to offer comfort and support. There is No Cost To Attend! Please RSVP to Gwen Richard at 665-5926; ext. 223 or email gcrichard@icc-msh.org by December 12, if you plan to attend.

**All students grades 6-12
Join us for the 2nd annual
ISM Christmas
Party!**

**Sat December 17th 6-9pm
In the ISM youth room
Please bring a \$10
gift to exchange.
There will be food,
games, and prizes!
RSVP Kevin by
Monday Dec 12th
@ 225.268.9962 or
acordkp@gmail.com**

Parish School of Religion News

Dates to Remember!

PSR Classes 6th-10th grade:

- 6th Grade—December 11; 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- 7th & 8th Grade—December 11; 2:30-4:00 p.m.
- 9th Grade—December 18; 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- 10th Grade—December 18; 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Anyone in 6th-10th grade who missed the November classes, please call the office at 665-5926 for make-up classes.

Winter Break: December 15, 2016-January 22, 2017

Confirmation Students: Don't forget reconciliation during Advent (See Page 2 for complete schedule).

SoulCORE

NOURISHING BODY & SOUL

Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Hall

ICC will resume the SoulCore Ministry in time for your New Year's Resolution of prayer and fitness! Everyone is invited to join us to pray the rosary and exercise with core strengthening, stretching, and full body movement. SoulCore is a sensory experience and combines candlelight and music, providing participants the opportunity to nourish body, mind and soul while contemplating the mysteries and fruits of the rosary. Participants are asked to bring an exercise mat. All fitness levels are encouraged. A continental breakfast social will follow the workout. For more info, contact Amanda Milton at 938-5236 or e-mail amandamilton88@gmail.com.

Catholic Youth Leadership Awards

The Knights of Columbus is seeking candidates for The Catholic Youth Leadership Award. Cash prizes are presented to High School Seniors who show leadership in the Church, School and Community. The Top Prize is \$4000. Please call Danny Bennett with nominations at 505-6062. Interested students and parents can obtain an application at <http://louisianakc.org/programs/cyla/>.

Deadline for submission is January 31, 2017



\$500 Community Service Scholarship Award

**Sponsored by: Catholic Daughters Court
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha #2331**

This scholarship will be awarded in the Spring of 2017 to a graduate attending an accredited college or university. Area High School seniors are encouraged to apply (male or female). Applicant must be a member of Immaculate Conception Church/Sacred Heart Mission in Livingston. **Deadline for submitting applications is February 15, 2017.** For application or information, please contact: Alice Tassin at 225-335-3787 or JoAnn Martrain at 225-324-2904.

Parish Life ♦ Stewardship



December 10, 2016-
December 18, 2016

SATURDAY: 12/10/16

4:00 p.m. Harry Saucier†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Rev. Richard Hall, OMI†; Kathy Alello†; Maria Goi Duong†; Pamela Bushnell†; Louise McKinney†.

SUNDAY: 12/11/16

7:00 a.m. Lloyd DeGeneres†; Lucille O'Neill†; Donald Lavigne and Jeremy Berthelot†; Maria Nguyen & Thi Mon†; Mary Guidry†; Maria M. Pham†; Special Intention.

9:00 a.m. Parishioners

9:00 a.m. (MSH) Open Intention

11:00 a.m. Sylvia Pulizzano†; Dane Bananno†; Butch Calmes†; Bessie LeDoux†; William and Josephine Rex†; Douglas Fuentes.

6:00 p.m. Thomas Maher†; Phillip John Bilski†; Maria X. Nguyen†.

MONDAY: 12/12/16

8:30 a.m. Ron Rinker†.

TUESDAY: 12/13/16

6:00 p.m. Byrle Sterba†.

WEDNESDAY: 12/14/16

8:30 a.m. Elmic Leger†.

THURSDAY: 12/15/16

8:30 a.m. Harry Lee Wilson†.

FRIDAY: 12/16/16

8:30 a.m. Alex Theriot, Jr.†.

SATURDAY: 12/17/16

4:00 p.m. Sam Guzzardo†; Chuck Harrison & Family†; Viola Hondroulis†; Kathy Alello†; Maria H. Nguyen†; Pamela Bushnell†; Louise McKinney†.

SUNDAY: 12/18/16

7:00 a.m. M/M John Durand†; Bill Collier†; Craig Chapman, Jr.†; Lloyd Degeneres†; Donald Lavigne and Jeremy Berthelot†; Flood Victims and Donors; Special Intention.

9:00 a.m. Kert Guidry†; Mary Angona†; Victor Angona†; Mary Guidry†; A. J. Angona†; Phillip John Bilski†.

9:00 a.m. (MSH) Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Dane Bananno†; Butch Calmes†; Chuck Sturm†; Joseph S. Pham†; Jean Meyers†; William and Josephine Rex†.



CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP:

12/11/16—12/17/16 burns in memory of
SAM GUZZARDO.



On December 9, 1531, Our Lady appeared to a simple Aztec Indian who had converted to the Catholic faith, Juan Diego. Three days later, at Juan Diego's request, Mary provided a sign so the local bishop would believe that she actually had appeared. Roses grew out of the cold winter soil, and when Juan Diego opened his cloak to show the bishop what he had found, an image of Our Lady appeared on the fabric. These occurrences led to the conversion of most of Mexico and remain today a strong sign of Our Lady's concern and love for us. The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadeloupe is December 12.

Church-approved Marian apparitions always point to her Son, Jesus. For many of us with a strong Marian devotion, Mary is a pathway into a stronger relationship with our Lord. Her generosity shown to Juan Diego is the same generosity shown to each of us that choose to ask her intercession. Families pray for one another and she is a very prominent member of our family. May the miracle of Our Lady of Guadeloupe be a sign of warmth for you in the cold of winter and of Advent hope for a Christ Child that has redeemed the world.
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

December 3/4, 2016



Identified offertory givers:	\$	22,065.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	1,994.85
Christmas Flowers:	\$	941.00
Christmas Offer:	\$	95.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$	80.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	210.00
Thanksgiving:	\$	38.00
Catholic Life Center:	\$	85.00
Total Collected:	\$	25,508.85

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE
Actual Income: \$ **558,720.05**

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE	
Actual Expense:	\$ 588,029.66
Surplus/Deficit	\$ -29,309.61
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 883.00
Building & Maintenance:	\$ 5,965.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 65.00
Retirement for the Religious:	\$ 305.00

Outreach

Worship ♦ Directory



Pray for the Sick

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list or retain a name after the four-week period, please call the church office at 665-5359. For the prayer line, call Pat Pastor at 664-1097.

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| Stacey Allee | Mike Gremillion | Doris Nix |
| Elmer Allen | Mac Griffin | Mary Piper |
| Jane Ardoin | Johnny Guyban | Fran Poche |
| Karen Balle | Shirley Harrington | Troy Pourciau |
| Joseph Beazer | Richard Hartley | Sr. Carol Ann Ptacek |
| Mary Ann Bendily | Charles Haughton, Jr. | Edna Purvis |
| Judy Bennett | Natalie Hicks | Max Rabalais |
| Linda Betz | Valerie Hill | John Richeaux |
| Nick Bertrand | Betty Himel | Tyler Rivers |
| Perri Blackledge | Jimmy Hood | Dan & Betty Roche |
| Lynne Blair | Helen Wickwire Hoshman | Darrin Rogers |
| Susan Birou | Wanda Ishmael | Jerri Rogers |
| Carley Biscotto | Jeanette Jandler | Stephen Rogers |
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| Dee Dee Gautreau | Chris Morris | Kenneth Woodburn, Jr. |
| Evelyn Guyban Germany | Avery Musick | Robin Wroten |



Adoration Chapel News:

December 8, 2016 was the 20th Anniversary of our Adoration Chapel. Thanks be to God! Allison Renfrow has the Adorers' sign-up book, if you have not been notified and would like to recommit to your hour or would like to sign-up for an hour. You can email Allison at arenfrow05@bellsouth.net.

Readings for the week of 12/11/16

- Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
- Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30
- Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36
- Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17

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The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." — Lk 1:30-31