

THE BULLETIN



St. Therese
OF LISIEUX

April 14, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE EUCHARIST

transforms, heals, strengthens...



(AND SO MUCH MORE)

DISCIPLES
PRESENTS

#CONNECTINGPOINT

MUSINGS + MESSAGES

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Today's Gospel passage is a continuation of the Road to Emmaus account, in which Jesus met two disciples traveling out of Jerusalem back to their hometown on Easter Sunday afternoon. The two disciples have just rushed back to Jerusalem to let the others know that they have seen Jesus,

and he appears to all the disciples gathered there. Luke wants to underscore the fact that Jesus is risen from the dead. He has not been resuscitated but is truly resurrected. His appearance is different, yet familiar. He is neither a ghost nor an apparition; instead, he is truly human, albeit in a glorified,

resurrected state.

However, Luke wants to emphasize another reality: Jesus was and is a known entity. His presence and activity were foretold in scripture. The prophets knew of his coming. They knew of his suffering and death. Moreover, they knew

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Connecting Point

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► The Eucharist transforms, heals, strengthens...

Did you know we are a part of the saving sacrificial gift for the world? The gifts we bring to the altar are not the only gifts! When we come together to worship at Mass, we, the faithful, offer ourselves up as a sacrifice! We are called to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. This means our bodies are not simply flesh and bones but our very **selves**. We become the spiritual sacrifice!

We were made to live with our God, but unfortunately, the fall in the Garden of Eden required intervention from our creator. We move forward from the beginning of salvation history toward our transformation in Christ to partake in his divinity. As temporal beings, this takes time. As we receive Holy Communion, Jesus can transform us into himself. However, we must be ready to receive, or we cannot fully become what we accept. Our Lord always shows up 100% in the sacramental life of the church, but we might not always be open or ready to receive. This doesn't mean we can *never* receive, but we might need more time to prepare our hearts.

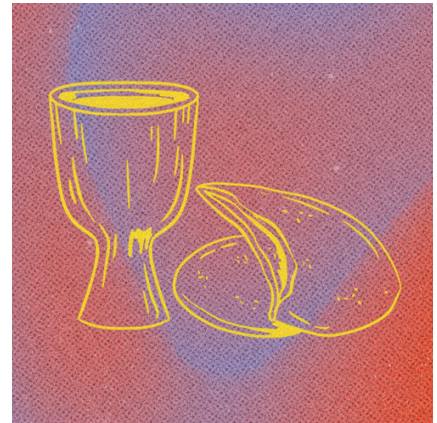
When we receive Communion, we don't change Christ into ourselves; he transforms us into him! This is why the doctrine of real presence is such a keystone. The host is not simply a

symbol of Jesus or a projection of his presence. He is truly, substantially present in body, blood, soul, and divinity!

So, what is this transformation, and what are its effects? I turn to two quotes to help us: the first from Sr. Bernadette Reis, FSP (BustedHalo.com), and the second from James Dobbins (EWTN, "The Eucharist and its Effects").

They say, "The transformation we undergo also mirrors what happens to the bread and wine. The bread and wine are not aware of the transformation taking place. They are simply there, or present, and undergo transformation. All throughout our lives, our bodies are undergoing continual transformations. We are not aware of the transformations taking place, but we know they are taking place because they concretely manifest themselves. In the same way, all that is required is that we be present to Christ and allow him to transform us. We may never be aware of the actual transformation taking place, but we will definitely be aware of the effects of that transformation in our lives."

And of the effects, "...the Eucharist is like the effects of food for our body. Food sustains life, and the Eucharist sustains the life of the soul.



It gives us the grace we need to deny ourselves and to live [sic] for Christ, to live for our life. The more love we have for Christ, the less self-love we have. The more we love God, the more we can resist temptation, and so the Eucharist strengthens us spiritually. Thus, the Eucharist has the effect of bringing to life the virtues in us so that we can live the life of Christ in us. But just as ordinary food can be effected only when properly digested, so too, the Eucharist can only produce its good effects when we are properly disposed to receive it."

Come and encounter Christ at Mass, do it in memory of him, hear his Word, receive his real presence, experience his transformative love, and then share this experience with others. May the Easter season continue to bless you and the risen Lord transform you!

CALENDAR

APRIL 14 - 21

SUN

14

MON

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TUE

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WED

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9 AM OFFICE HOURS

8 AM MASS
9:45 AM MASS/
CHILDREN'S CHURCH
11:45 AM MASS/
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9:30 AM STRETCH &
STRENGTH
2 PM ROSARY
5 PM GROW: GRADES 1-6
5 PM MISSION: GRADES
7-8
6:30 PM GROW: GRADES
1-6
6:30 PM MISSION: GRADES
7-8

7 AM AA MEETING
8:30 AM MASS
1 PM CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
5 PM GROW: GRADES 1-6
5 PM MISSION: GRADES
7-8
6:30 PM GROW: GRADES
1-6
6:30 PM MISSION: GRADES
7-8
6:30 PM SVDP MEETING

8:30 AM MASS
9:30 AM STRETCH &
STRENGTH
10 AM LITTLE WAY
ROSARY MAKERS
5:30 PM CHOIR
REHEARSALS
6:30 PM FAITH, FUN, AND
FRIENDS

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SAT

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SUN

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7 AM AA MEETING
8:30 AM MASS
9 AM BOOK CLUB
9 AM EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION
3 PM CONFESSIONS
6:30 PM LECTIO:
EUCHARIST
7 PM CBS OF MICHIGAN
7 PM ENCOUNTERING
CHRIST THROUGH
ADORATION

OFFICE CLOSED
8:30 AM MASS
9:30 AM STRETCH &
STRENGTH

3 PM OFFICE HOURS
8 AM ARMOR OF GOD/
K OF C
11 AM MASS (WITH
ANOINTING OF THE
SICK)
4:30 PM MASS

9 AM OFFICE HOURS
8 AM MASS
9:45 AM MASS/LITTLE
LAMBS/CHILDREN'S
CHURCH
11:45 AM MASS/LITTLE
LAMBS/CHILDREN'S
CHURCH
1 PM BAPTISM
1:30 PM SENIOR CARD
GROUP

EVENTS



SUN | APR 14 | AFTER 8 AND 9:45 AM MASSES

K OF C BREAKFAST BUFFET & BAKE SALE

The last K of C Breakfast Buffet and Bake Sale until September will be on Sunday, Apr. 14, after the 8 and 9:45 AM Masses. Please join us for various pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, Texas-fried toast, and biscuits with gravy. There will also be 50/50

raffle tickets and baked goods to purchase. Donations of baked goods are appreciated. They can be dropped off in the kitchen after 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday or on the tables in the Gathering Space on Sunday morning.

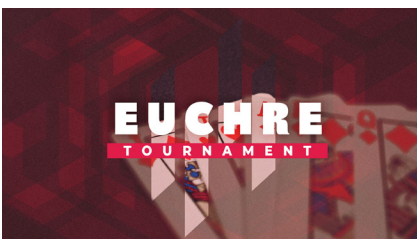


SAT | APR 20 | 8 AM

ARMOR OF GOD MEN'S GROUP

The discussions for April will cover "Faith and Reason." Booklets can be picked up in the parish office. The final session of the month is

on Saturday, Apr. 20, at 8 AM, with Adoration starting at 7 AM.



SAT | APR 20 | 6 PM | ST. FRANCIS-ST. MAXIMILIAN

ST. FRANCIS EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Join the K of C at St. Francis-St. Maximilian for a fun-filled night of euchre. A \$20 ticket at the door gets you a spot in the tournament and snacks. Doors will open at 6 PM, and

the cards will start flying at 6:30. Questions?, call John and Grace Van Hamme at (810) 343-8011 or (810) 343-8005.

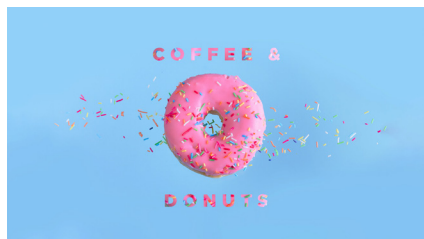


SAT | APR 27 | 6 - 10 PM

TRIVIA NIGHT

Bring your friends, show us your trivia knowledge, and compete for cash prizes! Bring cash to buy hints and raise money for the St. Therese music ministry. Doors open at 6,

and dinner will be served at 6:30. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$200 for a table of 8, and they include drink tickets and dinner. The evening should conclude by 10 PM.



SUN | APR 28 | AFTER ALL MASSES

K OF C COFFEE AND DONUTS

The Knights of Columbus will host the next Coffee and Donuts after all Masses on Sunday, Apr. 28. Fill up your cup spiritually at Mass, and then see the Knights in the Gathering

Space for your fill of coffee, donuts, and fruit. You are invited to linger awhile as you visit with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!



TUE | MAY 7 | 5:30 - 8 PM

MOTHER'S DAY "TEA FOR THEE"

The Health Ministry is hosting a Mother's Day "Tea for Thee" on May 7, from 5:30 to 8 PM, and **all** women are welcome to attend. We will celebrate women, explore

motherhood in the Bible, and more. \$10 tickets include dinner and are available in the parish office until Apr. 23.



THU - FRI | MAY 9 - 10 | ST. ISIDORE

ST. ISIDORE RUMMAGE SALE

Please consider donating usable items in good condition, such as small appliances, furniture, tools, dishes, glassware, pots/pans, pictures, frames, books, toys, gently used clothing, bedding, linens, and more! Please tape all game and puzzles boxes. We are not accepting TVs, encyclopedias, textbooks, or mattresses.

Drop-Off Days (9 AM to 5 PM)

- Monday & Tuesday, May 6 & 7

Sale Days

- Thursday, May 9 | 10 AM to 5 PM (or 9 AM with \$2 Early Bird fee)
- Friday, May 10 | 9 AM to 1 PM | Bag Day (\$3.00/bag and half-off larger items)

Questions? Call Jan (586) 484-2932 or Sue (586) 747-5784

EVENTS (CONT'D)



FRI | MAY 10 | 6 PM | SHELBY GARDENS BANQUETS & EVENTS

K OF C WIVES APPRECIATION DINNER DANCE

Sacred Heart Assembly #2599 is hosting a special evening of appreciation for our wives that includes dinner, an open bar, music, and dancing. Tickets are \$60/person

and must be purchased before Apr. 15. Contact Lady Trish Pich at (586) 436-3653 or SK Clifford Wasmund, FVSM, at (734) 634-7989 or spwasmund@aol.com.



MON - FRI | JULY 15 - 19 | ST. ISIDORE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date! Pre-K through 6th graders are invited to this year's Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is Scuba: diving into friendship with God. We can't wait to

share our faith and love of God while having some summer fun. See you in July! If you are interested, please contact Dawn Ormsby at dawno@stisidore.church.

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**SAT
MAY 11
8 AM - 12 PM**

**HOW TO LIVE YOUR FAITH
AT WORK WITH CONFIDENCE**

Catholic men and women often struggle to live their faith in their workplace either because they're afraid to do it or they simply don't know how to do it. This conference addresses both concerns, challenging you to embrace the Great Commission to go and make disciples and giving you the tools and strategies that you need to be successful at work.



SCAN
TO REGISTER

► Musings + Messages (cont'd)

about the resurrection. Now, what was spoken of has come to pass. What was merely a thought has materialized. The Messiah was and is real.

The last line of today's Gospel, "You are witnesses of these things," is spoken not just to the disciples but

to us, as well. We are witnesses to the resurrection, to the scriptures, and to the disciples who are called to preach the Good News.

Therefore, we are called to keep his commandments and avoid sin. We are to repent and be converted into faithful witnesses to the Gospel.

As we heard in last week's Gospel, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Our faith compels us to put into practice all that we have seen and heard from Christ. May we have the courage of the disciples of old to go and proclaim the Gospel with our lives.

► Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Those who are seriously ill are invited to attend a Mass for the sick, including the sacrament of anointing of the sick, on Saturday, Apr. 20, at 11 AM. This sacrament is intended for those who suffer from debilitating illnesses that require professional medical care. If you or a loved one have cancer, heart

disease, diabetes, stroke, or chronic pain, or if you are preparing to have a surgery or procedure that could be life-threatening, you are most welcome to be anointed. People who are also on a decline in life, progressing toward death, should also be anointed. Those who have a serious mental illness such as

schizophrenia, manic depression, or addictions may also consider being anointed. However, if you are simply tired, melancholic, or in relatively good health, you do not need the sacrament. In short, this Mass and sacrament are for people who are in danger of death due to a serious issue if left untreated.

Making this World a Better Place

People are often unreasonable and self-centered.
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.
Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.
Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, it may never be enough.
Give your best anyway.

-Mother Teresa



DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

► Mission Minute

Our Confirmation preparation program for teens is called "Mission" because we are preparing students to go out on mission to live their faith and spread the Good News of Christ! This past week we were talking about the virtues. Here is an excerpt from one of our handouts. Take a look, and see how much you know!

Did you know that virtues order our relationship to our neighbor in love. Virtues are the strength or power needed to be a flourishing human being. (Phil 4:8)

Can you match these words with their definitions?

_____ is the virtue by which we discern what would be the correct action in any given situation. Doing the right thing, at the right time.

_____ is the virtue that is concerned with giving God and your fellow neighbor what is rightly their due. Example: Stick to your promises.

_____ is the virtue by which we find balance

in our appetites and passions and practice moderation in our use of created goods and our conduct with people. It keeps desires and appetites in check. Restrains pleasure, avoids indulgence. Emotional restraint, self-control.

_____ is the virtue by which we remain steadfast in pursuing the Christian life. Strength of character to endure in difficult situations. Resolve to resist temptation.

"The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God." Saint Gregory of Nyssa.

There are four Cardinal Virtues, called such because they are achieved through our own human will and effort and because they order our relationship to our neighbor in love. When we practice these four virtues, we engage our intellect, faith, and will to achieve control over our passions and increase our self-mastery. Doing so will help us to lead moral lives that allow us to lovingly exist in union with everyone around us, while giving honor to God's will for our lives.

Good News from Grow

Children in grades 1-6 spent their April 1st and 2nd class time reflecting on the Resurrection, touring the church to learn about the many Easter symbols there, and praying before the Blessed Sacrament. When asked how they felt sitting with Jesus, some responses given were, "calm, peaceful, loved."



Reminder:

- First Communion Banners are due to the Discipleship Formation Office by April 26, 2024. Be sure your child's name is on the back in permanent marker.
- Rose Reward shopping is upcoming in May. More details to follow!

Women of Faith Discussion Group

Feel free to join us for a women's faith sharing group focused around discussion of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. We pray, discuss about ten pages of text, and then end by sharing our own prayer intentions. There isn't much homework. Our focus is on prayer, fellowship, and learning just a bit about the faith. Our next gathering will be on April 25 at 9:30 - 10:30 AM. Contact Peggy Casing for more information.

► How is your Health Literacy?

Health Ministry | 👤 Marilyn Cito, Parish Nurse ✉ marilync@stol.church

In talking with an acquaintance about their health recently, I realized they did not know or understand their health issues. Although physically and mentally capable, they relied on others as their “source” for their medical conditions. Being knowledgeable and understanding of your health, being able to communicate that information, and being an advocate for yourself in the medical setting is one aspect of health literacy.

The official definition of health literacy is an individual’s ability to “obtain, communicate, process, and understand basic health information and services,” according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Lack of health literacy can affect a patient’s health and outcomes. This is especially true for older adults. If someone doesn’t know or understand what is wrong with them, it’s challenging to communicate medical history to healthcare providers. Some people might think health literacy doesn’t matter and that it’s the doctor’s job to make healthcare decisions for you. However, healthcare decisions should be **collaborative** between the patient and the doctor. You cannot participate in those decisions if you are unknowledgeable about your health.

If a person does not understand how to take their medications, when to go to the emergency room, or how to identify pertinent medical signs and symptoms, this can have serious consequences. People who

don’t understand health information and instructions are likelier to have worse health outcomes and use services like emergency rooms more often than their primary doctor. When sick or in pain, it can be challenging to communicate with healthcare providers and understand what is being told, even in the best situations.

Health literacy skills are essential for patients to make smart healthcare choices, communicate with their doctor, and provide the information they need to advocate for themselves in a medical setting. During hospitalization, the patient should receive education on their diagnosis, new medications, pertinent signs and symptoms, and when to contact the doctor. If you do not understand how to care for yourself, you **must** talk to your family and healthcare providers to develop a plan.

Many healthcare and hospital systems have educational programs and systems designed to improve patients’ health literacies, and pharmacies also provide handouts and consultations with prescriptions. Problems resulting from limited health literacy include misinterpretation of warning labels on prescription drugs, such as “Do Not Chew or Crush” or “Take Medication with Plenty of Water.”

At St. Therese, educational health lectures are usually offered on the first Thursday of the month from 12:30 to 1:30 PM, and weekly medical/health topics are included in the church bulletin.

So, what steps can you take to improve your health literacy? Read the literature your healthcare provider gives you! Research your illness if you can, but only use reputable resources! If videos are played in the physician waiting room, watch them. Be prepared when going to the doctor’s office by writing down questions or concerns before you go. If you don’t understand what is being discussed at your appointment, ask the doctor to explain it again. If the healthcare provider is talking too fast or difficult to understand, let them know. If the doctor uses terminology you do not understand, ask them to explain it in “different” or “simpler” terms. Don’t be embarrassed or intimidated by asking them to re-explain it to you again. Take notes or ask the office staff to write down information for you if you are being given instructions. It is a good idea to repeat the information to the doctor to ensure you understand. If you are hard of hearing, ensure your doctor knows so they can talk loud enough for you to hear. If you have difficulty understanding your doctor, ask a family member or trusted friend to be with you to help listen. Once you are home, ask that person to review the information with you. Remember: you are an advocate for your own care, and if you take the time to educate yourself to the best of your ability, you will enjoy better health outcomes.

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► Easter Flower Memorial Donations

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Ministry Schedule

SAT | APRIL 20
4:30 PM

Lector 1: Maureen Gibbons

Lector 2: Erin Lenzini

Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed

Usher Team 4: Tomaz Dopico

SUN | APRIL 21
8:00 AM

Lector 1: Marilyn Kylmala

Lector 2: Jayne Thomas

Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed

Usher Team 1: Ann King

SUN | APRIL 21
9:45 AM

Lector 1: Volunteer Needed

Lector 2: Jim Thomas

Altar Servers: Christian P., Ava P.

Usher Team 2: Sam Guzzardo

SUN | APRIL 21
11:45 AM

Lector 1: Paul Bieber

Lector 2: Patricia Bieber

Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed

Usher Team 3: Matt Stephan

► Mass Intentions

SAT. APR 13 4:30 PM

- † Joseph & Nina Salomone
- † Deacon John Skladanowski
- † Joseph & Helen Frankowski
- † Leonard Ossowski (5th anniv.)
- † Barney Hoover (20th anniv.)
- † Joe Basirico
- † Alfred Saam
- † Germena Recchia
- † Frank Recchia
- † Hugh McGuire (21st anniv.)

SUN. APR 14 8:00 AM

- For the People of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish
- † Ernest Breitschuh
- † Paloka, Gjergy, Gjuste & Dila Micakaj
- Living & Deceased Members of the Grishaj Family
- Living & Deceased Members of the Micakaj Family
- Living & Deceased Members of the Ivezaj Family
- † Tringe Culaj
- Evie Culaj (Healing)
- † Vitore Mujaj
- Elidon Culaj

SUN. APR 14 9:45 AM

- Edwina Vulaj (Bday)
- † Gabrielle McNeal
- † Thomas Saigh
- † Evelina Merdani
- † Dominic Giacona
- † Margaret Bell
- † Art Kostie
- † Mary Ann Wasik
- † Edward Connelly (2nd anniv.)
- † Larry Kelly

SUN. APR 14 11:45 AM

- † John & Pauline Poma
- † Michelle Trosper
- † Joyce Geis
- † Tom Antkowiak
- † Richard Van Slembrouck
- † Joseph Phillips
- † Joseph Doan
- † Magdalena Austria
- † Marilyn DeMaria
- † Mary DeMaria

TUE. APR 16 8:30 AM

- Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
- † Joe Basirico
- † Mary Jo Marchione
- † Vincent Wurth, Sr. (Bday)
- † Janet Hartigan
- James Butski (Healing)

WED. APR 17 8:30 AM

- † Claudia Haarz
- Sharon Zammit
- † Erlinda Doctora

THU. APR 18 8:30 AM

- † Joseph & Eva Pinchero
- James Butski (Healing)

FRI. APR 19 8:30 AM

- † Rick & Tommie Lenzini
- † Barbara Wilson (Bday)

SAT. APR 20 4:30 PM

- † Robert Frankowski (13th anniv.)
- † Paul Tocco
- † Joe Basirico
- † Livia Bisciaio
- † Jesse Weaver

- † Zef Temali
- † Michael Krowleski
- † Sergio Marchionne
- † Deceased Members of the Dolsen & Patalon Family
- Rosemary Marino (Healing)

SUN. APR 21 8:00 AM

- † Joseph Tisler (24th anniv.)
- † Living & Deceased members of the Festersen Family
- † The Gerada Family

SUN. APR 21 9:45 AM

- For the People of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish
- † Carmine Russo
- † Deceased Members of Joseph Pudlo Family
- † Frank J. Chryczyk (3rd anniv.)
- † Christopher Torr
- Szatkowski Family
- † Jerry & Mary Ann Wasik
- † Francesco Vettrai
- Donald Watkins

SUN. APR 21 11:45 AM

- † Gaspare Lombardo (Bday)
- † George Calabrese
- † John & Theresa Berd, Dennis Berd, Vicky Berd
- † Enio Macciomei
- † Ramon Bergeron (25th anniv.)
- † P.J. Driscoll
- † Art Kostie
- † Wanda Thomas
- † Salvatore & Maria Cucchiara
- † Natale & Marianna Cucchiara

Readings

SUNDAY

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19;
Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9;
1 Jn 2:1-5a;
Lk 24:35-48

MONDAY

Acts 6:8-15;
Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY

Acts 7:51—8:1a;
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab;
Jn 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY

Acts 8:1b-8;
Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a;
Jn 6:35-40

THURSDAY

Acts 8:26-40;
Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:51;
Jn 6:44-51

FRIDAY

Acts 9:1-20;
Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Jn 6:52-59

SATURDAY

Acts 9:31-42;
Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;
Jn 6:60-69

SUNDAY

Acts 4:8-12;
Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;
1 Jn 3:1-2;
Jn 10:11-18

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