

THE BULLETIN



St. Therese
OF LISIEUX

April 21, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



WHEN AM I A

SHEEP,
SHEPHERD,
& WOLF?

MUSINGS + MESSAGES

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Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, and while the focus is usually on Jesus the Good Shepherd, let's take a look at what it means to be a good sheep. In today's account, there is a contrast between the hired hand and the shepherd. The person who works for pay generally has no investment in the flock. However, the shepherd **is** invested, taking a personal interest in the sheep. The sheep also have a role in the relationship: they are to listen to the shepherd's voice because

they know that the shepherd cares for them. The shepherd is their advocate, their guide, and their protector. They will do everything to ensure the safety and survival of the sheep. In turn, the sheep must put all their faith and trust in the shepherd.

For us, this means becoming a true child of God, which entails listening to, following, and living out the Lord's commands. How well do we do this?

Do we take the risk to be true children of the Lord by really listening to and following God's commands? Or do we try to circumvent (or even deliberately disobey) God's directives?

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, may each of us strive to be a better child of God by following the Good Shepherd in word and deed.

Connecting Point

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► When am I a sheep, shepherd, and wolf?

Good Shepherd Sunday is when we honor Jesus as the Good Shepherd who cares for and guides us. From this perspective, let's look at when we are sheep, shepherd, and wolf: sheep when we follow Christ, shepherd when we lead people to Christ, and wolf when we become defenders of the faith and, ultimately, Christ.

As sheep, we are called to be dependent, trustworthy, united, and vulnerable at times. We must be dependent on Jesus for guidance and protection. We can depend on him by surrendering our worries, trusting in his guidance, and seeking his strength in every aspect of our lives. We must always rely on trust, even when it seems impossible. As believers, we are called to trust in God's wisdom and guidance. As part of a community, sheep often travel in flocks; this reflects the importance of fellowship and community among believers. Prayerfully participating in Mass and becoming involved in our parishes are great ways to share in community life. Sheep can sometimes become vulnerable as they are led astray. We, too, can become vulnerable, but we can find solace in knowing the risen Lord is here to guide us back into his loving fold.

Shepherds are called to lead, care, teach, nurture, and ultimately, bring people closer to Christ. As shepherds, we lead by example. The examples we set for our children, friends, and coworkers should emulate those that shepherd people closer to Christ. How often do we take the time to care for our fellow man? Caring for people does not have to be some grandiose action; it can simply be sitting with someone, letting them talk, and not judging them for their views. The ultimate role of a shepherd is to bring people closer to Jesus. This means guiding individuals toward deeper relationships with God and helping them experience his love, grace, and presence.

The metaphor of being a wolf and defending God is less common when compared to the imagery of being a sheep or shepherd. However, one could interpret it symbolically, drawing on the characteristics traditionally associated with wolves: protectiveness, strength, respect, and reverence. Wolves are known for their fierce protectiveness of their pack and territory. In this context, defending God could imply fiercely advocating for one's faith and the principles it represents, standing up against injustice or falsehoods



that may challenge religious beliefs. Strength, courage, and resilience are symbols often seen in wolves. Similarly, defending God may require inner strength and courage to withstand criticism, persecution, or adversity while upholding one's faith. While wolves are often depicted as fierce predators, they also play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance. Likewise, defending God may involve showing respect and reverence for the divine, recognizing the sacredness of religious teachings, and the responsibility of upholding them.

You may primarily see yourself as a

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CALENDAR

APRIL 21 - 28

SUN

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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/LITTLE LAMBS/CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11:45 AM MASS/LITTLE LAMBS/CHILDREN'S CHURCH

1 PM BAPTISM

1:30 PM SENIOR CARD GROUP

9:30 AM STRETCH & STRENGTH
2 PM ROSARY

7 AM AA MEETING

8:30 AM MASS

9:30 AM FOP ALL STAFF RETREAT

11:30 AM FOP LEADERSHIP MEETING

1 PM GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

7 PM K OF C LADIES OF THE ASSEMBLY

7 PM K OF C SACRED HEART ASSEMBLY

7 PM FINANCE COUNCIL

8:30 AM MASS

9:30 AM STRETCH & STRENGTH

5:30 PM CHOIR REHEARSALS

THU

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FRI

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SAT

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SUN

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7 AM AA MEETING

8:30 AM MASS

9 AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

9:30 AM WOMEN OF FAITH DISCUSSION

11 AM GRIEF MINISTRY MTG

3 PM CONFESSIONS

6:30 PM BAPTISM CLASS

6:30 PM LECTIO: EUCHARIST

7 PM CBS OF MICHIGAN

OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM MASS

9:30 AM STRETCH & STRENGTH

1 PM WIDOWED FRIENDS GATHERING

5 PM HISPANIC RETREAT

3 PM OFFICE HOURS

12 PM GROUP MISSION TRIP

4:30 PM MASS

6 PM FEAST TRIVIA NIGHT

9 AM OFFICE HOURS

8 AM MASS

9:45 AM MASS/CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:45 AM OCIA

11:45 AM MASS/CHILDREN'S CHURCH

1:30 PM RETROUVAILLE

7 PM MACOMB COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT

EVENTS



TUE | NEW DATE OF APR 30 | 1 - 2:30 PM

GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES

Have you lost a loved one and could benefit from talking with others in similar situations? Please consider joining the St. Therese Grief Support group. The next 9-week session starts on Tuesday, Apr. 23, from 1 to

2:30 PM in Overflow 10. The Health Ministry facilitates the group, and all are welcome. If you have questions, contact Marilyn Cito, the parish nurse, at 586-254-4433 #320 or Marilync@stol.church.

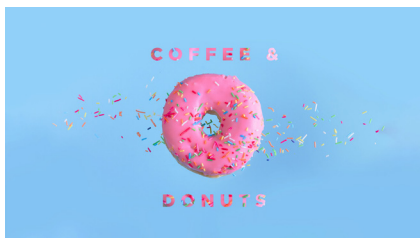


SAT | APR 27 | 6 - 10 PM

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



SAT - SUN | MAY 11 - 12 | AFTER ALL MASSES

RIGHT TO LIFE MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION FUNDRAISER

Right to Life-LIFESPAN will have its Mother's Day Carnations available after all Masses during Mother's Day Weekend, May 11 and 12. The suggested donation is \$1 per

carnation. These beautiful flowers are a great way to show appreciation to all those who have been mothers in some way in our own lives. Thank you for supporting life!



SAT | JUN 29 | 6 - 10 PM

SOCK HOP

Get dressed up and join us on Saturday, Jun. 29, for a 50s-style sock hop with diner-style food, dancing, and fellowship! Poodle skirts, letter sweaters, and other

50s-style clothing are encouraged but not necessary. \$40 per person or \$75 for two tickets. Doors open at 6 PM, and the event goes until 10 PM.

EVENTS (CONT'D)



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.

► Connecting Point (cont'd)

sheep, but you also find opportunities to act as a shepherd by supporting and encouraging others in their faith. There may be times when you feel called to defend your faith like a wolf, standing firm in the face of adversity or speaking out against injustice. As you continue to grow and mature in your spiritual journey, you

may find yourself moving fluidly between these roles, depending on your own needs and those of others around you. Ultimately, embracing these roles allows you to engage more deeply with your faith, serving God and others in impactful ways.



UTG@WORK



Equipped for Mission

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

The Vine and the Branches John 15:4

 Patti Connors, Evangelization Committee

“Live in me. Make your Home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined to me.”

This Bible quote reminds me of one of the first sentences I learned in my high school Spanish

class: “Mi casa es su casa,” which means “My house is your house.” I have carried this valuable memory throughout my life when guests enter our home.

We all want to grow in our relationships with Jesus. Sometimes, the Bible can be difficult to understand, but this

verse is very clear. He is the vine, and we are the branches. If we are separated, the growth stops. He is always there for us; all we have to do is reach out to him, and he will reach out to us with his loving heart.



DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

► Mission Minute

Last week, we asked you to match words with their definitions, except the names of the four cardinal virtues were omitted! The four virtues that order our relationship with our neighbor in love are **Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice**.

Donate Your Plastic Bags!

Our Confirmation program's teens will make "yarn" out of plastic grocery bags. That plastic "yarn" will be used to crochet "Mats of Mercy" for distribution to homeless individuals. **Please consider donating clean grocery bags.** Bring them to the Parish Office, marked "Confirmation Service Project." **We will be collecting them from Apr. 20 to May 12.**



Good News from Grow

Our Grades 1-6 will spend time reflecting on the reality and mysteries of the Blessed Trinity in the upcoming weeks. An essential component of their reflections will focus on the Glory Be Prayer. Parents can work with their children to ensure they are familiar with this treasured prayer:

*Glory Be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, World without end.
Amen.*

Reminders:

- Rose Reward Shopping for GROW and Living Faith will occur on May 20 and 21, 2024. Parents are invited to sign up for a shopping time and accompany their child to this great event!
- Fun, faith-filled events are planned for the summer; more information 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 Apr. 25 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Contact Peggy Casing for more information.

► How Grief Affects Physical Health

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

Have you or someone you know experienced the loss of a spouse, parent, or child in the past year or so? Despite the perception that grief should be a brief period of sadness after a loss, it rarely is. It isn't as simple as grieving at a funeral or taking some bereavement days off at work. It's more than just an emotional response to losing someone; it's a process that affects us physically, psychologically, behaviorally, spiritually, socially, and culturally. How each of us reacts and mourns is unique, but there are some common physical manifestations that we all experience with loss.

Sleep problems are a common symptom of grief. Grief can keep you from getting the regular sleep your mind and body need. You might have problems falling asleep, waking up in the middle of the night, or sleeping too much. If you are experiencing this, try winding down slowly before bed, taking a bath or shower, reading a book, doing breathing exercises, praying, meditating, or going to bed and waking up at the same time each day.

The immune system is also affected by grief. Grief takes a toll on the body's ability to fight illness and infection, especially if it goes on for a long time. Inflammation occurs when your immune system responds

to something it sees as a threat and tissues in your body swell. It can play a role in heart disease, arthritis, diabetes, asthma, and possibly cancer. Studies show the more severe the grief, the more serious the inflammation. To fight this, try to maintain a healthy diet, get rest, and exercise. If you are having a hard time coping with your loss, talk with your healthcare provider about options.

Grieving also causes cortisol, sometimes called the "stress hormone," to release more than usual into the bloodstream. This is especially true during the first six months. High levels of cortisol over a long period of time can raise your chances of heart disease or high blood pressure.

Experiencing a loss can make you feel like you do not have control over your life. You might be concerned about your financial future, being alone, or losing someone else. Sometimes, you might need to do things you never had to do before. Although some worry after a loss is normal, if it lasts more than a few months or gets in the way of work or home, it may be time to talk to a professional.

Although the emotional toll of grief may also cause you to feel fatigued

or drained of energy, stay connected to family and friends! Being with them may be difficult, especially if they are the people you socialized with alongside your loved one, but doing so will give you a sense of



connection. If you feel uncomfortable talking with family or friends about your loss, consider joining the grief support group at St. Therese of Lisieux. Our next session starts on Tuesday, Apr. 30, from 1 to 2:30 PM in Overflow 10. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Cito, the parish nurse, at 586-254-4433 #320 or [Marilync@stol.church](mailto:marilync@stol.church).

Last Call for Rice Bowl Return!

If you still need to return your Rice Bowl to the parish office, you can do so until May 24.

Teen Mission Trip— Trailer Needed

Do you or someone you know have a small trailer (~ 5' x 10' with sides) that the teen mission trip group can use from Jul. 21 to 27 to transport tools and luggage? If so, please contact Paul Candela at (810) 523-6818 or candelas@wowway.com. Thank you!

Ministry Schedule

SAT | APRIL 27 4:30 PM

Lector 1: Rick Fisher
Lector 2: Volunteer Needed
Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed
Usher Team 7: Art Wilson

SUN | APRIL 28 8:00 AM

Lector 1: Paul Willhelm
Lector 2: Marilyn Kylmala
Altar Servers: Colton D., Phil D.
Usher Team 8: Dean Corsi

SUN | APRIL 28 9:45 AM

Lector 1: Michelle Mistretta
Lector 2: Charlene Tocco
Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed
Usher Team 5: Dennis Westerlund

SUN | APRIL 28 11:45 AM

Lector 1: James Snodgrass
Lector 2: Volunteer Needed
Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed
Usher Team 6: Jack Simonetta

► We pray for the sick...

Asterisk denotes newly added name.

Adhikary, Erica	Goodman, Debbie	Martin, Jennifer	Snodgrass, Doris
Adhikary, Holden	Gorka, Ruth	Matthews, Sue	Stanek, Maryann
Baby Scarlett	Guzzardo, Mary	Mooney-Hill, Marilyn	Sterling, Carol
Bacheldor, Mary	Havlett, Ed	Moreno, Nancy	Sterling, George
Beaulieu, Michael	Henig, Louise	Morrison (Mikoy) Vanessa	Swanson, Joan
Beaulieu, Ted	Herriage, Camryn	Nguyen, Bruce	Tiedt, Tom
Beaulieu, Don	Hill, Dan	Novak, Anthony	Tikkanen, Jason
Belkowski, Patricia	Hill, Sandy	Okon, Anne Marie	Trent, David
Beninati, Patricia	Hislop, Kathy	Oleszkowicz, Bonnie	Trent, Dave
Best, Ann	Hosking, Leanne	Overholfer, Jamie	VanDerhagen, Barbara
Binkowski, Madeleine	Jachcik, Bradley	Papp, Kimberly	VanDerhagen, Rich
Bliss, Jennifer	Jachcik, James	Pasque, Evelyn	VanDerhagen, Rick
Bliss, Sarah	Jachcik, Nancy	Patterson, David	Visconti, Dianne
Boychev, Manol	Jerzy, Pamela	Paulizzi, Olivia	Volpe, Amy
Brady, Jim	Kaja, Hala	Pazin, Delphine	Walter, Albert
Bufaline, Andrew	Kanske, Joe	Pelc, Jeff	Walter, Julia
*Candela, Violet	Klakulak, Mary	Petz, Christine	White, Dawn
Cassidy, Barbara	Kmieciak, Eileen	Poma, Teresa	White, Johnny
Cosentio, Amy	Knee, Colleen	Przepiora, Donna Marie	Wigginton, Jim
DeFauw, Paul	Kremer, Paul	Przybylski, Margaret	Willis, Rose
Denton, Eden	Lemanski, Kym	Pugliese, Dyann	Willoughby, Claudia
DeRemer, Colin	Liberatore, Bianca	R. Lisa	Zuzga, Bob
Doherty, Lynda	Lieder, Lynn	Ritter, Maryann	
Dombrowski, Toni	McGuire, Kim	Sandstrom, Patricia	
Fain, Rose Marie	Mackowiak, Elaine	Sayen-Bazinet, Sherry	
Finkel, Ryder	Mahler, Bill	Schafran, Barb	
Fisher, Rick	*Malane, Sharon	Schatko, Mary Ann	
Fraylick, Kat	Maliskey, Barbara	Schwartz, Brian	
Fuelling, Ethan	Maliskey, Larry	Smith, Felicia	

► ...and for those serving in the military

SrA Thomas Barone, Air Force	Ensign Matthew Gordon, Navy	CPL. Nathan Taylor, Marine
2nd Lt., Michaela Biske Army	LT David Grzywacz, Navy	CPT Keith Trojniak, Marines
PVT Jonathan Bulter, Marine	Andrew Hall, Navy	Dante Vanuck, Army
HM1 Christopher Burley, Navy	PFC Killian Hannon, Army	SFC Cally Wood, Army
SGT Andrew Chapoton, Army	Major Megan K. Hardesty, Army	SFC Olivia Wood, Army
Michael Chmielewski, Navy	Robert Kaljved, Army	Andrew Zalewski, Navy
Christopher Chryczyk, Navy	LT. COL. Chris Kean, AF	
Lt. Col. John Cisco, Marines	SSGT Griffin Kozak, Marines	
Major Anthony D. Corsi, Army	Andrew Larsen, Marines	Lord, hold our troops in Your loving
Leonard Cox, Army	Zoe Lowe, Army	hands. Protect them as they protect us.
SGT Christian Jose Curtis, Army	MSGT Eric McCulley, AF	Bless them and their families for the
LCPL Matthew DeLaney, Marine	Captain James Miller, Space Force	selfless acts they perform for us in our
Jerry Delia, Airforce	Nick Radwick, AF	time of need. Give us peace. Amen
PVT David Dimattia, Army	Staff Sgt. Drew Reynolds, AF	
PVT Jacob Earehart, Army	Derek Skorupski, Army	

► Mass Intentions

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 Vettraino
 Donald Watkins

SUN. APR 21 11:45 AM

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

TUE. APR 23 8:30 AM

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
 † Joe Basirico
 † Luigi & Angela Franzese

WED. APR 24 8:30 AM

† James Boggio (Bday)
 † Eustaquia DeLeon

THU. APR 25 8:30 AM

† Janet Hartigan

FRI. APR 26 8:30 AM

† James Blaisdell, Jr.

SAT. APR 27 4:30 PM

† Joe Basirico
 † Alfred Saam
 † Frank Lucente
 † Rose Kane (Bday)
 † Tommy Kotula (Bday)
 † Luisa Meschini (1st anniv.)
 † Mario, Delita & David Baldinelli
 † Garry Fix
 † Deacon Jerome Campernel

SUN. APR 28 8:00 AM

Holy Souls in Purgatory
 † Tom Westerlund
 † Jessica Hanna
 † Phil Schultheis
 Andrew Schultheis (Bday)
 † Imaad Raad
 Joanna Jacobson

SUN. APR 28 9:45 AM

Laura Pakledinaz
 † Ryan Lamparski (15th anniv.)
 † Jerry & Mary Ann Wasik
 † Bielak Family
 † Gozdal Family
 † Ronald Davies
 † Wojciech Wisniewski
 † Dave Farnan (3rd anniv.)

SUN. APR 28 11:45 AM

For the People of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish
 † Patricia Stander
 † Francesco Bologna & Deceased Family Members
 † Art Kostie
 † Marianna Mule
 † Jimmy Velasquez
 † Efraim Alboleras
 † Nik Bojaj
 † Gracy Joseph (Bday)

Readings

SUNDAY

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

TUESDAY

Acts 11:19-26;
 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7;
 Jn 10:22-30

THURSDAY

1 Pt 5:5b-14;
 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
 Mk 16:15-20

SATURDAY

Acts 13:44-52;
 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
 Jn 14:7-14

MONDAY

Acts 11:1-18;
 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
 Jn 10:1-10

WEDNESDAY

Acts 12:24 — 13:5a;
 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8;
 Jn 12:44-50

FRIDAY

Acts 13:26-33;
 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab;
 Jn 14:1-6

SUNDAY

Acts 9:26-31;
 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32;
 1 Jn 3:18-24;
 Jn 15:1-8

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