

THE BULLETIN



St. Therese
OF LISIEUX

May 5, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

DISCIPLES
UNLEASHED



HOW CAN I FIND JOY IN
SACRIFICIAL LOVE?

#CONNECTINGPOINT

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We have all experienced times when cutting back on things we wanted became necessary to meet the family's needs, especially today, as the cost of everyday living increases. This pinch makes it challenging when our Lord brings us others in need. Do we respond in sacrificial love and experience joy?

I have often found myself grabbing a coffee at a local drive-thru window. Coincidentally, this is one of those practices I have had to limit due to the changing times. Recently, when at the window receiving my coffee, the cashier said, "No charge! The person in front of you paid for your drink!" What a nice gesture,

I thought! I immediately wished I could thank or repay that person. The Holy Spirit responded in my heart with the invitation to do that for someone else instead, which is exactly what I did for the person behind me.

This experience reminded me of a

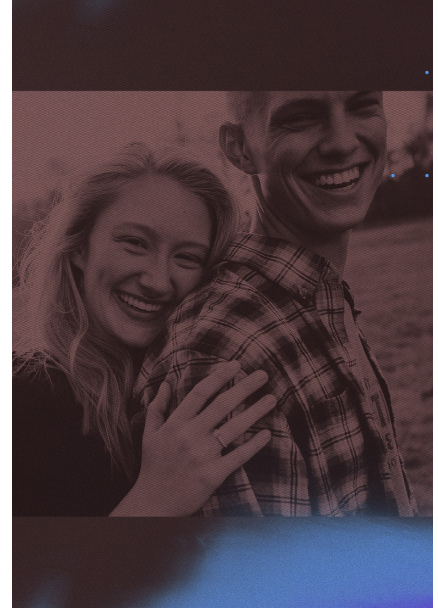
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Connecting Point (cont'd)

story I once heard. A woman was at a drive-thru paying for her order when, in her rearview mirror, she noticed a woman driving a convertible sports car behind her. A voice within her heart told her to pay for the other woman's meal. She also thought, "There's no way she needs me to buy her meal! She can afford that fancy car!" However, the voice in her heart again invited her to pay for it. Despite being resistant and ashamed that money was tight, she found herself at the window paying for the other woman's meal. After leaving, she stopped at another store to run an errand. When she parked her car, she saw the woman in the sports car parked next to her and getting out to thank her for the meal, but the woman began to cry, saying that her marriage was falling apart and her

business venture was falling through. She said she was asking God why he didn't care. Yet, when the cashier said that her meal had been paid for, a voice in her heart said, "You are not alone. It will be okay." Knowing she was not alone, the woman thanked her, saying she felt joy in her heart.

The purpose of Jesus' revelation of the highest order of love is joy. It is in our essential nature to desire joy. Jesus poured love into his disciples, and as his present-day disciples, we share not only in love but also in the joy of the one who gives. Although random acts of kindness can seem small or undeserved, the sacrificial act of love can bring us much-needed joy as we model our Lord's example.



CALENDAR

MAY 5 - 12

SUN

5

MON

6

TUE

7

WED

8

9 AM OFFICE HOURS

8 AM MASS
9:45 AM MASS/
CHILDREN'S CHURCH
11:45 AM MASS/
CHILDREN'S CHURCH
12:45 PM MAY CROWNING
(IN CHURCH)
1 PM BAPTISM
1:45 PM MISSION YEAR 2
OFF-SITE RETREAT

9:30 AM STRETCH &
STRENGTH
2 PM ROSARY
7 PM ARMOR OF GOD/
K OF C

7 AM AA MEETING
8:30 AM MASS
11:30 AM FOP LEADERSHIP
MTG
1 PM CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
1 PM GRIEF SUPPORT
5:30 PM MOTHER'S DAY
"TEA FOR THEE"
6:30 PM BAPTISM CLASS

8:30 AM MASS
9:30 AM STRETCH &
STRENGTH
10 AM FOP DISCIPLESHIP
FORMATION STAFF MTG
5:30 PM CHOIR REHEARS

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SAT

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7 AM AA MEETING
8:30 AM MASS
9 AM EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION
9:30 AM WOMEN OF FAITH
DISCUSSION GROUP
3 PM CONFESSIONS
6:30 PM LECTIO:
EUCHARIST
6:30 PM MS SUPPORT
GROUP
7 PM CBS OF MICHIGAN

OFFICE CLOSED
8:30 AM MASS
9:30 AM STRETCH &
STRENGTH
10 AM FUNERAL - DICKTY

3 PM OFFICE HOURS
8 AM UTG @ WORK
CONFERENCE
4:30 PM MASS
6:30 PM OLP CONCERT

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

EVENTS



NOW THROUGH MAY 30

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

The St. Therese K of C and Christian Service Commission are teaming up again to support the Compassion Pregnancy Center in Clinton Township. Since 1994, they have specialized in helping those experiencing unplanned pregnancy by providing pregnancy tests and

limited ultrasounds, as well as education and mentoring. Starting May 4, change a life by picking up and filling a baby bottle with spare change, bills, or a check (made out to St. Therese) and returning it to the parish office by May 30. Bottles will be available in the Gathering Space.



MON | MAY 6 | 7 PM OR SAT | MAY 18 | 8 AM

ARMOR OF GOD MEN'S GROUP

Our May sessions for Armor of God will be on Monday, May 6, at 7 PM or Saturday, May 18, at 8 AM (including a Holy Hour beginning at

7 AM). We are looking forward to the discussions!



MON - FRI | MAY 6 - 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 puzzle 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 | MAY 11 | 8 AM - 12 PM

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL @ WORK

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 you need to be successful at work.

Cost: \$5



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!



FRI | MAY 17 | 7 PM | ST. ISIDORE

WIND & FIRE: A CONCERT FOR PENTECOST

Join us for a Pentecost concert featuring the combined music ministries of St. Isidore, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Francis-St. Maximilian parishes. This special event will celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit with an inspiring selection of hymns and choral

pieces that reflect the joy and unity of our faith community. Come and experience the powerful harmony of voices from three vibrant church communities as we come together to lift our hearts in praise. This concert is open to all and promises to be a moving and uplifting experience.



SAT | MAY 18 | 6:30 PM | ST. FRANCIS-ST. MAXIMILIAN

K OF C EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Join the K of C at St. Francis-St. Maximilian for a euchre night on Saturday, May 18, including high game and loner pots! A \$15 ticket at the door gets you a spot in the tournament, pizza, and snacks.

Registration and food will begin at 5:45 PM, and the cards will start flying at 6:30 PM! If you have any questions, call John and Grace Van Hamme at (810) 343-8011 or (810) 343-8005.

EVENTS (CONT'D)



SAT | MAY 18 | AFTER 4:30 PM MASS

K OF C SILVER ROSE SERVICE

St. Therese of Lisieux's K of C council is privileged to host a Silver Rose, displayed on the altar during all Masses the week of May 13. There will be a special service following

4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, May 18, in the Social Hall as we pray in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe and respect for life. A social gathering with light food and refreshments will follow.



SAT | MAY 18 | 2 - 4:30 PM | ST. FRANCIS-ST. MAXIMILIAN

MARY'S LOVING HANDS SPRING TEA

Mary's Loving Hands Spring Tea will host guest speaker Brother Tien Dinh from Solanus Casey Center's "On The Rise Bakery." Seating is limited. Reserve your seat by emailing Carol

Gawel at Carol24G@hotmail.com. Doors will open at 1:30 PM, and lunch will be served from 2 to 2:45 PM. Consider bringing a free-will offering and school supply donations.



SAT | JUN 1 | 4:30 PM

GRADUATION MASS

Calling all 2024 high school and college graduates of St. Therese of Lisieux! Come celebrate your accomplishments with your parish family at the 4:30 PM Mass. Graduates are invited to wear their gowns, cords, sashes, medals, etc.,

to this Mass, but please do not wear caps. In addition, we want to publish each graduate's picture in a gallery on our website and Facebook page. To do so, we need your pictures no later than Sunday, May 12.



WED | JUN 26 | 12 - 2 PM

KIDS' SUMMER CAMP DAY: CREATION ROCKS!

Grades K-6 are welcome at our Creation Rocks! kids' summer camp day on Jun. 26 from 12 to 2 PM! Join us for games, crafts, snacks, and fun as we celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's creation. Parents, this is a drop-off event; all parents will be asked to sign a waiver for

their child to participate. This event will be nut-free; for all other food allergies, please bring a snack labeled for your child. Kids can bring a friend, but all participants must register. Use the QR code to sign up! For any questions, contact juliel@stol.church.





SAT | JUN 29 | 6 - 10 PM

SOCK HOP

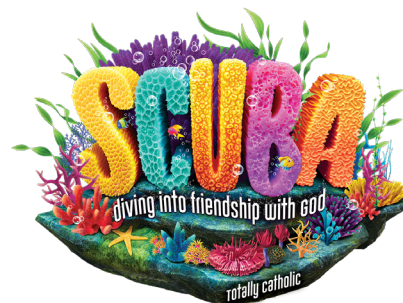
Get dressed up and join us on Saturday, Jun. 29, for a 50s-style sock hop with diner-style food, dancing, and fellowship! Poodle skirts, letter sweaters, and other

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.

► VBS Adult Volunteers Needed!

As we prepare to dive into Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year, we need your help! Adult volunteers are needed to help us run the VBS stations for preschool, kindergarten, and grade-school children. VBS will run from Jul. 15 to 19, beginning at

8:30 AM for volunteers and ending at approximately 1 PM. We ask that you try to volunteer for the whole week, but we understand that scheduling conflicts arise. If you are interested, please contact Dawn Ormsby at dawno@stisidore.church.



Protecting Our Environment

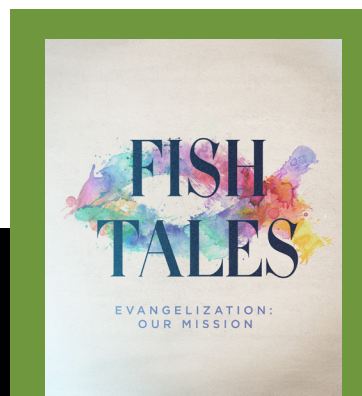
👤 Evangelization Commission

Let's focus on the positive and find something upon which we can all agree: we must all take part in keeping our world a clean, safe, and beautiful place to live. How wonderful that our Lord has blessed us with this lovely planet we call Earth! It is our responsibility to pass it on to our children, grandchildren, and future generations in beautiful condition. We must initiate and

actively participate in discussions on how we can partner with others to make this a reality. These discussions must include children; they are our future!

We see Earth Day on our calendars each year, but it's much more than a day. We need to focus on it every day. Pope Francis reminds us, "Everything is connected, and as a family

of nations, we must have a common concern: to see that the environment is cleaner, purer, and preserved. We must take care of nature so that it takes care of us." Beginning May 12, Fish Tales will focus on ideas for us to discuss and evangelize what God sees as an opportunity to work together to improve our world.



DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

► Mission Minute

GROW Program Updates

We joyfully announce the following students celebrated First Communion with us on May 4, 2024. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Yazaira Aguilar Torres	Liam Martin
Xander Alvernia Gray	Riley Melton
Jacob Anderson	Abigail Najor
Ella Baur	Arabella Olteanu
Lillian Bellomo	Jenna Polito
Leo Bui	Anthony Ricucci
Jacob Cipa	Addison Saha
Brynnley Collins	Elina Sana
Sebastian D'Alessandro	Luiza Santos
Bethany Daulo	Olivia Santos
Logan Davisson	Lila Sardy
Christian Dedivanaj	Lilly Sardy
Olivia Fontana	Evangeline Schmidt
Dominic Franco	Ben Sharp
Ariana Galu	Andrew Shwayhat
Bianca Godoy DelGrande	Landon Shwayhat
Alexander Hasse	Layla Shwayhat
Cristina Hernandez	Daniel Solomon
Edgar Hernandez	Adelyn Stiffler
Lyndsay Hernandez	Christina Supert
Andreina Ibarra Gutierrez	Gabriella Supert
Sophia Lakaj	Brooklyn Talant
Isabel Lakaj	Summer Thursam
Max Lynch	Alissa Yi
Rosalie Makarski	Angela Yi
Aubry Martin	Jackson Yonkowski



► Road to Emmaus Summit

Evangelization Committee

In coordination with the multi-year National Eucharistic Revival Program, the Disciples Unleashed Eucharistic Revival Team hosted the “Road to Emmaus – Meeting Jesus in the Eucharist” Summit at St. Therese of Lisieux on April 13. The Summit features two presentations by Steve Ray, author of “Crossing the Tiber,” creator of “Footprints of God” documentary series, popular radio personality, and international Catholic speaker, and included a delicious dinner.

What an amazing and blessed day it turned out to be! The event drew attendees from over a dozen parishes - a real “One Church” experience. Steve Ray was fantastic. His knowledge and real-world conversion experience are only surpassed by his passion for God and The Catholic Faith. Hearts and minds were undoubtedly affected. When the Holy Spirit decides to descend on an event... stand back... or better yet, lean forward! All glory to God!

Check back in the bulletin often for more spiritual, inspirational, and formative events focused on the Eucharist coming soon to the Disciples Unleashed Family of Parishes.



Rice Bowl Return!

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

► St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Days

The St. Therese of Lisieux St. Vincent de Paul conference will have Bundle Days on Saturday and Sunday, June 8 and 9. A truck will be delivered to our parking lot to fill with your donations of clothing and household items (no furniture items, regardless of size!). Please do not bring any donations until the truck arrives on June 8.

By hosting the Bundle Days once a year, the St. Vincent de Paul store gives us unlimited vouchers to use for our needy neighbors as they come to us. Thank you for considering this vital ministry and attending to our needy brothers and sisters.

The drop-off hours will be:

- Saturday, June 8: 12 to 6 PM
- Sunday, June 9: 7:30 AM to 2 PM

► Parishioner Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelope packets are mailed out bi-monthly. Sometimes, a parishioner may not receive their packet due to a mix-up with the post office. Please inform the parish office if you have not received your envelopes. The packets are sent out one month before use. Please wait until the end of that month before contacting the office.

You should receive your packet during the months of:

December:	January/February Envelopes
February:	March/April Envelopes
April:	May/June Envelopes
June:	July/August Envelopes
August:	September/October Envelopes
October:	November/December Envelopes

Ministry Schedule

SAT | MAY 11
4:30 PM

Lector 1: Maureen Gibbons
Lector 2: Volunteer Needed
Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed
Usher Team 6: Jack Simonetta

SUN | MAY 12
8:00 AM

Lector 1: Janet Webster
Lector 2: Michelle Dziurgot
Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed
Usher Team 7: Art Wilson

SUN | MAY 12
9:45 AM

Lector 1: Carol Nehra
Lector 2: Colin Ritter
Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed
Usher Team 8: Dean Corsi

SUN | MAY 12
11:45 AM

Lector 1: Bernadine Biske
Lector 2: James Biske
Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed
Usher Team 5: Dennis Westerlund

► We pray for the sick...

Asterisk denotes newly added name.

Adhikary, Erica	Goodman, Debbie	Moreno, Nancy	Snodgrass, Doris
Adhikary, Holden	Gorka, Ruth	Morrison (Mikoy) Vanessa	Stanek, Maryann
Baby Scarlett	Guzzardo, Mary	Nguyen, Bruce	Sterling, Carol
Bacheldor, Mary	Henig, Louise	Novak, Anthony	Sterling, George
Beaulieu, Michael	Herriage, Camryn	Okon, Anne Marie	Swanson, Joan
Beaulieu, Ted	Hill, Dan	Oleszkowicz, Bonnie	Tiedt, Tom
Beaulieu, Don	Hill, Sandy	Overholfer, Jamie	Tikkanen, Jason
Beninati, Patricia	Hosking, Leanne	Papp, Kimberly	Trent, David
Best, Ann	Jachcik, Bradley	Pasque, Evelyn	Trent, Dave
*Bethune, Larry	Jachcik, James	Patterson, David	VanDerhagen, Barbara
Binkowski, Madeleine	Jachcik, Nancy	Paulizzi, Olivia	VanDerhagen, Rich
Bliss, Jennifer	Jerzy, Pamela	Pazin, Delphine	VanDerhagen, Rick
Bliss, Sarah	Kaja, Hala	Petz, Christine	Visconti, Dianne
*Candela, Violet	Klakulak, Mary	Poma, Teresa	Volpe, Amy
Cassidy, Barbara	Kmiec, Eileen	Przepiora, Donna Marie	Walter, Albert
Cosentio, Amy	Knee, Colleen	Przybylski, Margaret	Walter, Julia
DeFauw, Paul	Kremer, Paul	R. Lisa	White, Dawn
Denton, Eden	Lieder, Lynn	*Rice, Paul	White, Johnny
DeRemer, Colin	McGuire, Kim	*Rinehart, Nicholas	Wigginton, Jim
Doherty, Lynda	Mackowiak, Elaine	Sandstrom, Patricia	Willis, Rose
Dombrowski, Toni	Mahler, Bill	Sayen-Bazinet, Sherry	Willoughby, Claudia
Fain, Rose Marie	*Malane, Sharon	Schafran, Barb	*Zoellner, Brent
Finkel, Ryder	Maliskey, Barbara	Schatko, Mary Ann	Zuzga, Bob
Fraylick, Kat	Maliskey, Larry	Schwartz, Brian	
Fuelling, Ethan	Matthews, Sue	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	Lord, hold our troops in Your loving
Major Anthony D. Corsi, Army	Andrew Larsen, Marines	hands. Protect them as they protect us.
Leonard Cox, Army	Zoe Lowe, Army	Bless them and their families for the
SGT Christian Jose Curtis, Army	MSGT Eric McCulley, AF	selfless acts they perform for us in our
LCPL Matthew DeLaney, Marine	Captain James Miller, Space Force	time of need. Give us peace. Amen
Jerry Delia, Airforce	Nick Radwick, AF	
PVT David Dimattia, Army	Staff Sgt. Drew Reynolds, AF	
PVT Jacob Earehart, Army	Derek Skorupski, Army	

► Mass Intentions

SAT. MAY 4 4:30 PM

For the Intentions in Our Prayer Box
For the People of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish

- † Deacon John Skladanowski
- † Joe Basirico
- Michael Franzese
- † Razkowski Family
- † Ray White
- † Dominic Giacona
- † Shannon Mohan Bullock
- † Robin Willits

SUN. MAY 5 8:00 AM

For the Intentions in our Prayer Box

- † Ernest Breitschuh
- † Maureen Karges (Bday)
- † Art Kostie
- Jill Szatkowski
- Ellen Garrett
- † Imaad Raad
- Amal Raad
- † Mary Sarna
- † Rose Pleciak

SUN. MAY 5 9:45 AM

For the Intentions in Our Prayer Box

- † Claudio Tripicchio
- † George & Peggy Ciolli
- † Germena Recchia
- † Tommie Lenzini
- † Ellie DeBano
- † Captain Drew Russell
- † Ed Wiegand
- † Robert Hiddings
- † Jerry & Mary Ann Wasik

SUN. MAY 5 11:45 AM

For the Intentions in Our Prayer Box
† Mary Costanzo, Frank Gatto, Mario Gatto

- † Virginia Bumol
- † John & Ann Rein
- † Carolyn Gambino
- † Nik Bojaj
- † Jessica Hanna
- † Paul Shindak (25th anniv.)
- † Cathy Tebo-White
- † Skerdi Sanaj

TUE. MAY 7 8:30 AM

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

- † Margaret Hessling (2nd anniv.)
- † Alfred Butkus (27th anniv.)
- † Mary Jo Marchione
- † Frank Sarna
- † Jerome Sarna

WED. MAY 8 8:30 AM

- † Judy Brusate
- † Janet Hartigan

THU. MAY 9 8:30 AM

† Deceased Members of the Butkus & Sober Family

FRI. MAY 10 8:30 AM

- † Ray White

SAT. MAY 11 4:30 PM

For all living and deceased Mothers

SUN. MAY 12 8:00 AM

For all living and deceased Mothers
For the people of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish

SUN. MAY 12 9:45 AM

For all living and deceased Mothers
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SUN. MAY 12 11:45 AM

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Readings

SUNDAY

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4;
1 Jn 4:7-10;
Jn 15:9-17

MONDAY

Acts 16:11-15;
Ps 149:1b-2-6a and 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

TUESDAY

Acts 16:22-34;
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8;
Jn 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY

Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1;
Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14;
Jn 16:12-15

THURSDAY

Acts 1:1-11;
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9;
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13;
Mk 16:15-20

FRIDAY

Acts 18:9-18;
Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Jn 16:20-23

SATURDAY

Acts 18:23-28;
Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10;
Jn 16:23b-28

SUNDAY

Acts 1:1-11;
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9;
Eph 4:1-13;
Mk 16:15-20

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