

THE BULLETIN



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THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



What does
“REAL
PRESENCE”
mean
to me?

DISCIPLES
UNLEASHED

#CONNECTINGPOINT

MUSINGS + MESSAGES

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During this year of the Eucharist, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (also known as Corpus Christi) receives an added significance. Some studies have shown that many Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. They think that sacred elements are merely

symbols of Jesus rather than his body, blood, soul, and divinity.

As Catholics, we acknowledge, believe, and celebrate that at Mass, during the invocation of the Holy Spirit by the priest (known as the epiclesis) and the recitation of the words of institution, ordinary

bread and wine are consecrated to become Jesus Christ. Yes, the consecrated elements still look, feel, and taste like bread and wine, but their essence—their **reality**—has been transformed (transubstantiated) into the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ himself. We then consume Jesus Christ, who

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Connecting Point

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► What does “real presence” mean to me?

As Deacon Rick and I were traveling to Mackinac Island for the Knights of Columbus State Convention, I remembered I hadn't yet written this Connecting Point article. Looking for inspiration on what to write about, the only thing that came to me that evening was that the Real Presence of Jesus means “everything” to me. But really, what does that mean?

The following day, Deacon and I had the opportunity to go to St. Anne Church and serve Mass. Afterward, we, along with a dozen other priests and about 200 Knights, prayed before the Blessed Sacrament and carried Jesus in procession through the streets to the Grand Hotel, where the convention would be held. The effect that Jesus' Real Presence had on those we passed, both in the Blessed Sacrament and through the witness of over 200

people singing and praying in his honor, was miraculous. Every horse-drawn carriage stopped in reverence. People on the streets cleared a path for Jesus. Some made the sign of the cross, others fell to their knees, but all stopped their conversations to turn and gaze upon this spectacle of Living Faith. What an incredible experience to see how the Real Presence, honored in faith, can affect the world around us.

Both Deacon Rick and I had the honor of carrying Jesus in the procession, and we shared the same moving experience. The way the sunlight shined on Jesus' Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament caused us to see our faces reflected in the Holy Eucharist. Seeing myself in Jesus almost brought me to tears. In becoming bread for me, he not only enters me through communion



but also draws me into his very self to experience the depth of his peace, love, and joy. In that experience, I realized that being one with Jesus, living “Through him and with him and in him,” delivers very palpable peace, love, and joy. Coming only from him, that is the ultimate meaning of “Real Presence.” And for me, that is everything!

CALENDAR

JUNE 2 - 9

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
11:45 AM MASS
12:45 PM CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION UNTIL 1:45 (CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION)
1 PM BAPTISM

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
11:30 AM HEALTH MINISTRY MTG
1 PM CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
1 PM GRIEF SUPPORT
6:30 PM SVDP MTG

8:30 AM MASS
9:30 AM STRETCH & STRENGTH
9:30 AM WIDOWERS' SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP
10 AM LITTLE WAY ROSARY MAKERS
5:30 PM CHOIR REHEARSALS
6 PM K OF C MEMBERSHIP MTG

THU

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7 AM AA MEETING
8:30 AM MASS
9 AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
9:30 AM RAMBLING ROSES
12:30 PM HEALTH MINISTRY "VETERAN'S BENEFITS"
3 PM CONFESSIONS

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

3 PM OFFICE HOURS
4:30 PM MASS

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8 AM MASS
9:45 AM MASS
11:45 AM MASS
1 PM BAPTISM

EVENTS



MON | JUN 3 | 7 PM OR SAT | JUN 15 | 8 AM

ARMOR OF GOD MEN'S GROUP

The June discussions will cover end-of-life Issues. Booklets can be picked up in the parish office. The sessions are on Monday, Jun. 3, at 7 PM and

Saturday, Jun. 15, at 8 AM, with adoration starting at 7 AM. You only need to attend one session.



WED | JUN 5 | 9:30 AM

WIDOWERS SUPPORT GROUP

The St. Therese Health Ministry has organized a social support group for men who have lost their spouse or significant other. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM in Overflow 10. They are looking for new members

to join them and help plan group activities. If you have questions, contact the Health Ministry: Donna Ludwig at 586-212-0049, Sue Verellen at 586-822-6063, Marilyn Cito at 586-254-4433, Ext #320, or via email at Marilync@stol.church.



THU | JUN 6 | 9:30 AM

RAMBLING ROSES + PIZZA PARTY

Our annual pizza party follows our meeting on Jun. 6. If you still need a ticket, please contact Jean Hellebuyck at 586-604-1455 by May 30. The cost is \$7 per person; you must be a paid member. We

will also be collecting any items for a bag lunch or personal items for Sister Judie's Outreach. Monetary donations are also accepted. There will not be a speaker following our meeting.



SAT | JUN 8 | 12 - 6 PM AND SUN | JUN 9 7:30 AM - 2 PM
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE DAYS

St. Vincent de Paul will host Bundle Days on June 8 and 9. A truck will be in the parking lot to take your gently used clothing and household/miscellaneous items. **No** furniture items, regardless of size, will be

accepted.

The drop-off hours will be:

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



FRI | JUN 14 | 6 PM | ST. JOHN VIANNEY
U.S. FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The K of C will be holding their annual flag retirement ceremony. Bins will be placed in the Gathering Space prior to the event. Please place your worn and tattered flags in the bins by June 13. There will be a short ceremony prior to the

proper disposal of the flags. All are invited to participate. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided by the Sacred Heart Assembly of the Knights of Columbus. New, American Made flags will be available for purchase.



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 with 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.

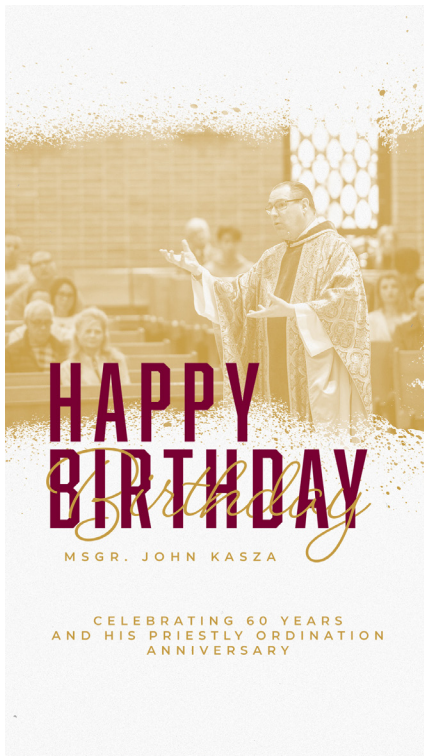


SAT | JUN 29 | 6 - 10 PM
SOCK HOP

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.

Get your tickets today by scanning the QR code.



Celebrating Monsignor's 60th Birthday and 31st Priestly Ordination Anniversary

👤 Chris Piebiak, Director of Family Ministry ↗ chrisp@stol.church

In a year filled with blessings and milestones, the St. Therese of Lisieux congregation will joyously gather to celebrate not one but two significant occasions: Monsignor John's 60th birthday and the 31st anniversary of his priestly ordination. This double celebration is a testament to a life dedicated to faith, service, and the spiritual growth of our community.

As Monsignor John turns 60, we reflect on his numerous achievements and the countless lives he has touched. His leadership has seen the church

through times of joy and challenge, always focusing on fostering a sense of community. His pastoral care has been instrumental in guiding many through their personal faith journeys, and his sermons continue to inspire and uplift.

Please join us in celebrating these milestones at a coffee and donut reception in the Social Hall after the 8 and 9:45 AM Masses on June 9.



The St. Francis Environmental Pledge

👤 Evangelization Committee

Fish Tales has been dedicating time to looking at how we can contribute to a clean environment. Much of what we talk about is addressed in the St. Francis Pledge, which comes from our friends at the Catholic Climate Covenant. It asks us to pray and reflect on the duty to protect God's creation, the poor, and the vulnerable by...

- Learning about and educating others on the causes and moral issues of climate change.
- Assessing how we, as individuals, families, parishes, and other affiliates, can positively contribute through our own use of energy, consumption, and wastefulness.
- Initiating discussions about how we can change our behaviors to reduce the ways we contribute to climate change.
- Be a good role model to help the poor and vulnerable understand the importance of protecting God's precious creation.

Together, let's take the pledge!

Pope Francis reminds us that "The primary mission of the church is to evangelize."

► Musings + Messages (cont'd)

physically becomes a transformative part of us.

How this transubstantiation occurs is a mystery. In fact, the early Church theologians just said, "It happens." Later on, people wanted to know the mechanics of the process. The simple explanation is as above: The substance (essence or reality) changes, but the accident (outward appearance) remains. As Catholics, we believe this is a matter of faith, not science. We believe because of what Jesus said in chapter six of John's Gospel. We believe because of our ancestors' tradition from the past 2000 years.

In your prayer this week, ask the

Lord to strengthen and deepen your belief in the Eucharist. Ask him to transform you and configure you to be more like Christ as you partake in the Eucharistic mystery.

To help us celebrate Mass more prayerfully, we need volunteers. Please consider joining us as a server, lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, usher, or sacristan. We are also looking for people to serve as Mass coordinators to ensure that every Mass has adequate liturgical ministers. Those of you who like to work behind-the-scenes and are creative should consider joining our decorating team. A few times a year, the team gathers to decorate the church for the seasons (Advent,

Christmas, winter, Lent, Easter, summer, and fall), along with a few specific feast days. Even if you don't have a creative eye but are good at product placement (i.e., moving), we could use your assistance. Please consider signing up for any of these ministries in the Gathering Space during June. If you have questions, please see Rebecca or myself.

Congratulations to all who are graduating from high school, trade school, college, graduate school, or the military this year. May God continue to bless all of your endeavors and give you much success in your careers.

► We are the Body of Christ

Worship Ministry | 👤 Rebecca Poupard - Director of Worship 📧 rebeccap@stol.church

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi translates to "body of Christ." As we celebrate this Solemnity, it is important to remember that we, the members of the Church, are Christ's body. Since he resides in heaven, we are his hands, his feet, and his heart here on earth. The work of the Church is ultimately up to us. Mass is an essential part of what we do as Catholics. Everything we do points to the Mass. It takes many people to assist in making the Mass available for the community.

Here at St. Therese, we boast a community of over 6,500 members. That's amazing, especially in this day and age, when the Church isn't important to everyone. As such a large community, it takes many volunteers to help it grow. If you

already volunteer, we are so grateful and appreciative of the time you give to help our community flourish. If you are not a volunteer, we could really use your help to make our community that much better.

We currently need volunteers for altar servers (kids and adults), Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, ushers, and Mass coordinators. All of these ministries give you an opportunity to give back to God while you are already attending Mass. There is only a short training before you begin volunteering, but after that, you are already here at Mass, so why not get involved and enhance your experience and community? We need you!

If you would like to volunteer and have more time to commit, we have a thriving music ministry that could

always use additional singers and instrumentalists. We also have a Eucharistic Revival Committee that plans worship-filled and education-centered events for our community.

Please spend some time thinking and praying about how you can get more involved. Your church needs you, your community needs you, and maybe you need this opportunity to help you in some aspect of your life. Giving your time and talent is a fantastic way to give back to God in thanksgiving for the gifts and blessings that he has bestowed upon you.

If you have questions or would like more information about the many opportunities available in our Worship ministries, please contact Rebecca Poupard (our music director) at rebeccap@stol.church.

DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

► Mission Minute

Registration for Children's Programs

Online registration will be launching shortly! Previously registered families should watch their emails for more information.

Living Faith

Living Faith materials are due! If you participated in our program that combines Church participation and independent study, please note that you need to check in with us by turning in your at-home work and event participation records as soon as possible. Contact juliel@stol.church with any questions.

Jesus' Summer Bucket List

My Child,
I'm so excited summer time is here! I love to watch you play and have fun. Did you know I like summer time, too? I would really like to hang out with you and have some fun this summer. In fact, I have a bucket full of ideas for us to do. I call it my summer bucket list.



Come to Mass each week and I will have the priest reach into my bucket and announce what I would like to do with you that week! When you leave Mass today, pick up a picture of my summer bucket at the table in the gathering space. Starting next week, I will have stickers at the table. If you had the chance to complete one of my bucket list ideas, put the sticker on my summer bucket picture. I hope the bucket will be covered with stickers by the end of summer! I'm really looking forward to spending time with you this summer!

Love, Jesus



MISSION

Congratulations on making your Confirmation! Now, you are fully initiated into the Catholic faith. The Church rejoices!



Julian James Benjamin
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Parent: Maryam



Sarah Fromm
Utica High School
Parents: Ed & Lisa



Anna Gallick
Lutheran North
Parents: Jim & Brenda



Chika Nwoke
Gene L. Klida Utica Academy
for International Studies
Parents: Michael & Blessing



Joseph Ray
Dakota High School
Parents: Justin & Diana



Dominic Torres II
Chippewa Valley High School
Parents: Dominic & Kelly



Nicholas Valentage
Lawrence Technological
University



Ashley Winowski
Henry Ford II High School
Parent: Steve


► St. Isidore Baby Pantry

"...Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another..."


John 13:34

The St. Isidore Baby Pantry invites low-income families with children aged two and under to receive assistance with baby items through our pantry.

If you are low-income, receive WIC assistance, and need help, call 586-745-9501 anytime and leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible.



ST. ISIDORE



**BABY
PANTRY**

Ministry Schedule

SAT | JUNE 8
4:30 PM

Lector 1: Erin Lenzini

Lector 2: Sister Mary Andrew

Altar Servers: Sarah H.

Usher Team 8: Dean Corsi

SUN | JUNE 9
8:00 AM

Lector 1: Jasper Wilhelm

Lector 2: Michelle Dziurgot

Altar Servers: Christian P., Ava P.

Usher Team 5: Dennis Westerlund

SUN | JUNE 9
9:45 AM

Lector 1: Carol Nehra

Lector 2: Janet Webster

Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed

Usher Team 6: Jack Simonetta

SUN | JUNE 9
11:45 AM

Lector 1: Norma DiGregorio

Lector 2: Fiorino DiGregorio

Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed

Usher Team 7: Art Wilson

► June is Men's Health Month

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

The purpose of Men's Health Month is to raise awareness of preventable health problems and encourage the early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. This month is dedicated to education and activities about male health and wellness, including physical health, mental health, and social connection. In June, people should take the opportunity to encourage men and boys to seek regular medical advice and early treatment for disease and injury.

On average, men die five years younger than women and at higher rates from nine of the top 10 causes of death. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the leading causes of death for men in the U.S. are heart disease, cancer, and accidental injuries. Men are also less likely than women to be insured. Men are twice as likely to have heart attacks than women, and strokes also occur more often in men.

While prostate cancer is the most commonly identified cancer in men and the second leading cause of cancer-related death, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death in men. Colorectal cancer is also higher in men than women. Men are more susceptible to developing Type 2 diabetes than women because obesity is a significant risk

factor for diabetes, and men tend to have more visceral (abdominal) fat. Since men are more apt to suppress their emotions, they are more prone to depression and suicidal thoughts. Men are less likely to seek help for their depression and may cope with depression in other ways, such as drinking.

Father's Day is nearing, but helping dads (and all men!) is something we should do year-round. Here are a number of things we can do all year:

- **Encourage him to get a physical.** Most of the factors that contribute to men's shorter, less healthy lives are preventable, and that prevention starts with seeing a healthcare provider on a regular basis. Adult men in the United States visit primary care providers at lower rates than adult women. Establishing baselines and monitoring change for factors such as blood pressure, cholesterol, weight, and PSA (a screening test for prostate cancer risk) will enable the provider to catch potentially dangerous conditions early when they're still treatable.
- **Encourage him to get physical.** Physical activity has extensive health benefits, but many people find it challenging to get motivated on their own. Rather

than simply telling your dad to exercise (and hoping he will), do it with him! Encourage him to join a recreation league in your community, sign up for group or personal training sessions, or make a routine out of regular walks. Walking with a spouse, family member, neighbor, or even a pet makes it much more enjoyable.

- **Let him know you care.** One reason men disregard their health is that they're too busy taking care of everyone else. What they don't realize, however, is that if they die early, they'll be hurting the very people they've worked so hard to protect. So, remind him that you and your family members love him and need him to be alive and healthy for as long as possible.
- **Spread the word!** Share this information with your loved ones, friends, co-workers, and others.

References:

- www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/men.htm
- www.cdc.gov/stroke/men.htm

► Mass Intentions

SAT. JUNE 1 4:30 PM

- For the People of St.
Therese of Lisieux
- † Mary Servitto (1st Anniv.)
 - † Edmund & Florence Silarski
 - † Joe Basirico
 - † Hub Kraemer
Fr. Ron Essman
 - † Raymond Pasternak
 - † Garry Fix
 - † Edward Kane (53rd Anniv.)
 - † Mario, Delita & David Baldinelli

SUN. JUNE 2 8:00 AM

- For the Intentions in Our
Prayer Box
- † Ernest Breitschuh
 - † Giuseppe Grossi, Gene Ray, Phyllis Scappaticci, & Clementina & Giuseppe DeCarolis Christian Vulaj (Bday) Elvis Dedvukak (Bday) Julian Vulaj (Bday)
 - † Paul Grivas (Anniv.)
 - † Thomas & Ann Nuttle
 - † Philip Schultheis

SUN. JUNE 2 9:45 AM

- For the Intentions in Our
Prayer Box
- † George & Peggy Ciolli
 - † Captain Drew Russell
 - † Ed Wiegand
 - † Robert Hiddings
 - † Jerry & Mary Ann Wasik
 - † Anton Kerchoni
 - † Zet Kerchoni

- † Virginia Rillett
- † Paul Rice

SUN. JUNE 2 11:45 AM

- For the Intentions in Our
Prayer Box
- James and Sharon (59th Anniv.)
- † Mary Costanzo, Frank Gatto, Mario Gatto
 - † Virginia Bumol
 - † Germena Recchia (1st Anniv.)
 - † Grazia DiMaggio
 - † John & Ann Rein, Carolyn Gambino
 - † Paul Rice
 - † Nik Bojaj
 - † Carol Long

TUE. JUNE 4 8:30 AM

- Vocations to the Priesthood
& Religious Life
- Sr. Andrew (Bday)
- † Mary Jo Marchione
 - † Zenaida Uy
 - † Raymond Kneebone
 - † Richard Regan
Jim Torello

WED. JUNE 5 8:30 AM

- † Menard & Daniel Family
- † Robert J. Kneebone, Sr.
- † Deacon Jerome Campernel
- † Linda Szatkowski (5th Anniv.)
- † Lilo Nardi (5th Anniv.)
Liam & Elena Jerome
- † Richard Regan

- † Rosemarie Hill (18th Anniv.)

THU. JUNE 6 8:30 AM

- † Deceased Members of the
Butkus & Sober Family
- † Richard Regan
 - † Nansea Lee Norton
Paula Bliss (Healing)
 - † Therese Sucharski

FRI. JUNE 7 8:30 AM

- † Mark Lampar
- † Janet Hartigan
- † Richard Regan
- † Joe Barone
- † Thomas Flanigan
- † Eleanor Trombly
Msgr. John Kasza
Fr. Ron Essman
Fr. John Brohl
Fr. Matthew Hicks

SAT. JUNE 8 4:30 PM

- † William & Julia Silarski
- † Joe Basirico
- † Judy Brusate
- † Edward Graney, Don Trudeau, Rick Lenzini
- † Sylvester Peyerk (1st Anniv.)
- † Julius Peyok (46th Anniv.)
- † Gerald Dolsen, Lauren Dolsen
- † Alfred Saam
- † Henry Patalon
- † Deacon John Skladanowski

SUN. JUNE 9 8:00 AM

- For the People of St.
Therese of Lisieux
- † Chase Malinowski

- Ellen Garrett (Bday)
- † Michael Garrett (Bday)
- † Jerry Ulatowski
- † Erlinda Ibarreta
- † Erma Ibarreta
- † Nicole Cason
- † Maria Nguyen, Joseph Doan
- † Simon Vo

SUN. JUNE 9 9:45 AM

- † Captain Drew Russell
- † Ed Wiegand
- † Robert Hiddings
- † Jerry & Mary Ann Wasik
- † Antonio Soave (Bday)
- † Vito Mocerì
Alpin Culaj Family
Elidon Culaj Family
- † Rami Kakos
- † Antoni & Zofia Galczak

SUN. JUNE 9 11:45 AM

- † Richard VanSlembrouck (Bday)
- † Onorio Recchia
- † Joyce Geis, Tom Antkowiak
- † Richard Regan
- † Rita Duda
- † P.J. Driscoll
- † Carol Long
- † Kasmine Ponton
- † Prek Pllumaj, Pjeter Durgaj
- † Irma Santi

Readings

SUNDAY

Ex 24:3-8,
Ps 116:12-13, 15-18;
Heb 9:11-15;
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

MONDAY

2 Pt 1:2-7;
Ps 91:1-2, 14-16;
Mk 12:1-12

TUESDAY

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18;
Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14 and 16;
Mk 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12;
Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef;
Mk 12:18-27

THURSDAY

2 Tm 2:8-15;
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10 and 14;
Mk 12:28-34

FRIDAY

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9;
Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
Eph 3:8-12, 14-19;
Jn 19:31-37

SATURDAY

2 Tm 4:1-8;
Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22;
Lk 2:41-51

SUNDAY

Gn 3:9-15;
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
2 Cor 4:13-5:1;
Mk 3:20-35

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