

THE BULLETIN



St. Therese
OF LISIEUX

April 20, 2025
EASTER SUNDAY

HOPE
IN

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CONNECTING POINT

👤 Fr. Ron Victor, St. Isidore ✉ fron@stisidore.church

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as the "Jubilee Year of Hope." Hope is at the heart of who we are as a Christian people, and Christ's Resurrection is our source of hope. The Resurrected Christ is the Light that overcomes the darkness of our world. His Resurrection gives us the hope that God's grace is

more powerful than sin, life is more powerful than death, and hate will be overcome by love. The empty tomb means new beginnings for all of creation (a message reflected in the tapestries on the west wall of St. Isidore's worship space).

We are called to live in this new

creation. Our hope is for a better world with a better future for refugees, the poor, the sick, the lonely, the depressed, the abused, the paranoid, and the downtrodden. As Christian people of hope, it is our mission to do all that we can to create this new world. Thus, Easter is not just a day—it is a way of life.

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CONNECTING POINT (cont'd)

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul speaks of our hope that arises from Christ's Resurrection. Notice that he does **not** write, "Therefore, since you have such a great hope, sit back and relax because God has a great future in store for you." Instead, he writes, "Therefore, my beloved ones, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

At Mass today, we distributed Easter cards with this Connecting Point, "Hope in Him." The card, created by our Director of Engagement, Matt Kush, displays a powerful design for which he offers the following reflection:

This year's Easter card features a darker design than usual, but that's intentional. In a world that often feels heavy with division,

fear, and uncertainty, the dark background represents the reality of those struggles. But from that darkness, light breaks through. The glowing doorway is a powerful symbol of the stone rolled away, not from the outside looking in, but from inside the tomb looking out—as if we're seeing the moment Jesus steps into the light of Resurrection. The beam of light stretching forward reminds us that hope doesn't stay buried; it moves with us. Paired with the message, "Hope in Him," this card is a reminder that Easter is more than a day—it's an invitation to walk forward in the light of Christ, even when the world feels dark.

We hope that you will put the card in an accessible place where you may see it and reflect on it daily. May it encourage you to live each day in the hope of the Resurrected Christ.



CALENDAR

APRIL 20 - 27

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| SUN 20 | MON 21 | TUE 22 | WED 23 |
| 9 AM OFFICE HOURS 7:45 AM MASS 9:45 AM MASS 11:45 AM MASS | 9:30 AM STRETCH & STRENGTH 2 PM ROSARY | 7 AM AA MEETING 8:30 AM MASS 11:30 AM FOP LEADERSHIP TEAM MTG 1 PM GRIEF SUPPORT 7 PM PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MTG | 8:30 AM MASS 9:30 AM STRETCH & STRENGTH 10 AM FUNERAL - NEVEN 1 PM AGEWAYS BALANCE WORKSHOP 5:30 PM CHOIR REHEARSALS |
| THU 24 | FRI 25 | SAT 26 | SUN 27 |
| 7 AM AA MEETING 8:30 AM MASS 9 AM EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 9:30 AM WOMEN OF FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP 11 AM GRIEF MINISTRY MTG 3 PM CONFESSIONS 6:30 PM FIRST EUCCHARIST REHEARSAL | OFFICE CLOSED 8:30 AM MASS 9:30 AM STRETCH & STRENGTH 12 PM WIDOWED FRIENDS GATHERING | 3 PM OFFICE HOURS 10:30 AM FIRST EUCCHARIST MASS 1:30 PM RETROUVAILLE GATHERING 4:30 PM MASS | 9 AM OFFICE HOURS 8 AM MASS 9:45 AM MASS / LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN'S CHURCH 11 AM TEEN BIBLE STUDY 11:45 AM MASS / LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN'S CHURCH 1 PM BAPTISM 1:30 PM SENIOR CARD GRP |

EVENTS



SUN | APR 27 | 1:30 PM

SUNDAY SENIOR CARD PARTY

Due to our regularly scheduled card party falling on Easter, we will instead have it a week later (Sunday, Apr. 27), starting at 1:30 PM in the

Social Hall. New members are always welcome to join!



THU | MAY 1 | BEGINS 9 AM

ADORATION 101

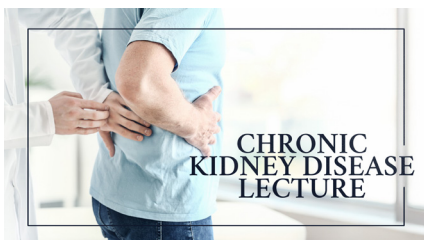
Adoration is a time to pray, praise, and simply be with Jesus. We come to offer Jesus our time and to gain extra grace by simply being in His presence. Come out to learn more about Adoration in a casual, welcoming environment.

9:30 AM-7:30 PM : Exposition

5:00-6:30 PM: Light Dinner & Fellowship

6:30-7:30 PM: Music, praise, worship, and Benediction

Confession and private prayer teams available. All are welcome, whether first-timers or longtime attendees.



THU | MAY 1 | 12 - 1 PM

CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE LECTURE

Following the Rambling Roses meeting, educator Victoria Laurenzi-Jump from Greenfield Health Services will give a presentation on kidney disease. Topics will include signs, symptoms, treatment, daily

management, and more. Since a light lunch will be provided, please **RSVP to the parish office** or Marilyn Cito at 586-254-4433 Ext. 320, or Marilync@stol.church.



FRI - SUN | MAY 2 - 4

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting, or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Retrouvaille can help! The upcoming Retrouvaille of Metro-Detroit weekend is scheduled for next month. For confidential information and registration, call 800-470-2230 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.

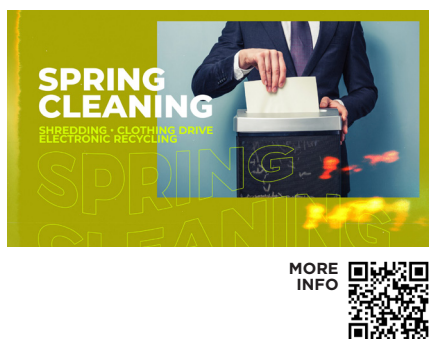


TUE | MAY 6 | 5:30 - 8 PM

MOTHER'S DAY "TEA FOR THEE"

Join us as we honor all the wonderful women in our lives! Enjoy a light dinner, plenty of desserts, and of course, tea. Doors open at 5:30 PM, with the program starting at 5:45 PM. **Tickets are \$20 and available in the parish office. Seating is**

limited to 150, with a seating chart to choose your table. Please indicate if you'd like a vegetarian meal. Questions? Contact Marilyn Cito at 586-254-4433 Ext. 320 or Marilync@stol.church.



SAT | MAY 10 | ST. ISIDORE

SPRING CLEANING EVENT

Clear out the clutter this spring with on-site shredding, electronic recycling, and a clothing drive all in one convenient stop at St. Isidore. Drop off documents for secure shredding, recycle old electronics responsibly, and donate gently

used clothing and small working appliances to help those in need. Let's refresh our homes and support our community together! Shredding: 10 AM - 1 PM
Ewaste: 10 AM - 2 PM
Scan the code for more info.



SAT | MAY 17 | 6 PM

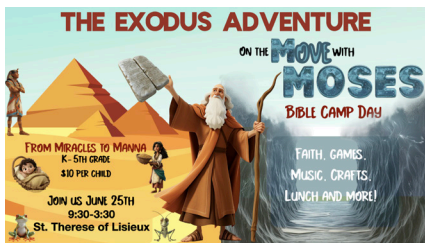
PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for the next Parish Movie Night, sponsored by the St. Therese K of C and supported by the ushers. We'll be showing two short films:

- *The Boy from Milan* (a powerful new documentary about Blessed Carlo Acutis)
- *The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey*

The movies will begin promptly at 6 PM. Popcorn and light snacks will be available. Join your fellow parishioners for a delightful evening of fun and fellowship as we learn more about these two special men—one who is a saint and one who is about to become one.

EVENTS (cont'd)



WED | JUN 25 | 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

THE EXODUS ADVENTURE: ON THE MOVE WITH MOSES

On the Move with Moses is a one-day Bible camp for children in grades K-5. This event will be centered around faith, games, music, crafts, lunch, and more. The all-day event will begin at 9:30 AM and end

at 3:30 PM.

Cost: \$10/child

Please scan the QR code for more information and registration.



TUE | JULY 29 | 7 PM | ST. ISIDORE

Rebecca St. James in Concert

Join us for an unforgettable evening of music and faith as Rebecca St. James takes the stage at St. Isidore! A GRAMMY®-winning singer/songwriter, best-selling author, speaker, and actress, Rebecca has been inspiring audiences worldwide

for decades. She's also the sister of the award-winning band FOR KING & COUNTRY, sharing the same passion for worship and ministry. **Tickets are on sale now and will sell out quickly. Scan the QR code to learn more and purchase tickets.**



WED | APR 23 | 6:30 - 8 PM | ST. ISIDORE

THE POWER OF WORDS

Join us for an important discussion on the power of words. We'll talk about how the words we speak hold the power of life or death and how we can use our words to encourage,

uplift, and build others up in faith. Bring a friend, and don't miss this chance to learn how to speak life into those around you!

Learn more and view the full schedule and ways to plug in!



► Youth Development Advisory Team Volunteers Wanted

👤 Diana Devine, Youth Minister ✉ dianad@stol.church

Are you passionate about guiding and empowering the next generation? We're looking for dedicated adults and young adults to join our Youth Development Advisory Team! Your insight and experience can help shape meaningful programs,

mentorship opportunities, and engaging activities for our youth.

If you're interested in making a difference, please reach out to diana@stisidore.church for more details!



Prayer Before Your Easter Meal

Loving Father,
we thank you for bringing us together for this meal.
May we continue to live in your friendship
and in harmony with one another.

Bless this food, a sign of your loving care for us,
and bless our daily lives.
Bless your Church throughout the world
and all those who seek to do your will today.

Father of mercy, all praise to you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen



DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

► Upcoming Children's Formation Events

- April 26 (10:30 to 11:30 AM): First Eucharist Celebration
- April 28 & 29: Regular Classes
- May 3 (at 4:30 PM Mass): Confirmation Celebration
- May 12 & 13: Rose Reward Shopping! A time to "spend" the awards given for active participation, prayer memorization, and more.
- June 24 (9:30 to 3:30 PM): Exodus Adventures – Moses and More! Bible Camp. A one-day VBS for children in K-5th grade.

Remember, we also offer Children's Church at our 9:45 and 11:45 AM Masses and the Little Lambs program (for 3-5-year-olds) as volunteer staffing permits. If you value the Little Lambs program, please consider stepping forward to assist once or twice a month.

Adult Bible Study About the Mass

Join us for "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass," a video-based study featuring the work of Dr. Edward Sri. In this study, Dr. Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

We'll meet at St. Therese, beginning June 17 or June 19, depending on

your choice of meeting day and time. Tuesday gatherings meet from 9:30 to 11 AM, and Thursday gatherings run from 6:30 to 8 PM. Participants can switch sessions as their schedule allows. This is a five-session study. There is a \$30 fee for the book, workbook, and other printed materials. You can pay in advance in the parish office or at the first class. **For more information or to register for the study, contact Kim at 586-254-2944 or kimc@stol.church.** It is important to register so we can

have materials for you. If you prefer, online access to the videos and an online version of the workbook, these can be purchased directly through Ascension Press for \$5.95 plus tax.

► Give Your Body a Boost With Laughter

👤 Marilyn Cito ✉ marilync@stol.church

I, like many of you, have young grandchildren (or young children), and I absolutely love to hear them giggle and laugh! They seem to laugh all the time at the silliest things, and you can't help but laugh with them. They laugh while they play, watch TV or movies, or talk with their friends, family, parents, or grandparents. As we grow up, however, that laughter doesn't seem to come as easily. Yes, I know that is part of growing up and becoming an adult, but don't you wish we could be more like when we were kids? In thinking about this, I couldn't help but wonder about the role that laughter plays in our health. Researchers have studied laughter's effects on the body over the last few decades and have discovered some interesting information on how laughter affects us:

- **Blood flow:** Our blood vessels contract and expand. The flow of blood is restricted in people who are tense or upset. When we are happy and experience laughter, though, our blood flows normally.
- **Immune response:** Increased stress is associated with decreased immune system

response. Some studies have shown that humor may raise the level of infection-fighting antibodies and boost the levels of immune cells.

- **Blood sugar levels:** One study showed blood sugar was lowered after watching comedies (compared to people who listened to a tedious lecture).
- **Relaxation and sleep:** Studies have demonstrated that laughter can help relieve pain and allow for more restful sleep.

Laughter is good for us—mentally, physically, and spiritually. We all know the warm, fuzzy feeling that comes after a good laugh. Laughter can lighten our moods and make us feel connected with others. But sometimes, there is not always a lot to laugh about. Good belly laughs can be few and far between, so we need to make a conscious effort to try and see the positive things in our lives and express gratitude for our blessings. Prayer and reflection are other means of achieving a positive state of mind. Socializing with loved ones and friends who make us laugh is one way of training our bodies to embrace happiness. Pets can also

have good effects on our bodies and make us feel loved, reducing stress in our lives. Traveling, hobbies, and doing the things we love can have the same positive effect. Joy and gratitude are skills we can develop when we practice mindfulness and being present in the moment. So, let's all make a concentrated effort to laugh more often since it will have a positive effect on our health!

References:

- WebMD
- Church Health Reader/Winter 2018

► Pilgrimage to Poland

Join Monsignor from Sept. 9-23 on an unforgettable pilgrimage to Poland. This journey will take you through the heart of a country where faith and history intertwine, from the sacred sites of Czestochowa and Kraków to the stunning landscapes of the Tatra Mountains. Walk in the footsteps of saints, visit awe-inspiring churches and shrines, and immerse yourself in Poland's deep Catholic heritage. Along the way, experience the warmth of Polish hospitality, savor traditional cuisine, and witness the resilience of a nation that has preserved its faith through centuries of trials. This pilgrimage is more than a trip—it's a spiritual renewal, a cultural discovery, and a testament to the beauty of Poland's soul. Visit stol.church/poland for more information.

► Teen Mission Trip 2025

Are you ready for a life-changing experience? Join our youth ministry for the 2025 Mission Trip from Jul. 20-26 in Pewaukee, WI!

What is the Mission Trip?

We will be participating in a Workcamp/Home Repair trip through Group Mission Trips. This means that throughout the week, workgroups will help repair and improve homes for those in need. Projects may include:

- Building small structures
- Painting
- Basic home repairs
- Serving and connecting with the community

Who Can Attend?

- Teens ages 14+ are welcome to participate.
- Adult chaperones are needed to help guide and support our group.

Cost & Support

- Cost per attendee: \$548
- Fundraising opportunities and scholarships are available to help with costs.

Sign Up & More Info

For questions or to register, contact Paul Candela at:

- (810) 523-6818
- candelas@wowway.com

Ministry Schedule

SAT | APRIL 26 4:30 PM

Lector 1: Carrie Dekoski

Lector 2: Volunteer Needed

Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed

Usher Team 2: Sam Guzzardo

SUN | APRIL 27 8:00 AM

Lector 1: Paul Wilhelm

Lector 2: Janis Fick

Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed

Usher Team 3: Matt Stephan

SUN | APRIL 27 9:45 AM

Lector 1: Patricia Austin

Lector 2: Volunteer Needed

Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed

Usher Team 4: Tomaz Dopico

SUN | APRIL 27 11:45 AM

Lector 1: Bernadine Biske

Lector 2: Jim Biske

Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed

Usher Team 1: Diane Kuptz

► We pray for the sick...

Asterisk denotes newly added name.

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| Alvis, Kathy | Denton, Eden | Macknis, Sandy | Snodgrass, Doris |
| Alvis, Terry | Dewer, Diane | Mackowiak, Elaine | Soham |
| Asgood, David | DeFauw, Paul | Malane, Sharon | Stanislawski, Kimberly |
| Baby Scarlett | DeRemer, Colin | Maliskey, Barb | Sterling, Carol |
| Baby Whitley | Durr, Naomi | Maliskey, Larry | Sterling, George |
| Bacci, Brooke | Fain, Rose Marie | Mancina, Alice | Stewart, Jaclyn |
| Bacci, Larry | Finkel, Ryder | *Marlar, David | Stewart-Reilly, Kim |
| Bacheldor, Mary | Fuelling, Ethan | Matthews, Sue | Stroh, Sherrie |
| Baldinelli, Marilyn | *George | Matthews, Dave | Suida, Richard |
| Bauman, Linda | Greg | *Metti, Paul | Szpotek, Donna |
| Beaugeois, Mary | Goodman, Kay | Milne Family | Taggart, Robert |
| Beaulieu, Michael | Hanus, Barbara | Moreno, Nancy | Tarpey, Nancy Lee |
| Beaulieu, Don | Hervis, Olga | Nehra, Rebecca | Thielen, Jeff |
| Beninati, Patricia | Hill, Dan | Okon, Ann Marie | Thomas, John |
| Binkowski, Madeleine | Hill, Sandy | Okon, Mary Anne | Tiedt, Tom |
| Bliss, Jennifer | Hoos, Nona | Ousley, Jacob | *Tristani, Vincent |
| Bohay, Larry | Iacona, Vito | Parent, Julie | Trotto, Patricia |
| Bologna, Linda | Jachcik, Bradley | Pasque, Evelyn | *Vanbuskirk, John |
| Bourgeois, Mary | Jachcik, James | Pazin, Delphine | VanDerHagen, Barbara |
| Brown, Debbie | Jachcik, Nancy | Pazin, Richard | VanDerHagen, Rich |
| Brown, Rachel | Kane, Gerry | Petz, Christine | VanDerHagen Rick |
| Camacci, Barbara | Kelley, Shirley | Przepiora, Donna Marie | Venditti, Paul |
| *Candela, Jeff | Kler, Judith | Ramirez, Tina | Visconti, Dianne |
| *Candela, Violet | Knee, Colleen | Ricardo, Tan | W. Lisa |
| Cassidy, Barbara | Konczal, Norm | Robb, Ken | *Wagner, AJ |
| Ciavattone, Bruno | Konczal, Rosemarie | Rose Ann | Wilson, Mickey |
| Ciavattone, Chris | Koss, James | Samulski, Dolores | Zapczynski, Ray |
| Coreless, Kaye | *Kremer, Paul | Schafran, Barb | Zimmerman, Toni |
| Corsi, Keith | LaRose, Vincent | Shock, Maureen | Zoellner, Brent |
| Cucchiara, Sam | Lemanski, Kym | Selesniak, Sharon | |
| Dan | Lieder, Lynn | Servitto, Michael | |
| Dawes, Scott | Loverde, Sharon | Smith, Lane | |

► ...and for those serving in the military

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

► Mass Intentions

SAT. APR. 19 8:30 PM

For the newly baptized and those
received into the Church, that God
will bless them as they continue their
journey in faith

SUN. APR. 20 7:45 AM

For the people of St. Therese of
Lisieux Parish

SUN. APR. 20 9:45 AM

For the people of St. Therese of
Lisieux Parish

SUN. APR. 20 11:45 AM

For the people of St. Therese of
Lisieux Parish

TUE. APR. 22 8:30 AM

- † Gaspare Lombardo (Bday)
- † Hub Kraemer
- † Luigi & Angelina Franzese

WED. APR. 23 8:30 AM

- † Patty Markelewicz

THU. APR. 24 8:30 AM

- † James J. Boggio (Bday)
- † Eustaquia DeLeon
- † Lillian Krajenke
- † Daniel Hill

FRI. APR. 25 8:30 AM

Nicole & Baby (Healing)

SAT. APR. 26 4:30 PM

- † Joe Basirico, Maria Basirico-Fiorello
- † Al Saam
- † Joseph & Nina Salomone
- † John Hirschmann (1st Anniv.)
- † Robert Frankowski (14th Anniv.)
- † John & Lottie Tuchowski
- † James Blaisdell, Jr.
- † Kopera Family Members
- † Salvatore Graneri
- † Christy Smith

SUN. APR. 27 8:00 AM

- † Tom Westerlund
- † George & Peggy Ciolli
- † Albert Spahi
- † Lucy Benenati
- Paul Ahee
- † Thresiamma Thomas (1st Anniv.)

- † Alfio Pitruzzello (28th Anniv.)

- † Maria Nguyen
- † Simon Vo
- Anna Pachut (Bday)

SUN. APR. 27 9:45 AM

- † Macolatta Antonucci
- † Carmine Russo
- † Elena Tomenello
- Mickey Wilson (Healing)
- † Joseph Garr
- † Joseph Phillips
- † Mri Selmani
- † Kole Selmani
- † Luc Selmani
- † Gjyste Selmani

SUN. APR. 27 11:45 AM

- † Gaspare Lombardo
- † Grazia DiMaggio
- † Nancy Kucyk
- † John & Theresa Berd, Dennis Berd,
Vicky Berd
- † Raymond Fisher (15th Anniv.)
- † Giorgio Calabrese
- † Michelle Trosper (Bday)
- † Frank Recchia
- † Peter M. Tocco
- † Salvatore & Pietra Ventimiglia
- Gill and Bunny Mondoux (55th
Wedding Anniv.)

Readings

SUNDAY

Acts 10:34a, 37-43;
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Col 3:1-4;
Jn 20:1-9

MONDAY

Acts 2:14, 22-33;
Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15

TUESDAY

Acts 2:36-41;
Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY

Acts 3:1-10;
Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
Ps 118:24;
Lk 24:13-35

THURSDAY

Acts 3:11-26;
Ps 8:2ab, 5-9;
Lk 24:35-48

FRIDAY

Acts 4:1-12;
Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;
Jn 21:1-14

SATURDAY

Acts 4:13-21;
Ps 118:1, 14-21;
Mk 16:9-15

SUNDAY

Acts 5:12-16;
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;
Jn 20:19-31

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Sunday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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