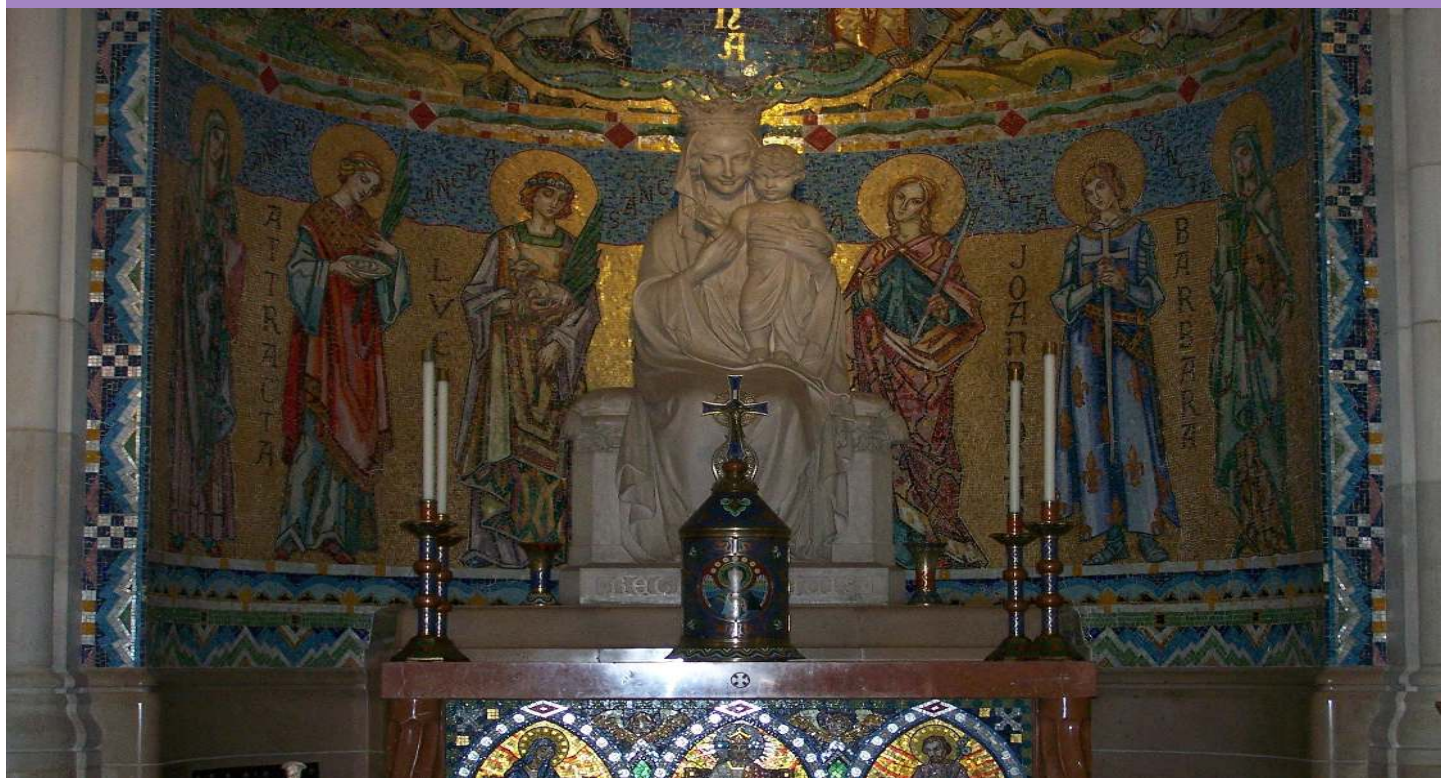


# SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## DECEMBER 9, 2018



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### Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am  
  
Monday & Friday: 5:30 pm  
Tuesday - Thursday: 7:00 am

### Spanish Mass:

*Resurrection Parish, Lexington*

Sunday: 6:00 pm

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm  
Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

### Pastoral Care Contacts:

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572  
*Hospital & Follow-up  
Nursing Homes/Assisted Living &  
Prayer Pipeline*

Deacon John Reef 419.529.3694  
*Shut-ins/Homebound*

### Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Center to begin plans for the baptism of your baby or child.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:30 pm  
Other times by appointment.

### Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least eight months in advance of the ceremony. A wedding date is confirmed after the initial meeting with a priest.

### Sunday Nursery:

Sunday Nursery is temporarily unavailable until further notice.

### Bulletin Deadline:

Friday, 12:00 noon. All requests must be submitted in writing or email and must receive prior approval.

### Parish Administrative Assistant:

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572 ext.2122

### Pastoral Staff:

Fr. Gregory R. Hite, *Pastor*  
Fr. Austin Ammanniti, *Parochial Vicar*  
Mr. Bill Johnson,  
*Director of Music & Liturgy*  
Ms. Lynne Lukach, *Pastoral Associate*  
Mrs. Elizabeth Wurm, *Director of  
Religious Ed. & Youth Minister*

### Deacon:

Mr. John Reef

### St. Peter's School:

Ms. Tammy Haus  
*High School, Jr. High School*  
Mrs. Madalyn Bauer  
*Elementary School*  
Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer  
*Montessori*

### Parish Business Manager:

Mr. Evan Mumea

### Director of Development:

Mr. Jason Crundwell

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**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, December 10, Advent Weekday**

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm North Central Ohio Vocations

**Tuesday, December 11, Advent Weekday**

7:00 am Adam Freiheit

**Wednesday, December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

7:00 am Parish

9:30 am Parish, All School Mass

**Thursday, December 13, Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

7:00 am Parish

**Friday, December 14, Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Donald Chambers

**Saturday, December 15, Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm Marilyn Mertler

**Sunday, December 16, Third Sunday of Advent**

7:30 am Rev. Paul M. Kwiatkowski

9:30 am Richard Bohland

11:30 am Parish

**LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER****Saturday, December 15**5:00 pm **L** C Taddeo, C Eighinger**D** V Zack, D Falquette, B Linkenbach,  
C Campbell, D Campbell, Deacon John Reef**Sunday, December 16**7:30 am **L** M Santoro, D Bessemer**D** M Collet, K Reindl, K Reindl, B Danuloff,  
L Danuloff, D Givens, Deacon John Reef9:30 am **L** F Schuster, D Forster**D** D Dreskler, M Riggelman, T Etzwiler,  
M Meinzer, C Merle, J Brennan, K Wehinger,  
Deacon John Reef11:30 am **L** C Mears, D Creamer**D** K Yockey, H Deel, K Schreck, S Rizzo,  
F Leitenberger, S Elliott, T Fesler, Deacon John Reef**MASS SERVERS****Saturday, December 15**

5:00 pm Z Daniels, L Rhodes, K Pollock

**Sunday, December 16**

7:30 am A Saltzgeber, S Tridico, A Gasper

9:30 am C Peters, E Lindsey, R Henrich

11:30 am C Stewart, K Elliott, J Rizzo

**THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

9:30 am Heather

11:30 am Kathy

This **Second Sunday of Advent** finds us well into the Christmas preparation season! Shopping, wrapping – and I also hope praying, enjoying some quiet and “peace of heart” time as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Father Austin and I have decorated the tree at the rectory, offered our sacramental assistance at several Penance Services within our deanery, and are striving to prepare a place in *our* hearts for Christ's coming – even in these busy days.

Thanks to all who make this season, once again, unique and memorable at St. Peter's. I wish to thank Ann Brown, Mollie Orsini, and Jenny Wala, and the **many generous volunteers** for their leadership and work at our Christmas Classic. It's a great time when parishioners come together and offer their time and service to our parish and school.

The choirs and music ensembles are preparing for our Christmas liturgies. Please remember to join us at the **11:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 16, for the celebration of our restored church – complete with newly refurbished organ, brass, and choirs. Tours afterwards, followed by the Celebration of Lessons and Carols at 3 pm.**

Don't forget to take advantage of the Sacrament of Penance to prepare your soul for the Christmas feast. You should have received my Advent letter noting the various opportunities throughout the deanery. Don't wait until the last minute.

As a gesture of evangelization, we wish to extend a welcome **to all parishioners and visitors at Christmas time, so please do not plan to reserve seats or pews in church at any Mass.** Remember – **do not park in emergency areas,** or in designated areas available for rescue vehicles. And please remember to **lock your cars** before coming into church.

*Father Gregory Hite*

***Maranatha – Come, Lord Jesus!***

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Rose Mary Lang-Martin, Debbie Ashley, Mike Payton, Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Krista Marshall, Aaron Blank, Don Blank, Theresa Prendergast, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Mildred Corbin, Julie Krouse, Ken Kayden, John Henney, Theresa Schmidt, Paige Divilbiss, Maria Loschinkohl, Sharon Valdry, Carol Pittenger, Sherry Studer, John Ziegler, Marlene Ziegler, Kim Rucker, Jess Allred, Dorothy Trinter, Ted Selby, Marti Selby, JoAnn Marbaugh, Baby Greyden Jack, Gwen Yockey, Mary Ann Switzer, Louise Stegall, Tammy Dudley, Sydney Foltz, Keith Combs, Mady Ziegler, Sharon Valdry, Elaine Johnson, Maggie Varga, Brenda Davis, Barb Riley, Dorothy Jean Caldwell, Cindy Jasnek Cartier, Joyce Taylor, Barb Simms, Michael Davis.

**Names will only be listed for 4 weeks. If you wish to have additional time, contact the Parish Center at 419.524.2572.**

**IN GOD'S ARMS...**

Reverend Gerald E. "Jerry" Knueven

Joseph Letizia

Mark Edward Shaum

Emma Mae Shaum

Ludwig Perseitz, Jr.



***Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord.***

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

On Friday December 14 at St. Mary Parish from 1:00 pm until all confessions are heard;

On Tuesday December 18 at Resurrection Parish at 6:30 pm until all confessions are heard;

On Thursday December 20 at St. Mary Parish at 6:30 pm until all confessions are heard.

**PRISON MINISTRY CORNER**

Our RiCI brothers have the opportunity to gather seven evenings a week for prayer and faith enrichment. One activity this fall that has been a primary focus is practice and preparation for our annual Catholic Choir Christmas Concert. Twenty-six dedicated brothers and seven team members have been working hard and look forward to sharing the fruits of our labor in concerts for administration, staff, and general population in a few weeks.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

On behalf of the Sisters of the Visitation Monastery in Toledo, I wish to thank you for your most generous response last weekend to the appeal made on their behalf to make the necessary repairs to their home. A total of \$8,658.76 will be mailed to Mother Superior (SPHS graduate of 1969). It is a spiritual comfort knowing that the Sisters are praying for the needs of our parish and entire diocese daily!

Gratefully,

*Father Hite*

**END OF YEAR CHARITABLE GIFTS**

The end of the year is fast approaching, and with all of this year's changes to the tax code this year, you might find yourself in a position to make an end of year charitable gift to reduce your 2018 taxable burden. You may want to make a gift to St. Peter's to: pay off your Capital Campaign pledge early, pre-pay your 2019 Sunday collection, the Annual Fund or endow a sustaining gift to the Msgr. Edward C. Dunn Foundation.

Anyone may give the gift of cash or stock to St. Peter's. Gifts of stock that have been held for a year or longer can have a charitable deduction for the stock's fair market value on the day it is donated, and you may avoid paying capital gains on the stock. Stock transfers should be initiated by December 22, 2018 to guarantee they will be completed by the end of 2018. All other gifts must be postmarked by December 31, 2018 to be credited towards your 2018 giving cycle.

If you are 70 1/2 years or older, you may also elect to make a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA.

Be sure to consult your tax advisor about any questions on how the new tax laws affect your personal situation.

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

Year to date through  
11/23/2018

**Sunday Collection**

Total Sunday Collection To Date:	\$325,150
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$341,250
<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$16,100)</b>

**School Collection**

Total School Collection To Date:	\$58,451
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$67,200
<b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$8,749)</b>



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL UPDATE



<b>Total Pledged:</b>	<b>\$2,714,450</b>
<b>Amount needed to reach challenge goal:</b>	<b>\$285,550</b>
<b>Payments to Date:</b>	<b>\$2,176,818</b>

As of November 30, 2018



## ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

VISIT OUR SCHOOL ANY DAY WITH  
APPOINTMENT

Parents, if you are considering St. Peter's School for your child's education, you are invited to spend part of a school day here at St. Peter's with your child to experience all the activities and classroom instruction that take place.

Please call the school administrators to arrange a visit that is convenient for you and your child.

- Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer – Montessori Director  
419.524.2572 ext. 4113
- Mrs. Madalyn Bauer – Elementary Principal  
419.524.2572 ext. 4101
- Ms. Tammy Haus – High School & Junior High Principal  
419.524.2572 ext. 3100

*St. Peter's School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other school-administered programs.*

## GIVING TREE

Gifts this year benefit families from St. Peter's Church and School, Catholic Charities and Salvation Army programs, Angel Tree (prison families) and St. Vincent de Paul. Our Parish's support and generosity has continued to bless many needy individuals and families with Christmas joy. Please remember to securely fasten ornament tags to your gift and return to the church during this weekend masses. **PLEASE bring your gifts to the Church no later than this Sunday after the 11:30 Mass** as gifts will be distributed shortly thereafter. Thank you for your care and kindness!

## CARDS AND NOTES

Christmas cards and notes may be sent to Sr. Angeline Hoffman at:

Sisters of the Precious Blood, Central House  
Sr. Angeline Hoffman  
4960 Salem Avenue  
Dayton, OH 45416



**Third Street EB/Gyn Health  
Services**

**419.522.6800**

175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY NOTES

We continue our look at the life and pastorate of our seventh Pastor, Father Rupert C. Goebel.

When Father Goebel arrived in 1923 to take the reins as pastor of St. Peter's, the parish was still operating under a system most dioceses had abandoned. Toledo Bishop (later Cardinal) Samuel Stritch charged Father Goebel with the task of reorganizing the parish administratively as well as with the task of improving the operating conditions of St. Peter's School.

Father Goebel's first steps were to establish a renewed Parish Advisory Council and the eliminate the old pew rent revenue system in favor of offertory envelopes by then being used in most Catholic parishes. Pew rent was a practice whereby an individual or family would pay a specified amount for the right to use a particular pew or group of pews at any and all divine services in the Church. The money raised from pew rent was used to support the operation of the parish and to support the living expenses of the clergy. Those who could not pay pew rent were encouraged to use the many unreserved pews, usually near the back of the church.

When Father Goebel introduced the offertory envelope system, there was some resistance from the parishioners, but the Parish Advisory Council promoted the idea in the light of being better able to budget for and anticipate the parish's many financial obligations.

In 1924, Bishop Stritch ordered Father Goebel to establish a four year high school at St. Peter's in which 23 students were enrolled the first year. That class became the graduating class of 1928.

In 1925, the Parish, under Father Goebel's direction, purchased the current rectory from the Wappner family. Our priests still live there today.

Bishop Stritch also directed Father Goebel to begin construction on a new Elementary School building to accommodate the burgeoning student population. Prior to the construction of the new Elementary building, the entire red brick school building which stood on the current church parking lot had been converted to classrooms and five portable schoolrooms had been erected next to the red brick building.

Construction on the new school building began in the fall of 1926 and on March 20, 1927, Bishop Stritch presided at the laying of the cornerstone of the new building. That cornerstone reads: "Erected to our children, that they may honor their parents, that they may serve their country, that they may love their God, that they may save their souls." The school first opened its doors to students in September 1927.

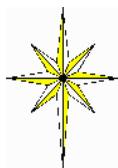
We will continue our examination of Father Goebel's pastorate next week.

## REJOICE!

We will celebrate the completion of the restoration of our beautiful church on **Gaudete Sunday, December 16**, with a special Mass of Thanksgiving at the 11:30 Sunday Mass. After the Mass, a reception will be held in the basement of the Church and Church tours will be offered from 1:00 until 2:30 by St. Peter's Director of Music and Liturgy, Bill Johnson. Our Capital Campaign Project Manager, David Barber, will also be present to report on the completion of the restoration project and to answer any questions about the project.



The afternoon will conclude with our annual **Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent** at 3:00 p.m. featuring the St. Peter's Traditional Choir, Children's Choir, Handbell Choir, and Orchestra. Please plan to attend this popular holiday service to spend time reflecting on the true meaning of the season while listening to timeless readings for Advent and to beautiful music chosen to fill our hearts with the joy and hope of the coming of Christ.



You will have a chance to hear the newly refurbished organ and to take part in the celebration of our beautiful church's restoration all while we look forward with rejoicing to the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Admission is free and open to the public. Call the Parish Music Office at 419-524-2572, ext. 2113, for more information.

## Catholic Womens Club

The next luncheon will be Wednesday December 12, 2018 at the Brown Derby Roadhouse, 3985 Park Ave. W in Ontario at 12:00 noon. All members of the St. Juan Diego Deanery are invited. If you are new, we encourage you to join us and get to know the Catholic women in the area. Please call Joan Schonhardt at 419.366.0118 or Jo Ann Jerger at 567.274.7954. Reservations must be made by December 7 before 12:00 noon. We look forward to meeting new members.

## No Room At The Inn



Mary and Joseph brought their child into the world in a stable because there was no one to show them hospitality. We are going to have a great many visitors for our Christmas Masses. Let us be sure to show them warm and welcoming hospitality by making room for all who come to worship with us. On a related note, as in past years, there is no reserved seating and seats may only be held for late-arriving members until the ushers begin seating people. Thank you in advance for your hospitality.

## PLEASE NOTE THAT INCENSE WILL BE USED AT THE CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00 PM AND MIDNIGHT MASS



## HOLIDAY SHOPPING



Did you know that while you are doing your holiday shopping, you can also help St. Peter's Parish and Schools?

Kroger Plus Card members can sign up to have a portion of their grocery bill donated back to St. Peter's. Just login to your Kroger online account, click Community Rewards and search for GA694. You can ask the Parish Finance Office to designate your Kroger funds to specific Parish activities, such as the Parish Music Program or the Operations Fund or the Bereavement Ministry. You can also make the same sort of specific designation for the school.

The SCRIP program is a great way to order digital gift cards and receive a rebate percentage on a student's tuition account. Until December 8 you can also order physical gift cards through our SCRIP program, in addition to their digital gift card offer.

Are you planning to do any online shopping at amazon.com? St. Peter's Msgr. Dunn Foundation is setup with the AmazonSmile. Just visit amazonsmile.com to shop and make your purchase, and a portion of that sale will be donated back to the Msgr. Dunn Foundation for Education.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRIDAY DINNERS

5:30—7:30 PM

Please RSVP at 419.529.5532 or sign up at the club for December dinners.

December 14—Hors d'oeuvres in the Lounge

December 21—Chicken Parmesan

December 28—Subs in the Lounge



## RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2018



10:00 am—11:00 am & 2:00 pm—4:00 pm

(Every 2nd Friday of the month) in the FAC parking lot

**BLUE BARRELS: January 12 & 13**

**Daughters of Isabella Joan of Arc Circle #380** will have a covered dish dinner and gift exchange on Tuesday December 11 at 5:30 pm at Applewood, Two Apartment building on Executive Drive. Call Pam Gerich at 419.709.1486 for more information.

**"The Present & Presence"** will be held at St. Mary's of the Snows, 1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield on December 11 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. Deacon Tom Dubois will slow us down during the busy month of December and help us experience how to be "present" and experience God's Spirit within us. Call Mary Rennpage at 419.589.2114 or email her at [rennpa.mary@Mansfieldstmarys.org](mailto:rennpa.mary@Mansfieldstmarys.org).

**Catholic Charities** has funding to assist with PRESCRIPTION and MEDICAL BILLS for individuals living in Richland County. There are no income guidelines to receive this assistance; you just need to be a resident of Richland County. Please phone Laurie Hamrick at 419-524-0733 or email [lhamrick@toledodiocese.org](mailto:lhamrick@toledodiocese.org) to inquire about assistance.

***Calendars courtesy of Herlihy-Chambers Funeral Home and Wappner's Funeral Home are available all of the entrances to the church.***

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change:  
Courage to change the things I can:  
and Wisdom to know the difference.



## AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman Empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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*This week's cover art: Mary, Queen of Peace—Statue at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo, by Kris Reindl*



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