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December 17, 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent



The Grapevine



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Mike Chiappetta Permanent Deacon
Rudy Stahl Permanent Deacon
George Hooper Permanent Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00 p.m.
Sundays 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
9:00 a.m. (MSH), 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday .. 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6:00 pm followed by
Novena/Benediction
Holy Days As announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 5:30-5:50 p.m.
Friday..... 8:00-8:20 a.m.
Saturday 2:45-3:45 p.m.
Other times as announced or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Notify Parish Office during pregnancy. Instruction for parents and godparents is required.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Parish Office at least six months before desired date.

PRAYER LINE: (confidential ministry)
Contact Ms. Pat Pastor at 225.664.1097.

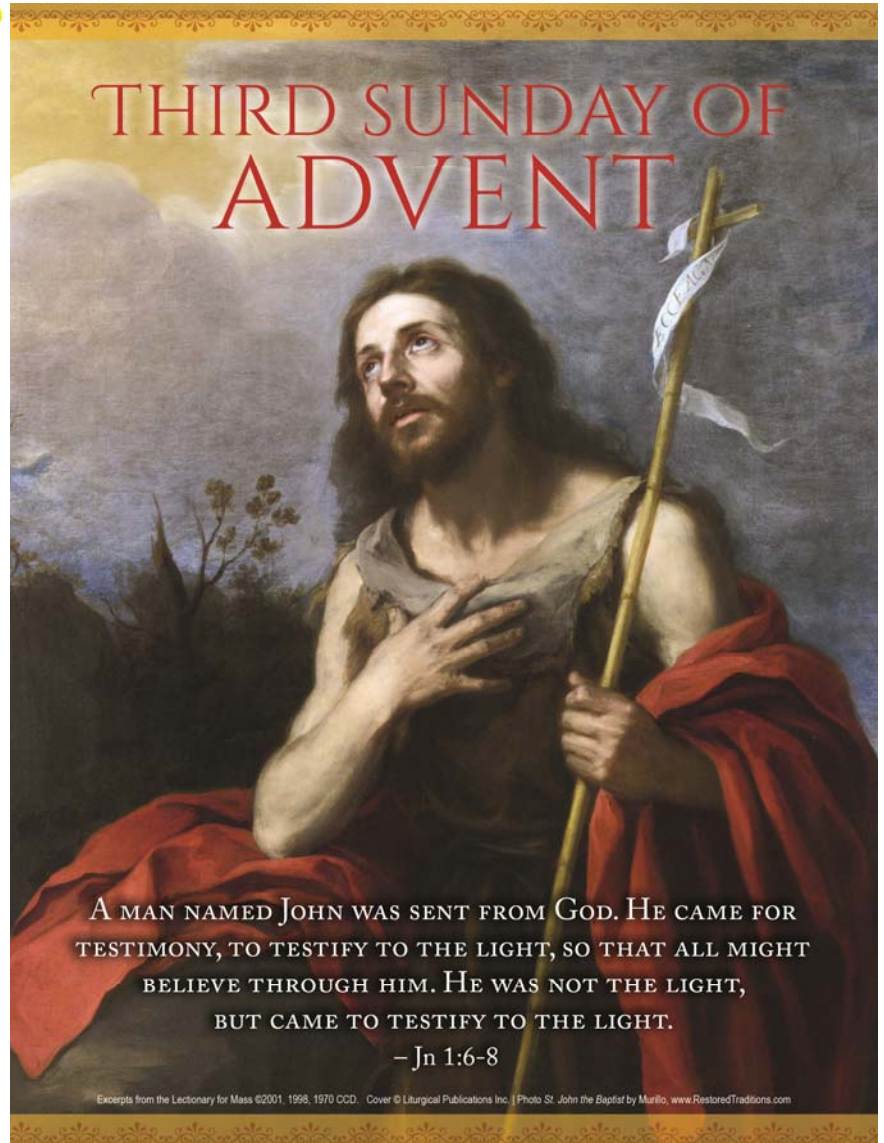
CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls answered immediately. Home visitation for the sick and shut-in weekly and upon request. Hospital visits weekly and upon request.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Contact Allison Renfrow at 225.665.1424.

Information or news for *The Grapevine* (published weekly) should be called in to the Parish Office at least two weeks prior to the event.



MISSION STATEMENT

Immaculate Conception Church Parish and the Mission of the Sacred Heart is a welcoming community, centered in the Eucharist, rooted in faith, growing in fellowship, and sharing in unity the mission Christ entrusted to us.

This Week at a Glance



Parish Life ♦ Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Set-up Nativity/Church
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/Small Hall
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Reconciliation/Church
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Mass/Church
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	High School Christmas Party/Y-Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Mass/Church
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Mass-ICC/C; MSH
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Mass-Child. Liturgy/Church/SH
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Mass/Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Mass/Church
9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/Small Hall
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Catholic Daughters/Main Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/Small Hall
5:30 PM - 5:50 PM	Reconciliation/Church
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Mass/Nov.-Bene./Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Adult Choir/Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Mass/Church
9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	ELC Christmas Pageant/Church
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/Small Hall
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Flood Victim Support Group/SH
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Children's Choir/Main Hall
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Encounter-Jr. High/Youth Hall
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Reconciliation/Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Mass/Church
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/Small Hall
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	ISM-High School/Youth Hall
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Girl Scouts #10843/T16
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Soul Core/Small Hall
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Boy-Cub Scouts/Pavilion/T building
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer/Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 AM - 8:25 AM	Reconciliation/Church
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Mass/Church
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/Small Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

12:00 - 1:00 PM	AA/Small Hall
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Reconciliation/Church
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Mass/Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Mass/Church
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Mass-ICC/C; MSH
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Mass/Church
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Christmas Vigil Mass/Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Christmas Vigil Mass/Church
11:30 PM - 12:00 AM	Christmas Prelude/Church
12:00 AM - 1:00 AM	Midnight Christmas Mass/Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Christmas Mass/Church
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Christmas Mass-ICC/C; MSH
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Christmas Mass/Church

CHRISTMAS, 2017

AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

The Early Learning Center Christmas Pageant,
Wednesday, December 20 at 9:30 a.m.

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Eucharistic Schedule for Christmas and its Octave

Christmas Eve: 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. and Midnight;
The Choir will sing prelude music beginning 11:30 p.m.
Christmas Morning: 7:00, 9:00, (9:00 Mission) and
11:00; there will be no evening Eucharist.

Eucharist on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.;
Wednesday –Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, Feast of the Holy Family,
Saturday evening at 4:00, Sunday morning at 7:00, 9:00,
9:00 (Mission), 11 and 6:00 p.m.

The Octave Day of Christmas - The Solemnity of
Mary, Mother of God, January 1, 2018

Monday morning at 8:30.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 7;

The Christmas Season ends Sunday, January 14,
The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We wish
you a good and graced Christmas Season.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PARISH FAMILIES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2017

8:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

This day of prayer will begin in the church at 8:00 a.m. and end 4:00 p.m. We are asking parishioners to join in this effort to pray for every family of the parish.

- Choose the time that bests fits into your schedule—stay as long as you like.
- When you arrive, we will give you a number of prayer cards. You specify how many.
- These prayer cards provide a prayer for healing, a picture of the Holy Family, and the name of an ICC family and its members.
- Sit in church, in the presence of Jesus, and pray for each family by name.
- The prayer takes less than 30 seconds to read making it possible to pray for 30 to 60 families in one hour.

If you can commit to this day of prayer, please notify us by either calling the office at 665-5359 or email pcowart@me.com.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 25 through Friday, December 29 and Monday, January 1, 2018.

Consideration of our Christian Commitment Looking Forward

This Third Sunday of Advent, we hear the words of joy “The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives...” These good tidings are reflected in the gatherings and greetings associated with this season.



Our parish Christmas cards should be arriving this week at your homes if they have not already arrived. Every



year our cards have been special for many were painted by our youth or designed by parishioners or friends of the parish. Our card this year is a product of the **Launch** ministry which, up to a few months ago, was housed in the Faith Formation Center. In the photograph below we see Cheri Fry in the middle who painted the rough



outline of a cross with the Star of Bethlehem in the middle and a manger scene at the bottom. Then the children who attend the Launch classes encircled the painting with their hand prints. It was a beautiful painting, the work of many, and the painting



was given to me last year over the Christmas holidays. I knew from the start what we would be doing with the painting. The children who attend Launch, which was organized by

Chantelle Varnado, have speech and communication issues because of autism or other problems. Visiting the classes off and on, some of the children became a little familiar with me and one day one of them said, “Hey Father Frank.” The mother said that up to a year ago, the child had never spoken. I will never forget this special greeting as long as I live. Launch has now moved a bit down the road, but is still on Hatchell Lane. We wish them well in this ministry.

The Threads of Love ministry has a special connection with the Launch ministry who made our Christmas card for us. Threads of Love was approached by Launch to help with a project. They wanted to purchase two different kinds of special exercise blankets to use when they work with their children. The blankets are very expensive. Launch is providing the material and specifications. Threads of Love is providing the labor. They are currently making the blankets and welcome anyone who wants to help with this



project. Threads of Love is a sewing ministry meeting the needs of newborns and premature infants. Their ministry is about healing and binding together the hearts of parents and unwed at a time of uncertainty. **For more information or to join, please call Linda Lopez at 665-3202.**

Let us keep one another in prayer as we move toward Christmas, Love,

Parish Life ♦ Formation

Parish Life ♦ Community



Continuing the Journey

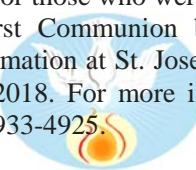
RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Children

Now in the second phase of the RCIA sessions, our catechumens and candidates have been attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass with their sponsors. After the homily each Sunday, they are dismissed to explore Scripture and to learn more about the basics of our Catholic faith. Please continue to keep the catechumens and candidates in your prayers.

For more information, contact Tammy Jackson at 225.665.9631 or tjackson@icc-msh.org.

Adult Confirmation Classes Begin February, 2018 at Immaculate Conception

These classes are for those who were baptized Catholic, have received First Communion but have not been Confirmed. Confirmation at St. Joseph's Cathedral will be held in May, 2018. For more information, contact Terri Badeaux at 933-4925.



Parish School of Religion News

Classes for 1st – 10th grades have ended for the first semester! Classes will resume Monday, January 22, 2018.

Confirmation Day of Prayer is Sunday, January 7, 2018 beginning with noon Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge.

Confirmation Practice is Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Confirmation is Friday, January 19, 2018 7:00 p.m.; Candidates and sponsors are to arrive in the Main Hall for 5:45 p.m.

Please follow ICC's Parish School of Religion AND Youth Ministry TOGETHER as



on social media!



Like and follow us on Facebook at: facebook.com/iccyesds



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Prepare Him Room!



A middle school Advent series
Wednesday nights @ 6pm



MANGER THINGS

a study of Advent for high schoolers
Thursdays @ 6pm



Middle School New Years Party!

Sunday Dec 31st

7pm-midnite!

Contact
Kevin

for details!

All youth events listed above are held in the youth hall. For more information on all youth events, contact Kevin Acord, Youth Minister, at acordkp@gmail.com.



\$500 Community Service Scholarship Award

Sponsored by: Catholic Daughters Court
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha #2331

This scholarship will be awarded in the spring of 2018 to a graduating senior who will be attending an accredited college or university. Area high school seniors are encouraged to apply (male or female). Applicant must be a member of Immaculate Conception Church or the Sacred Heart Mission in Livingston. Deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday, February 15, 2018. For application or information, please contact: Alice Tassin at 335.3789 or JoAnn Martrain at 324.2904.

Parish Life ♦ Community



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December 16, 2017
December 24, 2017

Stump the Deacon!

Are Catholics free to become Freemasons?

Masonry's fundamental tenets are simply incompatible with Catholic faith and practice" writes Father Kenneth Doyle, a regular contributor to *The Catholic Commentator*, the Diocese of Baton Rouge newspaper. In his December 1, 2011 column he further states, "...Freemasonry is, at its heart, not a social club but a religion. It is a religion of rationalism, which, as Pope Leo XIII stated in his 1884 encyclical *Humanum Genus*, has as its fundamental doctrine 'that human nature and human reason ought in all things be mistress and guide,' and it denies 'that anything has been taught by God.'" In a February 3, 2017 post he reiterates this position stating again: "The reality, though, is that Masonry is at heart a naturalistic religion whose basic tenets are incompatible with Catholic faith and practice." In 1983, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith stated "...their principles have always been considered irreconcilable with the doctrine of the Church and therefore membership in them remains forbidden. The faithful who enroll in Masonic associations are in a state of grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion." A 1985 report by the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pastoral Research and Practice explains, "The lodge honors Jesus Christ as it honors Socrates, Buddha and Muhammad. It cannot acknowledge any special spiritual claims by Jesus, since this would violate the basis of Freemasonry." The Church has also judged that the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Orangemen, the Sons of Temperance, and the Communist Party are forbidden societies according to *Catholic Answers*, the largest lay-run apostolate of Roman Catholic apologetics and evangelization in the United States. If you want to learn more about the Church's objection to Freemasonry, search for the article by Rev. Robert Bradley entitled *Catholicism vs. Freemasonry* on the EWTN website. It is one of several articles discussing this subject. —*Deacon George Hooper*

SATURDAY: 12/16/17

4:00 p.m. Elmic Leger†; Mark G. Falgout†; Ferdinand Crochet†; Kathy Alello†; Lamy Chopin†; Joann Hood†; Margaret Vidrine†.

SUNDAY: 12/17/17

7:00 a.m. Mickie Todd†; Craig Chapman, Jr.†; Lloyd deGeneres†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†; Pat Domka†.

9:00 a.m. Mary Guidry†; Bill Collier†; Victor, Mary & A.J. Angona†; Phillip John Bilski†; Beverly Morales†; Joseph Didier†; Kert Guidry†; Rosalie Joubert†; Rev. Joseph Than Vu†; Dolores Dodson†.

9:00 a.m. (MSH) Robert, Bobby & Sherri Vigil†; Robert Adams†; Caleb Rushing†; Marjorie Acosta†.

11:00 a.m. Clyde Meyers, Jr.†; Jean Meyers†; Fr. Vincent Dufresne; Alice & Shelley James, Sr.†; Audrey Piper†.

6:00 p.m. Parishioners.

MONDAY: 12/18/17

8:30 a.m. M/M John Durand†.

TUESDAY: 12/19/17

6:00 p.m. Alex Theriot, Jr.†.

WEDNESDAY: 12/20/17

8:30 p.m. Al Deranger†.

THURSDAY: 12/21/17

8:30 a.m. Barbara Fossier†.

FRIDAY: 12/22/17

8:30 a.m. Kenneth Badeaux, Sr.†

SATURDAY: 12/23/17

4:00 p.m. Kenneth Badeaux, Sr.†; Rosalie Joubert†; Ferdinand Crochet†; Kathy Alello†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Mary & Virgil Brown†; Mark G. Falgout†; Lamy Chopin†; Vertie Young†; Andy Anderson†; Robert Adams, Jr.†; Winnie & Noah Lachney, Sr.†; Maudry & Noah Lachney, Sr.†.

SUNDAY: 12/24/17—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00 a.m. Parishioners.

9:00 a.m. Deacon Peter Schlette†.

9:00 a.m. (MSH)

11:00 a.m. Alice & Shelly James, Sr.†; Margaret Vidrine†.

SUNDAY: 12/24/17—CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. Sam Guzzardo†; M/M Joseph Genusa†; Sal Genusa†; Anna Bourgoyne†; M/M George Guzzardo†; Mickie Todd†; Dolores Dodson†; Garret H. Minard†; Lynwood Stafford, Jr.†; John "Jay" Bond, II†; Al Deranger†;

7:00 p.m. Elaine Sharp Thompson†; W. H. Sr. & Trina Scott†; Beverly Morales†; Phillip John Bilski†.

12:00 a.m. Ed Rayner†.

December 9/10, 2017

Stewardship UPDATE

Identified offertory givers:	\$	17,859.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	2,066.64
Christmas Offering:	\$	40.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	20.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	402.00
Catholic Life Center:	\$	5.00
Feast of Immaculate Conception:	\$	1,237.00
All Saints:	\$	21,629.64
Total Collected:	\$	
St. Vincent de Paul & Thanksgiving:	\$	300.00
Building Maintenance:	\$	1,623.00
St. Joseph Abbey:	\$	2,065.00

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP: 12/17/17—12/23/17
burns in memory of **OPEN INTENTION.**
ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT: 12/17/17—12/23/17
burns in memory of **OPEN INTENTION.**



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Parish Life ♦ Outreach



Worship ♦ Directory



Pray for the Sick

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list or retain a name after the four-week period, please call the church office at 665.5359. For the prayer line call Pat Pastor at 664.1097.

Kathleen Adams	Joseph Desoto	Dennis Montgomery
Pat Albright	Shirley Desoto	Brittney Mixon
Ronald Alleman	Dominic Distefano	Claire Perkins
Terry Arnett	Barry Edler	Shirley Peterson
Ashlyn Ashmore	Doug Fuentes	Ehret Price
Julie Ashton	Debbie Gomez	Tyler Rivers
Colby Autin	Zachary Graas	Ricky Robinson
Terry Badaeux	Mary Guilbeau	Dan & Betty Roche
Judy Baker	Ashlynn Hebert	Jeri Rogers
Terry Finney Bales	Pam Hebert	Jessica Schexnayder
Carolyn Barcelona	Dane Henson	John Sehon III
Kaley Barr	Betty Himel	Dennis Strader
Lynne Blair	Carole Hyman	Dot Strader
Charlie Blocker	Doug Hood	Dwight Thousand
Fanny Borne	Billy Jackson	Nick Tullier
Caty Brignac	Adlee Kinney	Pat Ulbright
Letha Brignac	Rickey Kinney	Judy Vidrine
Libby T. Burns	Janie/Leo Lott	Ruth Webb
Wayne Caruso	Margaret Lott	Richard Young
Leila Champagne	Louis Martin	Susan Young



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

We only have **TWO hours** to fill! Please continue to prayerfully consider an hour with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The following two hours are still needed:

Sunday: Noon-1:00 PM
Friday: Midnight-1:00 AM

REMINDER: Noon-1:00 p.m. hour every Friday is for the unborn and praying for priests. We pray **ALoud** the Pro-life Rosary and the Chaplet for Priest. Please join us.

REMINDER COMMITTED ADORERS: Please contact your **hourly coordinator first** if you are unable to keep your hour and have tried to get a sub. If unable to reach them, contact the division leaders/assistants below:

12 Noon-5 PM—Melinda Mayeux-603.2932
6 PM-11 PM—Theresa Campagna-664.8823; Angela Hood-342.2292
12 Midnight-5 AM—Allison Renfrow-978.1892
6 AM-11 AM—Mary Toler-369.2814; Debbie Hargis-504.722.1874
Substitute list and guidelines located at icc-msh.org, under worship.

If you would like to commit to an hour, call Allison Renfrow at 978.1892 or arenfrow05@bellsouth.net

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Mrs. Sherry Leger; sleger@icc-msh.org

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Mr. Harry Stelly; Mr. Fred Adams; Mrs. Joni Hebert; Ms. Kerry Brown

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We express our sympathy and prayers to Richard and Brenda Young on the death of their wife and mother, **VERTIE YOUNG**; to Lynn Dugas on the death of her brother-in-law, **JOHN SULLIVAN**; and to Linda Zeigler on the death of her brother, **RUDDLES BENNETT, JR.**



Traveling Chalice For Vocations—The chalice will be received by the Varnado family (Priscilla) the week of December 25, 2017 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. If your family is interested in receiving the Traveling Chalice, call Mary Lynn Womack at 225.665.3505.

Readings for the week of 12/17/17

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38