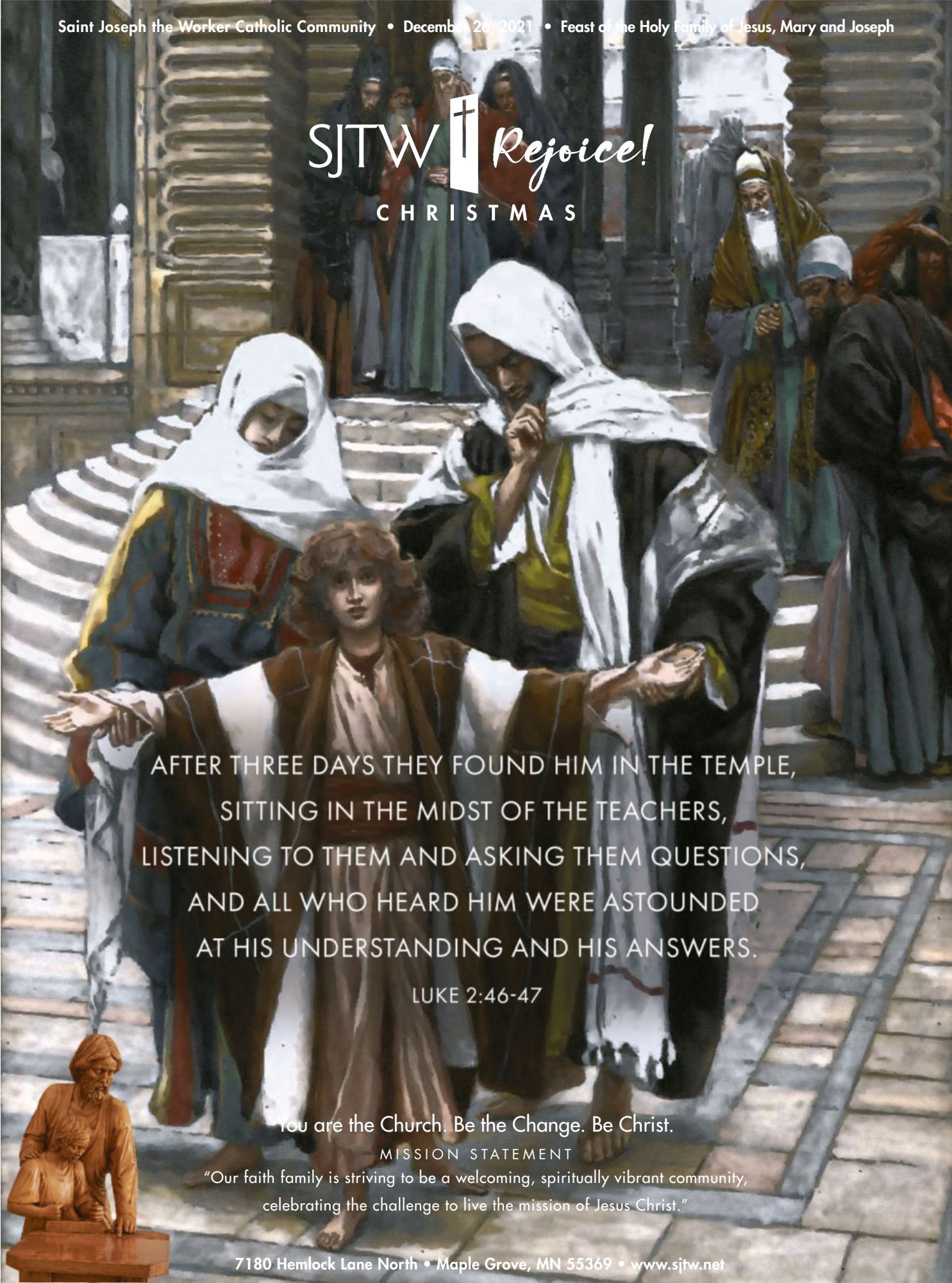


SJTW Rejoice! CHRISTMAS



AFTER THREE DAYS THEY FOUND HIM IN THE TEMPLE,
SITTING IN THE MIDST OF THE TEACHERS,
LISTENING TO THEM AND ASKING THEM QUESTIONS,
AND ALL WHO HEARD HIM WERE ASTOUNDED
AT HIS UNDERSTANDING AND HIS ANSWERS.

LUKE 2:46-47

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F R . M I K E ' S R E F L E C T I O N



Happy new year! With the start of a new year most of us would like to turn the page on a year that has caused much confusion and stress. In the early church Christians were hunted down, tortured and frequently killed. That has not happened to us but we have found ourselves in this difficult situation. They made it through because they had hope in what Jesus had said and done. When I find myself down I turn to music, usually ballads, where I hear the incredible love between the singer and their love. I picture that as God saying to me those same words of unconditional love. That helps me when things get tough. I encourage you to look for those things that bring you hope and faith that in the midst of our struggles to still see God pouring His love upon us. We are going to need hope, faith and lots of love as continue to battle this pandemic. Fr. Mike



SJTW is concerned about your safety and the safety of those around you. Because of that, we feel it necessary to implement a few new protocols.

Beginning immediately, masks will be required for all those attending the Saturday 5 PM Mass. The foyer space and St. Joe Hall will be available for those without masks at the Saturday evening Mass.

Masks are strongly encouraged for all those attending the Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 AM Masses.

Weekday Mass

Monday – Thursday at 11:00 am – In person. Friday Morning at 6:30 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Evenings at 5:00 pm (In person, parking lot and live-streamed)

Recorded Mass will be available following Live Stream.

Sunday Mornings at 8:30 and 10:30 am

Hospitality following Masses.

Masks are not longer required. We encourage continuation of face coverings for those that are at-risk or feel uncomfortable.

Reconciliation:

4:00 pm Saturdays or by appointment.

We will broadcast weekend Masses via FM transmitter for those that don't feel comfortable coming indoors but would like to participate from the parking lot and receive Holy Communion. Communion ministers will be located outside Door 2 (faith Formation doors).

Tune in your FM radio to 106.7. A worship aid can be downloaded at <https://www.sjtw.net/mass-schedule>



FR. MIKE

The year comes to an end this week. I want to thank you from the depth of my heart for your continued support of St. Joe’s during this pandemic year. Because of your commitment to this parish we again end the year in very good fiscal shape, despite the difficulty in attendance in person for so many people. Thank you for also keeping one another in prayer. We are all looking to get back to “normal”. I am afraid that with international travel so easy this disease will be virtually impossible to eradicate and be with us through my life time. As we make adjustments to a new normal, please continue to keep us in mind as you explore how to allocate your resources. You have done a great job and I pray your generosity will continue.



COMMITMENT TO PARISH LIFE

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As you consider your charitable giving, we hope you will consider making a year-end contribution to St. Joseph the Worker by cash, stock, IRA, or through a Donor Advised Fund. If you would like to make a donation by credit card, please do so through the link on our website at <http://www.sjtw.net/>

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Thanks for your continued support of St. Joseph the Worker and our many ministries.

Please contact Ann Bergmann, Bookkeeper at 763.360.2339 or by email at ann@sjtw.net if you have questions.



CARING FOR CREATION



Climate Change Threats to Pregnant Women

As global temperatures and emissions rise so does the impact of climate change on public health.

Globally women are more vulnerable to the effects of climate change than men. They make up a majority of the world's poor and depend the most on natural resources. In the U.S. one group of women particularly at risk are pregnant women.

Climate related complications of air pollution and heat significantly increase the risk to maternal, fetal and infant health. Climate threats only worsen the pre-existing maternal health crisis in the U.S. and yet few people know about the danger,

Pollutants from cars, fossil fuel plants and smoke from wildfires degrade air quality and create more risks for pregnant women and their fetuses such as cardiac and respiratory disease and puts stress on mental health. Microscopic air pollutants can go deep into a mother's lungs that can then cross into the placenta.

Extreme heat can stress the mother and trigger reactions from dizziness to cardiac arrest. There is more public information about protecting pets from extreme heat than there is about protecting pregnant women.

"Climate change is a threat to all life on Earth, including the unborn."

MESSAGE FROM FR. DON



I send you greetings to say that you still reside in my heart. Your abiding presence is ever known to me in a way that I have always known you to be: a welcoming, encouraging, and ever soul-exploring people.

I constantly and continually pray for, with, and through you. We have been blessed with an eternal

communion connection which daily gives me a positive hope and a divine perspective in dealing with the challenges that society and aging life throws our way. I am one with you in our worship through technology (downloaded streaming, website info, etc) and through the Spirit Love which we have experienced together so powerfully in the years of my ministry at St. Joe's. I truly enjoy seeing you at Mass in the church building. I am also aware that so many are praying with me through the computer. I always believe that we are together in Faith. Please know that I am well and am adjusting to the life of retirement. I am taking precautions to be safe in the midst of the ever-growing intensity of the virus. I am grateful to God for my gift of health and state of being. I have moved to the city to be closer to my family. Life is going well and God is good! All the time! Alleluia!! Merry Christmas. I love you.
Fr. Don

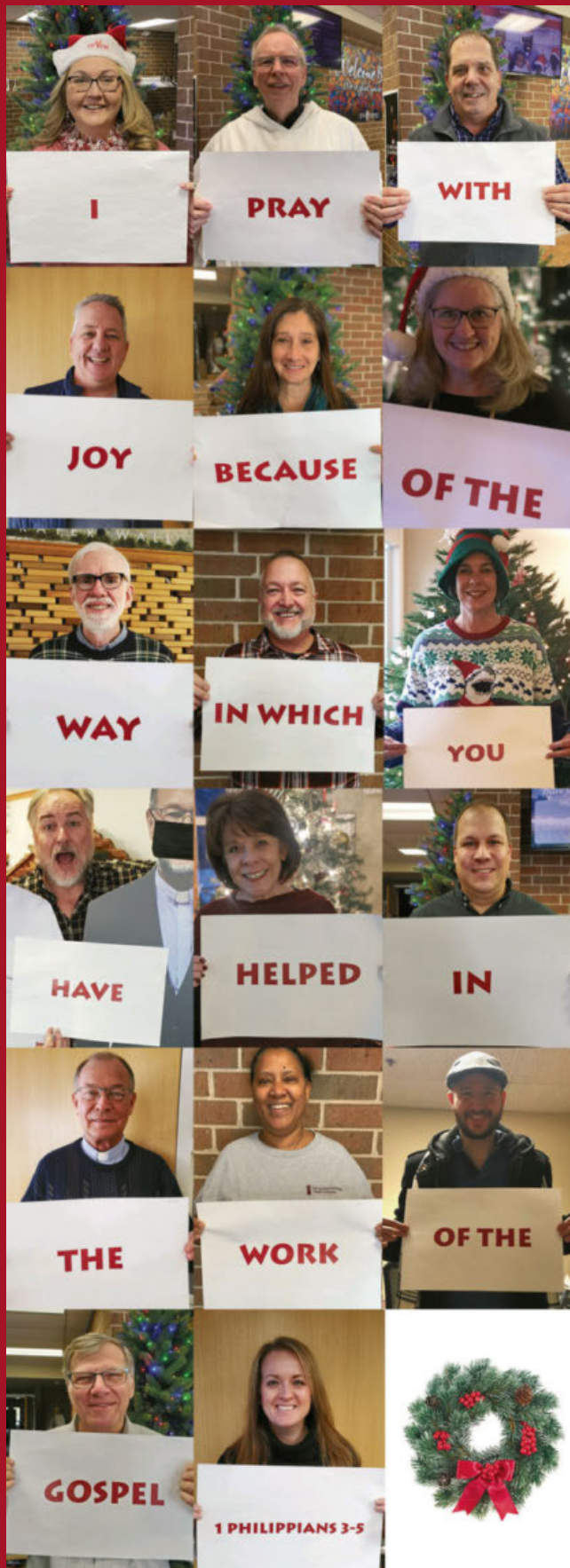
CHRISTMAS OUTREACH



Our Parish Family ALWAYS comes through for those need!

A HUGE thank you to all who donated gifts and food for our Christmas Outreach program! The food donations went to our Christmas Meal Basket program. The gifts were distributed to families in need at CROSS & Sharing and Caring Hands. Our Toy Box was busting at the seams! We even filled the CROSS van to the brim! Your generosity is amazing, and so are you!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from the staff at SJTW!



FORMATION

Faith Formation Update 2021-22

To inquire about which class times are still available, please contact the Faith Formation department to register for classes.

For our Sunday School program, please contact Jeanne Smith, jeanne@sjtw.net

For our Elementary and Junior High program and the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Monica Liebl, monical@sjtw.net.

For our High School, OneWith program and Confirmation, please contact Brady Tynen, btynen@sjtw.net



The Need Is NOW!

After starting the fleece blanket drive about a month ago, the Lady Knights are at 20% of our goal of 300 blankets! Thank you! The number of beautiful blanket donations from the parish is amazing. SIXTY blankets have already been distributed. Allan Law, the Sandwich Guy was able to give the majority of these blankets directly to those in need.

The Lady Knights are collecting blankets through the end of January. The biggest need is for twin size blankets (65 x 90 inches). Other sizes: standard kit size (72 x 60 inches) and stroller blankets (30 x 35 inches) are also welcome. Fleece tie blankets are easy to make—no sewing experience required. This would be a great option for Confirmation hours or a family project.

If you don't have time to tie a blanket, buy two lengths of fleece or a kit and drop it off when coming to Mass. New, store-bought blankets are also appreciated. Join us in spreading some love and giving a little warmth to those in need. Think we can get over 300 blankets this year? With your help, absolutely!



6th Annual NW Metro Mobilepack for FMSC
Great News! The Feed My Starving Children NW Metro Mobilepack is back for the 6th annual event this coming February. The location for the Mobilepack will be at our very own St. Joseph the Worker in St Joe's Hall on February 23-26, 2022. We will be having our annual fundraiser for FMSC the weekend of January 22nd and 23rd after all the Masses. If you wish to donate before year end, the safest and most convenient way is to go to: sjtw.net, click on donate and use the drop down to get to FMSC. Giving HOPE. Health, Opportunity, Prosperity, Education Thank you for your support.

We need you at Mobile Hope!



MobileHope

Do you want to share your gifts with others? We have several volunteer opportunities that we would love to fill with our wonderful Parish Family members!

~Volunteers needed for Mobile Hope. Mobile Hope's mission is to build relationships, hope, and culture of achievement within mobile communities through education, healthy activities, resource connections and faith development.

Mobile Hope is in need of those who could offer "homework help". We would like to build a team of volunteers for this commitment on Mondays from 3:30-5:30pm in the Dayton Mobile Hope community. Adults and teens are welcome to help and come together. This would be great experience for those with teaching interest! If you are interested in any of these wonderful opportunities or have questions before you want to commit, please call Theresa in the parish office at 763 425-6505 or email at theresa@sjtw.net. Thank you for blessing our community!



Domestic Violence Does Not Take a Holiday

Popular perception has long held that domestic violence increases during the holiday season due to heightened alcohol consumption, stress, tension, anxiety, overwhelming expectations, financial pressures and strained family relationships.

However, the idea that domestic violence increases because of holiday stressors can create misconceptions and perpetuate myths around the root cause of domestic violence.

Although these conditions may make an abusive relationship more complex, impact a survivor's overall safety and elevate their danger level, they are not inherently the root cause of domestic violence. Claiming that these circumstances alone cause domestic violence shifts the blame and responsibility away from the abuser and onto the stress of the holidays, therefore perpetuating the cycle of violence. Abuse lives inside those who believe they have the inherent right to have power and control over others. Abuse does not come and go like the holiday season. It is intentional, coercive and violent. But it does not have to be a holiday tradition. Remember: Anyone can become a victim of domestic abuse or violence. It is not a sign of weakness or stupidity. (YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment) Our parish's Domestic Violence Awareness and Action group is committed to helping to stop the cycle of abuse through the holidays and at all times.

If you want to help stop domestic violence, please consider joining the Domestic Violence Awareness and Action Group. Contact Sue Rivard at susanrivard5873@gmail.com or Jane Warren at janewarren1@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Socks For Vets

Knights of Columbus are once again collecting white or black, mens or ladies crew socks to be donated to Veterans in need. Donations may be placed in the basket outside of Saint Joe's Hall until December 31. No tube socks, please.



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Last Call for Socks For Vets

Knights of Columbus are once again collecting white or black, mens or ladies crew socks to be donated to Veterans in need. Donations may be placed in the basket outside of Saint Joe's Hall until December 31. No tube socks, please. Socks are donated to the local veteran's administration and other local agencies directly serving veterans. Your continuing generosity is greatly appreciated! Last year Knights in our Assembly were able to collect and donate over 2,000 pair of socks and we are hoping to meet or beat that number by December 31.



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Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1

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