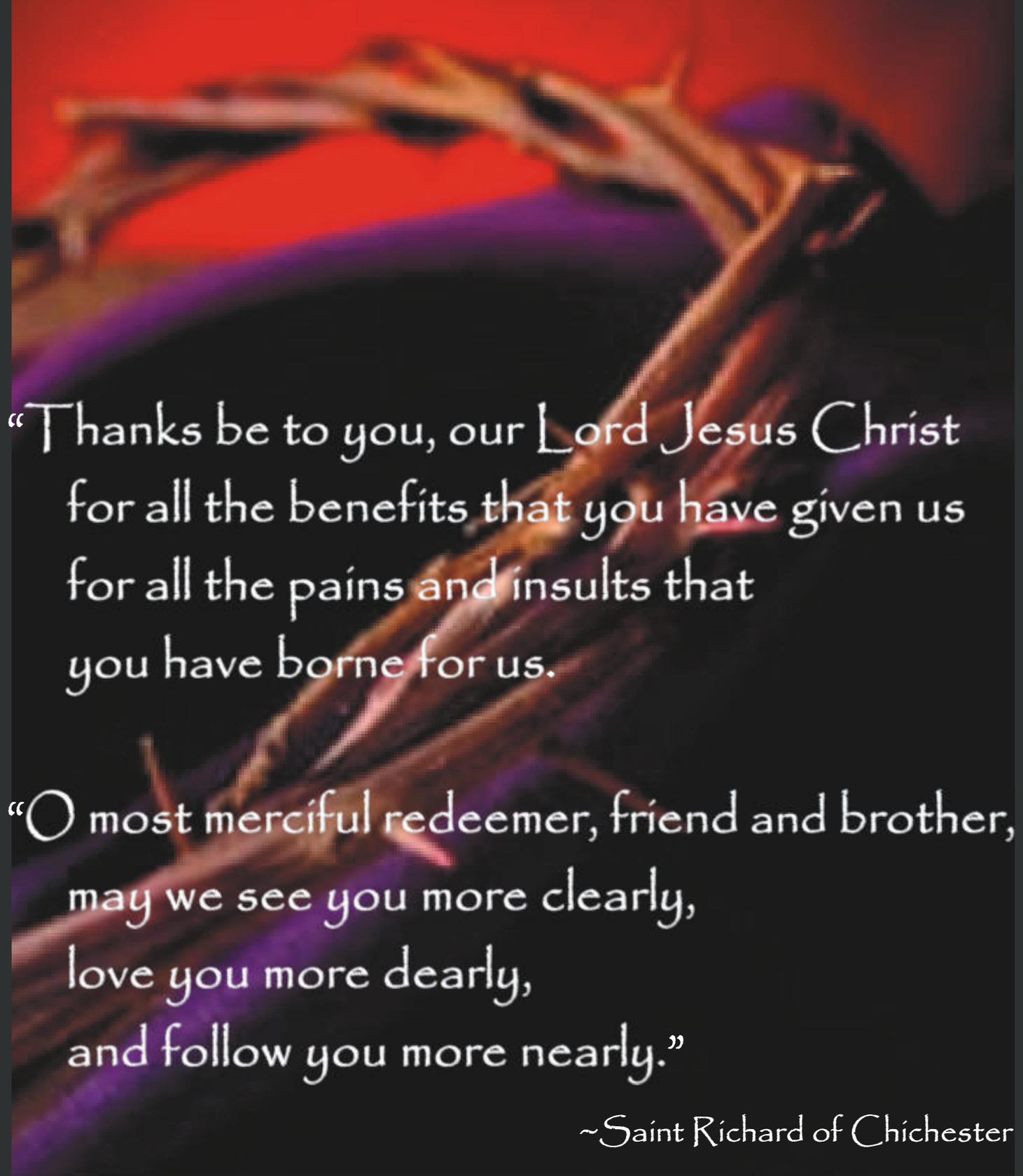


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March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



“Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ
for all the benefits that you have given us
for all the pains and insults that
you have borne for us.

“O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may we see you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly.”

~Saint Richard of Chichester



Drive-up Communion on Palm Sunday & Easter!



Drive-up Communion (with distribution of palms) will take place on Palm Sunday, **March 28**, and again on Easter Sunday, **April 4**, at 11:15am. Please enter the parking lot through 75th Street, remain in your car with your mask on (mouth and nose covered, please), and sanitize your hands as the minister approaches.

Last Call: Wagners' Plant Orders Due Monday!

Paper and online orders will be accepted until Monday, **March 29 at 12noon** for your Wagners' summer annuals. Proceeds from this fundraiser support our all-ages faith formation programs. View plant selections and order online at www.strichards.com/spring-plant-sale.



Completed order forms and payments may also be returned in the Narthex this weekend. Plants will be ready to pick up at the church on **May 7 & 8**. Contact: Beth Gaetz.

Lawn Care, Grounds & Garden Volunteers Sought!



We are looking for two volunteers to commit to mowing the parish lawns on a weekly, bi-weekly or substitute basis. Additional help would be appreciated for hedge trimming/shaping, tending the flower beds, and routinely walking the grounds with an eye for noticing needed maintenance. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about these opportunities, contact Mark Haverty, Facilities Manager, at 612-869-2426 extension 109 or mhaverty@strichards.com.

Chrism Mass, In-Person & Livestreamed This Year

The Archdiocese Chrism Mass will take place on Thursday, **April 1**, at 10am at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Please visit www.cathedralsaintpaul.org for the latest in-person protocols prior to attending or watch the livestream on the Cathedral's Facebook page. All are encouraged to participate in this beautiful liturgy of the church. To learn more about the significance of chrism oil and the chrism mass, go to www.catholicexchange.com/what-is-the-chrism-mass.



Save the Date: Red Cross Blood Drive, April 7



We will be hosting our next blood drive on Wednesday, **April 7**, from 1:00-7:00pm. In addition to blood donors, we need a couple of people to provide hospitality by welcoming donors to our Social Hall. Email or call Jolaine in the Parish Office if you can volunteer.

Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org using sponsor code *StRich* or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

March Financials

Due to early bulletin deadlines for Palm Sunday & Easter, the March financials will be published in the **April 11** bulletin.

Come, Receive the Gifts of Forgiveness & Healing!

There is still time before Easter to make your confession and ready yourself for the great feast of the Resurrection! The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available this Sunday, **March 28**, from 9:00-9:30am, and again on Tuesday, **March 30**, at 7:30am.



Examinations of conscience and other resources to prepare for the sacrament are available at www.strichards.com/learnrow. Receive God's incredible love and mercy for you!

Change in Holy Week Mass & Reconciliation Schedule

There will be no 7:30am Reconciliation or 8:00am Mass on Thursday, **April 1**. There will also be no confessions heard on Easter Sunday morning, **April 4**. The regular weekday Mass (Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8am) & Reconciliation (Sundays at 9am) schedule will resume on Tuesday, **April 6**.

Catholic Relief Services: Operation Rice Bowl

Reinforce your solidarity with those who live with daily hunger by putting the money that you would have spent on Lenten Friday meals into your CRS Rice Bowl! It is our tradition to collect Rice Bowl donations at Holy Thursday/s Mass of the Lord's Supper (**April 1**). This year, we encourage you to write a check for the amount in your Rice Bowl (payable to St. Richard, with "Rice Bowl" in the memo), rather than bringing the cash-filled bowl to the church. Thank you for considering this change!



Holy Land Collection on Good Friday, April 2

Become an instrument of peace and join in solidarity with the Church around the world on behalf of the Holy Land, where wars, unrest, instability, and the pandemic continue to be especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, Pope Francis encourages us all to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps the Franciscans minister in parishes, sustain Catholic education, maintain Holy Land shrines and provide medical and housing assistance for the poor and elderly. A percentage of the collection will also provide aid to our partner Archdiocese of Damascus, Syria, as they struggle to rebuild from years of conflict. Please be as generous as you are able! Make checks payable to St. Richard, with "Holy Land" on the memo line), or donate securely on our website under "Special Collections". To learn more, go to www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday/.

 This is the last weekend to drop off your VEAP March Food & Fund Drive donations in the Narthex at Masses.

Drive-up Collection

Saturday, March 27 3:30pm-5:00pm
Sunday, March 28 9:00-10am & 11-12:00pm

Volunteers will be on hand these days to receive your donation directly from your vehicle.

strichards.com/events/veap-march-food-fund-drive 



Three Parish Communities—ONE Spirit!

BT Golf Tournament

Spring is coming and so is our Golf Tournament. We'd love to have you join us on **May 10th** at Minnesota Valley Country Club. Early Bird Registration is open on <https://BTgolf.givesmart.com>.

Did you hear the news?

Blessed Trinity was voted Best Private School by Richfield Sun Current readers! We are proud of this award and can't thank you, our families, enough for making our school the community it is. Thank you!

Ready for a Virtual Visit?

Our school is growing and we are excited to welcome new families to our community. Please join us at our next Virtual

Visit, Tuesday, **April 11** at 9am. Our classes are filling up and now is a great time to learn more about our school!

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Community News

Catholics At The Capitol: Register by March 31

Join with other MN Catholics on **April 15** from 8am-4:30pm at the Cathedral of Saint Paul to be formed in the faith, informed on legislative issues, and sent on mission to transform our state. "On Mission for Life & Dignity" begins with Mass at the Cathedral and continues with inspiring speakers and a Eucharistic Procession to the Capitol, before meeting with your legislators to advocate for life & dignity! Cost is \$20. Visit CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org for details & tickets.

Help for Struggling Couples

Thinking about separation or divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Cou

ples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. \$250 registration fee. The next local weekend is **April 9-11** in Eagan. Registration and information is found at www.helpourmarriage.org/.

Prison Ministry Virtual Workshop

This workshop will provide information about the opportunities and importance for prison ministry both inside and outside prison walls with a panel discussion focused upon support to returning citizens and transitional housing. Saturday, Hosted by St. John Neumann, Eagan, the event will take place virtually from 9am—12noon on Saturday, **April 17**. Register at tcprisonministry.com/coming-soon.



Message from Fr. Liekhus

It has been wonderful to see a steady increase in our Mass at-

tendance as we get closer and closer to normal. In case you've been away or haven't been able to keep up with the news, here's what's going on in the parishes.

Back in January, the archbishop sent a letter to the parishioners of St. Peter, St. Richard and Assumption, announcing that I would be the pastor of the three parishes starting in July, with the help of a bilingual parochial vicar (an associate pastor). The purpose of this was to facilitate greater collaboration between the parishes – it's easier to work together when there is one leader giving direction.

After that announcement, I asked for and received nominations from the three parishes for a combined Parish Council. That council is now formed, and we'll meet every two weeks for the next few months to discuss how to accomplish our mission together.

And that focus is intentional. The temptation is to look inward and worry about what might change because of this new arrangement, or to try to look down the road and predict what might happen next. If we dwell on such unknowns, we will only be discouraged.

I would much rather lead parishes that are excited about sharing our faith in Jesus Christ, and growing in our own discipleship. That is our mission, so that is where our focus will be. Stay tuned as our collaboration starts to take shape, and be ready to grow in your discipleship!



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Our Lord Jesus Christ...

*May we see you more **CLEARLY**
LOVE YOU MORE Dearly*

*Follow you more **NEARLY***



Sacramental Information

www.strichards.com/sacraments

Reconciliation—Sundays 9:00-9:30am or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism—First see www.strichards.com/baptism, complete first steps, and then contact Beth Gaetz

First Eucharist or Confirmation—Contact Susie Osacho in the parish office to register for Faith Formation

Marriage—Couples contact Fr. Liekhus or Cindy Nedved at least six months in advance

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for Adults (RCIA)—Contact Susie Osacho in the Faith Formation office

Sacrament of Anointing—Twice annually; emergencies by appt



Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses at St. Richard

Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

Weekly registration required for in-person weekend liturgies

www.strichards.com/mass-sign-up

8am Daily Masses

Monday & Saturday at St. Peter

Tuesday & Thursday at St. Richard

Wednesday & Friday at Assumption

Reconciliation at St. Richard

Sundays 9:00-9:30am

Tuesday 7:30am during Lent

Online Mass

www.strichards.com/from-home

Drive-Up Eucharist at St. Richard

Sundays, **March 28** (and palms), **April 4, May 2** 11:15am

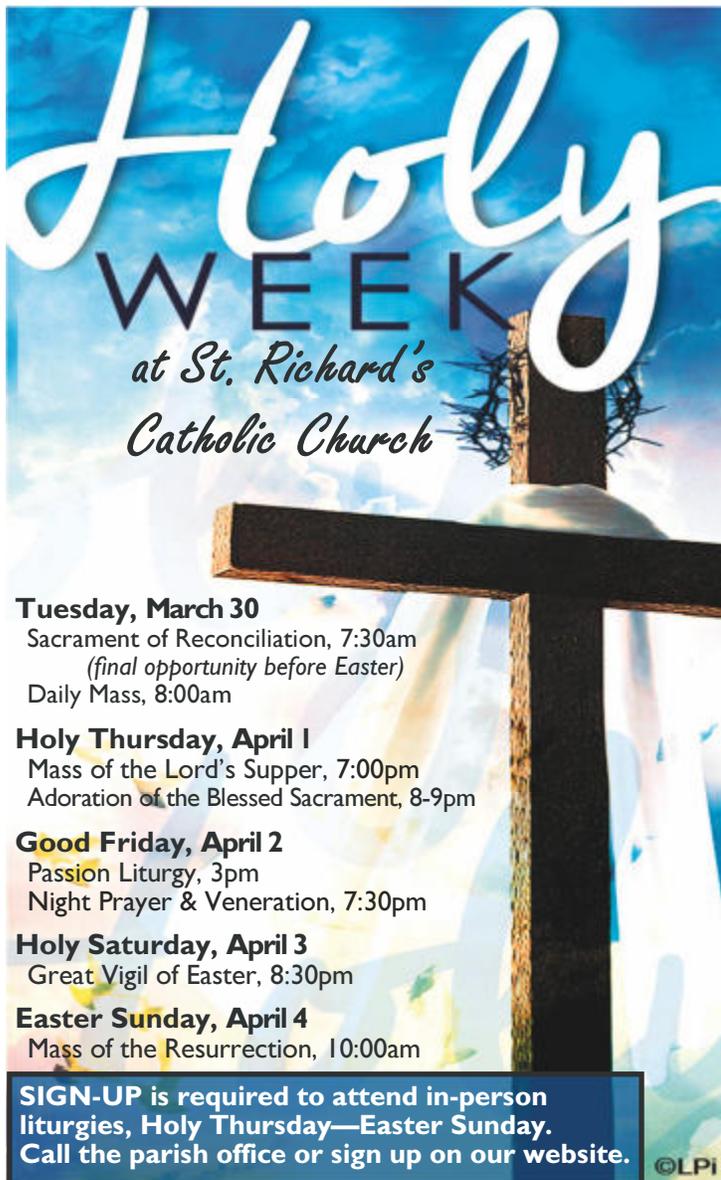
St. Richard Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 27	Carol Lunde†
Sunday, March 28	For the Parish
Tuesday, March 30	Roger Thoennes†
Thursday, April 1	For the Parish
Saturday, April 3	Carol Lunde†
Sunday, April 4	For the Parish

Prayer Request *Petición de Oración*

St. Richard's prayer network consists of many parishioners who pray daily for the needs and concerns of our community, as well as offering prayers of thanksgiving. **Please print clearly. Por favor imprime claramente.**

Place your request in the collection basket at Mass or send it to the parish office. To respect privacy, we only print last names of prayer recipients if requester is an immediate family member.



Tuesday, March 30

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7:30am
(final opportunity before Easter)
Daily Mass, 8:00am

Holy Thursday, April 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8-9pm

Good Friday, April 2

Passion Liturgy, 3pm
Night Prayer & Veneration, 7:30pm

Holy Saturday, April 3

Great Vigil of Easter, 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 4

Mass of the Resurrection, 10:00am

SIGN-UP is required to attend in-person liturgies, Holy Thursday—Easter Sunday. Call the parish office or sign up on our website.

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The Easter Triduum—The Easter (or “Paschal”) Triduum is the summit of our liturgical year. It celebrates the central mystery of our faith: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Holy Thursday—The Mass of the Lord's Supper begins at 7:00pm and concludes with the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, which will be reposed until our celebration culminates at Easter Vigil. DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS there will be no footwashing, and the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in church. Incense will be used at this liturgy.

Because **Good Friday** marks Jesus' Passion and Death, there is no Mass; however, we will have two liturgical celebrations. The Traditional Liturgy, with Veneration and Communion, is at 3pm, and Night Prayer, with Veneration, is at 7:30pm. DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS there will be no individual veneration.

Holy Saturday is a day of quiet reflection as we wait, like the first disciples, for news of the Lord's Resurrection. We begin at 8:30pm with the lighting of the new Easter Light, listen to the stories of our salvation, and renew our baptismal promises. DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS the assembly will not gather around the new fire. Incense will be used at this liturgy.

Easter Sunday—Mass at 10:00am. Incense will be used.

Why Do I Have to Register for Mass?

In order to continue offering the celebration of the Eucharist, we take all precautions based on directions from the archdiocese and Minnesota Department of Health. Part of that means requiring masks and capacity limits. By keeping records of who attends each Mass, we can communicate quickly with anyone who may have been exposed, in the event that an attendee later tests positive for COVID-19 (note that the person's identity will be kept strictly confidential). Thank you for your understanding and help!

Triduum Services will be Livestreamed!

All of our liturgies from Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday will be livestreamed on St. Richard's Facebook page and uploaded to our YouTube channel afterward. The recordings will also be uploaded to our website for easy access.

Incense to be used in Holy Week Liturgies

The use of incense as a symbol for our prayers rising up to God (Psalm 141:2) is an important part of our Judeo-Christian heritage. We understand this presents a health concern for some people. We will use low-allergen incense on Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

Good Friday Fasting

During Lent, we are called to observe *fasting* and *abstinence*. The guidelines for **abstinence** state that Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays in Lent. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are to **fast** on Good Friday. On fast days, one full meal is permitted. Food may be taken at two other times during the day, in order to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. If you are 60+ or have health issues that make these guidelines unsafe, please honor the spirit of the fast by keeping meals as simple as possible.



Readings for Holy Week

- Sunday: Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47
- Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31-34/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Ex 12:1-14/Ps 116:12-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
- Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10-14, 24, 35/Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22/Gn 22:1-18/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2-6, 11-13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4/Is 12:2-6/Ps 51:12-19/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7
- Sunday: Acts 10:34-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/1 Cor 5:6b/Jn 20:1-9

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