



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, January 7, 2024

The Epiphany Of The Lord

Gathering: As With Gladness Men Of Old BB 109
 Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 98)

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God. (2x)

Preparation: Beyond The Moon And Stars BB 48

Mass Parts Storrington Mass

Communion: It Came Upon The Midnight Clear
 BB 105

Recessional: Hark, The Herald Angels Sing BB 102



Out of respect for the Lord and in consideration of fellow parishioners, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you!

PLEASE HELP US!

As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you - or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave. Thanks for being attentive and respectful! F. Albert.



St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/ or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaistow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners & friends to do the same.

✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Our Parish needs to take in **\$9700.00 each week in order to make ends meet.** This amount represents an adjusted budget offertory of \$8500.00 per week plus the combination of budgeted Property and Fuel second collections (\$4800.00 per month divided into 4 weeks or \$1200.00 weekly). Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the Parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

December 24, 2023

Offertory \$5,576.83

December 25, 2023

Christmas \$17,895.00

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
 DECEMBER 31, 2023
 WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**



Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses **Parish Giving** to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

January 7 Property Management
 January 14 No Second Collection
 January 21 Fuel

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/ \$100	\$3,000/ \$60
\$75,000	\$3,750/ \$75	\$2,250/ \$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/ \$60	\$1,800/ \$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/ \$50	\$1,500/ \$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/ \$40	\$1,200/ \$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/ \$30	\$900/ \$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/ \$25	\$750/ \$15
\$15,000	\$750/ \$15	\$450/ \$9

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

CLOTHING DRIVE

Kimberly's 18th Annual Holiday Give Away!!!

I'm back!!! Despite having a toddler now and baby #2 on the way, I'm preparing for another collection!!! We will be collecting clothing and nonperishable food items on **January 6 and 7** at Holy Angels Church in Plaistow (in the Parish Hall), from **12:00 to 4:00 PM** each day. We are accepting CLEAN clothing of any size, any season, any decade. Any donations of socks or underwear must be new and packaged. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to volunteer, please contact me at: kimberly-andrade@comcast.net. Thank you so much for your continued support throughout the years. I couldn't do it without you!

God bless,
Kimberly Clenord

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 15**. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 16 at 8:30 AM.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like an "end of year" financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2023, **please call Jackie** at the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**

MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

Did you know that all Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert in the Parish Office for more information and assistance – there are ways in which your situation may be resolved!

THANK YOU

From The Food Pantry

On behalf of all the families our pantry serves, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to our generous community. Joe and I are so grateful and humbled by the success of our holiday programs, providing both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for families. We serviced more families this year than any previous year. With the help of our St Luke's Church community, the Knights of Columbus, the Atkinson & Plaistow Lions, the Rock Church, Pinnacle Physical Therapy, the Plaistow Fish & Game, Palmer Oil, Petra Paving, and all those who donated to our programs and/or purchased gifts and food throughout this year and during the holiday season, we are truly blessed. This year we were able to provide 191 families to date with either a holiday dinner basket or a fresh made dinner plate (for some of our seniors) for both Thanksgiving and Christmas, in addition to filling gift request lists for 94 local children. We are in awe!

Joe and I would like to also extend a sincere thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers, who volunteer both at the pantry and behind the scenes all year long, and to our student volunteers who are a huge help with the holiday basket distribution. Without our volunteers who give their time continuously, our pantry would not be able to service as many families as we do.

Wishing all of you, our parishioners, our volunteers, the organizations, businesses, and people in our community who support and help our pantry to provide the families in our area with regular food orders, our back to school help program, which provides kids with school clothes, backpacks, and shoes, and our holiday dinner and gift programs, a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Without your support, we would not be able to provide all of these programs.

Praise to our God always,

Joe and Marie Farren

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 or by email at jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net. If you're new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. Registration forms can also be found on our website at <http://stlukenh.org>.

WHILE AWAY THIS WINTER...

We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Winter even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Winter months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, January 7

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Grades K-6 *Plaistow*
 12:00 to 4:00 PM Clothing Drive *Plaistow*
 6:00 PM Evening Prayer *Newton*

Tuesday, January 9

6:00 PM Grief Share Group *Plaistow*

Wednesday, January 10
 Holy Angels Church Open
 All Day For Prayer

Thursday, January 11

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

Saturday, January 13

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, January 14

10:00 AM Religious Ed – K to 6 *Plaistow*

EVENING PRAYER

Join us in **Newton** for Epiphany Evening Prayer, **Sunday, January 7 at 6:00 PM**, and for the Baptism of the Lord on **Monday, January 8**.

PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.



HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED

Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is closed from December 2023 until Spring 2024. This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, January 6 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 (Vigil)

4:00 PM In Honor of St. Benedict and Our Lady of Lourdes by George Giraldo
Plaistow

Sunday, January 7 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

8:00 AM Suzanne Busch by Jim Edwards
Newton

10:00 AM Bill Lueders (20th Anniversary) by Carole Lueders
Plaistow

Monday, January 8 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Favor Received by Bonnie Lajoie
Newton

Tuesday, January 9 ~ Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

8:00 AM Barbara Metcalf by Marjorie Knowles
Plaistow

Wednesday, January 10 ~ Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

6:30 PM All Souls Intentions
Plaistow

Thursday, January 11 ~ Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Blessing Received by Bonnie Lajoie
Newton

Friday, January 12 ~ Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

No Mass

Saturday, January 13 ~ Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17 (Day)

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a; 17-20; Jn 1:35-42 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Patrick Foyne (1st Anniversary) by his family
Plaistow

Sunday, January 14 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

8:00 AM Vincent and Ruth Early by Dan and Kathy Sullivan
Newton

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Hudgens and Bedell Families by Charlie and Lisa Angwin
Plaistow



WELCOME IN CHRIST!

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish invites all to a deeper love of Jesus and to a fullness of communion with the Church. The **rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** is a process where adults and older children are welcomed into the Catholic Church. Some have never been Baptized, others never received Eucharist or

Confirmation, and others arrive at our door after a long faith journey.

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming part of our Catholic community? Are you the non-Catholic spouse of a parishioner who is wondering about full communion with the Church? Are you an adult Catholic who for whatever reason, “missed” one or more of the sacraments of initiation while growing up? Do you have children over 7 years of age who were never Baptized, or older children who “missed” sacraments?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (and its adapted form for children) welcomes all kinds of people into the Catholic family. The RCIA is for any adult who is: unbaptized and recognizes a need for spirituality in their life, or Baptized and raised in another Christian tradition but interested in learning about the Catholic faith, or Baptized in the Catholic faith, but never received any formal religious training.

Children of all ages are welcome and participate in age appropriate meetings for their RCIA experience.

Contact Father Albert or Cathy Smith in the Parish Office at 603.382.8324 for more information.

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends provide support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website at www.tcfnewburyport.org.

NEED MARRIAGE HELP?

WE HAVE WEEKENDS COMING UP

Feb 2-4, 2024

**Alton Bay on Lake
Winnepesaukee, NH**

**More Than Just a Retreat, We are
a 3-Phase Marriage Help Program**

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline For Married Couples



HelpOurMarriage.org
508-271-7155



ADORERS NEEDED AT ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual but is a great source of grace for us as a parish family. We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord. Adoration takes place each Thursday in Newton from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM. We also need people at all times so we can have 2 people at each hour. If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305, or email her a csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

**The Church in Plaistow is open all day on
Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray
before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.**

NEED A SACRAMENT?

There will be a meeting for all ages for anyone needing one or more of the Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). This meeting will include the parents of the children who will receive Confirmation/Eucharist this Spring. The meeting will be on **Sunday, February 4 after the 10:00 AM Mass**, downstairs in the church hall. Any questions? Call Cathy Smith at (603) 382-8324, Ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

✦ PARISH DIRECTORY ✦

Parish Office 603-382-8324
Parish Prayer Line 603-382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society 603-382-8324 x 315
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MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
St. Jude Council #6617**

The Knights of Columbus and Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry would like to thank our parishioners for the ongoing support to feed those in need. Over the last two months, support has been provided to 135 families. That represents 118 children under the age of 18 and 111 adults over the age of 60, for a total of 370 individuals served. Shopping lists and bags are provided on the 3rd week of every month with the general collection of non-perishable items happening the following (4th) weekend. Food donations can also be left in the plastic totes at the rear of either church or brought to the Parish Office any time they are open. Prefer not to shop? Gift cards or checks can be made out to Saint Luke Food Pantry anytime. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HAPPENINGS**

The Knights have purchased two new large upright frost free freezers for the Food Pantry. They replace two old freezers that weren't frost free and not energy efficient. A few months back, the Knights and the St. Vincent de Paul Society purchased a similar freezer for the Food Pantry.

Website: www.kofc6617.org

For more information, contact Peter Richards at 603-382-4315 or pmrjps6@comcast.net.

**THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL
#6617**



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Men's AA Step Meeting is held on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall (Holy Angels.) Masks are required. Bring your own coffee. For more information, call Joe at 617-921-9899.

CURSILLO

If you have a desire to know Jesus more closely, a Cursillo is for you. The Cursillo weekend is a short course in Christianity. The purpose of the weekend is to facilitate a meaningful personal encounter with Christ and his body, the Church. Cursillo weekends are being offered at the Sarto Center in Hookset, NH. To find out more, contact Mark Collopy at 603-833-7341 or explore www.nhcursillo.org.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry, and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten: **If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses.** In the event of a weather related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date. **Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.**

**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society! Please know that your "dropped dollars" are being used wisely to help the poor in our area. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

Drop-a-Dollar in the St. Vincent de Paul box on your way out of church. Remember ~ 100% of your donation is used to help those who need a hand up, not a handout.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 PM.** We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

If you seek assistance or need information about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, call 603-382-8324 x315.

**Hear, O LORD, and answer me
for I am poor and needy.**



Where is the newborn King of the Jews?
We observed his star at its rising

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

20 + C + M + B + 24

It is an ancient custom for Christians to bless their homes on Epiphany each year. With chalk, they put an inscription on the inside lintel above the front door. The series of numbers, letters and crosses changes only slightly from year to year. For example, at the start of the year 2024, the line will read as follows: 20+C+M+B+24.

Because Epiphany comes so near the beginning of the New Year, the numbers represent an annual renewal of God's blessing.

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "*Christus mansionem benedicat.*" "*May Christ bless the house.*" The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of blessing.

The crosses represent Christ, whom we invoke, and the saintliness of the magi. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God's blessing. The month of January still bears the name of the Roman god Janus, the doorkeeper of heaven, and patron of the beginning and end of things. This blessing adds a Christian dimension to the traditional observance of the first month. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by God's eternal word in this holy season.

If you want to bless your home this Epiphany, read the opening verses of John's Gospel, pray the Lord's Prayer, then write the inscription for this year above your front door with chalk.

Head of Household: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. *Luke 19:1-9*

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in height. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "Jesus has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Head of Household: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here. Fill us with the light of Christ. that our concern for others may reflect the light of your love. We pray through Christ our Lord. *All:* Amen.

Head of Household: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Blessed 2024 to all!



Bringing Home the Word

The Epiphany of the Lord (B)
January 7, 2024

Do You See What I See?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today's Gospel answers this question quite definitively: No! Not everyone saw the guiding star in the sky. Not even those who, presumably, knew the prophecy found in the reading from Isaiah. That ancient prophet announced to the people of Jerusalem: "Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1). In fact, he promised them they would be so embraced by that light, they themselves would shine brightly with its radiance. But when the time came, not everyone saw it. Or, having seen it, they did not recognize it.

The people of Jesus' time were not ignorant of these prophecies. They

knew what they meant and to whom they referred. Consequently, when the stargazers who saw the light inquired about it, those to whom they inquired knew where to send them. So what was the problem? Why were those men in Jerusalem not excited about the star? A new king meant a rival king, and those who had power weren't eager to relinquish it.

We know that not everyone in Israel rejected Jesus. Shepherds had already thrilled at this birth. Someone in Bethlehem had opened his stable to this Child and his parents. Now we add the stargazers from another country. It seems the invitation to come to him is extended to all: political and religious leaders, the unsophisticated and marginalized, the established homeowner, the foreigners in our midst. They are all asked: "Did you see what I saw? What do you think of him?" †

The invitation to come to him is extended to all: political and religious leaders, the unsophisticated, everyone in our midst.



Sunday Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-12

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

A Word from Pope Francis

The Magi humbled themselves before the unheard-of logic of God. They welcomed the Lord not the way they had imagined him to be, but as he was, small and poor. Their prostration is the sign of those who place their own ideas aside and make room for God. It takes humility to do this.

ANGELUS, JANUARY 6, 2022



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- How open are you to new thinking?
- God's invitation is offered to all. Have you marginalized any group of people?

Beneath the Whitewash

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

There is a story told in Holland about an old church. For many years, upon entering it, everyone would stop and bow in the direction of a whitewashed wall. Nobody knew exactly why anybody did that, but everyone had been doing it for such a long time that nobody questioned it. It was tradition. It felt right.

One day, the parish decided to renovate the church. They began to strip the paint and whitewash off the old walls. They discovered traces of a painting on the wall that everyone bowed to. They gently peeled off the whitewash so as not to damage what was beneath it. Slowly, a very beautiful, centuries-old painting of Christ emerged. Nobody alive was old enough to have actually seen it before. It had been hidden for at least a century. Yet everyone had been bowing to it, not knowing why, but sensing that there was a good reason for the reverence.



There is a Christmas lesson in that. Western culture still bows toward the crib of Bethlehem. Like the people in that church in Holland, many are unclear why we are doing what we are doing. There is not much conscious faith left in secular Christmas celebrations, just a habitual response to a tradition.

But—as the story of the recovered painting can teach us—that’s not all bad. It’s better than not bowing to the wall at all. At least we still have the sense that there is something special beneath the whitewash. If we are among the ones who know that there is a painting of Christ behind the whitewash, our response should not be one of cynicism. Our task is not to stop the bowing or the celebration. Our task is to help peel off the whitewash, to help restore the painting beneath it, and to tell the story of who did the painting and why.

The best way to help our culture to celebrate Christmas properly is not by criticizing how it celebrates, but by celebrating in a better way. Let our joy exceed that of the commercial world! Let our bow be deeper and more aware of the marvelous gift that’s behind the whitewash: the gift of the Incarnation of our God! †

From *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas* by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, available at Liguori.org. *Daybreaks* authors include Fr. Daniel Horan, Sr. Dianne Bergant, and John Shea.

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “Commit Fully” by Patricia Livingston

When my granddaughter was four, she wasn’t completely over the flu when her preschool Christmas pageant came around. Though no longer contagious, she was still pretty weak. “I have to go,” she said. “They need me. I’m the star.” I assumed she meant she had the lead role. But later, I discovered she was literally the star that led the Wise Men to Bethlehem. Sick or well, we each have a part to play in the pageant of life. All parts make a difference. We have to go. The world needs us. We shine to light the path to God. †

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Lord Jesus, so that all believers may dwell in the light, walk in the light, and be witnesses to the light, we pray—Be born in us, be born in our world.


The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

January 8–13

Monday, Baptism of the Lord:
Is 55:1–11 or 1 Jn 5:1–9 / Mk 1:7–11
Tuesday, Weekday:
1 Sm 1:9–20 / Mk 1:21–28
Wednesday, Weekday:
1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20 / Mk 1:29–39

Thursday, Weekday:
1 Sm 4:1–11 / Mk 1:40–45
Friday, Weekday:
1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a / Mk 2:1–12
Saturday, Weekday:
1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19; 10:1a / Mk 2:13–17

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the Word 
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