

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
1801 S. Miami Ave.
Marshall, MO. 65340

**THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD**

JANUARY 2, 2022

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

Matthew 2:11



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Mass Times

Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM & 11 AM

Spanish Mass Sunday 1 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00-5:00 PM in the Chapel
or by Appointment

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Mass Intentions

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Saturday	January 1st
9:00 AM	Donald Thiel
4:00 PM	Jerry Hitt — Sweet Springs
5:30 PM	People of the Parishes
Sunday	January 2nd
7:30 AM	Jennifer Syron Mahanna
9:15 AM	(Slater)
11:00 AM	Wayne Clause
1:00 PM	Pompeyo Aguilar Vasquez (Spanish)
Monday	January 3rd
Tuesday	January 4th
8:15AM	NO MASS (SCHOOL ONLY)
5:30PM	Marilyn Ott
Wednesday	January 5th
8:00AM	Bob Barr
Thursday	January 6th
8:00 AM	Larry Gauldin
8:15 AM	Mass for Youth (SCHOOL ONLY)
Friday	January 7th
8:00 AM	Mass for Peace
Saturday	January 8th
4:00 PM	People of the Parishes— Sweet Springs
5:30 PM	Fred & Zara Castle
Sunday	January 9th
7:30 AM	Special Intention
9:15AM	(Slater)
11:00AM	John Boland
1:00PM	Larry & Barbara Desmond (Spanish)

Bishop McKnight's November prayer intention for our Local Church

For a deeper spirituality of stewardship among all the baptized: That from our gratitude for God's many blessings we may offer our personal gifts and talents in service to the evangelizing mission of the Church.



Intención del mes de noviembre del Obispo McKnight por nuestra Iglesia Local

Por una espiritualidad de 'buenos administradores' más profunda en todos los bautizados: Que desde nuestra gratitud por las muchas bendiciones de Dios podamos ofrecer nuestros dones y talentos personales al servicio de la misión evangelizadora de la Iglesia.

Sacramental & Spiritual Life of the Parish

Baptism—Preparation is required for both parents, preferably during the early months of pregnancy. Please call the Rectory to register.

Marriage—Please contact the parish a minimum of 6 months prior to your proposed wedding date to begin marriage preparation.

Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)—Adults interested in inquiring about becoming Catholic are invited to participate in this process. Sessions are held weekly September—May. Please contact parish office for more information.

Ministry to Sick and Homebound—Please contact the parish office when a parishioner is sick or hospitalized. We will schedule a visit and Communion call, as appropriate. Due to patient confidentiality, the parish is not automatically notified of hospital admissions.

Please Pray for all the sick and suffering of our Parish Community

Richard Ackerman, Helen Elaine Arth, Regina Banks, Paul Bethel, Hannah Browning, Justin Browning, Barney E. Burks, Anna Darlene Clark, Cheryl Clark, Karen Darling, Betty Eddy, Doug Ehrhardt, Resa Ferguson, Cindy Fry, Virginia Graver, Danny Grissitt, Fr. Paul Hartley, Donald Kennedy, Marilyn Korte, John & Jen Lappin, Joe Lent, Gary Littrell, Judy Mark, Alice Markes, Jason Monnig, Mildred Moore, David Moore, Mary Ellen Morgan, David Officer, Kathy Pabst, Sarah Parker, Dorothy (Kessler) Pettet, Bernice Pollard, Connie Rieth, Joyce Rieth, Lorisa Rivers, Mark Robe, Mae Sample, Matt Sause, Cody Schmidt, Martin Chvatal, Oden Sullivan, Sandra Sullivan, Rose Mary Terhune, Don Thiel, Katy Tyler, Joyce Weaver, James F. Weaver, Ian Williams, Amy Wolfe, Ted Wolfe, Ayden Wright, Marcella Young, Betty Zimmerschied, Charles Zimmerschied.

Liturgical Schedule for the up-coming week

Mass Time	Servers	Musician/ Accompanist	Lector	Mass Coordinator	Mass Sacristan	Ushers
Jan. 8 Saturday 5:30 PM	Beau Wilson	Pam Whitney/ Melanie Elfrink	Maureen Burks	Nancy Wiseman	Nancy Wiseman	John Lappin Brad Metcalf
Jan. 9 Sunday 7:30 AM	Robert Butner/ Daniel Butner	Annette Smith/ Nancy Thompson	Stephen Meyer	Jan Backes	Joan Lewis	Walt Keith Volunteer
11:00 AM	Megan Miles/ Catarina Henke	Dani Snyder/ Nancy Thompson	Jeannie Lawless	Nancy Davidson	Nancy Davidson	Jason Wolfe Mike Donnell

Eucharistic Ministers for January

5:30 PM Mass

- Al Terhune
- John Weaver

7:30AM Masses

- Joan Lewis
- Susan Carney

11 AM Masses

- Cynthia Henke
- Brian Henke

Did you know you can view the monthly ministerial schedule on our website?
www.stpeterchurch-marshallmo.org Click on the Ministry Schedule button.

—Thank you to those who bring in their tithing envelopes during the week, these amounts get added from Wed to Tues of each week so the weekly collection numbers are always up to date.

—The direct withdrawals are also added into the weekend closest to the dates: 1st, 15th and 20th.

Coordinators of Ministries for Mass

Song Leaders:

Julie Butner
660-886-0895

Servers/Accompanist:

Carol Wolfe
660-631-7802

Ushers:

Walt Keith
660-886-5829

Lectors:

Nancy Wiseman
660-529-3385

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ann Orear
660-493-2991

Sacristan/Mass

Coordinator:
Janice Backes
660-631-1518

Money Counters for January

Mille Hitt

Ann Wilson

Phebe McCutcheon

Weekly Collection 12/19/2021

Envelopes:	\$ 10,765.14
Plate Collection:	\$ 1,607.20
Tithing Received:	\$ 12,372.34
Tithing Weekly Intention:	\$ 12,884.62
Difference	\$ -512.28
Year-to-Date	
Tithing Received:	\$ 317,258.45
Tithing Intention:	\$ 318,790.29
Difference:	\$ -1,531.84

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo — Se postrarán ante ti, Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio — Vinieron unos Magos de Oriente preguntando: "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?" (Mateo 2:1-12).

Sunday, Jan 02, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The sanctity of home

"Home is where the heart is" is an ancient proverb. Many folks find their deepest level of satisfaction and fulfillment in family life. But home is also where the hearth is: the place to which we come in from the cold to restore ourselves, where we put up our feet, sigh, and relax. Our homes are sacred to us; why not commend them to God? On Epiphany, we're invited to gather with our loved ones to bless the door, walls, and table of our dwelling. Compose your own blessing together or visit the USCCB's Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany for the rite of home blessing.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20).* "The star they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."

Monday, Jan 03, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Initial reflections

Do you have anything monogrammed with your initials, perhaps towels or clothing? While monogramming is decorative, it also marks your belongings as yours. Jesus has a monogram too: "IHS," which stands for the first three letters of the Greek spelling of the name of Jesus. Later the monogram was associated with the Latin phrase *Iesus Hominum Salvator* (Jesus Humankind's Savior). There is power in the very name of Jesus and so Catholics venerate it. Perhaps you've seen this monogram on altars or vestments. Jesuits use the IHS monogram as the emblem of their society. You can bear his monogram too—by calling on his name and showing to the world that you belong to him.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212).* "And great crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan followed him."

Tuesday, Jan 04, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

Fed by the bread of life

Raised Episcopalian, Elizabeth Ann Seton knew about Jesus multiplying loaves. On Sundays, she was a devout communicant at historic Trinity Church on Wall Street. But it wasn't until Elizabeth went to Italy with her children and husband in 1803, attending Mass with Catholic friends, that she was drawn to the Real Presence in the Eucharist. "How happy would we be, if we believed what these dear souls believe," she wrote, "that they possess God in the sacrament, and that He remains in their churches and is carried to them when they are sick!" In honor of Mother Seton, the first U.S.-born saint, resolve to receive Communion more often this year.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213).* "He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people."

Wednesday, Jan 05, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

Get to know your neighbors

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint John Neuman, the first Redemptorist priest ordained in the United States and the first male U.S. citizen named a saint. Neumann, who emigrated to the United States from Bohemia as a young man desirous of being a missionary, is

revered for his tireless work among immigrants in the Northeast. He had a talent for understanding people and knowing what would bring them peace and comfort. Seek to emulate this holy man, who one of his fellow bishops observed, "had a solution for every question posed," and an "unruffled composure, which betokened deep humility and perfect self-control. I always regarded him as a saint."

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214).* "If we love one another, God remains in us, and [God's] love is brought to perfection in us."

Thursday, Jan 06, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

The comeback kid of Québec

Saint André Bessette's remarkable life began when he was born into poverty in 1845. Orphaned by age 12, considered a failure in school, he practiced unskilled trades until his pastor encouraged him to join the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The congregation reluctantly admitted him, concerned about his frail health. Brother André defied expectations, living to age 91 and becoming famous throughout Québec for the many healings people experienced after visiting him in his role as a humble doorkeeper. Why not ask Brother André for his intercession, be it for mental, spiritual, relational, or physical healing?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22 (215).*

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

Friday, Jan 07, 2022

MEMORIAL OF RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST

Make straight your path

Through its long history, the church has been careful to make a distinction between the canons, or rules, of the church and the laws of the state. The canons, from the Greek *kanon* for "straight," were meant to guide Catholics toward the mission of the church—to keep them on the straight and narrow of faith, so to speak. There are 1,752 canons, many that pertain to all of us. For example, Canon 210: "All the Christian faithful must direct their efforts to lead a holy life and to promote the growth of the church and its continual sanctification, according to their own condition." In honor of the patron saint of canon lawyers, Saint Raymond of Peñafort, do your best to follow the rules of the church and give witness to God's saving love.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216).* "God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

Saturday, Jan 08, 2022

SATURDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Increasing Christ

Tomorrow, the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. The days, dates, and seasons of the church's liturgical calendar focus the whole People of God on the same celebrations. During Advent we prepare. In Christmas we welcome. Lent is a time of reflection and repentance. Easter is new life. In Ordinary Time we celebrate the ongoing effects of God's grace. So when "Silent Night" or "We Three Kings" is sung throughout the world, the air fills with the grace generated by God in our hearts. Sing a Christmas hymn today and know that the stars are singing with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217).* "He must increase; I must decrease."

Christmas Flower Offerings

*Tom Vogl	*Anne Brown	*Carol Jeffress Carnal	*Kay Kamery
*Wallace Eddy	*Robert & Wilma Castle	*Martin & Wilma Bryan	*Frank A. King
*Haley Browning	*Norbert & Della Cramer	*Jim Castle	*Theis & Ley Families
*Arleen & Wallace Rasch	*Cletus Kloeppel	*Amanda Castle	*Virgil & Louise Sullivan
*Maggie & Kyle Westhoff	*Cody Johns	*Tom Castle	*Bud Davidson
*Eric Rasch	*Fitzgerald & Boland Families	*Alberta Castle	*Henry & Helen Hoff
*Bernice Rasch	*Wilfred Henke	*Joyce Weaver	*Patty Hoff Shay
*Lawrence Barr	*Mary Bassmann	*Harold Girard	*Mike Hoff
*Lucille Barr	*Lewis Bassmann	*Julie & C.J. Girard	*John Hoff
*Nancy Barr	*Leo Grothaus SR.	*Carl & Agnes Vogl	*Sis & Eddie Smith
*Del Barr	*Thelma Grothaus	*Harold & Mildred Vogl	*Lavey & Bud Smith
*Renee Rowland	*Sylvester & Helen Widel	*Regina & Joe Stewart	*Bea & Charles Smith
*Tobin & Weaver Family	*Harvey & Juanita Bullard	*Lakenburger & Keller Families	*Louise & Casie Carney
*Connie Reichert	*Fred & Zara Castle	*Bud & Lucy Sadewhite	*Lany & Casie Carney
*Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Sowers	*Abbie Bryan Brown	*Jim Stacey	*Marvin Sprigg
*Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Reichert	*Price & Wenonah Loper	*Rosa McCraw	*Mary Barnes
*Jane Sloan	*Kenneth & A.K. Leffman	*Cleo Stacey	*Leonard Barnes
*Marshall W. Sloan	*Janis Wohlberg	*Gertrude Stacey	*Charles Eddy
*Bill & Elie Flynn	*Ray & Edith Keller	*Don Wilson	*Kathleen Eddy
*The Eades Family	*Tom & Alberta Castle	*Petty Carrillo	*Edith Eddy
*J.D. Brown	*Mary Kathryn Gauldin	*Mrs. Joyce Weaver	
	*Roy Jeffress	*Tom Vogl	
		*Bob Barr	
		*Tony Benedick	
		*Alberta Benedick	

Mary Pure and Humble bringing us always to her Divine Son

From all eternity, Jesus willed Mary to be his mother and that she would, through singular graces, be full of grace and become the Immaculate Conception. Let me ask you a question. If you were God, I and Jesus was fully God and fully man, would you let the most vile, proud and wicked Satan touch your mother at any time? Of course you would not allow that or you would not be a good person or a good God. Jesus willed Mary to be his mother from all eternity, to be a virgin and pure, to please God the Father for where His Son would enter humanity. Mary is not divine, but is in a special place, because of a Holy God and a Holy Son of God, and her spouse the Holy Spirit. Because Satan is smarter than any man, and wishes to draw people to hell, he has influenced men to dis-

tance themselves from Mary, knowing that she gave her total fiat (yes) to become the mother of our Lord. So Satan has influenced many men to try and give her little or no thought in trying to have a close relationship with Jesus. Yet as we try to come closer to Jesus, no one loves Mary more than Jesus, and no one loves Jesus more than Mary. Jesus needed Mary, and Mary needed Jesus. In our flesh, we can never get to the level Mary can take us if we use a very simple gift she gives us through the grace given to her by the Holy Trinity.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will give you the wisdom of God, which exceeds all intelligence, and something Satan does not want you to have. It can take scales off your eyes and allow you to see a special gift that a Holy God wants you to have. And

see why the following statement can be made.

Remain in the Grace of God, which is the only good that no one can ever take away from you: all the rest will be in the hands of her whom we invoke as the Help of Christians. And when the Virgin intervenes, hell trembles.

Call, email or text me and I will send your family a special Christmas Gift - 417-599-9247 or saintbenedict1951@gmail.com
Merry Christmas

To Jesus through the sorrowful and immaculate heart of Mary, Dr. Gregory Mary Thompson

Parish and Community Announcements



The RCIA classes will take a break for Christmas after the Dec 14 meeting. We'll meet again beginning Jan 4th. May you receive many blessings this Christmas!

Anyone is welcome to our weekly meetings beginning January 4 at 7 pm in St. Mary's Room. If you are called to this ministry, please come join us. We welcome anyone who is curious and looking to grow in their faith or have questions. Call *Fr. Francis* (886-7960), *Maureen Burks* (815-0854); or *Pam Whitney* (815-4455) just to talk, ask questions, or register to take or help with the Journey of Faith.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

Our formal meetings in the Parish Hall from 9:30-11:00 AM

January 23

February 27

March 27

April 24

There will be no meetings in the month of May.
All meetings are to be followed by the high school/college Mass.
See you there!

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on
Thursday, January 6.

This will be a regular carry-in luncheon meeting with the Rosary starting at 12:15p.m.
All women of St. Peter Parish are invited to attend.

Interested in automatic monthly tithing?

Call or come by the office to fill out the form to have your pre-set amount withdrawn from your account on a set date.

Call the office @ **660-886-7960** or
email **stpeter.office@att.net**

Interesado(a) en dar su ofrenda mensual con pagos automaticos? Contacte la oficina o por correo electronico para llenar el formulario.

Llamar la oficina **660-886-7960** o
email **stpeter.office@att.net**

Do You Have Gluten Sensitivity?

If you are gluten intolerant and that is preventing you from receiving the Sacrament please talk to one of the priests about arrangements for you to receive a low-gluten host.

¿Tiene sensibilidad al gluten?

Si eres intolerante al gluten y eso te impide recibir el sacramento hable con uno de los sacerdotes sobre los arreglos para que reciba un hostia bajo en gluten en la misa.

Saturday, January 15th (11AM-2PM)

Tom Vogl Dinner

Serving Smoked Pork Loin Dinner

At the K of C Hall

Dine In, Carry Out or Drive Thru

FREE WILL DONATION

Knights of Columbus

Sausage & Ham Breakfast

Dine In!

Sunday, January 16

7:00 am – 10:00 am

K of C Hall

ADULTS: \$10

CHILDREN (10 & under): \$5

Carry outs available

Please pray for the repose of the
soul of **Oden Sullivan** and for
the consolation of his family.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Epiphany of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

O God, who on this day
revealed your Only Begotten
Son to the nations

by the guidance of a star,
grant in your mercy
that we, who know you already
by faith,

may be brought to behold
the beauty of your sublime
glory.

Through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy

Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

ORACIÓN DE LA SE- MANA

La Epifanía del Señor

Misa del día

Señor Dios, que en este día
manifestaste a tu Unigénito
a las naciones,

guiándolas por la estrella,
concede a los que ya te
conocemos por la fe,
que lleguemos a contemplar
la hermosura de
tu excelsa gloria.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo,
tu Hijo,
que vive y reina contigo en
la unidad del Espíritu Santo
y es Dios por los siglos de
los siglos.

Please forward weekend announcements to the
church e-mail

stpeter.office@att.net

if you would like the priest to mention them during
weekend mass. Forward them before 3pm Fridays.

Thanks,

Fr. Francis and Fr. Aubuchon

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— *Isaiah 60:1*



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JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 John 3:22 — 4:6;
Psalms 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10; Psalms 72:1-4, 7-8;
Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18; Psalms 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4:19 — 5:4;
Psalms 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Luke 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13; Psalms 147:12-15, 19-20;
Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21; Psalms 149:1-6a, 9b;
John 3:22-30

Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11;
Psalms 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Psalms 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

LITTLE MINUTES

Little drops of water,
little grains of sand,
make the mighty ocean
and the pleasant land;
so the little minutes,
humble though they be,
make the mighty ages
of eternity.

—Julia A. Fletcher Carney

BUENA DISPOSICIÓN

Una buena disposición es una virtud en sí misma, y es duradera; el peso de los años no la deprecian, y el amor que se funda en ella perdura hasta el fin.
—Ovidio

La Epifanía del Señor

2 de Enero de 2022

Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén,
porque ha llegado tu luz
y la gloria del Señor alborea sobre ti.
— *Isaías 60:1*

CAMINO HACIA DIOS

En nuestra celebración de la Epifanía, dos temas entrelazados están presentes en las lecturas de hoy. Dios está comenzando algo nuevo, y Dios reúne a toda la humanidad a participar. Para Isaías, la luz brillante de Dios, manifestada en el pueblo de Israel, atrae y convoca a personas de muchas naciones a Jerusalén. En la carta a los efesios, la gracia de Dios hace a los gentiles coherederos y en el Evangelio de Mateo los hace coparticipes. Mateo cuenta la historia del cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios a Israel por medio del nacimiento de Jesús, y simultáneamente guiando a los extranjeros a compartir esas mismas promesas. Con el nacimiento de Jesús, Dios eligió a un pueblo determinado, en un tiempo y lugares específicos, para entrar directamente en la historia de la humanidad. Las lecturas de hoy enseñan que Dios lo hizo para reunir a todos los pueblos, a todas las culturas, en la unidad con Dios. Al igual que los magos, estamos siendo llevados a un viaje hacia Dios, convirtiéndonos en coparticipes de la obra de Dios.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Juan 3:22 — 4:6; Salmos 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mateo 4:12-17, 23-25

Martes: 1 Juan 4:7-10; Salmos 72 (71):1-4, 7-8;
Marcos 6:34-44

Miércoles: 1 Juan 4:11-18; Salmos 72 (71):1-2, 10, 12-13;
Marcos 6:45-52

Jueves: 1 Juan 4:19 — 5:4;
Salmos 72 (71):1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lucas 4:14-22a

Viernes: 1 Juan 5:5-13; Salmos 147:12-15, 19-20;
Lucas 5:12-16

Sábado: 1 Juan 5:14-21; Salmos 149:1-6a, 9b;
Juan 3:22-30

Domingo: Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7 o Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11;
Salmos 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10 o Salmos 104 (103):1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Hechos 10:34-38 o Tito 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22

