



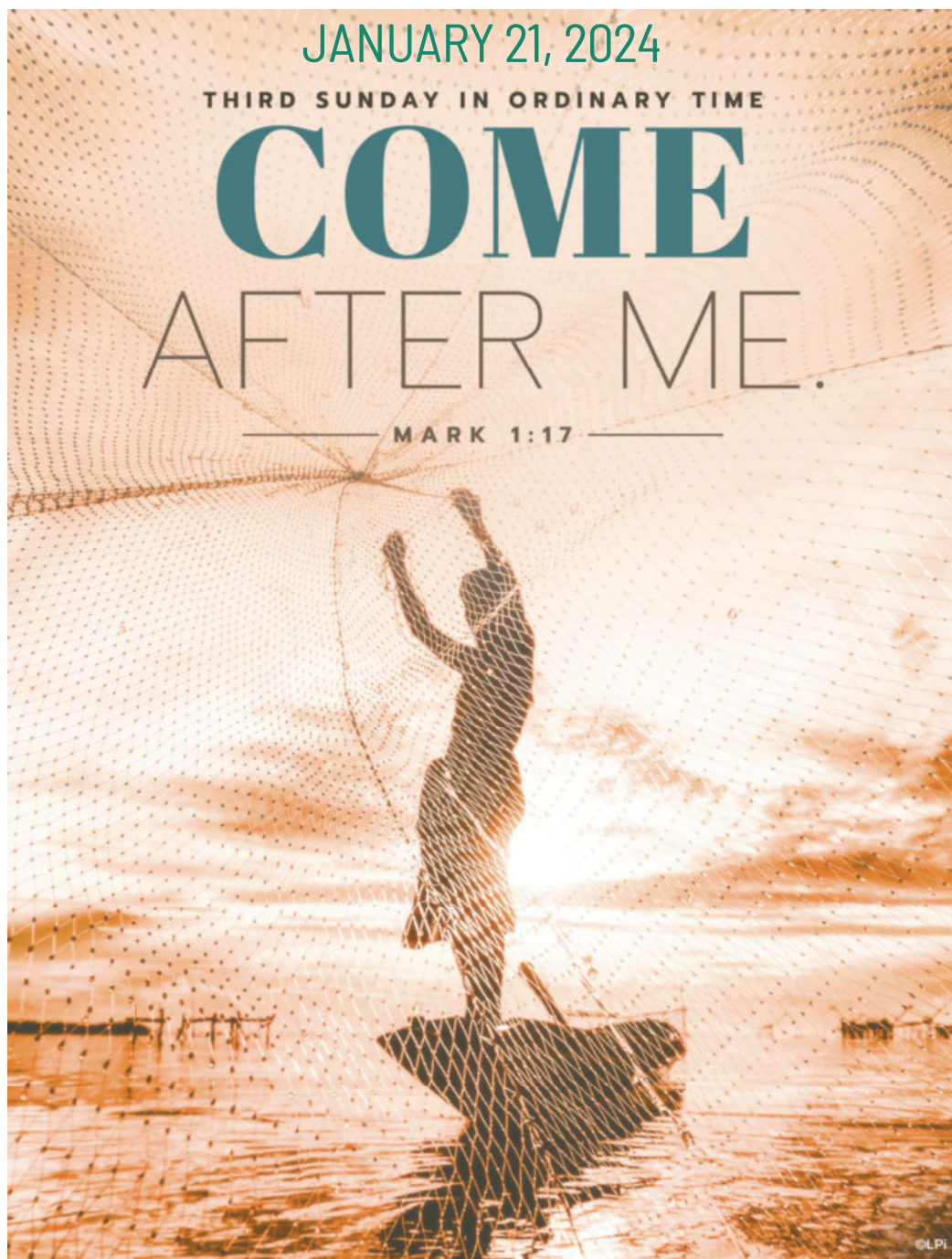
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Welcome!

Mass Schedule
January 22 - 28

Weekday Mass
in the Chapel

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 6:45 AM
Wednesday - 8:15 AM
Thursday - 6:45
Friday - 8:15 AM

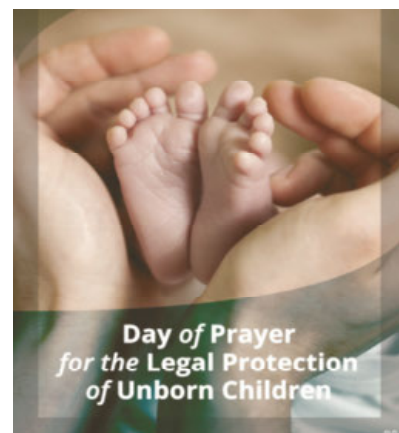
Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil
4:00 PM

Sunday
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM
Noon and 5:00 PM

Reconciliation
In the Chapel

Saturday 2:45 - 3:30 PM



PARISH NEWS



New Mother Items Drive

The Catholic Daughters are sponsoring a drive to assist clients served by Living Grace.

Please bring items from the list below to Mass now through January 28th.

Items Living Grace is Requesting

Deodorant
Tooth paste & tooth brushes
Facial Soap
Shampoo & conditioner
Lotion (hand & body)
Socks
Thick, wide sanitary pads

Drive through Drop - Off
Next Saturday, January 27
9:00 AM - Noon
Outside the Church



Thank you in advance for your support!



Catholic Daughters' Annual Rummage Sale



Saturday, February 3rd - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
&
Sunday, February 4th - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
In the Parish Center

Registration for this year's two day rummage sale is open! Did you make a New Year's resolution to declutter your home? This is the perfect way to make that resolution a reality. Clear out your garage and closets and sell your "treasures" at this annual event which benefits our parish. The cost of a table is \$80 for both days. Have a lot of items? A second table is only \$40! Limited space is available so call the office today at 702.733.8323 and leave your message for the coordinator.



**Are You Grieving
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St. Viator Bereavement Ministry presents
**GriefShare, a 13-part weekly seminar and
support group designed to help you
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**We will meet
Wednesdays, 9-10:30am in the
Fr. White Room of our Parish Center
beginning February 7.
We will not meet March 13.**

**GriefShare is designed in such a way
that you can still get valuable
information even if you join
after the cycle has begun.**

For more information go to griefshare.org

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The Archdiocesan Jubilee Mass
is celebrated by
Auxiliary Bishop Gregory Gordon
for all couples who have been
married in the Roman Catholic Church,
celebrating their Golden, Silver, or
other significant anniversaries of marriage.

Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM Mass

Location: Guardian Angel Cathedral
302 Cathedral Way

Registration deadline: January 31st - go to
<https://lvcatholic.org/events/2024jubileemass>



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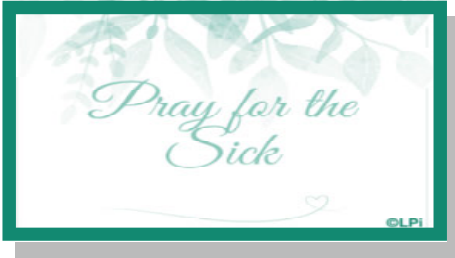
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February 9th
5:30 -8:00 PM
St. Viator Parish Center

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PARISH NEWS



- 10/15 Madison Bowe,
Ginny Edwards,
Loy Prado,
Valerie Salerno,
R. Timbal
- 10/22 Rosie Graziano,
Marion Waterman
- 10/29 Ewa Mackowiak,
Josephine Marasgis,
Carlino Mendoza,
Remedios Mendoza,
Christopher Zanghi
- 11/12 Joan De Angelis,
Thelma Rosales,
Don Shephard,
Sharon Wendelin
- 12/10 Irene Gallegos
- 12/24 Joan Skaggs,
Medel Family,
The Holy Land
- 12/31 The Meier Family
- 1/21 Tom Edwards,
Jerry Lingle



Samuel DiBlasi
Annette Fazio
Arthur Garrelli
Mira Likarevic
Joseph Zappia



Adult Confirmation Sessions

Our parish is offering new sessions for adults (age 18+) wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring.

Candidates for the sacrament must have been baptized in the Catholic faith and received First Holy Communion.

Sessions began last Thursday, January 18th. The sessions are held at 6:30 PM in the church.

Contact Ruben Murillo (rubenmurillojr@gmail.com) or Marty Flynn (pollywantsacracker9@gmail.com) for details or if you have any questions.



Food Bank Reminders

Thank you to all who have donated food for our drives.

Please donate only **non-perishable** food that has **not expired**.

We often receive food that surpassed its expiration date.



Read the biographies of Judyann Price & Michael Boccadoro on the next page.

Prayer List Procedure - Individuals will remain on the prayer list for three months (date is when added or re-added to the Prayer List). Please call the office if an individual is in continued need of prayers.

Meet St. Viator Parish School Foundation Dinner Honorees Judyann Price and Michael Boccadoro

Saint Thomas Aquinas stated that "The greater the friendship, the more solid and long lasting the marriage will be." A fortunate stroke of serendipity that rings true for this Bronx boy and Jersey girl. Michael and Judyann came from the East Coast, at different times, with a chance meet at the opening of the Mirage Hotel and Casino. Both with lengthy gaming backgrounds, they were drawn together by their strong Catholic faith and belief in service to others. Within months of opening Judyann and Michael spearheaded a large Christmas giving for the Shade Tree Shelter. From there they continued their quest together to live by their Catholic faith best quoted by Pope John Paul II, "Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence."

Judyann was born in Atlantic City, NJ. She attended Catholic school and spent her childhood on retreats with the Salesian sisters. Her aspiration to be a nun was hindered when she chose to work in the gaming industry. She spent her free time acting and modeling in New York City and while living briefly in Japan. Visiting Las Vegas in 1987, Judyann attended her first Mass at St Viator. In 1989 she moved to Las Vegas to open the Mirage Hotel and Casino, while continuing her acting and modeling on the side. Judyann was chosen by the LVCVA as an International Showgirl traveling the world, speaking to people about the exciting town she proudly would call home - Las Vegas. In 1993, Judyann opened the MGM Casino as a Baccarat Manager and was chosen to represent MGM with United Way. This led to one of the most successful campaigns within a gaming establishment. As a corporate and motivational speaker she's most comfortable on stage empowering audiences all over the world. Judyann is also an experienced wedding officiant. As an ordained minister she has worked over a decade in the industry providing an exceptional experience, crafted uniquely - one loving couple at a time. She loves volunteering at Catholic Charities where she is known for her energy and dance moves. Her philanthropic emcee credits include, SVS Foundation Dinner and Auction, SV Woman's Guild Fashion Events, Living Grace Home, Southern Nevada Dress for Success, the LV Philharmonic, The Chapeau Society and various other charitable events. She has volunteered as an on-air host for Vegas PBS for over 25 years. Judyann is a 2006 Graduate of UNLV with a BA in communication and in 2017 received her Sommelier Certification.

As a HAPPY Catholic, Judyann served as president of the Parish Council and now holds the title of emeritus while continuing to volunteer: sponsoring candidates in the RCIA program and teaching several classes, working the Haunted House with the infamous Scream Team at the SVS Halloween Carnival, bartending at Taste of St. Viator and Assistant Biscuit Distributor for Fr. Rinn during Blessing of the Pets. Judyann always insists on bringing "FUN" to the task. As a Welcome Back Welcome Home volunteer her love to recruit new happy parishioners is her greatest joy besides being married to her best friend, Michael.

Michael was born in the Bronx, NY to a second generation Italian family. He grew up in Yonkers, NY; attended Mt. Carmel St. Anthony Catholic School, and graduated Yonkers High School. Growing up Michael was immediately engaged in charitable fundraising events. Most memorable was his time spent playing on the Gene Krupa All Stars softball team. In 1977, Michael moved to Las Vegas to join his uncle in the gaming industry. Fortunate to enjoy the casino industry and that "Rat Pack" feel, he broke in at the El Cortez, continuing on to the Aladdin, Golden Nugget, Mirage and Hard Rock Hotel. As an avid motorcycle rider and classic car owner, he was involved in numerous charity events which continues today. These events included MDA, Metropolitan Police Department, Toys for Tots, Childhood Cancer Foundation and many more. A true New York Yankee fan to the dismay of Fr. Rinn they still manage to maintain a very strong friendship.

Coming from a strong Catholic family upbringing Michael religiously attends Mass at St. Viator. One to never turn down those in need, he prides himself in service to others especially when owning a pick up truck. His joy is volunteering at the many functions at St. Viator. A resident bartender at the Taste of St. Viator he can also be found in the kitchen happily washing dishes. Michael is a sponsor of the RCIA program and a greeter at church. He loves time spent volunteering at Catholic Charities and prefers to maintain a low profile while continuing to be available to others. Service to others is his greatest joy besides being married to his best friend, Judyann.

In 1993, Judyann and Michael were married in Rome Italy and Blessed by the Pope. Fr Rinn gave them their pre-Cana and was instrumental in their Papal Blessing. Their friendship has flourished throughout the years leading up to the most recent pilgrimage to Italy where everything came full circle.

Judyann and Michael continue to enjoy being part of St. Viator Catholic Community. Special thank you to Fr. Rinn and SVS Foundation for this honor with blessings to the other honorees and their families.

"We are extremely grateful and humbled to receive this honor. There are many people who spend their lives in this way...when you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!"



**A Pastoral Reflection on *Fiducia Supplicans* for the Priests, Deacons, and
Faithful of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas
by Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.
December 24, 2023**

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has long shown his pastoral concern for the salvation of souls and his closeness to people in every situation, including those who are struggling spiritually, or alienated from the Church.

His writings, instructions, homilies, and indeed his very life, demonstrate his desire to minister to all people, especially those who are most in need of God's mercy and grace.

The recent Declaration prepared by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Fiducia Supplicans*, reflects the Holy Father's solicitude toward all persons, including those in irregular marital situations and same sex couples. The document does so without validating their marital status or changing in any way the Church's perennial teaching on marriage or on sexual morality.

This Declaration broadens and enriches the meaning of blessings, acknowledging that "when one asks for a blessing, one is expressing a petition for God's assistance, a plea to live better, and confidence in a Father who can help us live better." (21)

The Declaration is predicated upon the conviction that "when one becomes aware of the Lord's gifts and His unconditional love, even in sinful situations - particularly when a prayer finds a hearing - the believer's heart lifts its praise to God and blesses him." (29)

Therefore, no one should be precluded from this kind of blessing.

The Holy Father is proposing what Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan discovered from the isolation of his prison cell as he watched his captors respond to God's transforming love. In the words of Cardinal Van Thuan, "the love of God is irresistible."

The Pope's in vivo ministerial style consistently demonstrates his preference for invitation over invective, accompaniment above abandonment, and persuasion over polemic.

He is telling those in relationships that are incompatible with the Gospel or contrary to the hallowed teachings of the Church to come to Christ and to experience a greater joy than they have ever known.

Contrary to the opinions of certain critics of *Fiducia Supplicans*, the document clearly underscores the Church's deeply held conviction that, "... [the Church] does not have the power to confer a liturgical blessing when that would somehow offer a form of moral legitimacy to a union presumed to be a marriage or to be an extra-marital sexual practice." (11)

Rather, the non-ritualized blessing envisioned in the document endeavors to open new pathways of grace to all people, stir hunger for the divine in their hearts, and plant the seeds of salvation deep within their souls.

Like the Bernini Columns in St. Peter's Square, the Holy Father is positioning the Church to open wide her arms in a maternal embrace, never turning away her sons and daughters from the hope of eternal salvation.

The Holy Father has taken to heart the admonition of the saintly Pope John XXIII spoken at the outset of the Second Vatican Council. Pope John XXIII wrote that the Church "should be a loving Mother for all, benign, patient, forgiving, and full of mercy towards children separated from Her." (continued on p. 7)

In this way, “not only by charity, example, and works of penance, but also by prayer does the ecclesial community exercise a true maternal function in bringing souls to Christ.” (42)

The Church is the sacrament of God’s infinitive love. Therefore, the document insists that “Even when a person’s relationship with God is clouded by sin, he can always ask for a blessing, stretching out his hands to God as Peter did in the storm when he cried out to Jesus, ‘Lord, save me!’” (43)

This is why Pope Francis consistently urges pastors of souls “not to lose pastoral charity ... and avoid being judges who only deny, reject, and exclude.” In a word, “Those seeking a blessing should not be required to have moral perfection.” (25)

Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernandez, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, has stated that *Fiducia Supplicans* appeals to the prudent and fatherly discernment of ordained minister to impart these informal blessings when requested by the faithful, and when confusion or scandal would not be caused.

In the Archdiocese of Las Vegas, I ask you, priests and deacons, to utilize sound judgment and to exercise pastoral solicitude toward our people, dispensing the medicine of mercy generously, and following the dictates of your informed conscience when approached by those in irregular marital situations seeking the blessings of the Church. In doing so, you have my trust and confidence.

May the blessings of this Holy Season be yours in abundance.



Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.
Archbishop of Las Vegas

Dear St. Viator Catholic Community,

On behalf of Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, please accept my gratitude to the parishioners of St. Viator Catholic Community for the donation of 48 Christmas gift bags, and 21 gift cards totaling \$995.00 for the children served by our MRS (Migration and Refugee Services) program.

As you know, refugees often endure severe hardships that force them to flee from violence, war, or political persecution. Our team members are dedicated to providing everything needed to rebuild their lives in the United States. Your donation of Christmas toys brings holiday joy for their children while we focus on the other ways we can provide help and hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

We are grateful for the longstanding support St. Viator Catholic Community has provided. We are honored to have the parish engage with our mission through parish collections such as this, monthly volunteer service, and the annual Faces of Hunger Lenten Campaign. Thank you for continuing to extend compassion to Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada and our clients.



Rama from Syria enjoys the gifts made possible by St. Viator

Fraternally,

Deacon Thomas A. Roberts
President and Chief Executive Officer
Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada

FAITH & WORSHIP

A Good Time For Fulfillment

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: **"Repent!"** We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

~ Father John Muir
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There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I *didn't* have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.



And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment.'"

- Mark 1:14

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
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FAITH & WORSHIP



MASS PRIEST INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

4:00 PM Fr. Rinn Prasad Tatapudi

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 AM Fr. Egan Jovito & Bloomy Favila
10:00 AM Fr. von Behren Maria Cleotilde Flores
12:00 PM Fr. Rinn William Russell
5:00 PM Fr. Egan Pete Escalona, Jr.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

6:45 AM Fr. Rinn For the people

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

8:15 AM Fr. Rinn Eriq Joel Sapp Aquinio

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

6:45 AM Fr. Rinn Raul Santos

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

8:15 AM Fr. Rinn For the People

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

4:00 PM Fr. Lentz John Marchitte

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 AM Fr. Rinn Lolita Stunek
10:00 AM Fr. Lentz Richard Wimmer
12:00 PM Fr. Rinn William Russell
5:00 PM Fr. Rinn Alan Curtis



SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10
Psalms 89:20, 21-22, 25-26
Mark 3:22-30

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19
Psalms 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Mark 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

2 Samuel 7:4-17
Psalms 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30
Mark 4:1-20

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Acts 22:3-16
Psalms 117:1bc, 2
Mark 16:15-18

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

2 Timothy 1:1-8
Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10
Mark 4:26-34

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17
Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Mark 4:35-41

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

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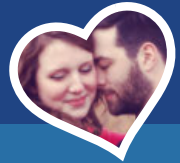
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