

ST. THERESE PARISH

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MISSION STATEMENT

“We, the people of St. Therese Parish, are disciples of Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit and made one in our celebration of the Eucharist. Nourished by our faith and with a desire to serve others, we are to hear the word of God, keep it, and share the Good News.”

Rectory: 581-2852

OFFICE HOURS:

M, W, Thurs: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Email: st.therese@roadrunner.com

Religious Education Office: 581-3840

Credit Union: 587-0631

MASSES: Saturday Evenings: 4:30 (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 8:30, 10:30

Weekdays: See schedule inside bulletin

Holy Days: See schedule inside bulletin

Monday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:10 p.m.

followed by Miraculous Medal Novena & Mass at 6:30 p.m.

The Holy Rosary is recited at 8:10 a.m. on First Fridays.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 3:00 to 4:00

and other times upon request.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Please call the rectory.

WEDDINGS: Please contact the parish one year prior to the date of the wedding. Time is necessary for instructions, paperwork and sacramental preparation.

BAPTISMS: The first Sunday of the month at 11:45 a.m. or at any Mass on the third weekend of the month. Please make arrangements in advance. Pre-Baptismal instruction required for parents. Please call the Religious Education Office for time of next class.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call or stop in at the Rectory to Register. If you move to a new address in the parish or out of the parish, please notify the Rectory.

BULLETIN DEADLINE...MONDAY NOON.

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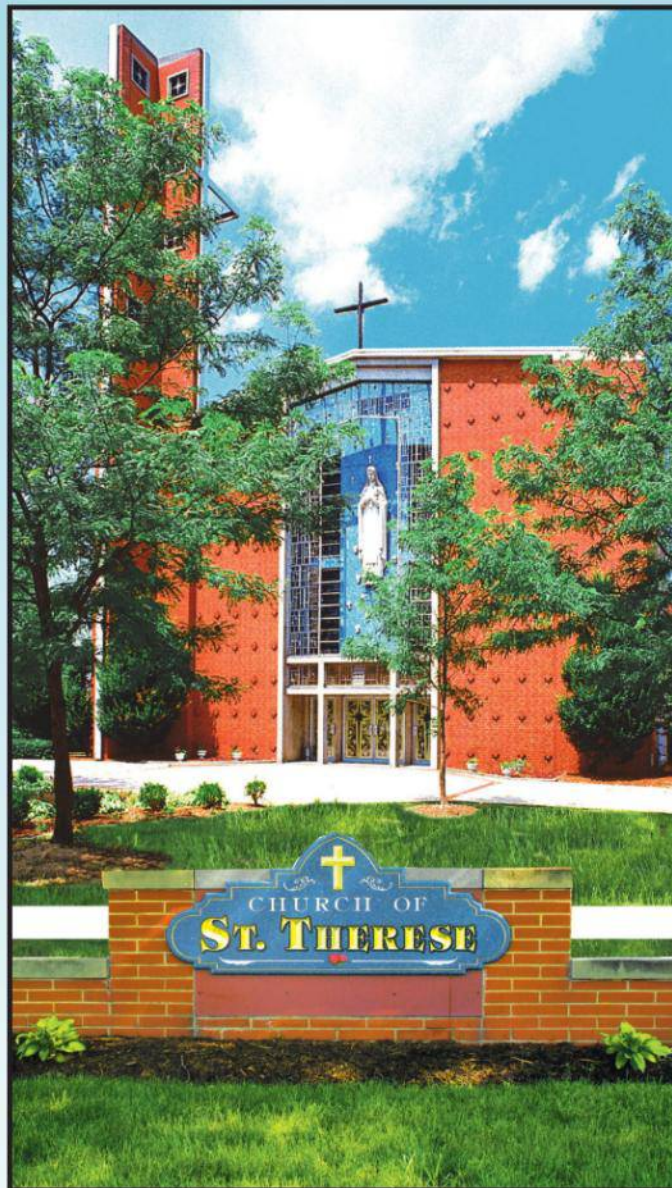
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Rev. Norman Gajdzinski, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Mr. Robert Bugaj, Deacon

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Mr. Frank Kozuch, Music Director

John Paul II Academy Phone: (216) 581-3080

Ms. Christine Lackney, Principal

 *Mass Intentions
for the Week*

SATURDAY VIGIL, June 20

4:30 p.m. Aloysius Rakoczy

SUNDAY, June 21—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Jb 38: 1, 8-11

Reading II: 2 Cor 5: 14-17; Gospel: Mk 4: 35-41

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
Father's Day Intentions

10:30 a.m. Ernest Jerina

**MONDAY, June 22—St. Paulinus of Nola,
SS. John Fisher & Thomas More**

Reading I: Gn 12: 1-9; Gospel: Mt 7: 1-5

6:30 a.m. Mary Braydich

TUESDAY, June 23

Reading I: Gn 13: 2, 5-18; Gospel: Mt 7: 6, 12-14

7:00 a.m. Vera Oblywaniuk

**WEDNESDAY, June 24—The Nativity of
St. John the Baptist**

Reading I: Is 49: 1-6; Reading II: Acts 13: 22-26

Gospel: Lk 1: 57-66, 80

THURSDAY, June 25

Reading 1: Gn 16: 1-12, 15-16; Gospel: Mt 7: 21-29

8:30 a.m. John & Agnes Biegacki

FRIDAY, June 26

Reading I: Gn 17: 1, 9-10, 15-22; Gospel: Mt 8: 1-4

8:30 a.m. James McGrath IV

SATURDAY, June 27—St. Cyril of Alexandria

Reading I: Gn 18: 1-15, Gospel: Mt 8: 5-17

Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m. Anthony & Marie Moczadlo

SUNDAY, June 28—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wis 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24;

Reading II: 2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15; Gospel: Mk 5: 21-43

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
Father's Day Intentions

10:30 a.m. Michael & Alice Smoron



Collection-June 13/14

Collection: \$7,428.44* Envelopes Used: 265

PSR: \$15

Peter's Pence: \$10

*figure includes the following:

Restoration: \$80

Parish Use Only: \$1321.99

School: \$40.50

Children: \$17.45

Father's Day: \$80

Ascension: \$10

Faith Direct: \$1,318

THANK YOU!

Pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Kathy Cool, Joshua Stebal, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Don Tews, Laverne Griffiths, Jess B. Palker, Michelle Cozens, Shirley Zwilling, Robert Thomas, Rita Pawloski, Raymond Pavlik, Naomi Conter, Michael Kobie, Keith Thomas, Jeannie Wolfendale, Dori Herout, Evelyn Maruna, Linda Voracek, Dolores DiBaggio, Richard Schultz, Larry Pentek, Robyn Buckley, Linda Antolik, Bruce Hutton, Charlotte Balla, Joseph Sciko, Sophie Tessmer, John Thomas, Sr. Felicia Mann, Donna Bogucki



Please pray for the soul of

Olga Maciaszek

May our loving Savior grant him peace.

Peace and Justice Gem

All true prayer somehow confesses our absolute dependence on God. It is a vital contact with Him. It is when we pray truly that we really are. From our prayers we receive light to apply...to our own problems and difficulties

Thomas Merton, from his *No Man is an Island*

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you know? The names of the three theological virtues?

Answer below.

Father's Day Masses

You may enroll your father, living or deceased, in a series of masses to be said at St. Therese. Enrollment envelopes are available in the church or at the rectory. Please return them to the rectory or in the collection basket.

Intentions for Dads

In celebration of Father's Day we honor St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and the patron saint of fathers. Beside the statue of St. Joseph are blank cards to write down what we thank our fathers for as well as any intentions we would like to present to St. Joseph. These cards can be placed in the basket provided near the statue of St. Joseph. The notes of appreciation to our fathers as well as the intentions to present to St. Joseph will be offered up at all the weekend masses in June.

Summer Attire for Church

There is an old saying: "the way you dress for an occasion says a lot about what you think of the occasion." This is something we should try to apply to the way we dress for Mass. While it is good to be comfortable in Church, we should always remember we are in Church. Our younger children need a good example of the respect we have for God's house. Let's show this to them by the way we dress for this occasion.

Fortnight For Freedom—June 21 to July 4

Once again the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is encouraging Catholics across our country to enter into the period of the two weeks leading up to the 4th of July with a strong focus on prayer, education, and reflection on our first freedom, freedom of religion. To help us, the Conference has provided some very helpful items to assist us in making these days very special opportunities for prayer, education and reflection. These items are available at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/freedom. More can be found at www.Fortnight4Freedom.org.

Answer: Faith, hope, and charity (or love)



Busy making plans for your summer vacation? Don't forget to include St. Therese in your vacation plans! Sign up today for eGiving through *Faith Direct* to make sure you remember your gifts to St. Therese while you're off enjoying the summer breeze and sunshine. Enrolling is easy --just go to www.faithdirect.net and use our church code OH617. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!

God bless you,

Fr. Dan



Tired of repairing your old vehicle? Donate it to St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the poor. Your used car can become food, medicine and rent for the poor in our community. And when you donate your late model car, truck or boat to SVDP Cleveland, not only will you receive a tax deduction to the fullest extent of the law, you'll be free from the troubles of insuring, licensing, repairing and selling your vehicle. We'll even provide free towing within 24 hours. It's quick and easy to donate! Donate online: www.svdpusa.com or call 800-322-8284 today.

"I Say to You, Arise!"

is the theme for the annual celebration with the African Catholic Community which will take place on Sunday, June 28, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Parish, 340 Union Street in Bedford. The celebrant will be Bishop Richard Lennon. A reception which will include traditional foods of Africa, music and dance will follow in the parish hall after Mass. For more information, call Vanessa at 216-696-6525 x3020.

Youth Ministry

To end our year, YOUTH412 spent a day in fellowship at Swings-n-Things on June 8. Typically, we only take field trips to explore God's creation (through caves and waterfalls) and Catholic tradition (through shrines and Mass). This year, funds were a little low so we stuck close to home to celebrate the closing of the school year. More than half of the teens who attended the field trip, paid for the day from their fundraising credit, which is a noble accomplishment! Whenever YOUTH412 holds a fundraiser, credit is awarded from the profit to the teens who help. Teens save their credit to pay for field trips and retreats or purchases such as their own copy of the YOUCAT. In holding credit for the teens, more opportunities are available for group adventures.

Operating funds, for youth ministry, come from the four cluster parishes. Each parish contributes \$1,000 per year to the ministry's operational costs (office supplies, postage, photocopy, promotional, meeting supplies, refreshments, etc.). We are grateful for your generosity through the parish funds. However, not all expenses are covered by the parish. Additional costs for t-shirts, field trip transportation, speaker stipends and prizes comes from fundraising and donations. This year, I am proud to announce YOUTH412 not only matched the funds allocated to the ministry, we were able to exceed the amount by \$500! All donations, from parish and civic organizations and private parishioners, is a huge blessing. One donation without a dollar amount is the time, energy and care of YOUTH412's adult leaders who tirelessly donate their time to help run activities, serve as mentors, cook food, clean up and witness the Catholic faith, time and time again. **Thank you to: Mary Benek-Higgins, Christina Furfari, Andy Kelly, Pam Kelly, Denise Likar, Joanna Maslocha, Jennifer Plas, Lou Shuster, and our young adult helpers, Angela Dotore and Danny Likar.** God bless you all!

Mrs. Nancy Heineke, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
4750 Turney Road, Garfield Hts., OH 44125
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A cluster ministry of St. Martin of Tours, St. Monica, SS. Peter & Paul and St. Therese

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Deadline to Register Coming Up!

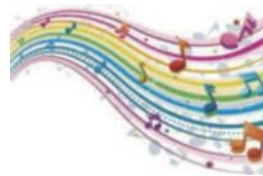
The annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will take place on Sunday, July 26, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. **The deadline to include the jubilee couples' names in the program is June 29.** Please call the rectory to register.

Justice for the Poor

After all the masses this weekend you will have the opportunity to sign letters to our governor and members of the state legislator concerning the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). This is a powerful tool against poverty. Though a federal rather than state program, each state determines for its residents how much they will benefit from the EITC. It serves to boost earnings for low-income worker and families through the income tax system, by providing a refundable tax credit. Ohio has one of the weakest state EITCs in the U.S. The problem is that the Ohio Legislature made the credit not fully refundable and placed an income cap on it. Ours is the only state with an income restriction. Were these matters to be corrected, more than 850,000 families would receive an average annual refund of \$226, which would be of help to them to make ends meet. This campaign is one that Bishop Lennon encourages throughout the diocese.

Peter's Pence Collection

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering



Refreshment Weekend— June 27/28

This month Refreshment Weekend is being hosted by Frank and our Music Ministry. After 4:30 Mass on Saturday punch, cookies, cheese and crackers will be served. After masses on Sunday coffee and donuts will be served. We will have literature about our ministry available, and we'll have music playing! We will also have gift cards available for purchase.

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Knights of Columbus Wednesday Night Dinners

The next Wednesday night dinner at Club 4130 is on June 24 from 4-7 p.m. Dinner will consist of 2 pieces of city chicken, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls and butter. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Reservations are required by 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 21. Call 216-662-2277, mailbox #2. Dinner is by Lori's Custom Catering.

Looking to get rid of a freezer?

The church hall needs a freezer. If you or someone you know has a freezer they no longer want, please call the rectory at 216-581-2852.

The Week Ahead

Saturday & Sunday, June 20/21

Girl Scout Bake Sale/Candy Bar Sale after all Masses, H

Tuesday, June 23

AA 8 p.m., H

Thursday, June 25

Bingo 6:45 p.m., H

Saturday, June 27

Refreshments with the Music Ministry after Mass, H

KEY: H: parish hall **R:** rectory **C:** church **S:** school

From Fr. Dan

This weekend we are fortunate to have with us Sr. Linda Martin, OSU, who at all the masses will speak about the consecrated life. She has ministered at Gesu Parish in University Heights for nearly 20 years, most of them as principal of Gesu School. I've invited her because the Catholic Church around the world is in the midst of the Year of Consecrated Life, which celebrates the men and women who serve God as members of religious communities. When Pope Francis first called for this observance in November 2013, he said, "A radical approach is required of all Christians, but religious persons are called upon to follow the Lord in a special way: They are men and women who can awaken the world. Consecrated life is prophecy. God asks us to fly the nest and to be sent to the frontiers of the world, avoiding the temptation to 'domesticate' them. This is the most concrete way of imitating the Lord."

Those in the consecrated life are religious sisters, brothers, and priests who practice the evangelical counsels; that is, who have taken vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Among them are the members of the Sister of St. Joseph, Third Order of St. Francis, whose local motherhouse is at Marymount and who include our director of religious education, Sr. DeAnne Zawadzki. The Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, who taught at our school for many years, also live the consecrated life. So do the members of the Society of Jesus, some of whom teach at St. Ignatius High School, and the Benedictine priests and brothers teaching at St. Benedict High School, not to mention the other religious congregations in the diocese.

Many of them are participating in a program of "pilgrimages" this summer, so that we may connect personally with them and thus discover more the beauty of our journey to God, who is the beginning and end of life's pilgrimage. By visiting any of the religious homes or ministry centers of these communities, you will receive a "pilgrim passport" that will be stamped every time you make a pilgrimage. Anyone who sees three or more of these 23 sites will receive a Year of Consecrated Life commemorative item by bringing his or her stamped passport to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist after any Sunday Mass.

Today's pilgrimage, going from 1:30 to 4 p.m., is to the Sisters of the Most Holy Trinity, who minister at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, 21281 Chardon Road in Euclid. Your pilgrimage will begin with a tour guide in the chapel (beginning at 1:30, 2:15, and 3). It then continues as you walk the grounds and visit and pray in the Grotto. You are encouraged to join with the sisters as they pray the Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m. and the Rosary at 4 p.m., with benediction following. I hope you will talk with the sisters, who through their presence demonstrate how the charism of their order gives glory to the Trinity by means of redemptive charity, helping people become closer to God.

Next Sunday's pilgrimage, also 1:30-4 p.m., is to the Benedictine Order of Cleveland and its home, St. Andrew Abbey, which is located at 2900 Martin Luther King Junior Drive in Cleveland, behind Benedictine High School. They are monks who wholeheartedly choose to serve God by living the Rule of St. Benedict. They give witness to Christ's Kingdom by conversion and obedience in community life, by praising God through liturgy, sacred reading, silence, work, and fellowship. They share the Word of God through such work and service as hospitality, Catholic education, and parish ministry.



Bringing Home the Word

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time,

June 21, 2015

Jesus Is Lord Over the Wind and Sea, Over All Creation, and Over Us as Well

By Mary K. Deeley

My brother, sister, and I learned to sail when we were young. Of all the lessons we had, the one I remember nearly verbatim was “Signs of an Approaching Storm.” I can reel off the list as though it were yesterday: dark, low, fast-moving clouds; a sudden shift in wind direction and velocity; a sudden change in temperature.

To this day, when I experience any of these things, I close windows and make sure everything is inside. I think the apostles who were seasoned fishermen must have had similar training, and I have often wondered why they just

didn’t make for shore when they noticed the signs. But then I remember that some storms move in very quickly and, if you are in the middle of the sea, you can’t make it to shore easily. The apostles may have decided to ride it out and then realized they could not.

It must have struck the apostles as odd that Jesus was peacefully asleep while they battled rising water and fierce wind. They were afraid of losing their lives. When they woke Jesus up, Scripture says that he “rebuked” the wind and the sea. The same word is used when Jesus casts out demons. The result is peace—at least on the sea or in the person who is possessed.

But for the disciples and for us, the act inspires awe and not a little anxiety: “Who then is this?” The answer unfolds for us throughout the Gospels. Jesus is Lord over the wind and sea, over all creation, and over us as well. In storm or calm, he brings his peace and shows us God’s glory. †

A Word From Pope Francis

Children are the most beautiful gift and blessing that the Creator has given to



man and woman.... Today sadly we must speak about the “passions” which many of them endure. From the first moments of their lives, many children are rejected, abandoned, and robbed of their childhood and future. There are those who dare to say, as if to justify themselves, that it was a mistake to bring these children into the world. This is shameful! Let’s not unload our faults onto the children, please! Children are never a “mistake.” Their hunger is not a mistake, nor is their poverty, their vulnerability, their abandonment—so many children abandoned on the streets—and neither is their ignorance or their helplessness...so many children don’t even know what a school is. If anything, these should be reasons to love them all the more, with greater generosity. How can we make such solemn declarations on human rights and the rights of children, if we then punish children for the errors of adults?

General audience, April 8, 2015

Sunday Readings

Job 38:1, 8–11

Here shall your proud waves be stilled.

2 Corinthians 5:14–17

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

Mark 4:35–41

The wind ceased and there was great calm. Excerpted from *One Hour With Saint Padre Pio*, © Liguori Publications

St. Padre Pio: “The Second St. Francis”

Excerpted from *One Hour With Saint Padre Pio*, © Liguori Publications

Many people believe Padre Pio to have been the greatest person of the twentieth century. He is often called “the second St. Francis.” Pope St. John Paul II canonized him on June 16, 2002.

Pio, named Francesco, was born on May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, in southern Italy. He was the fourth of six children.

From his earliest days, Francesco showed a strong spiritual disposition, received visits from our Lady, had various mystical experiences and knew that he was called to become a priest. He was accepted into the Capuchin Franciscan novitiate at the age of sixteen and took the name Pio, which means pious. However, Pio became so weak with lung troubles that he had to continue his studies at home. He remained there for seven years, studying, praying, fasting, and suffering and was dispensed for early ordination, receiving the sacrament on August 10, 1910.

About a month later, while Pio was praying in the reed hut he had built in his family’s fields, Christ and Mary appeared before him, and Pio received the stigmata, Christ’s wounds, in his own flesh. The stigmata were a great source of pain and also of embarrassment for Pio, but his only prayer—which was granted—was for the wounds to become invisible.

During World War I, Pio was drafted into the army, but as he was always on

sick leave, he was soon discharged. His superiors sent him to Our Lady of Grace Friary at San Giovanni Rotondo, where the good air of Mount Gargano was supposed to promote health. There, on the eighth anniversary of his receiving the now-invisible stigmata, Pio was praying before the crucifix after Mass when he was pierced with rays of light from the crucified Christ. From that moment until just before his death fifty years later, Pio visibly bore the bleeding wounds of Christ in his hands, feet, and side. Pio wore half-gloves to hide the holes in his hands and a sash to absorb the blood from his side. Pain became his constant companion, but he kept it to himself, and it was noticeable to others only when he walked about. In obedience to his superiors, he had to undergo various intrusive medical examinations to ascertain the cause of the wounds, but no medical rationale would ever explain them or the “celestial perfume” that surrounded him.

Despite all attempts to hide the stigmata, word spread, and throngs of faithful Catholics soon flocked to San Giovanni Rotondo to attend Mass with the holy Pio and to wait in line to have him hear confession. He became known for his ability to read souls, discern intentions, predict the future, and effect cures and healings. He was famous for the beauty of his Masses, which could last for two hours. Between Mass and confessions, Pio’s workday encompassed nineteen hours; his health was fine, but he ate so sparingly for years—only 300

or 400 calories per day—that doctors believed a source of supernatural energy kept him alive.

Pio was also known to communicate with guardian angels and to bilocate. It is also believed that his warfare with demons became physical.

His gifts made him an object of intense devotion—indeed, at times, hysteria—and the Vatican downplayed his notoriety. Nevertheless, Pio exercised a wonderful ministry, effecting numerous conversions. In imitation of Jesus, he accepted a life of victimhood, offering his sacrifice for the salvation of souls everywhere but particularly for those in purgatory. By 1967, Pio was weakening, and the stigmata began to disappear, though the pain remained. By the time of his death on September 23, 1968, the wounds had completely disappeared.

Yet the special ministry of this victim soul has not really ended, for the well-documented accounts of his amazing life continue to bring people to San Giovanni Rotondo, where they seek the truth and love that Padre Pio brought to all the souls he touched.



Lord, you gave your life as a gift of love for the whole world. Help me be a selfless servant of your love, compassion, and peace. Amen.

WEEKDAY READINGS June 22–27

Mon.	Weekday <i>Genesis 12:1–9 / Matthew 7:1–5</i>	Thurs.	Weekday <i>Genesis 16:1–12, 15–16 or 16:6b–12, 15–16 / Matthew 7:21–29</i>
Tues.	Weekday <i>Genesis 13:2, 5–18 / Matthew 7:6, 12–14</i>	Fri.	Weekday <i>Genesis 17:1, 9–10, 15–22 Matthew 8:1–4</i>
Wed.	<i>Nativity of St. John the Baptist Jeremiah 1:4–10 / 1 Peter 1:8–12 Luke 1:5–17</i>	Sat.	Weekday <i>Genesis 18:1–15 / Matthew 8:5–17</i>