

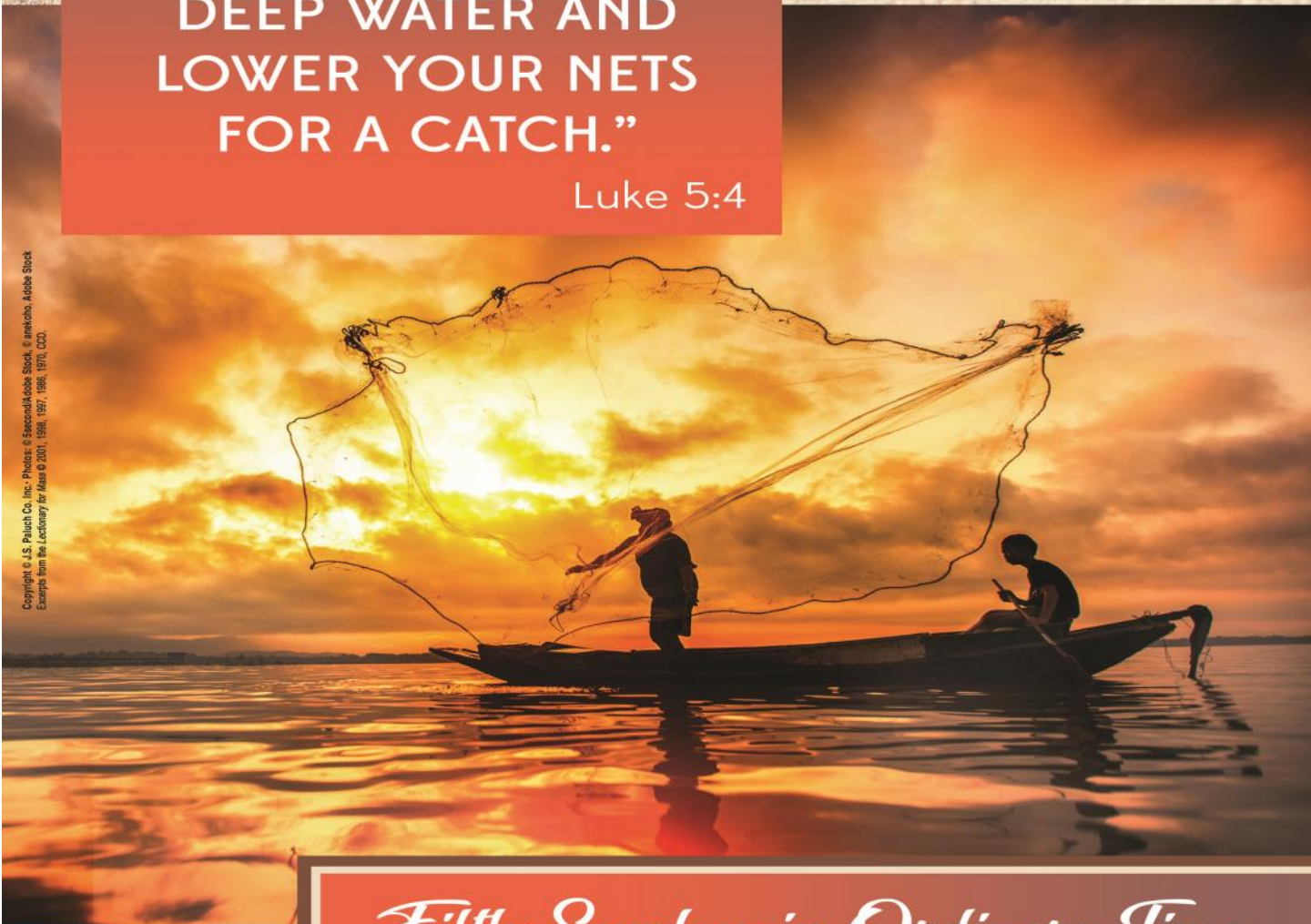
# St. Joseph Parish

JESUS SAID TO SIMON,  
“PUT OUT INTO  
DEEP WATER AND  
LOWER YOUR NETS  
FOR A CATCH.”

Luke 5:4

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

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## **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Indoor Vigil**

**Sunday**

**Mass on the Grass**

**Outdoors**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Indoor Mass**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Indoor Mass**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Daily Mass (M-W)**

**8:00 a.m. Indoor**

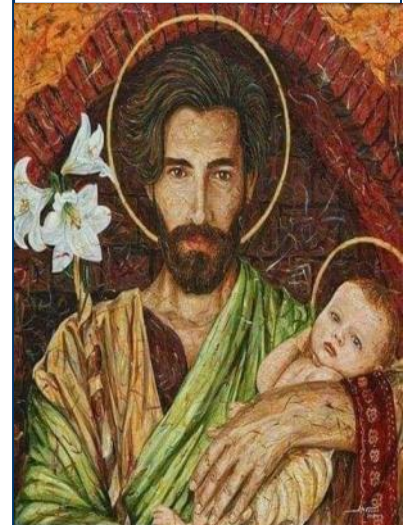
## **Reconciliation**

**Saturdays**

**3:45-4:30 p.m.**

**By the East Church**

**Door parking lot**





# Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

This weekend is our Annual Together in Mission Announcement Sunday. This year’s Together in Mission theme is **“AS ONE WE BELIEVE”**. Together in Mission is the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal by all 288 parishes to support our neediest Catholic Schools and Parishes. Many of them have suffered great losses due to the Pandemic. Those parishes that are designated as recipients of Together in Mission funds also have a goal for their parishioners to pledge and support. This is the only appeal in the nation that goes to fund those most in need. This year’s gifts will support 75 schools and 64 parishes in our local Church. Because we are one and we believe, we have the opportunity to provide parishes and schools with resources needed for the Sacraments, education, hope, and inspiration while building stronger families, faith communities and neighborhoods.

This year our parish goal is **\$75,020!** Please help us meet our goal by discerning and praying about your gift. The weekend of February 19-20 is Together in Mission Sunday and as in years past, we’ll conduct the in-pew solicitation process. If you received the pledge card in the mail, please bring it to Mass in two weeks so we can fill out the pledge cards and make our gifts together. We’ll have plenty of pledge cards available. (If you already mailed in your pledge card – thank you!) For the five years I’ve served as Pastor we’ve always exceeded our parish goal and thank you for your generosity.

This week, in a separate e-mail, I’ll be sending out the 2022 Together in Mission Video which connects you with the children and families who will receive our Together in Mission gifts. I encourage you to spend the 7 minutes watching this inspiring video!

Please help us meet our parish goal of **\$75,020** by planning to make a pledge.  
***TO GIVE IS WHO WE ARE!***

Thank you and I’m praying for you and your families!  
Msgr. Kevin



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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 6, 2022

I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
with all my heart,  
for you have heard the words of my mouth.

— *Psalm 138:1*

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 6  
2022



THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING,  
“Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”  
“Here I am,” I said; “send me!”

ISAIAH 6:8

## SHARING GOD’S GIFTS

Isn't it comforting to know that others have struggles with low self-esteem? Today Isaiah calls himself a man with “unclean lips.” Paul is “not fit to be called an apostle.” Simon Peter tells Jesus (perhaps unnecessarily) “I am a sinful man.” All of these may be true, but God chose these three—unclean, unfit, sinful—as important, essential messengers in the work of salvation. We all can remember this whenever we are tempted to view ourselves as unqualified for (or excuse ourselves from) sharing the Good News. Having a low opinion of ourselves isn't humility. Truth be told, it's a kind of arrogance to think that God cannot work through us. It's a good thing to be aware of and honest about our failings or limitations, but we also give glory to God by acknowledging what we are able to do, by sharing the gifts that God has granted us.

## RECEIVING THE CALL

All three readings today feature what are known as the “call” stories of famous figures of our faith: Isaiah, Paul, and Simon Peter. Each story shares features common to scriptural “call” stories: First, an encounter with God or a messenger of God. Second, there is some sort of resistance, usually framed as a claim of unworthiness. Third, the one who has been called receives an assurance that they are, indeed, fit for the mission. In this way God has continued to call prophets, apostles, saints, and everyday women and men throughout time. It is unlikely that any of us will receive a “call” as dramatic as fiery angels in the temple, a booming voice from heaven striking us down, or sitting side-by-side in a boat with Jesus of Nazareth. This doesn't mean we can't, or won't, or haven't received a call from God. It may even be a “spillover” from somebody else's, the way James and John are called through Jesus giving Simon Peter his mission.

## SINFUL MAN, HOLY MAN

We can likely identify with Simon Peter who, in today's Gospel passage, is really having a bad day at work. When your job is to catch fish, and you're not catching fish, it's a bad day. To top it off, he knows he is in the presence of a holy man in the person of this Jesus of Nazareth, who had just commandeered his boat to do some spontaneous preaching. As good as the preaching may have been, it surely didn't put fish in the nets. So, as he will throughout the gospel, Jesus rectifies the situation. Simon Peter knows he's not merely in the presence of a holy man, but of holiness itself, and declares his sinfulness. Nevertheless, he is commissioned for the work of the Gospel. No matter how bad our day may be going, or how incompetent we think we are, we are receiving the call. Our role in the story? Listen.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8  
Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]  
Luke 5:1-11

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## Safeguard The Children

Child safety has been affected by  
Covid-19 pandemic

Today, as we deal with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is noteworthy that the *National Center for Missing & Exploited Children* (NCMEC) reported that child safety has also been affected as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. “In 2021, NCMEC stated that they had experienced a 97.5% increase in online enticement reports between January 2020 and December 2020, versus the same time period in 2019.” NCMEC maintains a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-843-5678, and the CyberTipline receives reports of child sexual exploitation incidents via an online form at [report.cybertip.org/](http://report.cybertip.org/). For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Online Child Sexual Exploitation and the NCMEC CyberTipline” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).



## In Memoriam

### FUNERAL LITURGY FOR TEAGAN JOY BLACKWELL

Our parish family remembers in our prayers Teagan Blackwell, who at the precious age of 2 years old, went home to the Lord on Christmas Eve. Her Funeral Mass will be here at St. Joseph’s next Saturday, February 12 at 11:00 AM inside the Church. Please pray for Teagan’s family, especially her Parents, Robert and Erin and her Grandfather Marty Vezzetti, our parishioner and active member of the Knights of Columbus. May Teagan rest in eternal light with all the Angels and Saints.



## Synod

As Pastor of St. Joseph’s I’m excited about our “Journey Together” in the Parish Synod Process. WE NEED HELP to plan the parish listening sessions, so please see Deacon Tom’s message below and contact Deacon Tom if you can serve our parish family.  
Blessings, Msgr. Kevin

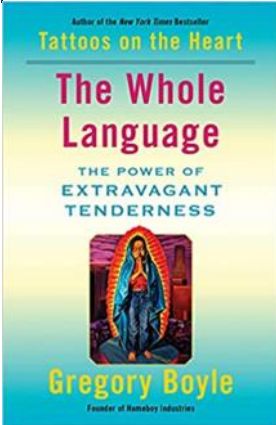
The Holy Father Pope Francis has summoned the Church to participate in a worldwide synod with the theme: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.” Pope Francis invites the whole People of God to participate in the synod—to “journey together” with our brothers and sisters in Christ along the path of renewal, guided by the Holy Spirit. Everyone will be invited to join us from for a synod listening session to take place in February. In advance of the listening sessions, I offer some questions you may wish to consider in the area of Listening and Speaking:

- Who is and who is not walking together with Jesus Christ in the Church today?
- In recent years, how has our Church “journeyed together” by providing opportunities for people to be heard?
- In recent years, how have we ignored or even excluded the voices of people on the margins of society and the sidelines of the Church?
- What keeps us from speaking with courage and charity on what matters to us for the life of the Church?
- How might the Holy Spirit be inviting our Church to “journey together” more fully through intentional listening and speaking to one another in the coming years?

If you are interested in helping with the synod process at St. Joseph, please email Deacon Tom at [Tom.Halliwell@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:Tom.Halliwell@la-archdiocese.org).



## Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will discuss:

**The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness by Gregory Boyle**

Fr. Boyle's moving stories challenge our ideas about God and about people, with a call to witness the transformative power of tenderness, rooted in his lifetime of experience counseling gang members in Los Angeles.

All are welcome!

For more info, email [agoodlife@msn.com](mailto:agoodlife@msn.com)



## Meditation Group

**St. Joseph's Meditation Group** now meets as a Zoom meeting every Tuesday at 7:00PM.

No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to experience both the prayerful and calming benefits of this ancient Christian practice.

For more information please contact group leader, Frank McKown, at [frmckown@gmail.com](mailto:frmckown@gmail.com) or 310-633-1744



## Movement for a Better World

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.” Mt 18:5

**March 5-6 – Feed-a-Baby Food Drive:** Collecting non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

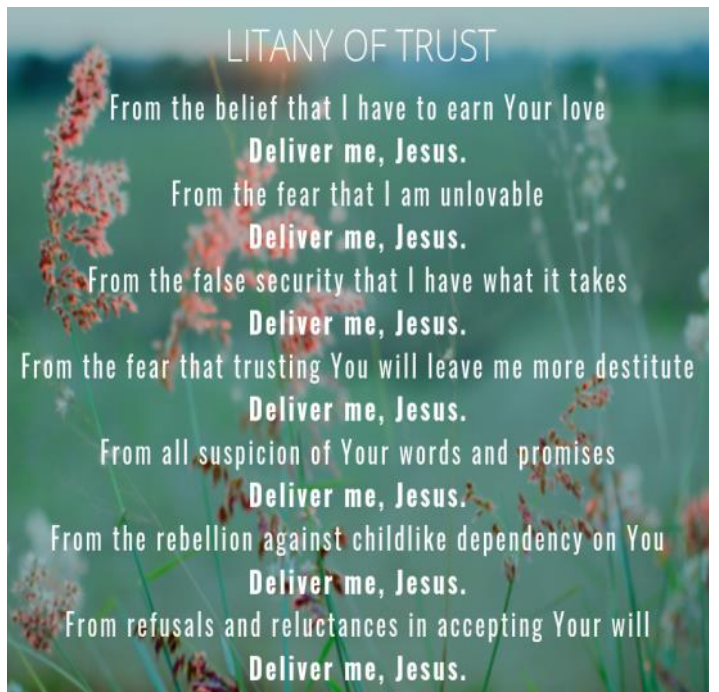
**March 9, 6:30 PM – Online Committee Meeting:** Join us online to celebrate and learn from our past initiatives and coordinate a successful Easter Food and Book Distribution. Share your insights for future activities.

Zoom meeting ID: 240 652 8835.

**March 26-27 – Book Drive:** Collecting new and gently used reading books for the children of our supported families for Easter.

**April 9 - Easter Food and Book Distribution:** As a parish community, we will support 72 families for Easter. Easter is our most challenging holiday to staff our deliveries! Please contact Tom and Marie Newton (562) 209-1298 or [tjn8343@gmail.com](mailto:tjn8343@gmail.com) to help.

**Skip-a-Meal Donations:** Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest. Can you help make a difference? Please call Tim Clark (562)431-4385.





## Blood Drive



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### St. Joseph Parish Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus  
Sunday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM  
in the Parish Hall.

Sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org);  
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You can also sign up on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> after the  
8:30 AM or 10:30 AM Mass.

For more information contact Knight Tony Diaz  
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## December Collection

### Collection

Faith Direct	\$21,185.77
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Regular Envelopes	\$29,443.00
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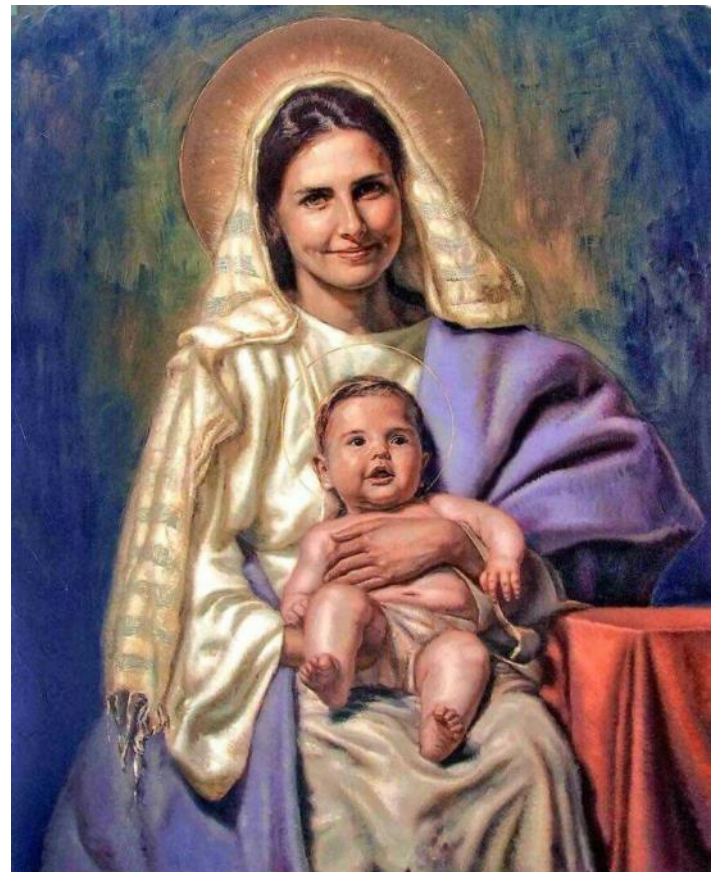
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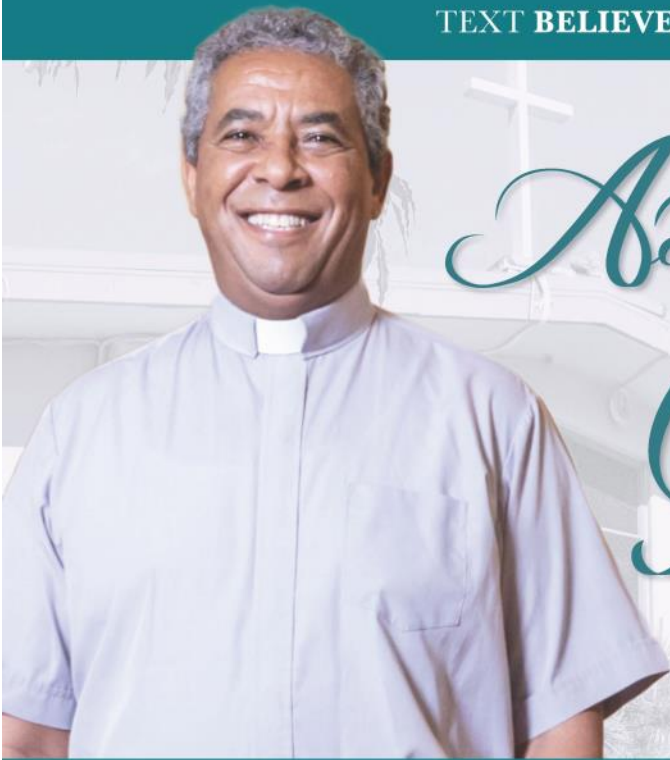


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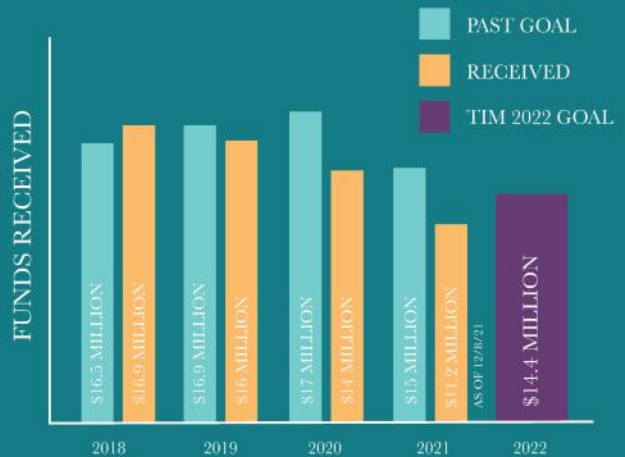


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“LET US PRAY, LET US PERSEVERE, LET US BELIEVE.”

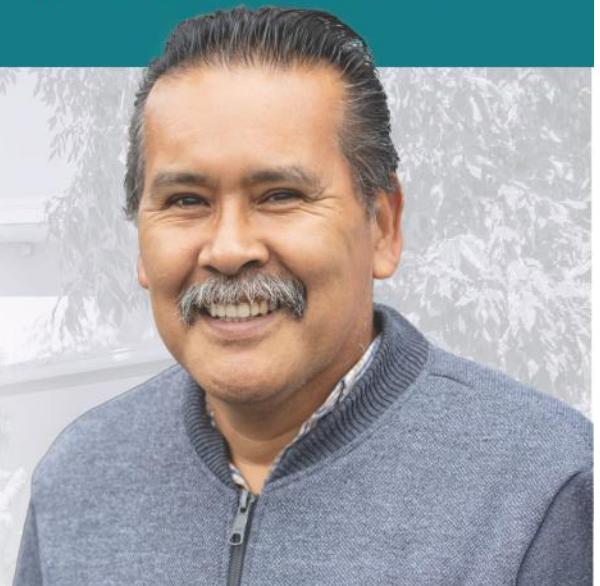
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### St. Hedwig, St. Irenaeus, St. Cornelius & St. Joseph

**Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 P.M.**

(In Quinn Hall after the 5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass)

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