



St. Patrick's Catholic Church

AN OLD BORDER TOWN PARISH IN ILLINOIS

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**PLEASE CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A
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**PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING
ST. PATRICK'S IN YOUR WILL
OR ESTATE PLANNING!!**

**Dear Lord, I lift every unborn child into Your care.
Shield them from all harm and keep them safe in
their mother's womb. May no plan of the enemy
prosper against them. Preserve their lives and
destinies, for they are fearfully and wonderfully
made by You. Amen.**

**Our Annual "Baby Bottle Collection"
for Women's Choice Services will take
place in the month of February.**

Prayer for Protection for Unborn Baby



OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday
9:15 a.m. *in English*
7:00 p.m. *in Spanish*
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. *in English*
Sunday Masses
10:30 a.m. *in English*
12:00 p.m. *in Spanish*

HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. *or by appointment; seasonal services*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Classes 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / EL SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at noon, Spanish Baptisms on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sabado cada mes al mediodía.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontrado en la oficina.

January 4, 2026: The Solemnity of the Epiphany

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 3-4, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #878 of the Journey songs Book

Monday (St. John Neumann)	January 5
9:15 A.M.	Communion Service
Tuesday (St. André Bessette)	January 6
9:15 A.M.	Communion Service
Wednesday (St. Raymond of Penyafort)	January 7
9:15 A.M.	† John Hermann
Thursday	January 8
10:30 A.M.	† Deceased Former Pastor
Friday	January 9
9:15 A.M.	† Greg & Sandy Gelino
7:00 P.M.	† Ray & Dolores Brehn
Saturday	January 10
4:00 P.M.	† Mal Peterson (Fr. Pete)
Sunday (BAPTISM OF THE LORD)	January 11
10:30 A.M.	The Parishioners of St. Patrick's
12:00 P.M.	† Francisco & Angelina Salituro

FR. PETE STILL OFFERS ONLINE MASSES AT
www.stpatrickmomece.org!!!

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

January 4, 2026	D. & C. Bramer
December 28	J. & L. Meyer

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

December 13-14, 2025	\$2,485.00
December 20-21, 2025	\$2,780.00
Christmas In-Church Masses	\$7,212.00
2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL	
GOAL FOR ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	\$19,300

THE WEEKLY BUDGETED GOAL IS \$3,000 TO PAY OUR BILLS AND KEEP THE PARISH AFLOAT. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING YOUR OFFERING.

PLEASE CONSIDER NAMING ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING!!!
WE ARE LOOKING TO ESTABLISH A \$3,000,000 FOUNDATION WHICH WILL SUSTAIN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FOR YEARS TO COME!



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at a care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.



ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER LINE:

Please call Janice Gelino at
☎ (815) 263-6342

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

This month, the Sanctuary Candle is being lit in memory of Marleen, Terry & Jerry.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: P. Anderson, N. Atkinson, R. Bailey, D. Barth, Beedle Family, J. Betourney D. Brown, M. Cárdenas, P. Caro, B & E. Coffman, S. Conner, M & D Cousin, M. Cronk, M. Cruz, A. Delaney, M. Dionne, J. Dobbins, E. Duke, D. Dunlap, G. Field, C. Fritz, A. Fuhrmann, R. Gall, Tony & Adrienne Gallinaro, J. Grill, R. Harper, K. Hensa, J. Hibbs, D. Hiller, C. Jones, L. Kane, R. Kazee, A. Kijewski, Joe Kraus, L. Lee, L. Leranth, E. Lopez, B. Love, J. Marcotte, W. Marten, J. McCracken, L. McNulty, L. Mercado, R & V Morse, C. Ortman, C. Piec, J. Prather, C. Provost, E. Provost, P. Reising, D. Roberts, M. Saldaña, A. Schaff, J. Schopf, A. Schmid, D. Schmied, K. Simpson, B. Siwicki, B. Spagnola, M. Tolbert, M. Tolmer, H. Tousignant, S. Trubach M. Velazquez, C. Vickery, M. Williams, Gary Witherell, M. Witherspoon, S. Young, J. L. Zagal, A. Zimmerman, M. & L. Zink and G. Zokal.



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NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at
pjankowski@yahoo.com.

We have come to the part of our story that we now need to prepare for the future, which can happen through establishing a "Border Town Foundation" for our parishes. Knowing that the generation who is financing our parishes in such a great way are now moving into their senior years, we continually need to "re-stock the pond" and provide the next generation a good start to allowing the Lord's grace to fill the hearts of our children. Although St. Pat's collection is trending in the right direction, we have seen how at both parishes how a foundation would provide resources that the youth of today's age might not be able to supply on their own. Most institutions have come to this realization – perhaps we should think this way to preserve the Churches under our care.

Between both parishes this last year, we have received well over \$100,000 in Estate Planning Gifts that have allowed us to pay our bills. We received a nice gift at St. Patrick's to install generators at all our buildings this upcoming Spring; at St. Anne's, a generous donation helped us pay our bills the last fiscal year. Our "Online Giving" portal has collected over \$200,000 in donations these last five years (which I why I continue to provide Online Masses which are being watched in the states as well as overseas).

Over the last few weeks, I have been speaking to the farmers of our area, seeing if they can help us with this cause. One farmer mentioned to me that his donations to the parishes we serve have been in the form of "number alliteration" (\$333, \$444, \$555 and even \$4,444.44!) I told him all the donations are fine except for \$666 – add or subtract a dollar but don't give us a donation with the symbol for the devil!!! Another farmer volunteered to donate a cow and the FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS OF HAMBURGER that he would process of said cow to be raffled off at the parish (anyone have room in your fridge for five hundred pounds of hamburger?). Another farmer suggested that, to save money on a parking lot project, that we re-process the roads being unearthed on Route 1-17 to use in paving what we have at St. Pat's! What an idea!

I also encountered a wonderful parishioner who asked me how much it would cost to pave the lot behind St. Patrick's church building. I think the cost is \$100,000 – the parishioner said she cannot give \$100,000 but she can give us a good start towards the project... which is a good thing!

If any of our farmers might consider donating something "when the time comes" as part of an estate gift, if someone who attends our St. Anne Novena helps us maintain

that Novena through a foundation gift, we would be well-served to allow the Lord to work through our communities to offer the same grace as has been offered since the 1850s.

Meanwhile, I continue to celebrate the Online and In-Church Masses for your benefit. I will continue to give of the resources that I could have pocket but rather give back to the parishes I serve (I think last year my personal donations topped \$80,000; this year I think it's around \$70,000). I will do my part because YOU ARE SACRED; YOU ARE A TREASURE! Please do your part to help out our wonderful Border Town Communities in 2026 and beyond. Happy New Year and God Bless You! – Fr. Pete Jankowski

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Saturday, January 10 (Fr. Conde) 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: M. Porter

Lector: G. Hess

Ushers: K. Bukowski, R. Hess
D. Rademacher, S. Pansa

Altar Servers: A. Fuhrmann

Sunday, January 11 (Fr. Conde) 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: J. Meyer

Lector: L. Meyer

Ushers: M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider

Altar Servers: Y. Aalia, J. & B. Miller, P. & C. Bickel

Sunday, January 11 (Fr. Uriel) 12:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: C. Andrade, E. Zagal

Lector: L. Ojeda, C. Dueñas

Ushers: C. Dueñas, M. Torres, G. Carreño,
F. Franco, B. Aguirre

Altar Servers: L. A. & K. Flores

ST. PATRICK'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



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**"We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do him homage."**

MATTHEW 2:2

Following Jesus Without a Star to Guide Us

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage" (Matthew 2:2) describes the spark that sent the Magi on their journey. Something unusual in the sky, interpreted as a sign of something wonderful—in response, they changed direction in their lives and devoted themselves to a completely different path. As wonderful as it might well be, a special star in the heavens is not the ordinary experience of how we learn to follow the Lord or discern his will. If only there could be a sign in God's universe for each of us, beckoning us forward, clarifying what we need to do, setting down the path that needs to be followed. Perhaps life would be much simpler. Or perhaps not?

Would it truly be less complicated if everything were made clear and certain? Is the manifestation of God's grace and blessings confined to the straight and narrow, or can we also experience God in the chaos—"in the weeds," so to speak. Human experience seems to suggest that life is more "gray" than "black and white." There is real grace in the journey, in making mistakes, even in choosing something that is incomplete. Thankfully, God's grace does not need perfection to be powerful. We can know and follow God's will for us in the ordinary moments of day-to-day living. We do not need the extraordinary or the dramatic. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

How can I resolve to look for God in the unplanned, the unexpected, the interruptions?

Dear Padre,

I recently lost my husband of sixty years. I prayed for him through his four-year illness. Since he has died, I cannot pray. Any advice for me?

My heartfelt condolences on your profound loss. When someone we love dies, a part of us dies too. Sometimes, the trauma is so severe that it can even affect our relationship with God.

Psychiatrist Elisabeth Kübler-Ross identified five stages of grief. In the denial stage, some people can't accept the reality of the death. It becomes too much to handle. In the anger stage, some may question their belief in God—especially if their prayer requests (such as, “Please God, if you heal my loved one, I will...”) weren't successful in the bargaining stage. People in the depression stage feel overwhelmed by the reality of the loss and may not always feel like connecting with others—even with God in prayer. However, in the acceptance stage, emotions stabilize, and a person comes to terms with their new reality. Nothing makes up for the absence of a loved one, but people manage to cope and live on.

It's because you loved so deeply that the loss feels so deep. God accepts you completely; God understands how you feel. He wants you to be at peace and live life fully. Our compassionate God yearns to help console you and offer assistance in your healing process until you can embrace him again in prayer. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Let us resolve to bring [God's] love everywhere, never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling place of God and that his presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering, who ask us to be thoughtful and compassionate Christians.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 25, 2025



VANDRY FERNANDEZ PERDOMO / CATHOPIC

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

January 5
St. John Neumann,
Bishop
1 Jn 3:22–4:6
Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

January 6
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:7–10
Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday

January 7
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:11–18
Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

January 8
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19–5:4
Lk 4:14–22a

Friday

January 9
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5–13
Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

January 10
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14–21
Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

January 11
The Baptism
of the Lord
Is 42:1–4, 6–7
Acts 10:34–38
Mt 3:13–17



The St. Pat's 31 Day Drawing has moved to March 2026. Tickets are \$20 each for 31 chances to win a total of \$10,000! The \$1,500 payout will be on St Patrick's Day. Call ☎ (815) 472-2864 for More Info or to Buy Your Tickets. Thank you for your support!



IT'S ALL ABOUT OUR FUTURE!

For over 150 years, the faithful at our border town parishes have dedicated themselves to serving the folks of our community in God's name. We ask you to consider the ways listed below that can help our parish. If you would like to discuss how **ESTATE PLANNING** can be used to make a gift to

the parish, please contact St. Pat's at ☎ (815) 472-2864 or St. Anne's at ☎ (815) 427-8265.

- ♣ **BEQUESTS** - Through your will you can bequeath to the parishes a fixed amount, a percentage of your estate or the remainder after other choices have been made. Example language might be: "To St. Patrick's Church of Momence, I leave the sum of \$XXX to be used at the discretion of the recipient." Any bequest to each specific parish you make will reduce the size of your estate and could reduce the estate taxes that may be due.
- ♣ **LIFE INSURANCE** - By naming your parish as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy your premiums may be tax deductible and it will help ensure the future of St. Patrick's Church.
- ♣ **TAX DEFERRED SAVINGS PLAN** - Money in an IRA or other similar plan is subject to income tax when withdrawn. If left in your estate, they may be subject to estate taxes. If you make to the parish the remainder beneficiary, neither of those taxes may be paid.
- ♣ A variety of **CHARITABLE TRUSTS & ANNUITIES** - There are a variety of giving options that can provide you or future generations' income, rights to property or assets with tax savings and generous support our parishes.



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JOURNEYS SONGS



\$25 to Dedicate a Church Hymnal for a Loved One!
Contact St. Patrick's at (815) 472-2864 or St. Anne's at (815) 427-8265 for More Information.

\$1,000,000 to Dedicate St. Patrick's Academy Gym & Community Center!
Call (815) 472-2864 for More Information!



BUY A BRICK FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

\$100 to Dedicate a Church Brick in our Right to Life Grotto! Contact St. Patrick's at (815) 472-2864 for More Information.

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ST. ANNE'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



The concept for our dedication program is simple - we are offering the opportunity to remember a loved one in a memorial dedicated for one of our church or chapel pews (\$2,500).

If you are interested in learning more about the dedication program, contact the parish office at phone ☎ (815) 427-8265 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.



Thanks to the Wonderful List of Faithful Below Who Donated to Our 2025 Christmas Slower Collection

(and our apologies for those who have donated but do not appear on our list)...

WITH LOVE FROM IN MEMORY/HONOR/CELEBRATION OF...

FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH...

Marlene BeDell Sonni Hackl; Marlene BeDell
 Dave & Cheryl Bramer Our Parents; † Pat Bennett
 Kathy Bukowski-Juriss Bukowski Family;
 Zajac Family
 June Downey † Jack Downey
 Edie Duke † Roger Duke; † Dorothy Ballou;
 † Lillian Brown
 Judy Gall † Claire Freeman; † Paul & Elsie Gall
 Allyson Halpin † Deceased Members of the
 Halpin Families; † Deceased Members
 of the Bruckman Fam.
 Antonio & Adrienne Gallinaro
 Gratitude for the Fam. Gallinaro
 Tim & Jenny Haut † Loretta Haut;
 † Mickey & Mary Kinz
 Joanne Hermann † Deceased Loved Ones
 Roger & Gayle Hess † Deceased Members
 of the Hess & Schuler Families
 Richard Kelson † Bernadette Kelson
 Mary & Dale Lietz Family † Betty & Virgil Langhorst
 Paul Marcotte Family † Deceased Family Members
 of Anna & Henry Marcotte
 Joan Munyon † Jake & Dillon Munyon
 Susan Pansa † Deceased Members
 of the Schopf & Pansa Fam
 Porter Family † Nathan Porter
 Rick Preston † Carol Preston;
 Marucci Family; Preston Family
 Gene & Marilyn Rademacher
 Henry & Dorothy Tank;
 Raymond & Mary June Rademacher & Family
 Art Schmid & Rita Pawlowicz The Schmid, Pajak
 & Pawlowicz Families
 Leigh Ann Sokoloff † Sharon LaMotte; † Rose Hudson
 Dianne Thyfault † Deceased Members
 of the Thyfault and Bruckman Families
 Ardis Wardynski † Richard Wardynski

FROM ST. ANNE'S CHURCH...

Mike & Sue Brazausky: In Memory of: Peggy & Bill
 Earwaker, Stanley & Elsie Brazausky
 Bud Caise: In Memory of Percy & Lena Caise,
 Brenda Caise and Gen Caise
 Paula Dandurand: In Memory of: Tom Dandurand,
 Clarence & Marguerite Dandurand
 and Steve & Virginia Stephenson
 Ron & Carol Fatcher: In Memory of: Clifford & Ruth,
 Maynard & Dorothy, Don & Danielle,
 Don H, Joann Y., and Cyrier Family
 Bob & Bonnie Norush: In Memory of: Joseph & Stella
 Bijak, George & Lillian Norush, Tom,
 Zeubie, John Paul, and Indie Bijak,
 Capt. Joseph Bijak Jr. and Patricia
 Almazan, Douglas Blankenberger,
 Nowak and Scampini Families; In Cel-
 ebration of Mary Ann Nowak
 George & Gwen Poletta In Memory of: The Polletta
 Family and The Paciorek Family
 Ruth Sparenberg: In Memory of: My Family
 Cynthia Vickery: In Memory of: Mr. & Mrs. Harry
 Vickery and Shirley, Mr. & Mrs. Leon-
 ard Stahl and Family
 Brian Yeoman: In Memory of: Don & Therese Yeoman



**The POINSETTIA (NOCHE BUENA) be-
 came known as the symbol of Christ-
 mas in Mexico because of the story of
 a young *pepita* who needed a gift to
 give the Christ child during the
 Christmas Eve Service. She was sad that she had no gift
 to give. On the way to church, she collected some weeds
 from the side of the road to make a humble bouquet.
 She was encouraged by her Loved Ones that Jesus loves
 every gift you give. Her heart lightened as she presented
 her gift. The weeds burst into beautiful red blooms. The
 flowers are now a symbol of Christmas known as the
 "Flores de Noche Buena" (the Flowers of the Holy
 Night).**

**The name "Poinsettia" came from the first ambassador
 from the USA to Mexico; Joel Robert Poinsett. He
 brought a sample of the plant back to place in his
 greenhouse.**

3-4 de Enero 2026: La Epifanía del Señor

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Es tiempo de añadir los reyes magos al pesebre. En 1448 llegaron los pesebres italianos a las iglesias españolas, pero no fue hasta que el Rey Carlos V le regaló un pesebre a su hijo en el siglo XVI que el uso de pesebres se expandió en los hogares. Desde entonces, el uso de nacimientos llegó al continente americano en donde se convierte en la decoración principal para las fiestas navideñas.

Así como en todo país latinoamericano el montaje del Belén es una tradición, lo es también en Venezuela. Con el pesebre venezolano llegan también aguinaldos, parrandas, Misas y patines. ¡Sí! ¡Patines!

Desde la mitad del siglo pasado los venezolanos celebran la época navideña con "patinadas". Estas "patinadas" normalmente se hacen por las mañanas y muchas calles están cerradas a los autos hasta las 8 a.m. para que niños y jóvenes puedan disfrutar de los patines, bicicletas y otros juguetes que les regala el niño Dios.

Por eso, muchos niños duermen con un "cordoncito" atado al dedo gordo de los pies, que cuelgan por la ventana para que los despierten los que pasan patinado.

~ Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

El sentido de las cosas no está en las cosas mismas, sino en nuestra actitud hacia ellas. - Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL



7:00 p.m. por los Viernes

12:00 p.m. los Domingos



EL ROSARIO Y CATECESIS

Todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 p.m..

BUSCAR EN EL LUGAR CORRECTO

"Las apariencias engañan" dice el refrán. Al celebrar la *epifanía*, la manifestación del Verbo de Dios eterno en la tierra, el refrán sigue siendo cierto. ¡Que sublime premonición debe haber sentido Isaías al escribir las palabras que hoy escuchamos! Por cuatrocientos años, cómo habrán llenado los corazones del pueblo de Israel con esperanzas de que llegaría el día en que la gloria de Dios se derramaría sobre ellos. ¡Que desilusionados deben haberse sentido algunos cuando la gloria de Dios les llegó en una vida humana de las más bajas y humildes! Tenemos muchas expectativas de cómo la presencia divina va a manifestarse entre nosotros. Pero también podemos exponernos, por culpa de esas expectativas, a perder de vista la gloria divina cuando se nos aparece de verdad. Nos entretendremos buscando la estrella, y nos olvidamos que la estrella no es la señal divina, sino el bebé. Puede que tengamos que persistir en el camino antes de llegar a encontramos con la apariencia real de la gloria de Dios en nuestra vida: Jesucristo.

LECTURAS DE HOY

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

Salmo: Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (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).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Sal 2; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72; Mc 6:34-44

Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72; Mc 6:45-52

Jueves: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Sal 72; Lc 4:14-22a

Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147; Lc 5:12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149; Jn 3:22-30

Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Sal 29; Heh 10:34-38 o Tit 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Mt 3:13-17

Renuncia a tus pequeñas ambiciones; ven conmigo a salvar el mundo. - San Francisco Javier



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