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Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Whether you are just visiting or looking for a parish home, it's great to have you with us. Whatever your life circumstances, wherever you have been or whatever has happened in your life, you are welcome here.

JANUARY 1, 2023 | MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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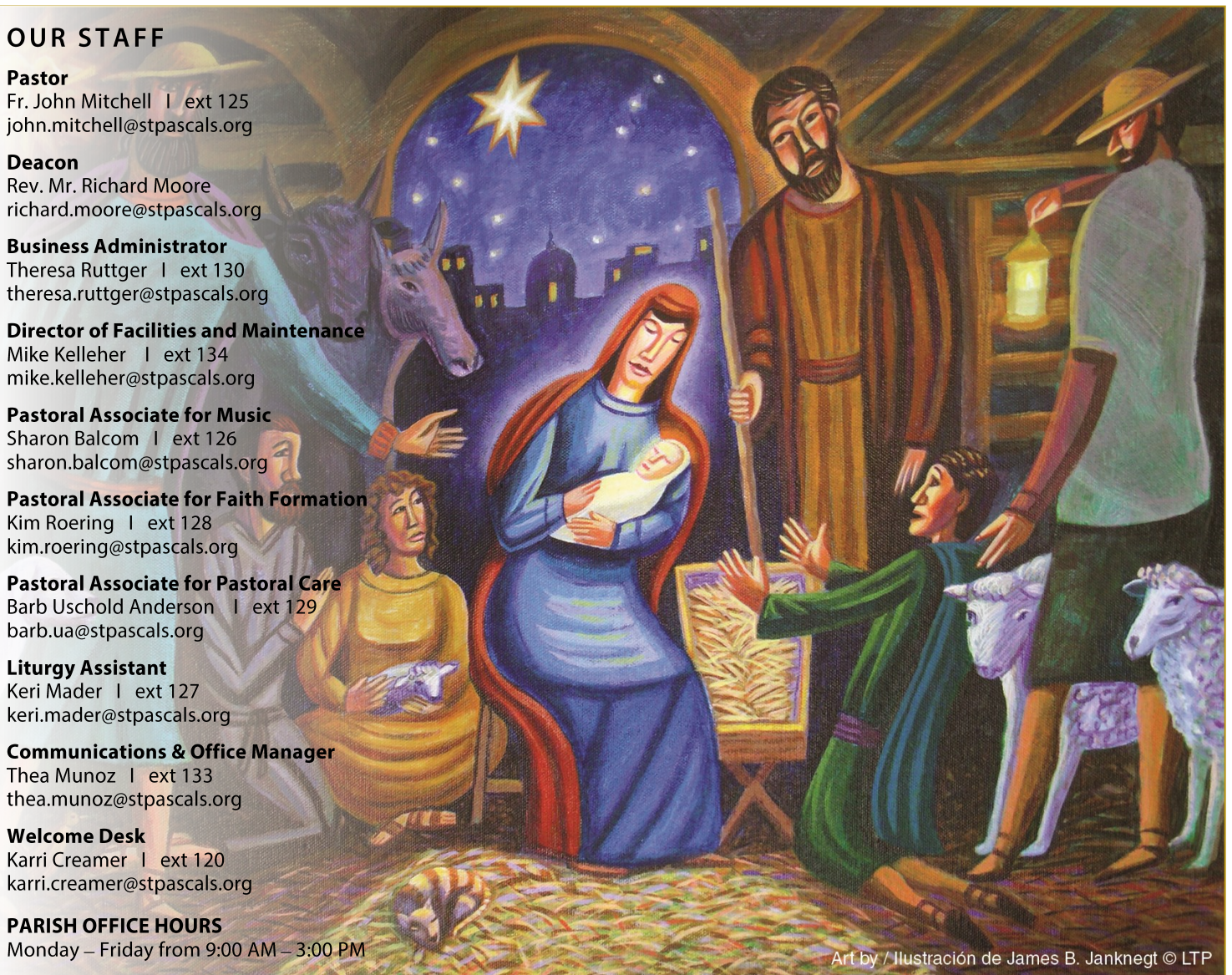
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



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Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 AM; Wednesday 9:30 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Suggested Prayer for the New Year

On New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, the household may gather in the living room or at the Christmas tree or Nativity scene.

All make the sign of the cross.

Leader: *Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying: Glory to God in the highest!*

Response: *And on earth peace to people of good will!*

The Leader may use these or similar words to introduce the blessing:

Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets. We mark ends and we make beginnings, and we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

Then Scripture verses are read, such as Genesis 1:14-19 or Philippians 4:4-7.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.*

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

After a time of silence, members of the household may offer prayers of thanksgiving for the past year and prayer intentions for the year to come. Then all join hands for the Lord's Prayer.

After a short silence, parents may place their hands on their children in blessing as the Leader says:

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.

Or all may say this prayer together:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

—Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

The Leader says: *Let us bless the Lord.*

All respond, making the sign of the cross: *Thanks be to God.*

The prayer may conclude with the singing of a Christmas carol.

(Source: uscbb.org/prayers)

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Congratulations to those who recently completed their JustFaith experience!

The group of 13 is now putting their faith into action through various individual and collective activities. Having prayerfully studied and learned about inequality and poverty, the group has decided to continue to meet informally to support each other as they move forward on their commitments.

Watch for new possibilities where you can join them in their search for economic justice for others. Prayer is the starting point but prayer leads one to action if a person is open to God's call.

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Rally for Housing at the State Capitol

Wednesday, January 11 from 1:30 - 2:30 PM
(Meet in the Rotunda)

Join members of our parish along with other members of the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative for a Rally for Housing—a rally for equitable and stable housing in Minnesota! Register for more information using the convenient link at stpascals.org/parish-news or contact Ann at akarner24@gmail.com. Invite your friends, neighbors, and other parishioners to join you! We all benefit when we can all afford a place to call home.

January Collection: Brittany's Place

During January, items will be accepted in the parish donation closet for Brittany's Place, an emergency shelter in St. Paul for girls and young women who have experienced commercial sex trafficking or are at high risk for sexual exploitation. Items needed at this time are:

- **Toiletries and Personal Care:** Bathroom caddies, loofahs, towels, wash cloths, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, hairbrushes/combs/picks, hair ties/headbands/clips, small black hair rubber bands, hair care products (culturally specific, such as Eco Gel, Carol's Daughter, Cantu) Brittany's Place serves BIPOC girls and strives to provide a culturally relevant experience.
- **Clothing:** Plain white or black T-shirts, socks, sweatpants and hoodies, pajama pants/sets (S-M-L); slippers and fuzzy socks (size 5-12)
- **Crafts and Activities:** Colored pencils, fidgets, movies, books, board games, activity kits (e.g. Legos, puzzles)
- **Shelter Supplies:** Twin sheets sets, blankets, pillows

Items will be collected through Sunday, January 29. Thank you for your generosity!

Anointing or Pastoral Visit?

If you or someone you know would like to be anointed or have a pastoral visit please contact Barb Uschold Anderson at barb.ua@stpascals.org or 651.432.4959 and we'll set up a time.

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

Elizabeth (Betty) Campbell

who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and pray for her soul's eternal peace.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Happy New Year from St. Pascal Regional Catholic School!

This past year, we have worked hard to show care and compassion for our students by supporting the whole child through our Believe Pillars Initiative. We provide rigorous academics, faith formation and social-emotional learning, and we connect families with resources that help our students feel free to grow and learn. Our practice of "every scholar, every teacher, every year" brings together students, teachers, families, and community partners to build tailored support plans for each student. Our new membership in the Ascension Catholic Academy provides us with expertise in operations and confidence in the future of our school. During a recent visit from the team that oversees private school accreditation, several families were asked what they would change about St. Pascal Regional. Each one said nothing. They are happy with St. Pascal Regional as it is.

We could not have done any of this without the prayers and support from our families, staff, students, and community partners. We cannot thank you enough! We look forward to continuing our work in 2023!

St. Pascal's Women's Book Club

Monday, January 9 at 7:00 PM

Time to make a new Year's Resolution to read more! Join the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Staff Lounge. All parish women are invited to join the group for its monthly discussions—join us as often as your schedule allows. This month, we will discuss *The French Braid* by Ann Tyler. On February 13 we will share thoughts on *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. Contact Toni Baker toni@bakers.us (651.731.7763) for a list of the twelve 2023 selections.

"One glance at a book and you hear the voice of another person, perhaps someone dead for 1,000 years. To read is to voyage through time."

—Carl Sagan

Winter Celebration—Parish Ice Skating and Game Night

Friday, January 27, 2023, from 4:30-8:30 PM at the Guidant John Rose OVAL in Roseville

Ready to chase away the winter blues? Plan to join us for skating, games and more. Fun for skaters and non-skaters alike! Ice skating available from 5:00-7:00 PM. Games, snacks, and cocoa in the Fireside Room from 4:30-8:30 PM. Free will offering will be taken for food and room rental. Let us know if you plan to join via the SignUp Genius link on the parish website or call the parish office.

Sponsored by the Parish Life and Activities Committee

— FAITH FORMATION —

Confirmation I Registration: Extended!

Registration for confirmation has been extended! St. Pascal's confirmation process consists of sessions beginning in the middle of 9th grade and concluding in the winter of 10th grade. Older candidates are also welcome. For registration materials or more information, contact Kim Roering in the parish office. *Registrations are due by Friday, January 13, 2022.*

RCIA Session: "The Mass"

Wednesday, January 4 from 6:30-8:00PM in the Founders Room

"The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!"

—Pope Paul VI

The Mass is indeed a wonderful communal prayer and worship which is full of scripture, theology, tradition, and mystery. We will dive deeper into the structure of the Mass and its elements. All are welcome to join us in the Founders Room for this discussion, Catholics who want a refresher and those curious about the Catholic Church.

Baptism Preparation

Monday, January 23 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Families planning to have a child baptized at St. Pascal's are asked to participate in a pre-baptism session. For more information or to sign up for this session, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

RCIA: Rite of Welcoming

On Saturday, January 7 at the 4:30 PM Mass, we will welcome and offer our prayer support to two candidates who are preparing to be fully initiated Catholics through the RCIA process. Pamela Voss has been baptized and celebrated First Eucharist in the Catholic Church and is seeking to complete her Christian initiation by celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation. Frank Leach was baptized in the Lutheran church and wishes to prepare for reception into full communion with the Catholic Church. This is an opportunity for us to surround them with our support and prayer. It is our privilege and responsibility to be examples and companions as they journey forward in faith.

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For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing), call 651.774.1585 and dial 1.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Holidays as announced

St. Pascal Regional Catholic School

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School Office Hours

Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Parish Councils**Parish Pastoral Council**

Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM

Ann Karner, Chair

Parish Finance Council

Meetings 4th Thursday at 5:30 PM

Mike Aeling, Chair

Sacramental Information**Reconciliation**

Saturday from 3:45-4:15 PM
or contact Fr. John in the parish office
Communal celebrations as announced

Baptism

One pre-baptismal session is required.
To register for a pre-baptismal session or to schedule a celebration, call the parish office.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired date.

Parish Prayer Line

8:00 - 10:00 AM 651.735.0004

Mary Butler-Levine

4:00 - 6:00 PM 651.342.8879

Pat Kackman (*new phone number*)

Parish Communication**Bulletin Notices**

Due 5:00 PM Monday
thea.munoz@stpascals.org

Mass Announcements

Due 12:00 PM Tuesday
keri.mader@stpascals.org

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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

January 1, 2023

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

8:00 AM + William Fisher

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

9:30 AM + Sr. Grace Saumur. CSJ

Thursday, January 5, 2023

8:00 AM + Scott LaBarre

Friday, January 6, 2023

8:00 AM Men's Club

Saturday, January 7, 2023

4:30 PM + Georgine Misukanis

Sunday, January 8, 2023

8:45 AM + Fr. Mike Byron

10:30 AM The people of the parish

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1. Scan this QR code with your phone.
2. Open the secure link and follow the prompts.
3. Thank you!



Sunday:

Mary, Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27

Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Monday:

1 Jn 2:22-28
Ps 98:2-4
Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:29—3:6
Ps 98:1, 3c-6
Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday:

1 Jn 3:7-10
Ps 98:1, 7-9
Jn 1:35-42

Thursday:

1 Jn 3:11-21
Ps 100:1b-5
Jn 1:43-51

Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
Mk 1:7-11

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21
Ps 149:1-6a, 9b
Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday:

The Epiphany
Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, January 1—New Year's Day

Mary Mother of God
No scheduled events

Monday, January 2

Parish office closed
No scheduled events

Tuesday, January 3

6:30pm Pastoral Council: Zoom

Wednesday, January 4

9:00am Rosary: Church
9:30am School Mass: Church
5:00pm SPRCS Christmas Lessons & Carols: Church, Brioschi Hall
6:30pm Catechist Meeting: Staff Lounge
6:30pm RCIA: Founders Room

Thursday, January 5

11:30am Parish office closed (staff lunch)
6:00pm Spirit Song: Church
6:30pm SJCC: Zoom
7:00pm Men's Club Board Meeting: Brioschi Hall

Friday, January 6

No scheduled events

Saturday, January 7

No scheduled events

Sunday, January 8—The Epiphany of the Lord

11:30am Women's Club Board Meeting: Brioschi Hall
12:00pm Confirmation II: Old Church

Monday, January 9—Baptism of the Lord

7:00pm Women's Book Club: Staff Lounge
7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, January 10

9:00am Winter Decorating: Church
6:30pm First Reconciliation: Church, Brioschi Hall

Wednesday, January 11

9:00am Rosary: Church
9:30am School Mass: Church
6:30pm Choir: Church
6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, January 12

6:00pm Spirit Song: Church
7:00pm Men's Club Membership Meeting: Brioschi Hall

Friday, January 13

No scheduled events

Saturday, January 14

After Mass Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

Sunday, January 15

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

Stewardship of Giving

Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

November 2022

Sunday Giving

Giving	\$ 82,356.00	YTD Giving	\$ 279,558.64
Budgeted	\$ <u>67,168.67</u>	YTD Budgeted	\$ <u>335,843.00</u>
+ / -	\$ 15,187.33	YTD Deficit	\$ -56,284.36

Mortgage Reduction (as of 11.30.2022)

Loan Balance:	\$ 2,906,054.00
Principal:	\$ 12,371.32
Interest:	\$ <u>10,089.73</u>
Monthly Payment	\$ 22,461.05

YTD Collected Donations	\$ 126,457.00
YTD Payment:	\$ <u>112,305.25</u>
Deficit	\$ -14,151.75

Reserve Account Balance: \$ 199,939.00

of payments from Reserve: 9

Thank you for your support!

2022 Giving Statements

We now have the capability to send your giving statements via email using a secure server. Year-end statements will be sent in January via email. We save on postage and reduce our environmental impact with this system. Individuals who do not have an email address on file will continue to receive their year-end statements in the mail or, if you need a paper copy, please contact Theresa Ruttger in the parish office at 651.432.4960.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Intercede

Loving God,
you gave us your Son through Mary,
who advocates for all of humanity.
At home, Mary nurtured the Son of God.
In our homes, she protects and cares for us.
Bless all who seek Mary's help.

Through the intercession of
the Blessed Mother,
may we receive the grace to face challenges
and setbacks,
and the wisdom to recognize our blessings.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Rich Blessings



Today's readings: Numbers 6:22–27; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4–7; Luke 2:16–21. Today's readings are filled with blessings. In the reading from Numbers, Moses is given a blessing for the Israelites; in the refrain for the responsorial psalm, we ask God to bless us; from Galatians, we hear that we are adopted children of God; and in the Gospel, the shepherds see the infant Jesus, certainly a blessing.

It is up to us to continue to carry the blessings we have received into the world, just as the shepherds "made known the message that had been told them." Not only can you let others know of the good news that has been passed on to

you, but you can bless others. Write down the words of the first reading: "The LORD bless you and keep you! / The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! / The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!" Use this text to bless children, friends, and relatives during this last week of the Christmas season. Parents could use the blessing in the reading from Numbers to bless a child before bedtime. Teens could use these words to conclude their weekly youth ministry gatherings. Consider other people in your life who would appreciate being blessed.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, January 2

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzen

The first reading promises eternal life. Note that “antichrist” in the reading means “against Christ.” This week, think of a way that you can be for Christ, perhaps in a conversation, at a meeting, or simply while relaxing after a festive holiday event. Go gently into the new year: begin each day with the Morning Offering prayer. Much is written about the friendship of Sts. Basil and Gregory, as evident from historical manuscripts. Each made strong theological arguments for the orthodoxy of Christianity. In prayer, ask these saints to grant you the courage to persist in your faith. *Today’s readings:* 1 John 2: 22–28; Psalm 98: 1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 1:19–28.

Tuesday, January 3

Holy Name of Jesus

The Christmas season continues with the psalmist’s joyous reminder “All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.” Perhaps as a child, you were taught to bow your head when someone spoke Jesus’ name. You will notice that this pious practice is a habit for many Catholics. Children can be taught to do this out of respect for the name of Jesus. More important to remember is to always speak Jesus’ name with love and kindness. *Today’s readings:* 1 John 2:29–3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3cd–4, 5–6; John 1:29–34.

Wednesday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

In 1975, Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was the first native-born American to become an official saint of the Church. She was born into a wealthy family and married at age twenty. After becoming a widow, she became Catholic in 1805 and established the first free Catholic school in the United States and then founded an order of vowed religious women. *Today’s readings:* 1 John 3:7–10; Psalm 98:1, 7–8, 9; John 1:35–42.

Thursday, January 5

St. John Neumann

St. John Neumann was born in Bohemia, which had an overabundance of priests during the time he expected to be ordained. With ordinations in the country paused, he set his sights on becoming a missionary in the United States. He was ordained in New York soon after his arrival in 1836. Several years later, he joined the Redemptorist congregation of priests and dedicated his life to education and to the poor. As a bishop, he founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in the United States. *Today’s readings:* John 3:11–21; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 4, 5; John 1:43–51.

Friday, January 6

Family Tree

The long form of St. Luke’s Gospel today tells the genealogy of Jesus. The challenge for today is to diagram or draw Jesus’ family tree. If possible, work with a younger child on this project, helping with the pronunciation of the biblical names of Jesus’ relatives. Talk about your family and where your relatives were born. *Today’s readings:* 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Mark 1:7–11 or Luke 3:23–28 or Luke 3:23, 31–34, 36, 38.

Saturday, January 7

Festivities

“They have no wine,” Mary comments to Jesus, encouraging him to begin his ministry. This account in the Gospel of John portrays Jesus as reluctant to show God’s glory in this gathering of friends and family. Jesus replies to Mary, “My hour has not yet come.” Still, he instructs the waiters, “Fill the jars with water.” In your prayer today, examine whether you are holding back from doing God’s will. Is there someone trying to encourage you to use your talents for the glory of God? *Today’s readings:* John 5:14–21; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5, 6a and 9b; John 2:1–11.

