



# *St. Margaret of Scotland Roman Catholic Church*

*We aspire to be a diverse and  
vibrant community of faith  
where all people are called to:*

- *Encounter the God who loves*
- *Engage in a community that welcomes*
- *Serve the world that needs*

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**A member of the Iron Hill Deanery:**

**<https://ironhilldeanery.com>**

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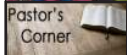
To follow the readings during mass, visit **[USCCB.org](https://USCCB.org)** and click on "Daily Readings"

**The Church WIFI Password is #sunflower**



## The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 15 & 16, 2025



### Blessings and Woes

During this President's Day weekend, I share a quote from my favorite president, Abraham Lincoln, who once said: "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." America is heralded as the land of the free, but for many people who live here, what exactly makes us so free when compared to other countries isn't always appreciated. While many Americans gripe about the limitations put on us by our government, there is actually a wealth of freedoms we enjoy on a daily basis without even realizing it: From what we wear and how we express ourselves, to how we worship, how we vote, to how we parent our kids. As Americans, we are proud to declare: "I can do what I want, it's a free country!" Our Scripture readings today remind us that all choices are not the same. Some bring blessing, some woe.

In our first reading today, Jeremiah was trying to get the leaders of his day to avoid making a big mistake. Israel was beset with enemies. Strong neighbors constantly threatened to annihilate God's people with military force. The leaders of the country sought to solve these threats by making an alliance with a strong protector country. Things haven't changed much since then, have they? So, Jeremiah had a different idea: "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings." He is a barren bush. "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord." He is a fruitful tree. The leaders did not listen to Jeremiah, and disaster followed.

In our second reading to the Corinthians, St. Paul wrote enthusiastically about his dream. The Corinthians doubted the resurrection of the body, which did not fit their ideas about body and soul. They may have been experiencing the same misgivings people have felt in every age. Is God a fairy tale? Is religion, "the opiate of the people," as Karl Marx claimed? St. Paul based his message and staked his life on the resurrection of Jesus. Dead people do not come back to life, but it did happen for Jesus. We, too, who believe can share in the resurrection and this, too, can be our hope.

Jesus inaugurated his ministry in the Gospel of Luke with a Sermon on the Plain. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is on a mountain (place that is closest to God) where he gives us eight great visions of discipleship—the eight Beatitudes. In contrast Luke has Jesus give his message on a level plain, a crossroads, and mingles among the people—apostles—disciples—non-disciples—rich and poor—the sorrowful and the happy. People are coming to him with all kinds of diseases and he stops and says something startling: "Blessed are you who are poor, you who are hungry, you who are weeping, you who experience hatred." Then Jesus says something even more alarming: "Woe to you who are rich, you who are satisfied, you who are joyful, woe to you when people are speaking well of you." All of this is the opposite of what they expected to hear, and what we expect to hear.

So what does this mean? Do we have to believe that anyone who has more than sufficient money, food, who laughs, or who is spoken well of are not going to enter the Kingdom of God? Probably not! What Jesus is getting at is the inner attitudes all of us have within us. The temptation—and it is a temptation for all of us—is to get what we need and forget about others. So, Jesus promotes a different dream. Through these blessings and woes Jesus is teaching us to look at what really nourishes our soul. Do we draw from our self-worth, our reputation, our happiness, our purpose in life from the surface—that which passes, or from that which endures?

### Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Thurs.: 9:00am– 4:00pm  
Fri.: 9:00am– 12:00pm

## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am  
Weekday: Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8:30 am  
Holy Day: 8:30 am & 7:00 pm  
Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 pm & Mondays 6-7pm  
Rosary: Every Friday after 8:30 am mass

## Devotions



Check out: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/adoration>  
EWTN CHAPEL - AVAILABLE FROM  
9:30 AM TO 6:00 PM

### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month after 8:30am Mass  
Monday Evenings 6pm-7pm

## Mass Intentions

February 17	8:30am	Anne DeGasperis
February 19	8:30am	Joseph A. Drane
February 21	8:30am	James Franklin Carter, USN
February 22	5:30pm	John Walter Levinski
February 23	8:30am	Mary Sestak & Wally Tabasso
	10:30am	Ray Zitner & Mark Coster

## Sacraments



### Baptism

Baptisms can be scheduled at Sunday masses and at 9:45 and 11:45 on Sundays. If this is your first child you are required to attend a baptism class. The next Baptism Class is March 11, 2025 at 6:00pm. Call the office to schedule.

### Reconciliation

Monday 6-7pm & Saturday 4:30pm or by appointment

### Matrimony

Consult the parish priest at least one year before your wedding date.

### Communion to those unable to come to Mass

If you, or a family member are not able to participate at Mass and would like to receive communion, please contact the parish office.

### Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick brings the compassionate presence of Christ into the midst of the suffering of those who are ill, aging, or preparing for minor /serious surgery. If you would like to be anointed, please contact the parish office.

*"The faithful should be encouraged to ask for the anointing, and, as soon as the time for the anointing comes to receive it with faith and devotion".*

- Rite of Anointing

### Sanctuary Light Dedication

To dedicate the Sanctuary light for one week (requested fee \$20), in memory of a loved one living or deceased, please contact Madeline at [madeline@margaretofscotland.org](mailto:madeline@margaretofscotland.org) or call 302-834-0225 ext.110.



### Ash Wednesday: March 5, 2025

8:30am & 7:00pm Mass with Ashes  
12:15pm Prayer Service with Ashes



Congratulations to the following children and their families who were baptized this past week at St. Margaret of Scotland Church.

Ivy Blaire Dann

God Bless you as you begin your faith journey.

## Parish News



### St. Vincent de Paul Food Closet

Thank you for your generous donations to the needs of the food closet. Thank you for your generosity in helping to feed and care for the community.

St. Vincent de Paul

*Today, let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving. Is there a family you know that needs assistance?*

*Please call the society of St. Vincent de Paul at 302-834-0228, so that together we can help those that are hungry.*

Thank you for your financial support to this ministry.

**A Big THANK YOU for all the donations from the flyer.**

We would like to thank everyone for your contribution to the food closet.



### Did you ever want to be the hands of Christ?

We are members of St. Margaret's SVP. We answer the call when members of our community feel they have no place to turn. Currently we are looking for a few more members to assist us with home visits. We are appealing to all parishioners, but with a special focus to our younger parishioners to join our ministry. Please reach out to Paul Woodland at 302-468-0673 for more details. Thanks to all of our benefactors who continually support our mission!



### From the Religious Ed Office:



There is NO in person PREP on Sunday, February 16th due to the Presidents' Day long weekend. Students will work from home. We will see everyone on February 23rd.



**First Reconciliation Families: Congratulations!!** 29 of our young people gathered on February 8th to celebrate the healing sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.



**Confirmation Class:** Complete modules 5 & 6.

**Confirmation Retreat is on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm-6:30pm.**

Check out [www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com) for fun weekly kid activities.



### Prayer Shawl Give Away

If interested in picking up a prayer shawl at the parish office, contact the parish office at 302-834-0225. If you have any yarn laying around and would like to donate it, yarn donations are always welcome at the parish office. If interested in joining to make prayer shawls, contact Barbara Coates: 302-838-7738.

Our team for **Together Tuesdays** with the residents of Marydale, is looking forward to our winter dinners twice a month. If you are new to the group and would like to assist either in contributing food, fellowship and service please email Pat Hessey ([phessey526@msn.com](mailto:phessey526@msn.com)). Any questions please contact Pat or Theresa Deakins 302-598-4082 / [theresa@theresadeakins.com](mailto:theresa@theresadeakins.com).



**~SAVE THE DATE~**

### **The Annual Tony Francia Memorial Golf Tournament**

Friday, June 13, 2025 At Patriots Glen- Elkton



### TAX REQUEST

If you would like a Contribution Statement for your 2024 Donations, please send the below information to [parishoffice@margaretofscotland.org](mailto:parishoffice@margaretofscotland.org) to request your Contribution Statement to be emailed or mailed to you. You can also mail this form into the parish office or drop it into the basket at mass.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ENVELOPE #:** \_\_\_\_\_



### Knights of Columbus

The St. David Council #12842 invites all men of our parish, who are 18 years old and older, to join our Council in supporting the St. Margaret of Scotland Parish and our community through acts of service. Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm in Hopkins Hall. For questions or info contact Jack. Novak, the Grand Knight, at: [quincyde@comcast.net](mailto:quincyde@comcast.net) or 302-229-5923.

### Friends of St. Margaret Senior Group

Men and women over 50 in our parish, come join the Friends Group! Our next meeting is 2/26 from 12:45- 2pm in the DeSales room. Join and be part of the fun! Dues are \$10 per year. For more info., contact Sharon at [smbathon@comcast.net](mailto:smbathon@comcast.net).



### Bible Study

Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Parish office Glasgow room. For more information, contact Deacon Tommy at [tommv@margaretofscotland.org](mailto:tommv@margaretofscotland.org).

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Join us every Friday morning at 9:30 am, and we will explore the Mass readings for the upcoming weekend. Our goal is to break open those Sacred Words and try to discover what God is telling us and how those words might fit into our daily lives. Questions or more info, contact Deacon Tommy at [tommy@margaretofscotland.org](mailto:tommy@margaretofscotland.org)



### Men's Fellowship

Our fellowship is open to all men of our parish where we gather to enjoy each other's friendship, ideas and sharing the important things in our lives, which the Spirit makes into something truly awesome...

For the next several months, we will be talking about the Eucharist. Together we will talk about the miracles that have happened, what the mystics have said about the Eucharist, and how this special gift from the Lord can change our lives.

The Eucharist is 'the source and summit' of the Christian life.(LG III) Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the parish offices. For more information, contact Deacon Tommy at [tommv@margaretofscotland.org](mailto:tommv@margaretofscotland.org).



### Young Adult Group

St. Margaret of Scotland hosts a young adults group that meets **every Monday at 7:30pm** in the **Choir Room**, in the Church. For information, contact Francis Klinecicz at [Francisk@udel.edu](mailto:Francisk@udel.edu).

### SMAC HAPPENINGS

Our next meeting will be **February 18, 2025 @ 7pm** in Hopkins Hall. New members are always welcome to join our committee. Any questions please contact Laura Sheppard or Vanessa Cordeiro at [2024smaco@gmail.com](mailto:2024smaco@gmail.com)



### Boy Scout Religious Awards

Any scout who is interested in earning their Catholic religious award should contact the Diocese of Wilmington's Catholic Committee on Scouting. Our committee can help get the process started and will supply the award, once earned. Each year the Bishop will present the awards to the scouts of our Diocese at our annual Scout Mass. The Scout Awards Mass is usually held in June. For more information please contact Deacon Tommy Watts, Boy Scout Chaplain ([tommv@margaretofscotland.org](mailto:tommv@margaretofscotland.org)) - (302) 218-1415.

If anyone is getting rid out their Keurig machine and is interested in donating it, the church could use them.

Please drop off to the parish office. Thank you.

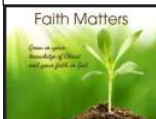


**Parish Office  
Closed  
Monday, February 17, 2025**



**During this time of giving, a QCD from your IRA is a great way to give back to the church.**

The IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows taxpayers 70 ½ or older to donate up to \$100,000 from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) directly to charitable nonprofits. When a taxpayer reaches age 72 (old rule 70 ½) they have to withdraw a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their IRA each year, which is taxable income. However, if the taxpayer donates up to \$100,000 of their RMD to a qualified charity, via a QCD, the RMD is not taxable income, which could be more beneficial than getting the charitable deductions for the actual donation. See your tax or financial advisor to discuss further how this could benefit you. If you have questions, you can also contact your fellow parishioner, Sue Morgan at [isawsam19@aol.com](mailto:isawsam19@aol.com).



## **Faith Matters** **The Gospel according to Luke**

**Presenter: Fr. Ed Ogden, OSFS**

When we study Luke, we hear some of our favorite stories in their original setting, breathing new life into familiar words. This series continues to walk readers through the Gospel of Luke (one chapter each week), showing how the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ are just as relevant and important today as they were two thousand years ago.

**All classes are at 7:00 PM in the DeSales Room**

**Thursday, February 20: Luke Chapter 17**

**Thursday, February 27: Luke Chapter 18**

**Thursday, March 6: Luke Chapter 19**

**Thursday, March 13: Luke Chapter 20**

**Thursday, March 20: Luke Chapter 21**

**Thursday, March 27: Luke Chapter 22**

**Thursday, April 3: Luke Chapter 23**

**Thursday, April 10: Luke Chapter 24**



**Eucharistic Adoration for Young Adults (18-35yr.)**

**Every last Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm**

Questions or to verify future monthly dates— contact us at 302-368-5886 or email [vocnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:vocnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org)

[www.littlesistersofthepoor.org/news-events/](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org/news-events/)

**Little Sisters of the Poor**

185 Salem Church Road Newark, DE 19713

## **Life Saver Sunday**

Thank you for our generous donations for Bayard House, you surpassed our expectations by donating over \$2,600 in diapers and funds. With Supreme's match your donations will be over \$3,000 in 2025. Thank you for helping mothers in need and supporting life. God Bless.

## **"Pilgrims of Hope"**

**A Lenten 2025 Retreat for High School Students**

**Sunday, March 23, 2025 from  
3:00 to 8:00 PM**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
345 Bear-Christiana Road  
Bear, DE. 19701**

This retreat is open to Any high school student in this Deanery.  
Bring a friend as a guest.

**To Register, Scan QR Code:**



## **ON-LINE GIVING: eCatholic**

We are excited to announce that the parish now offers a quick, easy, and automated way for you to offer your gifts and tithe! There's no more remembering your checkbook or cash each week. Simply go to [margaretofscotland.org](http://margaretofscotland.org) on any device to get started. You can make one-time donations or even set up a convenient recurring gift that can be managed from your own donor account. It's easy, quick, and convenient.

## **Bulletin Advertiser of the Week**

Please remember to patronize the advertisers on the back of our bulletin. This week's featured advertiser is:



**Are you a registered parishioner?**

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**Has your contact information changed?**

Please take a minute to send us any changes to your address or contact information, so our records can stay up top date.

Email [madeline@margaretofscotland.org](mailto:madeline@margaretofscotland.org).

**If you or someone you love is blind or visually impaired, the Xavier Society for the Blind provides free religious, spiritual, and inspirational reading materials in braille, large print and audio to blind and visually impaired individuals worldwide. We are able to provide these materials free-of-charge thanks to the generous support of our donors. We are gearing up to release the New American Bible in large print in the coming weeks! In 13 volumes, our Bible will be size 22 font, sans-serif. We are also delighted to now provide the Mass Propers in large print every month - these are essentially the Missalettes for Mass and include the readings, prayers, and responses to the Mass on Sundays and special Feast days We support this community of faithful in understanding, developing and practicing their Faith. Our service began in 1900 and we hope to serve many more people in new and innovative ways for many years to come. For more information, visit [xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](http://xaviersocietyfortheblind.org).**

**St. Margaret Travelers** - join us for a trip to the Canadian Maritimes and Coastal Wonders in the fall 2025 to view the fall foliage and more. Highlights include: Halifax, Peggy's Cove, Mahone Bay, walking tour of Lunenburg, Cape Breton Island, Cabot Trail, Prince Edward Island and much much more.

**When?** October 5, 2025 through October 15, 2025.

For more information, call Chris Linsner at 302-832-1488.

## **14th CYM Pilgrimage: Saturday, April 12, 2025**

Join hundreds of others on Saturday, April 12, 2025, as we walk the streets of Wilmington carrying the Pilgrimage Cross with Bishop Koenig. We are excited to welcome back **"The Scally Brothers"** to lead worship throughout the day. We start at St. Elizabeth with prayer and a concert, to St. Francis Hospital for a special blessing of the patients, then Reconciliation at St. Anthony of Padua, followed by the Stations of the Cross at Padua Academy, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Paul, and Blessing of Palms and Mass upon our return to St. Elizabeth. More details and the registration are posted online at [cdowcym.org](http://cdowcym.org). Join this event commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and His pilgrimage to Calvary on Good Friday.

Join us for a fun night out at our **CTICS Spirit of the Seas Gala and Auction** on Friday, March 21, 2025 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Christ the Teacher School. Dress for the "Captain's Dinner"!

Tickets are \$40.00 per person or \$250.00 for a table of 8. Your ticket includes delicious appetizers from Sherm's Catering and two free drink vouchers.

Don't miss out on this exciting evening! We look forward to seeing you there! To order tickets, go to:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZJfo-rmcf1haY727l12qzQ5YQg-nLOZxrOy1D15xPffsmpQ/viewform>

**Christ the Teacher School**  
Our Regional Catholic School  
[www.christtheteacher.org](http://www.christtheteacher.org)  
302-838-8850



### Healing the Wounds of Abortion

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep, and crippling. You may feel a profound numbness—or not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. But you are not alone. Our weekend retreat will help you experience the mercy and compassion of God and discover hope for your future. In a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment, you can grieve your loss while understanding and releasing any feelings of anger, shame, or regret you may have. Our retreats also help fathers or grandparents of an aborted child transform pain into hope.

Experience healing and hope.

2025 Trenton, NJ, Weekend Retreats: Mar. 28 -30/ Nov. 14-16  
For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at (732) 536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Join Father Ed on a

**LAST CALL FOR Pilgrimage to Annecy, France**

July 7 - July 13, 2025

Register: <https://www.margaretofscotland.org/pilgrimage-to-annecy-france-ii>

Registration and Payment of \$1,000 per person due by March 1, 2025.



### James P. Brennan Memorial College Scholarship

The Ancient Order of Hibernians invite High School Seniors whose families are registered at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish to apply for our \$1,000 James P. Brennan Memorial College Scholarship. Details and an application can be found by visiting our website, [www.NewarkAOH.com](http://www.NewarkAOH.com). The application deadline is March 17, 2025. Questions can be addressed to [NewarkAOH@gmail.com](mailto:NewarkAOH@gmail.com).



If you are a man 18 years or older and a practicing Catholic with some Irish Heritage, even just a wee bit, the Ancient Order of Hibernians invites you to our Tuesday February 25 meeting in the Parish Hall of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on Route 7 in Bear, start time is 7:00 PM. We meet on the last Tuesday of every month. Questions can be addressed to [NewarkAOH@gmail.com](mailto:NewarkAOH@gmail.com). We look forward to welcoming you.

### RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held **February 14 - 16, 2025** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** – Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! No group sharing required. The next weekend is **March 7-9, 2025** at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For information or to register visit our website <http://www.wwme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228



If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion, a **Rachel's Vineyard** retreat weekend can help – no matter how much time has passed. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who are suffering from shame, guilt, or anger. Join us from **April 4** through **6**, for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend, and experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat **April 4-6, 2025**

in Doylestown, PA, at the National Shrine of

Our Lady of Czestochowa

To register, or for more information, please call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752

### Are you being called to God?

If you think God might be calling you to the priesthood or to religious life, contact Fr. Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)

### ON THIS WEEK'S EPISODE OF CATHOLIC FORUM

FR. NATHAN CROMLY DISCUSSES HIS BOOK, "COACHED BY PAUL THE APOSTLE: LESSONS IN TRANSFORMATION"

PODCAST & VIDEO PREMIERS

FEB. 19, 2025 @ 12:00 P.M.

PROGRAM AIRS ON RELEVANT RADIO 640

FEB. 22, 2025 @ 1:30 P.M.



FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

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Or go to [thediolog.org/newsletter](http://thediolog.org/newsletter)



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### Marriage Moments

Presidents' Day: What is your marriage founded on? Love, of course. Common beliefs, hopefully. When George Washington became the first president of the U.S. he had little idea how this fledgling country would evolve. So too, most of us are relatively naïve on our wedding day. Perhaps a penny could be a reminder of your wedding vows, "In God we trust."

*"by Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net)"*



### Parenting Pointers

"Anything which parents have not learned from experience, they can now learn from their children." (Anon.) Learn something new from your child today (a song, a joke, how to program a cell phone, how to download a printer driver...)

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### Word of Life

February 16, 2025

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*  
*"Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"*  
[respectlife.org/navigating-infertility](http://respectlife.org/navigating-infertility)

### READINGS FOR February 16<sup>th</sup> - February 23<sup>rd</sup>



**February 16- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary**

Jer 17:5-8/ 1 Cor 15-12, 16-32/ Lk 6:17, 20-26

**February 17- Gn 4:1-15, 25/ Mk 8:11-13**

**February 18- Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/ Mk 8:14-21**

**February 19- Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/ Mk 8:22-26**

**February 20- Gn 9:1-13/ Mk 8:27-33**

**February 21- Gn 11:1-9/ Mk 8:34-9:1**

**February 22- 1 Pt 5:1-4/ Mt 16:13-19**

**February 23- Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/ 1 Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-38

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