

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAITH · FAMILY · FRIENDSHIP

March 9, 2025 ♦ First Sunday of Lent

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are called together in fellowship to witness to our Catholic faith through prayer and the celebration of the sacraments. We give testimony to Jesus Christ by reaching out with compassion to others.

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/ Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/ Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).
 Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).
 Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).
 Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

CELEBRATIONS OF EUCHARIST:

Wednesday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Friday: 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.
 Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:00 - 8:40 a.m.

Other times by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday by 9:00 a.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

We warmly welcome new parishioners and request that they register by calling the parish office.

BAPTISM:

Congratulations! We are excited to help you welcome your child into the Church. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to their child's baptism. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE:

Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible after their engagement is announced. The preferred preparation period is 12 months. You must be a registered parishioner before setting a wedding date.

♿ HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

10 Mon. **No Mass**
 11 Tue. **No Mass**
 12 Wed. 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**
 13 Thu. 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**
 14 Fri. 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**
 15 Sat. 5:00 p.m. Mary Eull † (1 year anniv.)
 16 Sun. 9:00 a.m. St. John the Baptist Parishioners



LITURGICAL ROLES



Next Weekend - March 15 and 16

5:00 P.M.

Ushers: Teri Ray
 Thomas Bouley
 Reader: Mike Gilman
 Server: Logan Crosby
 Communion Minister: Cheri McCann

9:00 A.M.

Ushers: Kevin and Benita Lefebvre
 Reader: Terry McAlpine
 Servers: Brooklyn and Asher Reining
 Communion Minister: Emily Hagel
 Children's Liturgy: Lead: Sarah Moylan
 Aide: Pam/Alayna Leiran



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

Char Barder, Bena Bourgeois, Marie Corbin, Ken Croteau, Donna Rivers Hauan, Bob Huss, Martha Killian, Wayne Lahn, Jane Lenz, Rick Marion, Barbara Mulcahy, Marilyn Nordine, Anné Otremba, Viola Plante, Jodi Playle, Catherine Schumacher, Rosemary Steer, Mary Watson, Billi Jo Weekley, Sandi Weekley, and Anne (Loftus) Whiting. Raymond Bernard (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Linda Chase (daughter of Jim and Bonnie Haberle), Jeff Chouinard (son of Joanne Chouinard), Tammy Courtright (sister of Sue Harff), Cora Dawsey (granddaughter of Steve and Kelly Slavik), Sandy Delgehausen (friend of Tim and Kathy Timm), Darrell Delles (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Julie Corbin Dray (niece of Joan Playle), John Elfa (cousin of Kathy Timm), Mike Gullickson and Bill Southworth (friends of Marilyn Nordine), Wayne Jurmu (father of Barb Carnes), Gregory Killian (son of Martha Killian), Scott Knowlan (son-in-law of Mary Christian), Jeff Nettleton (friend of Russ and Teri Ray), John and Virginia Resler (friends of Lynn Eggert), Dawn Schmidt (friend of Joanne Chouinard), Dave Stasson (brother-in-law of Lucy McAlpine), Karla Storlein (cousin of Tim Timm), Carol Ticky (sister of Mary Dahlheimer), Michelle Tuomisto (Teri Ray's nephew's wife), and Dan and Kritsty Zapf (grandson and granddaughter of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).



From the Pastor

I think I've used the jargon term anamnesis already in bulletin articles - the technical type of remembering that the Church does in our liturgy, particularly in the sacrifice of the mass, but what is the point of remembrance? It's a very unusual question for me to ask - in a rectory full of history books, lots of mementos, and in which I'm getting ready to take a group to Italy to experience firsthand many of the historical sites of the Church - and across the parking lot from our parish church, which I argue is the "historic" part of "historic Dayton". I can give you answers from the academic discipline of history - that history helps us understand our circumstances and so informs our choices, that history doesn't repeat but it rhymes so we can anticipate to some degree our future, and my particular favorite, that memory and therefore history are foundational to the human condition - but none of those are how the Church answers the question.

She instead cites John 14:26 - where Jesus promises the Holy Spirit will be sent to teach us and to help us remember (remind in many translations) what Jesus says. Remembrance is a sign of the indwelling Holy Spirit who has been sent to bring us into union with the Lord, and so if we are listening to the Holy Spirit, we will remember the mighty deeds that God has done for us, and our hearts will be more open to God's grace. As we begin our Lent, by remembering what the Lord has done for us hopefully our hearts will be more open to receive the Holy Spirit.

I will be praying for all of you and your intentions while I am gone on this pilgrimage from March 10-20. Speaking of remembering, my dad, Deacon Mike Powers, will be doing Stations of the Cross with you all on March 14, and my first boss as a priest, Fr. Patrick Hipwell, will be with you for the weekend masses, so I'm sure both of them can tell you stories

- Fr. John Powers

JESUS' PILGRIMAGE TO US HOLY HOUR

Thursday, March 27, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. here at St. John the Baptist. In this time of preparation for our Lord's resurrection at Easter, take some time to prepare your heart and meet Jesus as He pilgrimages to you in the Blessed Sacrament. Sponsored by the Archdiocese as part of the Synod Year II focus to come to know and love our Lord in the Eucharist, join us for this beautiful Holy Hour with prayer and meditation.

RELEVANT RADIO 1330 AM Take your faith beyond Sunday and into the rest of the week.



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2025 Catholic Services Appeal is in progress. When you give to the Catholic Services Appeal, you partner with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in

need through ministries that serve the poor, support life and strengthen the Faith. These ministries include:

American Indian Ministry, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW), Campus & Young Adult Ministry, Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Catholic Elementary Schools, Catholic High School Scholarships, Deaf Ministry, Elevate Life, Evangelization, Hospital Chaplains, Latino Ministry, Office of Marriage, Family and Youth, Prison Ministry, Seminarian Room and Board, Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Twin Cities, St. Lawrence Newman Center, Venezuelan Mission, and Youth Ministry.

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Or visit love.archspm.org

St. John the Baptist's Parish Goal is \$14,532. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to CSAF. Visit love.archspm.org for more information and to donate online or scan this QR code.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."
- Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.



OFFERTORY • MARCH 2, 2025

Adult Envelopes (52)	\$ 2,316.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	381.00
Ash Wednesday Offering (1)	5.00
Misc. Contribution - QCD	4,000.00
Automatic Deposits (17)	693.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 7,395.00
Projected Need	\$ 5,243.00
Received Last Week	7,395.00
Projected Need to Date	188,748.00
Amount Received to Date	199,391.00
Surplus - Last Week	\$ 8,491.00
- This Week	10,643.00



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays of Lent. Please join us for this traditional Lenten Devotion.

FIVE MINUTES WITH THE WORD

During the Season of Lent, please take a few minutes a day and use *The Word Among Us* to grow closer to the Lord and prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Copies are provided by the parish and are located at the church exits. Please pick one up for your family and start a new Lenten tradition!

BEST LENT EVER

This year's Best Lent Ever will take you through the ultimate journey: *Your Spiritual Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy*. Each day of BEST LENT EVER, you'll receive a short, FREE video from Matthew Kelly full of profound spiritual insight and intensely practical ways that will guide you through a life-changing journey to discover the very heart of God and His extraordinary plan for your life. With three simple daily steps, you can prepare your heart, mind, and soul for this powerful surrender. Sign up today at www.dynamiccatholic.com.

EASTER PLANT MEMORIALS

If you would like to have one or more of the Easter plants which adorn the sanctuary area for the Easter season as a memorial for a deceased loved one, please put your name and the name(s) of the one(s) being remembered in an envelope along with \$13.00 for each plant and drop it in the regular Sunday collection basket or mail it to the church. Deadline for memorial requests is April 13.

OLD PALMS COLLECTION

You are invited to bring your old palms to church with you from now until Holy Saturday evening. Please place them in the collection bins located at the entrances of the church. We will burn the palms in the Easter Fire at the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.



OPERATION RICE BOWL A Recommitment to End Hunger

Since 1975, Catholics across the United States have come together each Lent to respond to global hunger through the CRS Rice Bowl program. Learn how people like you have made a local and global impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in need and why our prayers and almsgiving are still needed today. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Rice Bowls are available at the exits.

Have a  good day!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TLC KIDS - THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Our Pre-K through Confirmation age kids will meet again this Wednesday, March 12. We have sessions from 5:30 - 6:30, 6:00 - 7:00 and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., with the Confirmation class meeting from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. If your children are unable to attend or if you have any other questions, please email Sarah at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

LENTEEN REGULATION REMINDER

The Christian faithful are called to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence and by exercising works of piety and charity throughout the season of Lent. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.

Abstinence - All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat (beast or fowl) on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - All the faithful who have reached the age of reason (second grade) are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins as least once a year. Lent is a good time to fulfill this precept of the Church.

Lenten Observances - Each weekday of Lent is also an obligatory day of penance. Some recommendations include the participation in daily Mass, increased prayer or spiritual study, self-imposed fasting or abstinence, Eucharistic adoration, works of charity, generosity to programs which benefit others especially the poor, and participation in traditional Lenten Devotions.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER in Buffalo has scheduled the following retreats for the season of Lent:

Men's Silent Weekend March 14 -16

Women's Silent Weekend March 28 - 30

Men's & Women's Silent Midweek April 1 - 3

The theme of all these retreats will be "Pilgrims of Hope" and will be presented by the King's House Retreat Team. The "Pilgrims of Hope" retreat is an opportunity to experience fellowship and grow in faith and spiritual renewal during this holy year of grace; praying that you find peace and hope in your relationship with Jesus, our Lord. Includes Mass, personal prayer time, Reconciliation, Scriptural Rosary, and a healing service. Per person: \$50 deposit at registration and suggested donation of \$225; includes 2 overnights, private accommodations and 5 meals. Register online at www.kingshouse.com or call 763.682.1394.

LENT

Question: After attending our parish retreat and feeling much better and stronger about my faith, I want to make this Lent worthwhile. What can I do to keep the spirit and practice of Lent?

Answer: You've already taken the first step by going on the parish retreat. It is important for us to "tune up" our faith, taking some time to renew ourselves through prayer, meditation and education. By deepening our knowledge and understanding of faith, we are often better attuned to its richness and meaning for our life.

Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, communal penance services and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown off kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving and charitable works.

Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

2025 MEN'S CONFERENCE: MEN OF CHRIST – STRENGTHENED BY HIS REAL PRESENCE - Saturday, March 22, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Epiphany, Coon Rapids. This year's Catholic Watchmen Conference will begin with Mass with Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Kenney at 8:00 a.m. Dr. Edward Sri will be the keynote speaker. Find more information and registration at archspm.org/2025-mens-conference-men-of-christ-strengthened-by-his-real-presence.

ACCW 92ND CONVENTION: RENEWING YOUR FAITH TRUSTING IN GOD'S DIRECTION - Friday, May 2, 8:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m., St. Michael Catholic Church in St. Michael. Renewing Your Faith Trusting in God's Direction is the theme for this year's Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women's Annual Convention! Expect top-notch presenters, including Kristen, a mental health advocate, Mass with Archbishop Hebda, locally catered banquet and luncheon, the marketplace to shop, Lay Women Winners and Golden Rose Winners and so much more! Find more information and registration at accwarchspm.org/2025-convention.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 9

- 2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time begins - Set clocks ahead 1 hour
- 8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.)
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, March 12

No 8:00 a.m. Mass
TLC Kid's Sessions

Thursday, March 13

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, March 14

Day of Abstinence
No Confessions or 8:00 a.m. Mass
No Eucharistic Adoration

- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15

- 4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:30 p.m.)
- 4:30 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 16

Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.)
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Mass

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR COMMUNITY? WE WELCOME YOU!

If you would like to register as a parishioner of St. John the Baptist, please call the parish office at 763.428.2828.

TRAVELERS - For nationwide Mass times and locations call 1.858.207.6277 or go to www.Masstimes.org.



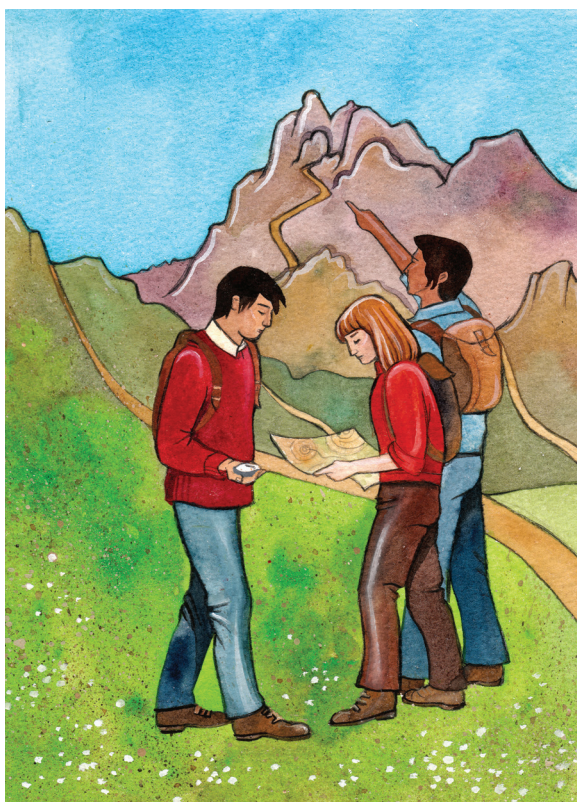
SCRIP NEWS

Scrip is fundraising while you shop. Our program allows St. John's parishioners to purchase gift certificates for every day expenses like food, clothing, gas, and entertainment while earning a percentage of each dollar of SCRIP purchased back in revenue for St. John's. So instead of writing checks at the gas station and the grocery store, you write a check to St. John's and receive gift cards for the merchants you patronize for those items. The certificates are purchased in bulk at a discount and sold at face value. The discount becomes the profit for St. John's.

Scrip Sellers for Next Weekend

- Mar. 15 5:00 p.m. Morlene MacGregor
Patti Fodstad-Bouley
- 16 9:00 a.m. Linda McAlpine
Bernice Petersen

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Our Refuge, Our Fortress

God our Refuge,
you liberate us.
As you delivered the Israelites,
you deliver us.
God our Fortress,
be with us in times of trouble:
bring us peace to know the Word
is near us,
strengthen us to profess that Jesus
is Lord;
and grant us courage to know in our
hearts the resurrection of the Lord.
We call upon you,
God our Liberator:
enrich us!
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Be with Me, Lord



Today's readings: Deuteronomy 26:4–10; Psalm 91:1–2, 10–11, 12–13, 14–15; Romans 10:8–13; Luke 4:1–13. Today, we hear Moses and the Israelites pray as they offer the firstfruits of their harvest. They recount their oppression at the hands of the Egyptians and express that, in their struggle, they turned to the Lord. God brought them out of Egypt to a “land flowing with milk and honey” and, in gratitude and awe, the Israelites bow down before the Lord.

On this First Sunday of Lent, there is much we can learn from the Israelites and apply to our Lenten journey. Let us turn to the Lord when we struggle, knowing that he hears our cry and sees our affliction, toil, and oppression. What are some ways you can turn to God, our refuge and fortress, when you are troubled? Consider writing a prayer

for when you find yourself struggling this Lenten season. For inspiration for the prayer, look to today's psalm: “Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. / My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust.”

After their deliverance, the Israelites set the firstfruits of their harvest down before the Lord and “bow down in his presence.” In this season of dying to ourselves to grow closer to God, let us detach ourselves from the gifts we have been given and return them to God in praise. What are some ways you can recognize God's presence daily? Consider ending your days with a prayer in gratitude, for we know that God raised Jesus from the dead, and we “will be saved.”



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 10

Lord, When Did I Serve You?

Almsgiving during Lent is often solely thought of as donating money to those who are impoverished. This is a partial understanding of almsgiving; during Lent, we are also called to give of our time, performing acts of charity and serving others. Today, set aside time to pray with the Gospel. Contemplate how you might feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the ill, or visit the imprisoned. Commit to an act of service, and schedule a time to serve this week. *Today's readings: Leviticus 19:1–2, 11–18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew 25:31–46.*

Tuesday, March 11

Do Not Babble

Jesus warns the disciples not to babble when they pray. Today, spend time in silence, just you and God. Begin by praying the Our Father. It may be easy to breeze past this prayer we hear often, so spend time sitting with the words. What stands out to you? Share this in conversation with God. End your prayer with a phrase of gratitude. *Today's readings: Isaiah 55:10–11; Psalm 34:4–5, 6–7, 16–17, 18–19; Matthew 6:7–15.*

Wednesday, March 12

A Clean Heart

Though we are part of a different generation than the crowd gathered around Jesus in today's Gospel, much evil is still in our generation. Consider how you might repent and condemn the evil you encounter. If you are able, make plans to go to confession sometime this week. Pray with today's psalm, focusing on the request to God: "Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; / in the greatness of your compassion, wipe out my offense. / Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. / A clean heart create for me, O God, / and a steadfast spirit renew within me." *Today's readings: Jonah 3:1–10; Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 18–19; Luke 11:29–32.*

Thursday, March 13

Come to Help

In today's first reading, we hear Esther cry out to the Lord for help. The psalmist praised the Lord, for he answers our prayers. Today, instead of lifting up your petitions to God, shift your attention to the needs of others. Who is crying out in anguish in your community? How can you work with the Lord to answer their call for help? *Today's readings: Esther C:12, 14–16, 23–25; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; Matthew 7:7–12.*

Friday, March 14

Be Reconciled

Jesus reminds his disciples that reconciliation is crucial to living out our faith. In today's first reading, the prophet Ezekiel calls us to reflect: "Is it my [the Lord's] way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?" Today, reflect on a relationship you have with someone you may have hurt. Write an apology down. Bring your reflection to confession, the person to whom you are apologizing, or both. *Today's readings: Ezekiel 18:21–28; Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–7a, 7bc–8; Matthew 5:20–26.*

Saturday, March 15

Love Your Enemy

It is easy to love those who love us. Today, we hear Jesus challenge his disciples to turn to those who persecute them and love them. As Christians, we are called to do the same—even when it is difficult to do so, we are called to love others. If you are able, go to daily Mass today. Spend time praying for someone who has hurt you. Ask God for the strength to let go of your hurt and for the grace to love even those who have hurt us. *Today's readings: Deuteronomy 26:16–19; Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5, 7–8; Matthew 5:43–48.*



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