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Mission Statement; *Holy Cross Catholic Church is a faith community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We strive for holiness and growth in our faith as we serve those around us.*  
Adopted 2013

## WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS

### PARISH REGISTRATION:

Registration forms are available in the church office and at the Information desk in the hallway. Membership is a condition for the reception of the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation, first Eucharist, confirmation and marriage.

Those of you who are MEMBERS - Please let us know if you have a change of address, or if you have a new phone number. Help us keep costs down by letting us know when you move. Thank you!

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:

Homebound parishioners unable to come to Mass should notify the parish office so that Holy Communion may be brought to their homes.

### MARRIAGE:

Couples intending to marry should contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

### BAPTISM CLASS:

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please call the office to register for the upcoming date and time.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Tuesday by 5:00 pm in writing or email  
hheger@holycrosswestfargo.com

### RCIA:

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or are interested in learning more about the teachings of the faith, please call the parish office at 282-7217.

### HOLY CROSS MOBILE APP:

The Holy Cross mobile app is available to download. Find us in the app store. Search My Parish App. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, and an easy-to-access event calendar. Enjoy additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or confession, and much more.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Betty Heick      | Kimberly Shelton     |
| Daniel Mears     | Leo Blotsky          |
| Vickie Bittner   | Anthony Thompson     |
| Gabby Dahl       | Wayne Ward           |
| David Skow       | Elaine & Cy Byrd     |
| Eugene Braun     | Tryee & Decklin Byrd |
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| Jack Olinger     | Fr Tony Welle        |
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| Lee Knudsvig     | Dorothy Stegmiller   |
| Michael Schnepf  | Leo Gregoire         |
| Kari Kolstoe     | Mary Ann Paluck      |
| Tim Pollock      | Judy Elless          |
|                  | Ryan & Sarah Sanborn |

And all who are experiencing illness and are not listed by name. If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound or would like to have a family member included in the prayers for the sick, call the parish office at 282-7217.

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## PRAYERS FOR THE ARMED FORCES

*Remember in prayer:*

Major Diann Olson, Captain Dixie Klein Aune, Stefani Nistler, Major Liea Misialek, Daniel Lee Cariveau, Specialist E4 Brandon Clifton, Nick Allred & Chandler Haut, SSG Stephanie Burdick Thielges, SFC William Burdick, SGT Jakob Burdick, SFC Fielding Olson, Anthony Heise, David Morse, Technical Sgt E6 Andres Gonzalez, Technical Sgt E6 Leah Gonzalez, Tech Sergeant **Chris Harris., E4 Brandon Smith, E4 Te'ler Smith**, Patrick Eldridge, Brian Richter, Lieutenant Commander Kevin Furst.

If any family has people in the Armed Services that they would like to be prayed for, please contact the church office.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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|---------------|--|
| MONDAY        | Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8                     |
| TUESDAY       | Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15                   |
| WEDNESDAY     | Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21                   |
| THURSDAY      | Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36                   |
| FRIDAY        | Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15                    |
| SATURDAY      | 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20                  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b> | Acts 2:14,22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35 |

## Mass Intentions

*All Mass Intentions are currently said off-site*

MONDAY, April 20th  
+Violet Bren by Carol & LeRoy Holub

TUESDAY, April 21st  
Tracy & Matt Tharaldson 11th Anniversary by Bev & Tom Kelsch

WEDNESDAY, April 22nd  
For the residents of the Cooperative Living Center  
George Weibye by Bev & Tom Kelsch

THURSDAY, April 23rd  
Peter Newman by Bev & Tom Kelsch

FRIDAY, April 24th  
+James Wald by Rita Wald

SATURDAY, April 25th  
+Mae Rheault by the Rheault family & friends

SUNDAY, April 26th  
Holy Cross Catholic Community  
Sarah & James Prindiville by Lisa & Matt Prindiville  
Ella Hargiss by Kathy Melaas  
+Marie Flynn by Patrick Flynn

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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

No Adoration until further notice.

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### WEDDING BANNES

God grant you many joyful years together and bless your home with health and happiness!

*Congratulations and Best Wishes!*

Matthew Schneider & Kayla Haaland  
April 24, 2020

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### CONFESSIONS

There will be Priests available for Confessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. There are chairs set up in the back of church for social distancing, and confession will only be done through a screen.

### SUNDAY MASS

Join us for Mass Sunday mornings at 9:00 am at [www.holycrosswestfargo.com](http://www.holycrosswestfargo.com)!

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### CONTRIBUTIONS

We have had some questions about offering. If you so wish, you can drop off your envelope at the church. The little house is stationed behind the gate at the front desk that you can slip it into. Contributions can also be mailed. Thank you for your generosity during this time.

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### ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO

Emanuel Volk  
Father of Margaret (Darin) Keller

Ashley Meehan  
Daughter of Roger & Carol Meehan

Barbara Weis  
Mother of Lori Jaskin  
Grandmother of Angela Trupka

Charlotte Pray  
Niece of Dorothy Beaudoin

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HOLY CROSS EASTER DINNER was a little different this year but still a great success. Rather than having everyone gather and eat inside we had a pickup and go bag for each individual. Within the bag there was: sliced ham, creamy mashed potatoes, and Jeff Pegg's delicious homemade ham gravy, fresh mixed coleslaw, Shirley Heick's made from scratch bun, Easton Stick's apple bread pudding and an apple in a to go container. We handed out a little over 375 personal bags of goodies to those who stopped. It was great to see so many parish families picking up a bag to share with family and friends. We truly are working together to love and feed the people of God.

We would like to thank Penne Soucy for spear heading this event, Easton Stick, Julie Gludt, Dave Janssen, Shirley Heick, and Jeff Pegg, for cooking ahead of the event and those who created the bags of goodies that day, Mary Ann Donnay, Sandy Schob, Tom Soucy, Ray Meyer, Rita Meyer, Penne Soucy.

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER



Greetings,

Today's readings remind us why today, Divine Mercy Sunday, we're celebrating the gift of Divine Mercy. The Gospel takes us back to the evening of that first Easter Sunday. The disciples have gathered back together, but more out of fear than of faith: they had all abandoned Our Lord on the Cross. How could they expect mercy after what they'd done?

We see the first heady days of a Christian community redeemed and reconciled through the grace of Christ in the first reading. Long before apostasies, heresies, or schisms, we see the first believers sharing their lives, their bread, and their prayers. We also see that the Apostles have a special role in the community: believers are devoted to their teaching. The faith, handed down by Christ to the Apostles, and then handed on through the centuries to us, continues to unite us.

Those first believers didn't believe in a vacuum: the Apostles showed many signs and wonders to bolster their faith. Even today when Christians live in harmony, not only with fellow believers but with their fellow man, they are a sign and a wonder of the reconciling power of Christ.

*Lumen Gentium* teaches that the Church is called to be a sign and instrument of "both of a very closely knit union with God and of the unity of the whole human race". The believers didn't do it alone, and neither do we. Our Lord has given us sacred ministers to help us live in harmony, and one way they do so is through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Then in the second reading St. Peter reminds us that the great mercy of God is what gives birth to a new hope in us. The Resurrection itself is a sign of the mercy of God. Our hope is alive because Christ was raised from the dead. Before his Resurrection, the sins of mankind, from Adam on down, lead to one dire conclusion: death and eternal separation from God.

In Christ's Resurrection, we have a living hope that through his mercy death will not have the last word in our lives. We too will inherit the eternal life that he won for us on the Cross.

However, this "inheritance" is not automatic. Through trials and our efforts at purification, we show that we truly desire the gift of his mercy. Despite Our Lord's victory we stumble or repeatedly fall, which is why we need his mercy repeatedly.

In today's Gospel Our Lord shows that he has a special mission for his Apostles: to be the instruments and channels of that mercy for the whole world, through the sacrament of Confession. The Apostles need to be reconciled with the Lord they'd abandoned when he needed them most. Jesus tells them twice, "Peace be with you." He shows them his hands and feet so that they can see the wounds and know it's not a dream or an illusion, and the fact that they abandoned him for was not a dream or illusion either: The sin really happened, the price really had to be paid for that sin, He paid the price in full. With the words "Peace be with you," He says what's past is past. This reconciliation is meant to be maintained and to spread. Our Lord breathes on the apostles and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." This power comes from Christ through the Apostles, and through the bishops and priests that came after them, through the Sacrament of Confession. When Jesus says "Peace be with you" twice in this passage he is showing us that forgiveness is not a one shot deal, or else Baptism would be enough: we're always in need of his mercy because we continue to battle with our sins. When we examine our lives, we always see moments where we could have done more and better, and Confession gives us the peace and grace to keep trying to do more and better.

Enjoy the fresh weather this weekend, it's a treat for us to celebrate Spring! Happy Divine mercy, it will be virtual streamed on our website, check it out.

In His Mercy, Fr Jim

When the day comes to rejoice with new life, we will decorate the church with new flowers.  
Thank you to those who have donated.

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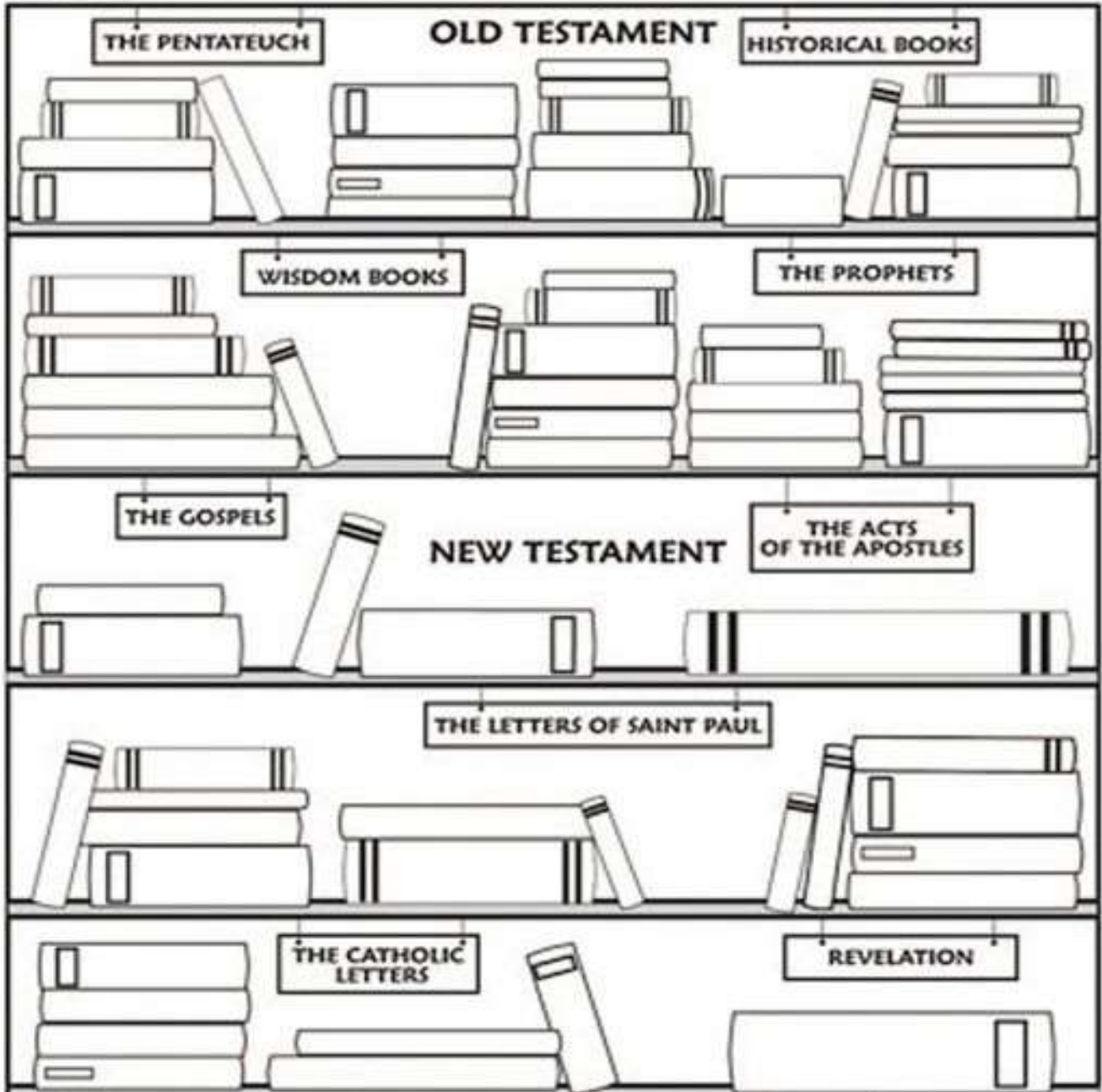
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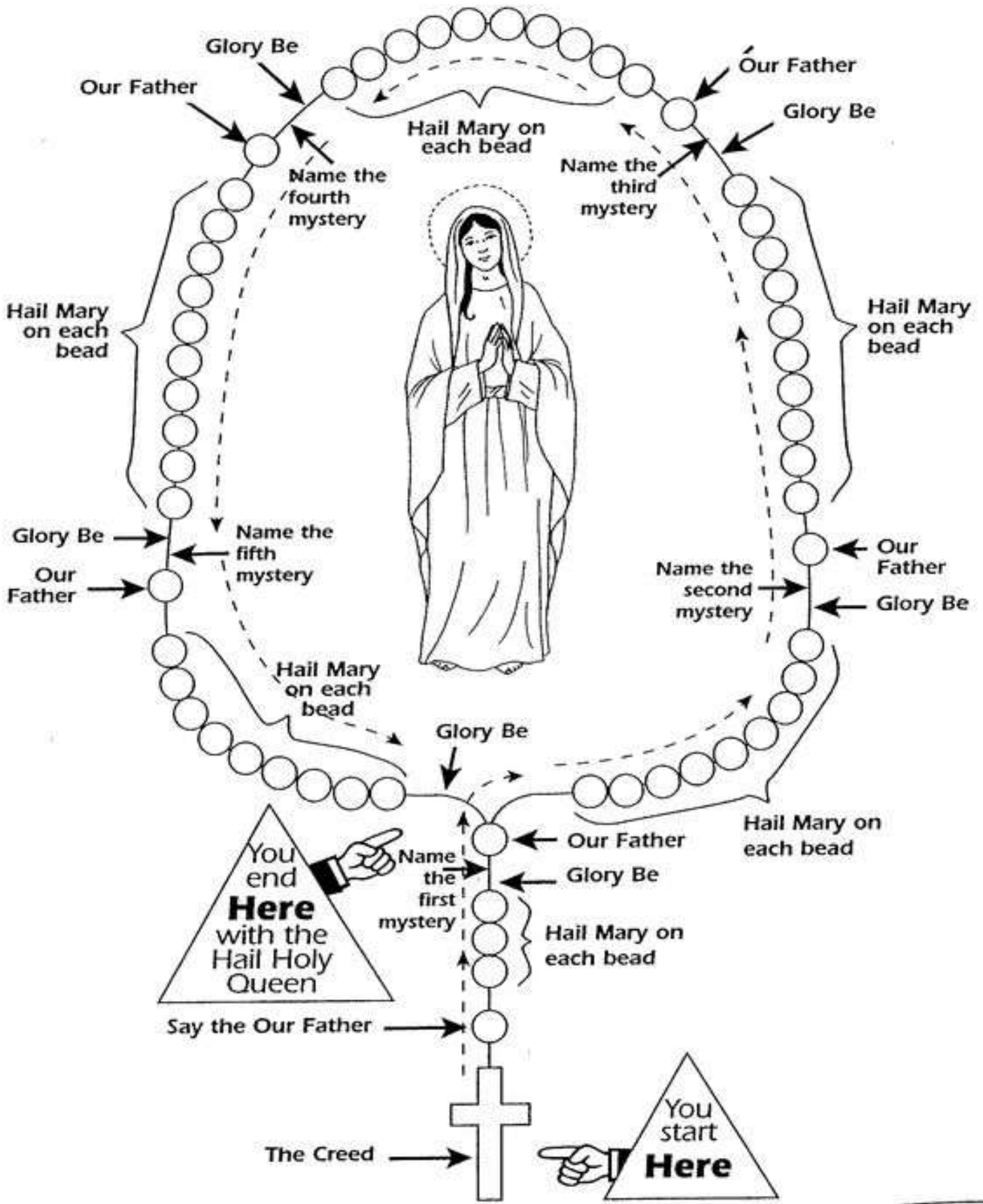
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| 1 THESSALONIANS | ACTS               | EZEKIEL      | JOHN     | NAHUM        | SIRACH                              |           |
| 1 TIMOTHY       | AMOS               | EZRA         | JONAH    | NEHEMIAH     | SONG OF SONGS                       |           |
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