Scriptures for Fr. Rob Kroll’s Retreat

A VACATION WITH THE LORD (David Kauffman, I Am a God Nearby, Be Still)

† Grace: a heartfelt confidence and trust in God’s closeness and goodness
  Psalm 139: For you formed my inward parts, you knitted me together in my mother’s womb
  Isaiah 55: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters
  Jeremiah 29:10-14: I know the plans I have for you…You will seek me and find me

“O MY GOD!” (D. Kauffman, I Think of You with Love, Surrender)

† Grace: to know that God loves me uniquely and unconditionally
  Genesis 1:1-2:3; Genesis 2:4-25: Two stories of creation
  Psalm 104: The glories of creation
  Jeremiah 18:1-6: God is the potter, we are the clay
  1 John 4:7-19: God is love
  Matthew 6:7-15, 25-34: Your Father knows what you need before you ask him
  Hosea 2:14-20: I will bring her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her…I will espouse you

OUR ESSENTIAL PURPOSE (D. Kauffman, Make Me What You Will, Surrender)

† Grace: to be spiritually free and to abandon myself into the hands of God who created me for loving union with Him
  Revelation 4:1-11: Image of the heavenly worship
  Revelation 7:9-17: They shall hunger no more…and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes
  Mark 10:17-32: Rich young man (inordinate attachment)
  Galatians 5:1, 13-26: For freedom Christ has set us free…For you were called to freedom
  Philippians 3:7-14: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord

“I’M OK, YOU’RE OK” (BUT NOT ENTIRELY) (D. Kauffman, Purify My Heart, Surrender)

† Grace: deeper awareness of and sorrow for my sinfulness and disordered affections
  Genesis 3: The sin of our first parents
  2 Samuel 11:1-12:15: David’s sin denounced by Nathan
  Psalm 130: If you, O Lord, record our sins, who could stand?
  Matthew 7:1-5, 15-23: Take the plank out of your own eye; evil emerges from within
  Luke 16:19-31: Rich man ignores Lazarus (sin by omission)
  Luke 18:9-14: Pharisee’s pride and publican’s humility
  John 7:45-8:11: Adulterous woman
  Romans 7:7-25: I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate
  1 John 1:5-10: If we say we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves

THE DEVIL DIDN’T MAKE ME DO IT (Michael Card, The Dragon, Unveiled Hope)

† Grace: deep gratitude that God in His mercy saves me from eternal death.
  1 Cor. 3:12-15: If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire
  Wisdom 17: Psychological dimension of hell
  Matthew 25:31-46: Last Judgment
  Mark 9:42-48: It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna

TO ERR IS HUMAN; TO FORGIVE, DIVINE (Caedmon’s Call, Mystery of Mercy, Back Home)

† Grace: gratitude for God’s merciful, forgiving love and the ability to forgive those who hurt me
  Psalm 51: Miserere
  Matthew 18:21-35: Forgive your brother seventy times seven times; Parable of the Unmerciful Servant
  Luke 7:36-50: Woman wipes Jesus’ feet with her hair, her sins forgiven
  Luke 15: Lost sheep; Lost coin; Prodigal son
  Ephesians 4:25-32: Do not let the sun go down on your anger…forgiving one another as Christ forgave you

HERE COMES THE SON (Chris Rice, Welcome to Our World, Deep Enough to Dream)

† Grace: an interior knowledge of our Lord, who became human for me, that I may love him more intensely and follow him more closely.
  Isaiah 9:1-6: The people that walked I darkness have seen a great light
  Luke 1:26-38: Annunciation
  Luke 1:46-55: Mary’s Magnificat
  Luke 2:1-7: Nativity of Jesus
Galatians 4:1-7: When the appointed time came, God sent his Son born of a woman
Ephesians 1:3-14: God’s plan of salvation
Hebrews 1:1-6: In these last days God has spoken through his Son

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? (Chris Rice, *Come to Jesus, Run the Earth Watch the Sky*)
† Grace: an interior knowledge of our Lord, who became human for me, that I may love him more intensely and follow him more closely.
Mark 1:1-13:37 Read the shortest of the Gospels (at one sitting if possible) up to the Passion

DOCTOR OF SOUL: JESUS HEALS (D. Kauffman, *Out of Darkness, Surrender*)
† Grace: an interior knowledge of our Lord, who became human for me, that I may love him more intensely and follow him more closely.
† Alternate Grace: that in Christ’s Sacred Heart my own wounded heart would know deeper healing.
Ezekiel 36:24-28: I will cleanse you and give you a new heart
Mark 2:1-12: Healing of the paralytic
Mark 5:1-20: Jesus heals Gerasene demoniac
Mark 10:46-52: Jesus heals Bartimaeus’ blindness

NO GREATER LOVE (D. Kauffman, *My God, My God, Behold*)
† Grace: Heartfelt sorrow with Christ in sorrow, and interior suffering because of the great suffering Christ endured for me.
Matthew 26:1-27:66
Mark 14:1-15-47 Choose one Passion narrative to meditate upon prayerfully
John 13:1-19:42

DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING? (Jesus Went to the Garden, City on a Hill: the Gathering)
† Grace: to rejoice intensely because of the glory and joy of the risen Christ
Matthew 28:1-10: Jesus appears to the women at the sepulcher
Luke 24:13-35: Jesus appears to the disciples on the way to Emmaus
Luke 24:36-43: Jesus appears to the apostles in the upper room
John 20:1-10: Peter and John find the empty tomb
John 20:1-18: Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene
John 20:24-29: Jesus appears to Thomas
John 21: Jesus appears to the apostles by the lake of Tiberius, asking Peter “Do you love me?”

FOLLOW ME (D. Kauffman, *Follow Me, Follow Me*)
† Grace: to rejoice intensely because of the glory and joy of the risen Christ
Matthew 5:13-16: You are light and salt
Matthew 12:41-44: Widow’s mite
Mark 10:35-45: The request of James and John: the first must be slave of all
John 1:35-53: Come and see; call of Andrew
Ephesians 4:17-32: Old self vs. New self
Acts 4:32-46: Community of first Christians
Acts 9: Saul’s conversion
1 John 2:3-11: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did

I ADORE YOU: THE EUCHARIST (Third Day, *Communion, Wherever You Are*)
† Grace: to rejoice intensely because of the glory and joy of the risen Christ
Matthew 26:26-29: Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper
John 6: Feeding the Five Thousand & Bread of Life discourse
1 Corinthians 10:16: The Eucharist as a participation in the blood and body of Christ
1 Corinthians 11:23-33: Institution of the Eucharist recalled; Partaking unworthily of the Eucharist

YOU HAVEN’T GOT A PRAYER? (D. Kauffman, *Be Still, Be Still*)
Psalm 95:1-8: Let us worship, kneel and bow down before the Lord…Listen to His voice
Matthew 6:5-8: When you pray, go into your room…and pray to your Father who is in secret
Luke 6:12-13: Jesus spends the night in prayer on the mountain
Luke 10:38-42: Mary sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak
Romans 8:26-39: The Spirit helps us in our weakness to pray
Philippians 4:4-9: By prayer in supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God