

**MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY**

**Sunday, June 17, 2018**  
**Eleventh Sunday In**  
**Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM**  
**8:00 AM**  
**10:00 AM**

Gathering: All Are Welcome BB 415

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34)

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

Preparation Seed, Scattered And Sown BB 356

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Ubi Caritas BB 328  
 One Bread, One Body BB 340

Recessional: Let All Things Now Living BB 588

**FOR OUR RECORDS**

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the parish office by email at [jtremlay@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:jtremlay@stluketheevangelist.net) or by calling 603-382-8324. If you are new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. You can also find a registration form on our website at <http://stlukenh.org>. Thank you.

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**✘ PARISH TITHING ✘**

Our Parish needs to take in \$7,000.00 each week in order to make ends meet. Thank you for your generosity to our parish! Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. We depend upon your support!

**June 10, 2018**

**Offertory \$7,022.33**

**PARISH GIVING**

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has engaged *Parish Giving* to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. It allows you to select contribution amounts and special collections right from your own computer or smart phone. You can be a good steward for the Parish even when you are away from the area on a weekend. Parish Giving allows you to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

**UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

June 17, 2018 Fuel  
 June 24, 2018 Works of the Holy Father  
 July 1, 2018 Property Management

Out of respect, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you!



**Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income**

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/\$100	\$3,000/\$60
\$75,000	\$3,750/\$75	\$2,250/\$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/\$60	\$1,800/\$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/\$50	\$1,500/\$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/\$40	\$1,200/\$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/\$30	\$900/\$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/\$25	\$750/\$15
\$15,000	\$750/\$15	\$450/\$9

**Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase**

Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠

**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Due to the Independence Day holiday, **the July 8, 2018 bulletin must be submitted early.** The deadline for items to be included in the July 8 bulletin is **12:00 Noon on Tuesday, June 26.** Thank you for your cooperation!



**THE ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH**

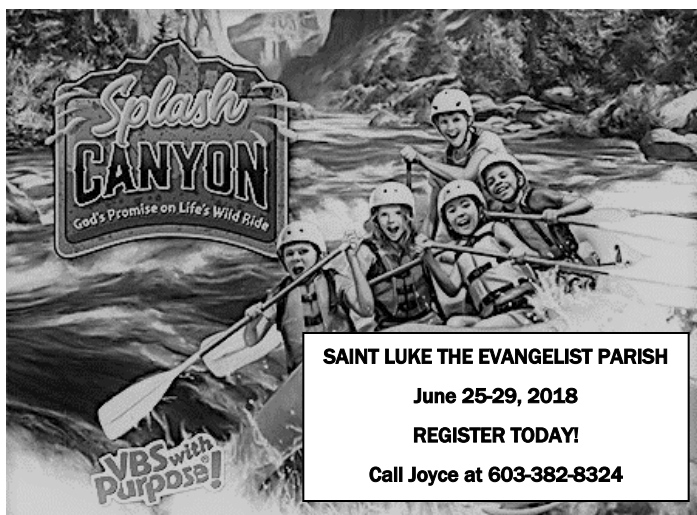
Our Parish community continues with our Capital Campaign to replace roofs on the Plaistow campus, and to raise funds to complete other projects in Newton and in Plaistow. Our three-year goal is to raise \$250,000.00. Besides the Plaistow roofs, we would like to accomplish the following projects: Plaistow church access ramp, Plaistow office building & convent window replacement, Newton rectory interior flooring, Newton church lighting and painting, Newton rectory painting as funds become available.

***How can you help?***

Any contribution is welcome.

Make checks payable to

***Saint Luke the Evangelist - Capital Campaign.***



**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH**

**June 25-29, 2018**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

**Call Joyce at 603-382-8324**

**VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

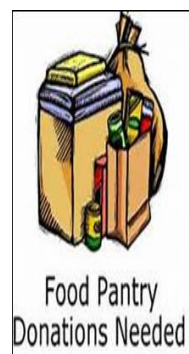
Volunteers needed: We're getting ready for a great Splash Canyon VBS which will take place the **week of June 25-29!** **Starting on June 3,** Volunteer Meetings will take place on **Sundays** at 9:00 AM in the Plaistow Church Hall before the 10:00 AM Liturgy. Come preview the Program and join the team!

**HOSPITAL VISITATION**

If you or someone you know is in the hospital and wants to receive a visit, please contact the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. If you or someone you know faces a hospital admission, make sure they know to inform the hospital that they are Catholic and are members of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish. If a person cannot make this information known at the time of admission, a family member may be able to make that information known to the hospital staff.

**ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY**

Food or care items are always needed – donations can be dropped off at Church or are welcome at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Cash donations for food are always welcome – make checks payable to **St. Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry.** All donations to the Food Pantry go toward helping the needy of our communities.



**FOOD PANTRY HOURS**

**Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**

**Thursday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Friday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**

For more information, call the St. Luke Food Pantry at **603-819-4949.**



**WHILE AWAY THIS SPRING / SUMMER...**

We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Spring / Summer even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Spring / Summer months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.

*ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

✠ **WEEKLY CALENDAR** ✠

**Sunday, June 17**  
11:00 AM Reception for Sisters *Plaistow*

**Tuesday, June 19**  
6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

**Wednesday, June 20**  
**HOLY ANGELS CHURCH**  
**OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER**  
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting *Plaistow*

**Thursday, June 21**  
8:30 AM Adoration Begins *Newton*  
8:30 PM Adoration Ends *Newton*

**Saturday, June 23**  
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*



St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to [www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/](http://www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/) or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaistow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners and friends to do the same.

**ST. LUKE'S WEBSITE!** <http://stlukenh.org>

**St. Vincent  
de Paul  
Society**



**Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work**

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society! Please know that your "dropped dollars" are being used wisely to help the poor in our area. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

Drop-a-Dollar in the St. Vincent de Paul box  
on your way out of church.

Remember ~ 100% of your donation is used to help those  
who need a hand up, not a hand out.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, June 20 at 7:00 PM.**  
We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New  
members are always welcome!**

If you seek assistance or need information about the St.  
Vincent de Paul Society, call 603-382-8324 x315.

**Hear, OH LORD, and answer me  
for I am poor and needy.**

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✠

**Saturday, June 16 ~ Vigil / 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34*

4:00 PM Paul O'Leary by Colleen and Mark Hammond  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, June 17 ~ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34*

8:00 AM Joseph Thompson by Bob and Alice Litwinovich  
*Newton*

10:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Michael the Archangel  
*Plaistow*

**Monday, June 18 ~ Weekday**  
*1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42*

8:00 AM Kevin Thompson by his family  
*Newton*

**Tuesday, June 19 ~ Romuald, Abbot**  
*1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48*

8:00 AM Eleanor Knowles by Bill and Marjorie Knowles  
*Plaistow*

**Wednesday, June 20 ~ Weekday**  
*2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18*

6:30 PM Mary R. Farrell by Kathleen Sadkowski  
*Plaistow*

**Thursday, June 21 ~ Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**  
*Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15*

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
*Newton*

**Friday, June 22 ~ Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;  
John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More,  
Martyrs**

*2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23*  
*No Mass*

**Saturday, June 23 ~ Weekday**  
*2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34 (Day)*

*Jer 1:4-10; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 (Vigil)*  
4:00 PM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse  
by Elaine Kelcourse  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, June 24 ~ Nativity of John the Baptist**  
*Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80*

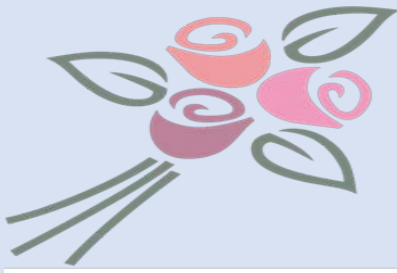
8:00 AM Joseph Thompson by Cathy Smith  
*Newton*

10:00 AM John Leone and Richard St. Pierre  
by their family  
*Plaistow*

**PRAYER LINE**

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those  
seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer  
request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324,  
ext. 314 or email her at  
[csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠



**FAREWELL TO SISTERS DORIS AND MARYLYN**

Our Parish community will pray for Sisters Doris and Marylyn in a special way on the weekend of July 16-17. **All are invited to a coffee hour immediately following the 10:00 AM Liturgy on Sunday, June 17** in the Parish Hall to say a word of farewell to them and to express our thanks for their ministry among us these many years. The Sisters will be leaving our community on July 15 and the new Presentation Sisters will be arriving as of August 1. **Anyone wishing to help should contact Cathy Smith in the Parish Office.**

**RCIA**

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. **RCIA** is intended to serve:

- Those not Baptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion.
- Those Baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic.
- Those Baptized Catholic but have not been raised in the Faith.

If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

**PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION**

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, July 8, 2018** in the Parish Office living room. All parents planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism are welcome. Families wishing to celebrate Baptism in the Church must be registered (according to Church Canon Law) and practicing (attending Sunday Mass) for 3 full months before a Baptism can be scheduled. The use of the envelope system is always optional; however, it does guarantee a manner of accountability. For most families, the Pastor or staff can easily verify attendance during these three months. Church Canon Law also regulates baptismal sponsors (godparents). Sponsors must be at least 16, fully initiated (having received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), and be practicing Catholics living Christian lives consistent with the Church's teaching. Please see Fr. Albert with questions.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? The adult Confirmation process is an opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. If you would like to prepare for Confirmation, or if you have questions, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

**ADORATION**

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual, but it is a great source of grace for us as a parish family, as well.

We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord, **but** we need more people so there will be at least two people at each hour. We are also looking for people who would be able to substitute.

**Newton – Thursday  
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM**

If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

**The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.**

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office	382-8324	Fr. Albert Tremblay	fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net
Parish Prayer Line	382-8324 x 314	Cathy Smith	csmith@stluketheevangelist.net
St. Vincent de Paul Society	382-8324 x 315	Joyce Szapa	jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net
St. Luke's Food Pantry	819-4949	Jackie Tremblay	jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net
Preschool	382-9783	Thomas Kondel	tkondel@stluketheevangelist.net
Presentation of Mary Convent	382-2744	Val Barczak	mvmbarczak@comcast.net
		Youth Ministry	youth@stluketheevangelist.net
		Parish Council	parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN ESSAY CONTEST**

Are you 18-25 years of age as of January 2019? Would you like to grow your resume by demonstrating your leadership representing the United States as a representative at the International Young Franciscan (YouFra) Convention in Panama in January 2019? Would you like to go to World Youth Day in Panama with most of your costs paid? If the answer is "yes," then the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Region of Secular Franciscans would like to invite you to apply for an opportunity to do just this. See the flyer on the church bulletin board or go to our web site:

<http://stelizabethofs.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/FYYA-Essay-Flyer.pdf>



**MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH**

**Did you know that ALL Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?**

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert at the parish office for more information.

**LOVE THE WORD RETREAT**

St. Kathryn Parish in Hudson, NH presents a very special two-day event, a Love the Word™ Retreat, featuring Sonja Corbitt, the Bible Study Evangelist in her only upcoming Northeast appearance on **Friday, September 21, 2018, beginning at 7:00 PM and on Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.** All are invited to join them for what promises to be a fulfilling and uplifting retreat. Through Sonja's dynamic and powerful speaking, she will ignite your Faith through four inspiring talks. Throughout the two days, you'll encounter Christ through music, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, prayer, and the unique and inspiring way Sonja brings the Scriptures to life with lively study followed by breaks for quiet reflection using her own Love the Word™ technique. \$25 Saturday Admission Price. Please call 603-882-7793 or visit [www.stkathryns.org](http://www.stkathryns.org) for further details and to purchase tickets.

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**St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.**



**BLESSING OF FATHERS**

There will be a special blessing of fathers at all Masses on **Father's Day Weekend, June 16 & 17, 2018**

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

The annual "Baby Bottle Campaign" for the Pregnancy Care Center **begins on the weekend of June 16-17.** The Pregnancy Care Center is a Christ-centered ministry offering life-affirming services designed to empower women and men to make informed decisions about unexpected pregnancy, abstinence education, and recover from post-abortion trauma. These services are free and confidential. Please pick up a bottle and fill it with coins, bills or checks (made payable to PPC). **Return them by the weekend of July 7-8.**



**CYCLE FOR SHELTER**

**To Benefit Emmaus House**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Cycle for Shelter to benefit Emmaus House will be held at Northern Essex Community College on **Sunday, July 22, 2018.** Cyclists can ride a 20-mile, 40-mile, 62-mile, or 100-mile scenic route that will take them through Haverhill, MA up to the seacoast of New Hampshire, and south through the North Shore of Massachusetts. Proceeds from this even benefit Emmaus, a non-profit housing and human services organization in Haverhill, MA that serves homeless and formerly homeless families and single adults. For more information, please call 978-241-3425, email [cycle@emmausinc.org](mailto:cycle@emmausinc.org), or visit [www.emmausinc.org](http://www.emmausinc.org).

**QUO VADIS DAYS**

**AUGUST 6-10, 2018 ~ Young Men Ages 14-18**

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the first annual Quo Vadis Days camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. Quo Vadis Days is an overnight camp led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and includes a full schedule of hiking, swimming, canoeing, sports, and games, daily Mass and prayer, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. For more information, please visit [www.liveinblackandwhite.com](http://www.liveinblackandwhite.com).



# Bringing Home the Word

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | June 17, 2018

## God Is Our GPS

By Mary Katharine Deeley

I have a good sense of direction. If I drive by a place, I can usually find my way back, walking or driving as much by instinct that says, “I think it’s over that way a little,” as by any street names or landmarks. I like following unknown paths in the woods just to see where they lead. I almost always find my way back with a minimum of backtracking.

This bothers my husband, who is a firm believer in maps, map apps, and GPS voices telling him when to turn. Often he ignores them to take a different route,

but he is comforted by their presence and reliably gets from point A to point B.

“We walk by faith, not by sight,” St. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:7. He may not have had a store in mind, but in a very real way he was talking about getting from point A to point B—from our wandering in this world to our home with God. He was talking about making it out of our spiritual woods into the light of day and making discoveries along the way.

We see as human beings do and not as God does. Paul suggests we find our way through our faith in God, who is light in our darkness, the path on which we walk, our goal and destination.

Our longing to know where we are going is satisfied when we realize we are going to him. Some will take detours and get utterly lost. Others will rely on maps, and still others will follow those who have gone before—the saints who are our examples or Christ himself. Walking by faith isn’t easy, but God will get us to where we are going if we trust in him. +

## Sunday Readings

### Ezekiel 17:22–24

Every tree of the field will know that I am the LORD. I...wither up the green tree, and make the dry tree bloom.

### 2 Corinthians 5:6–10

We would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

### Mark 4:26–34

[Jesus said,] “But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches.”

*We need to find our way through faith in God.*

## A Word From Pope Francis

Evangelization does not consist in proselytizing, for proselytizing is a caricature of evangelization, but rather evangelizing entails attracting by our witness those who are far off. It means humbly drawing near to those who feel distant from God in the Church, drawing near to those who feel judged and condemned.

—Homily at Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples, July 7, 2015



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I let the force of my faith multiply into acts of love and service?
- Do I trust in God to lead me in my life to him?



# The Tiny Seed of Faith

By Joyce Rupp

*It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:31–32).*

A seed lay in the heart of silent soil, so tiny one couldn't dream of its growing into a magnificent plant. Only a sturdy faith could trust that something so seemingly dead would hold the promise of immense growth.

While there is tremendous potential for growth in a seed, it doesn't do the growing unaided. Sun, rain, and soil release energy in the seed, enabling it to awaken and grow.

Today's Gospel parable describes how the reign of God's love grows. The foundation of God's reign is a trusting faith—not faith as an assent to religious doctrines, but a faith that believes we can grow as loving people. This faith is the persistent belief in a gracious divinity, one who empowers us to be spiritually transformed.

This faith lies deep within our spiritual soil. Jesus understood the little mustard seed and its astounding growth. He knew the challenge of believing in something one can't perceive. Jesus urged this faith to believe in God's transforming love, even when our spirits are tired.

Faith means growing in our ability to trust God with the seed of ourselves. We would much rather be in charge of our lives, having things our own way. But our seeds of faith are dependent on the grace of God, much like a mustard seed is

dependent on soil and climate. And like the mustard seed, our tiny beginnings of spiritual awakening are capable of immense growth.

## Slow, Deep Growth

This seed of faith usually grows slowly. It requires an assent of our will to God's ability of helping us grow, even though we may not feel him doing so. Faith assures us that the One who plants the seed of faith will be there to care for and nurture it.

I recognized this kind of faith in a story from a friend: "The Catholic Worker House never actually runs out of food," he said. "Meals may be mismatched foods like vegetarian or mostly bread, but there's always food. However, one Saturday night they were completely out of food. Fran and Brad were there alone, talking about what they'd do without food for the Sunday noon meal. They prayed together that somehow food would be there the next day. On Saturday night an unexpected group came to the door with large pans of lasagna, masses of rolls, cookies, and potato chips. Next day at noon more than a hundred guests arrived. Everyone who was hungry got a full plate, including sweets, and bread. No food appeal ever went out—except those prayers."

## Hearts of Hope

Did Fran and Brad's faith turn God's hand? Did their prayer cause food to be given? No, the food was already in someone's oven when they entrusted their anxiety to God. Rather, prayer nurtured their seed of faith, and helped their trust to grow larger than their worries. Prayer filled them with peace rather than anxiety, assuring them that what they needed would somehow come.

It is in our moments of uncertainty and need that our seed of faith is able to stretch and grow. It is then that we discover the power of trustful waiting and the beauty of undefeated hope. Even the tiniest of seeds know this wondrous truth. +



Lord, you reveal the kingdom of God to all people. Help me bear witness to God's kingdom of compassion and peace.

*From Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney*

## WEEKDAY READINGS

June 18-23, 2018

Monday, Weekday:

1 Kgs 21:1–16 / Mt 5:38–42

Tuesday, Weekday:

1 Kgs 21:17–29 / Mt 5:43–48

Wednesday, Weekday:

2 Kgs 2:1, 6–14 / Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday, St. Aloysius Gonzaga:

Sir 48:1–14 / Mt 6:7–15

Friday, Weekday:

2 Kgs 11:1–4, 9–18, 20 / Mt 6:19–23

Saturday, Weekday:

2 Chr 24:17–25 / Mt 6:24–34