

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, October 21, 2018
Twenty-Ninth Sunday In
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: Sing A New Song BB 544

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

*Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord;
slow to anger, rich in kindness; loving
and forgiving are you.*

Preparation Christ, Be Our Light BB 596

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion I Received The Living God BB 327

I Am The Living Bread BB 319

Recessional: We Are The Light Of The World BB 597

10:00 AM

Gathering: Sing Of The Lord's Goodness BB 561

Dismissal Rite: You Have Called Us BB 646

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63)

*O God, I seek you. My soul thirsts for
you. Your love is finer than life.*

Preparation We Walk By Faith BB 497

Seek Ye First BB 436

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion I Have Loved You BB 603

Only This I Want BB 499

Recessional: Sing To The Mountains BB 531

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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!

October 7, 2018

Offertory	\$6,261.56
Property Management	\$1,533.25

October 14, 2018

Offertory	\$6,157.08
Fuel	\$1,758.41

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

October 21, 2018 World Missions

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 ✠

HURRICANE RELIEF

On the weekend of **October 20–21**, our Parish will sponsor a FREE WILL offering at the entrances of the Church for the relief of the people of the Southeast in the wake of the latest hurricanes. All offerings will be sent to USA Catholic Charities for immediate use in the affected areas. Catholic Charities USA has set up its website donation page (www.catholiccharitiesusa.org) and text-to-give platform to help individuals and families impacted by the hurricanes. As it did in response to last year's storms, the agency forwards 100 percent of funds raised to the local Catholic Charities agencies that serve the affected communities... **Those wishing to donate can text CCUSADISASTER to 71777**, or call (800) 919-9338, or mail to 2050 Ballenger Avenue, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314. Checks can be made out to *Saint Luke Parish – Hurricane* or to *Catholic Charities of the USA*.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS SCHEDULE



The Church celebrates all God's holy ones on November 1, a Holy Day of Obligation. All Saints Day Liturgies:

Wednesday, October 31 at 6:30 PM in Plaistow;

Thursday, November 1 at 8:00 AM in Newton

ALL SOULS DAY

We will remember all of our loved ones who have died at a Mass of Remembrance on **Friday, November 2 at 6:30 PM in Plaistow**. All are invited to attend.

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD



Throughout November, a special *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be opened near the Baptismal Font & Paschal Candle for parishioners to record the names of the faithful departed. It is a visible sign that the faithful departed remain with us as part of the Church. You are welcome to record names of loved ones and the dates of their death.



THE AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Thanks to your generosity, our roof replacement project in Plaistow is complete!

Our Parish community continues with our Capital Campaign to paint the exterior and interior of the church and house in Newton, improve electrical work in the Newton church, and work on parking lots in Plaistow and Newton. Our three-year goal is to raise \$250,000.00.

How can you help?

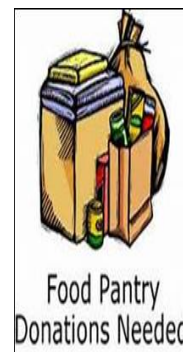
Any contribution is welcome.

Make checks payable to

Saint Luke the Evangelist – Capital Campaign.

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 FALL...

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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, October 21
10:00 AM Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*

Wednesday, October 24
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH
 OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER

Thursday, October 25
8:30 AM Adoration Begins *Newton*
9:00 AM Intercessory Prayer *Plaistow*
8:30 PM Adoration Ends *Newton*

Saturday, October 27
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, October 28
10:00 AM Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*
12:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting *Plaistow*



The Sanctuary Candle in
 Mary, Mother of the Church
 will burn this week
 in loving memory of
John Marciano
(Birthday Remembrance)
 by his family



Find us on:
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St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to
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. 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, November 21 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, October 20 ~ Vigil / 29th Sunday in Ord. Time
Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

4:00 PM Martin Feuer by the Hurley family
Plaistow

Sunday, October 21 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

8:00 AM Patricia J. Santos by Paul Roberts
Newton

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

Monday, October 22 ~ John Paul II, Pope
Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21

8:00 AM Intentions of Paul Fournier by Dan & Jean Lloyd
Newton

Tuesday, October 23 ~ John of Capistrano, Priest
Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38

8:00 AM Trudy and James Pratt by the Pratt family
Plaistow

Wednesday, October 24 ~ Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

6:30 PM Barbara Dipaula by Arlene Houde
Plaistow

Thursday, October 25 ~ Weekday
Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

8:00 AM Virginia Haynes by Grace Bukowski
Newton

Friday, October 26 ~ Weekday
Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

No Mass

Saturday, October 27 ~ Weekday
Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9 (Day)

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Kevin Gallant (Birthday Remembrance)
 by Patricia Gallant and family
Plaistow

Sunday, October 28 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

8:00 AM Ronald Metcalf by Jim and Mary Anne Downs
Newton

10:00 AM John Delle Chiaie by Barbara Lawrence
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.

Please remember to pray for all who are sick, injured, or suffering in any way.

OCTOBER 21, 2018

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

A NEW WAY OF SEEING CONFIRMATION

In the Diocese of Manchester – all of New Hampshire - we are making plans to relocate the celebration of Confirmation to its rightful place as the sacrament of initiation: after Baptism and before First Communion.

Parents and catechists will prepare the children to experience both Confirmation and First Communion at the age of eight or nine, or school grade 3. This is not an added program, but simply a new way of seeing. In fact, it is important to clear our heads of the notion that a body of knowledge is needed before Confirmation can be received. Sacraments are gifts, not something we earn.

So, our teaching about Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist must take a new perspective. The combination of these three sacraments initiates us into the community of faith which is the body of Christ. We enter into church membership and fellowship through this initiation process. In the church, which is the body of Christ, we encounter the living Christ who is our Lord and Savior. Sacraments are not *things* that we received; they are *experiences* of a living organism, a living community of many members alive in the Holy Spirit with Christ as our head.

The primary sacrament of God is the Lord Jesus Christ. In him, God has become visible and is communicated to the world. The church is the sacrament of Christ. In the church, we encounter Christ who connects us to the heavenly Father. The seven sacraments of the church are those special experiences of the faith community when the church celebrates and becomes what it is meant to be: the body of Christ in the world. Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist mark the beginning of the process for each of us.

The family environment is the normal place and context for religious formation. Parents must be alert to their increased responsibility for the faith development of the children now that Confirmation will have been celebrated at an earlier age.

RCIA

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. 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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? 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.

ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. We have many people 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.

The church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for prayer.

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, December 2, 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. 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.

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office	382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society	382-8324 x 315
St. Luke's Food Pantry	819-4949
Preschool	382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent	382-2744

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Parish Council	parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

✠ **Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese** ✠

ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR!

Saturday, November 10 ~ 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Thousands of one-of-a-kind gifts from 20+ vendors of high-quality hand-crafted & hand-made items, \$1,000 Cash Raffle, Wine Raffle, Penny Sale, Theme Basket Raffle, Quilt Raffle, Country & Thrift Store, Silent Auction, Jewelry and our very famous Cookie Heaven. Something for every budget. Breakfast and lunch available—eat in or take out. Refreshments, live entertainment and children's activities all day. Take-your-own Photos with Santa Claus 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. **Plenty of free parking! No admission fee! Indoors—rain or shine.** (NOT handicap accessible)

MOONLIGHT GALA

November 3, 2018 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM

The Oaks Grandview Ballroom

You are invited to an awesome night of Dinner, Dancing, Silent Auction, and Fireworks to benefit Lydia's House Of Hope, a transitional housing program for homeless women and children in crisis. Buy tickets online at www.lydiashousenh.org or call 603-692-3100.

Attention All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers!

Scheduling for

December 1, 2018 through February 24, 2019

Please contact Jeanne Sullivan at **382-4760** or jmsul@myfairpoint.net by **November 7** and let her know if there are weekends that you will not be available to serve, or at which you would like to serve, from December 1, 2018 through February 24, 2019.

In your emails or phone calls, please include the Mass at which you serve and your ministry.

Even though all Masses from Christmas Eve through January 1st will be scheduled via a sign-up board at Church, it would help Jeanne if you would let her know at which Masses during that time you would like to serve or for which you would not be available (just in case phone calls need to be made after the sign-ups). **Christmas Masses this year will be on Monday, December 24 at 4:00 PM at Holy Angels Church; 6:30 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church; and on Tuesday, December 25 at 9:00 AM at Mary, Mother of the Church. There is NO Midnight Mass this year.**

Masses for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God will be on **Monday, December 31 at 6:30 PM at Holy Angels and Tuesday January 1 at 9:00 AM at Mary, Mother of the Church.**

Your help is greatly appreciated. God bless you all for the wonderful work you do for St. Luke's.



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH 11TH ANNUAL JURIED CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 10, 2018

**CASH RAFFLE TICKETS ARE HERE
GET YOURS TODAY!**

The Cash Raffle needs lots and lots and lots of tickets sold to parishioners and to people outside the parish. If we sell all of our tickets, we'll raise **\$4,500** for St. Luke's!!! **You can be a big help ...**

*** When asked to take tickets for others to buy or sell, please say yes.

*** Please buy at least one book of tickets yourself.

If you have questions, or would like to help make our Christmas Craft Fair even more successful, please send a message to stlukenhfair@gmail.com or leave a message for Julie Lamere at the Parish Office: 603-382-8324. Thank you!

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Learn what Central Catholic High School can do to help students be successful. During its Open House on **Sunday, October 28 from 12:30 to 2:30 PM**, you'll be able to tour the campus, meet with faculty, students, coaches, advisors, and campus ministers and learn why its students excel academically, athletically, spiritually, and personally. For more information, go to www.centralcatholic.net.

Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

Read the full version at usccb.org/endoflifecare.

We are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when loved ones approach life's end, we may not know how to provide compassionate care. Surround your friend or family member with love, support, and companionship that are "anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives" (To Live Each Day with Dignity, USCCB)

Learn about these 10 tips at usccb.org/endoflifecare:

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| 1. Invite God in. | 6. Provide opportunities for resolution. |
| 2. Listen | 7. Reminisce. |
| 3. Inform yourself. | 8. Provide a peaceful atmosphere. |
| 4. Be steadfast in compassion. | 9. Show tenderness. |
| 5. Help them achieve closure. | 10. Bear their transition patiently. |

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

ON YOUR MARK ...

Only 3 weeks to go!!!

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish 11th Annual

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 10, 2018 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

St. Luke's Parish Center – 8 Atkinson Depot Road, Plaistow, NH



Please bring all non-perishable donations to church

Saturday November 3rd or Sunday November 4th for:

- ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ Penny Sale
- ◆ Country Store
- ◆ St. Luke's Own Jewelry Table
- ◆ Children's Corner
- ◆ St. Luke's Café

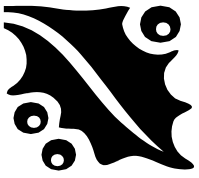
Please bring the following donations to the Parish Center on Friday November 9, 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, for:

- ◆ Cookie Heaven – cookies, cookies & more cookies
- ◆ Country Store – all baked goods
- ◆ Wine Raffle (wine only, please)
- ◆ Theme Basket Raffle
- ◆ St. Luke's Café - Food – Glorious Food!

Add this date to your calendar ...

**St. Luke's DoughRai\$er at UNO's Restaurant, Haverhill –
Sunday, November 18th – all day!**

Up to 20% of everyone's meals – eat in or take out – will come back to St. Luke's as a contribution to our Christmas Craft Fair. Watch for special coupons coming soon.



Please sign-up today to:

- 1) Volunteer for Thursday November 8 (specific tasks)
- 2) Donate food & beverages needed for our own St. Luke's Café

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the \$1,000 Cash Raffle & Quilt Raffle today!

Cash Raffle: 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.

Quilt Raffle: 1 for \$3 or 4 for \$10.

All unsold Cash Raffle Tickets should be brought back to church on **November 3 &/or November 4.**

All Cash Raffle Ticket stubs & payment need to be turned in by Noon on **Thursday, November 8** to the Parish Office, OR brought to the Parish Center by Noon on **Saturday November 10.**

Dates to remember:

Hall set-up on November 8, 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Hall decorating & Café set-up on November 8, 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm

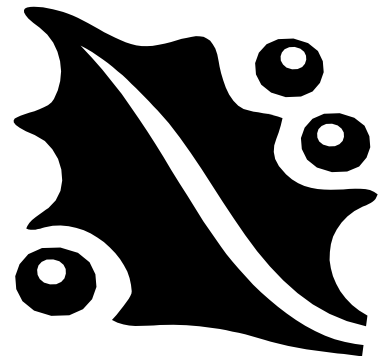
Fair break-down on November 10, 3:30 pm until done

Winners pick-up prizes at Religious Education Office, Sunday November 11, 11:00am–12:30 pm

Have fun & help at the Fair November 10

If you can help in anyway, please contact Collette Ferrandi at stlukenhfair@gmail.com or leave a message at the Parish Office: 603-382-8324.

Thank you!





OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

October 10, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In August, I wrote to address reports that Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, engaged in abusive sexual conduct while in ministry. Since my letter, other news about Church leadership has emerged, including the issuance of a deeply disturbing Grand Jury report of almost two months ago that detailed decades of the terrible sin and crime of sexual abuse of minors by priests of eight dioceses in Pennsylvania. These revelations have left me sickened, shaken, embarrassed, and heart-broken. I have heard from many of you, either directly or indirectly, that you are justifiably angry, discouraged, and saddened that Church leadership has breached your trust and failed to protect children, youth, seminarians, and vulnerable adults adequately.

I was gratified to learn that several days ago, at the Holy Father's direction, the Holy See Press Office announced that a thorough investigation into the matter involving Archbishop McCarrick would take place to "ascertain all of the relevant facts" and "follow the path of truth wherever it may lead." As the announcement stated, "Both abuse and its cover-up can no longer be tolerated and a different treatment for Bishops who have committed or covered up abuse, in fact represents a form of clericalism that is no longer acceptable." (Holy See Press Office Release, October 6, 2018) I am hopeful that this investigation will be an important step in identifying what went wrong so that we can prevent "the grave scourge of abuse within and beyond the Church." (Holy See Press Office Release, October 6, 2018)

In our Diocese, the Diocesan Review Board and my staff have diligently been continuing their work in evaluating our policies, procedures, and resources to ensure that we are doing all we can locally to prevent sexual abuse and other forms of abuse against minors and adults in the Church. Next month, I will be travelling to Baltimore, Maryland to meet with my brother bishops to discuss measures that we can take as a national body to hold Church leaders accountable for abuse of their authority, ensure justice is served, and attempt to repair the wounds to the members of the Body of the Church. I will take with me the concerns, thoughts, and suggestions provided to me by the many clerics and lay people who, in their desire to serve Christ and help to heal his wounded and broken Body, have expressed them to me in person, in writing, or indirectly through other people. These are only the first steps that I know I need to take, and I will rely on my consultation with you, the People of God, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to identify the best path forward.

As Jesus taught us, some things "can come out only through prayer [and fasting]." (Mk 9:29). Many of the pastors of the parishes in the Diocese of Manchester have offered in their

parishes Holy Hours, prayer services, adoration, special Masses, or other liturgical moments in reparation for the evils that have been brought to light in the Church. I encourage these efforts because I believe it is critical that we pray together for healing of those who have been harmed in the Church, for an end to evil influences, for just punishment and restrictions upon perpetrators, for fidelity and courage for our clergy, and for healing for our Church.

While the reports about the abuse of power by some Church leaders are devastating, we know that it is Jesus Christ who founded the Church, and it is Jesus Christ through whom we find our reason for hope. I am confident that even in this dark time, if we avoid divisions and come together as a family would, the broken Body of Christ will yet again experience the effects of a holy resurrection through our conversion, healing, and the Holy Spirit's sanctification.

Please pray for me, and please be assured that you are always in my prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter A. Libasci".

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester

If you or anyone you know has been abused by someone in the Catholic Church, we encourage you to contact law enforcement. For information about how to report abuse, harassment, or exploitation in the Church, to request counseling assistance and other services of the Office for Healing and Pastoral Care, or to learn more about how the Diocese of Manchester works to create a safe environment in all of our ministries, visit catholicnh.org/safety.

The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

Gospel Weeklies
Pflaum
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 21, 2018 • Jesus Calls Us to Serve

Sunday Readings: Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: Whose lives challenge you to live Gospel values rather than work for social status?

Gospel Question: To what do you commit at Mass when you drink the cup?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

On this World Mission Sunday, what are you willing to sacrifice, and how far does your courage go for what you profess?

Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: In what ways do you serve others?

Gospel Question: What must James and John do to drink the cup Jesus drinks?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: How can kids help others?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus want his followers to become great?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: Who is important to you?

Gospel Question: Why are people who serve most important to Jesus?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: Who is most important to you?

Gospel Question: Why are people who serve most important to Jesus?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: Name some times when you have been a good helper.

Gospel Question: What does Jesus tell us about helping others?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

It's easy to think of Jesus as a king. He is above all, but, in today's Gospel, he reminds us that he came to serve, not to be served. He gave his life as a sacrifice to save us. We should also serve if we intend to imitate Jesus.

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings to read this Sunday's Scripture.

In Church

We get used to sitting in the same pew every week. This week, sit somewhere else to help see things a little differently.

Question of the Week

In what ways can you serve Jesus by serving others?



Family Prayer

Open our eyes, Lord, to see the needs of others and grow in our desire to serve them.

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

Es fácil pensar en Jesús como un rey. Él está por encima de todo, pero, en el Evangelio de hoy, nos recuerda que vino para servir, no para ser servido. Él dio su vida en sacrificio para salvarnos. También deberíamos servir si tenemos la intención de imitar a Jesús.

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En la Iglesia

Nos acostumbramos a estar sentados en el mismo banco todas las semanas. Esta semana, siéntense en un banco diferente para ver las cosas desde otra perspectiva.

Pregunta de la semana

¿De qué maneras puedes servir a Jesús sirviendo a los demás?



Oración en familia

Ábrenos los ojos, Señor, para ver las necesidades de los demás y crecer en nuestro deseo de servirlos.



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Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 21, 2018

Jesus' Idea of True Greatness

By Mary Katharine Deeley

We might forgive James and John for their ambition. They had, after all, been with Jesus since the beginning. They had seen him heal the ill, cast out demons, and preach about repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Surely Jesus had a power that no one else had. And surely he would give it away to those who asked for it. James and John make a mistake. They thought power and greatness have to do with position.

We are so like them. We often think that people are great if they have abundant wealth or prestigious titles.

We consider them powerful if they have higher or several degrees, or if the world judges them to be attractive. And the world tells us this is so. But Jesus has a different message. Greatness has nothing to do with wealth or education. Sitting at the right and left hand of Jesus does not depend on appearance, position, or accomplishments. Rather, greatness comes from being willing to empty yourself for the sake of others. Our power lies in being the least among our neighbors.

Jesus challenges us in this reading. He dares us to let go of our ideas of greatness and to become servants of all. He invites us to “do the lesser things” with no strings attached or expectation of reward. (*Ministry* comes from the Latin *minus/minor* and Greek *meion*, meaning “less, smaller.”) We must serve in love out of love for him. This week, look for little things you can do for others, giving thanks to God for this invitation. +

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 53:10–11

The LORD's will shall be accomplished through him.

Hebrews 4:14–16

...Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

Mark 10:35–45 or Mark 10:42–45

[Jesus said,] “For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

*Jesus invites us to give
and not expect to get.*

A Word from Pope Francis

We are not called to serve merely in order to receive a reward, but rather to imitate God, who made himself a servant for our love. Nor are we called to serve only now and again, but to live in serving. Service is thus a way of life; indeed it recapitulates the entire Christian way of life.

—Homily, October 2, 2016



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do your worldly ambitions get in the way of serving God and others?
- Every week, am I seeking out little things that I can do for others?



Faith Demands Action

By Jim and Susan Vogt

“Do you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?” It’s easy, in some ways, for the fundamentalist evangelical Christian. If you honestly answer yes to that question, you’re assured eternal life. If not, all the good works you may do are meaningless. But with due respect to evangelicals, it’s not that simple for Catholics. We can’t deny the strong message in James 2:14–17: “What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? ...[Faith] if it does not have works, is dead.”

Faith and good works are two sides of the same coin of Christian life. Our commitment to Christ calls us to both personal sanctification and active involvement in transforming the world. It’s in the dynamic interplay of these two dimensions that we achieve a growing closeness to God. It’s important to grow in prayer, to do spiritual reading, to study the Bible, and to participate in the Eucharist.

But as the priest says, “Go forth, the Mass is ended.” In plainer terms he means, “You have experienced Jesus in the bread and wine and in community. Now get out and take what you have received to those in need.”

Devotion in Motion

What does faith in action look like? It

can range from caring for a sick child, to serving meals in a soup kitchen, to working for world peace. It means putting others’ needs before our own and deciding where and how we can do that best. Each of us is called to discern how we can follow the Second Commandment of Jesus to love our neighbors as we do ourselves.

Service to our neighbors may involve works of mercy (direct service) or works of justice (social change). The works of mercy include activities like visiting shut-ins, transporting the elderly to grocery stores, or tutoring children. The works of justice include immigration reform, promoting care for the earth through recycling, or advocating for a more equitable economic system.

There are some principles that might help us decide where we can serve.

Tithe our money and time. Faith in action must be generous. We’re called to give financially to those in need and to generously share our time. Do we give 10 percent of our time and treasure to those in need?

Get out of our comfort zone. We might be called to something more challenging than we thought we could do. Remember it’s God’s call to which we’re responding. We believe if it’s a call from God, our Lord somehow will provide the resources we need.

Cultivate solidarity with the poor and marginalized. Whether we’re involved in serving the poor or advocating for government policies to help them, we can’t deny that Scripture repeatedly reminds us that care for the poor and outcast is our special duty.

“To the Least of My Brothers”

Most of us, however, can easily find excuses for inaction: I don’t have the time. I don’t have extra money to support those in need. I don’t have the necessary skills.

It’s helpful to reflect on the passage from the Gospel where Jesus talks about the last judgment (Matthew 25:31–46). The ones who entered heaven were the ones who were cared for the least: the poor, the naked, the hungry, the marginalized. Clearly Jesus calls us to respond to those in need. His call stretches us and challenges us. This is what faith in action is about. +

PRAYER

Lord, I’m grateful for your gift of humility. Give me a humble heart so I may imitate your compassionate ways with all people.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 22-27

Monday, Weekday:
Eph 2:1–10 / Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday, Weekday:
Eph 2:12–22 / Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday, Weekday:
Eph 3:2–12 / Lk 12:39–48

Thursday, Weekday:
Eph 3:14–21 / Lk 12:49–53

Friday, Weekday:
Eph 4:1–6 / Lk 12:54–59

Saturday, Weekday:
Eph 4:7–16 / Lk 13:1–9