

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, March 3, 2019 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM 8:00 AM

Gathering: Alleluia, Sing To Jesus BB 731

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

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

Preparation	Ubi Caritas BB 479
Mass Parts	Mass of Creation
Communion	The Body Of Christ (Choir / Cantor)
Recessional:	Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens BB 532

10:00 AM

Gathering:	Glory And Praise To Our God BB 546				
Dismissal:	You Have Called Us BB 646				
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 57)					
	Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.				
Preparation	You Are Near BB 434 Seek Ye First BB 435				
Mass Parts	Mass of Creation				
Communion	God's Holy Gifts BB 342 One Bread, One Body BB 339				
Recessional:	Blest Be The Lord BB 430				



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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		

✤ 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!

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February 17, 2019 \$8,327.47 \$1,703.25

Offertory

February 24, 2019 \$5.866.50

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 Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and (EFT). 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

March 3, 2019 March 6, 2019 March 10, 2019 Property Management Aid to Churches/Europe/Africa Easter Flowers

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



Suggestee Based on			
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	\$18.70	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

PAINT THE TOWN!

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Our Parish community continues with our Capital Campaign. Our next projects include exterior painting for the church and Parish house in Newton. We'd also like to paint the interior sanctuary of the church in Newton and complete some electrical upgrades to the church.

Other possible projects include work on our Plaistow and Newton parking lots, and ramp access to the church in Plaistow.

Can you help?

Any contribution is welcome. Make checks payable to

Saint Luke the Evangelist – Capital Campaign.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 10**. Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 9!



FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like an "end of year" financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2018, please call the Parish Office at 382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**

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



The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Vincent Bruzzese** By Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Bellia



HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED

Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is now closed until Spring 2019. This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

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.



Donations Needed

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 WINTER...

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

₩ \	NEEKLY CALENDA	R ₩
10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday, March 3 PREPARE CHURCHES FOR LEN AFTER 8:00 AND 10:00 AM LITURO Religious Ed – PreK to 8 Confirmation Session Baptism Catechesis	
7:00 PM	<u>Monday, March 4</u> Knights of Columbus	Plaistow
7:00 PM	Wednesday, March 6 ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Angels Church Open All Day For Prayer Disciples On The Journey	Plaistow
8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 1:30 PM 8:30 PM	<u>Thursday, March 7</u> Adoration Begins Intercessory Prayer Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting Disciples On The Journey Adoration Ends	Newton Plaistow Plaistow Plaistow Newton
6:30 PM	<u>Friday, March 8</u> Stations of the Cross	Plaistow
3:00 PM	Saturday, March 9 Sacrament of Reconciliation	Plaistow
10:00 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	<u>Sunday, March 10</u> Religious Ed – PreK to 8 Confirmation Session Vespers Sacrament of Reconciliation	Plaistow Plaistow Newton Newton
{	St. Vincent de Paul Society	

The generosity of your contributions have allowed us to help out those in need with rent, medical, and heating oil assistance. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is so grateful and blessed.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday**, **March 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.

<u>Saturday, M</u> Sir 27:4-7 4:00 PM	arch 2 ~ Vigil / 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45 Antonia and Stanley Zakiewicz by Pat Zakiewicz <i>Plaistow</i>
	rch 3~ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45
8:00 AM	Betty and Mary Nappi by the Stanley family <i>Newton</i>
10:00 AM	Buddy Kleckner by the Pappas family <i>Plaistow</i>
Monday. Ma	<u>rch 4 ~ Casimir</u>
Sir 17:20	-24; Mk 10:17-27
8:00 AM	Intentions of Barbara DeFronzo
	by Grace Bukowski and Dick Delaney Newton
	Newton
	arch 5 ~ Weekday
	12; Mk 10:28-31
8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for Blessing Received Plaistow
	FIAISTOW
Wednesday,	March 6 ~ Ash Wednesday
	8; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
8:00 AM	Barbara Tremblay (Month's Mind)
6:30 PM	Susan Bouchard (10 th Anniversary)
	by her husband Norman
	Plaistow
Thursday, M	arch 7 ~ Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Dt 30:15-	20; Lk 9:22-25
8:00 AM	Bernie Gosselin by Bob and Alice Litwinovich
	Newton
	h 8 ~ John of God, Religious
ls 58:1-9a	a; Mt 9:14-15
	No Mass
	arch 9 ~ Frances of Rome, Religious
	14; Lk 5:27-32 (Day)
	0; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13 (Vigil)
4:00 PM	Roland and Mary Guilmette by their family <i>Plaistow</i>
	rch 10 ~ First Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4-1 8:00 AM	<i>0; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13</i> Marietta Pelletier by Janice Bettencourt
0.00 Am	Newton
10:00 AM	Irene Lee (12 th Anniversary)
	by Jerry and Nancy Lee
	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 <u>csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</u>.

▼ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION **▼**



Please pray for the repose of the soul of: Florence Cooper

<u>RCIA</u>

The **<u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</u>** 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 <u>csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</u>.

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.

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday**, **March 3, 2019** 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.

2 PART RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES, ENGAGED COUPLES, AND YOUNG ADULTS

Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 9:30 AM White Mountains Regional High School Auditorium, Whitefield, NH and All Saints Catholic Church, Lancaster, NH

A ministry for those who don't just want to survive, but thrive in their vocations. Integrating St. Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Come build, strengthen, and celebrate your vocation For more information, or to register, contact Jeanne Nadeau at 631-0343, Liza Gardiner at 631-5281, or Andre Nadeau at 631-7583.



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 <u>csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</u>.

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.

Please see Fr. Albert with questions.

✤ PARISH DIRECTORY ✤

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

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HELP WANTED TO PUT AWAY TREES

With Lent fast approaching, volunteers are welcome to help prepare the churches on **Sunday, March 3 following the 8:00 AM Liturgy in Newton and the 10:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow**. Our tasks include taking down our green trees and some light clean up of the churches in preparation for the Lenten season. All are welcome to lend a hand – our work usually lasts just over an hour if we have all the help we can muster! Please contact the Parish Office for more information – or just stay after Mass!

ANNUAL VITA NOVA WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Make Me A New Creation"

March 8-10, 2019

Do you feel worn out, tired, or overwhelmed? Come and listen to how the Lord wants to make you a new creation...body, mind, and spirit.

Held at the Barbara C. Harris Center in Greenfield, NH, the Retreat, led by Fr. Marcel Martel, begins on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday lunch.

Register at: www.vitanova.org.

BE INFORMED

Learn How To Protect Our Families In The Internet Age In today's society, it's more important than ever to be aware of the dangerous content that's readily accessible on the Internet – and how we can best protect our children and loved ones. Join Father Sean Kilcawley for a number of workshops on topics ranging from "Learning to Love" to "Parenting in the Digital Age." It's our responsibility to be informed on how to protect our kids in the Internet Age. Workshops take place on March 23, 24, and 25. Please register by March 16. Go to www.catholicch.org and click on "Events" to register or for more information.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten: If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses. In the event of a weather related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date. Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION IRISH BOILED DINNER

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring an Irish Boiled Dinner on **Saturday, March 16 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM** in the Parish Center. The funds raised from the meal will be used by the Knights to support our Food Pantry. Last year the Knights donated over \$4,200 in cash plus food baskets to our Food Pantry.

For entertainment, there will be an Irish Step Dancing exhibition put on by Murray Academy of Irish Dance. Last year they travelled to Ireland to dance and had a world champion dancer. They are absolutely outstanding and very enjoyable to watch.

The boiled dinner will consist of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, turnips, desserts, and refreshments. Hot dogs will be available for the kids. There will be several raffles for Irish theme baskets, gift items and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$4 for kids, with a \$30 maximum per family. There will also be meals available for take-out.

Tickets will go on sale after Mass on the weekends of March 2 and March 9. Tickets will also be available at the door. **If you would like to donate a gift or a theme basket, please contact Stephanie Meader 603-974-2281.** If you have any questions or would like to help with the event, please contact Dave Meader at 603-974-3162 (<u>d.meader@comcast.net</u>), Ed Wencis at 603-362-5783, or Roland Richardson at 443-848-3328.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST JUDE COUNCIL # 6617 GIVE YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY 1 HOUR A MONTH

The Knights of Columbus are a vital and vibrant part of the St Luke the Evangelist Parish. We welcome any practicing Catholic man 18 or older to join the Knights, whose main purpose is charitable works in support of our parish and community. Joining is simple - talk to a brother Knight or you can now join on-line. Go to www.kofc.ora/ioinus. Your Council is involved in many activities from collecting money for people with intellectual disabilities through the Tootsie Roll Drive to the annual St Jude Golf Open which raises money for parish families in need. The list is as long as you want it to be. Do you have a certain passion you would like to get involved in? Come join us and make it a reality! We are Catholic men. We live by principles informed We are sons, fathers, husbands, and by faith. grandfathers. Join us on life's greatest adventure to discover the man God calls you to be. Feel free to call Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803, email him at dans49@comcast.net, or catch him at the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass in Newton. For more information about the Knights, go to www.kofc.org/un/en/todaysknights/what-we-do.html

Daily Mass Readings and Reflections for the Sacred Season	Saturday	e 2 Callect to Repent ry; Jesus came to call sinners to r. repentance.	-9 Lk 5:27-32	ar 16 Love Your e Enemies Love your enemies; pray for those who persecute you.	-8 Mt 5:43-48	e 23 Lost and Found Celebrate, for my son who was lost has been found.	46 🚺 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	is 30 On the Third Day God will raise us on the third day to live before him.	0 Hos 6:1-6
Daily Mass Readin Reflections for the Sacred Season	Friday	8 Help Those in Need Feed the hungry; shelter and clothe the poor.	ls 58:1-9	15 Lord, Hear My Voice With the Lord there is stead- fast love and redemption.	Ps 130:1-8	22 The Stone Rejected The stone rejected by the builders is the cornerstone.	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	29 Walk in His Ways Ways Return to the Lord and dwell in his shadow.	Hos 14:2-10
Dai Ref the	Thursday	7 Take Up Your Cross Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus.	Lk 9:22-25	14 Ask, Seek, Knock Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find.	Mt 7:7-12	21 By Streams of Water Blessed is the man who de- lights in the law of the Lord.	Ps 1:1-4, 6	28 By the Finger of God The kingdom of God has come upon you.	Lk 11:14-23
202	Wednesday	6 MARCH My Sin Is Before Me God will not despise a broken and contrite heart.	Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17	13 The Sign of Jonah Behold, some- thing greater than Jonah is here.	Lk 11:29-32	20 To Give His Life The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom.	Mt 20:17-28	27 The Lord God Is Near The Lord our God is near to us when we call on him.	Dt 4:1, 5-9
n				12 The Word Sent Forth The Word of God will accomplish his purpose.	ls 55:10-11	19 Hope in the Promise Faith in Christ Jesus is counted as righteousness.	Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22	26 Forgive Your Brother Forgive others as you have been forgiven by God.	Mt 18:21-35
Z			Monday	11 The Lord Is Holy You shall be holy, for the Lord your God is holy.	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	18 Forgive Others Be merciful, as your heavenly Father is merci- ful.	Lk 6:36-38	25 Call His Name Jesus The child to be born will be holy, the Son of God.	Lk 1:26-38
U		Π		10 The Word Is Near You All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.	Rom 10:8-13	17 Number the Stars The Lord made a covenant with Abraham.	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18	24 Peace With God While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
							You who once were	far off have become near by the blood of Christ. - Ephesians 2:13	

Thursday Friday Saturday	4Believe the Word5This Is the Christ6Like a LambThe Scriptures bear witness to bear witness to Jesus, the Son of God.No one arrested Jesus was like a gentle lamb led had not yet come.Jesus was like a gentle lamb led had not yet to the slaughter.	In 5:31-47 In 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 Jer 11:18-20 11 Father of Nations 12 Jesus Is God's Son 13 11 Father of Nations 12 Jesus Is of Peace 13 11 Indee Jesus Is God's Son 13 Acovenant 11 Jesus' enemies God will make Indee 11 Jesus' enemies an everlasting 11 Jesus' enemies an everlasting 12 Jesus' enemies Indee 13 Jesus' enemies Indee 14 Jesus' enemies Indee 15 Jesus' enemies Indee 16 Jesus' enemies Indee 17 Jesus' enemies Indee 18 Jesus' enemies Indee 19 Jesus' enemies Indee 10 Jesus' enemies Indee 11 Jesus' enemies Indee 19 Jesus' enemies Indee 10 Jesus' enemies Indee 17 Jesus' enemies Indee 18 Jesus' enemies Indee 19 Jesus' enemies Indee 10 Jesus' enemies Indee 10 Jesus' enemies </th <th>Go D 173-9 JA D 0.31-42 E 2 37:21-28 The Parchal Triduum Fanany through Easter Vigil Fanany through Easter Vigil From Holy Thursday evening through Easter Vigil Fanany through Easter Vigil Fanany through Easter Vigil Holy Thursday evening through Easter Vigil Fanany through Easter Vigil Fanany through Easter Vigil Holy Thursday evening through Easter Vigil Holy Thursday evening through Easter Vigil Month Through Easter Vigil This cup is the mew covenant in wy Blood. To 11:23-16 Neare buried in bap-tism on traised to penviced in through Easter Vigil Toor 11:23-16 I 38:1 - 19:42 Neare buried in bap-tism on traised to penviced in through Easter Vigil I Cor 11:23-16 I 38:1 - 19:42 Neare buried in through Easter Vigil I Cor 11:23-16 I 38:1 - 19:42 Neare buried in through Easter Vigil</th> <th>By Carol Geisler. Design by Jamie Wyatt. Cover image: Shutterstock. © 2019 Creative Communications for the Parish, a division of Bayard, Inc., 1564 Fencorp Dr., Fenton, MO 63026. www.creativecommunications.com. 800-325-9414. All rights reserved. Printed in the USA.</th>	Go D 173-9 JA D 0.31-42 E 2 37:21-28 The Parchal Triduum Fanany through Easter Vigil Fanany through Easter Vigil From Holy Thursday evening through Easter Vigil Fanany through Easter Vigil Fanany through Easter Vigil Holy Thursday evening through Easter Vigil Fanany through Easter Vigil Fanany through Easter Vigil Holy Thursday evening through Easter Vigil Holy Thursday evening through Easter Vigil Month Through Easter Vigil This cup is the mew covenant in wy Blood. To 11:23-16 Neare buried in bap-tism on traised to penviced in through Easter Vigil Toor 11:23-16 I 38:1 - 19:42 Neare buried in bap-tism on traised to penviced in through Easter Vigil I Cor 11:23-16 I 38:1 - 19:42 Neare buried in through Easter Vigil I Cor 11:23-16 I 38:1 - 19:42 Neare buried in through Easter Vigil	By Carol Geisler. Design by Jamie Wyatt. Cover image: Shutterstock. © 2019 Creative Communications for the Parish, a division of Bayard, Inc., 1564 Fencorp Dr., Fenton, MO 63026. www.creativecommunications.com. 800-325-9414. All rights reserved. Printed in the USA.
Wednesday	3 Honor the Son Son The dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and live.	<i>In 5:17-30</i> The Truth Frees You The Son will set you free and you will be free indeed.	5 6 47	creative Communications for the USA.
Tuesday	2 God Is Our Refuge Come and be- hold the works of the Lord.	Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 The Son Lifted Up Lift up the Son of Man and know that I am he.	In 11:1-45Ps 23:1-6In 8:21-30In 8:31-43IdeHumbleSo of BurialIn 8:31-43In 8:31-43IdeLordIdeIdeIdeIdeIdeLordIdeIdeIdeIdeIdeIdeIdeLesus was obedi-IdeIdeIdeIdeIdeIdeIdeLesus was obedi-IdeIdeIdeIdeIdeIdeIdeIdeMary anointsIde <t< th=""><th>By Carol Geisler. Design by Jamie Wyatt. Cover image: Shutterstock. © 2019 Creative www.creativecommunications.com. 800-325-9414. All rights reserved. Printed in the USA</th></t<>	By Carol Geisler. Design by Jamie Wyatt. Cover image: Shutterstock. © 2019 Creative www.creativecommunications.com. 800-325-9414. All rights reserved. Printed in the USA
Monday	1 APRIL No More Weeping God will create new heavens and a new earth.	Is 65:17-21 8 I Will Fear No Evil The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.	In 11:1-45 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:3 Id Humble Lord Lord Jesus was obedi- In Barrayl Jesus was obedi- Mary anoints Jesus for the day Of his burial. Of death on a Now God wi of death on a In 12:1-11 Anne in 12:6-11 Jn 12:1-11 In 13:21-33, 3 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 12:1-11 In 13:21-33, 3 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 12:1-11 In 13:21-33, 3 Prist Jn 12:1-11 In 13:21-33, 3 In 13:21-33, 3 Prist Jn 12:1-11 In 13:21-33, 3 In 13:21-33, 3 In 13:21-31 Prist Jn 12:1-11 In 13:21-33 In 13:21-33 Prist In 13:21-31 In 13:21-31<	by Jamie Wyatt. Cover ims trions.com. 800-325-9414. Al
Sunday	31 Walk in the Light You are light in the Lord; walk as children of the light.	<i>Eph 5:8-14</i> 7 Risen to Life I am the resur- rection and the life; believe in me.	14 Humble 15 Anoint for Bur lord Jesus was obedi- beus was obedi- ent to the point 15 Anoint for Bur anoints Jesus was obedi- ent to the point Mary anoints 10.12: Jesus was obedi- ent to the point Mary anoints 12: Phil 2:6-11 In 12: In 12: Phil 2:0 In 12: In 12: Phi	By Carol Geisler. Design www.creativecommunica
SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST LENT- EASTER LITURGICAL SCHEDULE	2019 THE BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN FAST MARCH 6 ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY 8 am & 6:30 pm LENTEN SEASON DAILY LITURGIES: M 8 am Newton T 8 am Plaistow W 6:30 pm Plaistow	Th 8 am Newton RECONCILIATION: Plaistow: Saturdays 3:00 pm (except Holy saturday); Newton: Sundays of Lart 6:30 pm Monday of Holy Week - Plaistow 11:00am - 1:00 PM Newton 5:00-7:00 PM Newton 5:00-7:00 PM LENTEN EVENING PRAYER: Sunday evenings of Lent at Newton, 6 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Evidaxs of Lent - 6:30 pm - Plaistow	Lenten Soup Supper Friday April 5 rollowing stations HOLY WEK Monday of Holy Week – Liturgy at 8 am - Plaistow Viednesday of Holy Week – Liturgy at 6:30 pm - Plaistow Wednesday of Holy Week – Liturgy at 6:30 pm - Plaistow Mid-day prayer 12 noon - Newton Mid-day prayer 12 noon - Newton LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6:30 PM - Newton - <i>Euchartistic Adoration follows</i> Night Prayer 10:00 pm - Newton Stations of the Cross 3 pm - Plaistow Mid-day prayer 12 noon - Plaistow (Reception in Hall to follow) APRIL 21 EASTER SUNDAY LITURGIES 8 AM - Newton 10 AM - Plaistow	Easter Solemn Vespers with Benediction at 6 pm - Newton Holy Angels Church 8 Atkinson Depot Rd. Plaistow Mary, Mother of the Church 12 Amesbury Rd. Newton 603 382-8324 www.stlukenh.org

Attende, Domine

"Hear us, O Lord"

With Ash Wednesday upon us, it is a good time to think and pray about the Lenten Season - the "Springtime" of the Church. The word "Lent" means spring, and comes from the same root as the word "lengthen," since the days do get longer as winter wanes. The whole northern hemisphere turns toward the sun, the source of life, and winter gives way to spring. In Hebrew, the language of the Old

Testament, the word for "repentance" is "to turn." As the earth turns to the sun, as the earth turns from winter cold to the new life of spring, so do we turn our lives towards our loving God and seek the Way of the Lord Jesus anew.

"Even now, return to me, says the Lord." (Joel 2:12). The word "sin" means separation. We are called to turn from our separate selves, from our sins; and to come together in community. Self denial is another way we express our



repentance. We turn away from sin and death and toward God as our source of life by disciplining our wills and desires.

Self-denial is three-fold, according to Matthew's Gospel (chap. 6). We **PRAY**: "Go to your room, close your door and pray to your Father in private." We **FAST**: "No one may see you are fasting but your Father in heaven." We give **ALMS**: "Keep your deeds of mercy secret, and your Father, who sees in secret will repay you." Self-denial is an exercise, a work-out, getting our lives and spirits into shape. Through the Lenten exercise of **PRAYER**, **FASTING and ALMSGIVING**, we spring clean our lives, sharpen our senses, put tomorrow in its place and treasure the day at hand.

For Forty Days we are conscious of how we must sharpen our senses and focus mind and heart on the reign of God. We are, above all, aware of those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death. That is, death to sin and evil; it is life in Christ that we began in those waters of baptism. These waters wait at Lent's end for the Catechumens of the Church. The entire Lenten season turns, it seems, on Baptism, renewal and reception into the Church.

We, too, wait for the opportunity to renew our own Baptismal Promises, and to feel the splash of Easter water on our faces after the dryness of our Lenten desert journey.

From Father Albert Lent, 2019 he Church asks us to give ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving of alms during the Lenten season. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities.

Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and possessions and through work of many kinds for a just world.

FASTING means that anyone between the ages of 18 and 59 may eat only one full meal (with the other 2 meals being distinctly smaller). One may, however, enter more into the spiritual element of fasting and not partake of any meals at all. One fasts for a spiritual reason - (an end to sin, a reconciliation in one's life or family, an end to war or other disturbance, or for the spread of the Gospel or



personal/corporate conversion) than for a personal dietary goal. The Church requires all between the ages of 18 and 59 to observe the fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fridays and Wednesdays are also traditional fast days, but are not mandatory.

ABSTINENCE is the discipline for those age 14 or older to **forego the eating of any meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.**

The **EASTER DUTY** is the **obligation to receive Holy Eucharist** between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation is an obligation** for all those who are conscious of grave sin. A frequent celebration of Reconciliation is encouraged for all, especially during the Lenten Season.

Reconciliation is celebrated at Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish on Saturdays at 3:00 at Plaistow, and on the Sundays of Lent following 6:00 PM Evening Prayer at Newton.

Watch the Bulletin for announcements about local area communal Penance Services.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

FASTING

Fasting for anyone between 21 and 59 years of age means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but should not equal the one full meal. One may, however, enter more into the spiritual element of fasting and not partake of any of the above-mentioned meals. Eating between meals is not permitted; but

liquids, including milk and juices are allowed. Days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Wednesdays and Fridays are also traditional fast days; however, one may fast on any day of the week.

ABSTINENCE

Abstinence is the observance for all those 14 years of age or older to forego the eating of meat on: Ash Wednesday; all Fridays in Lent and on Good Friday. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, this discipline does not apply.

EASTER PRECEPT

The Easter Precept – or Easter Duty is the decree for all the faithful to **receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter Season** (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2042). The faithful must celebrate the **Sacrament of Penance at least once a year in preparation for the reception of Holy Eucharist.** Traditionally, the Church has marked the time in which one may fulfill the Easter Duty between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. A monthly celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is encouraged for all.

PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING

All the faithful are encouraged to spend additional time in prayer during the Lenten season, and to participate in the devotional practices of the Parish. It is also praiseworthy for the faithful to give generously to charities and to their Church during this Season of Sacrifice.



Lenten Prayer and Liturg

The Church invites all people to special moments of prayer during the season of Lent. It is a common custom for people to make room in their schedule for daily Eucharist, which we celebrate as follows during the Lenten season:

Monday	8 am	Newton
Tuesday	8 am	Plaistow
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Plaistow
Thursday	8 am	Newton

Another Lenten custom involves taking a journey... to the Holy Land! Going on pilgrimage has always been an important part of our Christian tradition. By visiting a place where a religious event occurred, a

Praying the Stations of the cross

pilgrim hoped to share in the experience associated with that place. The desire to visit Jerusalem and the Holy Land was very important to Christians long ago, but because of the danger and expense of travel, and the political climate of Palestine, such a journey was not always feasible. When the Friars of the Franciscan Order took over the care of the Holy Places in Jerusalem in 1342, they began to erect "Stations" in Churches back home in Europe. It was a way to "go" to the Holy Land without ever leaving home. The custom of the Stations guickly spread to parish Churches, and the devotion of the Stations of the Cross was born.

We walk the Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 6:30 at **PLAISTOW** Using various versions and forms of the Stations, and led by

various groups in the Parish, we make Jesus' journey to the Cross our own. On April 5, we will conclude our evening Stations with a Lenten Soup Supper.

Baptismal Font and Holy Water Font

During Lent, we pray and prepare to renew our own Baptismal promises even as we pray as a community for those to be Baptized. Following ancient custom, the Sacrament of Baptism is not ordinarily celebrated during Lent,

and the Baptismal Font itself is sealed. We also "fast" from the Baptismal water usually present at the doors of the Church. The entire Church waits with Jesus in the desert. praying for the Living Waters of Easter.



Lenten Space, Silence, & Music

During Lent, the Church's lighting is dimmed so as to encourage an atmosphere of prayer and introspection. Our Assembly's music is more meditative and somber. We leave at the end of Mass in silence, reflecting on our mission as Disciples to pray, fast, and to give of ourselves in the coming week.



Do Something for Lent. Renew your faith.

What is the Lenten Journey all about? Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are called the "three pillars" of the Christian way of life. They help support a full and healthy life. During Lent we try to repair and strengthen these three pillars, which

also are called the "three disciplines" because they help people become better disciples of the Lord. Our Lenten Journey program helps Discipleship!

Lenten Journey is about SMALL GROUPS... IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN-UP! We continue to welcome sign-ups for small groups. On the back of this flyer is a REGISTRATION FORM. Return the form today, or call the office at 382-8324.

Meetings begin this week! Groups meet six times during the Lenten season to discuss the Lenten Sunday Lectionary readings. You will learn more about Scripture through the resource book provided, participate in interesting discussions, meet some wonderful people and have the opportunity to build up the Body of Christ.



All group members will pick up their resource booklets at the first meeting. Groups begin meeting THIS WEEK!

Wednesday, March 6, after the 6:30 p.m. Mass in Room 8; downstairs in the Church Hall. Thursday, March 7, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 8; downstairs in the Church Hall.

FAMILY AND TEEN DOWNLOADS: www.disciplesonthejourney.org

Ash Wednesday is This Wednesday, March 6!

DISCIPLES ON THE JOURNEY REGISTRATION FORM



E-Mail _____Cell Phone _____

Please check the time and day you prefer

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. ____ (March 6 – April 10)

Thursday Afternoons at 1:30 p.m. ____ (March 7 – April 11)

Check if you are willing to be a group leader_____

GROUP MEETINGS BEGIN THE WEEK OF MARCH 3

GROUPS WILL MEET IN ROOM 8 IN THE CHURCH HALL

(Please return this form in the collection basket or bring to the parish office)

ASH WEDNESDAY



We Belong to Christ

God of all ages, your people gather before you to be marked by the sign of faith. May this universal sign of redemption remind us, as we begin our Lenten journey, that we belong to Christ. May we, like all of your disciples, be on guard against making impressions, learn to offer prayer wrapped in silence, and fast with joyful hearts. We ask you to bless these forty days of preparation, for we long to draw closer to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 Torn Hearts

Today's Readings: Joel 2:12–18; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14, 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18. Through the prophet Joel, the Lord tells us to rend our hearts, not our garments. To rend means to rip or tear apart. Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures, we hear stories of those who rend their garments as an expression of grief, pain, or sorrow. The traditional garment that the prophet references usually had a seam at the collar that allowed for a tear to be made in the front of the tunic, stopping just beyond the heart. The seam allowed for the garment to be easily mended. The Lord tells us that with our whole heart, through tears and sorrow, we are to return to him and rend our heart, to internalize the outward gesture of ripping our garment.

How does one tear the heart? The heart is a vital organ, the center of our body. To tear it sounds like a painful process, but it allows the heart to be open. With the heart torn, we can more easily see the interior and are able to reveal the brokenness in our lives. God can then be invited to enter the heart and begin to heal us. The prophet Joel is telling us that the act of tearing a garment is empty if a conversion is not experienced. The Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving should truly change our hearts and draw us closer to God.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 4 Mission Impossible

Jesus' disciples are completely overwhelmed by his words and wonder who can realize this task. Jesus reminds them that what is impossible for a person is possible with God. What are the tasks in your life that you are trying to do without the Lord's help? How can you intentionally turn to God for what is seemingly impossible? Could your load be lightened by inviting God to accompany you with what is difficult? *Today's Readings: Sirach 17:19–27; Psalm 32:1–2, 5, 6, 7; Mark 10:17–27.*

Tuesday, March 5 Feels Like First

The last line of today's Gospel has been used in contemporary culture to serve as a consolation when one has suffered defeat. Jesus offers us these words as more than a comfort when feeling beaten or after a setback; he is promising us that even though we follow him and may endure suffering in this life, we will be rewarded with eternal life. Find a piece of beautiful paper and your favorite pen. Carefully copy Mark 10:31 and place that on your prayer table. May Jesus' words lift you up when it seems like you are in last place. *Today's Readings: Sirach 35:1–12; Psalm 50:5–6, 7–8, 14, 23; Mark 10:28–31.*

Wednesday, March 6 Rewards and Repayment

Jesus warns his disciples against making personal acts of piety into public displays. When our acts become an exhibition, we already have received our reward. Find a notebook that can serve as your Lenten journal. Begin by making a list of your favorite prayers. Is there a word or phrase from a prayer that strikes your heart? Discern when you may find a quiet moment each day during Lent to pray. *Today's Readings: Joel 2:2–18; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14, 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18.*

Thursday, March 7 Difficult Choices

Moses proclaims that he has set before the people life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choosing may seem easy. We want life, prosperity, the blessings of the Lord. We hear this and wonder who would intentionally make the choice to be cursed. Yet we easily embrace choices that deaden rather than enliven. The Lord invites us today to love him, heed his voice, and hold fast to him. What does loving him look like for you? How can you heed his voice today? What actions do you need to take to hold fast to him? Write them in your Lenten journal. *Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4, 6; Luke 9:22–25.*

Friday, March 8 Fasting and Mercy

What motivates you to make a sacrifice to the Lord? The Church tells us that fasting helps us grasp our dependence upon God. Fasting is also a means of saving our resources to give to the poor. The prophet Isaiah shares that the fast that is acceptable to the Lord releases those bound unjustly, frees the oppressed, feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, and clothes the naked. With your family, choose a work of mercy to live this week. How does your fasting impact this act of mercy? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 58:1–9a; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6, 18–19; Matthew 9:14–15.*

Saturday, March 9 Change of Heart

Levi, the tax collector, feels empty when Jesus extends the invitation to come and follow him. Accepting the invitation, Levi leaves his former life and journeys down a new path with Jesus. God extends this same invitation to us to follow him. How will you intentionally follow him this week? Are you ready for your heart to be changed? *Today's Readings: Isaiah* 58:9–14; *Psalm* 86:1–2, 3, 4, 5–6; *Luke* 5:27–32.



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Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: In what ways do you see hypocrisy around you? In your own actions? Gospel Question: How do you hear Jesus speaking to you in the Gospels?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults) Under what circumstances has humility come in handy? Visit exploring the sunday readings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: How can we avoid being a hypocrite?

Gospel Question: What does it mean that a good tree produces good fruit?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: What is a hypocrite? Gospel Question: Think of a time you have criticized someone for something you have also done.

Good News (Grades 2-3) Life Question: What is a fault you need to work on? Gospel Question: How does Jesus describe a good person?

Promise (Grades K-1) Life Question: What kind of friend does Jesus want us to be? Gospel Question: How does Jesus want us to act with our friends?

Seeds (Preschool) Life Question: Who are your good friends? Gospel Question: How does Jesus want us to act when we play?

About the Gospel

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Jesus says that when a person is fully trained, he will be like his teacher. This is one of the reasons that going to Mass and studying Sacred Scripture are so important. We need to seek training in the ways of Christ and his Church.

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

In Church

Read Sunday's Gospel before Mass begins as preparation for hearing it proclaimed.

Family Prayer Lord, help us to share

the goodness you have put into our hearts.

Question of the Week

How is your life like a tree that grows good fruit?

Rincon de la Familia

Family

Corner

Acerca del Evangelio

Jesús dice que cuando una persona está bien preparada, será como su maestro. Este es uno de los motivos por el cual ir a Misa y estudiar la Sagrada Escritura es tan importante. Tenemos que buscar aprender las maneras de Cristo y de su Iglesia.

Visita **www.usccb.org/bible/lecturas** para leer las lecturas de este domingo.

En la Iglesia

Lee el Evangelio del domingo antes que comience la Misa y así te preparas para escuchar su proclamación.

Oración en familia

Señor, abre nuestros ojos para que veamos lo que quieres que aprendamos y abre nuestros oídos para escuchar tu enseñanza.

Pregunta de la semana

¿De qué manera no ves lo que la Iglesia enseña? ¿Qué puedes hacer para aprender más?





The Society of St. Vincent DePaul, at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, invites you to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry! Even is you are unable to attend meetings, your talents are more than welcome.

Shawls can be made with yarn, quilt fabric, or fleece. They are filled with prayer, care and love. They will be given to anyone in need of comfort or solace.

If you are interested in prayerful camaraderie or just want to contribute your talent, consider joining our committee.

If you know of someone that is in need of comfort and would like to receive a gift from our group, please call to make the request.

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Meeting Schedule:

- First Thursday of each month, except July and August.
- 10 A.M. 12 Noon
- Parish office building (dining room)
- Material can be supplied

We are honored to provide this service to anyone in need.



Bringing Home the Word

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 3, 2019

Recognizing the Truth That Is in Our Hearts

By Hans Christoffersen

O ur words and deeds say much about who we are, not only on the surface, but in our hearts. Carelessness in our words and actions can indicate a careless, unconcerned heart. A careless heart easily finds faults in others while remaining blind to its own failings. Jesus calls people with such attitudes "hypocrites." *Hypocrisy* is a Greek word meaning "play acting," that is, passing oneself off as someone other than who one really is.

To be real is to have a heart that

Sunday Readings

Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do people's faults when they speak....The test of a person is in conversation.

1 Corinthians 15:54–58

Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Luke 6:39-45

[Jesus said,] "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" recognizes and accepts the truth about oneself. This is a humble, down-to-earth heart (*humility* is from the Latin "of the earth"), and close enough to ourselves to see our failings and limitations.

Do we know our own hearts? What fills our hearts: censure, criticism, judgment—or the goodness and humility that makes us realize we hardly know enough to judge anyone?

The gift of humility, then, is the way that we know our common bond in Christ and sustain the Church community. This happens in our prayer, but also in situations seemingly removed from pious intent. Some years ago, an American family vacationing in Italy lost their only son in a traffic accident. The parents decided to donate his organs, and their decision to have his organs live on in Italy received great attention in a nation where, until then, organ donation was very unusual.

Our Scriptures today tell us that these kinds of words and deeds say a lot about who we are—not on the surface, but in our hearts. If God, who is down-to-earth, is our focus, we will see how goodness is the fruit of his humble love: "Therefore, my beloved...be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). +

A Word from Pope Francis

When we go to Mass, perhaps we arrive five minutes early and begin to chat with the person next to us. But this is not the moment for small talk.... It is the moment for recollection within the heart, to prepare ourselves for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important!





- This week, can I meditate on what is truly in my heart?
- Is the goodness in my heart expressed in words and deeds?

The Good Businessman



By Gregory F. Augustine Pierce

"A businessman was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho for work when he encountered someone who had been mugged." This might have been the opening to Jesus' parable of the good Samaritan in Luke 10:29-37.

Yes, the hero was a Samaritan, the most hated ethnic group in Israel at the time. And yes, he was a layperson—not a priest or a Levite like the other two travelers on the road. Both of these facts about the main character are important story elements because Jesus was clearly trying to get his listeners to think outside the box.

Remember, this parable was Jesus' response to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" When Jesus told a story about the member of a despised minority who was more kind and generous than the Jewish priestly class, he was intending to provoke an audience reaction.

But it's also possible that Jesus was using a person in the midst of his daily work to demonstrate what it means to love our neighbor. It's not a big stretch to imagine the hero as a businessman. He is traveling alone on a dangerous stretch of road. He has a donkey and happens to be carrying olive oil and wine. He also has enough money to pay an innkeeper to take care of the man and promises that he will return soon. This certainly sounds like a person on the first leg of a business trip. Perhaps he was a dealer in olive oil or wine.

Values in the Workplace

In any case, the good Samaritan was most likely "at work" when he did his "good Samaritan-ing." That is, he was probably on the job when he was called upon to help someone less fortunate than himself.

Work and the workplace in our culture are given a bum rap. The workplace is often portrayed as an awful setting where people constantly put others down, where competition is exclusively and excessively rewarded, where dog eats dog, and only the strong survive. Many assume there is little time in the midst of work for things like compassion, generosity, or going out of your way for others as the Samaritan did.

In many ways, work deserves some of this criticism. We often lose our focus on what is truly important in life as we strive to succeed in our careers. We get so preoccupied with the bottom line, the next promotion, getting a leg up, that we forget people are more important than profits, prestige, or power. We forget that we are but stewards of resources we have been given.

Loving Thy Neighbor

The good Samaritan recognized all that, however, and did so in the midst of going about his business. He was on the road that morning precisely because he was working, but he kept his perspective even amid the hustle and bustle of his daily work. He encountered somebody who needed assistance. He stopped. He helped to the extent he could, given his time and resources. He then went about his business, returning later to see how things were going.

It's precisely that kind of openness that Jesus is asking of us. When asked to identify what he meant by a neighbor, Jesus described a regular guy going about his daily work who somehow had time to love someone who needed help.

"Go and do the same," Jesus told all of us, no matter what our occupation might be. That good businessman—in the midst of doing his own job and using resources from his own workplace—was Jesus' example of what "love thy neighbor" looks like. +



Lord, you show me the pathway of goodness and truth. Help me to bear the fruit of love, compassion, and peace.

—From Peaceful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

WEEKDAY READINGS

Bringing Home

the Word

March 3, 2019

March 4-9

Monday, Weekday: Sir 17:20–24 / Mk 10:17–27 Tuesday, Weekday: Sir 35:1–12 / Mk 10:28–31 Wednesday, Ash Wednesday: JI 2:12–18 / 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 / Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday, Thursday after Ash Wednesday: Dt 30:15–20 / Lk 9:22–25

Friday, Friday after Ash Wednesday: Is 58:1–9a / Mt 9:14–15

Saturday, Saturday after Ash Wednesday: Is 58:9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32

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