



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: Hosanna To The Son Of David BB 138
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 22)

***My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me.***

Preparation What Wondrous Love Is This BB 480
Mass Parts Mass of Christ the Savior
Communion Eat This Bread BB 336
Bread For The World BB 344
Recessional: ***We depart in silence during Lent***

10:00 AM

Gathering: Hosanna To The Son Of David BB 138
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 22)

***My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me.***

Preparation Now We Remain BB 507
What Wondrous Love BB 480
Mass Parts Mass of Christ the Savior
Communion Behold The Lamb BB 338
God's Holy Gifts BB 342
Recessional: ***We depart in silence during Lent***



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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!

April 7, 2019

Offertory	\$7,543.44
Property Management	\$1,851.25

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

April 14, 2019	No Second Collection
April 19, 2019	Good Friday – Holy Land
April 21, 2019	Easter
April 28, 2019	Fuel

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 ✠

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.

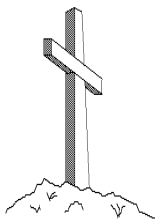
Other possible projects include work on our Plaistow and Newton parking lots, and ramp access to the church in Plaistow.

Can you help?

Any contribution is welcome. Make checks payable to
Saint Luke the Evangelist – Capital Campaign.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

Evening Prayer is sung at Newton at 6:00 PM on all Sundays of Lent. Join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available immediately after Evening Prayer each Sunday of the Lenten Season.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place on Good Friday afternoon at 3:00 PM in Newton.

RICE BOWLS AVAILABLE

Operation Rice Bowl is the official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Each Lent, parishes, schools and other faith communities participate in Operation Rice Bowl to learn more about the work of CRS and put their faith into action. Operation Rice Bowl provides funding to CRS for many third world projects that promote agricultural, nutritional and educational sufficiency. Additionally, Operation Rice Bowl supports local anti-poverty programs. Rice Bowls are available at the entrances of both Churches and are **due back by Holy Thursday, April 18.**

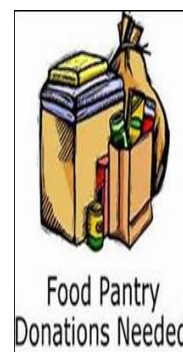
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, April 18 and Monday, April 22.** The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 23.

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

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...

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

<u>Sunday, April 14</u>		
10:00 AM	NO Religious Ed – PreK to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
6:00 PM	Vespers	<i>Newton</i>
6:30 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Newton</i>
<u>Monday, April 15</u>		
11:00 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Plaistow</i>
5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Newton</i>
<u>Tuesday, April 16</u>		
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Wednesday, April 17</u>		
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER		
7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting	<i>Plaistow</i>
7:30 PM	Tenebrae	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Thursday, April 18</u>		
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED NO ADORATION		
8:00 AM	Morning Prayer	<i>Newton</i>
12:00 PM	Mid-Day Prayer	<i>Newton</i>
6:30 PM	Liturgy of the Lord's Supper/Adoration	<i>Newton</i>
10:00 PM	Night Prayer	<i>Newton</i>
<u>Friday, April 19</u>		
8:00 AM	Morning Prayer	<i>Plaistow</i>
12:00 PM	Mid-Day Prayer	<i>Plaistow</i>
3:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	<i>Newton</i>
6:30 PM	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Saturday, April 20</u>		
8:00 AM	Morning Prayer	<i>Plaistow</i>
12:00 PM	Mid-Day Prayer	<i>Plaistow</i>
8:00 PM	Great Vigil of Easter / Reception	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Sunday, April 21</u>		
6:00 PM	Vespers	<i>Newton</i>

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

<u>Saturday, April 13 ~ Vigil / Palm Sunday / Passion of Lord</u>	
<i>Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56</i>	
4:00 PM	Jo Chudzicki by Pat Zakiewicz <i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Sunday, April 14~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</u>	
<i>Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56</i>	
8:00 AM	David Coddling by the Knights of Columbus <i>Newton</i>
10:00 AM	In Thanksgiving to St. Michael the Archangel <i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Monday, April 15 ~ Monday of Holy Week</u>	
<i>Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11</i>	
8:00 AM	Angelina Antczak (1 st Anniversary) by the Burge family <i>Newton</i>
<u>Tuesday, April 16 ~ Tuesday of Holy Week</u>	
<i>Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38</i>	
8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for Favor Received <i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Wednesday, April 17 ~ Wednesday of Holy Week</u>	
<i>Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25</i>	
6:30 PM	Bill Knowles (Birthday Remembrance) by his wife, Marjorie Knowles <i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Thursday, April 18 ~ Holy Thursday</u>	
<i>Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15</i>	
6:30 PM	Liturgy of the Lord's Supper <i>Newton</i>
<u>Friday, April 19 ~ Good Friday</u>	
<i>Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42</i>	
6:30 PM	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion <i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Saturday, April 20 ~ Holy Saturday / Great Vigil of Easter</u>	
<i>Gn 1:1—2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12</i>	
8:00 PM	Great Vigil of Easter <i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Sunday, April 21 ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</u>	
<i>Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12</i>	
8:00 AM	People of the Parish <i>Newton</i>
10:00 AM	People of the Parish <i>Plaistow</i>

**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, April 17 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.**

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.

APRIL 14, 2019

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let God show you how much of an impact forgiveness can be in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is **June 8-9, 2019** in Medway, MA. . For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963.

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? 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, May 5, 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.

Please see Fr. Albert with questions.

HEART OF A PRIEST

The incorrupt heart of St. Jean Vianney will be visiting St. Joseph Cathedral on **April 24, 2019**. The Shrine of Ars, France has made this major relic available for a national tour in the United States. The Knights of Columbus is hosting this tour and welcomes this special opportunity to offer veneration of this relic of the patron of parish priests whose holiness and integrity is a model for clergy and laity alike. **Veneration is from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** Bishop Libasci will celebrate Mass at 12:10 PM.



EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

The Parish will host a reception following the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night, **April 20**. We are looking for helpers to set-up, serve, and clean up, for food donations (especially pastries – Lent will be over!), beverages, and other food donations. For more information please call the Parish Office at 382-8324 or email jtremblay@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.

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
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 News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese** ✠

DIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION

You are invited to join NH Catholics in a statewide day of reconciliation. This is an opportunity for you to open your heart and allow the Lord to fill it with His Grace. All parishes will open their doors to welcome you on **Monday of Holy Week, April 15, 2019**. At St. Luke's, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in **Plaistow from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM** and in **Newton from 5:00 to 7:00 PM**.

**THANK YOU FROM THE
ST JUDE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights would like to thank all of the parish members who supported the Irish Festival that was held in the Parish Center on Saturday, March 16. The Festival was a complete sell out. Chef Rudi Ferrandi and his crew did a great job preparing a very tasty traditional boiled dinner. The Murray School of Irish Dance put on an excellent exhibition of different Irish dances. There was plenty of Irish music and many Irish themed baskets that were raffled off. The Knights raised enough money to fund food baskets for our Food Pantry at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. They were also able to make a significant financial donation our Food Pantry. The Knights would like to thank Dave and Stephanie Meader, Roland Richardson, and Ed Wencis for Chairing the event, and Marie Farren for all of her help.

AMAZON SMILE

AmazonSmile.com is the same market platform as Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of allowing customers to donate 0.5% of the price of items purchased to a charitable organization. Please register today to start shopping and donating at www.amazonsmile.com. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

ST. GIANNA'S PLACE

St. Gianna's Place, a NH-based home for mothers in crisis pregnancies, is celebrating its opening with a **Benefit Banquet on May 1 from 5:30 to 9:15 PM** at the Executive Court Banquet Facility in Manchester, NH. The guest speaker is the renowned James Wahlberg. Reservations are \$65 per person / \$650 per table. Make checks payable to "St. Gianna's Place" and mail to Banquet Reservations, 3 Jersey Street, Londonderry, NH 03053. Visit stgiannasplace.org for details.

**YOUNG NEIGHBORS IN ACTION
July 21-26, 2019 ~ Worcester, MA**

Young Neighbors In Action is a Catholic week-long mission for high school teens, offering young people the chance to grow in faith as they serve those in need. It gives them the opportunity to make a difference in the world. To learn more, or to register, contact Brian Harrison at bharrison@rcbm.org or Kelly Goudreau at kgoudreau@rcbm.org.



HOLY OILS

The Parish is looking for 2 persons who are available on **Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 PM** to pick up the new Holy Oils for our Parish. Please note that this year the Chrism Mass and Solemn Evening Prayer with the Distribution of Oils are two distinct ceremonies. Priests will be gathering with the Bishop for the Chrism Mass separately and will then gather with the deacons, religious, seminarians, and faithful for Solemn Evening Prayer and the Distribution of Oils in St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester at 6:30 PM. Contact the Parish Office if interested. All are welcome to attend Evening Prayer on April 16 at the Cathedral; visit the Diocesan website www.catholicnh.org for more information.

HELP WANTED

The Parish is looking for a handy person who can help install a few appliances. Some carpentry and electrical work required. We will supply the muscle! If anyone is interested, please contact Father Albert in the Parish Office.

**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.org/joinus. 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 by faith. We are sons, fathers, husbands, and 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/todays-knights/what-we-do.html

Keeping the Holiest Days of the Year

Today is the sixth and the last of the Sundays of Lent. We know it also by other names. It is called **Palm Sunday** because the first thing that we do when we gather this day is to take up palms and tell the story of how Jesus once came into the holy city, Jerusalem, riding over a carpet of branches, cheered by people waving branches. Today also is known as **Passion Sunday** because the Gospel story read (today) is the account of Jesus' passion as told by Luke.



Today knows other events. This is the last Sunday when we will call forth and dismiss those Elect, who, at the start of this Lent, were chosen or “Elected” for the Easter Sacraments. Beginning with Easter Sunday, they will not be dismissed after the homily, but will stay with us and do all that Baptized people do. They will begin to keep each Sunday by joining the church to give God thanks and praise at this table, over bread and wine, which we eat and drink and so become, little by little, the living body of Christ.

Today marks the beginning of the days we call **Holy Week**. That name, Holy Week, can be misleading - or it can be a rich insight into these days. It can mislead if we think of the time from today until next Sunday, Easter Sunday, as one segment of time that day by day tries to tell the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. That's not really what happens here. Rather, we have a week that splits in two on Thursday night - and each one of us ought to know how and why. That will tell us what puts the “holy” in Holy Week. **Until Thursday night it is Lent.** The Forty Days right now are down to their last five days. Thursday evening Lent ends. If we have kept these days so far with various kinds of fasting, various forms of almsgiving, and times of prayer each day, then we are near the end and can perhaps put on an extra burst of energy and so finish this great Lenten contest smiling and exuberant to have done penance and turned the world a bit upside-down.

**Passion Sunday
Evening Prayer
At Newton 6:00 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation
follows Evening Prayer.**

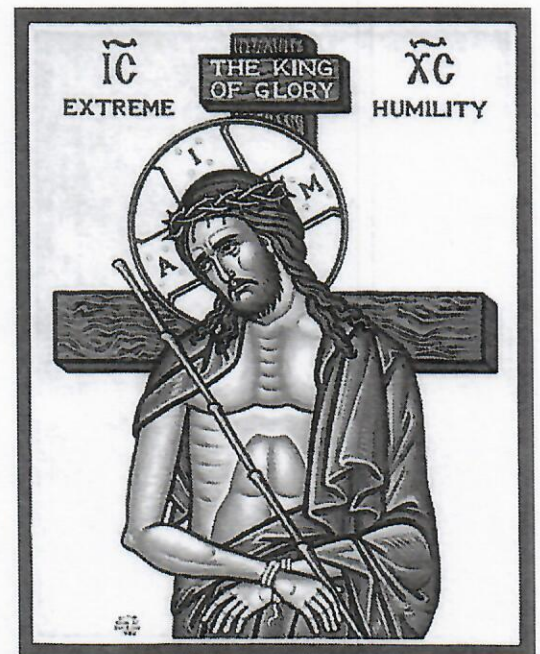
**Reconciliation available at
Plaistow on Holy Monday 11 am-1
PM, and at Newton 5-7 PM**

And if we have not kept these days so well, or perhaps not at all, if we have forgotten to pray, neglected to fast, not gotten around to all the ways alms can be given, then the news is good: Five days, counting today, to go! It isn't too late at all. Time enough remains to discover what hunger feels like-bodily hunger and other hungers too. Time remains for that spring-cleaning of house and wallet and life that Lent makes almost appealing to us who are too heavily laden

with possessions and near-addictions. Time remains also for quiet, for taking out the Bible and reading the Passion stories, reading here and there in Paul, reading psalms and prophets, and quietly reflecting on these words and stories and letting them help us to pray. Time remains. Five days of Lent to conclude your Forty Days, or Five Days to be your Forty Days.

The Paschal Triduum

But that brings us only to Thursday evening. That is the reason we say that this so-called Holy Week is really two very different pieces of time. For when Lent ends, we move without stopping for breath into the three days that are for us the heart and soul of the entire year. The church calls them a "*Triduum*," just the Latin for "three days." But we call them the "Easter Triduum" or the "Paschal Triduum." What that means is that they are about the Paschal mystery, the Passover mystery, the way life and death and resurrection, our own, our church's, our human race's, get all tangled up in the life and death and resurrection of the one who is truly God and truly human, Jesus.



On Thursday night we walk out of Lent into these three holiest days, and we walk into them singing: “We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.” And there it is, in one part of one sentence from Paul: Our glory is in the cross. The cross is our only and ultimate glory. Somehow that is what it comes to for us, the transforming cross that never ceases to be the cross, the death that is death itself, all the ways death reigns in this poor world, but we look at it and we say, “Glory”. **From Thursday night until Sunday afternoon, it is Triduum.** We will gather in God’s house Thursday day and Thursday night and Friday morning and afternoon and evening, and Saturday in the morning and then in the darkness of Saturday night. These are liturgies we do not celebrate three or four times each day so that it is convenient for us to come. We do it once and we hope that all of us can be together, most especially at the **Great Easter Vigil**. That gathering of



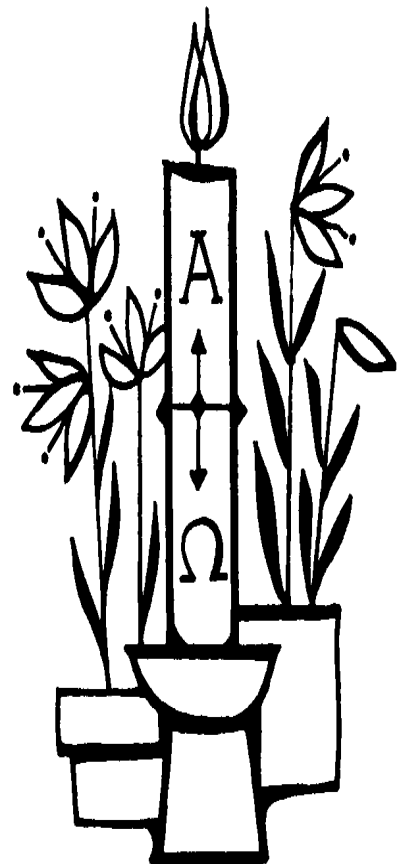
the church between Saturday evening and Sunday morning is the life that nourishes our whole year, all our days. It is when we come to spend some good time in the reading of scripture, and then go finally to the Baptismal font where our catechumens are challenged to renounce evil, to believe in Father and Son and Spirit, and so to die in the waters and live forever in Christ. We do the liturgies of these days only once because who would have the energy to do them again? We do them once because we wish that this whole Parish be, this once in the year, all together here to do scripture and Baptism and Eucharist.

And we dare to do these liturgies just once and to say that we should all be here because of something that we so easily overlook. It is: What else could we possibly find to do? That is the key to getting from the end of Lent back into life in this world. ***We have to know that life-as-usual stops from Thursday evening to Easter Sunday.*** Or perhaps it doesn’t stop, but we do. We drop out. We do not do on this Good Friday and this Holy Saturday what we do on any other Friday and Saturday of the year. So we are not ever trying to work in “going to church” among a hundred other things. No. The decks are clear. Lots of things in our lives have been closed down. We are free.

We have to know this: The way these three days are kept is not only with the liturgies here in this assembly. For these to have any sense at all to them, the three days have to be kept in our lives. A generation ago, at the second Vatican Council, the world's bishops had a great and ancient insight into this. They said these strange words: *“Let the Paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday.”* They spoke not of a Lenten fast but of a Paschal fast, an Easter fast. What's that? And they spoke not just of fasting, but of “celebrating” this particular fast. What sort of fasting is celebrated? It is the fasting of excitement and expectation, of butterflies in the stomach because of what is about to happen. It is fasting from food, yes, but fasting also from work, and from entertainment and distraction. It is getting real hungry. it is clearing the mind and the heart. It is being famished for the word of God.

So the invitation to us Christians is to leave all we can of the normal on Thursday night. Off and on through those next three days, we'll meet here. You have your schedules of liturgies and other times of prayer. But it is the times between the liturgies that make the liturgies possible. Let all of us together find again and anew what is this glory that is ours in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

For Catholics: As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians: We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (JN 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily NOT admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion: All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians: We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

Gospel Weeklies
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Palm/Passion Sunday • April 14, 2019 • Jesus' Passion and Death
Sunday Readings: Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: What sights, sounds, and smells do you remember from your experiences of Holy Week over the years?

Gospel Question: With which character in the Passion story do you most identify? Why?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

What memories of Holy Week stand out for you?
Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: How do you celebrate the days of Holy Week—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday?

Gospel Question: How does foot washing symbolize what Jesus is about? How does Jesus' Crucifixion express who he is?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: What are key events and Gospel stories you remember from Holy Week liturgies?

Gospel Question: How does foot washing symbolize what Jesus is about?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: How do you welcome people into your home?

Gospel Question: Tell the story of Holy Week.

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: How do you welcome new children or important people to your school or neighborhood?

Gospel Question: How do people welcome Jesus to Jerusalem?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What is peace?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus show he is a person of peace when he comes to Jerusalem?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

Jesus goes into Jerusalem to suffer his Passion and Crucifixion. This was always part of God's plan for our salvation. While it is heartbreaking, we may find comfort in knowing that Jesus chose to lay down his life to save us.

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

In Church

Participate in the Palm Sunday Mass as if you were transported in time back to when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem. Hold your palm branch high, join in the responses of the Passion, and think about what is happening.

Family Prayer

Lord, you suffered so much for us. Help us to be strong when we suffer and to unite our sufferings to yours.

Question of the Week

How do you feel when you are judged by others? How can you avoid making judgments about others?



Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

Jesús entra en Jerusalén a sufrir su Pasión y Crucifixión. Esto fue siempre parte del plan de Dios para nuestra salvación. Aunque es desgarrador, podemos encontrar consuelo en saber que Jesús eligió entregar su vida para salvarnos.

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

En la Iglesia

Participen en la misa del Domingo de Ramos como si fueran transportados en el tiempo al momento en el que Jesús llegó a Jerusalén. Mantengan bien en alto sus ramas, participen en las respuestas de la Pasión, y piensen en lo que está sucediendo.

Oración en familia

Señor, sufriste tanto por nosotros. Ayúdanos a ser fuertes cuando sufrimos y a unir nuestros sufrimientos con los tuyos.

Pregunta de la semana

¿Cómo te sientes cuando otras personas te juzgan? ¿Cómo puedes evitar no juzgar a los demás?



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The Paschal Triduum

The Church's holiest days begin with the **Liturgy of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 PM in Newton.** At Mass that evening, the holy oils blessed earlier that week by Bishop Peter will be presented to the Parish, Jesus' call to service and humility is remembered through washing of feet, and the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus at the Last supper is celebrated. Adoration and prayer with the Eucharist will go on that night in church until Night Prayer at 10:00 PM.

Throughout the Triduum, the Church is in almost constant prayer. The **Liturgy of the Hours** will be celebrated beginning on Holy Thursday at 8 am and Noon at Newton. Night prayer will be at 10 PM. The same schedule for Morning and Mid-Day prayer will be kept on Good Friday and Holy Saturday at Plaistow.



The Passion and death of Jesus on the cross is celebrated on **Good Friday, April 19.** Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 3:00 PM in Newton, and **the principal celebration of the day, the Reading of John's Passion, the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion will be celebrated at 6:30 PM at Plaistow.**

On Holy Saturday, the Church waits in prayer at the Lord's tomb. No Masses are allowed, no sacraments other than communion for the dying are celebrated. We wait for announcement of Easter victory. Morning prayer will be celebrated at Plaistow at 8 am, and Mid-Day prayer at Noon.



The *Great Vigil of Easter* will begin at **8 PM on Saturday, April 20** with the blessing of new fire and the lighting of the Paschal Candle, the principle symbol of the Easter Season. We will then listen to our story of salvation, proclaimed through readings and song. We will proclaim the Easter Gospel, and renew our Baptismal Promises. We will then celebrate the solemn Eucharist of Easter, followed by a festive reception in the Hall.

The *Great Vigil of Easter* begins from the **Parish Hall**, where we'll process to the blessing of the new fire, burning just outside the doors of the Church. *If you plan on attending the Great Vigil on April 20, plan on gathering in the Hall for 7:50 PM on Holy Saturday evening.*

Easter Sunday

Easter Liturgies will be celebrated at 8:00 am in Newton and at 10:00 am in Plaistow on April 21, with renewal of Baptismal Promises and blessing with Easter Water.

Easter Evening Prayer with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude our Easter Sunday at 6:00 PM at Newton.

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH
Holy Week & Paschal Triduum 2019

Sunday, April 14	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Regular Sunday Mass schedule: 8 am (Newton), 10 am (Plaistow) 6:00 PM Vespers (Newton)
Monday, April 15	8 AM Liturgy (Newton) Reconciliation 11 am – 1 PM (Plaistow) Reconciliation 5 – 7 PM (Newton)
Tuesday, April 16	8 AM Liturgy (Plaistow)
Wednesday, April 17	<i>No Eucharistic Adoration</i> 6:30 PM Liturgy (Plaistow) 7:30 PM Tenebrae (Plaistow)
Thursday, April 18	HOLY THURSDAY <i>No Eucharistic Adoration</i> 8 AM Morning Prayer (Newton) NOON Mid-day Prayer (Newton) 6:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Supper (Newton) <i>Adoration follows until 10 PM</i> 10 PM Night Prayer (Newton)
Friday, April 19	GOOD FRIDAY 8 AM Morning Prayer (Plaistow) NOON Mid-day Prayer (Plaistow) 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Newton) 6:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Plaistow)
Saturday, April 20	HOLY SATURDAY 8:00 AM Morning Prayer (Plaistow) NOON Mid-day Prayer (Plaistow) 8:00 PM Great Vigil of Easter (Plaistow) <i>(Reception in Hall follows)</i>
Sunday, April 21	EASTER SUNDAY Regular Sunday Mass schedule: 8 am (Newton), 10 am (Plaistow) 6:00 PM Paschal Vespers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (Newton)
Sunday, April 28	EASTER OCTAVE SUNDAY Regular Sunday Mass schedule: 4 PM Vigil (Plaistow); 8 am (Newton); 10 am (Plaistow) 6:00 PM Paschal Vespers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (Newton)

PALM SUNDAY



Sacred Days

Lord Jesus,
you entered Jerusalem
amid resounding echoes of praise.
We join the multitudes
of your disciples,
who through the ages,
proclaim you as King.
Strengthen us
as we accompany you
during these sacred days
of singing and praying,
in awe of your love.
May we have the courage to follow you
and be transformed by your sacrifice.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Messianic Entry



Today's Readings: Luke 19: 28–40; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Luke 22:14–23:56. Today, the faithful process with palms and sing “Hosanna,” remembering the Lord’s entrance to Jerusalem, an entry that would lead to his death. Today the readings proclaim Jesus as the king (Gospel at the procession), tell of how Jesus emptied himself to come in human form (Second Reading), and recount the Passion (Gospel).

As Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem, the Romans were unaware of the meaning of the procession. The Jews, however, watched the fulfillment of the prophet Zechariah (9:9): “Behold: your king is coming to you, / a just savior is he, / Humble, and riding on a donkey, / on a colt, the foal of

a donkey.” Concerned, the Pharisees told Jesus to silence his followers. Knowing that all creation awaited his death and rising, Jesus replied that the stones would cry out.

The Romans dismiss Jesus, the Pharisees tried to suppress him, and the people celebrate him. How will you respond to the Lord during this holiest of weeks? Some will discount him by giving these days no importance, while others will suppress the meaning of the days. Still, some will enter into Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum through participation in the liturgy. They will celebrate the institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, venerate the cross on Good Friday, and keep vigil on Holy Saturday as they listen to the Scriptures tell of salvation history.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 15

Witness to the Power

Lazarus is a witness to the power of Jesus and knows that he is the Messiah. The Jews plot to arrest and kill both Jesus and Lazarus. The more we allow our relationship with Christ to change us, the more we will be rejected by the world. As Holy Week begins, consider how your relationship with Christ serves as a witness to the world. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11.*

Tuesday, April 16

Love and Betrayal

When Jesus tells his followers that one of them will betray him, they question who would be a traitor. Still, Peter, who has been with Jesus from the beginning of his mission, will end up denying Jesus three times. Jesus will be merciful when we return after disavowing him. Let us be mindful of our relationships that are in need of repair. How can we bring about healing in our parish and among our family? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17; John 13:21-33, 35-38.*

Wednesday, April 17

Mercy and Forgiveness

Judas pays a high price for handing over Jesus. The price that he pays is much higher than the thirty pieces of silver that the chief priests paid him for handing over Jesus. His is the price of separating himself from Jesus and the love that the Lord offers. He chose not to believe in the forgiveness and mercy of God. Who in your community would benefit from an experience of your forgiveness mercy? Begin by praying for those whose actions are unkind and unfair. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25.*

Thursday, April 18

Holy Thursday

Peter sees servitude in the washing of feet; Jesus, however, teaches that the act implies servanthood. By washing the disciples' feet, Jesus shows that disciples serve others. What small act of love can you do for someone in your family today? What is one small act of help that you can offer to a neighbor? *Today's Readings: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.*

Friday, April 19

Good Friday

At the liturgy today, the faithful will venerate the cross as they kiss, touch, or genuflect before it. The Church invites us to "Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world." If a crucifix is in your home, place it on your prayer table today and spend time in quiet prayer before it. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.*

Saturday, April 20

Holy Saturday

At the Easter Vigil, the faithful gather around a fire and then in the church to hear the story of salvation. If unable to participate in the liturgy tonight, pray the psalms and the readings at your prayer table. What words of the prophets especially strike you? What aspect of the redemption story calls you to new life? *Today's Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24-35; Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Psalm: Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Isaiah 55:1-11; Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16, 17, 22-23; Luke 24:1-12.*





Bringing Home the Word

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (C)

April 14, 2019

Recognizing the Companions We Need

By Mary Katharine Deeley

On Palm Sunday, we gather as a Church to celebrate Jesus' coming into Jerusalem and hear the story of his passion and death. Each Gospel writer tells the story a little differently. Each one lifts up different faces and characters, and through their eyes we watch what unfolds.

Luke's Gospel is the only one that mentions the women who followed Jesus from Galilee (23:55–56). We know nothing about these women other than

where they came from, but two things stand out: These women temporarily set aside their Passover preparations to care for a man who had been publicly condemned as a criminal, and they were willing to look their beloved Jesus' death full in the face. They watched while Joseph of Arimathea laid him in the tomb and made sure that Jesus would be cared for even in death. They saw where he was buried and laid out and then went to prepare the spices and oils that would anoint his body and honor it.

Today, these women are examples of the countless anonymous disciples who quietly challenge culture and politics to follow the Lord's call. We rarely notice them, even now, but they are in our churches and our neighborhoods, willing to do what needs to be done, even if it means suffering, sacrificing, or looking rejection and death in the face. As we enter Holy Week, these people just might be the companions we need. +

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 50:4–7

The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

Philippians 2:6–11

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Luke 22:14–23:56 or Luke 23:1–49

When [the women] had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils.

*There are countless
anonymous disciples
quietly challenging
culture and politics
to follow the Lord's call.*

A Word from Pope Francis

Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds. Let us also ask for the patience to carry our own cross, not to refuse it or set it aside, but rather, in looking to him, to take it up and to carry it daily.

—Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- Do I attempt to identify and assist those who are quietly doing God's work?
- Do I humbly do God's work, rather than seeking recognition or other earthly rewards?

False Piety, True Contrition

By Gregory F. Augustine Pierce

There's a joke about a priest and deacon who are peeking out from the vestibule at a man sitting in the back pew of church, beating his breast and saying aloud, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." The priest turns to the deacon saying, "Now look at who thinks he's a sinner!"



margin of this article is justified."

The tax collector wasn't justified simply because he beat his breast and said he was a sinner. He was justified because he was truly contrite. True contrition, as the Church teaches, has four steps—none of which can be skipped if we're to be "made straight."

This joke is based on the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9–14). Who among us would ever want to see ourselves as the Pharisee in this story, bragging about how holy we are? But the tax collector? Oh, boy! That's me—a sinner and not too proud to admit it to anyone.

This reaction, of course, isn't what Jesus had in mind. He was viscerally opposed to public displays of piety. He advised his disciples: "When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you," (Matthew 6:6).

Jesus noted that the tax collector went home "justified," while the Pharisee did not. "Justified" implies that a person is "vindicated," as in "my decision was justified by the fact that everything worked out in the end." But it also means to make something straight, as in "the left

Step by Step

First, we have to admit wrongdoing. This is what the Pharisee (like many of us) was unwilling to do. The tax collector, on the other hand, admitted that he had done many bad things, and he was genuinely sorry for them, which is the second mandatory step of contrition.

The third step is what Catholics call "a firm purpose of amendment." That means we have a plan for how we're going to change our behavior. A vague "I'll try harder to be good" is insufficient. The idea isn't to mimic the tax collector who came back every week to beat his breast and say what a sinner he was. The point of admitting our sins and asking for mercy is that we are supposed to stop sinning!

The final step in true contrition is penance. That is, we must suffer consequences and make up for the harm

we have done. To be justified, the tax collector couldn't simply go out and "sin no more." He also had to try to make right whatever he could—perhaps by giving money back to people he had cheated or, if that was impossible, by donating money, time, or talent to some good cause. If there were no other way to change his sinful behavior, then the tax collector might have to quit his job to be justified.

Beyond "I'm Sorry"

If the tax collector was truly contrite and not just putting on a show of piety, he would have wanted to follow all four of these steps. That's why he would have gone away justified. Otherwise, he would have been no different than the Pharisee. Nor would we.

In this business of asking forgiveness, we have to make sure that we are not exalting ourselves with false piety, for as Jesus said at the end of the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." This goes for all sinners. +



*Lord, your life teaches the way
of peace and nonviolence.
Help me to imitate your example
in times of conflict.*

—From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day
of Lent and Easter*, Rev. Warren J. Savage
and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 15-20

Monday, Holy Weekday:
Is 42:1–7 / Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday, Holy Weekday:
Is 49:1–6 / Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday, Holy Weekday:
Is 50:4–9a / Mt 26:14–25

Thursday, Holy Thursday: Ex 12:1–8,
11–14 / 1 Cor 11:23–26 / Jn 13:1–15

Friday, Good Friday: Is 52:13–53:12 /
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9 / Jn 18:1–19:42

Saturday, Holy Saturday:
Gn 1:1–2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26–31a /
Gn 22:1–18 or Gn 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18 /
Ex 14:15–15:1 / Is 54:5–14 / Is 55:1–11 /
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4 / Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28 /
Rom 6:3–11 / Lk 24:1–12

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