



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, September 8, 2019
Twenty-Third Sunday In
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: Holy, Holy, Holy BB 207

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

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

Preparation In Every Age BB 466

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Gift Of Finest Wheat BB 323

Psalm 42: As The Deer Longs BB 488

Recessional: Sing With All The Saints In Glory BB 611

10:00 AM

Gathering: All Are Welcome BB 414

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 95)

*If today you hear His voice, harden not
 your hearts.*

Preparation Eye Has Not Seen BB 461

Psalm 42: As The Deer Longs BB 488

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Shepherd Me, O God BB 457

On Eagle's Wings BB 436

Recessional: Lead Me, Lord BB 630



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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!

COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

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

September 8, 2019 Catholic University
 September 15, 2019 Fuel
 September 22, 2019 Priest Retirement Fund
 September 29, 2019 No Second Collection

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.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL BAKE SALE WALK FOR THE POOR

The St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Appeal and Bake Sale will be held on the weekend of **September 21-22, 2019** and their "Walk For The Poor" will be held on **Saturday, September 28, 2019.**

Would you like to participate in this walk? This is St. Vincent de Paul's largest fundraiser. Please consider helping us help those in need in our community and "Walk a Mile in our Shoes". If interested, please email Susan Mokray at suziqmo@aol.com or Margaret Madeiros at madeiros7@msn.com for details.

You can support the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Walk for the Poor by donating to this event online at <https://www.fopwalk.org/event/2378>. Simply click "donate to this event" or "donate to walker".

Donations are tax deductible and donor receipts are available. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

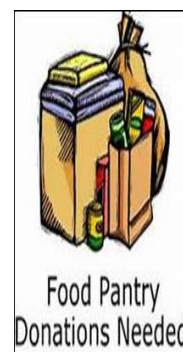
Also, bakers are needed for our bake sale to be held the weekend of **September 22-23** after all Liturgies. We are seeking talented bakers to drop off their baked goods at any of the Masses you attend and then turn around and purchase some of our other fine pastries!



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 SUMMER...

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, September 8

11:00 AM Catechist Meeting *Plaistow*
11:00 AM RCIA *Plaistow*

Tuesday, September 10

6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, September 11
**HOLY ANGELS CHURCH OPEN
ALL DAY FOR PRAYER**

Thursday, September 12

8:30 AM Adoration Begins *Newton*
9:00 AM Intercessory Prayer *Plaistow*
8:30 PM Adoration Ends *Newton*

Saturday, September 14

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, September 15
Religious Ed Registration Sunday

11:00 AM RCIA *Plaistow*

NO DAILY MASSES

There will be **NO** daily Masses on the following dates:
September 16, 17, 18, 19 and September 23, 24, 25, 26.

PROJECT RACHEL

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available. Call Project Rachel's national toll-free number at 1-888-456-HOPE (4673) or visit www.hopeafterabortion.org.

**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, September 18 at 7:00 PM**. We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

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

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

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, September 7 ~ Vigil / 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

4:00 PM Donald King by his wife, Barbara
Plaistow

Sunday, September 8 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

8:00 AM Stanislaus Smardz by Janice Bettencourt
Newton

10:00 AM Ryan McGrath by Conor Howley
Plaistow

Monday, September 9 ~ Peter Claver, Priest

Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11

8:00 AM Carol Bettencourt by Grace Bukowski
Newton

Tuesday, September 10 ~ Weekday

Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

8:00 AM Rosemary Duhamel by Edward Duhamel
Plaistow

Wednesday, September 11 ~ Weekday

Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

6:30 PM John Hofbauer (1st Anniversary)
by Joe and Ann Marie Sheehan
Plaistow

Thursday, September 12 ~ The Most Holy Name of Mary

Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, September 13 ~ John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

No Mass

Saturday, September 14 ~ Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17 (Day)

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Louise Waters by Pat Zakiewicz
Plaistow

Sunday, September 15 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

8:00 AM Heather Decareau by her family
Newton

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

PRAYER LINE

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

MARCH FOR LIFE

The 2020 pilgrimage to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life is **Thursday, January 23 to Saturday, January 25, 2020**. Questions? Contact Derek McDonald at 663-0171. Registration information coming soon!

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠



The Sanctuary Candle in
Holy Angels Church
will burn this week in loving memory of
Joan Burge
by the Burge family

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, September 1, 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.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 of **5, 25 or 50 years**, to attend the **Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office by **September 20, 2019**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years will be asked to register later for a spring celebration.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Weekends are **September 14-15, 2019** in Medway, MA and **October 18-20, 2019** in Laconia, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit <https://www.mema.org/>.

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.

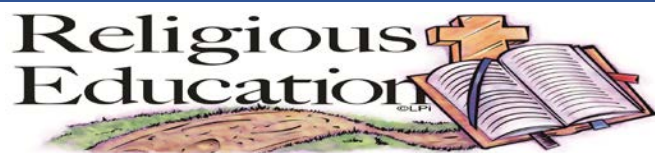
The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

✠ 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** ✠



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Registration for the 2019-2020 Academic Year for Grades Pre-K through 8 has begun. If your child is currently enrolled, a registration form has been sent home. If your child is new to the Program, please call Joyce Szczapa in the Religious Education Office at 603-382-8324 for more information.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If you can help, please email Joyce at jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Harborside Hospice is looking for people like YOU to join its volunteer team. The next training class will be held in Plaistow, NH on **Thursday, September 26**. There is SO much you can do to help! For questions or more information, call Michael Goodsell, Volunteer Coordinator, at 603-793-3842.



Love to golf?
Join us on Friday, September 27 at these upcoming tournaments
Support Catholic Education & have a great time - all are welcome!

Bishop Brady High School | bishopbrady.edu
20th Annual • Beaver Meadow Golf Course, Concord • 8:30 a.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas School | staderry.com
1st Annual • Hoodcroft Country Club, Derry • 12:00 p.m.

Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School | ncrjhs.org
15th Annual • Amherst Country Club, Amherst • 9 a.m.

Christmas Craft Fair!

Saturday, November 9, 2019

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

St. Luke the Evangelist

Parish Center

8 Atkinson Depot Road

(Route 121) Plaistow, NH



Thousands of one-of-a-kind gifts from 24+ vendors of high-quality hand-crafted and hand-made items. Plus: Country Store, Silent Auction, Jewelry and our very famous Cookie Heaven. Something for every budget. Five Big Raffles: \$1,000 Cash Raffle, Wine Raffle, Penny Sale, Theme Basket Raffle, Quilt Raffle. Breakfast and lunch available. Refreshments, live entertainment, and children's activities all day. Photos with Santa Claus from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. **Plenty of free parking! No admission fee! Indoors—rain or shine.** Please note: the Parish Center is NOT wheelchair accessible. Questions? Call 603-382-8324.

ALL SAINTS PARISH CAMINO 2020 TOUR

May 29 to June 14, 2020

18 to 35 years old are invited

Follow the Way of St. James

For detailed brochure and reservations, contact Camino2020@AllSaintsHaverhill.org.

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

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH ST. VINCENT dePAUL WALK FOR THE POOR 2019

Please join us in support of our sixth annual **"SVdP Walk for the Poor 2019"**. The fundraising walk this year will take place on Saturday, September 28th. You may join the walk in Newton NH at St. Luke's Parish on the 28th or donate on-line to our cause. We are pleased to report that 100% of your tax deductible donation goes directly to supporting our local volunteer chapter of SVdP.

Click on the link below which will bring you directly to a secure online site to make a donation. If you prefer, you may mail a check donation directly to my attention at the address listed below. Also see paper pledge sheet on reverse side.

www.fopwalk.org/event/2378

Please make checks payable to: St Vincent dePaul Society, 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, NH 03865 Attn: Susan Mokray

Please join us:

Saturday, September 28

Time: 9:00 am Registration and 10:00 am Start Time

Walk Location: Leave Mary, Mother of the Church, proceed left onto Amesbury Road, right onto Durgin Drive, right onto Bear Hill Road and back. (little over a mile) A limited number of tee shirts will be available for participants.

Contact:

Susan Mokray

(603) 887-5055

E-mail: suziqmo@aol.com

Margaret Madeiros

E-mail: madeiros7@msn.com

Please join the Friends of the Poor and Walk a Mile in my Shoes

Thank you.





FRIENDS OF THE POOR® WALK/RUN
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Walker/Runner Pledge Sheet

Walker's Full Name:

Conference/Council Name: St. Luke the Evangelist Conference

Date of Walk: Saturday, September 28, 2019

Donor's Name

Donor's Address

\$ Amount

Example: Bob Smith	1212 Main Street, Anytown, MO 12345	25.00	✓
Total			





Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

September 8, 2019

Planning, Flexibility, and Discipleship

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In my family, three members like to plan for what's ahead: What are we going to do? How will it get done? How are we going to get there? What will happen when we do? I can tolerate certain changes up until the day we leave, but after that, change is difficult for me. My daughter hates change at any point and doesn't rest until a revised plan is made. My husband lies somewhere in between. Our other daughter is a much more freewheeling spirit. "I never make plans that far in

advance," she would say when I asked her what she was doing that evening. We would often just stare at each other in wonder. After thirty years, we have also rubbed off on each other in some ways.

Becoming a disciple of Christ takes both planning and flexibility. The planning comes in preparing ourselves to let go of anything that gets in the way of our service to the Lord. For most of us, that will not be our parents, but it might be something or someone in our society or culture. Jesus' challenge comes in the realization that nothing can come between Christ and us—not even our parents—and if they did, we would need to turn from them in order to follow him. The flexibility comes in the understanding that we don't know what or who we might have to give up, or the moment and manner in which Christ will ask us to pick up our cross and follow in his footsteps. All we can do is pray for the grace and courage to do what he asks when he asks it. +

Sunday Readings

Wisdom 9:13–18

For who knows God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends?

Philemon 9–10, 12–17

I rather urge you out of love, being as I am, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus.

Luke 14:25–33

[Jesus said,] "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

*We don't know what,
or who, we might have
to give up to follow
in Christ's footsteps.*

A Word from Pope Francis

I would like to reflect on nonviolence as a style of politics for peace....May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking.

—Fiftieth World
Day of Peace,
January 1, 2017



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- Am I prepared to give up anything that interferes with my service to the Lord?
- Am I flexible enough to follow God's call when I hear it?

Why Do We Talk to God?

By Phyllis Zagano

First we need to believe that prayer—any type of prayer—is real, and that God knows our needs and always answers our prayers. Usually when we think of prayer, the prayer of petition comes to mind. It's common to say that sometimes God's answer to our prayerful pleas is no but that, come to think of it, the no we hear is actually a yes. God always affirms who we are as humans. That is, when we pray in petition for things we want, God kindly teaches us who we are by supplying what we truly need. In other words, we may want a new car to impress others, but what we need is secure knowledge that we are God's beloved. Once we accept that gift, then the rest becomes easy.

So the first petition we must present to the Lord is a petition to see ourselves as God sees us. And God always sees us as perfect for what we do and how we are, so long as we cooperate in God's plan.

Often, people want to know what is the best type of prayer. I don't believe there is any "best" prayer, provided that every prayer is rooted in an understanding of our dependence on God and his unconditional love for us.

There are four essential movements of the heart that follow our acceptance of God's existence and love for us.



They are adoration, petition, contrition, and thanksgiving. Each is a separate movement of the heart and mind, and each is "best" for certain times.

Loving and Being Loved

Adoration is the easiest and the hardest type of prayer, requiring that we do nothing but love and

be loved. That means giving up control, which most of us don't like. But think of the wonder in a baby's eyes as she looks at you. Think of the wonder in your eyes as you look at her. This is how you are with God, and God with you, in the prayer of adoration. Few words—just a sharing of love between two beings for whom there is nothing and no one else in the world at that moment.

Contrition is another familiar type of prayer. With contrition we acknowledge we have made mistakes, denied God's perfect creation of us, and tried to remedy the pain of that denial.

Sometimes we do this with excessive alcohol or food. Sometimes we misuse our sexual faculties. Sometimes our insecurities cause us to lie, cheat, or steal. These are real forces in everyone's life, and we need to apologize to God for denying who we are and forgetting that our real security is with God—not with worldly comforts. So we sincerely say "sorry" and move on.

Answered in Love

Petition, as stated earlier, involves simply asking God a favor. Sometimes the favor can't be granted—the loved one dies, the job ends, the illness returns. We can feel angry with God. That is actually very healthy, for we have the right as God's beloved to complain—and loudly. As we do, we may hear more clearly how God has answered our prayers in love (albeit in the negative), and how God wants us to have lives that mirror his love for the world.

Thanksgiving is the final prayer mode, one deserving more attention. Thanksgiving is more than simple manners, like thank-you notes after birthdays and Christmas. Thanksgiving is a minute-by-minute attitude that brings us to a place of conscious dependence upon the Lord and joyful acceptance of God's will. "Thank you" must always be in our hearts.

This attitude of gratitude makes sense of adoration, petition, contrition, and thanksgiving, and brings us to joyful understanding that everything we have is given by God in love. So, when we pray, we find God's gift of joy in life—without even asking for it. +



Lord, I am grateful for your call to discipleship. Give me the grace to respond to your call with courage, love, and humility.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 9–14

Monday, St. Peter Claver:

Col 1:24–2:3 / Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday, Weekday:

Col 2:6–15 / Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday, Weekday:

Col 3:1–11 / Lk 6:20–26

Thursday, Weekday:

Col 3:12–17 / Lk 6:27–38

Friday, St. John Chrysostom:

1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14 / Lk 6:39–42

Saturday, Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

Nm 21:4b–9 / Phil 2:6–11 / Jn 3:13–17