



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, October 6, 2019  
Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

4:00 PM  
8:00 AM

Gathering: Gather Your People BB 313  
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34)

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

Preparation You Have Called Us BB 646

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion One Love Released BB 359  
One Bread, One Body BB 339

Recessional: Let All Things Now Living BB 588

10:00 AM

Gathering: Gather The People BB 302  
Dismissal Rite: You Have Called Us BB 646  
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 95)

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

Preparation We Walk By Faith BB 496  
Servant Song BB 376

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion One Bread, One Body BB 339  
We Are God's People BB 793

Recessional: Blest Be The Lord BB 430



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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!

September 29, 2019

Offertory \$6,822.65

PARISH GIVING

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

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- October 6, 2019 Property Management
- October 13, 2019 Fuel
- October 20, 2019 World Mission Sunday
- October 27, 2019 Archdiocese / Military Service

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.*

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Columbus Day holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, October 14**. The office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 15.



### RIDES NEEDED

A parishioner is in need of rides to medical appointments. If you can help, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324.

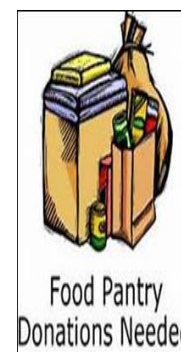
ST. LUKE'S WEBSITE! <http://stlukenh.org>

### TAI CHI

Tai Chi is the ancient Chinese martial art that is used for meditation, exercise, balance, and mind and body wellness. St. Luke the Evangelist Parish is offering this form of graceful, slow movement to help parishioners to gain strength, to improve their balance, flexibility, and range-of-motion, and to relieve stress. Classes are taught by members of the Oriental Healing Arts Association – a Senior Friendly and Senior Safe Tai Chi Program with the purpose of bringing Tai Chi to all age groups. Classes are on **Mondays at 9:00 AM** and **Thursdays at 3:00 PM and 6:30 PM** in the Plaistow Church Hall. The cost is \$5.00 per class, and for seniors on a fixed income, the cost is \$3.00 per class.

### ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

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



### FOOD PANTRY HOURS

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

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

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

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

### WHILE AWAY THIS FALL...

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

***TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

✠ **WEEKLY CALENDAR** ✠

**Sunday, October 6**  
**11:00 AM** Religious Ed – PreK to 8 *Plaistow*  
**11:00 AM** RCIA *Plaistow*  
**11:00 AM** Baptism Catechesis *Plaistow*

**Monday, October 7**  
**7:00 PM** Knights of Columbus *Plaistow*

**Wednesday, October 9**  
**HOLY ANGELS CHURCH OPEN  
 ALL DAY FOR PRAYER**  
**7:00 PM** Introduction to the Devout Life *Plaistow*

**Thursday, October 10**  
**8:30 AM** Adoration Begins *Newton*  
**9:00 AM** Intercessory Prayer *Plaistow*  
**1:30 PM** Introduction to the Devout Life *Plaistow*  
**8:30 PM** Adoration Ends *Newton*

**Saturday, October 12**  
**3:00 PM** NO Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

**Sunday, October 13**  
**10:00 AM** Religious Ed – PreK to 8 *Plaistow*  
**11:00 AM** RCIA *Plaistow*

**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](http://www.amazonsmile.com). For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose: **St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.**

**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, October 16 at 7:00 PM.** We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

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

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

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✠

**Saturday, October 5 ~ Vigil / 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**  
*Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10*  
**4:00 PM** John and Kirk Walsh by their family  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, October 6 ~ 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10*  
**8:00 AM** Barbara Tremblay by Jackie Tremblay  
*Newton*  
**10:00 AM** Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse  
*Plaistow*

**Monday, October 7 ~ Our Lady of the Rosary**  
*Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37*  
**8:00 AM** Carol Bettencourt by Elaine Bettencourt and family  
*Newton*

**Tuesday, October 8 ~ Weekday**  
*Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42*  
**8:00 AM** Anna Raymond, Anna Lynch, and son Vincent by their family  
*Plaistow*

**Wednesday, October 9 ~ Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; John Leonardi, Priest;**  
*Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4*  
**6:30 PM** Margaret Davidson by her daughter, Marjorie Knowles  
*Plaistow*

**Thursday, October 10 ~ Weekday**  
*Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13*  
**8:00 AM** Rena Scanlon (Month's Mind)  
*Newton*

**Friday, October 11 ~ John XXIII, Pope**  
*Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26*  
*No Mass*

**Saturday, October 12 ~ Weekday**  
*Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28 (Day)*  
*2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19 (Vigil)*  
**4:00 PM** Louise Fusco by Pat Zakiewicz  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, October 13 ~ 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19*  
**8:00 AM** Edmond Calliouette by Jim & Mary Anne Downs  
*Newton*  
**10:00 AM** Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus, St. Jude Council #6617  
*Plaistow*

**There is NO Sacrament of Reconciliation in Plaistow on Saturday, October 12 and Saturday, October 26.**

**PRAYER LINE**

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

OCTOBER 6, 2019

## ✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

### ST. ANDREW DINNER

We would like to invite men aged 19-60 who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to an evening of prayer, conversation with the Vocations Team, and dinner. This evening will take place on **Friday, October 18 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM** at the Joseph House in Manchester. Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at 663-0153 if you would like to attend.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

### PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, October 6, 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.

### ROSARY / FAMILY PRAYER HOUR LED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The St Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus leads a rosary on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church in Newton. The Knights also lead a Family Prayer Hour which includes a Rosary on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, also starting at 7:00 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church in Newton. There are some quiet activities for the younger children during the Family Prayer Hour. The Knights invite all members of the parish to join them to pray the rosary and to participate in the Family Prayer Hour.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Weekends are **October 18-20, 2019** in Laconia, NH and **December 13-15, 2019** in Duxbury, MA. 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](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

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

## ✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office	382-8324
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 ✠

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS  
FOR DECEASED MEMBERS**

On **Sunday, October 13** at the **10:00 AM** Liturgy, the Knights of Columbus will be gathering to pray for their deceased Brothers. We will celebrate the lives of these Catholic men who willingly served their parish and community with charity, unity, and fraternity. After Mass, you are welcome to join the Knights downstairs in the parish hall for pastries, donuts, coffee, and other light refreshments.

**NASHVILLE RECORDING ARTISTS  
THE NEEDHAMS**

**Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM**  
**Kingston First Congregational Church**  
**6 Church Street, Kingston, NH**

**CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE**

You are invited to learn what Central Catholic High School can do to help you be successful. During the Open House on **Sunday, October 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 PM**, you will be able to tour the campus, meet with faculty, students, coaches, advisors, and campus ministers, and learn why its students excel academically, athletically, spiritually, and personally. For more information about Central Catholic High School, please go to [www.centralcatholic.net](http://www.centralcatholic.net).

**EXPERIENCE GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE**  
**For Youth and Young Adults**

Do you feel not good enough? Feel unworthy? You are not alone! You are invited to a full day of events on **Saturday, November 16, 2019** at Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua, NH. There will be Mass, Keynote speaker Paul J. Kim with special guest speakers Christopher Duffley, Caitlin Sica, Father Paul Gousse, and Spencer Gregory, Praise and Worship music from *Delmore Worship*, Adoration, Lunch, and more! Walk away feeling good and worthy. Because we know you are! For more information visit [www.catholicnh.org/summit](http://www.catholicnh.org/summit) or contact Kelly Goudreau at [kgoudreau@rcbm.org](mailto:kgoudreau@rcbm.org)

**CREIGHTON FERTILITYCARE SYSTEM**

The Creighton FertilityCare System is a highly effective and morally acceptable natural method of family planning. It is healthy and strengthens marriage. It is used to achieve a pregnancy or avoid a pregnancy and can be useful in the diagnosis and treatment of reproductive disease. Online introductory classes will be held on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Mary Menendez, CFCP, St. Gerard Majella FertilityCare Services, at 603-642-8050 or [CreightonFertility@yahoo.com](mailto:CreightonFertility@yahoo.com).

**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**



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**OKTOBERFEAST DINNER**

**Saturday, October 12 – 5:00 to 6:30 PM**  
**St. Anne's Parish, 23 Emerson St., Hampstead, NH**  
**German Food - \$7 for adults - \$3 for children**

**KNIGHTS ITALIAN FESTIVAL**

**To Help The Survivors Of Hurricane Dorian  
In The Bahamas**

As you know Hurricane Dorian destroyed a good portion of the Bahamas with 185+ mph winds for over 24 hours. 50 are dead and over a 1,000 people are still missing. 70,000 people are homeless and there is very little power and no running water. The situation is desperate, and the good people of Bahamas need our help now. Please join the Knights on **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> for our Italian Festival.** All net proceeds will be donated to the Knight's relief fund to help the victims. The Knights have already donated supplies, manpower, equipment and close to a \$1,000,000. **The Festival will be in our Parish Center from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.** We will have music, a treasure chest of cheer to raffle off along with lots of themed gift baskets and tickets to see Jonathan Edwards at the Tupelo music hall in Derry, NH. We will have a great meal with homemade sauce and meatballs, ziti, spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, desserts and beverages. Tickets are \$9 for an adult, \$5 for a child and a maximum of \$25 for a family. **Tickets will be on sale after Masses on the weekends of October 5<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> and will also be on sale at the door.** Take out meals will also be available. This promises to be a good time while at the same time helping our brothers and sisters in the Bahamas.



# BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER!

Learn more about your faith while serving your community at Sunday Mass. Just visit the Sacristy in Church before Mass and speak to Father Albert. All Servers begin as “observers” and gradually learn what Servers do during Mass.

## ALL AGES WELCOME!

**To become an Altar Server, you must be in the third grade or higher, and have received first Eucharist. Obtain Parent permission form from Father Albert. Parents – call 382-8324 for more information or email [fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net).**

# Want to help out at Sunday Mass?

We are looking for **KIDS,  
YOUTH and FAMILIES**  
to serve as:

- **READERS** (sharing the Word of God at Mass)
- **ALTAR SERVERS** (helping in the sanctuary)
- **USHERS** (helping take up the collection)
- **GREETERS** (welcoming people to Church & handing out the Bulletin)

***Interested?***

See Father Albert for more information.

# The Gospel at Home

## This Week's Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask him to increase their faith. Jesus uses the example of a mustard seed to tell them that even a little bit of faith is powerful. Faith in Jesus gives the power to perform miracles and to recognize those we witness.

In Jesus' time masters were masters and slaves were slaves. Masters didn't sit down to eat with slaves or reward them for doing their jobs. Jesus used this reality to make a point. His parable is critical of disciples who want to become masters of their fate or to lord it over others. Service is the ordinary duty of all Jesus' followers.

## Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** Your child has learned to recognize the growth he or she sees all around. The lesson also taught that we can all trust Jesus. Talk with your child about the story of the tiny seed. Ask to see your child's "I'm growing inside and out" booklet, and let the child explain the booklet to you. Consider taking a walk to see what things are growing in your neighborhood.

**Promise (Grades K-1):** This week's lesson centered on the trust children have in people they know and love. The lesson also showed that we can all trust Jesus. Ask your child to tell you the story of the tiny seed in the Gospel story. Ask your child why Layna needed to trust people on her first day of school. Encourage your child to show you the four images of people he or she can trust. Let him or her tell you why these people were chosen.

**Good News (Grades 2-3):** This lesson focused on recognizing signs of faith in God. Ask your child what lesson Maya learned from her Aunt Stacy. Tell him or her what it was like when God gave your child the gift of faith at Baptism. Ask your child to tell you what a Creed is. Brainstorm with your child ideas of how your family faith can grow like the mustard seed.

**Venture (Grades 4-6):** A discussion of faith is at the heart of this week's session. Discuss how your child felt while reading the story of Rachel's visit to the soup kitchen. Use this opportunity to talk about what faith is like for your family. What do you do as a family to nourish the "mustard seed" of faith and make it grow? What more could you do? Work together to write a statement of faith for your family. Ask your youngster to tell you why Saint Mary MacKillop is the Patroness of Australia.

**Visions (Grades 7-8):** This week your young person discussed the importance of faith and belief. The class read about Tom's experience at his new school and the importance of standing up for yourself and for things that you believe to be right. Talk with your youngster about the faith survey he or she took during class. Share what faith means to you and to your family. Talk about the ways we use the word *faith*—knowing, thinking, and trusting. Which of these ways best describes faith in God?

## Pray Together

After your conversation, sit quietly for a moment. Then let each member of the family ask God in his or her own words to help the family grow in faith.



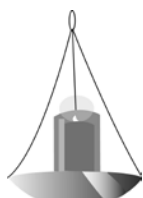
## ✠ PARISH INFORMATION ✠

### GLUTEN INTOLERANT?

The Parish now provides an option for receiving Holy Communion for anyone suffering from gluten intolerance or celiac disease. We have obtained special altar breads that are fully certified for use at Mass by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and laboratory tested to contain only .001% gluten. Please see the Pastor or the Sacristan before Mass about receiving Communion using one of these special hosts.



Altar Flowers are a special opportunity for remembering a departed loved one or offering thanksgiving for a blessing or family event. A floral arrangement placed in front of the altar for the Sunday Liturgy can be purchased for an offering of \$85, with an accompanying announcement in the weekly bulletin. Availability is limited according to the Liturgical Calendar. Offerings can be reserved on a first-come basis by contacting the Parish Office at 382-8324.



### SANCTUARY CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested offering is \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office 382-8324.

### PARISH POLICY ON GROUPS SEEKING SUPPORT

After consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, and taking into account the many groups that desire the community's support, it has been decided that the following policy be put into place:

- 1. Only Parish groups will be allowed to solicit support for their projects in our churches. This includes groups from within the Parish itself or groups which are based within our Parish.
- 2. Groups from outside the Parish community will be allowed to solicit support from the community *only by rare exception* and with the express consent of the Pastor and Parish Council.
- 3. No group of any kind will be allowed to solicit until the conclusion of the Liturgy. Publicity and other materials may be displayed in the entrances of the Church, but no actual solicitation may occur until after Mass has ended.
- 4. No more than one (1) Parish group may seek the support of the community at one time. This means that there are not to be multiple support efforts on the same weekend.

The Pastor will be the sole arbitrator of scheduling for Parish groups seeking community support. Parish groups should contact the Parish Office to determine availability for scheduling any support event. Thank you for your continuing support for the mission of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish.

### PLEASE HELP US!

**As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you – or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave. Our Ushers are wonderful and diligent, but they should not have to face a Foxboro aftermath as each Mass ends! Thanks for being attentive and respectful!**

**F. Albert.**

### ST. LUKE'S WEBSITE!

<http://stlukenh.org>

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A Parish Pastoral Council is primarily charged to assist in the development of mission-focused Parishes rather than programmatic or finance-driven ones. Pastoral Councils attempt to place at the heart of the Parish a consciousness of a zeal for the mission of Jesus Christ. When there is a clear awareness of this "larger vision" proposed by the Gospel and taught by the Church, a Parish finds itself energized by a sense of mission and directed to matters that foster the mission of the Parish, grounded in the mission of Christ (Diocese of Manchester, *Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils*, 2002). Our Parish Pastoral Council provides invaluable advice to the Pastor and Staff of the Parish through consultation, dialogue and ongoing learning. Our Council generally meets on a monthly basis to discuss Parish life and issues and to assess our ongoing mission as a Catholic community. The members of the Parish Council can be accessed through the Parish Office, or by email at [parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net).

Robert Harb, Chairperson  
Cathy Smith  
Mark Hammond  
Mary Massi  
Lisa Collibee  
Courtney Collibee  
Elaine Kindler  
Jack Brotz  
Jeffrey Lozeau  
Janice Bettencourt  
Fr. Albert Tremblay, obl. SB



# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

October 6, 2019

## Kindling the Faith

By Mary Katharine Deeley

I have a little jar of mustard seeds on the bookcase in my office. They were given to me as a going-away present by a priest I knew, a little reminder to keep the faith. Every time I hear the Gospel about the mustard seed, I am reminded of him. He was a mentor and friend, one of the many people who have inspired my faith from young adulthood until now. He is also the example of what I hope to be for the students I teach. The faith that we explore is a rich inheritance, indeed, and I can only hope to influence my students as much as he influenced me.

Being a faith-filled person isn't for cowards. As Paul tells Timothy, God gave us gifts of power and love to be able to stand against evil and to love those who seem unlovable. God called us to a holy life, which means that we occasionally have to turn away from what the world has to offer and embrace a different way of living. Christ's disciples are called to help make the world holy through word and example, by inviting others to know Christ and acting in such a way that knowing Christ seems the only possible response. Finally, God gave us the Holy Spirit, who makes it possible for us to live lives that are worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

"Stir into flame the gift of God," Paul exhorts (2 Timothy 1:6). Fire is the perfect metaphor. It lights our way and gives us warmth. It also purifies us for the work ahead. Who inspired you in your faith? How will you become a better disciple today because of them? +

## Sunday Readings

### Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, O LORD, must I cry for help and you do not listen?

### 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord...but bear your share of hardship for the gospel.

### Luke 17:5-10

[Jesus said,] "Is [the master] grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you."

## A Word from Pope Francis

Perhaps you will be challenged by [our immigrants'] diversity. But know that they also possess resources meant to be shared. So do not be afraid to welcome them. Offer them the warmth of the love of Christ....I am certain that, as so often in the past, these people will enrich America and its Church.

—Meeting with  
United States  
bishops,  
September  
23, 2015



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- Have you thanked those who have mentored you in your faith?
- Are you ever embarrassed to express your Christian beliefs? Why?

# Who, Me? Evangelize?

By Kathy Coffey

Nick is paralyzed, and I desperately want to help him get better. But how? I've heard rumors of a healer. He is powerful but surrounded by crowds. I talk with three other friends. How could we even get close?

I start to see that what Nick needs isn't the strongest stretcher-bearer, but one who understands his sickness. We check the house where the healer is staying. I notice an opening in the roof. What if...?

Readers of Mark 2:1–12 or Luke 5:18–26 know how the story ends. The four friends who lower the paralytic through the roof into Jesus' astonished face may have chosen an unconventional route, but they bring their friend to Jesus. He responds generously, "When Jesus saw their faith," he cured their friend and forgave his sins (Mark 2:5).

We're like Nick's friend because we also ask: Who, me? We may also reach the same insight: I don't need all the answers. I simply need to share the struggle. An ordinary act of kindness might bring someone to Jesus. And that's my goal.

## The Mission

Saint Paul VI declared: "The task of evangelizing all people constitutes the



essential mission of the Church.... Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize" (On Evangelization in the Modern World [*Evangelii Nuntiandi*], 14).

There's no doubt about the importance of this mission. The Church

doesn't exist for the sake of pastoral councils, schools, choirs, publications, hospitals, or religious orders—wonderful as those may be. We exist to bring the good news to those hungering for a positive message with eternal consequences.

## The Model

How does that call affect us personally? Most of us aren't going to ring doorbells, trying to persuade unwilling listeners that we have a corner on the truth. Instead, we follow the model of Jesus, who amazed his listeners by "the gracious words that came from his mouth" (Luke 4:22). Clearly, he wasn't judging or hammering away at a point. The "job description" of Christians isn't to be dour, cantankerous, or punitive, but to be a people who "announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9).

We do that primarily by example of

how we live: with confidence, reverence, and compassion. Are we convinced that we have good news to share? Or are we focused on our troubles, fears, and negativity? For the ordinary person, what form might evangelization take?

## A Personal Niche

Some are called to foreign missions but most respond to the call at home. Dire conditions in Africa can seem more appealing at times than dealing with a stubborn toddler, patiently helping a needy friend, or caring for an elderly parent. But the Second Vatican Council called laypeople to do their work well in the world—whether as parents, plumbers, attorneys, or farmers.

Opportunities arise naturally; we don't need to look far. It may mean sending a birthday card, eating a meal with a lonely friend, driving the children's carpool yet again, remembering and celebrating others' milestones, attending a funeral, visiting a hospital or retirement center, or volunteering through your parish.

To be effective, we match our talents to others' needs. The days are past when people did work they weren't suited for or a ministry they loathed "for the glory of God." It's far better to honor and use the gifts God gave us! +

## PRAYER

*Lord, I am grateful for your gentle voice of love. Help me to speak with love and peace everywhere I go.*

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

## WEEKDAY READINGS

October 7–12

**Monday**, Our Lady of the Rosary:  
Jon 1:1—2:1–2, 11 / Lk 10:25–37

**Tuesday**, Weekday:  
Jon 3:1–10 / Lk 10:38–42

**Wednesday**, Weekday:  
Jon 4:1–11 / Lk 11:1–4

**Thursday**, Weekday:  
Mal 3:13–20b / Lk 11:5–13

**Friday**, Weekday:  
Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2 / Lk 11:15–26

**Saturday**, Weekday:  
Jl 4:12–21 / Lk 11:27–28

Bringing Home  
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