



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

**Sunday, November 3, 2019
Thirty-First Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM
8:00 AM**

Gathering: Come, Christians, Join To Sing BB 548
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63)

*I will lift up my eyes at the name of the
one who knows me well.*

Preparation I Have Loved You BB 603
Mass Parts Mass of Creation
Communion Gift Of Finest Wheat BB 323
Christ Be Our Light BB 596
Recessional: Lift High The Cross BB 712

10:00 AM

Gathering: All Are Welcome BB 414
Dismissal Rite: You Have Called Us BB 646
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

*I will praise your name, my King and my
God. (2x)*

Preparation We Are The Light Of The World BB 597
Eye Has Not Seen BB 461
Mass Parts Mass of Creation
Communion Christ Be Our Light BB 596
All My Days BB 585
Recessional: For You Are My God BB 429



St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/ or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaistow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners & friends to do the same.

✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Our Parish needs to take in \$7,000.00 each week in order to make ends meet. Thank you for your generosity to our parish! Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. We depend upon your support!

October 20, 2019

Offertory \$6,805.10
World Mission Sunday \$1,544.25

October 27, 2019

Offertory \$6,026.90
Archdiocese/Military Service \$1,632.25

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

November 3, 2019 Property Management
November 10, 2019 Cath Campaign/Human Dev

**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

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, November 11, 2019** in observance of the Veterans Day holiday. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 12. Our usual office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:30 PM. The Parish Office is closed on Fridays.



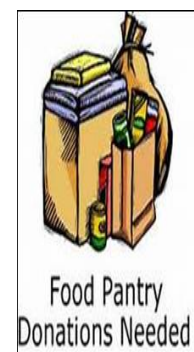
ST. LUKE'S WEBSITE! <http://stlukenh.org>

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 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**.

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD



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

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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ **WEEKLY CALENDAR** ✠

Sunday, November 3

11:00 AM Religious Ed – PreK to 8 *Plaistow*
 11:00 AM RCIA *Plaistow*
 11:00 AM Baptism Catechesis *Plaistow*
 11:00 AM Parent/Student Meeting (Gr. 2) For Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Monday, November 4

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus *Plaistow*

Wednesday, November 6
**HOLY ANGELS CHURCH OPEN
 ALL DAY FOR PRAYER**

Thursday, November 7

8:30 AM Adoration Begins *Newton*
 9:00 AM Intercessory Prayer *Plaistow*
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*
 8:30 PM Adoration Ends *Newton*

Saturday, November 9

9:00 AM Christmas Craft Fair *Plaistow*
 3:00 PM NO Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, November 10

10:00 AM NO Religious Ed – PreK to 8 *Plaistow*
 11:00 AM RCIA *Plaistow*

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✠

Saturday, November 2 ~ Vigil / 31st Sunday in Ord. Time

Wis 11:22—12:2; 2 Thes 1:11—2:2; Lk 19:1-10
 4:00 PM All Deceased Parishioners
Plaistow

Sunday, November 3 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 11:22—12:2; 2 Thes 1:11—2:2; Lk 19:1-10

8:00 AM Walter Halko (10th Anniversary) by Janice Bettencourt
Newton
 10:00 AM Deceased Family Members of Charles and Mary Jesionowski by their daughter, Sonia Tatarka
Plaistow

Monday, November 4 ~ Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
 8:00 AM Carol Bettencourt by Elaine Bettencourt and family
Newton

Tuesday, November 5 ~ Weekday

Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24
 8:00 AM The Intentions of Edward Duhamel
Plaistow

Wednesday, November 6 ~ Weekday

Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
 6:30 PM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Thursday, November 7 ~ Weekday

Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
 8:00 PM William Bettencourt by Janice Bettencourt
Newton

Friday, November 8 ~ Weekday

Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
 No Mass

Saturday, November 9 ~ Dedication of Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22 (Day)
2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16—3:5; Lk 20:27-38 (Vigil)
 4:00 PM John L. Duhamel by Edward Duhamel
Plaistow

Sunday, November 10 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16—3:5; Lk 20:27-38
 8:00 AM Tillie Massaro by the Stanley family
Newton
 10:00 AM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

**St. Vincent
 de Paul
 Society**



Thanks, everyone, for participating in our Bake Sale recently. Your purchases (and donations!) helped a young mother with rent and an outstanding utility bill. And the Walk for the Poor was a great success. Thanks for walking or donating!

Don't forget to "Drop Your Dollar" the next time you're at Mass. It may not seem like much to you, but to those we help, it makes a huge difference in their lives.

Keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we head into the colder months and food and fuel may become an issue with neighbors and friends.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 PM**. We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

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

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

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.

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠



The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week for **The Intentions Of The Daniels 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, November 3, 2019** in the Parish Office living room. All parents planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism are welcome. Families wishing to celebrate Baptism in the Church must be registered (according to Church Canon Law) and practicing (attending Sunday Mass) for 3 full months before a Baptism can be scheduled. The use of the envelope system is always optional; however, it does guarantee a manner of accountability. For most families, the Pastor or staff can easily verify attendance during these three months. Church Canon Law also regulates baptismal sponsors (godparents). Sponsors must be at least 16, fully initiated (having received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), and be practicing Catholics living Christian lives consistent with the Church's teaching. Please see Fr. Albert with questions.

ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, AND ALTAR SERVERS!

Scheduling for November 30/December 1, 2019 through February 23, 2020

Please contact Jeanne at **382-4760** or jmsul@myfairpoint.net by **November 11** and let her know if there are weekends when you will not be available to serve, or at which you want to serve. In your emails or phone calls, please include the Mass at which you serve and your ministry. **Even though all Masses from Christmas Eve through January 1 will be scheduled via a sign-up board at Church**, it would help Jeanne if you would let her know at which Masses during that time you would like to serve or for which you would not be available (just in case phone calls need to be made after the sign-ups). **Christmas Masses this year will be on December 24 at 4:00 PM in Plaistow and 6:30 PM in Newton, and on December 25 at 9:00 AM in Newton.** The Masses for the Octave, Mary, Mother of God, will be on **December 31 at 4:00 PM in Plaistow and January 1 at 9:00 AM in Newton.** Your help is greatly appreciated. God bless you all for the wonderful work you do for St. Luke's.

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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Youth Ministry	youth@stluketheevangelist.net
Parish Council	parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

SJRCS OPEN HOUSE

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School invites you to their Open House & Alumni Welcome on **Sunday, November 3, 2019 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM**. There will be tours, classroom visits, student demonstrations, and refreshments. The school will also celebrate its 60th anniversary with a display of school history. Prospective families, parishioners, former St. Joe's families, and staff are welcome. Questions? Contact info@sjrcs.com or 603-893-6811 x 19.

HELP WANTED – ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Volunteers are invited to help do some rearranging and decorating on **Sunday, November 24 following the 8:00 AM Liturgy in Newton and the 10:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow**. Our tasks include Advent decorating, pew missalette change-overs and some light clean up of the churches in preparation for the Advent season. All are welcome to lend a hand – our work usually lasts just over an hour if we have all the help we can muster! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

MEN'S RETREAT

**35th Annual Vita Nova Men's Retreat 2020
January 3-5, 2020**

The 35th Annual Vita Nova Men's Retreat, led by Fr. Jeff Pavaglio, will be held at the Barbara C. Harris Center in Greenfield, NH on the weekend of **January 3-5, 2020**. Register at www.vitanova.org.

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.amazonmile.com. For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

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.

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 382-8324.

CASH RAFFLE TICKETS

The Cash Raffle needs lots and lots and lots of tickets sold to parishioners and especially to people outside the parish. If we sell all of our tickets, we'll raise **\$4,500** for St. Luke's!!! If you have questions, or would like to help at our Christmas Craft Fair, please send a message to stlukenhfair@gmail.com or leave a message for Julie Lamere at the Parish Office: 603-382-8324. Thank you!

**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



**EAT, DRINK &
RAISE MONEY!**

COME SUPPORT A DOUGH RAISER TO BENEFIT

**St. Luke the Evangelist
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DATE:

Sunday, November 10, 2019

VALID AT:

**30 Cushing Ave.
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✠ AROUND THE PARISH & DIOCESE ✠



MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH Did you know that **ALL Catholics** are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert at the parish office for more information.

STAY INFORMED WITH FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP NEWS

The Diocese of Manchester wants to inform Catholics about important public policy matters facing our elected officials. Faithful Citizenship News provides briefs on legislation as well as information about Catholic social teaching on some of today's pressing issues. To read the current issue of Faithful Citizenship News and to subscribe, visit www.catholicnh.org/fcnews.



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 (*increase is due to change in size of arrangement and deliver charge*), 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.



HOW TO MAKE A REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Child sexual abuse is a crime in the State of New Hampshire and the Church. New Hampshire law requires that anyone who has reason to suspect that a child is being or has been abused or neglected must make a report to the Division for Children, Youth & Families ("DCYF") of the State of New Hampshire, 1-800-894-5533. Any person who suspects or alleges child abuse on the part of a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of a parish, school, or institution of the diocese of Manchester is also encouraged to make a report to the Office for Ministerial Conduct, 603-669-3100. Church personnel – clergy, paid employees, and volunteers – have additional reporting requirements if they believe that Church personnel have sexually abused a child. You can learn more about these reporting requirements on the diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org or by speaking with our Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Cathy Smith at 382-8324.

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.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on each other by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in New England. For more information, call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-9963 or visit www.wwme.org.

NH COUPLE ENRICHMENT CIRCLE

Have you attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend? If your answer is yes, you are invited to participate in the NH Couple Enrichment Circle to continue to strengthen your marriage relationship. For more information, contact David and Karen Demers at 617-480-9989 or ddemers@aviconpartners.com.

RETRouvaille...A Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups.





Time to get baking for the Christmas Fair!

Try out some of these recipes!

Thanks for your support!

BEST M & M COOKIES EVER!

1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup packed dark brown sugar
2/3 cup shortening
2/3 cup unsalted butter softened
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

2 eggs
2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon coarse sea salt or kosher salt
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups plain M & M candies

Heat oven to 350 F and adjust baking rack to middle position. Line 2/3 large baking sheets with parchment paper. In the bowl of an electric mixer, add granulated sugar and brown sugar. Turn mixer to low and mix just to combine. Add shortening and softened butter, turn mixer to medium and beat 3 minutes or until lighter in color and smooth. Add vanilla and beat on medium 30 seconds. Add eggs one-at-a-time, mixing just until incorporated after each addition. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, and coarse salt and kosher salt. Add flour mixture to the sugar/butter mixture and turn mixer to low speed. Mix just until flour mixture is incorporated. Fold in 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup M&M candies. If time allows, cover, refrigerate and let the dough rest 1-24 hours. If time doesn't allow, the cookies can be baked immediately and are still terrific without the rest time. Drop the dough, using a 2" scoop (about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons), onto the baking sheets about 2-inches apart (12 cookies to a baking sheet). Press 3-4 additional M&M's into each cookie. Bake cookies at 350°F for 9 minutes or just until the edges of the cookies start to set and are a little firmer to the touch. Place baking sheets with cookies on a cooling rack for 2 minutes, then transfer cookies directly to the cooling rack.

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup unsalted butter softened
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup creamy peanut butter
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dark brown sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup granulated sugar
1 egg lightly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups all-purpose flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking soda
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon table salt

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon coarse sea salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 cup peanut butter chips
optional
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup powdered sugar
confectioner's sugar, for
topping



Preheat oven to 350°F and line 2 large baking sheets with parchment paper. (If not using parchment, do NOT grease the baking sheets.) In the bowl of an electric mixer, add butter and peanut butter. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes until completely incorporated. Add the brown and granulated sugars and beat an additional 2-3 minutes or until smooth,

creamy and paler in color. Add the egg and vanilla and beat another 1 minute. In another large mixing bowl, whisk together flour, ½ teaspoon baking soda, table salt, sea salt and cinnamon. Add the flour mixture to the butter mixture and turn the mixer to low speed. Mix until the flour is almost incorporated. There should be just a little flour visible. Remove the mixing bowl from the mixer and add the peanut butter chips, if using. Stir the dough gently just until all flour is incorporated. Use an 1.5" scoop to scoop balls onto the baking sheet 2-inches apart. (If you don't have a cookie scoop – use about 1½ tablespoons of dough per cookie and roll the dough into balls.) Lightly sprinkle the cookies with powdered sugar. To put fork marks into the cookies, gently press the fork onto the cookie dough – being sure to crisscross the fork to get that traditional “peanut butter cookie” appearance. Bake 9-10 minutes at 350°F or until the edges of the cookies are set. Transfer the cookies to a cooling rack.

SINFULLY EASY COOKIES

1 cup softened butter
1 cup white sugar
1 cup packed brown sugar
2 eggs
1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract
3 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons cream of tartar
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup chopped walnuts

In a medium bowl, cream the butter with the white sugar and brown sugar. Stir in the eggs and vanilla. Sift together the flour, baking soda, cream of tartar, cinnamon and salt; stir into the creamed mixture. Finally, mix in the nuts. Divide dough into 3 equal parts, shape each piece into a log about 1 ½ inches in diameter. Wrap logs in wax paper and chill for 3 hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Cut dough logs into ¼ inch slices and place them on an unprepared cookie sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until light brown.

NUTELLA COOKIES

1 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons white sugar
2 eggs
1/4 cup Nutella

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Mix flour and sugar together in a bowl; add eggs and mix until incorporated. Stir Nutella into flour mixture until dough is smooth. Roll dough into 2-inch balls and lightly press onto a baking sheet. Bake in the preheated oven until edges of cookies are starting to harden, 20 to 25 minutes.

COCONUT MACAROONS

1 cup flaked coconut
½ cup white sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 egg, beaten
1 pinch salt
2 (1 ounce) squares semisweet chocolate, melted

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets and lightly dust with cornstarch. In a medium bowl, stir together the coconut, sugar and cornstarch. Add the egg and salt, mix until well blended. Drop by rounded spoonfuls onto the prepared cookie sheet. Bake for 13 to 15 minutes in the preheated oven, until golden brown. When cool, drizzle with melted chocolate.





Maybe

it's time

To re-connect with your Church

To re-new yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit who guides us in Love and Truth.

If you are a baptized Catholic, have received your First Communion, but decided against Confirmation as a teen, maybe **NOW IS THE TIME** for you to re-consider **Confirmation**.

- ✓ Maybe you weren't ready when you were sixteen years old.
- ✓ Maybe you didn't want to be pressured into it by your family and peers.
- ✓ Maybe you weren't sure that Catholic is who you wanted to be.
- ✓ Maybe you were just beginning to doubt that what you were taught as a child -- about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary, the Eucharist, the saints, eternal life -- was all too good to be true.
- ✓ Maybe you were overwhelmed with school commitments, personal disappointments, and feeling that God really didn't care if you were Catholic anyway.

Sessions begin
soon!

God *does* care about you. *For some reason*, God chose you to be born into a family that would bring you to the Catholic Church for Baptism.

So maybe -- just maybe -- now...it's time....to make your own choice.

Confirmation.

If you are 18 or over and were never Confirmed, contact the Parish Office. With little time and reflection, practicing Catholics can be prepared to celebrate the gift of the Spirit in their lives.

Maybe it's your time.

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The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospels: Luke 19:1-10

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus enters the life and home of Zacchaeus. Although Zacchaeus' neighbors see him as an outsider, Jesus knows him to be a human being deserving of love and dignity. Zacchaeus' story reminds us that all people are worthy of God's love. We imitate Jesus by opening up our lives to people in the community, and the wider world, who may be hungry or feel isolated.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child has learned about one of Jesus' friends, named Zacchaeus. Friends are very important to children, and this week's lesson is all about friendship. Friends are people who like being with us and who enjoy sharing with us. Ask your child to tell you the story of Zacchaeus in his or her own words. Talk about family friends and how important they are to you. Look together at the meal table activity your child has made and discuss how friends share meals together.

Promise (Grades K–1): This week, your child shared experiences of friendship in class and learned that Jesus wants to be friends with all people. Ask your child to use the picture page to tell you the story of Zacchaeus. Because your child prayed the Our Father in class this week, be sure to say that prayer together at least once a day.

Good News (Grades 2–3): The story of Zacchaeus helped your child recognize the value of friendship. Talk about how Zacchaeus felt when Jesus invited himself to the tax collector's house for dinner. Ask your child to show you the Mass booklet the class put together. Talk about the two parts of the Mass—the Liturgy

of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Share how your family can show friendship to others.

Venture (Grades 4–6): Your child has learned that Jesus invites all people to his table. Ask your child to share some of his or her favorite meal stories from the Gospel of Luke with your family. Have your child recount some of the things they learned about homelessness from the interview they read in class. Review the story of Zacchaeus and discuss how your family can grow to be more like Jesus. Ask your child why Saint Martin de Porres is so important to the people of Peru.

Visions (Grades 7–8): This week's lesson uses the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus to explain the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The moments in their meeting are parallel to the four steps in the Sacrament—invitation, confession, satisfaction, and forgiveness, or absolution. Share how important the Sacrament of Reconciliation is for your family. Talk about ways you can make frequent Confession part of your family's religious routine. Take a moment to ask forgiveness from one another, too.

Pray Together

This Sunday falls right after the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. As a family, take a few moments to talk about your favorite saints and loved ones in Heaven. Then thank God for the witness of these saints and loved ones. You can make your own Litany of the Saints by having each family member in turn say the name of a saint and all can answer: "Pray for us!"



Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
November 3, 2019

Hurry to See Jesus

By Mary Katharine Deeley

I'm the shortest one in nearly every picture in which I appear. It's not that I'm that short (about three inches below average), but I am surrounded by taller people. Consequently, Zacchaeus has always been a particular favorite of mine. I certainly would have tried to get higher to see Jesus, too. Maybe Zacchaeus and I would have shared a branch.

But Zacchaeus inspires me for another reason. When Jesus, whom Zacchaeus knew only by reputation, called to him, his response was immediate. He came down to stand in front of Jesus. In their

society, tax collectors were considered traitors and ostracized by all. In the process of working for the Romans, Zacchaeus strengthened Caesar's influence and likely charged more than he should have to support a wealthy lifestyle when most Jews lived in poverty.

Seeing Zacchaeus in the tree, Jesus seized the opportunity to bring conversion to a sinner. Instead of judgment or bitterness from a stranger, Jesus offered him words of welcome. Zacchaeus heard the invitation (literal and spiritual) in Jesus' statement—"I must stay at your house"—and "received him with joy" (Luke 1:5-6).

When Jesus enters our house, we find the strength to turn from sin. The effect of Jesus' presence on Zacchaeus was immediate. As they stood together, he turned from his sin and promised to care for the poor and make restitution for anything he stole. Let us hurry to receive Jesus into our hearts and turn away from our sin as well. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

The politics of nonviolence have to begin in the home and then spread to the entire human family. "Saint Thérèse of Lisieux invites us to practice the little way of love, not to miss out on a kind word, a smile, or any small gesture which sows peace and friendship."

—Fiftieth World Day of Peace,
January 1, 2017



Sunday Readings

Wisdom 11:22—12:2

For you love all things that are / and loathe nothing that you have made; / for you would not fashion what you hate.

2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling.

Luke 19:1-10

[Jesus said to Zacchaeus,] "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Am I listening for Jesus' invitation into my heart and home?
- How can my family and I make our home a more welcoming place for Jesus?

Love Is Our Truest Vocation

By Fr. Thomas Richstatter, OFM

Being Catholic is not something that happens to us overnight. It takes work and practice—a lot more than just an hour a week in church. It's really the task of a lifetime.

What makes one a Catholic? In one sense, one becomes Catholic by receiving the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist—just as a person becomes married by celebrating the sacrament of matrimony. But as any married person will tell you, the wedding itself doesn't make a marriage. To really become what one promised in the wedding vows takes time and hard work.

Similarly, one doesn't take on Catholic identity merely by receiving the sacraments. Like marriage, Catholic identity requires time and effort. Catholic identity, like marriage, is about love. And love is an art.

Years ago in music school, I would spend hour after hour at the piano learning two pieces required for the end-of-semester recital. After weeks of practice I could play those pieces rather well. But just because I could play two songs didn't mean I was an artist. A real artist isn't limited to a couple of pieces. Artists can play all the pieces.

Similarly, to be good at the art of



Catholic loving you have to be able to love all the pieces. You have to love everyone—even as God loves everyone and invites people of every race, language, and way of life to the great nuptial banquet of the kingdom.

What It's All About?

Love everybody? While this may seem impossible,

it is at the heart of Catholic identity. Our Catholic vocation is essentially a call to be lovers, just as Jesus was. Following Jesus doesn't mean we have to become carpenters, fishermen, or preachers. Following Jesus means we have to become great lovers.

Jesus was an artist at loving. He could play all the pieces. He loved rich and poor people, saints and sinners. As a sign of that universal love, he opened his arms on the cross and shed his covenant blood for all.

Clearly we don't arrive at this Catholic, all-embracing level of artistry overnight. When learning to play the piano, one starts with easy pieces and gradually works up to the harder ones. The same is true with the art of loving: We start with the easier pieces (loving our parents, children, friends, neighbors) and slowly work up to the harder pieces—the people who are not like us.

From Feelings to Action

And this loving goes deeper than surface niceties. The loving that lies at the core of Catholic identity leads to concrete acts: embracing the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the prisoner. It requires working for peace. It involves concern for the earth. It demands justice for the poor.

And because the objects of our loving are human, limited, and sinful, our loving will most certainly entail forgiveness—both forgiving and being forgiven. We who follow Jesus are called to announce the kingdom of God by being ambassadors of reconciliation and instruments of peace.

The Eucharist is the marvelous sign of Catholic identity. The Eucharist takes us into the body of Christ. It fills us with the spirit of Christ so we can truly become Catholic, all-embracing lovers. Love is our vocation. Love is the heart of our Catholic identity. +



*Lord, I am grateful for your
tenderness and mercy.
Help me to change my heart and
show your love and compassion
to all people.*

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 4–9

Monday, St. Charles Borromeo:

Rom 11:29–36 / Lk 14:12–14

Tuesday, Weekday:

Rom 12:5–16b / Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday, Weekday:

Rom 13:8–10 / Lk 14:25–33

Thursday, Weekday:


Rom 14:7–12 / Lk 15:1–10

Friday, Weekday:

Rom 15:14–21 / Lk 16:1–8

Saturday, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
in Rome: Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12 /

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17 / Jn 2:13–22

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