



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

**Sunday, November 10, 2019
Thirty-Second Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

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

Gathering: Gather Us In BB 303

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63)

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

Preparation We Will Rise Again BB 439

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Take And Eat BB 360

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 145)

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

Preparation Because The Lord Is My Shepherd
BB 465

Seek Ye First BB 435

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion On Eagles Wings BB 436
We Will Rise Again BB 439

Recessional: City Of God BB 385



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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!

November 1, 2019

All Saints Day \$1,053.00

November 3, 2019

Offertory \$6,924.46
Property Management \$1,728.02

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 10, 2019 Cath Campaign/Human Dev
November 17, 2019 Fuel

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



**Suggested Weekly Contribution
Based on Income**

| Annual Income | 5% Commitment annually/ weekly | 3% Commitment annually/ weekly |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$100,000 | \$5,000/ \$100 | \$3,000/ \$60 |
| \$75,000 | \$3,750/ \$75 | \$2,250/ \$45 |
| \$60,000 | \$3,000/ \$60 | \$1,800/ \$36 |
| \$50,000 | \$2,500/ \$50 | \$1,500/ \$30 |
| \$40,000 | \$2,000/ \$40 | \$1,200/ \$24 |
| \$30,000 | \$1,500/ \$30 | \$900/ \$18 |
| \$25,000 | \$1,250/ \$25 | \$750/ \$15 |
| \$15,000 | \$750/ \$15 | \$450/ \$9 |

**Suggested Weekly Contribution
Based on a Percentage Increase**

| Your Current Offertory Contribution | 25% Increase | 30% Increase | 40% Increase |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| \$75.00 | \$93.75 | \$97.50 | \$105.00 |
| \$50.00 | \$62.50 | \$65.00 | \$70.00 |
| \$40.00 | \$50.00 | \$52.00 | \$56.00 |
| \$35.00 | \$43.75 | \$45.50 | \$49.00 |
| \$30.00 | \$37.50 | \$39.00 | \$42.00 |
| \$25.00 | \$31.25 | \$32.50 | \$35.00 |
| \$20.00 | \$25.00 | \$26.00 | \$28.00 |
| \$15.00 | \$18.75 | \$19.50 | \$21.00 |
| \$10.00 | \$12.50 | \$13.00 | \$14.00 |
| \$5.00 | \$6.25 | \$6.50 | \$7.00 |

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠

PAINT THE TOWN!

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.

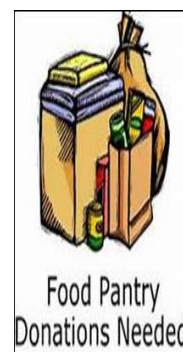
THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD



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.

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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

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

Monday, November 11
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, November 13
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH OPEN
ALL DAY FOR PRAYER

Thursday, November 14
8:30 AM Adoration Begins *Newton*
9:00 AM Intercessory Prayer *Plaistow*
8:30 PM Adoration Ends *Newton*

Saturday, November 16
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, November 17
10:00 AM Religious Ed – PreK to 8 *Plaistow*
11:00 AM RCIA *Plaistow*
12:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting *Plaistow*

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, November 9 ~ Vigil / 32nd Sunday in Ord. Time
2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16—3:5; Lk 20:27-38
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

Monday, November 11 ~ Martin of Tours, Bishop
Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6
8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Tuesday, November 12 ~ Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Wis 2:23—3:9; Lk 17:7-10
8:00 AM John, Sr. and Mary Duhamel
 by Edward Duhamel
Plaistow

Wednesday, November 13 ~ Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19
6:30 PM Frank Tatarka by his wife, Sonia Tatarka
Plaistow

Thursday, November 14 ~ Weekday
Wis 7:22b—8:1; Lk 17:20-25
8:00 PM In Thanksgiving for Blessing Received
Newton

Friday, November 15 ~ Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
No Mass

Saturday, November 16 ~ Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, Virgin
Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8 (Day)
Mal 3:19-20a; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Geraldine and Dennis Miele by their family
Plaistow

Sunday, November 17 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mal 3:19-20a; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19
8:00 AM Laurie Irvine Stevens by Meg Thurnquist
Newton
10:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Michael the Archangel
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 ✠

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 Paveglio, 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.

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, December 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.

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 ✠

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| 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 ✠

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.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

With the holiday season upon us, we also have several early bulletin deadlines:

Deadline for the December 1 bulletin is **Monday, November 18 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 22 bulletin is **Monday, December 9 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 29 bulletin is **Monday, December 16 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the January 5 bulletin is **Monday, December 16 at 12:00 Noon.**



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Carol Ann Radford

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. 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.



GIVING TREES

Giving Trees will be located in the back of both churches on the weekend of **December 1.** Please take an ornament, buy the item(s) listed, and return it - **with the ornament attached** - to the church or the parish office **no later than December 14-15** (the Third Sunday of Advent).

Volunteers are welcome to help sort the gifts and distribute them. If you can help, please contact Marie at the Food Pantry by calling 603-819-4949 (leave a message) or email her at mfarren88@hotmail.com. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need!

HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or someone you know is in the hospital and wants to receive a visit, please contact the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. If you or someone you know faces a hospital admission, make sure they know to inform the hospital that they are Catholic and are members of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish. If a person cannot make this information known at the time of admission, a family member may be able to make that information known to the hospital staff.

**THANK YOU FROM
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights would like to thank all of the parishioners who supported our Italian Festival on Saturday October 19th in our Parish Center to benefit the Hurricane Dorian survivors in the Bahamas. We had a great turnout and the meal with the homemade sauce and meatballs from Chef Rudi were awesome. Everyone had a great time and people were very generous on the Raffles and the Silent Auction.

The Knights also want to thank the Tupelo Music Hall in Derry for their donation of 4 tickets to see Jonathan Edwards.

As a result of the Italian Festival, the Knights are donating \$2,000 to the relief efforts in the Bahamas. The Knights worldwide have donated over a \$1 million dollars to the relief efforts in the Bahamas.

If you would like more information on the Knights or our St Jude Council here at St Luke's, please contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803 or dans49@comcast.net.



**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:

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The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

The Sadducees in Sunday's Gospel challenge Jesus to take a stand on resurrection, a notion they did not accept. They cited a law that required a man to marry his brother's widow in order to preserve the brother's name. The law assumed a physical notion of living on through one's children. Jesus argues, "God is God of the living." He quotes God's words to Moses, "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" (Exodus 3:15) to emphasize that these people are alive to God. God is God of all who have lived as well as all people living now. The lesson here is to trust the future to the God who has given all life and who raised Jesus from the dead.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child learned that God made everything and loves everything. Ask your child what signs show that God cares for the whole world. Talk about how your whole family can take care of things and of people. Your child created a visual reminder of God's love for your family to enjoy. Display it in a prominent place in your home.

Promise (Grades K-1): This week your child recognized that all God's creatures have homes and that God has a special home for us in Heaven. Ask your child to teach you the rules to the "How do I Get to Heaven?" game the class played. Spend a few minutes playing the game together and talk about other actions that might show us the way to Heaven. Share stories about any people who have died and gone to Heaven. Display the last page of the lesson booklet where you will see it every day.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child learned to appreciate God's gift of life. Ask your child to share the story that told what Heaven is like. This week's lesson gives you an opportunity to talk about people who have died. Share ways your family can show its appreciation for the gift of life. Your child also learned about the First, Second, and Third Commandments. Ask your child to recite those Commandments for the rest of the family.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Your child has learned about how belief in the resurrection of the dead grew in Jewish tradition. Talk about resurrection and what it means to you. Share with your family your own faith in resurrection. The class played a game that helped them understand that we all are on a lifelong Christian journey. Share some of the ways your family is aware of the importance of that journey.

Visions (Grades 7-8): This week the Gospel highlights the resurrection of the dead. Jesus was challenged about life after death, and he proclaimed that God was the God of the living—those now on Earth and those who have experienced death and are now alive in God. Talk with the family about death and about resurrection. Remind one another that Jesus promised life everlasting.

Pray Together

When your conversation is over, pray for those people you know who have died and who are now experience life everlasting. Honor their memory by praying the Our Father together.



Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

November 10, 2019

Imagining Life after Death

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul talks about life after death with the simple phrase, “we shall be changed” (15:51–52). In the Nicene Creed, we “look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.” This is the hope of our faith: even in death, our communion with God cannot be severed. But what will life after death be like?

That’s the question that the Sadducees had trouble answering. It’s important to know that the concept of resurrection was a fairly recent development in

Jesus’ time. The idea was disputed. The Sadducees did not believe in resurrection; the Pharisees did. The Sadducees were trying to trip Jesus up with their question about multiple marriages. They clung to the notion that life after death would be exactly like life on earth. Thus, the practical issues would present insurmountable problems. Jesus was not fooled. He tells them that when God raises us up, we will come fully into our identities as children of God.

God has revealed much about life after death since then. We know we will stand before God when we die and face his judgment and mercy. We know we will be able to turn our backs on God (hell) or turn toward him (heaven). We know that for many, purification (purgatory) will be part of that process. Afterward, our loving union with God will remain eternally. Perhaps that truth will inspire greater faith, hope, and witness here and now. +

Sunday Readings

2 Maccabees 7:1–2, 9–14

“You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to live again forever....”

2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5

But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.

Luke 20:27–38 or Luke 20:27, 34–38

[Jesus said,] “They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God.”

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and mercy.*

A Word from Pope Francis

The Eucharist demands that we be members of the one body of the Church. Those who approach the Body and Blood of Christ may not wound that same Body by creating scandalous distinctions and divisions among its members. This is what it means to “discern” the body of the Lord.

—On Love in the Family
(*Amoris Laetitia*),
March 19, 2016



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- How do I envision my day of judgment and eternity thereafter?
- How does that vision influence my attitudes and behavior here on earth today?

Our God Speaks to Us

By Fr. Thomas Richstatter, OFM

We Catholics believe in a God who speaks. Our God is not a silent, distant God but a God who wants us to know who he is and who we are and what life is all about. We believe in a God who freely chooses to reveal his mysterious plan to create us, love us, and take us to himself. We believe in the God who spoke to Abraham, who spoke to the patriarchs and prophets, and who spoke his definitive word in Jesus Christ.

And just what did God say? God didn't waste a lot of time talking about incidentals: "The earth is round." Or, "Today is Wednesday." God got right to the point and said, "I love you!" And we hear God's most emphatic "I love you" in the birth, life, preaching, healing, passion, death, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ.

This kind of revelation demands more than a yes of agreement to a proposed fact: "Yes, the earth is round." "Yes, today is Wednesday." The word of love that God speaks in the Bible demands more of us than "yes, that's true."

It calls for a total yes—a yes of commitment—the kind of yes that couples exchange in their wedding vows. "Margaret, do you take Joseph to be your husband?" "Yes, I do." Saying "yes, I do" to the proposal of love that God offers



us in Jesus Christ is what being Catholic is all about.

That is why the Bible is essential to Catholicism. How can we say yes to Jesus, how can we be a disciple of Jesus unless we know Jesus? And to know Jesus we must know the Scriptures, for as St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." The

Scriptures are not a list of propositions to be believed. They are an encounter with a person to be loved.

From Generation to Generation

God has not appeared to me as he did to Elijah. I was not there by the Sea of Galilee with Peter and Andrew, James and John, when Jesus walked by and said, "Follow me." I wasn't knocked to the ground in a blaze of light like St. Paul. I received the faith quietly, gradually. My parents (and teachers, neighbors, and friends) handed on the tradition they had received from their parents, spouses, teachers, and friends. And that generation handed on what they had received from the generation before them, all the way back to the apostles.

Those who knew Jesus and witnessed his death and resurrection were commissioned to preach and make disciples. Some disciples handed on the message orally and some, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote down their faith

experience. Catholics treasure God's self revelation in both its written and oral forms. Catholics cherish Scripture and Tradition. Both reveal the same divine mystery. When the Scriptures are proclaimed at Mass, we believe Christ is present. It is Christ who speaks to us.

Ongoing Conversation

I keep a file of my Sunday homilies in the hope that, three years from now when the same readings are used, I will be able to use the same homily over again. But it never works out that way. Each time the passages are proclaimed, God says something new. When I hear Jesus tell Peter and Andrew, "Come after me," the words imply something different—something more—for me now than they did when I was fifteen, or when I was twenty-five, or even when I was fifty.

God speaks to the Scriptures and in the Tradition handed down to us from the apostles. And if we respond to God's word with lives filled with God's Spirit and lived in imitation of Jesus, the definitive Word of the Father, we can be confident that the message will continue to be passed on—generation after generation—until all the ends of the earth hear God's great "I love you." +



Lord, I am grateful for the promise of eternal life. Help me to live as a child of the resurrection.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 11–16

Monday, St. Martin of Tours:
Wis 1:1–7 / Lk 17:1–6


Tuesday, St. Josaphat:
Wis 2:23–3:9 / Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini:
Wis 6:1–11 / Lk 17:11–19

Thursday, Weekday:
Wis 7:22b–8:1 / Lk 17:20–25

Friday, Weekday:
Wis 13:1–9 / Lk 17:26–37

Saturday, Weekday:
Wis 18:14–16; 19:6–9 / Lk 18:1–8

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