

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, January 12, 2020
The Baptism Of The Lord

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: Angels We Have Heard On High BB 98
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 98)

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God. (2x)

Preparation When Jesus Comes To Be Baptized BB 111

Mass Parts Mass of Christ the Savior

Communion I Received The Living God BB 325
O Little Town Of Bethlehem BB 92

Recessional: It Came Upon The Midnight Clear BB 76

10:00 AM

Gathering: Let The Valleys Be Raised BB 48

Dismissal Rite: You Have Called Us BB 636

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 98)

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God. (2x)

Preparation I Have Loved You BB 602
Christ Be Our Light BB 587

Mass Parts Mass of Joy and Peace

Communion All The Ends Of The Earth BB 550
Behold The Lamb BB 337

Recessional: River Of Glory BB 641



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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!

December 22, 2019

Offertory \$6,900.48

December 25, 2019

Christmas \$9,225.05

December 29, 2019

Offertory \$5,828.38

January 1, 2019

Mary. Mother of God \$1,552.00

January 5, 2019

Offertory \$6,905.05

Property Management \$1,491.90

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 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

January 12, 2020	Seminarian Fund
January 19, 2020	Fuel
January 26, 2020	No Second Collection

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



Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

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

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

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

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠

PAINT THE TOWN!

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.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like an "end of year" financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2019, **please call Jackie** at the Parish Office at 382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Martin Luther King holiday, the Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, January 20**. The office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 21 at 8:30 AM.

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

AMAZON SMILE

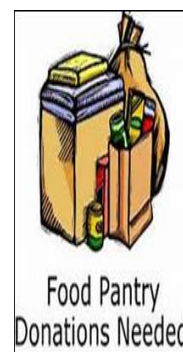
St. Luke the Evangelist Parish was issued a **\$47.13** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between July 1 and September 30, 2019.

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.

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 WINTER...

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, January 12

10:00 AM	Religious Ed – PreK to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	First Reconciliation Retreat and First Reconciliation	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	RCIA	<i>Plaistow</i>
6:00 PM	Vespers	<i>Newton</i>

Wednesday, January 15
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH OPEN
ALL DAY FOR PRAYER

7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting *Plaistow*

Thursday, January 16

8:30 AM	Adoration Begins	<i>Newton</i>
9:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer	<i>Plaistow</i>
8:30 PM	Adoration Ends	<i>Newton</i>

Saturday, January 18

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, January 19

10:00 AM	Religious Ed – PreK to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	RCIA	<i>Plaistow</i>

SANCTUARY CANDLES

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

**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



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, January 15 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, January 11 ~ Vigil / The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17
4:00 PM Dorothy Haas by Joe and Ann Marie Sheehan
Plaistow

Sunday, January 12 ~ The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17
8:00 AM Walter and Gladys Metcalf by Barbara Metcalf
Newton
10:00 AM Jesselyn Driscoll by her family
Plaistow

Monday, January 13 ~ Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
8:00 AM For Michael and his recovery
Newton

Tuesday, January 14 ~ Weekday
1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
8:00 AM John, Sr. & Mary Duhamel by Edward Duhamel
Plaistow

Wednesday, January 15 ~ Weekday
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
6:30 PM Diane Lowthers (Month's Mind)
Plaistow

Thursday, January 16 ~ Weekday
1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday January 17 ~ Anthony, Abbot
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
No Mass

Saturday, January 18 ~ Weekday
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17 (Day)
Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Mary Sofka, Thomas Hofbauer, and John Hofbauer (Birthday Remembrance) by Joe and Ann Marie Sheehan
Plaistow

Sunday, January 19 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton
10:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Michael the Archangel
Plaistow

PRAYER LINE

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

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

ST. ANDREW DINNERS

Men who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or who would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, are invited to an evening of prayer, conversation with the Vocation Team, and Dinner. Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at rvinson@rcbm.org if you would like to attend.

February 21 – Young Men ages 13-18

February 28 – Men Ages 19-60

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, February 2, 2020** 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.

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.

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.

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
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Presentation of Mary Convent	382-2744

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✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

VITA NOVA WOMEN'S RETREAT 2020

March 13-15, 2020

As Catholics, we believe in the communion of saints, a spiritual solidarity binding together the faithful on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in Heaven. Join us as we journey "the little way" of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and reflect on the examples of other great saints who devoted their lives to Jesus. The retreat will be held at the Barbara C. Harris Center in Greenfield, NH and will be led by Fr. Rick St. Louis on Friday evening through Sunday morning (**March 13-15, 2020**). Register early! Prices will increase by \$25 on February 21, 2020. Financial Aid is available. To register, go to www.vitanova.org.



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Dolores Mealey

and

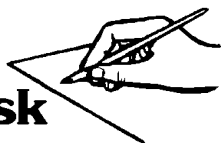
Diane Lowthers

CASA

**Abused And Neglected Children Need A Strong Voice
That Voice Could Be Yours**

CASA of New Hampshire trains, supervises and supports volunteers to advocate on behalf of neglected and abused children in court. Its goal is to help our community's most vulnerable children grow up in safe, permanent homes. You can become a CASA if you are a compassionate, caring adult, you want to make a difference in a child's life, you are able to participate in a training program, and you are willing to speak up for a child's best interests. **Evening/Weekend Training began on January 7 in Manchester.** Call or email Diane to learn more at speakup@casanh.org or 603-626-4600.

**From the
Pastor's Desk**



HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED

Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is closed until Spring 2020. This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

MORE THAN SAD

The More Than Sad family of programs has taught over a million students, parents, and educators how to be smart about mental health. Learn how to recognize signs of depression and other mental health problems, initiate a conversation, and get him or her help. Seminars are scheduled for **January 13** in Lebanon and **January 27** in Farmington. For more information, please email cproulx@rcbm.org or call 603-663-0195.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten: **If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses.** In the event of a weather related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date. **Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.**

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Baptism

God our Father, giver of life,
your Son immersed himself in the
human condition.
By becoming one with us
he made it possible for us to become one
with you.
By Baptism you free us from sin,
recreate us,

and empower us with your Spirit.
As we strive to live as members of
Christ's Body,
lead us steadily along the path of holiness.
Cleanse us from the sins that still stain us.
Enliven the flame of faith within us.
Keep us attentive to your Word.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Anointed Ones



Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7; Psalm 29:1–2, 3–4, 3, 9–10 (11b); Acts 10:34–38; Matthew 3:13–17. The baptism John performed was a sign of the new era to come, but John himself could not bring about that new era. That power belonged to God's Son. Recognizing this, John does not want to baptize the one who is so much greater than he, but Jesus insists. Despite the power he has, Jesus acts humbly. He enters into solidarity with the sinners he has come to save.

By submitting to John's baptism, Jesus "fulfills all righteousness"—that is, he carries out God's plan of salvation, a plan foretold in passages such as in our First Reading. God speaks through Isaiah to declare that he will grasp the hand of his servant, whom he has chosen for a special pur-

pose. In the Second Reading, we again hear this language of election as Peter speaks of Jesus as God's anointed one.

In the ancient world, priests, prophets, and kings were anointed to show that God chose them for that role. The title *Christ* is from the Greek word for "anointed one." *Messiah* is the Hebrew term. The descent of God's Spirit upon Jesus and the words pronounced by God at Jesus' baptism reveal that Jesus is God's chosen one.

At our Baptism, we were incorporated into Christ's Body, empowered by God's Spirit, and anointed to act like Christ as priests, prophets, and kings. God calls us to worship, to proclaim the Gospel, and to work alongside his Son until he brings about the fullness of his kingdom.



THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Ordinary Time The Ministry of Jesus

The cycle of readings for Sundays and weekdays reflects the wisdom of the Catholic Church. During Ordinary Time we are led steadily through the ministry of Jesus, teaching by teaching, story by story. On Sundays we also work steadily through a letter of the New Testament. The entire first half of our liturgical celebrations are thus grounded on the life of Christ and the teaching of the Apostles. The wisdom of having such fixed readings is this: we do not get to decide what we hear from God. We do not get to ignore some aspects of Jesus' ministry and concentrate our attention on others. We do not get to skip a letter that makes us uncomfortable. We are challenged and consoled, chastened and uplifted, by the entirety of the Gospel. In the weeks ahead, listen for what God is speaking to you. You may hear something new, something you would never have heard on your own.

Saturday, January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul

Those of us who were baptized as infants might yearn for a moment such as St. Paul's in which God becomes suddenly, dramatically, and unmistakably present. We should remember, however, that Paul's new faith came from somewhere. He knew what Christians believed. His familiarity with Christ was the basis for his conversion. Those of us who were raised with the knowledge of Christ may also have experienced moments of wonderful transcendence in our journey toward God, but those moments came from somewhere: they arose from our daily study, prayer, and effort to live more faithfully as God's children. *Today's Readings: Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15–18.*

Sunday, February 2 Presentation of the Lord

On the Feast of the Epiphany, we heard a story from Matthew's Gospel account in which Gentiles, represented by the Magi, followed a star's light to pay homage to the infant Jesus. The word *epiphany* comes from the Greek word meaning "to reveal." Luke's Gospel contains a different story of an epiphany. He tells how Simeon, guided by God's spirit, praises God for allowing him to see the Christ child, God's instrument of salvation. His famous prayer, the *Nunc Dimittis*, is part of the Church's Night Prayer.

The liturgy for this feast day includes a blessing of candles. Your parish may invite you to bring a candle to be blessed or to take one after Mass. Set this candle in a suitable place in your home. Take a moment to light the candle and pray each evening, repeating the words of Simeon and praising God for revealing his light and glory to you. *Today's Readings: Malachi 3:1–4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–40.*

Monday, February 3 St. Blaise

In the Gospel reading for today, Jesus shows such power over evil that people are frightened of him. Our Lord shares this extraordinary power with his Church. As we celebrate the Optional Memorial of St. Blaise today, we celebrate the healing, protection, and peace that comes to us from God. If you do not know anything about St. Blaise, do a little research about him. Thank God for the many ways and the many people who reveal his saving love. *Today's Readings: 2 Samuel 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13; Psalm 3:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; Mark 5:1–20.*



WELCOME!!!!

WOMEN AND MEN

for

Breakfast &

a talk

by Sr. Deborah, osf

TOPIC:

“BE REAL”

Please join us on Saturday, February 1, at 9 a.m., with a snow date of February 8, in the Church Hall. We will come together for breakfast, a talk, and faith sharing. We will close our sharing by 12 noon. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail the office at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net by, Monday, January 27, or call the office at 382-8324.

(There will be a free will offering that will be donated to The Little Sisters of Saint Francis.)



The Society of St. Vincent DePaul, at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, invites you to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry! Even if you are unable to attend meetings, your talents are more than welcome.

Shawls can be made with yarn, quilt fabric, or fleece. They are filled with prayer, care and love. They will be given to anyone in need of comfort or solace.

If you are interested in prayerful camaraderie or just want to contribute your talent, consider joining our committee.

If you know of someone that is in need of comfort and would like to receive a gift from our group, please call to make the request.

Barbara Metcalf

603-642-8334

cmbklb@yahoo.com

Meeting Schedule:

- First Thursday of each month, except July and August.
- 10 A.M. – 12 Noon
- Parish office building (dining room)
- Material can be supplied

We are honored to provide this service to anyone in need.



Flower Donations Were Made In Loving Memory Or Honor Of:

*Donald P. King
Raymond and Anna Lynch
Robert Girard
Barbara Girard
William Poist
William Esposito
Departed Family and Friends of
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John Walsh
Kirk Walsh
Mary and Ted Hesse
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Bringing Home the Word

The Baptism of the Lord (A)

January 12, 2020

Signal of a New Beginning

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In the sacrament of baptism, we stress that the person is no longer bound by original sin; rather, despite still retaining the wounds caused by original sin, he or she becomes free to live as a child of God, embracing the will of God through discipleship in Jesus Christ. We're free to live not as the world dictates but as those who know, love, and serve God in this world and look forward to being with him in the next.

Adults who go through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults have time to reflect on the conversion necessary for such transformation, but for many of us, the significance of our baptism as

infants gets lost in the long years between childhood and adulthood. We stop being mindful of the power of grace and the necessity of turning our lives over to God regardless of the work we do or the community we belong to.

We may have wondered why Jesus presented himself for baptism. Wasn't he God, born without sin? Of course, the answer is yes. But Jesus came to his baptism as a public witness of the need to turn over our lives to God. Like us in all things, Jesus approached John for the ritual washing that signaled a new beginning. It was a sign for us and a wonderful way to mark the beginning of his ministry.

Matthew records that he heard the voice of God saying, "This is my beloved Son." In baptism, God welcomes all of us as beloved children. Out of gratitude and praise, we, in turn, follow Jesus. And so we submit our lives to God—proclaiming justice, doing good, and loving God and others as we love ourselves. +

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
/ my chosen one with whom I am
pleased.

Acts 10:34–38

He went about doing good and
healing all those oppressed by the
devil, for God was with him.

Matthew 3:13–17

John tried to prevent him, saying,
"I need to be baptized by you,
and yet you are coming to me?"

*For many, the significance
of our baptism as infants
gets lost in the long years
between childhood
and adulthood.*

A Word from Pope Francis

In baptism, your life was already immersed in the mystery of the Trinity and you belong to Jesus. And if one day you should be taken by fear, or you think that evil is too great to be challenged, simply consider that Jesus lives within you.

—General audience,
September 20, 2017



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE QUESTION REFLECTION

- What is my baptismal anniversary date?
- How might I commemorate that anniversary of my rebirth in Christ?

Doubling Our Love

By Joyce Rupp

The parable of the talents is a call to look at what we have done—or have not done—with God’s gifts. Today “talent” refers to a natural ability or gift. The word has its roots in the Greek *talanton*, meaning a weighted amount of money of significant worth. A talent in Jesus’ time was a valuable coin. Invested wisely, its worth could greatly increase.

I can imagine Jesus looking at the people he taught and noticing the differences in age, physical features, and social conditions. He knew that beneath these externals there was a treasure of love in each. He longed for them to recognize and share their goodness. Then he thought of the talent, the precious coin, as a way to teach them.

In this parable three servants are each given talents “according to his ability.” They are expected to use them so the value will be multiplied. Two of the three do so and are praised for being “faithful servants.” Not so the fearful servant who did nothing with what he was given. He feared displeasing the master, getting hurt by doing the wrong thing, and doubted he could meet the challenge. In doing so his gift lay unused, so he was reprimanded severely.

Guaranteed to Grow

The greatest talent we all have is our capacity to give and receive love. This gift in all of us, like the parable’s coin, has immense value. Love has the potential of growing in worth when invested in

others. It has the ability of increasing in strength, depth, and quality.

Like the fearful servant, we can let this treasure of love lay idle. When we are in situations that challenge us to invest our love, we can hold back. Who wants to forgive someone who has done harm, do a kind deed if there will be no gratitude, or visit a lonely person when the day’s schedule is already full? At these times we would rather hoard our love, keeping it to ourselves.

One good deed can generate many more if we are willing to share our love. Kyle Sawyer, a ten-year-old boy, decided to raise money for a spinal disease affecting his sister. Kyle’s dedication and enthusiasm led him to find people who would help him make 2,000 paper cranes as a fundraiser. They were sold as decorations for a hospital lobby, and after much hard work fueled by love, his efforts brought in \$12,000. Amazing what a young boy can do with one talent!

Many times we invest our love by extending simple, genuine kindnesses to others. A local pastor asked parishioners to describe loving deeds others had done for them that had made a difference. The responses he received were not about grandiose gestures. They were about simple, loving actions, like visiting a

grieving widow, helping a senior citizen buy groceries, offering child care when a single parent was seeking work, listening to a confused teenager, and hugging someone who was crying.

Learning from Loss

Often the wounded share the fullest amount of love. Parents whose young children have died reach out to

others with similar loss. Recovering alcoholics spend long hours supporting others struggling with sobriety. Disabled persons volunteer as receptionists for charitable organizations. We are never too old or young, too wounded or busy to significantly share ourselves with others.

Large or small, our deeds of love can make an immense difference. We might ask ourselves: How can I loosen my tight grip on the precious coin of my love? What keeps me from sharing this valuable God-given talent? How can my love grow and multiply? +



PRAYER

*Lord, unblock the ears of my heart
that I may hear your comforting
voice of love, compassion,
and peace.*

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

January 13–18

Monday, Weekday: 1 Sm 1:1–8 / Mk 1:14–20

Tuesday, Weekday:
1 Sm 1:9–20 / Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday, Weekday:
1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20 / Mk 1:29–39

Thursday, Weekday:
1 Sm 4:1–11 / Mk 1:40–45

Friday, St. Anthony:
1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a / Mk 2:1–12

Saturday, Weekday:
1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19; 10:1 / Mk 2:13–17