



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

June 21, 2020

Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
8:00 AM
10:00 AM

Gathering: There's A Wideness In God's Mercy BB 476

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; Oh, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Preparation This Day God Gives Me BB 622

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Take And Eat BB 359

Recessional: Take The Word Of God With You BB 381

✠ 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!

June 14, 2020

Offertory \$5,465.98

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.

RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS

Attention Parents

Please be sure to accompany your young children when they need to use the restroom during Mass. This is for their safety and your peace of mind. Thank you for your assistance.

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

June 21, 2020	Fuel
June 28, 2020	Works of the Holy Father
July 5, 2020	Property Management



BLESSING OF FATHERS

There will be a special blessing of fathers at all Masses on Father's Day Weekend, June 20-21, 2020

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.

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.

VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother Icon in Newton may be also be offered in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested offering for each is \$10.00.

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the Parish Office at jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net or call 603-382-8324. If you are new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. You can also find a registration form on our website at <http://stlukenh.org>.

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.**

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

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

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



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

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.



Find us on:
facebook

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.

WHILE AWAY THIS SUMMER...

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Wednesday, June 24
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH OPEN FOR
PRIVATE PRAYER ALL DAY

Thursday, June 25

8:30 AM Adoration Begins *Newton*
8:30 PM Adoration Ends *Newton*

Saturday, June 27

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

AMAZON SMILE

AmazonSmile customers can now support Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones. Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device.
2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into Settings.
3. Tap AmazonSmile and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process.

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. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



We're looking for new members! Have you ever wondered just what the St Vincent de Paul Society is all about? Plan to join us at our next scheduled meeting on **Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 PM**. Until further notice, the meetings are held as virtual meetings using the ZOOM program. To join or take part in the meeting, send your email address to our secretary, Jim Edwards at jimmy69180@hotmail.com. Information on joining this vibrant caring group of people will be available. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have.

If you seek assistance or need information about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, call 603-382-8324, ext. 315.

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

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, June 20 ~ Vigil / 12th Sunday in Ord. Time

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

4:00 PM Helene Downey by her daughter
Plaistow

Sunday, June 21 ~ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

8:00 AM Betty Nappi by the Stanley family
Newton

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

Monday, June 22 ~ Paulinus of Nola, Bishop:

John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More,
Martyrs

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Tuesday, June 23 ~ Weekday

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14

8:00 AM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse
by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Wednesday, June 24 ~ Nativity of John The Baptist

Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66

6:30 PM Eleanor Knowles by Marjorie Knowles
Plaistow

Thursday, June 25 ~ Weekday

2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, June 26 ~ Weekday

2 Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4

No Mass

Saturday, June 27 ~ Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17 (Day)

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Paul Fournier by Edith Fournier
Plaistow

Sunday, June 28 ~ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

10:00 AM Deceased family members of the
Charles & Mary Jesionowski family
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 ✧

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Let God amplify the love in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **September 12-13, 2020** in Medway, MA and **October 16-18, 2020** in (TBD), NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.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, July 12, 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.

DIOCESAN ARCHIVES SEEK CONTRIBUTIONS

The Diocesan Archives wants your help. They have thousands of documents and photos pertaining to the history of the Diocese of Manchester – concerning Bishops, Priests, Parishes, Schools, and people. They have documents going back to the nineteenth century; however, the concern today is that they are not always capturing current information that will be historical data in 10, 20, or 100 years from now. If your parish, priest, or organization is going something memorable, please provide the archives with documents or photos of the event. For more information, contact Dennis Pedley at dpedley@rcbm.org or 663-0190.



ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual, but it is a great source of grace for us as a parish family, as well.

We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord, **but** we need more people so there will be at least two people at each hour. We are also looking for people who would be able to substitute.

**Newton – Thursday
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM**

If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

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

✧ PARISH DIRECTORY ✧

Parish Office	382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society	382-8324 x 315
St. Luke's Food Pantry	819-4949
Preschool	382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent	382-2744

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✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH UPDATE
All Programs continue to offer support during the COVID-19 pandemic

In this challenging and unprecedented time, Catholic Charities NH continues to serve the needs of the vulnerable across New Hampshire. While most of its physical locations are closed, all of their programs remain operational. The staff is working remotely and is accessible to serve individuals and families facing increasing hardship during this difficult period. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact 603-669-3030. You may also visit www.cc-nh.org/programs for more information on how Catholic Charities NH continues to adapt to changing needs statewide.

CREMATION AND THE CHURCH

On October 25, 2016, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published a new instruction on the burial of the dead and on the conservation of the ashes in case of cremation. The instruction reiterated the long held view that the Church is not opposed to the practice of cremation, though it continues to recommend that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places. **However, the new document insists that ashes should not be kept in private homes, and that the scattering of ashes in the air, on land, or at sea is not permitted.** The instruction also insists that remains may not be divided among various family members, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry, or other objects. Please contact Father Albert in the Parish Office with any questions. Brochures about the Rite of Christian Funerals are available at the Church entrances.

PROJECT RACHEL

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

GREATER SALEM CAREGIVERS

The Greater Salem Caregivers volunteers serve the Plaistow, Atkinson, Salem, and Pelham communities helping homebound senior citizens and adults with disabilities maintain their independence by providing services such as transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and friendly visiting. They are always seeking volunteers to help their neighbors with rides and shopping. If you can help, please call the Greater Salem Caregivers at 603-898-2850 to volunteer your time.

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.

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



Bringing Home the Word

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
June 21, 2020

Struggle and Rest

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Vincent van Gogh is one of the most famous painters in history. His dramatic style of eternally swirling motion and his palette of deep blue, green, and brown captivates us. His life was just as topsy-turvy as his style. He started off as an aspiring minister and missionary yet ended up committing himself to painting. He fought with mental illness most his life and, sadly, died poor and amidst mysterious circumstances.

His painting *Pietà* is one of his most spiritual and religious works. Carried

out in the months before his untimely death, it shows the maturation of his style. Rather than approach the painting with a wide horizontal composition, he keeps it quite vertical, which suggests a connection between heaven and earth. Jesus is falling forward slightly and is not quite resting in Mary's arms. He seems to be somewhat on his own as Mary reacts in grief, offering more than an accepting embrace.

Suffering has both the moment of struggle and of rest. In Van Gogh's *Pietà*, as in life, the unrequited desire to rest prevails. The struggle to accept and embrace suffering was a big part of Van Gogh's life, as seen in his letters to his brother. Van Gogh, like us, sought serenity in a faith that claims in today's readings "he has rescued the life of the poor" and that "all the hairs of your head are counted" and not a sparrow "falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge." We are precious to God, as was his Son. The power of God's love embraces our suffering and offers to bring it to resurrection. +

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as was his Son.
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embraces our suffering.*

A Word from Pope Francis

There is a tendency to justify transgressing all boundaries when experimentation is carried out on living human embryos. We forget that the inalienable worth of a human being transcends his or her degree of development. In the same way, when technology disregards the great ethical principles, it ends up considering any practice whatsoever as licit.

—*Laudato Si'*, May 24, 2015



Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 20:10-13

The LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not prevail.

Romans 5:12-15

If by that one person's transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God...overflow.

Matthew 10:26-33

[Jesus said,] "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- What am I struggling with and need to give over to Christ?
- How can I increase my trust in God this week?

Unmarried and Unashamed: Grace and the Single Life

By Christopher Heffron

It's the same scenario every holiday. Aunt Karen finishes assembling her plate of food and makes a beeline for the chair next to mine. My spine stiffens. I know it's coming.

Between bites, she asks about work, home, and—of course—the question dreaded by singles everywhere: “So, think you’ll ever get married?” Karen follows this with pity for my parents: “They’d love more grandchildren.” All I can do is weather this storm. I love my aunt, but the guilt she’s pouring on is thicker than the gravy.

I want to say, “I’m content with my life. If marriage is in my future, that’s great. If I’m destined to remain single, that’s OK, too. Eat your peas.”

I’m not the only single in my circle of friends, though each person’s outlook on the subject varies. Some are content with singlehood. Others are frustrated by it and deeply desire marriage and a family. Regardless, we’ve all answered or dodged that question. We take pains to lessen the confusion and suspicions of our married friends and family. But it’s never easy.

We Walk Among You

I’m not unique. According to a 2017 report from the US Census Bureau, there are 110.6 million unmarried



Americans over age eighteen, representing 45.2 percent of the adult population. Despite these numbers, there’s a stigma with being unmarried, particularly in the Catholic world where marriage is an institution dear to the Church—and rightly so. But singlehood is an institution, too, with

an army of faith-filled soldiers. After all, aren’t we all called by God to live holy lives? Our potential as God’s followers isn’t governed by our marital status but by the purity of our hearts.

Saint Paul writes, “Each has a particular gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. Now to the unmarried and to widows, I say: it is a good thing for them to remain as they are, as I do” (1 Corinthians 7:7–8). Paul and I would have gotten along.

I’m not troubled by my single status, and I admire strong marriages. Mainly I marvel at the teamwork of my married friends. From family functions to soccer practices, from school plays to Boy Scouts, they are busy, functioning units that anybody would admire. They are many, but they work as one.

I am but one, but I work as many. Example: laundry is my least-favorite household chore. But without a partner to pitch in, either I perform this task or I’m stuck wearing dirty clothes. Either I

clean my dishes or I eat out of my shoe.

Undoubtedly, there’s a sense of pride singles feel in being the sole breadwinner, cook, gardener, housekeeper, bookkeeper, and maintenance crew.

Love Is Singularly Important

The Catholic Church teaches that single life is every bit the vocation that married, religious, and ordained life are. They are different paths—one no better than another. As I am not anchored by parenthood or marriage, I have perhaps greater mobility and more free time to focus my energies on bettering my community, my parish, myself.

To receive love and give it back—that is the beating heart of every vocation. As two parents bathe their baby for the first time, swaddling him in a towel, they’re creating an environment of love. As a dedicated religious sister overcomes tired feet and an aching back to work in a soup kitchen, she is creating an environment of love. Singles do the same.

Being unmarried doesn’t mean I withhold myself from others. I share my talents during the workday with colleagues, my guidance with my beloved nieces, my laughter with family and friends. I lead a full and happy life. I am unattached and unembarrassed. +



Lord, your gift of unselfish love redeems the world. Remove the selfishness from my heart so I can love and care for others.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

June 22–27

Monday, Weekday:
2 Kgs 17:5–8, 13–15a, 18 / Mt 7:1–5
Tuesday, Weekday: 2 Kgs 19:9b–11, 14–21, 31–35a, 36 / Mt 7:6, 12–14
Wednesday, Nativity of St. John the Baptist: Is 49:1–6 / Acts 13:22–26 / Lk 1:57–66, 80

Thursday, Weekday:
2 Kgs 24:8–17 / Mt 7:21–29
Friday, Weekday:
2 Kgs 25:1–12 / Mt 8:1–4
Saturday, Weekday:
Lam 2:2, 10–14, 18–19 / Mt 8:5–17