



## MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

October 4, 2020

### Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Found in Bulletin insert

Gathering: Sing, O Sing

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

*Sing a joyful song to the Lord,  
Alleluia; Let the heavens and earth  
rejoice, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Preparation Christ, Be Our Light

Mass Parts Mass Of Creation

Communion Bread For The World  
I Received The Living God

Recessional: How Can I Keep From Singing

## ✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Our Parish needs to take in **\$9700.00 each week in order to make ends meet.** This amount represents an adjusted budget offertory of \$8500.00 per week plus the combination of budgeted Property and Fuel second collections (\$4800.00 per month divided into 4 weeks or \$1200.00 weekly). 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. Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

**September 27, 2020**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$7,191.01</b>
<b>Priest Retirement Fund</b>	<b>\$1,438.00</b>



Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses **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. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

### UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

October 4	Property Management
October 11	Fuel
October 18	World Mission Sunday
October 25	No Second Collection
November 1	Property Management



The Altar Flowers at  
Holy Angels Church last weekend  
were donated  
in loving memory of  
**Phillip and Natalie Gagnon**  
by the Lanseigne family



Out of respect for the Lord in consideration of fellow parishioners, 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 ❖

### THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Our Parish community continues with our Capital Campaign. Our planned projects include exterior painting for the church and Parish house in Newton, interior painting of the Church in Newton, electrical upgrades for both Plaistow and Newton churches and remediation of the Plaistow and Newton parking lots.

The COVID shutdown put all projects on hold, so we are *s l o w l y* getting things back on track.

A proposal for parking lot remediation on both campuses is currently in the works, we are hoping to be able to complete this project before the snow flies!

#### *Can you help?*

**Any contribution is welcome.**

**Make checks payable to**

**Saint Luke the Evangelist – Capital Campaign.**



Saint Luke will sponsor a **VIRTUAL Christmas Fair** with on-line auction, on-line raffles, and virtual opportunities for all to help our Parish. We will use the website BiddingOwl which will enable us to host our Silent Auction and Theme Basket raffles, and our famous Ca\$h raffle, Wine Raffle and a raffle for a homemade quilt donated by Barbara Lawrence.

Your donations and creativity are needed to make our virtual Fair a reality! **Donations are welcome every Saturday in September from 3-5 PM, and every Sunday from 9 am - Noon in the Hall at Plaistow.** The FAIR goes LIVE on Saturday, October 10!

**See the insert in the Bulletin today for more information!**



**FEED THE  
HUNGRY**

### ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your generosity towards the hungry of our area!

**Non-perishable food or personal 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. **Call the Pantry at 819-4949 for more information.**

### COVID-19 IS STILL AROUND!

The obligation to attend Sunday Liturgy remains suspended in the Diocese of Manchester for all who are health compromised. No person who has been ill or exposed to someone who is ill should be attending Liturgy.

Anyone who has had recent symptoms of fever, any respiratory symptoms (runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath), chills, severe fatigue or changes in sense of smell or taste may have been exposed to COVID-19. Testing is encouraged. Please refrain from attending any liturgical service.

#### **Liturgy online or on TV...**

<b>Boston Catholic Television</b>	<b>catholicstv.org</b>
Sunday Mass from Notre Dame	
	<a href="http://catholicstv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass">catholicstv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass</a>
Salt & Light TV	<a href="http://saltandlighttv.org">saltandlighttv.org</a>
Eternal Word Television	<a href="http://ewtn.com">ewtn.com</a>

### WHILE AWAY THIS FALL...

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

## TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

**Wednesday, October 7**  
Holy Angels Church Plaistow open for  
private prayer all day

**Thursday, October 8**  
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

**Saturday, October 10**  
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

**Because of COVID restrictions, many Parish events and groups are currently cancelled. We will begin more Parish programs with all precautions as restrictions ease.**



We're looking for new members! Have you ever wondered what the St. Vincent de Paul Society is all about? Our meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7 PM of each month. New members are always welcome. We look forward to meeting you and

answering any questions. **(Please contact our Secretary, Jim Edwards, at (603) 642-5236 or [jimmy69180@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmy69180@hotmail.com) to find out if our meeting is live at the church hall or virtual on ZOOM.)** If you seek assistance or need information about the Society, call (603) 382-8324, ext.315. Visit us on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pg/SVDPSL>

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

### AMAZON SMILE

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has been issued a **\$62.58** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2020.

**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.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Be sure to choose:

**St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow**

### ✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

**Saturday, October 3 ~ Vigil / 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**

*Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24 (Day)*

*Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Roland and Mary Guilmette by the Matson family  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, October 4 ~ 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43*

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
*Newton*

10:00 AM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse  
by Elaine Kelcourse  
*Plaistow*

**Monday, October 5 ~ Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**

*Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37*

8:00 AM Frances Blinn (Month's Mind)  
*Newton*

**Tuesday, October 6 ~ Bruno, Priest:**

**Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**

*Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42*

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for a Favor Received  
*Plaistow*

**Wednesday, October 7 ~ Our Lady of the Rosary**

*Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4*

6:30 PM Margaret Davidson  
by her daughter, Marjorie Knowles  
*Plaistow*

**Thursday, October 8 ~ Weekday**

*Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13*

8:00 AM Lois and Thomas Hudgens  
by Lisa and Charlie Angwin  
*Newton*

**Friday, October 9 ~ Denis, Bishop, and Companions,**

**Martyrs; John Leonardi, Priest**

*Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26*

**No Mass**

**Saturday, October 10 ~ Vigil / 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**

*Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28 (Day)*

*Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Louise Fusco by Pat Zakiewicz  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, October 11 ~ 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14*

8:00 AM Robert Carroll  
by Joseph and Maureen Preble and family  
*Newton*

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus,  
St. Jude Council # 6617  
*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](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

**✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠**

**FIRST EUCHARIST – CONFIRMATION**

Our Bishop has given us permission to celebrate Eucharist and Confirmation with the Candidates deferred from the spring shut down. We will celebrate with our Candidates in small groups at the 10 am Liturgy on Sundays throughout October and into the first two weeks of November.

**FALL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 25, and 50 year anniversaries to watch and unite their prayers with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via livestream on **Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 PM**. In addition to the worship aid and a special novena for marriage, couples will receive an invitation to a post-Mass virtual gathering where they will have an opportunity to speak with other couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. To register, please go to <https://fallanniversary2020.eventbrite.com>.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew**. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on **Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM**. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.



St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to [www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/](http://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.



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. Be a good agent of welcome and evangelization! If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, contact Cathy Smith in the Parish Office.

**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 call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at

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

**ADORATION**

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

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

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

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

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

**✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠**

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

Fr. Albert Tremblay	<a href="mailto:fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net">fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
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Joyce Szczapa	<a href="mailto:jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net">jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
Jackie Tremblay	<a href="mailto:jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net">jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
Thomas Kondel	<a href="mailto:tkondel@stluketheevangelist.net">tkondel@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
Val Barczak	<a href="mailto:mvmbarczak@comcast.net">mvmbarczak@comcast.net</a>
Parish Council	<a href="mailto:parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net">parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net</a>

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ✦ Parish News ~ Around The Diocese ✦

#### **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](http://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. **Feel free to call Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803, email him at [dans49@comcast.net](mailto:dans49@comcast.net), or catch him at the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass in Newton. For more information about the Knights, visit:**

[www.kofc.org/un/en/todays-knights/what-we-do.html](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/todays-knights/what-we-do.html)

#### **VOTE 2020**

Visit [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org) to explore how you can love your neighbors by advocating as a faithful Catholic citizen on behalf of those who are poor and vulnerable.

As you prepare to vote, read the U.S. Bishops' statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, watch videos, and access other great resources on Catholic citizenship.

Go to the voting page on the Diocese of Manchester website for information on registration and voting in the 2020 elections.

[www.catholicnh.org/community/public-issues/voting](http://www.catholicnh.org/community/public-issues/voting)

#### **BE INFORMED AND VOTE**

We strongly urge all parishioners to register, to become informed on key issues, and to vote. The Church does not support or oppose any candidate, but seeks to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues. We do NOT authorize the distribution of partisan political materials on parish property.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE**

The St Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive on **Friday, October 9** at the Atkinson Community Center, 4 Main St Atkinson **from 1:00 to 6:00 PM**. Pre-registration for an appointment time is required. You can pre-register by going to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or by calling 1-800-733-2767. The need for blood is extremely urgent. Please consider giving the gift of life.

#### **ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS**

The St. Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus will be holding their Annual Memorial Mass for deceased Brother Knights on Sunday, October 11 at the 10:00 AM Mass in Plaistow. The Knights will be celebrating the lives of these Catholic men who willingly served our Parish and our local community with charity, unity, and fraternity. **Due to the pandemic, there will be NO reception following the Mass this year.**

#### **TAI CHI RETURNS!**

The Parish will once again offer Tai Chi classes beginning on **September 24**. Classes will be held on **Thursdays at 3:00 PM and at 7:00 PM**. A minimum of three (3) students per class will be needed to hold the class. Social distancing and all COVID-19 protocols, including masks, are required. Contact the Parish Office to register. Tai Chi is the ancient Chinese martial art that is used for meditation, exercise, balance, and mind and body wellness. St. Luke the Evangelist Parish is offering this form of graceful, slow movement to help parishioners to gain strength, to improve their balance, flexibility, and range-of-motion, and to relieve stress. Classes are taught by members of the Oriental Healing Arts Association – a Senior Friendly and Senior Safe Tai Chi Program with the purpose of bringing Tai Chi to all age groups.

#### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

In observance of the Columbus Day holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, October 12**. The office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 13.

#### **ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Enrollment continues to grow at St. Joseph Regional Catholic School. In fact, they are hoping to add an **additional first-grade classroom** to accommodate the interest! There are also limited spots in grades seven and eight. Contact Mrs. Latino for information at 893-6811, ext 19 or at [clatino@sjrcs.com](mailto:clatino@sjrcs.com).

#### **LYDIA'S HOUSE OF HOPE**

Lydia's House of Hope is a 365-day transitional housing program located in Somersworth, NH for homeless women and their children experiencing crisis. We are a faith-based, Jesus-centered program, focused on transforming lives and creating self-sufficiency. Our goal is to equip our residents with life skills, career training, and a foundation for healthy relationships. We are currently looking for volunteers in the areas of childcare, leading family-oriented activities, and teaching practical skills to our residents. If you are at all interested, please contact Sarah Howard, Program Coordinator at [SHoward@seedsofffaithnh.org](mailto:SHoward@seedsofffaithnh.org) or call 603-692-3100. Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

# Saint Luke the Evangelist



**Congratulations and our prayers  
to our newly-Confirmed and first  
Communicants!!**

**Jacob Bufano  
Michael Kelly  
Faith Kelly  
Amanda Lagimonier  
Jason O'Brien**

**"May God's Spirit dwell within you"**



## CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST

### What is “the Restored Order”?

An increasing number of dioceses in the United States are adopting a restored order policy for the celebration of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. This means, quite simply, that it becomes standard policy for Catholics who were baptized in infancy to receive Confirmation *before* First Communion, not *after*. Practically speaking, this means that the two sacraments are received at the First Communion Mass, with Confirmation being celebrated after the homily.



### Why is it referred to as “the Restored Order”?

During the first 500 years or so of the history of the Roman Catholic Church (and still today in the Christian churches of the East), it was always the case that the sacraments of Christian initiation were celebrated in an invariable sequence: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. And it was almost always the case that all three sacraments were celebrated together at the same time, even with infants. Following the lead of official documents that were issued by the Church after the Second Vatican Council, more and more dioceses are restoring this original order to the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation.

### Isn't Confirmation a sacrament of maturity that should come after First Communion as a child grows older?

Not really. Confirmation is actually the completion of Baptism (by the full gift of the Holy Spirit). To celebrate Confirmation requires nothing more by way of age-appropriate maturity than to receive the Eucharist. Remember, there is a legitimate, parallel practice in Eastern churches of fully initiating even infants with all three sacraments. The maturity that is required for receiving any of the sacraments of Christian initiation is only what is age-appropriate. The Church expects interior dispositions of readiness, such as understanding freedom, that are realistic at any given age, nothing more.

### When we are used to a different practice after more than a thousand years, why is the Church now going back to the original sequence?

Restored order is more than just a fascination with the way it used to be. In fact, there are some very significant theological and liturgical reasons for restoring the integrity of the three sacraments of Christian initiation—all celebrated in proper order, even at the same time. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) requires that children and adults in the catechumenate receive all three sacraments together, even if the children are younger than the age at which the Catholic children of the parish are routinely confirmed. Putting the celebration of Confirmation between Baptism and Eucharist better expresses its role as the completion of Baptism. As a matter of fact, the sacrament that is the culmination of a person's Christian initiation is the Eucharist, not Confirmation. Theologically, it is the gift of the Holy Spirit given in all its fullness at Confirmation that best prepares one to receive Eucharist, and thus to be most fully joined to the Body of Christ.

### Is it wrong, then, to be confirmed after receiving Eucharist?

Of course not. The Church has many ways of celebrating the mysteries of God's love in the sacraments. But because Rome so strongly encourages restoring the order of celebrating the sacraments of Christian initiation, don't be surprised if more and more communities restore the original sequence of the three sacraments of Christian initiation.

## Weekly VIRTUAL Fair Update

OK, so, the donations last week were INCREDIBLE; Thank you for your crazy generosity! We now have plenty of items, plenty of wine, and some of the most beautiful Theme Baskets I've ever seen.

**Here are 3 ways each of you can help going forward in order of importance:**

1. Sell Chances to Our Raffles: You will find at the backs of the churches, dark green "Raffle Order Forms". Please take these and offer the opportunity to win to all your friends and family. Be sure all the information is filled in on the form as well as quantities indicated for each desired raffle. In case you have been wondering how the raffle order forms work, basically, once we receive them, we transfer the information to actual raffle tickets for each of the various raffles purchased. Anyway, once selections have been made, add up how much is owed, and then have checks made payable to: St. Luke's Parish. (All pricing information is on the reverse side of the form.) Pop the forms and checks in an envelope marked RAFFLES and drop them in the collection baskets - OR mail to:

**St. Luke Parish, Attn: RAFFLES, 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, NH 03865**

2. Share, Share, Share!!! Use the red "flyers" that are in the bulletin and on the back tables (they can be cut into 3's) and put them on windshields in parking lots when you shop at various places. Tell everyone you know about the auction. Share our Auction Link with your email list, on your Facebook page, Instagram account, Twitter feed, in the break room at work, write it in lipstick on a public bathroom mirror (test to see if your still reading this, LOL) The more people we get involved in the auction, the more money our auction will bring in from outside our parish.

3. Lottery Tickets for our giant "Rake In The Cash" auction item are still wanted. These can be put in the mail or the collection baskets until Sunday, November 1st, but the sooner is preferable.

Have you ever received an email from [stlukenhfair@gmail.com](mailto:stlukenhfair@gmail.com)? If yes, GREAT!

If not, and if you want to, would you please email us at [stlukenhfair@gmail.com](mailto:stlukenhfair@gmail.com) and let us know? We want to be sure to include anyone who wants to hear from us. Just so you know, we do not email often, only when help is really needed or to share important fair information.

Also, if you do receive emails from the fair but no longer want to receive them, that is ok. Simply email [stlukenhfair@gmail.com](mailto:stlukenhfair@gmail.com) with "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the subject line and we will remove you from the list. no questions. no problem.

## How to Access Our Auction on Bidding Owl

1. Go to [www.biddingowl.com/StLukesChristmasFair](http://www.biddingowl.com/StLukesChristmasFair). You will be brought directly to our auction Home Page. From here, you can Log In or Register by clicking the links in the upper right corner of the screen, or you can peruse the auction items by clicking the green button "View Items" button on the left side of the screen .
2. The easiest way to get going is to simply start looking at the auction items; you can do this without registering or logging in. When you find an item you would like to bid on, simply click the green "Bid!" button.
3. If you have an account already, you will be asked to Login. If you don't yet have an account, click where it says "Not a bidder yet? Sign up".
4. Fill out the "Bidder Sign Up" form
5. Then, check off the boxes indicating that you ...
  - A. Are not a robot
  - B. Agree with the terms & conditions  
(it is always recommended that one read the terms and conditions)
6. Click the green "Sign Up" button. You will be brought to a new screen that asks you to "Check your email to activate your account".
  - A. Go to your email
  - B. Open the email BiddingOwl sent you
  - C. Read the email then, click the blue "click here" link that is 3 lines down in the email. This will activate your account and you will be brought back to BiddingOwl's Log In screen automatically.
7. "Log In" using the email address and password you signed up with; you should be brought back to the item you wanted to bid on. If you're not, then you can simply go back to it on your own. Bids are placed in increments of \$5.
8. If you would like to be notified when/if you are outbid on an item; go to "My Account", click "Account Details", scroll to the bottom and make sure to put a check in the boxes for "Receive Email Notification When Out-Bid" and "Receive Text Message When Out-Bid".
9. You can purchase Raffle Tickets on BiddingOwl by clicking on the green "View Items" button on our auction Home Page, scrolling to the bottom and clicking where it says "Fund-a-Need". Here you can purchase as many raffle tickets as you want. We will be notified and fill out the tickets on our end.
10. If you need help, email Julie Lamere at [stlukenhfair@gmail.com](mailto:stlukenhfair@gmail.com) and leave her your phone number so she can give you a call and try to help you over the phone.

Our site is not yet LIVE, but you can check it out now by typing <https://www.biddingowl.com/StLukesChristmasFair> into your browser.

# CIVILIZE IT



## DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

===== 2020 =====

### **Civil Dialogue: A response to Jesus' call to love our neighbor**

Jesus uses the parable of the Good Samaritan to answer a question that is both searing and simple: "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10: 29). Our familiarity with this parable makes it easy for us now to identify as "neighbor" those on the margins of our society such as those experiencing homelessness or poverty. But how often do we see our neighbor in the person who disagrees with us?

As Catholics, our strong tradition of social teaching compels us to be actively engaged in the building up of our communities. This is achieved by being involved in the political process—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves. When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities.

What is needed is good, honest, civil dialogue. This means that we must treat everyone as worthy of being at the table, worthy of our respect, and worthy of being heard. In short, it means treating everyone as our neighbor.

We undermine our commitment to human life and dignity when we fail to see the dignity of those who have a different viewpoint. We must detach from the bitterness that surrounds us and seek a better path. A commitment to civil dialogue

can help us make real and authentic human connections, which breaks down the barriers that divide us.

Engaging in civil dialogue can help our faith communities create a new space to model love for our neighbors and respect for the dignity of all.

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#### Tips for Engaging in Civil Dialogue:

1. Listen first and seek to understand the whole picture.
2. Ask questions for clarification.
3. Use 'I' statements; pay attention to body language.
4. Listen to what feelings are present and pay attention to how you respond.
5. Summarize what you've heard and ask for feedback.



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Civil dialogue can best be defined as the ability to enter meaningful conversation with people whose viewpoints may be different from our own, who have a different background or experiences, or who come to a different conclusion about the best way to promote the common good. We enter into civil dialogue because we want to build a community that is rooted in understanding one another. God's love for each person requires us to remember that someone who disagrees with us is still a beloved child of



God who deserves our love, respect, and care.

An important ingredient to civil dialogue is commitment to the truth. While respecting the dignity of all, we acknowledge that not all viewpoints are equally valid. We have the responsibility to speak truth with love. In addition, all who exercise their freedom of speech have an obligation to ensure that they come to conclusions based on data from credible and reputable sources, and that care is taken to avoid seeking the truth selectively, that is, only when it is convenient to us.

Civil dialogue is different than remaining silent in the face of disagreement. Listening to opposing views is a part of seeking clarity and can be a creative process. In civil dialogue, all are invited to bring and share their values, beliefs, and questions. We seek first to understand how our views on a topic are different and why. We ask questions to be sure we understand one another. In thinking critically about how we arrived at our own view points and listening to the experiences of others, we can sometimes arrive at new understanding and even find common ground.

Pope Francis has remarked, "Dialogue allows people to know and understand one another's needs. Above all, it is a sign of great respect, because it puts the person into a stance of listening, and into a condition of being receptive to the speaker's best viewpoints. Secondly, dialogue is an expression of charity because, while not ignoring differences, it can help us investigate and share the common good. Moreover, dialogue invites us to place ourselves before the other, seeing him or her as a gift of God, and as someone who calls upon us and asks to be acknowledged."<sup>i</sup>

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<sup>i</sup> Pope Francis, *Jubilee Audience at St. Peter's Square*, October 22, 2016.

Just like any authentic human connection, the process of dialogue is complicated, often uncomfortable, and requires vulnerability and trust. We must rely on our faith in Christ who taught us that everyone is truly our neighbor. Promoting civil discourse is one way we can put this teaching into action.

Interested in learning more about civil dialogue or about how your community can engage in civil dialogue more often? Join USCCB's *Civilize It* Campaign to help promote dignity beyond the debate. A version of this campaign was first implemented by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and is a call for all people to civilize our conversations. Visit [civilizeit.org](http://civilizeit.org) for more information, to take the pledge, or plan an opportunity for civil dialogue in your community.

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If you are part of a group looking to create an opportunity for civil dialogue in your community, it may be helpful to consider these questions:

1. Is our intention to facilitate greater understanding, or merely win a debate?
2. Whose voices are we including? Whose are missing? Who else should be invited to the conversation?
3. How can we remember our shared human dignity and deescalate the situation when we feel ourselves become tense?
4. What guidelines could the group set together that will keep the conversation centered on dialogue instead of debate, and honor the dignity of all people present?



# death penalty

*"The death penalty neither deters others, nor brings this perpetrator to understanding, but instead, in the worst of ironies, publicly validates the very act of taking a human life."*  
~ Bishop Peter A. Libasci

## WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

In these modern times, there has been a serious re-examination of the death penalty—its fairness and effectiveness, its moral and social dimensions. Catholic teaching on the death penalty begins with the recognition that the dignity of the human person applies to everyone. It affirms our commitment to comfort and support victims and their families, to protect citizens, while acknowledging the God-given dignity of every human life, even those who do great harm. Respect for truly innocent human life can be enhanced by respecting the essential worth of people convicted of capital crimes. Every refusal to kill affirms the dignity of all human life.

### Scripture

Catholic teaching on human life is rooted in the belief that all life is a gift from God (See Gn 2:7, 21-21). It must be respected and defended from conception to natural death. In *A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death*, the bishops of the United States stated that "some argue that biblical statements about 'life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth' (see Ex 21:23-25, Lv 24:17, Dt 19:21) require that the death penalty be used for certain crimes." The bishops explained that the biblical "intent of such laws was to limit the retribution that could be exacted for an offense, not to require a minimum punishment." They also said that it is important to read individual passages in the context of Sacred Scripture as a whole, and the Old Testament and the teaching of Christ in the New Testament "call us to protect life, practice mercy, and reject vengeance." USCCB, *A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death*, 2005.

### The Catechism

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that "the traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor. If, however, non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority

will limit itself to such means" (CCC, 2267). The test of whether the death penalty can be used is not the gravity of the offense, but whether it is absolutely necessary to protect society. The *Catechism* adds that today "the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity 'are very rare, if not practically nonexistent'" (CCC, 2267). As the bishops of the United States have said, "sentences such as life in prison without parole provide non-lethal alternatives" to the death penalty and render unnecessary the use of the death penalty in the United States. USCCB, *A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death*, 2005.

### The Teachings of Pope John Paul II

Under the leadership and merciful example of Pope John Paul II, Catholic teaching on the death penalty has been articulated and applied with even greater clarity and strength. Through his powerful encyclical, the *Gospel of Life* (*Evangelium Vitae*), the Holy Father challenged followers of Christ to be "unconditionally pro life." He reminded us that "the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil. Modern society has the means of protecting itself, without definitively denying criminals the chance to reform." (*Gospel of Life*, 27)

# death penalty facts<sup>1</sup>

WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

## Deterrence

According to a survey of the former and present presidents of the country's top academic criminological societies, 88% of these experts reject the notion that the death penalty acts as a deterrent to murder. (Radelet & Lacoock, 2009)

Consistent with previous years, the 2008 FBI Uniform Crime Report showed that the South had the highest murder rate. The South accounts for over 80% of executions. The Northeast, which has less than 1% of all executions, had the lowest murder rate.

A 2009 poll commissioned by the Death Penalty Information Center found police chiefs ranked the death penalty last among ways to reduce violent crime. The police chiefs also considered the death penalty the least efficient use of taxpayers' money.

Studies show that the death penalty does not have a demonstrated deterrent effect on reducing violent crime within prisons against either inmates or prison guards.

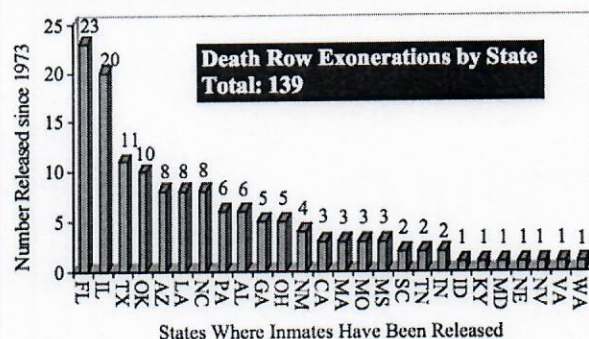
## Financial Costs

Studies have shown that the death penalty is more costly than alternative sentences. For example, the California death penalty system costs taxpayers \$114 million per year above the cost of keeping convicts locked up for life. DPIC, 2009.

Typically, the State of New Hampshire pays between \$70,000-\$100,000 in public defender costs for first degree murder cases. In contrast, in 2008 the state spent approximately \$1.2 million for a public defender for one capital murder case. The state spent a total more than \$5.3 million on two capital cases in 2008. DPIC, 2009.

## Innocence

Since 1973, over 140 people have been released from death row with evidence of their innocence (Staff Report, House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, October 1993, with updates from DPIC).



As of November 3, 2009, there have been 139 exonerations in 26 different States.

## Murder Victims' Families

The organization, Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights, opposes the death penalty because, among other reasons, the death penalty process "is fraught with error;" it "wastes money" that "should be used for effective crime prevention measures and victim services;" and "does nothing to serve victims' family members." (www.mvfhr.org)

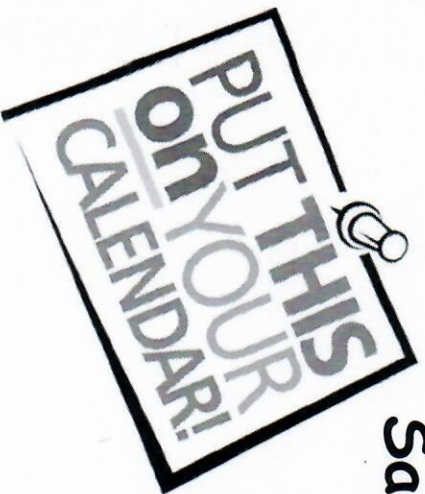
## Sources of Information

[www.usccb.org/deathpenalty](http://www.usccb.org/deathpenalty)

[www.catholicnh.org/deathpenalty](http://www.catholicnh.org/deathpenalty)

[www.catholicismobilizing.org](http://www.catholicismobilizing.org)

<sup>1</sup>Information obtained from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; Death Penalty Information Center (DPIC); DPIC Fact Sheet (updated Dec. 2, 2009): [www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/documents/FactSheet.pdf](http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/documents/FactSheet.pdf).



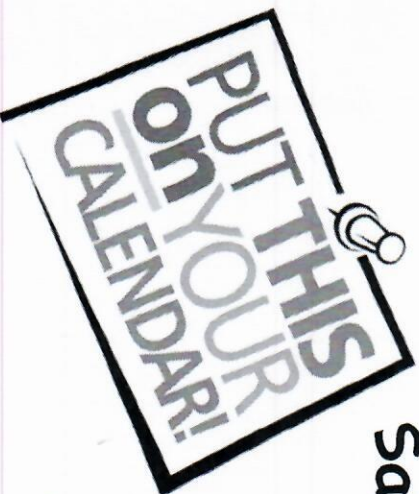
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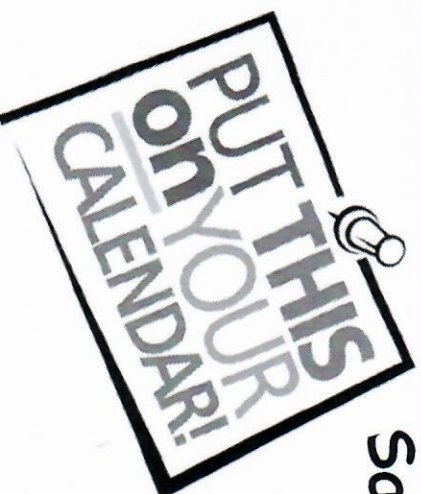
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# The Gospel at Home

## This Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 21:33–43

In the Gospel, Jesus uses another parable set in a vineyard that again represents Israel and its people. The landowner plants the vines and hires tenants to work the vineyard for him. At harvest time, they kill the landowner's servants in order to keep the crops for themselves. They even kill his son when he comes to collect the owner's share. Jesus wants the leaders in Israel to take good care of the people and not deprive them of what is rightfully theirs. This week is a good opportunity to explore with your family how to be good members of the various groups you belong to—most importantly, your family and the Church.

### Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** Be sure to post the “I Am Growing” child on your refrigerator or on the family bulletin board. Talk together about how your child is growing every day—getting taller, outgrowing clothes, learning new things. Talk about the things around your home that are growing too. How does your family care for these growing things? And discuss what things help us all to grow.

**Promise (Grades K–1):** This week's lesson helped your child recognize his or her own experience of helping and caring for things. Ask your child to share the story, “Flowers Aren't for Walking On.” Remind everyone in the family that each person has a responsibility to help the others—sometimes without being asked. What are the things each member of the family likes to help with to care for God's Creation?

**Good News (Grades 2–3):** In class this week, your child learned about the readings we hear at every Mass. The Sunday Gospel about the vineyard shows your whole family how much care and love God has for his people. Your child also learned how Saint Francis of Assisi helped to rebuild the Church. Talk about ways your family can help make your parish strong in faith.

**Venture (Grades 4–6):** This week's lesson built on your young person's experience of belonging to a group and living by that group's expectations. Talk together about how many decisions are difficult to make. Talk together about the challenges and advantages of being a part of a community. Discuss what it feels like to be invited to join a group. Talk about who the Landowner is in the Sunday Gospel reading.

**Visions (Grades 7–9):** Your youngster's class discussed some of the difficulties of being a teenager today. Ask him or her to share some of the things the class discussed. The class also learned that being a Catholic entails knowing and living God's Word, honoring the commandments, participating in the sacraments, and knowing and understanding the Creed. Have a conversation about how the members of your family strive to be good Christians. Ask your son or daughter to tell the family about the four Marks of the Church.

### Pray Together

When you complete your conversation about the Sunday's Gospel lesson, sit quietly together, hold hands, and pray the Lord's Prayer together. When the prayer is finished, invite each family member to say a short prayer in his or her own words.



## ✠ 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.catholicnh.org/support) for a listing of groups.





# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

October 4, 2020

## The Fruit God Expects

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The Chosen People were often compared to a garden or vineyard that God had planted and cared for. First, he placed them in the Garden of Eden. Then he led them to flourish in Egypt before accommodating them in the Promised Land. After all his care and cultivation, he expected to find a fruitful return. In the Song of Songs and then with Jesus himself, not only are the people of God compared to a vineyard, but each of our souls is compared to a vineyard where God plants seeds,

waters, and expects to find new growth by thirty-, sixty-, or one hundredfold.

In the image of the Chosen People, the Church, or our souls, one thing is constant: God expects a return on his love. Not because he is selfish and in need of our response but because he knows our happiness depends on receiving and showing him that love.

Jesus says the vineyard will be taken away from those who don't care for it and given to those who will produce its fruit. In the same way, grace will be directed away from some and toward those who accept it and produce faith and love.

This is not a threat or "Catholic guilt." This is a true Father letting his children know he loves them too much to not take them seriously. He gives and gives for our growth and maturing, but if that generosity isn't sincerely embraced and appreciated, we will miss out on the true love of God+. Now is the time to accept his love and enjoy the fruits. +

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### A Word from Pope Francis

Many members of our communities yearn to receive the Eucharist at one table, as the concrete expression of full unity. We experience the pain of those who share their whole lives, but cannot share God's redeeming presence at the eucharistic table....We long for this wound in the Body of Christ to be healed.

—Joint statement, Catholic-Lutheran commemoration of the Reformation, October 31, 2016



## Sunday Readings

### Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, / the people of Judah, his cherished plant.

### Philippians 4:6-9

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

### Matthew 21:33-43

[Jesus said,] "I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- How does our Lord want to see fruit and growth in your life?
- Have I squandered God's harvest in my life?

# Making Eye Contact with Jesus

By Kathleen M. Basi

One ordinary afternoon, I pulled up to a stoplight—an ordinary mom driving an ordinary minivan with three small children chattering unintelligibly in the back. Beside our minivan stood a man in a camouflage jacket holding a cardboard sign that read, HOMELESS—HUNGRY—ANYTHING HELPS.

At moments like these, the wisdom of the world wrestles with the wisdom of Christ. You're not supposed to give beggars money because they might use it to buy drugs; instead, you're supposed to support the shelters that care for them. Still, I can't escape the conviction that when Christ said, "Whatever you did for the least of these" (Matthew 25:40), he didn't intend for us to just scatter our largesse from a safe distance. He meant for us to take a risk and look into his face, person to person. Yet we hardly ever do. We stare straight ahead and pretend we don't even see them, because eye contact with a beggar is a signal that we're ready to open our wallets.

As I gripped the steering wheel in my agony of indecision, I realized the noise in the back seat had shifted. My children were waving enthusiastically at the homeless man while they laughed and shouted, "Hi! Hi! Hi!"

In that moment, Jesus' words about becoming like children rang in my mind: "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). It was in this moment that those words



made sense for the first time. *My children are better Christians than I am*, I thought.

Obviously, it's easier for kids than for us. We're the ones who have money to give. We know, or at least we think we know, the whole story—the mental illness, the addictions, and the bad choices that land people in such a place. Kids don't get caught up in that, so they simply acknowledge the face of Christ.

Maybe that's why Jesus urged us to be childlike. Often, adults see a problem and, without realizing it, throw a roadblock in the way of solutions. Perhaps our mission as a Church is to stop focusing on the obstacles and strip every question down to the essentials: How do I acknowledge the face of Christ?

After all, the face of poverty is the face of Christ. And regardless of where I give money, I still have a responsibility to acknowledge his presence.

These days I keep a few singles in my wallet, and I roll down my window when I see a person begging at a stoplight. Maybe that person will use the money wisely, maybe not. I'm certainly not giving enough to help much. But at least it gives me the reason to be a little more childlike—and make eye contact with Jesus. +

*Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*

Matthew 25:40

## PRAYER

*Lord, I am grateful for your vineyard of love. Remove my shortcomings that I may cultivate your gifts of compassion and peace.*

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

## WEEKDAY READINGS

October 5–10

**Monday, Weekday:**

Gal 1:6–12 / Lk 10:25–37

**Tuesday, Weekday:**

Gal 1:13–24 / Lk 10:38–42

**Wednesday, Our Lady of the Rosary:**

Gal 2:1–2, 7–14 / Lk 11:1–4

**Thursday, Weekday:**


Gal 3:1–5 / Lk 11:5–13

**Friday, Weekday:**

Gal 3:7–14 / Lk 11:15–26

**Saturday, Weekday:**

Gal 3:22–29 / Lk 11:27–28

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