



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

October 18, 2020

Twenty-Ninth Sunday In
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Found in Bulletin insert

Gathering: Sing A New Song

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

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

Preparation Spirit, Come

Mass Parts Mass Of Creation

Communion The Body Of Christ

Recessional: Sing A New Church

✠ 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!

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
OCTOBER 11, 2020
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**



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 18	World Mission Sunday
October 25	No Second Collection
November 1	Property Management
	All Saints
November 8	Catholic Campaign / Hum Dev
November 15	Fuel

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.



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 will conclude its Capital Campaign at the end of October. Thanks to your generosity, we re-roofed the entire Plaistow campus, and accomplished smaller projects such as rebuilding the cellar access for the Food Pantry, cleaned and re-piped the septic system at the Parish Center/School, and installed a new chimney pipe in the Parish Center.

When the spring weather returns, we will accomplish other major projects: we have signed an agreement with Petra Paving Inc to seal, remediate and restripe the parking lots on the Newton and Plaistow campuses. We are currently negotiating with a paint contractor for the Newton Church and Parish house and will begin the bidding process for electrical upgrades in both churches.

Thank you for your generous response to our Parish Capital Campaign

Can you help?

Any contribution is welcome.

Make checks payable to

Saint Luke the Evangelist – Capital Campaign.



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.**



Saint Luke will sponsor a VIRTUAL Christmas Fair with an online Auction, online raffles, and virtual opportunities for all to help our Parish. We will use the website [BiddingOwl](http://BiddingOwl.com) 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.

**The FAIR goes LIVE on Saturday.
October 10 through Saturday, November 7**

See the insert in the Bulletin today 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...

Boston Catholic Television catholictv.org

Sunday Mass from Notre Dame

catholictv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass

Salt & Light TV

saltandlighttv.org

Eternal Word Television

ewtn.com

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 NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

❖ WEEKLY CALENDAR ❖

Tuesday, October 20
6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting **Plaistow**

Wednesday, October 21
 Holy Angels Church Plaistow open for private prayer all day

Thursday, October 22
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration **Newton**

Saturday, October 24
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 3rd 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 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

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. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow

❖ MASS INTENTIONS ❖

Saturday, October 17 ~ Vigil / 29th Sunday in Ord. Time

Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12 (Day)
Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Daniel O'Leary and Mark Hammond
 by the Hammond family
Plaistow

Sunday, October 18 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

10:00 AM Jesselyn Driscoll by her family
Plaistow

Monday, October 19 ~ John de Brébeuf and Isaac

Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Tuesday, October 20 ~ Paul of the Cross, Priest

Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Plaistow

Wednesday, October 21 ~ Weekday

Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

6:30 PM People of the Parish
Plaistow

Thursday, October 22 ~ John Paul II, Pope

Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

8:00 AM Chet Connors by Peggy Connors
Newton

Friday, October 23 ~ John of Capistrano, Priest

Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

No Mass

Saturday, October 24 ~ Vigil / 30th Sunday in Ord. Time

Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9 (Day)

Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Kevin Gallant (Birthday Remembrance)
 by Patricia Gallant
Plaistow

Sunday, October 25 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

8:00 AM Carol Radford by her family
Newton

10:00 AM Roy Lajoie by the Knights of Columbus
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 ✠

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.

VIRTUAL VOCATION DINNERS

The Lord is continuing to call! We would like to invite men and women in our Diocese who are considering a vocation in the Church or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to a virtual evening of prayer and conversation with the Vocations Team of the Diocese of Manchester. Virtual St. Andrew Dinner with **men of all ages** will take place on **Friday, November 13 at 7:00 PM**. Virtual Miriam Dinner with **women of all ages** will take place on **Friday, November 20 at 7:00 PM**. For more information and to register, visit www.liveinblackandwhite.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 and Thursday evenings, November 2 to 23 from 7:00 to 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 John and Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.



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.

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.**



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

✠ PARISH 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 ~ Around The Diocese ✠



**25TH ANNUAL
ST. JUDE OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The Knights of Columbus were very fortunate this year to be able to hold their 25th Annual St. Jude Golf Open on Sunday, September 27. Again, this year's tournament was a sellout as 144 men and women golfers enjoyed great weather, 18 holes of golf, contests, giveaways, raffles, and BBQ'd steak tips. This year's Open was held to benefit a local family. Matt Lamothe has been out of work with no income to support his family due to a very large tumor on the back of his jaw. A team of five surgeons spent 22 hours removing as much of the tumor as possible. The surgery was a success, but Matt has a long journey ahead of him. Matt and his family are grateful for the outpouring of support and prayers.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of the generous sponsors and volunteers who made this event a success. Want to be part of an organization whose purpose is to serve the needs of others? Please consider joining us!

The Sanctuary Candle in
Holy Angels Church
will burn this week
in loving memory of
Mark Hammond
by Walter and Joanne Lord



VOLUNTEER JOB

We are looking for a volunteer or two at each of the churches to sort out the 2020 missalettes. The task involves separating the old missalettes from their covers, packing up the old missalettes for disposal, and packing the covers and music insert cards for storage. Contact Father Albert for more information.

VOTE 2020

In their statement of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics, "We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values, and our votes, to help build a better world" (no. 14).

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

Visit

Visit www.usccb.org for more information about making prudent decisions in the political process.

TAI CHI RETURNS!

The Parish is once again offering Tai Chi classes 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.

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.

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.

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@seedsoffaiithnh.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!!**

Michael Chambers

Ava Paul

Zoe Finn

Nils Richardson

Gabriella Bourque

Nicholas Bourque

"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.

The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



Part I of II: Our Call as Catholic Citizens

This brief document is Part I of a summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is the teaching document of the Catholic Bishops of the United States on the political responsibility of Catholics. It provides guidance for all who seek to exercise their rights and duties as citizens. As Catholics, we bring the richness of our faith to the public square. We draw from both faith and reason as we seek to affirm the dignity of the human person and the common good of all.

Everyone living in this country is called to participate in public life and contribute to the common good.¹ In *Rejoice and Be Glad* [*Gaudete et exsultate*], Pope Francis writes:

Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace. . . . You cannot grow in holiness without committing yourself, body and soul, to giving your best to this endeavor.²

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34).

The US Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to proclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today's environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church's moral principles and

become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good. Faithful citizenship is an ongoing responsibility, not just an election year duty.

How Can Catholic Social Teaching Help Guide Our Participation?

In the words of Pope Francis, "progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church's social doctrine, which serve as 'primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena.'"³ The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing what we have called a "consistent ethic of life" (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 22).

Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent; nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues and should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 33). The following summary of the four principles highlights several themes of Catholic social teaching for special consideration: these include **human rights and responsibilities, respect for work and the rights of workers, care for God's creation, and the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.**⁴

The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred because every person is created in the image and likeness of God. There is a rich and multifaceted Catholic teaching on human dignity summarized in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. Every human being "must always be understood in his unrepeatable and inviolable uniqueness . . . This entails above all the requirement not only of simple respect on the part of others, especially political and social institutions and their leaders with regard to every man and woman on the earth, but even more, this means that the primary commitment of each person towards others, and particularly of these same institutions, must be for the promotion and integral development of the person" (no. 131). The *Compendium* continues, "It is necessary to 'consider every neighbor without exception as another self, taking into account first of all his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity' (*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 27).

Every political, economic, social, scientific and cultural program must be inspired by the awareness of the primacy of each human being over society.”⁵

Subsidiarity

It is impossible to promote the dignity of the person without showing concern for the family, groups, associations, and local realities—in short, for those economic, social, cultural, recreational, professional, and political communities to which people spontaneously give life and which make it possible for them to achieve effective social growth.⁶ The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions; yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, and advance the common good.⁷

The Common Good

The common good is comprised of “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.”⁸

Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if **human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met**. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, and to the larger society.

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. An economic system must serve the dignity of the human person and the common good by **respecting the dignity of work and protecting the rights of workers**. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, a broad and fair legalization program with a path to citizenship for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity. Workers also have responsibilities—to provide a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay, to treat employers and coworkers with respect, and to carry out their work in ways that contribute to the common good. Workers, employers, and unions should not only advance their own interests but also work together to advance economic justice and the well-being of all.

We have a duty to **care for God’s creation**, which Pope Francis refers to in *Laudato Si’* as “our common home.”⁹ We all are called to be careful stewards of God’s creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future. Pope Francis, consistent with St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI (World Day of Peace Message, 1990 and 2010), has lifted up pollution, climate change, lack of access to clean water, and the loss of biodiversity as particular challenges. Pope Francis speaks of an “ecological debt” (no. 51) owed by wealthier nations to developing nations. And he calls all of us to an “ecological conversion” (no. 219), by which “the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around [us]”.¹⁰ Indeed, this concern with “natural ecology” is an indispensable part of the broader “human ecology,” which encompasses not only material but moral and social dimensions as well.

Solidarity

Solidarity is “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to . . . the good of all and of each individual, because we are *all* really responsible for *all*.” It is found in “a commitment to the good of one’s neighbor with the readiness, in the Gospel sense, to ‘lose oneself’ for the sake of the other instead of exploiting him, and to ‘serve him’ instead of oppressing him for one’s own advantage.”¹¹

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

In a special way, our solidarity must find expression in the **preferential option for the poor and vulnerable**. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor, and the marginalized.

Conclusion

In light of Catholic teaching, the bishops vigorously repeat their call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the promotion of human life and dignity, and the pursuit of the common good. Political participation in this spirit reflects not only the social teaching of our Church but the best traditions of our nation.

Notes

- 1 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1913-15.
- 2 *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 25.
- 3 *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 221.
- 4 These principles are drawn from a rich tradition more fully described in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005), no. 160. For more information on these principles, see *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2016, nos. 40ff.
- 5 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 132. This summary represents only a few highlights from the fuller treatment of the human person in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. For the fuller treatment, see especially nos. 124-159 where many other important aspects of human dignity are treated.
- 6 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 185.
- 7 *Centesimus Annus*, no. 48; *Dignitatis Humanae*, nos. 4-6.
- 8 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 164.
- 9 *Laudato Si’*, no. 77.
- 10 *Laudato Si’*, no. 217.
- 11 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 193. (See Mt 10:40-42, 20:25; Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:25-27)

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WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery whereby traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to exploit human beings for commercial sex, labor, and

even organs. Conservative estimates suggest that 21 million women, men, and children are currently victims of human trafficking. These victims come from a wide range of social, racial and economic backgrounds, but poverty, civil unrest, and migration make persons particularly vulnerable to being trafficked. Traffickers employ ongoing control tactics, including physical and emotional abuse. These tactics leave victims feeling trapped and powerless, while the traffickers profit enormously from the repeated sale of the victim's body or labor.

What does our Catholic Faith Teach us about Human Trafficking?

Our Catholic faith teaches us that we are, each of us, a living image of God. We are called to recognize and protect this sacredness in all others--those near and far, those whom we know and don't know. The crime of trafficking, which is essentially the buying, selling, and exchanging of people like merchandise, and subsequently enslaving these victims, is therefore a grave violation of Church doctrine about human dignity and fundamental human rights.

The second case of labor trafficking brought under federal law happened here in New Hampshire.

In 2003 a Litchfield couple was convicted of the crime and sentenced to over five years in prison. The couple forced four workers from Jamaica to labor for their tree service while living in squalid, freezing conditions. They exerted control over the men by refusing to release their passports and legal travel documents and withholding promised wages.

Is Human Trafficking really something I should be concerned about here in New Hampshire?

Unfortunately, yes. Trafficking in persons happens not just in other parts of the world or country, but also in our state. The current drug epidemic in New Hampshire creates an advantageous climate for traffickers, who often use addiction as a form of control over their victims. On the national and international level, human trafficking is a vast web of organized crime in which victims have become lucrative commodities, like narcotics and firearms. The industries that are most frequently associated with this crime are agriculture, hospitality, construction, and domestic work. **Christ calls us to stand in solidarity with victims in our immediate communities and throughout the world.**

What is the Catholic Church doing to help?

The Church has been a first responder in the fight against modern slavery. Pope Francis has repeatedly condemned human trafficking, calling it a crime against humanity. He has united with faith leaders from around the world, forming the Global Freedom Network to end modern slavery. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), together with its national and international partners like Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services, have joined forces to create a network called the Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking (CCOAH). The Coalition has long been working to eliminate the scourge of human trafficking, raise awareness about its devastating impacts, and provide direct services to its survivors. On the local level, Catholic parishes, hospitals, and individuals have reached out to help victims of human trafficking and advocate for change.

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WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC CAN DO TO HELP

What can I do to help end this modern-day slavery?

Educate yourself and others. Become familiarized with organizations and agencies that can help by visiting catholicnh.org/humantrafficking. Raise awareness through educational outreach.

Prevent human trafficking by knowing the warning signs and reporting suspicious activity. Listed below are some red flags to help identify victims.

Advocate for state and federal legislation that protects victims of human trafficking.

Be an ethical consumer. Find out how your actions can contribute to or reduce the demand for human trafficking. Websites like www.slaveryfootprint.org and www.ecpatusa.org are good places to start.

Pray for the victims of trafficking, for the peace and strength of survivors, and for an end to this slavery. February 8th, the feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita, who was herself a survivor of slavery, has been designated as an annual day of prayer and awareness.

Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.

O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.

Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us. Amen.

To Report Human Trafficking:

National Human Trafficking Resource Center
Provides confidential, non-governmental help.

CALL: 1-888-373-7888

TEXT: BeFree

What Are the Signs of Human Trafficking?

Listed below are a number of indicators that can help you identify potential victims. Remember that a single indicator does not necessarily point to exploitation or abuse. Never undertake independent investigation or confrontation; for your safety and that of the victim, contact a service provider or law enforcement agency.

Is the individual unable to come and go as he/she wishes?

Do high security measures like boarded up windows, security cameras, or bars on windows exist at the individual's work and/or living locations?

Was the individual recruited through false promises concerning the nature and conditions of his/her work?

Is the individual under 18 and providing commercial sex acts?

Does the individual show signs of physical, sexual, emotional, or mental abuse?

Is the individual not allowed or able to speak for him/herself?

Does the individual work excessively long and/or unusual hours?

Is the individual unpaid, paid very little, or paid only in tips?

Does the individual owe a large debt that he/she never seems to be able to pay off?

Is the individual without forms of formal identification, such as a passport or license?

To learn more about Human Trafficking visit:

www.catholicnh.org/trafficking

The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 22:15–21

Nobody likes to pay taxes. That was as true for people in Jesus' time as it is today. The Pharisees tried to get Jesus to take sides about the taxes the Jews paid to the Romans who occupied their land. Jesus asked to see the coin used to pay taxes, and someone in the group gave him one to examine. Jesus asked whose image was on the coin. They told him it was Caesar's image. Jesus then uttered the now famous line: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." This principle teaches us all how to obey both civil and religious laws and asks us to take a good look at where our first allegiance lies when the laws are in conflict.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Jesus teaches that his followers can love and praise God by being active members of their families. Ask your child to share with your family the prayer book he or she made in class. Ask your child to tell the family about the prayer book. Talk together about ways your family can praise God.

Promise (Grades K–1): Your child learned that the Church welcomes all at Baptism. At Mass, your child experiences being greeted and blessed. Recall with the family how important it is for you all to belong to the Christian community. Let your child share the prayer booklet he or she made in class.

Good News (Grades 2–3): This week's class focused on the virtue of honesty and on the Eighth Commandment. Talk together on the importance of honesty. Talk about decisions each member of the family has had to make.

Remind your child that it is not always easy to be honest, but that honesty is absolutely necessary in members of your family and the whole human family as well.

Venture (Grades 4–6): This week's lesson included the first three commandments—the ones that govern our relationship with God. Ask your young person to describe each of the commandments for the family. Then talk about ways that your family can better obey these three commandments—in prayer, in the respectful use of God's name, and in honoring the Lord's Day.

Visions (Grades 7–9): In class this week, your youngster studied some very important life lessons. A living wage is an essential element of Catholic social teaching. Ask your son or daughter to share the story of Father John Ryan with the family. Discuss the words of Pope Francis about how important it is for people to receive a just wage for the work they do. Finally, talk about how your family views the collection at Mass. How do you share your gifts with others?

Pray Together

When you complete your conversation about the Sunday's Gospel lesson, invite the whole household to gather in a circle. Ask each person to pray for someone who needs help. This can be a person you know, or it can be a group who needs help, such as hungry families or immigrant children. After each prayer, the whole family can say together, "Lord, help us share your gifts!"



✠ PARISH INFORMATION ✠

GLUTEN INTOLERANT?

The Parish now provides an option for receiving Holy Communion for anyone suffering from gluten intolerance or celiac disease. We have obtained special altar breads that are fully certified for use at Mass by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and laboratory tested to contain only .001% gluten. Please see the Pastor or the Sacristan before Mass about receiving Communion using one of these special hosts.



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, 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. Please call the Parish Office 382-8324.

PARISH POLICY ON GROUPS SEEKING SUPPORT

After consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, and taking into account the many groups that desire the community's support, it has been decided that the following policy be put into place:

- 1. Only Parish groups will be allowed to solicit support for their projects in our churches. This includes groups from within the Parish itself or groups which are based within our Parish.
- 2. Groups from outside the Parish community will be allowed to solicit support from the community *only by rare exception* and with the express consent of the Pastor and Parish Council.
- 3. No group of any kind will be allowed to solicit until the conclusion of the Liturgy. Publicity and other materials may be displayed in the entrances of the Church, but no actual solicitation may occur until after Mass has ended.
- 4. No more than one (1) Parish group may seek the support of the community at one time. This means that there are not to be multiple support efforts on the same weekend.

The Pastor will be the sole arbitrator of scheduling for Parish groups seeking community support. Parish groups should contact the Parish Office to determine availability for scheduling any support event. Thank you for your continuing support for the mission of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish.

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.

ST. LUKE'S WEBSITE!

<http://stlukenh.org>

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A Parish Pastoral Council is primarily charged to assist in the development of mission-focused Parishes rather than programmatic or finance-driven ones. Pastoral Councils attempt to place at the heart of the Parish a consciousness of a zeal for the mission of Jesus Christ. When there is a clear awareness of this "larger vision" proposed by the Gospel and taught by the Church, a Parish finds itself energized by a sense of mission and directed to matters that foster the mission of the Parish, grounded in the mission of Christ (Diocese of Manchester, *Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils*, 2002). Our Parish Pastoral Council provides invaluable advice to the Pastor and Staff of the Parish through consultation, dialogue and ongoing learning. Our Council generally meets on a monthly basis to discuss Parish life and issues and to assess our ongoing mission as a Catholic community. The members of the Parish Council can be accessed through the Parish Office, or by email at

parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net.

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Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

October 18, 2020

Our Divine Mark

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Have you ever wondered why so many ancient busts of emperors and gods still exist? In any major museum around the world, you'll see rows of these masterful sculptures. The Vatican Museums have one of the best of these collections.

Thousands of busts and statues of the emperors and gods were produced for civil use in ancient times. Just like the American president's portrait is in every US embassy, so Caesar's sculpted form was all over the Roman Empire. For example, a bust would be placed in the town squares of the outlying territories

to indicate that a border population belonged to the Roman Empire. The sculptures of Roman gods were also set up in public places around town so that a certain religious unity was preserved. Being within the empire obliged citizens to pay tributes and taxes, and it assured them of protection. Once the Caesars declared themselves divine, their statue also required sacrifice and worship.

The image of the Caesar marked what belonged to him: from land, to money, to people, to prayer. If you were under his image, you belonged to him.

We also carry the mark of a divine image that indicates to whom we belong. Each human being is made in the image of God, to be his reflection. We are sculpted and formed to reflect the artist who made us. God gives humans dignity because we are an eternal reflection of God's free, intelligent, artful, and beautiful nature. Our inalienable rights, rooted in our spiritual and rational nature, come from our Creator, as do our duties. No one can take them away.

It is proper to render unto Caesar what is his, but both Caesar and his subjects must render to God what belongs to God. +

*Everyone is made
in the image of God.*

A Word from Pope Francis

Every drug addict has a unique personal story and must be listened to, understood, loved, and—insofar as possible—healed and purified. We cannot stoop to the injustice of categorizing drug addicts as if they were mere objects.... Each person must be valued ...in his or her dignity.

Address to Pontifical Academy of Sciences, November 24, 2016



Sunday Readings

Isaiah 45:1, 4–6

I am the LORD, there is no other.

1 Thessalonians 1:1–5b

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers.

Matthew 22:15–21

"Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that [Jesus] said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Do I realize my dignity and value come from God?
- Do I render to God what he deserves?

Political Campaigns Leave Christ Out

By Kathleen M. Basi

Faith and politics—are there any two words in the English language that are more fraught with potential to divide?

In the United States in 2016 and even in 2020, we went through a heartbreakingly ugly presidential primary and convention season, only to be thrust into an equally disgusting general-election fight—entire seasons in which the *modus operandi* seemed to be: “Say whatever you want, whether it’s true or not, because all things are justifiable in the pursuit of winning.”

When faith intersects with politics, we are faced with very hard choices. No party, no candidate, represents the totality of the Catholic faith. No party holds a moral high ground; the bending of truths and the oversimplification of issues is a near-universal characteristic of political rhetoric, and all party platforms contain positions that are inconsistent with the teachings of Christ.

Candidates often tell us that we stand at a point of no return—that if we don’t get the “right” result, our country is lost. And for this reason, we tolerate the behaviors, the shredding of opponents’ human dignity, the dishonesty, and the trash talking that stand diametrically opposed to the Ten Commandments. Even worse, we participate in them.

Most of us don’t want to own our guilt. We’d rather blame the system. If we take an honest look in the mirror, though, almost all of us are part of the



problem. Too often, the tone of our comments on social media and in our safe zones, among those who think like we do, mirrors the un-Christlike ugliness exhibited in direct mail, TV ads, and speeches. We fail to hold our candidates—even the ones we know personally—accountable for the tenor of the discussion. Then, too, there are the articles and editorials we choose to share. It’s easy to hide behind them, to let an author take the blame and refuse the responsibility we incur by spreading his or her influence.

The truth is, there is no one “point of no return.” We face crossroads every day, every election season, and in every conversation about social, economic, and governmental affairs. At each one,

we make a choice to put our faith in the driver’s seat—or to make a particular political party, candidate, or issue our god.

In the next few weeks, we, as individual followers of Christ, must decide whether to condone the false absolutes, the polarization, and the dehumanization that have come to characterize our political process, or to hold ourselves and all our leaders accountable to the standard set by Jesus. We all have a choice to make. What will you choose? +

*Almost all of us are part of
the problem exemplified
by the nastiness of politics.
We must be more like Christ.*



*Lord, I am grateful for the power
of your love and grace. Teach me
to trust that you care about my
human needs and obligations.*

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 19–24

Monday, Sts. John de Brébeuf,
Isaac Jogues, and Companions:
Eph 2:1–10 / Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday, Weekday:
Eph 2:12–22 / Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday, Weekday:
Eph 3:2–12 / Lk 12:39–48

Thursday, Weekday:
Eph 3:14–21 / Lk 12:49–53

Friday, Weekday:
Eph 4:1–6 / Lk 12:54–59

Saturday, Weekday:
Eph 4:7–16 / Lk 13:1–9