

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

November 8, 2020

Thirty-Second Sunday In
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Found in Bulletin insert

Gathering: Let Us Go To The Altar

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 Take And Eat

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!

November 1, 2020

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| Offertory | \$7,695.40 |
| All Saints | \$ 430.00 |
| Property Management | \$1,409.72 |



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

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| November 8 | Catholic Campaign / Hum Dev |
| November 15 | Fuel |
| November 22 | Christmas Flowers |
| November 29 | No Second Collection |
| December 6 | Property Management |
| December 13 | Fuel |



Out of respect for the Lord and 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.**



**Thank you to all
who participated in our
Virtual Christmas
Craft Fair this year!**

**We are grateful too to all
who contributed items
to bid on!**

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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Wednesday, November 11

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Holy Angels Church Plaistow open for
private prayer all day

Thursday, November 12

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration **Newton**

Saturday, November 14

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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Veterans' Day holiday, the Parish Office will be **closed on Wednesday, November 11**. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Thursday, November 12.

The Sanctuary Candle in
Holy Angels Church
will burn this week
in loving memory of
John B. Knowles, Jr.
by his mother



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.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, November 7 ~ Vigil / 32nd Sunday in Ord. Time

Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15 (Day)

Wis 6: 12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Bertha Boben by Pat Zakiewicz
Plaistow

Sunday, November 8 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6: 12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

8:00 AM William Bettencourt and Walter Halko
by Janice Bettencourt
Newton

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

Monday, November 9 ~ Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Tuesday, November 10 ~ Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

8:00 AM Chucky Kondrat by Pat Zakiewicz
Plaistow

Wednesday, November 11 ~ Martin of Tours, Bishop

Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

6:30 PM Mark Hammond by Walter and Jeanne Lord
Plaistow

Thursday, November 12 ~ Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, November 13 ~ Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

No Mass

Saturday, November 14 ~ Vigil / 33rd Sunday in Ord. Time

3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8 (Day)

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Dennis and Geraldine Miele
by the Lanseigne family
Plaistow

Sunday, November 15 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

10:00 AM Jesselyn Driscoll by her family
Plaistow

PRAYER LINE

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

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

FAITH IN ACTION SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

The Knights of Columbus Council 6617 invites parish members to join them for a *Faith In Action Spiritual Reflection*, "Crosses and Crucifixes," on **Saturday, December 12** at the Parish Hall or via Zoom. The reflection will be held from **9:15 AM to 12:30 PM** with a break for lunch, and then continuing to include Mass at 4:00 PM. Various crosses and crucifixes will be examined and aspects explained. Bring your own cross or crucifix to explain to the group. There is a maximum of 50 people allowed to participate in person. Contact Jim Edwards for a reservation and Zoom instructions at Jimmy69180@hotmail.com or call him at 603-642-5236. No food can be brought to the reflection. However, individual drinks will be provided.

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.



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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.



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.**

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

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

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THIRTY-SECOND 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. 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, 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

COPING WITH COVID **Online Support Group**

Catholic Charities NH is hosting another online support group. “Coping with COVID” will provide key information and coping strategies to help you navigate the current COVID-19 crisis and the uncertainty of the days ahead. The free five-session program will be held on **Tuesdays from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon starting November 17**. Featured speakers, including those from the medical and mental health fields, will help you feel less alone, understand sources of stress, and gain valuable relaxation techniques. To register, visit www.cc-hn.org/coping. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

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

Deadline for the December 20 bulletin is **Monday, December 7 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 27 bulletin is **Monday, December 14 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the January 3 bulletin is **Monday, December 14 at 12:00 Noon.**

HELP WANTED – ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Volunteers are invited to help do some rearranging and decorating on **Sunday, November 22 following the 8:00 AM Liturgy in Newton and the 10:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow**. Our tasks include Advent decorating and some light clean up of the churches in preparation for the Advent season. All are welcome to lend a hand – our work usually lasts just over an hour if we have all the help we can muster! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

VIRTUAL YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

November 17, 2020

1:00 to 3:00 PM

Young adults are invited to a virtual workshop with Father Michael Hennessy, C.S.P. Father Mike is a Paulist priest serving in the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He will spend some time helping to identify who young adults are, their relationship with the Church and the world, some best practices for communication, and some programming ideas. There is no fee, but you must register to participate. Go to www.catholicnh.org for more information and to register.

THE BOOK OF THE **NAMES OF THE DEAD**

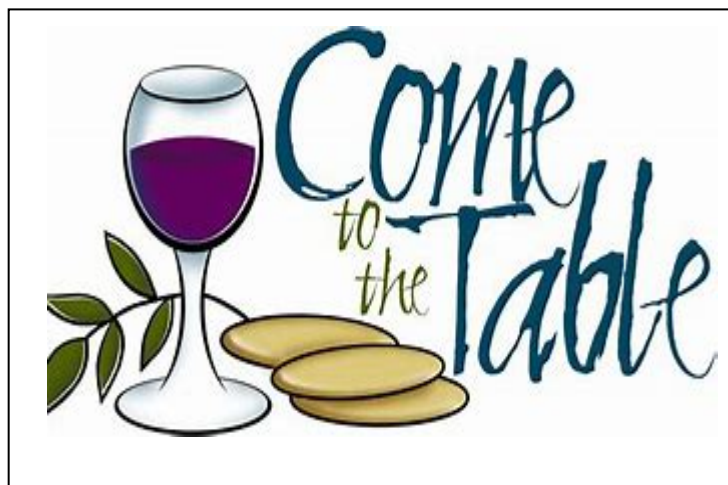


Throughout November, a special *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be open near the Baptismal Font & Paschal Candle for parishioners to record the names of the faithful departed. It is a visible sign that the faithful departed remain with us as part of the Church. You are welcome to record names of loved ones and the dates of their death.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH TO HOST ONLINE **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Catholic Charities NH is hosting a new online innovative support group for parishioners across the Diocese who are dealing with grief and loss. “Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost, and Finding Your Way Again” is a (free) six-session program allowing participants to learn about the dynamics of grief, discover new ways to cope while healing, and gain the opportunity to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. **Sessions will be held every Wednesday at 1:00 PM, starting October 28 and running through December 2.** To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/bereavement. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.

Saint Luke the Evangelist



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

**Gabrielle St. Cyr
Lucy Sykora
Peyton Flanagan
Ashley Whittaker
Nathan Whittaker
Gabriella Borgesi**

"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.

Knights of Columbus Respect Life Contest

The New Hampshire Knights of Columbus is once again sponsoring a Student Respect Life Essay contest. The contest is open to any Junior High (grades 6 - 8) and Senior High (grades 9 - 12) student in New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Knights of Columbus will provide up to six cash awards of \$100 each.

This year's contest theme is:

The world seems to offer fear and anxiety (e.g., COVID). Repeating the simple prayer, "Jesus, I trust in You", offers hope & peace. How do you explain this to someone experiencing fear (i.e., unplanned pregnancy, serious injury, etc.)?

Deadline: Midnight, December 15, 2020

RULES: Essays may not be longer than 500 words; typed, and submitted as a PDF or Word Document and emailed to matu19@comcast.net. Include student name, age, grade, school, parent name and address, phone, parish and email. Students may obtain help & information, including from parents, teachers, friends, and internet but the essay itself must be their own work.

Further contest details may be obtained from the Knights of Columbus NH contest chairman, John P. Matuszewski (603-434-4098), or Knights of Columbus NH State Pro-Life Chairman, Rob Distasio (603-595-7837).

Please send copy of essay to Knights Council 6617, at faith6617@aol.com.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



Faith in Action - Family Programs

Knights of Columbus Council 6617, Saint Luke Parish, invites area boys and girls ages 5 through 14 to participate in the organization's international **Keep Christ Christmas Poster Contest**. By engaging the creativity and imaginations of our youth, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas.

The contest will be conducted locally with winning entries advancing to the district/region and then to state, national and international levels. The winning entries may serve as the basis for a series of new Christmas posters that encourage a deeper understanding of the holiday.

Knights of Columbus councils evangelize society through their faithful acts, celebrations, and a variety of activities. The contest promotes the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes and communities.

RULES

Poster must reflect the theme of KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.

Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.

Poster must be approximately 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.

Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entry form.

Posters are due following Mass on December 13, 2020. Posters can be turned in at either church.

The name and age of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster. All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Posters will not be returned

AGE 5-7 DIVISION
(GRADE K-2)

AGE 8-10 DIVISION
(GRADE 3-5)

AGE 11-14 DIVISION
(GRADE 6-8)

**Entry Forms and blank poster paper are available
at the church entrance.**

The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the bridegroom and 10 girls to tell his disciples to remain vigilant. The parable describes some of the girls as foolish and some as wise. Those who were ready for the bridegroom went into the wedding feast. The bridegroom, however, didn't even acknowledge those who didn't prepare. Jesus teaches us to always be prepared and to do good things. We never know when he will return. This is an opportune time to recognize that when we make good choices, we are preparing for Jesus' coming.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Ask your child to explain "Anaya's Bad Day" and, especially, how the story ends. Make a list with your child about the things that Anaya missed out on because she wasn't ready. Discuss ways that you get prepared for something, especially what footwear might be necessary for various activities.

Promise (Grades K-1): Your child may not realize how many choices he or she makes each day. Discuss choices that have been made already today. Have your child describe what happens in "Peyton and the Surprise Kitten." Ask whether Peyton is ready to take care of her new pet. If you have pets, discuss what has to be done to take care of them. Your child can act out the story of "The Little Red Hen."

Good News (Grades 2-3): Have your child tell the story of "The Wise and Foolish Girls." Discuss why wisdom is a gift. Talk about what's in your child's "Conscience Toolbox." Consider sharing your own toolbox that lets you determine right from wrong. Hold a family discussion on sin and talk about how sin is unloving, but God forgives our sins as well.

Venture (Grades 4-6): This week's class focused on being prepared for certain situations, but also for the return of Jesus. Have your young person describe what happened to Juan during "The Happy Dance" story. Ask how your son or daughter thinks Sonia reacted to Juan's apology. Discuss how Jesus' Parable of the Ten Girls connects with Juan's story, especially the consequences of not being prepared. Discuss how your family can be prepared for Jesus' return. Talk about the importance of the Responsorial Psalm, and together recite Psalm 63:2-8. Have your youngster host a family game of "Wise and Foolish Choices." Ask him or her to tell you about Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini.

Visions (Grades 7-9): Your young person's class discussed the difference between being wise and being foolish. Have your child identify who was wise and who was foolish in the opening story by Matt Schoenbauer, and then again in "The Right Side." Discuss why Josh was able to forgive Louise. Talk about how Jesus' parable is a good lesson for us to prepare. Make a list of preparations your family will need to make for next week. Have each member of the family write a definition of wisdom, then discuss the meaning and combine them into one definition. Play a rousing round of "The Wisdom Game" with your family.

Pray Together

When you complete your conversation about this Sunday's Gospel lesson, pray to have the strength to remain prepared for Jesus' return. Practice being prepared for upcoming events and situations. Then finish the prayer by reciting one at a time, "Jesus, give me the wisdom to always be prepared."





Maybe

it's time

To re-connect with your Church

To re-new yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit who guides us in Love and Truth.

If you are a baptized Catholic, have received your First Communion, but decided against Confirmation as a teen, maybe **NOW IS THE TIME** for you to re-consider **Confirmation**.

- ✓ Maybe you weren't ready when you were sixteen years old.
- ✓ Maybe you didn't want to be pressured into it by your family and peers.
- ✓ Maybe you weren't sure that Catholic is who you wanted to be.
- ✓ Maybe you were just beginning to doubt that what you were taught as a child -- about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary, the Eucharist, the saints, eternal life -- was all too good to be true.
- ✓ Maybe you were overwhelmed with school commitments, personal disappointments, and feeling that God really didn't care if you were Catholic anyway.

Sessions begin
soon!

God *does* care about you. *For some reason*, God chose you to be born into a family that would bring you to the Catholic Church for Baptism.

So maybe -- just maybe -- now...it's time....to make your own choice.

Confirmation.

If you are 18 or over and were never Confirmed, contact the Parish Office. With little time and reflection, practicing Catholics can be prepared to celebrate the gift of the Spirit in their lives.

Maybe it's your time.

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, Newton-Plaistow
603 382 8324. www.stlukenh.org



Bringing Home the Word +

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

November 8, 2020

Get Ready

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

As we near the end of the liturgical year and prepare for Advent, the readings get us ready for the Second Coming of Jesus by addressing our own final encounter with him. The Church summarizes the last realities each person must reflect on: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. In short, when we die, we will face personal judgment. If our response has been to return Jesus' love, the reward will be heaven. But if we reject Jesus, the result will be hell.

This should not be a source of anxiety or fear, but rather faith, serenity, and

hopeful confidence. If we are not quite ready, now is the age of mercy, and God's grace abounds for those who seek it. It is a healthy thing to be prepared and wise. All of us know our final encounter with Jesus at the end of life is coming. It would be foolish to ignore it or not maturely reflect on its implications.

Oil is the natural resource mentioned in the Gospel because without the light and warmth that an oil lamp provided, the guests could get lost in the dark or need to abandon the wait because of the cold. As we journey through this life, awaiting the marriage feast of Jesus, our hearts can get dimmed and icy if we are not lit by the oil of love and the warmth of the Spirit. We don't know the day or the hour when Jesus will come take us into the eternal banquet, but we know for sure that day is coming.

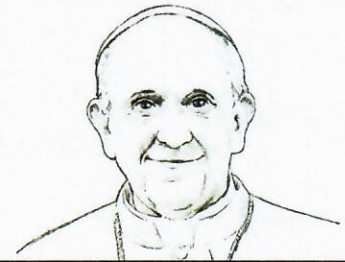
The wise guest is the person fueled by the oil of love and ready for any eventuality. As the Boy Scout motto goes—Be Prepared. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

The study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer.... Evangelization demands familiarity with God's word, which calls for dioceses, parishes, and Catholic associations to provide for a serious, ongoing study of the Bible, while encouraging its prayerful individual and communal reading.

—*Evangelii Gaudium*, November 24, 2013



Sunday Readings

Wisdom 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom, and she is ... found by those who seek her

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14

If we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said,] "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- Am I constantly in contact with the mercy of God so I am always ready?
- How am I living now so that I am always prepared for the final encounter with Jesus?

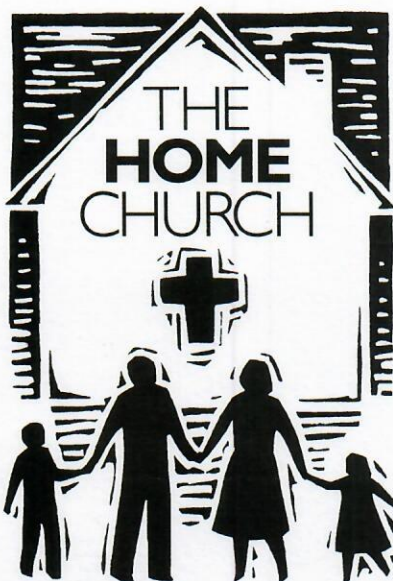
Translating the Message

By Johan van Parys

My nieces and nephews are great kids—intelligent and kind—and I'm proud to be their uncle. Still, I regret their lack of participation in the life of the Church. From what other parishioners tell me, this is happening all around, not just in my family. Why are we losing so many young people? Why doesn't the Gospel message get through to them?

This issue of the best way to communicate the Gospel can be traced back to the apostles. Think about our Church's beginning—the time of Pentecost. Outside the Upper Room, I imagine great festivity as people from many regions and nations gathered in Jerusalem. Inside the Upper Room, the apostles were hiding, burdened with fear and uncertainty. Then suddenly everything changed. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the apostles overcame their fear and burst into the street. The sight of the apostles, on fire with the Spirit as they spoke about God's marvelous deeds, must have quieted the crowd. Miraculously, everyone was able to understand them despite ethnic differences and linguistic barriers.

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From Jerusalem, the apostles spread throughout the world proclaiming the Good News to every nation known to humankind. They succeeded because they presented the Gospel truth in different languages through various channels.

Successful missionary activity has always relied on the translation of the one and true message into the vernacular and familiar idioms of the people receiving the message. The failures of the seventeenth- and eighteenth-century mission attempts in China were attributed to the Church's refusal to allow a Chinese Catholic rite that would have included "baptismal" pre-Christian theological language and accommodated ancestor worship, which was very dear

to them. On the flip side, the success of the Church's mission in Central Africa has been ascribed to the introduction of a Congolese rite that considers the ethos of Central Africa and allows typical African modes of celebration.

As we preach the Gospel in our current, ever-changing reality, we can do one of two things: turn inward and hide in a romanticized understanding of our perceived glorious past, or find new ways to preach the Gospel. The first option might prove disastrous as the Church continues to crumble. The second, though not easy, offers hope—and the promise of a Church ever new and true.

Let us listen carefully to the spiritual needs of our people, learn to understand and speak their languages, and use their idioms wisely to spread the Good News. Let us pray for the knowledge and courage to do what needs to be done.

Finally, let us pray for the safe return of loved ones whose journeys have led them away from our Church. +

PRAYER

***Lord, I am grateful for the gift
of the Holy Spirit. Help me
to keep awake to the movement
of your Spirit in my life.***

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 9–14

Monday, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Rome): Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17 / Jn 2:13–22


Tuesday, St. Leo the Great: Ti 2:1–8, 11–14 / Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday, St. Martin of Tours: Ti 3:1–7 / Lk 17:11–19

Thursday, St. Josaphat: Phmn 7–20 / Lk 17:20–25

Friday, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini: 2 Jn 4–9 / Lk 17:26–37

Saturday, Weekday: 3 Jn 5–8 / Lk 18:1–8

Bringing Home
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