

KIMBERLY'S 15TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIVE AWAY!!!

Although 2020 has been unique in so many ways it is important to still acknowledge that charity is necessary. This year many of my typical donation sites are unable to accept donations due to the pandemic. I will still be collecting clothing on **January 2 and 3** at Holy Angels Church, but this year **only from 12:00 to 2:00 PM** each day. I will be in the parking lot, strictly accepting children's clothing for Catie's Closet, through contactless delivery. For all other donations, Ruth's House is still accepting goods, including gently used clothing and housing items on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (111 Lafayette Square, Haverhill, MA).

If you have larger items, including furniture, that Ruth's House may not be able to accept you can make an appointment to deliver to: The Wish Project (866) 947-4360, 166 Middlesex St, North Chelmsford, MA.

For any and all donations that you would like to be added to "Kimberly's Holiday Give Away's" Annual Total, please notify me at: kimberly-andrade@comcast.net. Thank you so much for your continued support throughout the years. I look forward to next year, hoping that things may be closer to normal. May God continue to bless you all, and I wish you and your families a safe and healthy holiday season.

Kimberly Clenord

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 meets via Zoom. For more information or to apply, call John and Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.



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!

✠ 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!

December 8, 2020
Immaculate Conception \$ 843.00

December 13, 2020
Offertory \$6,969.23
Fuel \$1,709.75



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

December 27	No Second Collection
January 1	Mary, Mother of God
January 3	Property Management
January 10	Seminarian Fund

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 ✠

From the Pastor's Desk



HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSING

With the end of the Fall season and the coming of the Winter months, **Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is closed from December 1, 2020 until Spring 2021.** This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.



GIVING TREES

Thanks to all who took ornaments from the Giving Tree this year. You have helped to make the Christmas season brighter for children of the community and for many people who are struggling to make ends meet. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

EVENING PRAYER

Join us on Sunday evenings of the Christmas season for sung Evening Prayer at 6:00 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church in Newton.



STOVE TO A GOOD HOME

Available: ESA gas cast iron stove heater unit, complete with remote and gas line. Currently in the garage at the house in Newton. Contact Father Albert for information.



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...

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 WINTER...

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, December 27

6:00 PM Vespers Newton

Wednesday, December 30

PARISH OFFICE CLOSING AT 12:00 NOON
Holy Angels Church Plaistow open for
private prayer all day

Thursday, December 31

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
NO ADORATION

Saturday, January 2

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation Plaistow

Sunday, January 3

6:00 PM Vespers Newton

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

NO ADORATION

There will be **NO** Adoration on **Thursday, December 31**. Adoration will resume on Thursday, January 7.



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 you may have. **Please contact SVdP 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>

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/smile. For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, December 26 ~ Vigil / Holy Family

Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40
(Vigil)

4:00 PM Roy Lajoie by Ray and Beverley Viglione
Plaistow

Sunday, December 27 ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph

Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

8:00 AM Wallace Antczak by the Burge family
Newton

10:00 AM Robert J. Chresemer by Knights of Columbus
Plaistow

Monday, December 28 ~ The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

8:00 AM Joseph A. Krafon (45th Anniversary)
by his family
Newton

Tuesday, December 29 ~ Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

8:00 AM Raymond and Anna Lynch and son Vincent
by family
Plaistow

Wednesday, December 30 ~ Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

6:30 PM Edward "Skip" Miskell by a friend
Plaistow

Thursday, December 31 ~ Sylvester I, Pope

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18 (Day)

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Joseph Fitzpatrick (28th Anniversary)
by Kay Fitzpatrick
Plaistow

Friday, January 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

9:00 AM Lea Roberts by her husband, Paul Roberts
Newton

Saturday, January 2 ~ Basil the Great and

Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28 (Day)

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

(Vigil)
4:00 PM Lena Dionne (1st Anniversary) by her family
Plaistow

Sunday, January 3 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

8:00 AM Francis Antczak by the Burge family
Newton

10:00 AM John & Lillian Murphy and Karen Murphy
by Carole Lueders
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 ✠

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER FAMILY AND FAITH IN THE HOME WEBINAR SERIES

Please join Mike and Alicia Hernon of the Messy Family Project in a three-part, interactive webinar series, "Family & Faith in the Home", sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester. Each session will focus on introducing basic concepts of fostering strong marriage and family life. For more information about the webinar series **beginning January 13, 2021**, please [download this flyer](#). To register, visit <https://messyfamily.eventbrite.com>.



CREIGHTON FERTILITYCARE SYSTEM

The Creighton FertilityCare System is a highly effective and morally acceptable natural method of family planning. It is healthy and strengthens marriage. It is used to achieve a pregnancy or avoid a pregnancy and can be useful in the diagnosis and treatment of reproductive disease. Online introductory classes will be held on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Mary Menendez, CFCP, St. Gerard Majella FertilityCare Services, at 603-642-8050 or CreightonFertility@yahoo.com.



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 ✠

Parish Office	603-382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	603-382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society	603-382-8324 x 315
St. Luke's Food Pantry	603-819-4949
Preschool	603-382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent	603-382-2744

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✠ **Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese** ✠



**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617**

The Knights of Columbus would like to wish our parish brothers and sisters a Merry Christmas.

During this Christmas season

May you be blessed

With the spirit of the season,

Which is **PEACE**

The gladness of the season,

Which is **HOPE**

And the heart of the Season,

Which is **LOVE**.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On January 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God which is a holy day of obligation. Our Mass schedule is as follows:

4:00 PM on Thursday, December 31 in Plaistow

9:00 AM on Friday, January 1 in Newton

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like an "end of year" financial statement of your contribution to the parish for 2020, please call **Jackie** at the Parish Office at 382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**

**ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ONLINE REGISTRATION**

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School is moving to an online registration system for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are seeking a traditional curriculum, rooted in the Catholic faith, in a supportive environment with comfortable class sizes, contact us today for more information. Enjoy our virtual tour online at www.stjosepheagles.org. Contact Mrs. Latino at 893-6811 x 19 or at clatino@sjrcs.com.

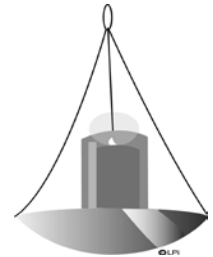
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Men's AA Step Meeting is being held on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall (Holy Angels). Masks are required. Bring your own coffee. For more information, call Joe at 617-921-9899.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

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

The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Marcia Gallant** by William Tucker



VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother Icon at Mary Mother of the Church will burn in loving memory of **Wallace Antczak** by the Burge family

COVID VACCINE CONCERNS

Beware of fake news! There are reports that call into question the moral and ethical validity of Covid-19 vaccines. Do not be misled. **Right click** on the following tab and **open** the hyperlink to read what the Bishops of the United States are saying about the moral permissibility of the current Covid-19 vaccines: [Click Here for the Memo](#)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the New Year's holiday, the Office will close at **12:00 Noon on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 and remain closed for the remainder of the week.** The Parish Office will resume its regular hours on Monday, January 4, 2021.

The Gospel at Home

Christmas and Epiphany Gospels: Luke 2:1-14 and Matthew 2:1-12

Christmas celebrates God becoming one of us and one with us. Jesus comes as an infant, placed in the care of a struggling but loving family. The Solemnity of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus as the Messiah of Israel and the Son of God. On Epiphany, a word that means “manifestation,” Jesus was revealed as far more than the king of the Jews. Matthew’s story of the visit of the Magi from the East makes it clear that Jesus came for all people who seek God.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Even though your child is very young, he or she is now very aware that Christmas celebrates Jesus’ birth. Make sure you visit the Nativity scene in your parish church during the time between Christmas and the Epiphany. Let your young child tell you about all the figures in the scene and what he or she knows about each. It is best to visit the Nativity scene when you can spend some time there with your child. Then retell the stories of Christmas and Epiphany at home using the lesson’s stick puppets.

Promise (Grades K–1): Make a ceremony of setting up the simple Nativity scene made from this week’s lesson. Don’t forget to add the Magi from last week’s lesson. Before you set it up, share the Christmas story that is on the back of the booklet or tell the story in your own words. Ask your child to tell the story that was shared by the cat who lived in the stable on the first Christmas night.

Good News (Grades 2–3): The lesson for the week covers both Christmas and the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Your family will be celebrating all the joys and wonders of the Christmas season. In addition to family attendance at

Christmas Mass and Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family (the Sunday after Christmas), set aside some time to talk about what Jesus’ coming means to your family. Ask your child to tell your family the story of the Magi following the star.

Venture (Grades 4–6): Because Christmas can be busy it may be difficult to find time to share as a family. Make an extra effort to talk about the Christmas story as a family. Be sure your child understands that Jesus Christ is the whole reason there is a Christmas feast. Talk about the journey to Bethlehem, the vision of the angels, the shepherds at the manger, the great star, and the visit of the Magi. Ask your child to share the story of “The Three Skaters” with the family. The story expresses the meaning of the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

Visions (Grades 7–9): Your teen learned how to “be Christmas” throughout the Christmas break and into 2021 by being a prophet, an angel, a shepherd, a wise person, and a disciple. Ask your son or daughter to share the commitments he or she made in class. Talk about ways each of the members of your family can “be Christmas” for others.

Pray Together

Pick one of the feast days during the Christmas season to attend Mass together as a family. Use the opportunity to pay a visit to the Nativity scene at your parish church and pray that you will always bring the Good News to others and reveal the love God has for all people.





Why don't you think about it too?

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- You can be a good steward for the Parish even when you are away from the area on a weekend
- Parish Giving allows you to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.
- Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo and follow the easy registration instructions.

Parish Giving



Bringing Home the Word

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B)

December 27, 2020

Family Peace

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

In his painting, *Rest on the Flight into Egypt* by Federico Flori, the artist captures details of the Holy Family's escape. Although they are refugees in a dramatic, stressful situation, he chooses to show the delightful communion among them. Mary sits comfortably in the center of the family, busily collecting water. Perhaps she will wash the cherries or the toddler's dirty hands. Her face, full of serenity and joy, is lost in thoughts that go beyond the work of the present. She is the model of so many mothers who, in spite of challenging

circumstances, focus their energy on loving their children and creating an oasis of peace.

Saint Joseph stands behind the Madonna and reaches up into the tree to pull off a branch for the child Jesus. His strong arm and hand extend straight down toward the child as they both grasp the wood from opposite ends—one giving and the other receiving. This simple domestic gesture of providing for the son is strongly symbolic of what so many husbands and fathers do on a daily basis. Alongside their wives, they care for their families with hard work.

Jesus is next to Mary and reaches out to Joseph. He receives love from both parents while returning that love with joy and gratitude.

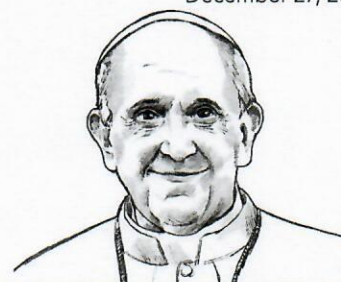
The Holy Family reflects the divine family. One day the heavenly Father will also extend a piece of fruit—this time the bitter passion and the wood of the cross. Although it costs his human nature, Jesus accepts it, thanks in part to the strength he finds in Mary. +

*In spite of challenges,
mothers focus their energy
on their children and
creating an oasis of peace.*

A Word from Pope Francis

Instead of returning home with his family, he stayed in Jerusalem, in the Temple, causing great distress to Mary and Joseph who were unable to find him.... Returning home, Jesus surely remained close to them, as a sign of his complete affection and obedience. Moments like these become part of the pilgrimage of each family.

—Feast of the Holy Family,
December 27, 2015



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Does my family know how to gracefully encounter trying times?
- What attitudes allowed the Holy Family to have peace amidst the crosses?

Sunday Readings

**Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14 or
Genesis 15:1–6; 21:1–3**

Those who honor their father will have joy in their own children, / and when they pray they are heard.

**Colossians 3:12–21 or
Colossians 3:12–17 or
Hebrews 11:8, 11–12, 17–19**

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

**Luke 2:22–40 or
Luke 2:22, 39–40**

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

We Can Save Each Other

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

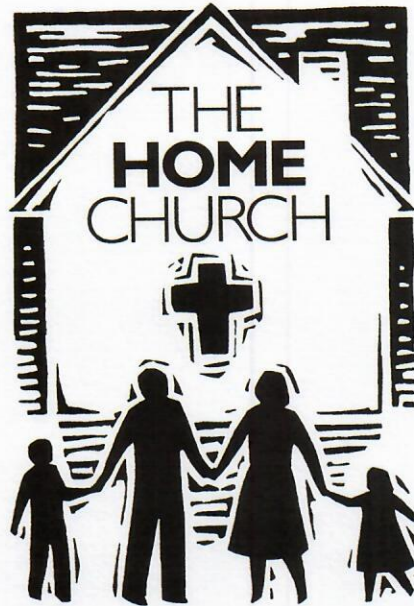
There is something peculiar about the birth of Jesus, our Savior. God becomes small, a tiny infant-God. Think about it for a moment. Who really needs to be saved?

The kind innkeeper saves Jesus from being born in the street by providing a stall, straw, and a crib. The angels save him from the silence of night and lull him to sleep singing songs of “joy to the world.” The animals breathe warmth over the newborn Jesus, saving him from the cold. The star shines brightly overhead, saving Jesus from the darkness. Mary saves him from hunger. The kings come from afar to share their gifts, saving Jesus from the pain of need and poverty. An angel comes to Joseph in a dream, saving the Baby Jesus from jealous Herod’s wrath.

Jesus uses small things to make a big point.

Of all of the figures in the story, the only one who is helpless, vulnerable, frail, and in need of saving is Jesus. What’s peculiar about the birth of our Lord is that we are given a Savior who needs to be saved! Everyone comes to his rescue, giving him what he needs.

Jesus always uses small things to make a big point—salt, a coin, a mustard seed, yeast, a lamp, wineskins, and a splinter—all small and seemingly insignificant



until Jesus wraps them up in a parable and delivers them as the centerpiece of a big message. God becomes small to make a big point. God gives us a Savior who needs to be saved to teach us what salvation means.

I remember standing in line at a corner store in East Harlem waiting to buy milk. A rough-looking teenager came up to me and said, “Pastor, my mother says, ‘Never buy milk here. It’s always spoiled.’” I looked and, sure enough, the milk was past the expiration date. The young man saved me from spoiled milk and a return trip. Salvation can mean so many things. The parish food pantry...you saved me! A ride to

the doctor...you saved me! A few dollars when I was short...you’re my salvation! We’ve all been there. I’ll bet you’ve said it to someone who has been there for you in your time of need: “You’re my only hope. You’re my salvation. You saved me!”

And it’s Jesus, tiny and frail in the manger, showing us how we can be salvation for each other. Our Savior is born needing to be saved, and in doing so, teaches us that we can be “salvation” for each other. +

PRAYER

Lord, Mary and Joseph helped you to grow in love and wisdom. Surround me with loving and caring people to help me to be a wise, loving, and caring person.

—From *Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas*,
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

December 28–
January 2

Monday, Holy Innocents:
1 Jn 1:5–2:2 / Mt 2:13–18


Tuesday, Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 2:3–11 / Lk 2:22–35

Wednesday, Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 2:12–17 / Lk 2:36–40

Thursday, Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 2:18–21 / Jn 1:1–18

Friday, Solemnity of Mary:
Nm 6:22–27 / Gal 4:4–7 / Lk 2:16–21

Saturday, Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen: 1 Jn 2:22–28 / Jn 1:19–28

Bringing Home
the Word 
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