

COVID UPDATE

By mandate of the Bishop of Manchester on June 6, all restrictions and procedures put in place during the pandemic are no longer in effect.

The choice to wear or to not wear a mask is left up to individuals and their discretion. Those persons who have not been vaccinated should be especially mindful of their own safety and the safety of others, especially those vulnerable to communicable disease.

A hand sanitizer station will remain at the main entrances of the church doors for the time being for parishioners' convenience.

Anyone who has been recently exposed to COVID 19 or any other communicable disease should not attend public services of any kind. Those sick should remain at home until such time as they are healthy.

Liturgy online or on TV...

Boston Catholic Television catholicstv.org
 Sunday Mass from Notre Dame
 catholicstv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass
Salt & Light TV saltandlighttv.org
Eternal Word Television ewtn.com

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](#)

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.



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!

Offertory June 13, 2021 **\$8,599.31**



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

June 20	Fuel
June 27	Works of the Holy Father
July 4	Property Management
July 11	No Second Collection
July 18	Fuel

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 ✠

FOR OUR RECORDS

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

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

June 20 to July 4, 2021

The Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) offers loving, confidential support to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. The goal of the PPC is to journey alongside women to let them know they are not alone. Additionally, they provide sexual integrity education, post abortion counseling, and material assistance (baby items, food). The PCC has locations in Haverhill, Lawrence, and Lowell, MA. On **June 20**, we will begin a Baby Bottle (Envelope) Campaign which will be used to raise funds for the PCC ministry. Please visit www.pccfriends.org to fill a virtual baby bottle or use the addressed baby bottle envelopes provided to mail in your donation. Be sure to note St. Luke the Evangelist on your check. Thank you!



Maybe it's time

To re-connect with your Church
To re-new yourself and others
through the unique power of the
Holy Spirit

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

God *does* care about you. *For
some reason*, God chose you to
be born into a family that would

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 (603-382-8324)
or www.stlukenh.org. 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.**



BLESSING OF FATHERS

A special blessing of Fathers
will be given at all Masses on
the weekend of **Father's Day**,
June 20, 2021.

The Sanctuary Candle in
Holy Angels Church
will burn this week in loving memory of
Paul Antkowiak
by his family



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EVICTON & EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know are facing eviction or need
emergency rental assistance, help is available. Please
call Catholic Charities at 603-889-9431.

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.

AMAZONSMILE FOUNDATION

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish has received a donation in
the amount of **\$77.97** from the AmazonSmile Foundation
as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between
January 1 and March 31, 2021.

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

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

WHILE AWAY THIS SUMMER...

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Wednesday, June 23
Holy Angels Church Plaistow open for
private prayer all day

Thursday, June 24
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration **Newton**

Saturday, June 26
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.

RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS

Attention Parents

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

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.



FEED THE
HUNGRY

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

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

Non-perishable food or personal care items are always needed – donations can be dropped off at Church or are welcome at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Cash donations for food are always welcome – make checks payable to **St. Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry**. All donations to the Food Pantry go toward helping the needy of our communities. **Call the Pantry at 819-4949 for more information.**

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, June 19 ~ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

4:00 PM Martin, Florence, & Sammy Fogel
and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Sunday, June 20 ~ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

8:00 AM Patricia Lawrence by the Bettencourt family
Newton

10:00 AM Eleanor Knowles by Marjorie Knowles
Plaistow

Monday, June 21 ~ Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5

8:00 AM Donna Smith by the Stanley family
Newton

Tuesday, June 22 ~ Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;

John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Plaistow

Wednesday, June 23 ~ Weekday

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20

6:30 PM People of the Parish
Plaistow

Thursday, June 24 ~ Nativity of John the Baptist

Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, June 25 ~ Weekday

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4

No Mass

Saturday, June 26 ~ Weekday

Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17 (Day)

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15;

Mk 5:21-43 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Verna Carbone
by Raymond and Beverley Viglione
Plaistow

Sunday, June 27 ~ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

8:00 AM Betty and Mary Nappi by the Stanley family
Newton

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



Mass Times for travel

masstimes.org

"come to me all of you"

- Matthew 11:28

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

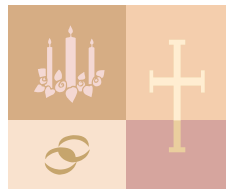


We're looking for new members! Have you ever wondered what the St. Vincent de Paul Society is all about? Our meetings are held on the **3rd Wednesday at 7 PM** of each month. New members are always welcome. We look forward

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>

MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

Did you know that all Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?



Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert in the Parish Office for more information and assistance – there are ways in which your situation might be resolved!

QUO VADIS DAY

**For Young Men Ages 14-18
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus as a great plan for you! You are invited to attend *Quo Vadis Days Game Day* on **August 6, 2021 at St. Patrick Parish in Pelham, NH** to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. *Quo Vadis Days* is led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and includes a variety of games, prayer, other activities, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. The cost is \$20 (financial aid available). Please contact Fr. Von DeRosia at 603-635-3525 or vderosia@rcbm.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.

✠ 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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Val Barczak	mvmbarczak@comcast.net
Parish Council	parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠



ALTAR SERVERS WANTED!

School students 3rd grade and up – adults and families are all welcome!

If you would like to become an altar server, or if you have served before and would like to resume serving, please contact Fr. Albert at 603-382-8324 or fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net

VIGIL LIGHT

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



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and there are

seven sessions on weekdays 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, visit www.wwmema.org.

Invite God into your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on **Thursdays/Mondays, July 8-29, 2021.**

St. Thomas Aquinas High School

St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover, NH is a college prep School of Excellence. We are happy to offer campus visits and tours throughout the spring and summer months, and we are still accepting applications for Fall 2021. For more information about the admission process or to schedule a visit, please contact us at admission@stalux.org.



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.

FIAT DAY

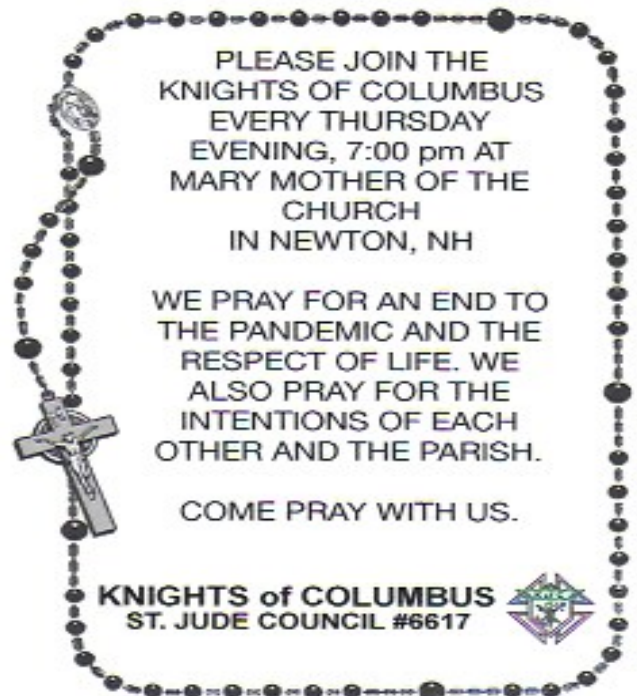
For Young Women Ages 14-18

July 30, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Do you want to say "yes" to God's plan for your life? You are invited to attend a Fiat Day at Ste. Marie Parish in Manchester, NH to spend time with other young women your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. Fiat Day is led by the vocations team of the diocese and the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love of Manchester, NH. It includes a schedule of Mass and prayer, activities, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. Cost is \$20 (financial aid is available). For more information, or to register, contact Becky Vinson at 603-663-0153 or rvinson@rcbm.org.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH HOSTING
UNEMPLOYMENT ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP**

For those who may be struggling with job loss – or looking for the next opportunity – Catholic Charities NH is offering a free online support group to help you effectively navigate the complex job search process. "Unemployed: What Now? How do I Find A Job?" is a five-part series where you will learn and share best practices around targeting prospective employers, resume writing and interviewing, as well as how to best apply your unique skills to your own search. **The program will be held via Zoom for five consecutive Thursdays (at 10:00 AM) starting June 24.** To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/unemployment or call 603-752-1325.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THE SACRAMENTS

Based on the film series presented by Bishop Robert Barron

As stated by WORD ON FIRE: "Bishop Barron looks at the great sacraments of the Church in all their theological depth, spiritual effects, and pastoral promise. *The Sacraments* will help you understand these signs and channels of grace."

If you are interested in joining a group for four weeks either on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., beginning July 7, or Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m., beginning July 8, please cut the form off at the bottom and complete. Completed forms should be returned either in the collection basket or at the parish office no later than Monday, June 28. Any questions, contact Cathy Smith at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net or at 382-8324.

Both groups will meet in the Church Hall

According to the Diocese of Manchester and the best practices outlined by the State of New Hampshire, masks are strongly recommended for all who are able to wear them.

THE SACRAMENTS

Name _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Cell Phone _____

Wed., July 7–July 28, at 7 p.m. ____

Thurs., July 8–July 29, at 1:30 p.m. ____



The Society of St. Vincent DePaul, at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, invites you to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry! Even if you are unable to attend meetings, your talents are more than welcome.

Shawls can be made with yarn, quilt fabric, or fleece. They are filled with prayer, care and love. They will be given to anyone in need of comfort or solace.

If you are interested in prayerful camaraderie or just want to contribute your talent, consider joining our committee.

If you know of someone that is in need of comfort and would like to receive a gift from our group, please call to make the request.

Barbara Metcalf

603-642-8334

cmbklb@yahoo.com

Meeting Schedule:

- First Thursday of each month, except July and August.
- 10 A.M. – 12 Noon
- Parish office building (dining room)
- Material can be supplied

We are honored to provide this service to anyone in need.

St. Luke the Evangelist

Parish Grounds Beautification Day

SATURDAY JUNE 26

9:00 am

The Knights of Columbus, Council #6617, will be taking time to beautify both of our parish campuses. Raking, pruning, spreading loam and mulch.

We need your help. If you would like to help spruce up the grounds please join us on Saturday, June 26 at 9:00 am at either of the parish campuses in Newton or Plaistow. Jack Brotz and Peter Richards will be there to greet you and let you know what needs to be done.

If you plan on helping out and can, please bring rakes, shovels, pruning shears / clippers, wheel barrows. If helping at the Newton Campus we could use power clippers.

Questions, contact:

Newton Campus Jack Brotz 617 875 3721 johnbrotz17@yahoo.com

Plaistow Campus - Peter Richards 603 382 4315 pmrpjs6@comcast.net

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Into the Breach.
Marian Prayer Program.
Support Vocations Program.
Rosary Program.
Sacramental Gifts.
Spiritual Reflection.

Community Programs:

Coats for Kids.
Global Wheelchair Mission.
Habitat for Humanity.
Free Throw Championship.
Disaster Preparedness.
Helping Hands.
Soccer Challenge.
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.

Family Programs:

Food for Families.
Family of the Month/Year.
Keep Christ in Christmas.
Family Fully Alive.
Family Week.
Good Friday Family Promotion.
Consecration to the Holy Family.
Family Prayer Night.

Life Programs:

March for Life.
Special Olympics.
Ultrasound.
Christians Refugee Relief.
Rosary for the Unborn.
Novena for Life.
Mass for People with Special Needs.
Pregnancy Center Support.



**For more information contact Dan Sullivan or email
dans49@comcast.net.**



Bringing Home the Word

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

June 20, 2021

Security from Life's Storms

By Mary Katharine Deeley

My brother, sister, and I learned to sail when we were young. Of all the lessons we had, the one I remember nearly verbatim was "Signs of an Approaching Storm." I can reel off the list as though it were yesterday: dark, low, fast-moving clouds; a sudden shift in wind direction and velocity; a sudden change in temperature.

To this day, when I experience any of these things, I close windows and make sure everything is inside. I think the apostles who were seasoned fishermen must have had similar training, and I have often wondered why they just didn't

make for shore when they noticed the signs. But then I remember that some storms move in very quickly and, if you are in the middle of the sea, you can't make it to shore easily. The apostles may have decided to ride it out and then realized they could not.

It must have struck the apostles as odd that Jesus was peacefully asleep while they battled rising water and fierce wind. They were afraid of losing their lives. When they woke Jesus up, Scripture says that he "rebuked" the wind and the sea. The same word is used when Jesus casts out demons. The result is peace—at least on the sea or in the person who is possessed.

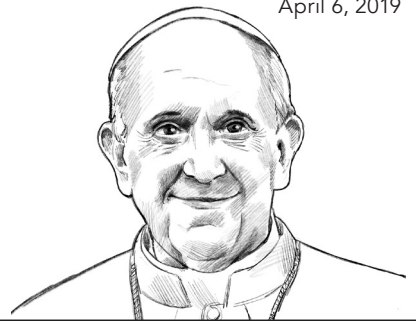
But for the disciples and for us, the act inspires awe and not a little anxiety: "Who then is this?" The answer unfolds for us throughout the Gospels. Jesus is Lord over the wind and sea, over all creation, and over us as well. In storm or calm, he brings his peace and shows us God's glory. +

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the wind and sea,
over all creation,
and over us as well.*

A Word from Pope Francis

Do not be afraid of migrants. Migrants are those who always bring us richness.... Today there is the temptation to build a culture of walls, to raise walls, walls in the heart, walls on the land.... And those who raise a wall, who build a wall, will end up a slave within the walls he has built, without horizons.

—Dialogue with teachers and students,
April 6, 2019



Sunday Readings

Job 38:1, 8–11

Who shut within doors the sea, /
when it burst forth from the womb?

2 Corinthians 5:14–17

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away.

Mark 4:35–41

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do you try to ride out life's storms alone, rather than asking Jesus in prayer to help you?
- When stormy times enter your life, do you have faith that Jesus will bring you peace?

What Kind of Christian Are You?

By Kathleen M. Basi

In my freshman year of high school, I attended a talk hosted by an evangelical youth group. The topic was about “almost-ers”—people who weren’t quite good enough to get into heaven and who would therefore burn in hell forever.

I was fourteen! It terrified me! Who is ever good enough? Unfortunately, Christians often default to fear tactics in trying to spread the Gospel. Fire and brimstone can shock the complacent into an examination of conscience. What we do with that self-knowledge, however, is another matter. If our motivation for change is based on the fear of hell, it’s not likely to withstand the test of time. A quick tour of the Old Testament makes that clear. When Israel was afraid, the people turned to God. When the danger passed, the best intentions couldn’t keep them on track.

God wanted more for us. As John 3:17 says, “God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” Jesus came to show us what God’s love really looks like when it mixes with frail humanity. It looks like the cross—like torture and suffering and self-emptying. But it also looks like resurrection.



The call to discipleship is a call to die to self, yes, but also to rise and live in love. Christ is risen, and true discipleship manifests in a desire to reflect God’s likeness in the world. Discipleship calls us to a love of God and neighbor that is so powerful it sends shock waves rippling through our communities.

Each day, we have a choice to make: Am I going to be a Christian who goes to church on Sunday to meet the minimum requirements for avoiding hell? Or am

I going to be a Christian whose longing for God reimagines and reshapes my ordinary, unexceptional life? Will I be a Christian who sees in every natural disaster the wrath of God, come down to punish sinful humanity? Or will I be one whose love for God spills over into action to ease the suffering of my neighbor?

When I become that person, I will no longer have the time, energy, or the need to worry about whether I’m “good enough” for heaven. +



*Lord, you bring compassion
and peace to a fragile world.
Strengthen my faith and help
me trust your presence.*

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

Is your motivation for change based on fear or faith?

WEEKDAY READINGS

June 21–26

Monday, St. Aloysius Gonzaga:
Gn 12:1–9 / Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday, Weekday:
Gn 13:2, 5–18 / Mt 7:6, 12–14

Wednesday, Weekday:
Gn 15:1–12, 17–18 / Mt 7:15–20

Thursday, Nativity of St. John the Baptist:
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Bringing Home
the Word 

June 20, 2021

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