

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By mandate of the Bishop of Manchester on June 6, all restrictions and procedures put in place during the pandemic are no longer in effect.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

**August 22, 2021**

Offertory	\$5,571.71
Fuel	\$1,219.02



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

August 29	Missionary Co-op
September 5	Property Management
September 12	Catholic University / USCCB
September 19	Fuel
September 26	Priest Retirement 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

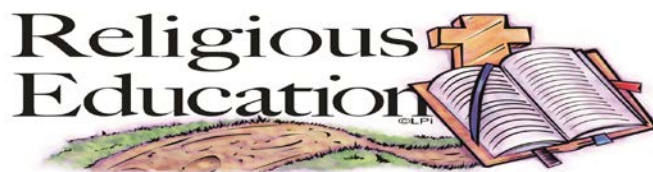
### Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

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 ✠

### 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](mailto: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>.



### ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Registration for the 2021-2022 Academic Year for **Grades Pre-K through 12** begins in September. If your child is currently enrolled, a registration form has been sent home. If your child is new to the Program, please call Cathy Smith at 382-8324 for more information.

### CATECHISTS NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If you can help, please email Cathy Smith at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

### SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

We appreciate the gracious support of our bulletin by our Advertisers! Please be sure to support our advertisers by calling them first. If you have a business and would like to place an ad, call 1-800-333-3166, ext. 161.

### 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

**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](http://www.amazonsmile.com). For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

**St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.**

### ALTAR SERVERS WANTED!

School students 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net)



### **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](http://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.**



### **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.

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

**Wednesday, September 1**

Holy Angels Church  
Open All Day For Prayer

**Thursday, September 2**

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration	Newton
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting	Plaistow

**Saturday, September 4**

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation	Plaistow
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**Sunday, September 5**

11:00 AM Religious Ed Registration	Plaistow
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### HAITI RELIEF

Please pray for the people of Haiti who have suffered yet another set of natural disasters. Our US Catholic Church is already reaching out to help rebuild shattered lives. Visit **CRS.ORG** to donate to Haiti relief and to find out more information about Catholic Relief Services work in Haiti and throughout the world.

### 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](mailto: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, August 28 ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;*

*Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM	Donald B. Culbert, Jr. (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by his mother, Jane Culbert, and family <b>Plaistow</b>
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**Sunday, August 29 ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;*

*Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

8:00 AM	Betty Joyce by the Lumnah family <b>Newton</b>
10:00 AM	Deceased Family Members of the Charles and Mary Jesionowski family by Sonia Tatarka <b>Plaistow</b>

**Monday, August 30 ~ Weekday**

*1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30*

8:00 AM	People of the Parish <b>Newton</b>
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**Tuesday, August 31 ~ Weekday**

*1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37*

8:00 AM	Ed Bahia by Cathy Smith <b>Plaistow</b>
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**Wednesday, September 1 ~ Weekday**

*Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44*

6:30 PM	Jack Ronan (Birthday Remembrance) by his family <b>Plaistow</b>
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**Thursday, September 2 ~ Weekday**

*Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11*

8:00 AM	Paul Francis Bonnell (Month's Mind) <b>Newton</b>
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**Friday, September 3 ~ Gregory the Great, Pope and  
Doctor of the Church**

*Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39*

**No Mass**

**Saturday, September 4 ~ Weekday**

*Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5 (Day)*

*Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM	Frances Blinn (First Anniversary) by Patricia Morrill <b>Plaistow</b>
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**Sunday, September 5 ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37*

8:00 AM	The Intentions of Paul Fournier by Edith Fournier <b>Newton</b>
10:00 AM	In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary <b>Plaistow</b>





## ✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠



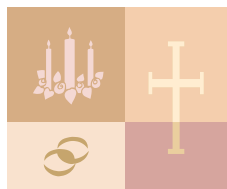
Thank you so much for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We've had a busy Spring, and Summer shows no sign of slowing down our effort to help our neighbors and friends in need.

If you are interested in learning more about this great group of volunteers, contact our Secretary, Jim Edwards, at [jimmy69180@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmy69180@hotmail.com) or 603-642-5236. Meetings are both live and virtual.

If you seek assistance or need information about the Society, call (603) 382-8324, ext.315.

### 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!

### BLUE MASS

All are welcome to the Annual Blue Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester on **Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 10:30 AM.\*** The Blue Mass is an opportunity to pray for and with members of law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, dispatchers and their families and communities. It is also an opportunity to ask God to continue to bless them and their families in their important work. After Mass, awards will be presented in the Cathedral. We will recognize an exemplary Catholic Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT and Dispatcher.

**\*In case of any adverse developments related to COVID-19, the Mass will be celebrated Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**



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

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? The adult Confirmation process is an opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. If you would like to prepare for Confirmation, or if you have questions, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at

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

### ADORATION

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

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

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

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

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

## ✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office	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 Council	<a href="mailto:parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net">parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net</a>

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

The Sanctuary Candle at  
Holy Angels Church  
will burn this week in loving memory of  
**Jack Ronan**  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
requested by his family



**ANNUAL MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE OFFERING**

On the weekend of **August 28-29**, our Parish will reach out to the **Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi** in our own nation as part of our Diocese of Manchester Mission Cooperative program. The Diocese of Jackson, MS is one of the smallest per capita Catholic Dioceses in the US and certainly one of the poorest. Our generosity will help the parishes of the Diocese welcome 1000 children to schools and feeding programs in Mississippi and will also fund summer nutrition programs for children and families who do not get enough to eat in the summer vacation months. The Diocese of Jackson also sponsors parish programs that educate and welcome people of all faith traditions while helping residents who exist well below the poverty line. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Diocese of Jackson. Visit their website at [www.jacksondiocese.org](http://www.jacksondiocese.org).

**6 WEEK BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**DAYTIME GROUP**

**Mondays from 2:00 to 3:30 PM**  
**September 13 through October 18**  
**Exeter Hospital, 5 Alumni Drive, Exeter, NH**  
**Conference 1 North**

**EVENING GROUP**

**Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 PM**  
**September 6 through October 13**  
**Medical Building, 4 Alumni Drive, Exeter, NH**  
**Conference Room #2**

These six-week interactive support groups provide an opportunity for members to meet in a safe, supportive environment to explore the grieving process and share with others who are coping with the loss of a loved one. All groups are free. Minimum enrollment is 4 participants for each group, and a maximum of 7 participants for the evening group due to social distancing policy. Please be able to commit to all six sessions. To register, please call Hillary Coughlin 603-580-8948 or email her at [hcoughlin@ehr.org](mailto:hcoughlin@ehr.org).



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

**HELP WANTED**

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish in Newton-Plaistow, NH is searching for a PT custodian for our Preschool-Kindergarten in Plaistow, NH. The position involves routine custodial services after school hours (post 3 PM) Monday through Friday to equal twenty (20) hours per week. The successful candidate must be able to work independently and follow instructions to prepare the school environment for each new learning day. Candidates must be able to work on their feet for most of their time, go up and down stairs and lift at least twenty (20) pounds. Candidates must also complete the Diocese of Manchester protocols for Safe Environment including a State(s) Criminal background check and Diocesan Safe Environment database training.

A full job description and application materials are available by contacting the Parish Office at (603) 382-8324 or [fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net).

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, September 6**. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 7. Our usual office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 to 5:00 PM. The Office is closed on Fridays.

THERE IS  
POWER IN  
PRAYER  
**JOIN  
US**



Every Thursday Evening  
7:00 pm  
Mary, Mother of the  
Church Newton NH

Say, reflect on the rosary  
as we pray for the  
intentions of the church,  
our world, our communities  
and for each other.



**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**COUNCIL #6617**



### **... from the Heart of the Southern Home Missions**

Mississippi is a big state embracing 47,716 square miles. It is a state of many contrasts from its gentle wooded slopes to its endless fields of cotton, soy beans, corn and rice, to the white sands and blue water of its Gulf Coast. Poultry for domestic and foreign consumers is complemented by catfish farming. Former times saw cotton as the predominant crop. Now agriculture is rivaled by growing industry. Throughout the State new factories are bringing in their wake the promise of a better life.

The growth of the State is indicated by the growth of Jackson, the capital. In 1945, Jackson had a population of 72,000; today the Jackson metropolitan area numbers 576,800. Statistics often paint a dismal picture of Mississippi, but its hospitals and schools, its growing cities and industries, its improved farming methods tell a different and happier story.

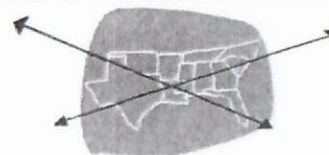
If a growing Mississippi is looking forward to a more prosperous future, there is no denying that the State is beset by many problems. We face crucial years in the State's history — years which will greatly influence the future of the State. In the meantime, the Catholic Diocese of Jackson proudly and diligently builds enthusiasm for a new evangelization. The burdens imposed by a society with the lowest per capita income and the highest percentage of families living below the poverty level of the fifty United States continue to challenge our best efforts.

The Catholic Church in America is concerned about its home missions. Mississippi and the Diocese of Jackson present a challenge and an opportunity. With approximately only 50,000 Catholics in a total population of 2,967,297, the Church of the Diocese of Jackson reaches out to the best of its ability in Christlike missionary and ecumenical thrusts to all people within its boundaries. With hope, we look to Catholics throughout the U.S. for encouragement and help. As people of God, we wish to bring enthusiasm to our ministry and commitment to our vision of sharing the light of faith with those who live the life and shape the times of Mississippi today.

Religious men and women and lay volunteers have shared generously in the growth of the Church in Mississippi. Today, 18 parishes or missions are led by a lay person or by a religious sister or brother. Twelve do not have Mass every weekend. Catholics in the Diocese of Jackson are 2.3 percent of the total population. There is a higher percentage of African-Americans in the general population than any other diocese in the United States and we have a growing Latino population. Less than one percent are Catholic.

The Catholic Church wishes to have a rightful place as a significant religious, social and cultural influence in Mississippi. We welcome your help. These are days of challenge, opportunity and action! Can you share in our mission here? If you do, the Church of Jackson welcomes you and is grateful for your prayers and generosity!

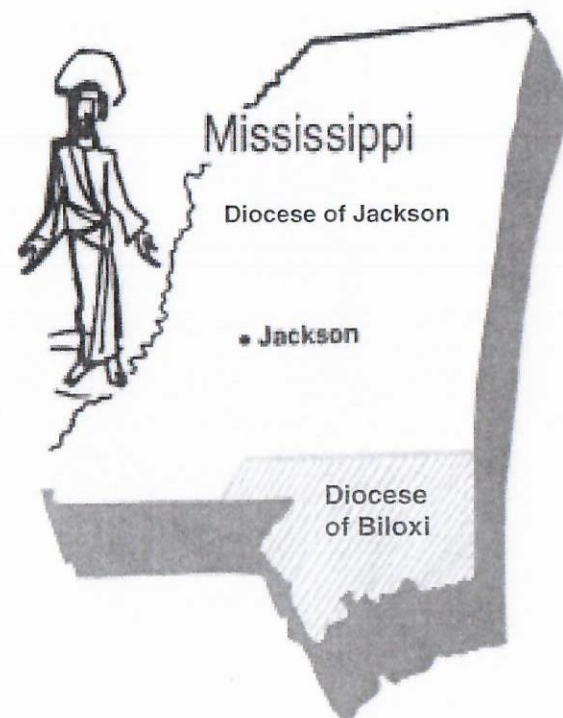
#### **HEART OF THE SOUTHERN MISSIONS**



*Jackson, Mississippi*

### *A Personal Invitation...*

## *To Share in the Mission of Evangelization in the Diocese of Jackson*



*"We wish to confirm once more that the task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church. It is a task and mission which the vast and profound changes of present-day society make all the more urgent. Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity."*

**Pope Paul VI**  
On Evangelization in the Modern World



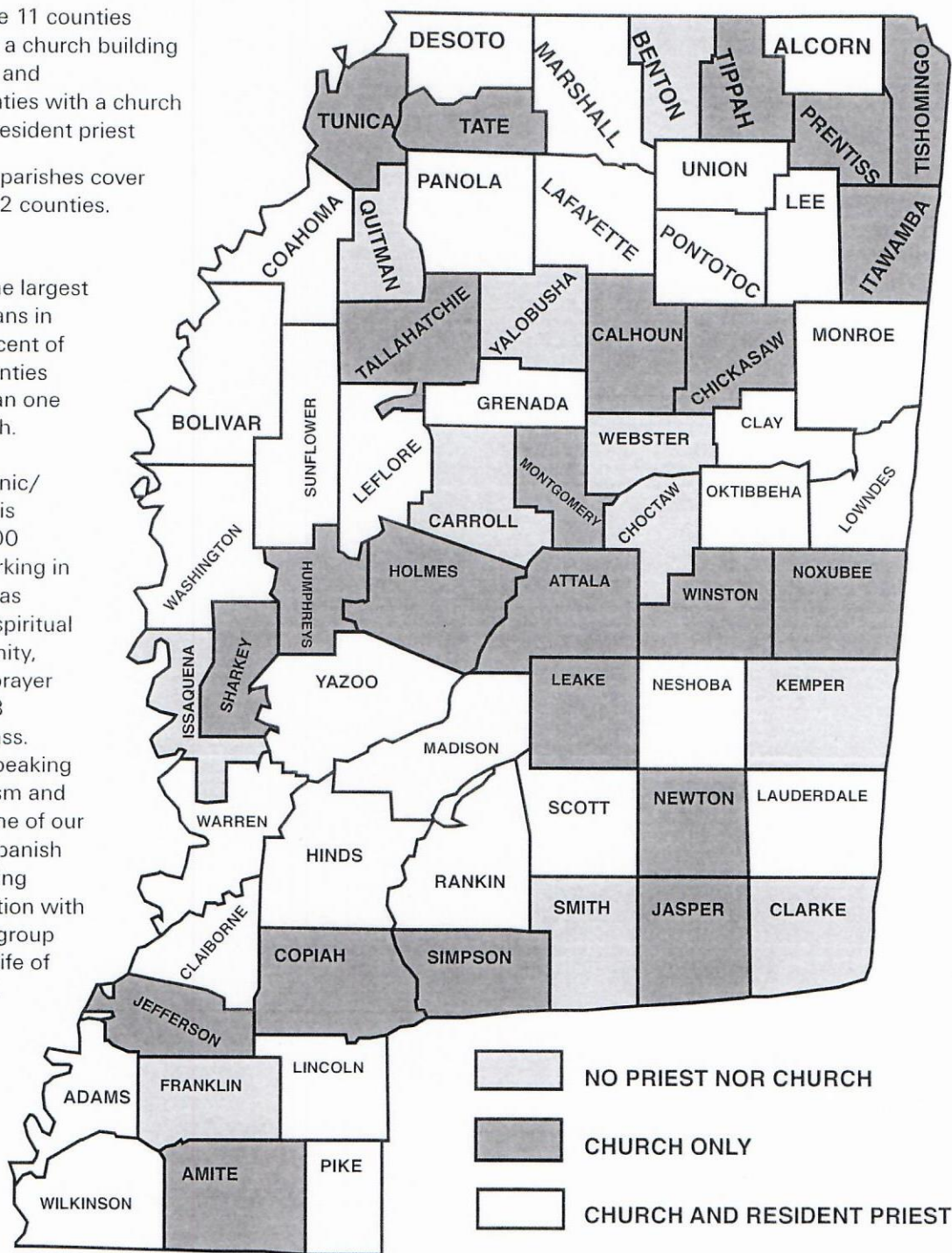
The Diocese of Jackson covers Sixty-five of MISSISSIPPI'S eighty-two counties.  
It is the largest diocese east of the Mississippi River.

We have 11 counties  
without a church building  
and  
21 counties with a church  
but no resident priest  
  
Twenty parishes cover  
at least 2 counties.

The Diocese of Jackson has the largest percentage of African-Americans in the total population. Forty percent of all people in our sixty-five counties are African-American. Less than one percent share our Catholic faith.

We also have a growing Hispanic/Latino population. Presently it is estimated that there are 30,000 Hispanic people living and working in the Diocese of Jackson. This has been a challenge to meet the spiritual needs of this growing community, sacraments, Mass, and other prayer services. Presently we have 28 parishes that offer Spanish Mass. Others have hired a Spanish speaking minister to assist with catechism and sacramental preparations. Some of our priests have begun studying Spanish so as to better serve this growing population. It is a lively population with many children and certainly a group that we wish to bring into the life of the Church here in Mississippi.

There are 33 public and private universities, colleges and junior colleges without any Catholic colleges.



For more information contact:  
The Director

**MISSISSIPPI CATHOLIC MISSIONS**  
**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JACKSON**  
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# BRING THE BIBLE TO LIFE AND LIVE SCRIPTURE EVERY DAY!!!!



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**Threshold Bible Study** series, published by *TWENTY-THIRD PUBLICATIONS*, is a dynamic, informative, and inspiring way to enter into a deeper relationship with God through Scripture.

Our Fall Bible share groups will be exploring the theme “Mysteries of the Rosary” *Twenty-Third Publications* states: “This study explores the biblical roots of each of the mysteries of the rosary and the meditative tradition of this popular prayer. Enhance your reflection on the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries by understanding their biblical foundations.”

If you are interested in joining a group either on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., beginning September 22, or Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m., beginning September 23, please cut the form at the bottom and complete. Completed forms should be returned either in the collection basket or the parish office no later than Tuesday, September 7. Any questions, contact Cathy Smith at 382-8324 or [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net)

**Groups will meet downstairs**

(There is a \$10 book fee)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Mysteries of the Rosary (circle one)**

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.  
Sept. 22 – Oct. 27

Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.  
Sept. 23 – Oct. 28



## ✠ AROUND THE DIOCESE ✠



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### **STAY INFORMED WITH FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP NEWS**

The Diocese of Manchester wants to inform Catholics about important public policy matters facing our elected officials. Faithful Citizenship News provides briefs on legislation as well as information about Catholic social teaching on some of today's pressing issues. To read the current issue of Faithful Citizenship News and to subscribe, visit [www.catholicnh.org/fcnews](http://www.catholicnh.org/fcnews).

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING**

New Hampshire Catholic Charities provides individual, marital, family, and couples' counseling, helping people with a variety of personal difficulties, including: Depression, Stress, Family Conflicts, Relationship Problems, Anxiety, Substance Abuse, Life Adjustment Issues, Grief and Loss. Counseling also helps individuals and families strengthen communication skills in order to build and sustain healthy relationships and live more satisfying lives. A sliding scale fee is offered. Contact Arlene Dody, LCMHC in Salem at 603-893-1971 for more information.

### **HOW TO MAKE A REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE**

Child sexual abuse is a crime in the State of New Hampshire and the Church. New Hampshire law requires that anyone who has reason to suspect that a child is being or has been abused or neglected must make a report to the Division for Children, Youth & Families ("DCYF") of the State of New Hampshire, 1-800-894-5533. Any person who suspects or alleges child abuse on the part of a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of a parish, school, or institution of the diocese of Manchester is also encouraged to make a report to the Office for Ministerial Conduct, 603-669-3100. Church personnel – clergy, paid employees, and volunteers – have additional reporting requirements if they believe that Church personnel have sexually abused a child. You can learn more about these reporting requirements on the diocesan website at [www.catholicnh.org](http://www.catholicnh.org) or by speaking with our Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Cathy Smith at 382-8324.

### **The Pregnancy Care Center**

The Pregnancy Care Center is a non-profit organization that offers its confidential services at no cost to its clients. We are committed to promoting the culture of life by assisting expectant parents in the birth and subsequent development of their child during his or her first year of life. We are also committed to helping young people embrace the virtues of chastity and continence as a sign of their Christian dignity.

#### **Main Center**

496 Main St., Haverhill, MA (978-373-5700)

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

Helpline: 866-254-4440



### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on each other by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in New England. For more information, call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-9963 or visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

### **NH COUPLE ENRICHMENT CIRCLE**

Have you attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend? If your answer is yes, you are invited to participate in the NH Couple Enrichment Circle to continue to strengthen your marriage relationship. For more information, contact David and Karen Demers at 617-480-9989 or [ddemers@aviconpartners.com](mailto:ddemers@aviconpartners.com).

### **RETRouvaille...A Lifeline**

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).



### **SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED**

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit [www.catholicnh.org/support](http://www.catholicnh.org/support) for a listing of groups.







Who is excited for a LIVE Christmas Fair ! !

As of now, Our annual Christmas Fair is ON so **SAVE THE DATE!**  
Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 9:00AM - 3:00PM

As in years past, we'll have all our favorites: The Café, Cash Raffle, Cookie Heaven, Country Store, Jewelry Table, Kids Table, Lollipop Game, Penny Sale, Photos with Santa, Quilt Raffle, Silent Auction, Theme Baskets, Vendors, and Wine Raffle.

We are also hoping to utilize the online website BiddingOwl as we did last year to expand our reach. Adding BiddingOwl to our Fair Toolbox will allow each of us to share the Christmas Fair with family & friends who are not local, as well as to the community at large.

In a future bulletin, we will share both the link to St. Luke's Virtual Christmas Fair as well as instructions on how you can create an account, place bids and/or purchase raffle tickets online.

### Speaking of raffle tickets!!!

Quilt Raffle tickets will be sold at the entrances of both churches, beginning the weekend of September 11 & 12 and will continue through the weekend of October 16 & 17.

Ticket sales for **Ca\$h Raffle** and **Wine Raffle** will be coming soon.

But **FIRST**, we need lots of donations; see other side for details!!

Questions? Send a message to [stlukenhfair@gmail.com](mailto:stlukenhfair@gmail.com)

Thank you very much!

*ps Because life happens, we are looking for a few more people to help out in some key areas of the Fair. If you would like to be a little more involved this year, email [stlukenhfair@gmail.com](mailto:stlukenhfair@gmail.com) with your interest and we'll see if we can find the right fit for you!*



## St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Annual Christmas Fair

### **Can you donate...**

New and/or Like-New items ?

Antiques, Collectibles, Gift Cards ?

Lottery Tickets ? Lots & Lots & Lots of Lottery Tickets ?

Original Artwork, New Toys, Fun Gadgets, or New Power Tools ?

Newly Knitted and/or Crocheted Coordinated Sets or Afghans ?

Items for men, Items for women, Items for boys, or Items for girls ?

Wine: White wine, Red wine, Pink wine, Sparkling wine, Wine, Wine, Wine !!!

Jewelry: new/like-new Rings, Watches, Chains, Necklaces, Earrings, or Bracelets ??

Vases ? We can get a generous Gift Certificate from a local florist in exchange for them.

### **Themed Baskets are needed!!**

#### Here are some ideas:

As-Seen-On-TV, Babies, Baking, Beauteous Beards, Birthday-In-A-Box, Book Club, Breakfast-In-A-Basket, Caffeine Fix, Christmas Theme, Chocolate Madness, Cooking, COVID Safety, Crafty Kids, Crazy for Cats, Family Fun, First Aid, Fishing, Fabulous Foodie, Football Fans, Game Night, Gardening, Golf-Golf-Golf, The Grill Master, Ice Cream Party, Kid's Crafts, Kitchen Essentials, Ladies Night Out, Loco for Legos, Mani/Pedi Kit, Mexican Fiesta, Movie Night, New Years' Celebration, Knifty Knitting, Outdoor Adventure, Pamper-the-Chef, Pasta Night, Picnic Basket, Puppy Lovers, Quilting, Relaxation Station, Road Trip, Scrapbooking, Spa Day, Sports Lover, Stampers Delight, Super Scientist, Thanksgiving, Vehicle Safety Kit, Weekend Getaway, Winter Fun, Yoga Time, Zen Master.

### **KEY DATES**

We will accept donations Saturday, September 11 through Sunday, October 17.

Donations will be accepted down in the Church Hall every Saturday from 3:00PM-5:00PM and every Sunday from 9:00AM-11:00AM. The last day and time for donation drop-off will be Sunday, October 17 from 9:00AM-11:00AM.

The Silent Auction and Raffles will close on Saturday, November 6 at 3:00PM.

We will begin notifying winners on Saturday, November 6 after 3:30PM.

#### Pick up days and times will be:

Sunday, November 7 from 9:00AM-12:00PM.

Saturday, November 13 from 3:00PM– 5:00PM

Sunday, November 14 from 9:00AM-12:00PM.

**All winnings must be picked up by 12:00PM on Sunday, November 14.**





# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

August 29, 2021

## Human Rules and God's Rule

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The Old Testament tells of a golden calf, produced by the Israelites when Moses disappeared up the mountain to receive God's law (see Exodus 32). Since Moses delayed, they melted gold brought from Egypt, made their own god, and began worshipping it. This is the essence of idolatry: We create a god to worship, but since it is our creation, we are really worshipping ourselves.

Jesus accused the Pharisees of falling into a similar trap. They slavishly revered human traditions that didn't reflect the heart of God. They hid behind laws created in the name of religion to serve themselves and their desire for power.

Jesus overturns the tables of their self-justifications. He quotes the prophet as an accusation: "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" (Mark 7:6).

Before pointing an accusatory finger, realize that the same can happen to us. We can cling to human traditions and laws while disregarding God's basic commands of love and mercy. We can hide behind those laws and traditions to justify our self-righteousness and look down on others who are not as pious as us, as noted by James: "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding yourselves" (James 1:22).

Pope Francis makes a special effort to remind the Church, especially the clergy, of this truth: "Dangerous as it was then for the Pharisees, so too is it for us to consider ourselves acceptable, or even worse, better than others simply for observing the rules...even though we do not love our neighbor, we are hard of heart, we are arrogant and proud." +

## Sunday Readings

### Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

What great nation has statutes and ordinances that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?

### James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

### Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

[Jesus said,] "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

*We can hide behind laws and traditions to justify our self-righteousness and look down on others.*

## A Word from Pope Francis

Let us try asking ourselves: Am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit?...This is a prayer we must pray every day: "Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day."

—General audience, May 15, 2013



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do I look down on others who are not as generous and faithful as I?
- Is there a subtle division in my heart between those who deserve my love and those who do not?

# A Profound Connection

By Kathleen M. Basi

I was young when my great-grandparents passed away. I remember being afraid of them. I was intimidated by their vast age and had difficulty communicating with them.

So, it has been a beautiful thing for me to see my children developing relationships with their great-grandmothers—relationships that cross the boundaries of this world. They prayed for my grandmother before she died, and they pray for her now, two years after her death.

In a world that depends on the tangible and measurable, even people of faith sometimes shy away from praying for the dead. What, really, is the point? They're dead! Yet popular inspirational culture is peppered with stories of people who sense that their loved ones are still with them.

As Catholics, we have inherited a beautifully holistic approach to death and resurrection. Believing in eternal life means those we love are dead only in the body. They're still able to care about us... and it is still worth praying for them.

Our Catholic faith also gives us a realistic perspective on holiness. We know how few of us are really worthy of the kingdom when we die—yet we also believe that God is too merciful to condemn us for all eternity. Just as we prayed for those we love in life, so we pray for them in death.

Even more beautifully, we can ask them to pray for us. That's a pretty



wonderful thing. Those who formed us in faith—not only family members but also teachers and mentors—are still in our lives. We talk a lot about the role of saints as inspiration for daily living, but it's those we knew in person who influence us most. We find ourselves repeating our fathers' wisdom, our mothers' mannerisms, and pondering the life philosophy of the grandmother whose sugar jar we dip into while making cookies.

I'm not saying anything new here, but it bears repeating. Catholics may not suffer from overt discrimination these days, but we are still very aware of the ways in which our beliefs don't quite jibe with those of the broader Christian

culture. We can be hesitant to embrace the profound connection between us and the communion of saints—both the big “S” and the little “s” varieties.

Today is as good a time as any to reconnect with those who have gone before—to remember what they taught us, to imagine them standing by our side at our toughest moments, whispering the advice we treasured (or perhaps didn't treasure enough) when they were here in the flesh. This month, try to remember—and we will be better Christians because of it. +

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## PRAYER

*Lord, you come from  
the heart of the Trinity.  
Give me a pure heart,  
that I may reflect goodness  
and love.*

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

## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 30–  
September 4

**Monday, Weekday:**  
1 Thes 4:13–18 / Lk 4:16–30

**Tuesday, Weekday:**  
1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11 / Lk 4:31–37

**Wednesday, Weekday:**  
Col 1:1–8 / Lk 4:38–44

**Thursday, Weekday:**  
Col 1:9–14 / Lk 5:1–11

**Friday, St. Gregory the Great:**  
Col 1:15–20 / Lk 5:33–39

**Saturday, Weekday:**  
Col 1:21–23 / Lk 6:1–5