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By mandate of the Bishop of Manchester on June 6, all restrictions and procedures put in place during the pandemic are no longer in effect.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

Sunday Mass from Notre Dame

catholictv.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 Unites 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 of 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!

October 3, 2021

Offertory \$6,746.00 Property Mgmt \$1,553.60



Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses *Parish Giving* to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at http://stlukenh.org, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

October 10	Fuel
October 17	World Mission Sunday
October 24	No Second Collection
October 31	No Second Collection
November 1	All Saints Day

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income				
Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly		
\$100,000	\$5,000/ <i>\$100</i>	\$3,000/ <i>\$60</i>		
\$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		

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	\$18.70	\$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.

VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother Icon at Mary Mother of the Church will burn in loving memory of



by the Burge family



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.



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 reconsider **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 <u>own</u> choice. **Confirmation.** If you are 18 or over and were never Confirmed, contact the Parish Office (603-382-8324) or <u>www.stlukenh.org</u>. 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.**

REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED BROTHERS

On **Sunday, October 10, 2021**, the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Holy Angels Church, will be in memory of the deceased members of Council #6617, Knights of Columbus.

You and your family are cordially invited to join the Knights, their families, and the St. Luke Parish community in prayer to celebrate the memories of our deceased brothers.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Columbus Day holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, October 11**. The office will reopen on Tuesday, October 12 at 8:30 AM.

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EVICTION & 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

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has been issued a **\$73.90** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of Amazon Smile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 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 FALL...

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

₩ WEEKLY CALENDAR ₩

Sunday, October 10

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow* **12:00 PM** Religious Ed – High School *Plaistow*

Monday, October 11
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, October 13
Holy Angels Church
Open All Day For Prayer

7:00 PM Mysteries of the Rosary Plaistow

Thursday, October 14

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration Newton
1:30 PM Mysteries of the Rosary Plaistow

Saturday, October 16

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation Plaistow

Sunday, October 17

10:00 AM NO Religious Ed – Gr. PreK to 8 **Plaistow 12:00 PM** NO Religious Ed – High School **Plaistow**

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.



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, October 9 ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Louise Fusco by Pat Zakiewicz

Plaistow

Sunday, October 10 ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

8:00 AM Marie Lessard by Susan and Mick Swanwick

Newton

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

by Knights of Columbus, Council #6617

Plaistow

Monday, October 11 ~ John XXIII, Pope

Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

8:00 AM Wallace Antczak by the Burge family

Newton

Tuesday, October 12 ~ Weekday

Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

8:00 AM Margaret Davidson by her daughter,

Marjorie Knowles

Plaistow

Wednesday, October 13 ~ Weekday

Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46

6:30 PM Will Johnson by the Knights of Columbus

Plaistow

Thursday, October 14 ~ Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

8:00 AM Lois and Thomas Hudgens

by Lisa and Charlie Angwin

Newton

Friday, October 15 ~ Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7 No Mass

Saturday, October 16 ~ Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin;

Hedwig, Religious

Roim 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12 (Day)

Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Ed Duhamel by Pat Zakiewicz

Plaistow

Sunday, October 17 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

8:00 AM Michael LeDuc by Bob and Alice Litwinovich

Newton

10:00 AM Carl Jesionowski by his family

Plaistow



▼ 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 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.

MEN OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph are a group committed to living lives of conversion, integrity, and honesty, acting as a witness for Jesus Christ in daily life, work, social, parish and family settings. The men of Saint Joseph aim to emulate St. Joseph so to become better husbands, fathers, sons and brothers. There are no dues and the Men of St. Joseph do not participate in projects or other volunteer efforts as a group, but instead, gather together for sharing among men to help them be a better person, a better family man, and a better member of the Church

In November, a special Men of St. Joseph Leaders' Conference will be held at Saint Mary-Saint Joseph Parish in Salem. The goal of the Leader's Conference is to start or to restart Men of Saint Joseph Groups in parishes in the Diocese. Father Marc Montminy and Father Anthony Frontiero will speak, and Frank Howard will be worship leader.

Saint Luke Parish invites interested men to step forward to become leaders in a newly formed Men of Saint Joseph Group meeting here in Newton-Plaistow. If you are interested, please contact Father Albert at fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net or call the Parish Office.

ROSARY RALLY

October 16, 2021 12:00 Noon

Holy Family Church 2 School Street, Amesbury, MA



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

Fr. Albert Tremblay Cathy Smith Joyce Szczapa Jackie Tremblay Val Barczak Parish Council fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net csmith@stluketheevangelist.net jszczapa@stluketheevangelist,net jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net mvmbarczak@comcast.net parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese №

HELP WANTED

Attention Ladies: Are you looking to make a difference in this world? Are you committed to Pro-Life? Are you interested in directly serving less advantaged women and their children? Do you have Case Management experience? If so, then St. Gianna's has the job for you. We are currently looking for a full-time Case Manager to work in our Catholic 24-hour Our Case Manager is transitional-housing home. responsible for providing case management, advocacy and support services for pregnant women fleeing homelessness, domestic violence, sexual violence, emotional abuse. and human trafficking. Responsibilities also include supporting and assisting the Director in the management of residents, volunteers, and staff. Interested Catholic women should visit our website for full details: https://stgiannasplace.org/employment-opportunities/ Resumes should be sent Director@StGiannasPlace.org.

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: CARING RIDES FOR LOCAL SENIORS

CareGivers, a program of Catholic Charities NH, recently expanded its Caring Rides program to the Greater Plaistow area and is seeking volunteers to help drive local homebound seniors to the doctor's office, dental visits, and other vital appointments. Many of these seniors live alone and cannot drive or access reliable transportation, relying on our amazing network of volunteers who continually prove that having a big heart can make a priceless impact. To sign up, please visit www.caringrides.org or call Ryan at 603-663-0250.



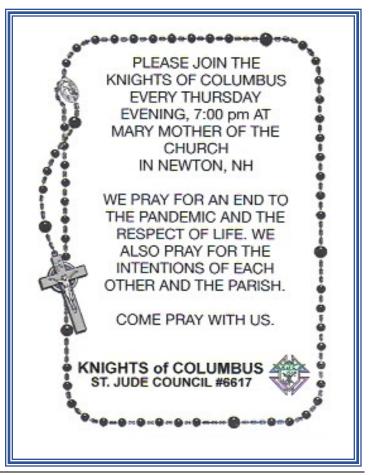
St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/ or St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaistow and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners & friends to do the same.

Christmas Craft Fair Saturday, November 6, 2021 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Center 8 Atkinson Depot Rd. Plaistow, NH

Come join us for a fabulous day full of fun and festivities! There will be thousands of one-of-a-kind gifts from 20+ vendors of high-quality, handcrafted, and handmade items. Plus, our Country Store, Silent Auction, Jewelry Table, and COOKIE HEAVEN! We're offering 5 great raffles: \$1000 Cash Raffle, Wine Raffle, Penny Sale Raffles, Theme Basket Raffles, and Quilt Raffles. Breakfast and lunch will be available in The Café and we'll have various live entertainment and children's activities all day long. If we're lucky, we will even have Photos with SANTA from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Plenty of free parking! No admission fee! Our indoor event will be held rain or shine. Questions? Call 603-382-8324. Please note: the parish center is NOT wheelchair accessible.





Knights of Columbus

St Jude Council #6617 Memorial Mass

REMEMBERING AND HONORING OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS OF THE ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617 WHO HAVE RETURNED HOME TO OUR SAVIOR.

Warren Ames Edmund Barry Fred Bishop Robert Blanchette Mark Bloom Richard Brindle **Edmund Caillouette** John Caiazza Ronald Castonguay Robert Chrisemer Francis Clark Dave Codding Rolf Comeau James Conley John Connors Sr Alfred Conte Michael Cook Ray Cooper Roger Couture Mike Daley Arthur Decareau Joseph DeRosa Robert DiBella Edward DiCarlo Martin Dowd Vincent Early George Filteau

Joseph Fitzpatrick Frederick Gabriel Joh Gaff Andy Gagnon Sr Joseph Gesmundo Robert Giallongo Bernie Gosselin Herman Green Rev. Michael Griffin Chuck Griggs Ronald Guyett Lewis Hadley Ralph Helms Theodore Hess Fr. Sam Hewitt Joe Holland Paul Hughes Will Johnson Roy Lajoie John loia Curtis Jacques John Kavanough Royal Knowles Joseph Krafton Richard Lapierre Ray Lussier Richard Maloof Norm Matineau

Albert Morin Jack McNally Jack Meli Patrick Morris Msgr. Eugene Murphy Robert Murphy Ernie Picken Brian Plante Louis Qunital Elmer Ratta Al Ravgiala Don Richardson Robert Rivard Rudolph Rogers Joseph Roldan Jack Ronan John Scotti Ed Smith Paul Stefanski Ted Stopyra Micheal Twomey Paul Vaillancourt Bill Ward Harold Widman Joseph Thompson Robert Yanacak George Young



Knights of Columbus

St Jude Council #6617

The Knights of Columbus, St Jude Council #6617 of St Luke Parish, would like to invite the men of our parish and their families to faithfully consider joining our ministry. Our mission is to DO GOOD through serving and to attending to the needs of others through the sharing of our: FAITH, TIME, TALENTS and TREASURE.

JOIN US TO

DO GOD

Joining is simple – talk to a brother Knight, contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770- 4803, email him at dans49@comcast.net or you can now join on-line - www.kofc.org/joinus

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

HEBREWS 13:16

CHRISTMAS FAIR VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

Please return no later than October 17

Name:	Best time to reach you:
Day-time phone:	Evening phone:
E-mail:	
more volunteers! Please see below for updated	time already; THANK YOU! Our Christmas Fair still needs list of areas of need. This Fair would not exist without YOU!
	d when you can help, and how you can donate.
WEEK OF OCTOBER 4 Socking Organized Borson for phone	" The Objective Fair Load applie ONE (4) arganized
individual to make EASY DAYTIME follow-up	calls The Christmas Fair Lead seeks ONE (1) organized phone calls to specific area businesses donation requests.
WEDNESDAY, 11/3	
carry awkward but not heavy items from vario	teers needed. Volunteers must be willing and able to: sweep, us places, negotiate stairs, and be comfortable climbing & using e gym. Team B will "decorate" the stage with Christmas trees,
TUIDODAY 44/4 Cat up Dort 1	
THURSDAY, 11/4, Set-up, Part 1 Trucks/Vehicle with open trailer	
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	rucks or SUVs with open trailer, sign-up if we can utilize yours!
FRIDAY, 11/5, 3:00PM-8:00PM will donate	& deliver PERISHABLE items DIRECTLY to Parish Center.
	cookies, BAKE cookies, BAKE cookies, and BAKE more cookies
12 NOON – 3PM Trucks/Vehicle with open	
	h open trailer, sign-up if we can utilize yours!
3PM – 8PM Various Help needed	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Help set-up Parish Tables: I am availa	ble from to
Help set-up Silent Auction: I am availa	ble from to
Hold doors as vendors come in & out of	of Parish Center: I am available from to
SATURDAY, 11/6, The DAY Of The FAIR	
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<u> </u>	7:30AM-3:00PM, please indicate your preferred shift
Early Bird 7:30AM – 9:00AM	Afternoon 1:00PM – 3:30PM
 Morning 8:30AM – 11:00AMLunch 11:00AM – 1:00PM	Fair Breakdown 3:30PM – 5:00PM
	Other Time Frame, be specific
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Country Store Penny Sale	
	WINE Raffle Put Me Where Needed MOST!
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	nail or phone, please be sure to provide both at the top of this ates early & stop at Volunteer Check-In for assignment.

SUNDAY, 11/7, 9:00AM-12:00PM - We need SIX (6) people to help with phone calls to winner at Parish Center



Autumn Ordinary Time -A Sense of the Season

All of our days are numbered. Now that Christ has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, we count down the days until he returns in glory to judge the living and the dead. Ordinary Time is "ordinal" time: numbered days, days in which we lay out the scriptures and the prayers to bide our time until Christ returns.

Although the church makes no official distinction between the days of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, in our lives we experience the subtle shift from the relaxed days of summer to the increasingly active days of autumn. For some of us, the shift comes with the end-of-summer holiday or the beginning of school. Others see work activities shift, from tending to harvesting, from stocking shelves to increasing sales, from cashing out an old fiscal year to digging into a new one.

The church's calendar contains some subtle shifts, too. On September 14 we celebrated the Holy Cross, and the waning of the natural world around us points us to the mystery of suffering and redemption. At the end of September, we invoked the holy archangels to guard us in the encroaching twilight. And if we listen closely to the scriptures in October, we begin to hear talk of the last days and the final things. These thoughts reach their culmination with the great festival of saints and souls, November 1 and 2. And we spend November remembering the dead, preparing for the end and celebrating Christ, the firstfruits harvested of the new creation, the firstborn from the dead.

This is the extraordinary opportunity that autumn's Ordinary Time opens up for us.

The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus compares the rich man to an overloaded camel—so weighed down with possessions that it cannot squeeze through a narrow city gate. The rich man sadly walks away when Jesus calls him to shed his possessions and give the money to the poor. The Gospel is a reminder about how easy it is for the things we have to rule our lives.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Young children don't like to give away what they have. Talk with your child about his or her favorite things. Ask your child what it means to share. Invite your child to explain to the family each situation on page 4 of their lesson. Together as a family, try to come up with other situations that call for respecting others.

Promise (Grades K–1): Your child learned the importance of sharing with others. For a child of this age, learning to share is a way of learning respect for others. Ask your child to show you the "sharing cards" he or she made in class. During the week ahead, look for opportunities to encourage your child to share with others.

Good News (Grades 2–3): Your child learned how important learning to share is. The class also learned the Ten Commandments. Talk together about ways that your family shares itself with others. It would also be fun to make a poster of the Ten Commandments (like the one on page 4 of this week's lesson). Talk about each commandment as you make your poster. Display the poster where everyone in your family can see it.

Venture (Grades 4–6): This week's lesson helped the class appreciate Jesus' teaching about sharing riches. Review Sunday's Gospel and talk about why the rich man found it difficult to

follow Jesus. The class also discussed the Third Commandment. Talk about ways your family can keep Sunday holy. The family can also play together the game on pages 6 and 7 of the lesson. Be sure to ask your young person about Saint Teresa of Ávila.

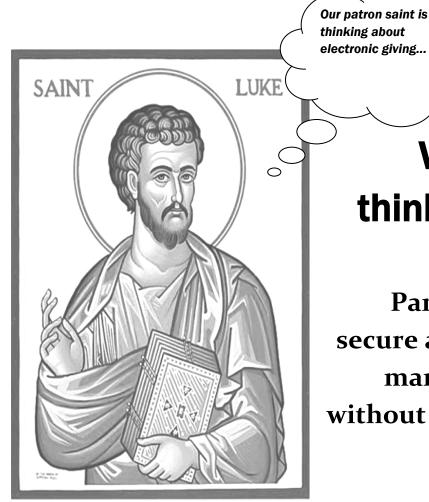
Visions (Grades 7–9): The first thing your youngster's class did this week was examine the ways they spend money. In the game, What Families Need, the class discussed the basic rights of people and everyone's duties toward others. The class also recognized that material possessions are desirable, but do not bring happiness. Play the game on pages 6 and 7 and discuss basic needs of families. Have your child tell about Saint Oscar Romero, who was canonized on October 14, 2018.

Pray Together

Make a litany prayer of respect. Each person in the family can name a right or a need people have in order to thrive and be happy. After each right or need that is mentioned, the family can respond together: "Lord, help us respect the rights of others."

Gospel Table Talk

- Read this Sunday's Gospel (<u>usccb.org/bible/readings/</u>).
- Ask your family members to think about a gift God has given them. (Maybe someone is good singer, athlete, or student. Maybe some are gifted with friendly personalities.)
- Once we consider our gifts, the question to ask is what we are doing with them. (A friendly child who makes others feel good is using his or her gift to help others.) What will each of you will do with your special gift? What is Jesus calling you to do?



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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.
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Bringing Home the Word +

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
October 10, 2021

The Wisdom of the Cross

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The Book of Wisdom is attributed to King Solomon, son of David. Solomon asked God for the gift of wisdom rather than longevity or power. To be a good ruler, he desired to know the truth, to have depth and understanding. He knew this was the strongest foundation a ruler could have. Even if he were a king appointed by God, he would one day have to render an account at his own judgment.

The Roman Emperor Constantine also learned this truth. Giulano Romano's fresco in the Vatican, *The Vision of the Cross*, is dedicated to a vision of

Sunday Readings

Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword.

Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

[Jesus said,] "Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Constantine's. The historians Eusebius of Caesarea and Lactantius tell us of how—ahead of the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in which Constantine would attack Maxentius to reunite the empire under himself—he had a vision of a cross in the heavens and heard these words: "In this sign, you will conquer."

Constantine was not a Christian, yet he had this sign emblazoned on the breastplates and shields of his soldiers. They won that battle against great odds. Archeologists have uncovered shields, helmets, breastplates, and coins with this symbol, attesting to the truth of his vision.

Eventually Constantine, the most powerful figure in the world, was baptized a Catholic and built several large churches in Rome, including St. Peter's Basilica. This was not to his political advantage, and the risk he took in promoting the faith showed the sincerity of his conversion. He understood the wisdom of the cross, and it was worth selling all to follow Jesus and receive the treasure of eternal life. +

Constantine had a vision of a cross in the sky before a battle. Later, he became a Catholic.

A Word from Pope Francis

In Jesus' final...invitation, there is no proposal of poverty, but of true richness....Being able to choose between an original and a copy, who would choose the copy? ...The challenge [is] finding life's original, not the copy. Jesus does not offer surrogates, but true life, love, richness!

General audience, June 13, 2018



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- Do I give more credence to fads or feel-good philosophies than to the truth revealed by Jesus?
- Do I seek real wisdom by reading Scripture and pondering God's truths?

Timeless, Timely

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

little-known work by St. Alphonsus Liguori, but arguably one of his greatest, is The Practice of the Love of Jesus Christ. It has been a long time since I read it from cover to cover. In fact, I had forgotten about it until recently. I remembered it while reading Pope Francis' 2016 post-synod apostolic exhortation on marriage and the family, The Joy of Love, also known as Amoris *Laetitia*. Both works use a similar structure based on St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, following his statements about love and calling the reader to experience the love of God in a profound way.

The Practice of the Love of Jesus Christ was written in a very different time (the eighteenth century), by one man, and as a tool for pastoral ministry among the poor in the hill country outside of Naples, Italy. Amoris Laetitia is the product of worldwide consultation, two sessions of a synod, and Pope Francis' desire that the Church be more compassionate and inclusive. These obvious differences in no way keep the two works from complementing each other in ways that could prove helpful to the reader. Here are some examples:

The Practice focuses on the individual, loved by God and invited to respond in love to God. The Joy of Love focuses on community, God's love revealed through the gift of marriage and family. Marriages and families are only as good and holy as the individuals who make them up.

The Practice offers a program for



individual spiritual growth that can certainly benefit spouses and families. *The Practice* is foundational and practical in its approach, presenting the underpinnings of good conscience formation and faithful discipleship lived in response to God's love revealed through the paschal mystery. It discusses key practices like prayer and discernment that are helpful for making good moral choices in general and which can easily be applied to help married couples and families deal with the problems and pressures weighing on them today, as discussed in *Amoris Laetitia*.

The Joy of Love spends much time describing the joys and sorrows of human love. The Practice emphasizes divine love as the remedy for human

suffering sometimes brought about by the imperfections and failures of human love. *The Joy of Love* describes well the complexity of marriage and family life, and the temptations families experience because of cultures and societies that are "post-Christian." *The Practice* offers spiritual direction for those who are struggling with temptations and looking to be freed of them.

How necessary it is that contemporary Church documents be read in conjunction with the works of the great spiritual writers of our Tradition. The spiritual wisdom of the saints is timeless, always fresh, always timely. Saint Alphonsus has much to contribute to the Church of today, a spirituality that has been proven accessible, practical, and effective in helping people experience the love of the Redeemer. +

The writings of St. Alphonsus and Pope Francis are complementary.



Lord, I am grateful for your gentle reminders of what is important in life. Help me to let go of anything that blocks the flow of love from my heart to the hearts of my sisters and brothers.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 11-16

Monday, Weekday: Rom 1:1–7 / Lk 11:29–32 Tuesday, Weekday: Rom 1:16–25 / Lk 11:37–41 Wednesday, Weekday: Rom 2:1–11 / Lk 11:42–46 Thursday, Weekday: Rom 3:21–30 / Lk 11:47–54 Friday, St. Teresa of Jesus: Rom 4:1–8 / Lk 12:1–7 Saturday, Weekday: Rom 4:13, 16–18 / Lk 12:8–12



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