

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By mandate of the Bishop of Manchester on June 6, all restrictions and procedures put in place during the pandemic are no longer in effect.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

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
OCTOBER 10, 2021
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**



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 17	World Mission Sunday
October 24	No Second Collection
October 31	No Second Collection
November 1	All Saints Day
November 7	Property Management

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 jtremlay@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>.



ALL SOULS DAY

We will remember all of our loved ones who have died at a Mass of Remembrance on **Tuesday, November 2 at 6:30 PM in Plaistow**. All are invited to attend. Please note that there will be NO 8:00 AM Liturgy on November 2.

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, **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 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.**



THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

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

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EVICTIION & 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.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, October 17

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

Tuesday, October 19

6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, October 20

Holy Angels Church

Open All Day For Prayer

7:00 PM Mysteries of the Rosary *Plaistow*
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting *Plaistow*

Thursday, October 21

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

Saturday, October 23

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, October 24

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Gr. PreK to 8 *Plaistow*
12:00 PM 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.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, October 16 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, October 18 ~ Luke, the Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

8:00 AM Dorothy Elaine Pressley by Elaine Kindler
Newton

Tuesday, October 19 ~ John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

8:00 AM In Honor of St. Michael the Archangel
Plaistow

Wednesday, October 20 ~ Paul of the Cross, Priest

Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

6:30 PM Don Richardson by the Knights of Columbus
Plaistow

Thursday, October 21 ~ Weekday

Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

8:00 AM The Intentions of Ashley Bosquet
by Lisa and Charlie Angwin
Newton

Friday, October 22 ~ John Paul II, Pope

Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

No Mass

Saturday, October 23 ~ John of Capistrano, Priest

Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9 (Day)

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Kevin Gallant (Birthday Remembrance)
by Patricia Gallant and family
Plaistow

Sunday, October 24 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

8:00 AM Marie Lessard by Bob and Alice Litwinovich
Newton

10:00 AM Carol Radford by her family
Plaistow



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.**



✠ 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.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Because All Saints Day falls on a Monday this year, it is NOT a holy day of obligation. We will follow our regular weekly Mass schedule and Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM in Newton on Monday, November 1.



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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

ADORATION

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

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

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

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

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

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

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

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Parish Council	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 transitional-housing home. Our Case Manager is 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 to 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.



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

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.*

PLEASE JOIN THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
EVERY THURSDAY
EVENING, 7:00 pm AT
MARY MOTHER OF THE
CHURCH
IN NEWTON, NH

WE PRAY FOR AN END TO
THE PANDEMIC AND THE
RESPECT OF LIFE. WE
ALSO PRAY FOR THE
INTENTIONS OF EACH
OTHER AND THE PARISH.

COME PRAY WITH US.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617



CHRISTMAS FAIR VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

Saturday, November 6, 2021 – 9:00 am–3:00 PM – St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Center

Name: _____ Best time to reach you: _____
Day-time phone: _____ Evening phone: _____
E-mail: _____

WEDNESDAY, 11/3

Stage Decoration & Banner Hanging Heroes

_____ **3PM-5PM** – TWO (2) more volunteers are needed to help with light setup on Wednesday. We will hang banners in the gym, "decorate" the stage and set up the Check-In Area.

******THURSDAY, 11/4, Set-up CANCELED due to unforeseen circumstance******

FRIDAY, 11/5, Set-up 12:00PM-4:00PM ONLY

_____ **NOON – 4PM** We need TWO (2) Trucks or SUVs with open trailer, sign-up if we can utilize yours!
_____ ***SET UP NEEDS HAVE CHANGED*** The whole Fair now needs to be set-up on Friday from noon-4pm. Fair Lead is seeking 10 volunteers to move tables and donated items. This job involves requires working as a team, paying attention, and above all a friendly CAN-DO spirit. Lots of things will be accomplished in this four (4) hour time frame: Volunteers will move lots of tables (some heavy/some light) and chairs as well as some boxes of donations from Parish Hall over to Parish Center via truck. Volunteers must be able to do a lot of walking, go up and down stairs, and carry heavy awkward items.

If you can help with set-up Friday, please fill out this form but also, please EMAIL stlukenhfair@gmail.com

SATURDAY, 11/6, The DAY OF THE FAIR

_____ **Help with Parking:** I like being outdoors & the cold doesn't bother me!! I am available from....
_____ to _____ (Parking must be 'staffed' 7:00AM-2:00PM.)

PARISH TABLE HELP – During the Fair between 7:30AM-3:00PM, please indicate your preferred shift

_____ Early Bird 7:30AM – 9:00AM

_____ Lunch 11:00AM – 1:00PM

_____ Morning 8:30AM – 11:00AM

_____ Afternoon 1:00PM – 3:30PM

If possible, I'd like to help with the:

___ CASH RAFFLE

___ Penny Sale

___ Jewelry Table

___ Quilt Raffle

___ Silent Auction

___ Christmas Table

___ WINE Raffle

___ **Put Me Where Needed MOST!**

Please Note:

___ I can't stand for very long

___ I can't climb stairs

___ I can't lift heavy items

*Your assignment will be confirmed via email phone, please be sure to provide both at the top of this form.
Also, please arrive 5-10 minutes early & stop at Volunteer Check-In for assignment & name tag.

If you would like more specific information about anything fair-related, please email: stlukenhfair@gmail.com

Publicize OUR FAIR and UNOs FundRai\$er!!!

Please note the ORANGE insert in this week's bulletin...

The UNOs FundRai\$er Card is on one side.

Please make more copies, cut into 4s, and
share with as many people as you can!

On Sunday, November 7, all day long, whether you Dine In or
place a Take-Out Order, UNOs will give St. Luke's
25% kick back on every dollar spent!!
INCLUDING bar beverages!!!

NOTE: You MUST show the UNOs Fundraiser Cards with your order!!!

The Craft Fair PostCard is on the other side.

Please INVITE as many people as you can!

If you can, make some double-sided copies
and hand them out to ANY/EVERYONE you see!!

The more people at our Fair and eating at UNOs with our
fundrai\$er card, the better for the **BOTTOM LINE! \$\$\$**

Finally, **Yard Signs** are available at both churches. Take some
DISPLAY them around your town/neighborhood!

The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: Mark 10:35–45

James and John ask Jesus a question that reveals common human ambitions—to be special, to be recognized, and to have privilege. They want to know if they can be at Jesus' side in the Kingdom. Jesus' response contains a simple and direct prescription for his followers: If you want to be first, you need to serve others. Jesus came to serve, not to be served, and he wants all of us to do the same.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Young children love to be first, sometimes pushing to be first in line or crying if somebody else is served first. At the same time, the child usually responds with enthusiasm when asked to serve—by handing out dessert or helping carry something. This week, set aside a few minutes to talk with your child about who is a helper and how he or she can be a helper. For the young child, helping and sharing are doorways to an attitude of service.

Promise (Grades K–1): Your child learned that the people who are first among those who follow Jesus are those who serve others. Talk with your child about who he or she considers important or “first.” Then talk about ways that your family can follow Jesus by serving others. Ask your child to tell you the story of “Touchdown!”

Good News (Grades 2–3): This week's class focused on Jesus' call to his followers to be great by serving others. The class also explored ways to keep the Fourth Commandment—honoring one's parents. Ask your child to share with the family the story, “The Rabbit Food Fight.” Then take a moment to praise your child for being obedient and helping around the house. Talk about other ways to honor one's parents and to make living together more pleasant.

Venture (Grades 4–6): This week's lesson helped the class recognize the value of using their gifts for others. Your child also learned

the importance of making good moral choices when it comes to respecting and serving others. Discuss ways that your family follows Jesus' example of love and service to others. Talk about what personal or family friends show you about God's love. Take some time practicing the skill of searching the Bible that was introduced in class.

Visions (Grades 7–9): In class, your youngster studied the problems migrant families face and discovered how people of faith are serving them. Ask your son or daughter to tell your whole family about how the Kino Teens (named after the missionary Padre Eusebio Kino) help at the U.S.-Mexican border in Arizona. Discuss the importance of serving others as a sign that we are disciples of Jesus Christ. The class also talked about the common good as one of the principles of Catholic social teaching. What does the common good mean for your family?

Pray Together

Have a “newspaper” prayer session. Find two or three articles in the daily paper or stories on television, radio, or internet news that show a need for the service of others. Say a simple prayer for each of those situations. Invite everyone in the family to look for opportunities to be of service during the coming week.

Gospel Table Talk

- Read this Sunday's Gospel (uscgb.org/bible/readings/).
- Give each family member a small gift or a piece of candy, but before they have a chance to enjoy or eat them, take them back and put them away.
- Give everyone a simple task which they will all be able to do quickly, such as writing their name on a piece of paper.
- As each person completes his or her task, give back the candy (treasure). Explain that they had to pay a ransom to get their treasure back. Jesus gave his life as a ransom for our sins. What a great price it was!



CREMATION?

While burial or entombment of the body remains the preference and is encouraged by the Church, cremation may be chosen for sufficient reason. The Revised Code of Canon Law states: "The Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burial be retained; but it does not forbid cremation, unless this is chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching." (CIC, c. 1176.3)

When is Cremation Allowed? Cremation may be requested for hygienic, economic or other reasons of a public or private nature. Some examples include: transfer of the remains to a distant place, possible avoidance of considerable expense, a severe psychological fear of burial in the ground or in a tomb. The selection of cremation was the specific choice of the individual before death. When requested by the family of the deceased for what also might be determined as an appropriate pastoral reason.

If a body is to be cremated, is it preferable that cremation take place after the Funeral Liturgy?

It is recommended that priority be given to the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy with the body of the deceased present.

Can a body be cremated prior to the Funeral Liturgy? What arrangements are different?

In the Diocese of Manchester, it is permitted to celebrate the funeral liturgy in the presence of the cremated remains. The cremated remains are to be accorded the same respect given to the corporeal remains of a human body. This includes the way they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and their final disposition. The container in which the cremated remains are placed should be dignified in nature. The cremated remains are to be positioned on a suitable table in the same place where the casket is usually positioned. They may also be placed near the Paschal Candle during the funeral liturgy. The candle and the cremated remains may be placed in the sanctuary so as to be visible to all.

What is required for the proper and reverent disposition of cremated remains?

Cremated remains are to be buried or inurned. They should not be buried on private land, but are to be buried in a cemetery or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. **The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground is not permitted.** If burial takes place at sea, according to local custom, the cremated remains are to be kept intact in a solid and durable container, and not scattered.

Keeping the cremated remains in a private home, funeral home or any other place is not considered to be the reverent disposition that the Church requires. **The integrity of the cremated remains is always to be respected.** The cremated remains of one deceased person may not be mixed with the cremated remains of another person. It is not permitted to divide the cremated remains and retain, inter or entomb them in more than one place.

It is also not permitted to divide the cremated remains in such a way that they are contained in lockets or jewelry. Any other practice which violates the integrity of the cremated remains and impedes reverent and proper burial/disposition is prohibited. Whenever possible, appropriate memorialization should be utilized at the place of burial.

Consult your cemetery office for all available options for the respectful burial, disposition and memorialization of cremated remains.



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

October 17, 2021

Contemplating Jesus

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The painting in the Vatican, *Christ the Redeemer*, is totally Christ-centered, as is our Scripture passage. He is the dominant subject placed dramatically in the center of Correggio's composition, seated on a throne of clouds. His kingdom is not of the world, and neither are his priorities: "Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all" (Mark 10:44).

Jesus is strongly self-confident in his pose, yet sweet and inviting in his facial features. He is a king and a friend. His upper body is set, but his lower body is actively moving forward with his leg

stepping toward us. He sits to receive and rule but is willing to step down and wash the soiled feet of his disciples.

It's good to pause and reflect on this Jesus who calls us to follow him. As a man, he preached like no one before or since. Two millennia later we are still talking about him. He possessed such power and dignity that soldiers sent to arrest him wouldn't dare lay hands on him. Kings (Herod), politicians (Pilate), churchmen (Pharisees), lawyers (scribes), civil servants (tax collectors), simple laborers (apostles), soldiers (at the cross), hardened sinners (prostitutes), and the poor were overcome by his compassion, authority, and character. Religious and pagans, men and women, children and the elderly—all were enraptured by his purpose and passion.

This amazing figure is the one who calls you and loves you! Spend time contemplating the beauty and moral integrity of this Jesus and give thanks that he has set his eyes and heart on you. +

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 53:10–11

My servant, the just one, shall justify the many, / their iniquity he shall bear.

Hebrews 4:14–16

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way.

Mark 10:35–45 or 10:42–45

[Jesus said,] "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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A Word from Pope Francis

The way of service is the most effective antidote against the disease of seeking first place.... Therefore, as disciples of Christ, let us receive this Gospel passage as a call to conversion, in order to witness with courage and generosity a Church that bows at the feet of the least, in order to serve them with love and simplicity.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

- What aspect of the person of Jesus Christ most attracts you?
- What is it about you that attracts Jesus? Ask him.

Mountaintop Moments

By Kathleen M. Basi

One of my favorite hymns begins, “Tis good, Lord, to be here!” Text writer Joseph A. Robinson captured what it must have felt like to witness the transfiguration of Jesus. Peter wanted to build a memorial on the site; Luke, in perhaps the first recorded facepalm in history, simply writes, “But he did not know what he was saying” (Luke 9:33).

We’re a lot like Peter, really. We catch a glimpse of the glory of God, and it’s so overwhelming that we don’t know how to process it properly. It doesn’t fit into our neat categories: good, bad, happy, sad. All we know, as Robinson wrote, is that we want to “hold the vision bright and make this hill our own.”

Mountaintop moments happen when we’re pulled out of our ordinary. We encounter them on retreat, at parish missions, and in moments of fundamental transition: birth, death, an earth-shattering diagnosis. God seems closer. Life seems bathed in the glow of new insight. Everything seems so clear. So simple.

Yet we all know the hard part comes later, when it’s time to weave new insight into the well-worn routines—even ruts—that comprise our daily existence.

Some days we find ourselves exquisitely aware of God’s redeeming love. We understand what that means, and we know just what we must do to reflect that love and redemption out into our small corner of the kingdom.

The next day, the glory that seemed



so all-encompassing gets buried by lack of sleep, cranky kids (or spouses, or students, or bosses!)—even shifting hormones.

Small wonder that we, like the disciples, want to build memorials to the great spiritual highlights of our lives. We hope somehow it will help us hold on to that moment of clarity, a snapshot in time when seeing was believing and discipleship required only that we stand still and be present.

Unfortunately, that’s not how it works. Insight might happen on the mountaintops, but growth doesn’t. Growth happens when insight encounters resistance. If we enshrine our moments in a sterile place, untouched by

the messiness of the real world, they will grow stale and impotent.

Mountaintop experiences become powerful when they butt up against the murky valleys of life and shine some of that sublime glory upon the comfortable, familiar darkness. That is why the last stanza of Joseph Robinson’s hymn always moves me to tears:

*’Tis good, Lord, to be here.
Yet we may not remain;
But since thou bidst us
leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.*

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PRAYER

*Lord, I am grateful for your
gift of humility. Give me a
humble heart so that I may
imitate your compassionate
ways with all people.*

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 18–23

Monday, St. Luke: 2 Tm 4:10–17b / Lk 10:1–9

Tuesday, Sts. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues,
and Companions:
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17–19, 20b–21 / Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday, Weekday: Rom 6:12–18 / Lk 12:39–48

Thursday, Weekday:


Rom 6:19–23 / Lk 12:49–53

Friday, Weekday:

Rom 7:18–25a / Lk 12:54–59

Saturday, Weekday:

Rom 8:1–11 / Lk 13:1–9

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