

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By mandate of the Bishop of Manchester on June 6, all restrictions and procedures put in place during the pandemic are no longer in effect.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

**November 7, 2021**

Offertory	\$8,423.91
All Saints	\$ 471.00
Property Mgmt	\$1,335.65



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

November 14	Campaign/Human Development
November 21	Fuel
November 28	Christmas Flowers
December 5	Property Management
December 8	Immaculate Conception

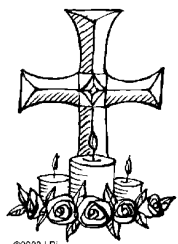
### Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

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 ✠



### 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.

### HELP WANTED – ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Volunteers are invited to help do some rearranging and decorating on **Sunday, November 21 following the 8:00 AM Liturgy in Newton and the 10:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow**. Our tasks include Advent decorating and some light clean up of the churches in preparation for the Advent season. All are welcome to lend a hand – our work usually lasts just over an hour if we have all the help we can muster! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

### 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](mailto: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>.



### GIVING TREES

Giving Trees will be located in the back of both churches on the weekend of **November 13-14**. Please take an ornament, buy the item(s) listed, and return it - **with the ornament attached** - to the church or the parish office **no later than December 11-12** (the Third Sunday of Advent).

### VESPERS

All are invited to join us this Sunday evening (November 21) for sung Evening Prayer at 6:00 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church in Newton.

### 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.

### SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

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### EVICTON & EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

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

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

### AMAZONSMILE FOUNDATION

**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.**

### 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.

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

**Sunday, November 14**  
**10:00 AM** Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*  
**11:00 AM** Grade 2 Reconciliation Meeting  
 For Parents and Students *Plaistow*

**Tuesday, November 16**  
**6:00 PM** Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

**Wednesday, November 17**  
**Holy Angels Church**  
**Open All Day For Prayer**  
**7:00 PM** St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting *Plaistow*

**Thursday, November 18**  
**8:30 AM – 8:30 PM** Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

**Saturday, November 20**  
**3:00 PM** Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

**Sunday, November 21**  
**DECORATE CHURCHES FOR**  
**ADVENT AND CHANGE MISSALETES**  
**AFTER 8:00 AM AND 10:00 AM MASSES**  
**10:00 AM** Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*  
**6:00 PM** Vespers *Newton*

### 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).



### 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, November 13 ~ 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
***Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32 (Vigil)***

**4:00 PM** Jay Knowles by Bob and Alice Litwinovich  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, November 14 ~ 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
***Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32***

**8:00 AM** The Intentions of Paul Fournier by Edith Fournier  
*Newton*

**10:00 AM** Deceased Members of the Fogel family and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse  
*Plaistow*

**Monday, November 15 ~ Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

***1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43***

**8:00 AM** Ron Metcalf (Birthday Remembrance) by his family  
*Newton*

**Tuesday, November 16 ~ Margaret of Scotland: Gertrude, Virgin**

***2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10***

**8:00 AM** In Honor of St. John the Evangelist  
*Plaistow*

**Wednesday, November 17 ~ Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

***2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28***

**6:30 PM** For Michael and his recovery  
*Plaistow*

**Thursday, November 18 ~ Dedication of Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles: Rose Philippine Ducshesne, Virgin**

***1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44***

**8:00 AM** Joseph L. Krafon by his family  
*Newton*

**Friday, November 19 ~ Weekday**

***1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48***

**No Mass**

**Saturday, November 20 ~ Weekday**

***1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40 (Day)***

***Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37 (Vigil)***

**4:00 PM** Geraldine and Dennis Miele by the Lanseigne family  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, November 21 ~ Christ the King**

***Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37***

**8:00 AM** Raymond and Stephen Huberdeau by Linda Huberdeau  
*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 Summer, and Autumn 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.

### 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](mailto:fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net) or call the Parish Office.**

### 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.



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 News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Parish Office will **close at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, November 24**. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Monday, November 29.



**ADVENT EVENING PRAYER**

Join us on Sunday evenings of the Advent season for sung Evening Prayer at 6:00 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church in Newton. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available following Evening Prayer.

**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

With the holiday season approaching, we have several early bulletin deadlines:

Deadline for the November 28 bulletin is **Monday, November 15 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 19 bulletin is **Monday, December 6 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 26 bulletin is **Monday, December 13 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the January 2 bulletin is **Monday, December 20 at 12:00 Noon**.

**From the Pastor's Desk**



**HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSING**

With the end of the Fall season and the coming of the Winter months, **Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow will be closed from December 1, 2021 until Spring 2022**. This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.



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**VIGIL LIGHT**

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

**Joseph Thompson**

by William Tucker

The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of

**Randy Darling**

by John and Trisha Mainella



**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!

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



**LOOKING FOR GOOD MEN**

The Knights of Columbus are a vital and vibrant part of the St Luke the Evangelist Parish. We welcome any practicing Catholic man, 18 or older to join the Knights.

We are sons, fathers, husbands and grandfathers, whose main purpose is charitable works in support of our parish and community. Where there is a need, there is a Knight.

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

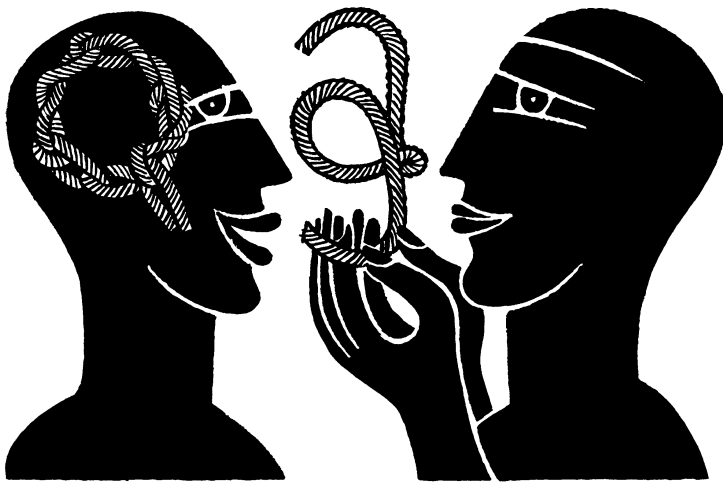




Once again this year our Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Food Pantry will provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets to needy families in our area. The cost of purchasing items for all of the baskets typically runs to well over \$1500.00, and with hard times facing so many, we anticipate the need to be even greater than previous years.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of Thanksgiving Baskets, please place your contribution in an envelope marked “**THANKSGIVING BASKETS,**” and place it in the offering basket. You may also visit the Parish Offices and make a contribution in person.

*Thank you for your support of the poor among us.*



## Q&A: No Obligation

Why is the obligation to participate at Mass waived on certain holy days?

It can indeed be confusing to determine which holy days are bound by which rules. Simply put, there are six holy days of obligation for most dioceses of the United States: Christmas (December 25), Mary, Mother of God (January 1),

Ascension (sixth Thursday after Easter in most places; in some dioceses Ascension is moved to the seventh Sunday of Easter), Assumption (August 15), All Saints (November 1) and Immaculate Conception (December 8). Latin-rite Catholics in the United States are normally obligated to participate at Mass on these days and to refrain from tasks that might limit a joyful celebration of the day.

But there is an exception to the rules. When August 15, November 1 or January 1 falls on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is no longer in force. The feast remains a significant day in the life of the church, but the obligation to participate at Mass is gone. This policy was approved by the bishops of the United States and confirmed by the Vatican. It went into effect on January 1, 1993.

There are several reasons the bishops chose to remove the obligation to attend Mass on these three holy days. Because of the popularity of vigil or anticipated masses, there is often widespread confusion about which Mass satisfies which obligation when holy days fall on a Monday or Saturday. Furthermore, it is difficult to prepare and celebrate two major feasts back-to-back. In areas where there is a limited number of clergy, the logistics of scheduling become even more of a problem. Finally, it was noted that common practice was to attend either the Sunday celebration or the holy day Mass, but not both.

The observances of holy days are different in different countries. Latin-rite Catholics in the United States observe more holy days than many other countries. But even within this country, practice varies. In nine western states, the feast of the Ascension has been transferred to the following Sunday. Catholics in Hawaii, following the practice of their neighbors in the South Pacific, observe all Sundays and two additional feasts, Christmas and the Immaculate Conception, as holy days of obligation.



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## POINTS FOR READING THE BIBLE



By Mary Elizabeth Sperry,  
Associate Director for Utilization of  
the New American Bible.

The Bible is all around us. People hear Scripture readings in church. We have Good Samaritan (Luke 10) laws, welcome home the Prodigal Son (Luke 15), and look for the Promised Land (Exodus 3, Hebrews 11). Some biblical passages have become popular maxims, such as “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you (Matthew 7:12),” “Thou shalt not steal” (Exodus 20:15), and “love thy neighbor” (Matthew 22:39).

Today’s Catholic is called to take an intelligent, spiritual approach to the Bible. Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

- 1. Bible reading is for Catholics.** The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.
- 2. Prayer is the beginning and the end.** Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.
- 3. Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition.** A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic



edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.

4. **The Bible isn't a book. It's a library.** The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.
5. **Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't.** The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.
6. **The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.
7. **The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.
8. **You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.
9. **What is God saying to me?** The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?
10. **Reading is not enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be “living and effective.”(Hebrews 4:12).

# The Gospel at Home

## This Week's Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

During the next three Sundays as we enter into the Season of Advent, the Gospels tell of Jesus' Second Coming. Although the readings may be difficult for the younger children, the message is clear—Christ is the culmination of history. Children of all ages understand that events often change their world. The Gospel for this Sunday is a reminder that Jesus has come to save us all and will come again to call the living and the dead to life forever with God.

## Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** Your young child needs help in identifying and dealing with his or her feelings. Their lesson this week has been a help to talk and pray about their feelings and to feel more positive and secure. Take time this week to look at children's picture books together and talk about the sad and happy faces. The conversation will let you in on how your child feels.

**Promise (Grades K–1):** In class this week, your child learned that he or she can always talk to God about the fears and worries of the day. The class learned that the wonders of the world around them are all God's creation. Make time to talk as a family about what worries or troubles you. Promise to help one another remember that God is always there to help.

**Good News (Grades 2–3):** This week your child talked about things that cause fear and worry. They learned that no matter what, they can turn to God in prayer because they recognize that God is in charge of the world. Ask your child to share the story, "A Prayer for Ethan," with the family. Make sure there are times when your family prays together.

**Venture (Grades 4–6):** In class this week, your child identified with a child's experience of loss, disappointment, and anger. Ask your child to share the story, "It's Not the End of the World!" with the family. The class also learned about the kind of writing (apocalyptic writing) found in this Sunday's Gospel. Talk about different forms of this writing and how it helps people understand that good will finally win over evil. This Sunday is World Day of the Poor. Discuss how your families prayers and actions can help the poor.

**Visions (Grades 7–8):** This week, your son or daughter contemplated how to prepare for Jesus' Second Coming. Ask your young person about the story, "End of My World." In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus talks about his Second Coming. Ask your youngster how Jesus' words made him or her feel. Hope was emphasized in the lesson on the Second Coming. Ask how your son or daughter described the faith he or she lives every day. Share the hope you have in Jesus. Consider using the Prayer of Thanks in this week's lesson.

## Pray Together

The sentiment in the Bible is, "Come, Lord Jesus." When you complete your conversation about the week's Gospel lesson, make a family litany based on current events. Read headlines from the newspaper or from an online news source. After each headline, pray together: "Come, Lord Jesus."



## ✠ PARISH INFORMATION ✠

### **GLUTEN INTOLERANT?**

The Parish now provides an option for receiving Holy Communion for anyone suffering from gluten intolerance or celiac disease. We have obtained special altar breads that are fully certified for use at Mass by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and laboratory tested to contain only .001% gluten. Please see the Pastor or the Sacristan before Mass about receiving Communion using one of these special hosts.



Altar Flowers are a special opportunity for remembering a departed loved one or offering thanksgiving for a blessing or family event. A floral arrangement placed in front of the altar for the Sunday Liturgy can be purchased for an offering of \$85, with an accompanying announcement in the weekly bulletin. Availability is limited according to the Liturgical Calendar. Offerings can be reserved on a first-come basis by contacting the Parish Office at 382-8324.



### **SANCTUARY CANDLES**

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested offering is \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office 382-8324.

### **PARISH POLICY ON GROUPS SEEKING SUPPORT**

After consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, and taking into account the many groups that desire the community's support, it has been decided that the following policy be put into place:

- 1. Only Parish groups will be allowed to solicit support for their projects in our churches. This includes groups from within the Parish itself or groups which are based within our Parish.
- 2. Groups from outside the Parish community will be allowed to solicit support from the community *only by rare exception* and with the express consent of the Pastor and Parish Council.
- 3. No group of any kind will be allowed to solicit until the conclusion of the Liturgy. Publicity and other materials may be displayed in the entrances of the Church, but no actual solicitation may occur until after Mass has ended.
- 4. No more than one (1) Parish group may seek the support of the community at one time. This means that there are not to be multiple support efforts on the same weekend.

The Pastor will be the sole arbitrator of scheduling for Parish groups seeking community support. Parish groups should contact the Parish Office to determine availability for scheduling any support event. Thank you for your continuing support for the mission of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish.

### **PLEASE HELP US!**

As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you – or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave. Our Ushers are wonderful and diligent, but they should not have to face a Foxboro aftermath as each Mass ends! Thanks for being attentive and respectful!

F. Albert.

### **ST. LUKE'S WEBSITE!**

<http://stlukenh.org>

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

A Parish Pastoral Council is primarily charged to assist in the development of mission-focused Parishes rather than programmatic or finance-driven ones. Pastoral Councils attempt to place at the heart of the Parish a consciousness of a zeal for the mission of Jesus Christ. When there is a clear awareness of this "larger vision" proposed by the Gospel and taught by the Church, a Parish finds itself energized by a sense of mission and directed to matters that foster the mission of the Parish, grounded in the mission of Christ (Diocese of Manchester, *Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils*, 2002). Our Parish Pastoral Council provides invaluable advice to the Pastor and Staff of the Parish through consultation, dialogue and ongoing learning. Our Council generally meets on a monthly basis to discuss Parish life and issues and to assess our ongoing mission as a Catholic community. The members of the Parish Council can be accessed through the Parish Office, or by email at

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

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# Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
November 14, 2021

## Do Everything Well

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The huge fresco behind the Sistine Chapel altar, *The Last Judgment*, may be the greatest representation of the coming of Christ at the end of time. The centerpiece of the composition is Christ the judge with the Virgin at his side represented in a halo, surrounded by a crowd of apostles, prophets, patriarchs, Old Testament heroines, martyrs, and saints who form a double crown of swirling bodies. Michelangelo painted hundreds of figures, all with exquisite attention to detail.

Just think, when Michelangelo was painting, his work in the chapel was destined to be seen by very few—the pope, his court, a few visiting kings

and diplomats at most. The Sistine Chapel would receive less foot traffic in Michelangelo's time than a medium-to small-sized parish today. Yet, Michelangelo painted with the same eye to perfection as if he knew his work would be seen by millions. He was not painting for the multitudes but for God and his patron, the pope.

Similarly, if we act with generosity and love, whether observed by millions or no one, we will follow the path to true freedom and love. We do what is right, not to be seen, but because we want to be true to God, ourselves, and others. Living like this, we will have no reason to fear the Last Judgment.

More than six million people annually see *The Last Judgment* in person, and countless more via broadcasts and social media. So do everything well, since it is seen by God and yourself—and maybe someday, by more eyes than you ever imagined! +

## Sunday Readings

### Daniel 12:1-3

Many of those who sleep /  
in the dust of the earth shall awake.

### Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

But this one offered one sacrifice  
for sins, and took his seat forever  
at the right hand of God.

### Mark 13:24-32

[Jesus said,] "And then they will  
see 'the Son of Man coming in the  
clouds' with great power and glory."

## A Word from Pope Francis

Please, make the homily brief, but prepare it well. And how do we prepare a homily, dear priests, deacons, bishops? How should it be prepared? With prayer, by studying the word of God and by making a clear and brief summary; it should not last more than ten minutes, please.

—General audience, February 7, 2018



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I worry too much about being seen by others?
- Do I console myself knowing that no good deed goes unrewarded?

*Do what is right,  
not to be seen, but  
to be true to God,  
ourselves, and others.*

# Endangered Species

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

The United States Environmental Protection Agency keeps a list of endangered animals. The list includes both specific animals that are protected by law and people and agencies who receive money to protect animals. For example, agencies for wolves in certain parts of the country receive special funding and programs to keep the beasts from diminishing in number. And thanks to efforts by thousands of people, hope lives for the wolf.

Our Church faces similar problems with traditions becoming extinct. But with knowledge comes hope.

I know of three retreat houses that closed this past year. Maybe it's just a sign of the times. Retreat houses are in retreat. Religious that staffed retreat houses are fewer and aging. The cost of running a retreat or spirituality center is astronomical. Retreat houses have been sold to help dioceses and religious orders pay their bills. We are losing this great tradition amazingly quickly and with little notice. I wonder if the Church should have an organization responsible for conservation and preservation.

A good spiritual director is very difficult to find. Retreat houses used to cultivate them. Centers for spirituality somehow multiplied them. As clergy and religious get older and let go of ministries that were once staples of Catholic life, we must do more than just chronicle their final days. Someone needs to intervene and take action to hold on to what's



worth saving. Here are a few suggestions for the Church's endangered species list.

**Retreat houses** offer a place of quiet and solitude away from the everyday and ordinary. The number of retreat houses has fallen, but the desire for the experience has not. At some point in our lives, we all need to be alone with God. A parish-based, low-cost retreat program can't exactly replace an eight-, ten-, or thirty-day trek through the spiritual exercises, but it can help keep the tradition alive, maybe in a new way.

**The religious articles store is gone!** There used to be one or two brick-and-mortar stores in a community where one could buy rosaries, prayer books, first Communion cards, and statues.

That business has gravitated to an online storefront. Personally, I need to hold a rosary before I buy it. I can't get that experience with online shopping.

**The inner-city priest** is everything to everyone. I have been blessed to know some great inner-city priests. These men are mentors, social-justice gurus, prayer partners, linguists, city planners, community organizers, social workers, and therapists, and they still have plenty of time for Mass and the sacraments. The seminary doesn't train men for this anymore, but it should. What will we do when they and their valuable pastoral and ministerial skills are gone?

There is so much in the Church that is in danger of becoming a distant memory. There is so much worth saving. Keeping the faith alive requires the hard work of saving some tried and true treasures of our Catholic tradition. +

*We must do something  
to save our precious  
traditions from extinction.*

**PRAYER**

*Lord, I am grateful you  
keep me safe in your love.  
You are my hope.  
Help me to trust you.*

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

## WEEKDAY READINGS

November 15–20

**Monday**, Weekday: 1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43,  
54–57, 62–63 / Lk 18:35–43

**Tuesday**, Weekday: 2 Mc 6:18–31 / Lk 19:1–10

**Wednesday**, St. Elizabeth of Hungary:  
2 Mc 7:1, 20–31 / Lk 19:11–28

**Thursday**, Weekday:


1 Mc 2:15–29 / Lk 19:41–44

**Friday**, Weekday:

1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59 / Lk 19:45–48

**Saturday**, Weekday:

1 Mc 6:1–13 / Lk 20:27–40

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