



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM
8:00 AM
10:00 AM

Gathering: Come, Come, Emmanuel

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 85)

*Show us your kindness, O God; Show us
your kindness, O God.*

Preparation: Come Lord! Maranatha

Mass Parts: Heritage Mass
(Begins at # 891 in 2022 Missalette)

Communion: I Am The Bread Of Life BB 326
Our Blessing Cup BB 357

Recessional: Ready The Way Of The Lord BB 62

✠ 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
NOVEMBER 21, 2021
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**



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>.

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!



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!

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 28	Christmas Flowers
December 5	Property Management
December 8	Immaculate Conception
December 12	Fuel
December 19	Retired Religious Fund

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/\$100	\$3,000/\$60
\$75,000	\$3,750/\$75	\$2,250/\$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/\$60	\$1,800/\$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/\$50	\$1,500/\$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/\$40	\$1,200/\$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/\$30	\$900/\$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/\$25	\$750/\$15
\$15,000	\$750/\$15	\$450/\$9

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠

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

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

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.**



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).

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.



VIGIL LIGHT



The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother Icon at Mary Mother of the Church will burn in loving memory of **Doreen Burge & Thomas Antczak** by the Burge family

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



The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Deceased Knights** by a fellow Knight

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.

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.

WHILE AWAY THIS WINTER...

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, November 28

10:00 AM	Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8	Plaistow
6:00 PM	Vespers	Newton
6:30 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Newton

Wednesday, December 1
Holy Angels Church
Open All Day For Prayer

Thursday, December 2

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

Saturday, December 4

3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Plaistow
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Sunday, December 5

10:00 AM	Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8	Plaistow
6:00 PM	Vespers	Newton
6:30 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Newton

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.



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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.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, November 27 ~ First Sunday of Advent
Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28; 34-36 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Roland and Mary Guilmette by the Matson family
Plaistow

Sunday, November 28 ~ First Sunday of Advent
Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28; 34-36
8:00 AM Doreen Burge and Thomas Antczack
 by the Burge family
Newton
10:00 AM Jesselyn Driscoll by her family
Plaistow

Monday, November 29 ~ Advent Weekday
Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
8:00 AM George and Mary Ballard
 by Lisa and Charlie Angwin
Newton

Tuesday, November 30 ~ Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
8:00 AM Patricia Zakiewicz (Month's Mind)
 by Bob and Alice Litwinovich
Plaistow

Wednesday, December 1 ~ Advent Weekday
Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
6:30 PM Arthur Hawxhurst by Cathy Smith
Plaistow

Thursday, December 2 ~ Advent Weekday
Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
8:00 AM Jack Cotter by Jackie Tremblay
Newton

Friday, December 3 ~ Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
No Mass

Saturday, December 4 ~ John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (Day)
Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Gertrude and Frank DeCrescenzo
 by Pat Zakiewicz
Plaistow

Sunday, December 5 ~ Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
8:00 AM Adam Lee Barry by Barb and Jim Legier
Newton
10:00 AM In Honor of the Holy Trinity
Plaistow



Mass Times for travel
masstimes.org
"come to me all of you"
 — Matthew 11:28

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass schedule for the holy day is as follows:
Wednesday, December 8 at 8:00 AM in Newton and at 6:30 PM in Plaistow.

PROJECT RACHEL

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available. Call Project Rachel's national toll-free number at 1-888-456-HOPE (4673) or visit www.hopeafterabortion.org.

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

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.

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

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

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.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Students in Junior High or High School who have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to prepare to receive the sacrament, contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305, or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

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

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

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

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

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

❖ Community News ❖



FEED THE HUNGRY

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
FOOD PANTRY

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

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

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

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 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.

Congratulations!

The Knights of Columbus, Council #6617 would like to congratulate this year's recipients of the Knights of Columbus

St. Jude Council #6617 Scholarships:

Lilly Collins
and
Cameron Ingham

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST JUDE COUNCIL #6617
www.kofc6617.org



WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten:

If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses.

In the event of a weather related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date. During winter time storms and the clean up associated with major snowfall, access to the campuses in Newton and Plaistow will be restricted. Public notification of the closure will be accomplished through the Office of Religious Education and the Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten as in the past; Parishioners need only to look for indications of Timberlane or Sanborn school districts closure to assume that Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish is also closed.

The Parish Office and Liturgical schedule will typically be observed as usual even if school districts post a delay in their opening times.

In the event of winter events on a weekend, the Pastor, Facilities Director and Religious Education Coordinator will continue to work together to determine whether or not to cancel class meetings, Parish events or outside group activities. **Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled**, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.

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.

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Advent: Preparing for the Life to come!

The season of Advent is a time of expectation for the Christian community. It is a season of waiting and watching for God's promise of life and light. The Church prepares as it waits for the coming of the One who brings new life: Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

The Church prepares by watching in three directions...

The Church looks in the direction of those promises in Holy Scripture that the Messiah would come, that a virgin would conceive and bear a Son who is called Emmanuel, "God with us." These are the promises of Christmas. The Church also watches for those ways by which Christ's life is present now in our midst: the preaching of the Word of God and the offering of the Sacraments of forgiveness. Finally, the Church watches with patience and hope for Christ's final coming in judgment. Then His word of judgment will clothe with eternal life all who believe in Him.

Yet, as the Church lives in this world it is surrounded by a darkness resembling that of the Titanic's hull. Advent calls this darkness to mind and penetrates this darkness with promises about the Light of life. While the world is immersed in preparations for the secular celebration of Christmas, Advent allows the Church time to prepare for rejoicing in the full glow of Christ's light shining in the darkness.

The Church prepares for that Light by observing the disciplines of Advent. These disciplines bring to the Church the nourishment that comes from the Lord's life. Advent is a season for immersion in the words of Scripture, especially those promises of Christ's birth, of His life-giving presence in His Church through the Holy Sacraments, and of eternal life at His final coming.

Advent is also a season of confession and repentance. It allows the Church to see its own sin-filled darkness, confess its sin, and receive the Lord's forgiveness. Advent is a season of fervent prayer, the Church repeating to the Lord His words that He will come again. The Church cries, *Maranatha!* Come, O Lord! Come quickly! (1 Cor. 16:22; Rev. 22:20)

By practicing these disciplines in Advent, Christ leads His Church back to the relationship of absolute dependence He has established. So the Church waits in hope for the Lord's final appearance. On that day He, who became what we are to redeem us, will clothe us in the life of His righteousness.

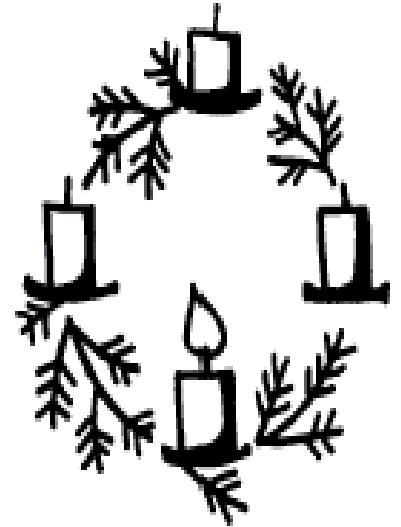


During the Advent season, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated in Plaistow on Saturday afternoons from 3:00-3:30 PM, and in Newton on Sunday evenings following 6:00 PM Advent Evening Prayer.

The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen, made them into circles (symbols of eternity), and lit fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light. Farmers pulled wheels off their wagons in exchange for sleigh tracks, and often used their wagon wheels as frames for the wreaths, reminding themselves of the springtime to come.

Christians kept these popular traditions alive, and by the 16th century Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. From Germany the use of the Advent wreath spread to other parts of the Christian world.

Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens. Three candles are violet and the fourth is rose, but four white candles or four violet candles can also be used. Each day at home, the candles are lighted, perhaps before the evening meal— one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. The rose candle is usually lit on the third Sunday of Advent. As the candles are lit, a prayer may be said. A short prayer may accompany the lighting.



A RITE FOR THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT AT HOME

The first day the wreath is in the home, the leader prays:

As our nights grow longer and our days grow short, we look on these earthly signs—light and green branches— and remember God's promise to our world: Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come.

Listen to the words of Isaiah the prophet: ***The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who lived in a land as dark as death a light has dawned. You have increased their joy and given them gladness; They rejoice in your presence as those who rejoice at harvest, as warriors exult when dividing spoil.*** (Is. 9:1-2)

Then all pray: ***O God, rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son. As the light shines from this candle, may the blessing of Christ come upon us, brightening our way, and guiding us by his truth. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of our world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Then the candle is lit.

DAILY PRAYERS FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

First Week- ***O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation, Savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us.***

Second Week - ***O King of all nations, Jesus Christ, only joy of every heart, come and save your people.***

Third Week - ***O Key of David, Jesus Christ, the gates of heaven open at your command, come and show us the way to salvation.***

Fourth Week - ***O Wisdom, holy Word of God, Jesus Christ, all things are in your hands, come and show us the way to salvation.***



Once again this year our Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Food Pantry will provide Christmas Dinner Baskets to needy families in our area. The cost of purchasing items for all of the baskets typically runs to well over \$1000.00, 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 Christmas Dinner Baskets, please place your contribution in an envelope marked *“CHRISTMAS 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.

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

The Advent Sundays pave the way for the celebration of Jesus' first coming at his birth in Bethlehem, his Second Coming at the end of times, and his continued coming to all who gather in his name. This Sunday's Gospel describes that Second Coming and the fulfillment of the human race at the end of time. This Sunday is also the beginning of the new Liturgical Year.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): This week's lesson helps your young child recognize that the real meaning of Christmas is that Jesus, God's Son, has become one of us. Ask your child to share the stories, activities, and pictures from the lesson. Display the Advent Wreath, and use the simple one-sentence prayers each week before Christmas.

Promise (Grades K-1): This week your child learned that the season of Advent is a time to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birthday. The class talked about the things that families do to get ready for Christmas. Post the Advent calendar your child brings home. Follow the daily suggestions. Also, use the Advent table prayer at all your family meals.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child learned that the Advent Wreath is a reminder that Jesus is coming. He or she also learned about God's faithfulness through the story of David. Ask your child to share, "David Sings about God's Promises," with the family. Post your child's Advent calendar, and follow the suggestions for week one. Be sure to look at the Creation Prayer Cards from the lesson as well.

Venture (Grades 4-6): This week your youngster made plans to spread Jesus' love during the season of Advent. Ask your child to share these plans. Then, as a family, decide on two or three things your family can do together to spread that love to the people in your lives. Talk about why the Advent season is a time of promise and a time of hope. Ask your child to share with the family what he or she learned about the Jewish feast of Hanukkah and the feasts and seasons of the Church.

Visions (Grades 7-8): In class this week, your young person learned that Advent offers a call to grow, to change, and to make a difference for others. He or she also explored what Jesus expects of us all upon his return. Talk as a family about why it is important to grow and change. Ask your son or daughter about the graphic story titled, "Sorry Isn't Enough." Then make family plans about ways you can use the Advent season to make a difference at home, in school or work, and in the community.

Pray Together

Plan to have a family Advent Wreath. The wreath should have four candles—three purple and one pink are traditional, but all white candles will do. During the first week of Advent light one candle each evening. The second week light two, and the third week three. If you have colored candles, the third week is for the pink candle. Then for the last week you will have all four candles lit. Say a prayer together in your own words that shows you are anxious for the coming of Jesus. It can be as simple as "Come, Lord Jesus, come."

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR A JOB WELL DONE and a hearty thanks to the entire Parish Community!

Success takes a lot of prayer, many small favors, people showing up to do the work, and people showing up to spend money. Many thanks to each of you for everything you did and donated, and for those of you whose names may be unintentionally missing from the list below: Thanks to YOU, most especially!

Marge Anderson	Eric Denoncourt	Steve & Robin Lambert	Bob Radford
Jose & Corinne Andrade	Gabby DeRoche	Linda Langlais	Mike Rametta
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Elaine Antkowiak	Regina Downey	Bob & Candia LaRochelle	The Richardson Family
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"SAVE THE DATE!!"

**The 2022 Christmas Craft Fair will be held on
Saturday, November 5, 2022!!**

The tale of this year's Christmas Fair's success is full of highs/lows, yes's/no's, ups/downs, giving/taking, beginnings and ends. We worked early till late, with the few, the many, the known & unknown. Some were present, some were absent, some were healthy, some were healing, all were prayed for and loved. Leading up to the fair there was plenty of gathering, donating, collecting, organizing, and SCHLEPPING, oh so much schlepping!! The day of the Fair there was joy, laughter, a couple of happy tears, anticipation, a feeling of closeness, and a job well done.

We are a generous community of helpers, go-getters, heroes, encouragers, givers, doers, supporters, and optimists. Our parish is full and rich beyond measure, regardless of the fair's bottom line.

All this and yet, I believed, by the end of the day that the monetary outcome would be significantly less than previous years... Firstly, we had physically less space to work with in the Parish Center, less space meant less vendors, plus most of our vendors were given spaces for free because they had paid us for spots 2020. Additionally, as the day progressed the Silent Auction didn't seem to be bringing in the kinds of bids that were anticipated, and in fact earned almost \$2000 less than previous years. To top it off, we ended the fair with an entire box of unsold Ca\$h Raffle tickets. I was truly worried!

But then... were some wonderful surprises! Because of all the AMAZING donations collected the weeks leading up to the fair, the Jewelry Table, Theme Baskets, and Penny Sale Raffles were able to offer more jewelry, baskets, & raffles than previous years – which translated directly into big return\$. Take those wins and couple them with our tried-and-true Cookie Heaven, Country Store, Café, Lollipop Game, and the Wine & Quilt Raffles as well as the addition of \$5 Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus, St. Luke's Christmas Table, a couple sizable donations, and, VOILA, we were granted another outstanding success.

It was by God's grace that we surpassed previous years' totals. YAHOO!! Well Done, fellow Parishoners!! I look forward to working with you all again next year!

HELP WANTED: Christmas Craft Fair Lead **needs** a partner in crime, a helper elf, a 'gal-Friday', an assistant. The perfect person will have their own reliable mode of transportation, a computer or laptop and be comfortable working with Excel and Word. This person needs to be RELIABLE, organized, have a flexible schedule, be able to make phone calls, keep lists, and help with pick-ups. Compensation = undying gratitude! 😊 Is this you? If yes, please email Julie Lamere at stlukenhfair@gmail.com to set up an informal meeting where we can chat more about specifics to see if the 'job' would be a good fit.

ALSO WANTED: Your BRIGHT IDEAS Do you have an idea for something that would make our fair more awesome, cool, profitable, fun, entertaining, delicious, creative, useful, practical, efficient, effective, etc.? All ideas are MUCH appreciated and taken into serious consideration. Even if you think your idea might be "obvious", PLEASE share it.

Please email Julie Lamere at stlukenhfair@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!!!

Sincerely,
Julie Lamere, Craft Fair Lead



ADVENT 2021

Daily Mass Readings and Reflections in Preparation for Christmas

A Prayer on the Way to Bethlehem

O Holy Child of God, as we draw near each day of Advent to the little town of Bethlehem where you are born, travel with us on our journey. Give us strength to continue on the path you have prepared for us. Sustain us with your gifts of comfort and peace, and guide us toward your manger bed, that we may worship and adore you there as our true and newborn King. **AMEN.**

Sunday

28 NOVEMBER Righteous Branch

A righteous Branch springs up to help us grow and flourish in gracious living.
Jeremiah 33:14-16

Monday

29 Say the Word

When Jesus speaks, things happen. We hold his words deep in our hearts, trusting in him.
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday

30 Follow Him

Following Jesus means moving away from our own interests and toward his.
Matthew 4:18-22

Wednesday

1 DECEMBER Behold

Witness the arrival of the long-awaited Lord, who destroys death and wipes every tear away.
Isaiah 25:6-10a

Thursday

2 He Who Comes

As Jesus comes to us, how might we come to him? Today's psalm offers clues.
Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Friday

3 Reversal of Fortune

Everything is turned around when God comes close: blind see, deaf hear, life abounds.
Isaiah 29:17-24

Saturday

4 Walk His Way

At every crossroads, God will guide you in the direction he wants you to go.
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

5 Prepare

The time has come to prepare our hearts, souls and minds for a Savior who is hurrying toward us.
Luke 3:1-6

6 Rise Up

Rise to your feet when a friend is in need and jump for joy when Jesus helps you up.
Luke 5:17-26

7 Lost & Found

Have you lost your way? Jesus will find you, no matter how far you have strayed.
Matthew 18:12-14

8 Let It Be

Our response to the Lord's calling should always be simply to invite his will to guide our lives.
Luke 1:26-38

9 A Prophet

John the Baptist fulfilled the role of prophet for the Son of Man. We obey his call to receive Christ.
Matthew 11:11-15

10 Pay Attention

Don't miss out on the holy significance of the presence of Christ among you.
Matthew 11:16-19

11 Awesome Elijah

Thank God for the faith of Elijah—and the Old Testament being revealed in the New.
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

12 Lullaby of Joy

God sings a lullaby of joy over you, his delight. Lift up your voice in harmony with his.
Zephaniah 3:14-18a

13 Authority

Christ has authority over all things in heaven and on earth. Never let anything else rule above him.
Matthew 21:23-27

14 Humble

Those who are humble don't speak against God but find refuge in him.
Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13

15 The One

Never doubt that Jesus is the One we have been waiting for. We need not look for another.
Luke 7:18b-23

16 Not Deserted

Out of his great love, we will never be deserted or abandoned by our God.
Isaiah 54:1-10

17 Family

As we gather with family this Christmas, we gather with our spiritual family as well.
Matthew 1:1-17

18 Listen

Joseph serves as an example of a good listener. Listen well to the voice of God.
Matthew 1:18-25

19 O Little Town

A little child from a little town will be great. God can do great things through our littleness.
Micah 5:1-4a

20 A Sign

Watch for the promised sign: God Incarnate comes as a tiny baby named "Emmanuel."
Isaiah 7:10-14

21 Greeting

Welcome the Lord with a cry like Elizabeth's and a leap like John the Baptist's.
Luke 1:39-45

22 Magnify

Mary's song is a melody that brings to light the might and power of the meek and lowly.
Luke 1:46-56

23 Wonder

Sing a hymn aloud to express your wonder in our God who does impossible things.
Luke 1:57-66

24 Tender Mercy

The tender mercy of our God is revealed in the quiet cooing of a Bethlehem baby.
Luke 2:1-20

25 True Light

The true Light from heaven above has arrived to dispel the darkness of the earth below.
John 1:1-18

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

LITURGICAL CALENDAR ADVENT-CHRISTMAS, 2021-22

GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE DECEMBER 11-12 – Advent 3

ADVENT 1
Sunday, November 28 Regular weekend schedule
 6:00 PM Advent Evening Prayer (Newton)
 6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (Newton)

ADVENT 2
Sunday, December 6 Regular weekend schedule
 6:00 PM Advent Evening Prayer (Newton)
 6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (Newton)

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 UPS TODAY

Wednesday, December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM
 Patronal Feast of the USA
 Holy Day Liturgy 8:00 AM (Newton)
 Holy Day Liturgy 6:30 PM (Plaistow)

ADVENT 3
Sunday, December 12 Regular weekend schedule
 6:00 PM Advent Evening Prayer (Newton)
 6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (Newton)

Monday, December 14 **LAST DAY TO RETURN GIVING TREE GIFTS AT PARISH OFFICE**

ADVENT 4
Sunday, December 19 Regular weekend schedule
 6:00 PM Advent Evening Prayer (Newton)
 6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (Newton)

Thursday, December 23 No Eucharistic Adoration in Newton

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED: DEC. 23 (NOON) & 30 (NOON),
 PARISH OFFICE RESUMES REGULAR HOURS AS OF JAN 3**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, December 24 VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 4:00 PM Liturgy (Plaistow)
 6:30 PM Liturgy (Newton)

Saturday, December 25 SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 9:00 am Liturgy (Newton)

Sunday, December 26 8:00 am Liturgy, Feast of the Holy Family (Newton)
 10:00 am Liturgy, Feast of the Holy Family (Plaistow)
 6:00 PM Christmas Evening Prayer, Newton

Thursday, December 30 No Adoration at Newton

Friday, December 31 4:00 PM Vigil Liturgy, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS *(A Holy Day of Obligation)* (Plaistow)

Saturday, January 1 9:00 am Liturgy SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS *(A Holy Day of Obligation)* (Newton)

Saturday, January 1 3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (Plaistow)
 4:00 PM Vigil - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Plaistow)

Sunday, January 2 8:00 am Liturgy, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Newton)
 10:00 am Liturgy, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Plaistow)
 6:00 PM Christmas Evening Prayer (Newton)

Saturday, January 8 3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (Plaistow)
 4:00 PM Vigil - BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Plaistow)

Sunday, January 9 8:00 am Liturgy, BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Newton)
 10:00 am Liturgy, BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Plaistow)
 6:00 PM Christmas Evening Prayer (Newton)



Bringing Home the Word

First Sunday of Advent (C)
November 28, 2021

God's Promise of Real Treasure

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

If anyone can keep a promise, it's God. His very nature is to be faithful to his promises and to fulfill all he has foretold. His promise after the fall of Adam and Eve was to send us a Redeemer, to bring peace to Jerusalem, and to reestablish his reign on earth. The prophets continually reminded the chosen race of God's fidelity and, although things looked far from their fulfillment, they insisted that God is faithful and would deliver.

Jesus, the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise, comes in two phases. First, by

coming as a baby in Bethlehem. This Incarnation and his arrival as Savior is what we're preparing to receive this Advent. Extra prayers, generous giving of your time, and special sacrifices are the best way to ready your soul for his coming.

Jesus' Second Coming will bring to completion what he started on the cross. His glorious return, which all of creation will foretell in those last days, is when the full effects of Christ's victory on the cross will be seen at the judgment of all living creatures.

The advice for all Christians in this period of waiting and preparation is to keep watch; to not allow the delay to lead us to drowsiness. Don't let the vanities of this world dazzle us, for in time, they will become dust.

God promises real treasures that will endure forever and, as we know, God keeps his promises. +

Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 33:14–16

In those days, at that time, I will make a just shoot spring up for David.

1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.

Luke 21:25–28, 34–36

[Jesus said,] "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life."

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A Word from Pope Francis

Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal, to lead it to its fullness, which is the Lord....God is not distant, he is always with us, to the extent that very often he knocks on the door to our heart.

—First Sunday of Advent,
November 29, 2020



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

- Am I preparing my soul for Christ's coming by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?
- Have I settled on which concrete acts I will do?

Put People First

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

We had cleaned and waxed the floor in our church hall. It looked great! Then at a parish celebration soon thereafter, as chairs and tables were being dragged across the floor, I caught myself worrying more about scratches and scuff marks than whether people were enjoying themselves. I'm sometimes guilty of putting things before people. Maybe all of us do this sometimes.

Later, sometime after the party at the hall, I reread St. Paul VI's encyclical of March 26, 1967, *On the Development of Peoples* (*Populorum Progressio*). In economic development, people first. With technological advances, people first. In political activities, people first. As we address the complexity of the world's problems, people first. You get the idea. Human progress happens and can be measured to the extent that national and world resources serve people and their needs. There is a resounding refrain throughout St. Paul VI's encyclical: Put people first.

What happens when we don't put people first is clear. Human dignity can be diminished, trampled on, and obliterated. The gap between rich and poor can swallow up the jobless, the homeless, and the friendless. *Populorum Progressio* sharply reminds us that if the poor don't progress, no one does. Development—whether social, economic, educational, or any other kind— isn't progress at all if it fails to



meet the needs of the weakest and most vulnerable.

St. Paul VI (1897–1978), who led the Church as Pope from 1963 until his death, wrote, “This struggle toward a more human way of life certainly calls for hard work and imposes difficult sacrifices. But even adversity, when endured for the sake of one's brothers and out of love for them, can contribute greatly to human progress” (PP 79). “We must travel this road together...Can countless innocent children be saved? Can countless destitute families obtain more human living conditions? Every individual and every nation must face up to this issue, for it is their problem” (PP 80).

Think about how our nation measures progress. We can't merely repeal the Affordable Care Act. It must be replaced, or 20 million people will lose their insurance benefits. Immigration reform can't just be about building a wall. It must be about building thousands of strong families and keeping them together. Decisions to stop sending American jobs abroad must go hand in hand with

making goods and services affordable at home while providing healthy wages and at the same time helping poorer nations develop.

Read *Populorum Progressio*. It helps to be reminded to put people first. Maybe you worry about the scuff marks like I do and forget about the people at the party. Progress starts small. Hold the door for someone; let another go first. Buy a homeless person lunch; you'll both enjoy it. Stop work for a minute and call your family. That's progress. People first! +

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PRAYER

*Lord, help me to slow down
and become more aware
of my rushing aimlessly
from place to place.*

*Quiet my mind and steady my
heart that I may live in your
presence throughout the day.*

—From *Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 29–
December 4

Monday, Advent Weekday:
Is 2:1–5 / Mt 8:5–11


Tuesday, St. Andrew:
Rom 10:9–18 / Mt 4:18–22

Wednesday, Advent Weekday:
Is 25:6–10a / Mt 15:29–37

Thursday, Advent Weekday:
Is 26:1–6 / Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday, St. Francis Xavier:
Is 29:17–24 / Mt 9:27–31

Saturday, Advent Weekday:
Is 30:19–21, 23–26 / Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8

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