

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, August 7, 2022 Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Gathering: Come, Christians, Join To Sing

BB 554

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 19)

Lord, you have the words of

everlasting life.

Preparation In Every Age BB 470
Mass Parts Mass Of Creation
Communion Take And Eat BB 358

Recessional: Let All Things Now Living BB 610



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!

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!

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.

▼ 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
JULY 31, 2022
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

August 7 Property Management
August 14 NH Missionaries Abroad

August 21 Fuel

August 28 Missionary Co-op

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

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	\$18.70	\$19.50	\$21.00	
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00	
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00	

№ PARISH NEWS

COVID UPDATE

Be Safe! Be Considerate of Others!

The choice to wear or to not wear a mask is left up to individuals and their discretion. Those persons who have not been vaccinated should be especially mindful of their own safety and the safety of others, especially those vulnerable to communicable disease.

A hand sanitizer station will remain at the main entrances of the church doors for the time being for parishioners' convenience.

Anyone who has been recently exposed to COVID 19 or any other communicable disease should not attend public services of any kind. Those sick should remain at home until such time as they are healthy.

Liturgy online or on TV...

Boston Catholic Television

catholictv.org

Sunday Mass from Notre Dame

catholictv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass

Salt & Light TV Eternal Word Television saltandlighttv.org ewtn.com

COFFEE AND DONUTS

With pandemic restrictions fading away, it would be great to return to occasional Coffee and Donuts at Sunday morning Masses.



We are looking for hosts for our

Coffee Hours. Host responsibilities include picking up donuts and coffee, placing all items on the serving tables, and clean up after Coffee Hour.

If you are interested in hosting, please send an email to fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net or call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324.

A schedule for Coffee and Donuts is in the works. Coffee and Donuts can happen only with the help of generous volunteer hosts!

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST WEBSITE

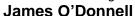
Visit our website to view our Weekly Church Bulletin and Upcoming Parish Events:

http://stlukenh.org

HELP WANTED

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish in Newton-Plaistow, NH is searching for a PT custodian for our Preschool-Kindergarten in Plaistow, NH. The position involves routine custodial services after school hours (post 3 PM) Monday through Friday to equal twenty (20) hours per week. The successful candidate must be able to work independently and follow instructions to prepare the school environment for each new learning day. Candidates must be able to work on their feet for most of their time, go up and down stairs, and lift at least twentyfive (25) pounds. Candidates must also complete the Diocese of Manchester protocols for Safe Environment. including a State(s) Criminal background check and Diocesan Safe Environment database training. A full job description and application materials are available by contacting the Parish Office at (603) 382-8324 or fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net.

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



by Jane Leach and family





The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of

Lito Intervalo

by Tess Moulaison

VIGIL LIGHT

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



by the Burge family



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

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

WHILE AWAY THIS SUMMER...

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

₩ WEEKLY CALENDAR №

Wednesday, August 10 **Holy Angels Church** Open All Day For Prayer

Thursday, August 11

8:30 AM - 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration Newton

Saturday, August 13

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Plaistow

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.

PRAYER LINE INTERCESSORS NEEDED

How does the "Prayer Line" work? Once a prayer request is given, an email is sent to the intercessors who respond by praying for the intention. The request is written on a list. Now that we can meet in person again, several of the intercessors will get together once a week and pray for each person.

If you are interested in being an intercessor, either through an email or meeting in person once a week, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324 or csmith@stluketheevangelist.net. For those who are interested in being part of the group that meets in person, we will gather in the Fall to decide the best day and time to start meeting again.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Our ministry aims to emulate St. Joseph and 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. Join us on Saturday morning, August 20, 2022 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM in the parish hall on the Plaistow campus.



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.

▼ MASS INTENTIONS ▼

Saturday, August 6 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ord. Time

Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48 (Vigil)

4:00 PM James O'Donnell (1st Anniversary)

by Jane Leach and family

Plaistow

Sunday, August 7 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

8:00 AM Angelina Antczak by the Burge family

Newton

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Fogel family and

Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse

Plaistow

Monday, August 8 ~ Dominic, Priest

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

MA 00:8 Richard W. Sullivan by Jeanne Sullivan

Newton

Tuesday, August 9 ~ Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,

Virgin and Martyr

Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

People of the Parish 8:00 AM

Plaistow

Wednesday, August 10 ~ Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

6:30 PM Helen Sheehan by Cathy Smith

Plaistow

Thursday, August 11 ~ Clare, Virgin

Ez 12:1-12: Mt 18:21—19:1

Louis Inzero by the Stanley family 8:00 AM

Newton

Friday, August 12 ~ Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12

NO MASS

Saturday, August 13 ~ Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15 (Day)

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53 (Vigil) 4:00 PM In Thanksgiving for a Favor Received

by Bonnie Laioie

Plaistow

Sunday, August 14 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

8:00 AM George Moulaison by his wife Tess and family

10:00 AM Eva Raymond and Stephen Huberdeau

by Linda Huberdeau

Plaistow







REGISTRATION REQUIRED www.EucharisticRevivalNH.org

National Eucharistic Preacher

Holy Mass & Eucharistic Procession

200 Person Choir

Children's Activities

Concessions & More!



VOCATIONS DAY

Saint Matthews in Windham is hosting a vocation day on **Sunday, August 7 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM** in the parish center. Dinner will be provided and the retreat will end with the 6:00 PM Mass at Saint Matthews. There will be priests, nuns, religious orders, and married couples presenting on their vocations. All students in grades 8 - 12 are invited. For questions, or to register, email johnmdeangelo@comcast.net.

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, celebrated each year on August 15, is NOT a holy day of obligation this year.

THE GOD MINUTE

Every morning a small group of priests, religious, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called "The God Minute." It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free. Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work, or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be! www.thegodminute.org

The <u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</u> 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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

Newton – Thursday 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

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

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

▼ PARISH DIRECTORY ▼

 Parish Office
 603-382-8324

 Parish Prayer Line
 603-382-8324 x 314

 St. Vincent de Paul Society
 603-382-8324 x 315

 St. Luke's Food Pantry
 603-819-4949

 Preschool
 603-382-9783

 Presentation of Mary Convent
 603-382-2744

Fr. Albert Tremblay Cathy Smith Joyce Szczapa Jackie Tremblay Val Barczak Parish Council

fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net <u>csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</u> jszczapa@stluketheevangelist,net jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net mvmbarczak@comcast.net parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

▼ Community News **▼**



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.

Religious Education

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Registration for the 2022-2023 Academic Year for **Grades K through 6** begins in September. If your child is currently enrolled, a registration form has been sent home. If your child is new to the Program, please call Cathy Smith at 382-8324 for more information.



Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society! Please know that your "dropped dollars" are being used wisely to help the poor in our area. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

Drop-a-Dollar in the St. Vincent de Paul box on your way out of church.

Remember ~ 100% of your donation is used to help those who need a hand up, not a hand out.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday**, **August 17 at 7:00 PM**. We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

If you seek assistance or need information about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, call 603-382-8324 x315.

Hear, OH LORD, and answer me for I am poor and needy.

RETROUVAILLE NEW ENGLAND: MARRIAGE HELP

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for separation or divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retrovi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or reawaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about, or to register for the upcoming New England program beginning with a weekend on August 12-14, 2022, visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 800-470-2230 or email us at 3023r@helpourmarriage.org.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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









DO SOMETHING GOOD WITH US

The Knights of Columbus are a vital and vibrant part of St Luke the Evangelist Parish.

We welcome any practicing Catholic man,
18 years 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 or you can now join online - www.kofc.org/joinus.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617



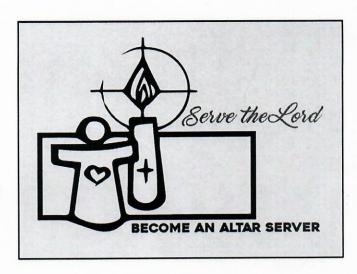
www.kofc6617.org

PARISH SERVERS WANTED

Parish life is back !!

We are looking for ALTAR SERVERS ministering at all Sunday, Weekday and Holy Day Liturgies...

But we are also conscious of personal safety and family schedules as well as the Parish schedule for Religious Education.



Saturday 4 PM Plaistow – ADULT SERVERS Sunday 8 am Newton – ADULT SERVERS Sunday 10 am – YOUTH & ADULT SERVERS Weekday Liturgies – ADULT SERVERS



Youth are always welcome to serve at the 4 PM and the 8 am Liturgy, but because of Religious Education schedules this may be complicated... but welcome still!

ALTAR SERVER - YOUTH

The mission of the St. Luke the Evangelist Altar Servers is to minister at God's altar with reverence, generosity, and love. The presence of Altar Servers is an important witness, reminding us that Catholics of every age have gifts to offer and a role in ministry. To become a youth Altar Server, students must be in the third grade or higher, and have received Confirmation & Eucharist

Parent permission forms are available in the Sacristy of both Churches. All Servers begin as "observers" and gradually learn what Servers do during Mass. Contact F. Albert (<u>fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net</u>) or at 382-8324 with any questions or to begin Altar Serving.

ALTAR SERVER - ADULT

Adult Altar Servers continue the mission of service to the Parish in its worship. Adults are scheduled at Saturday Vigil, Sunday, Daily and Holy

while serving.

Youth or Adult Servers may

choose to wear a mask

Day Liturgies. Adults are especially welcome to assist at Funeral Liturgies which are typically held on weekday or Saturday mornings.

Contact F. Albert (<u>fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net</u>) or at 382-8324 with any questions.



SPECIAL MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST

The primary mission of the St. Luke the Evangelist Special Ministers of the Eucharist is to assist at Liturgy in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful. Additionally, Eucharistic Ministers may bring Communion to the sick and homebound.

To serve as a Eucharistic Minister one must be at least 16 years old and a Confirmed, practicing Catholic. If married, a Minister must have been married in the Church as required by Church Law. Applicants for this ministry must be approved by the Pastor.

This role in the Church is different from other volunteer opportunities because it requires a mandate (or permission) from the Diocesan Bishop in order to function as a Special Minister in a particular community. With such a special status come requirements. The Diocese of Manchester asks that Special Ministers receive formation and training as to the theology of the Eucharist and their specific roles as ministers in their respective parishes.

Contact F. Albert (<u>fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net</u>) or at 382-8324 with any questions or to be considered for service as a Special Minister of the Eucharist.

READER



Readers proclaim the Word of God at Liturgy. They also offer the Prayer of the Faithful at weekend Liturgies. A good public speaking voice and attention to the nuances of the Scriptures are needed to be a good Reader. Adults and youth age 14 and up are welcome to serve as Readers. New Readers receive a short training session to review current guidelines and procedures before serving at their first Liturgy. Readers are provided with an annual workbook to help them understand the readings in historical / spiritual / liturgical context.

Readers share the Word of God at weekend Liturgy or weekday Liturgy. Readers are also needed to help at funerals (weekdays and Saturday mornings)

Contact F. Albert (<u>fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net</u>) or at 382-8324 with any questions or to begin serving as a Reader.

All adult volunteer ministries require the Diocese of Manchester Volunteer Application process which provides information about promoting safe environments and sexual abuse. Please see the Pastor with questions.



Bringing Home the Word +

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
August 7, 2022

Finding Our Treasure in God

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

A braham is considered our father in faith because he practiced his faith even when it didn't seem sensible to do so. His faith allowed him to obey God and to hope in him despite an apparent lack of evidence of God's fidelity. And because of his faith, Abram became Abraham, the Father of nations, the common ancestor of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim peoples.

Abraham understands that no creature, no gift, should take God's place

Sunday Readings

Wisdom 18:6-9

The expectation of your people was the salvation of the righteous and the destruction of their foes.

Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19 or Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–12

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.

Luke 12:32-48 or Luke 12:35-40

[Jesus said,] "Sell your belongings and give alms For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." in the human heart—even something as dear as a God-given child. This is the absolute, total trust God asks of us. When dealing with all the good things God gives us, including those he has promised and those we love most, we must be willing to trust what he asks of us. God doesn't always make sense right away, and we're often painfully aware that his ways are not our ways.

Have you ever been caught in a storm—perhaps a really scary storm with wind howling, rain pounding, skies so dark it looks like night in the middle of the day? This is how the winds of our passions, and the pressure of our secret expectations can clash with God's plans for us. A darkened front moves into our soul, making it difficult to hear God's voice and see the light of his will. Here lies the heroism of faith. We walk by faith, not by sight.

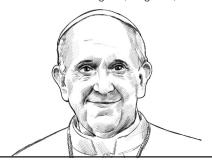
For this reason, Abraham is the faithful servant found doing the Master's will. His treasure was in God.

Abraham understands that no creature, no gift, should take God's place in the human heart.

A Word from Pope Francis

In dark moments, in sad moments [Jesus] is well aware that our faith is weak—all of us are people of little faith, all of us, myself included, everyone.... [O]ur journey can be troubled, hindered by adverse forces. But ... He is the Lord who passed through death in order to lead us to safety.

Angelus, August 9, 2020



REFLECTIONS QUESTIONS GRESTIONS BEELFECTION

- Do I thank God every day for all that is good in my life?
- Is there anything more important to me than doing God's will?

A Be-attitude Adjustment

By William Clark, OMI

We all want to be happy. The Declaration of Independence affirms the pursuit of happiness as "an inalienable right with which all men are endowed by their creator." Someone once remarked that the tricky thing about the pursuit of happiness is knowing when you've caught up.

What actually makes a person happy? What constitutes happiness? Human beings always want more, and when we have more we want better, and when we have better we want different.

The super-rich want more than one mansion or a bigger boat. The ordinary person wants a nicer house, a newer car. The poor person desperately wants a job and income to provide the necessities of life. The object may vary, but the desire for more or better or different is always there. As long as our desires are not guided by reason enlightened by faith, we can never be truly happy.

We don't automatically come upon the secrets of our happiness. Over the course of history, various systems aimed at achieving happiness have been proposed. For Gautama Buddha, the only means to happiness lies in the elimination of desire. Early Greek philosophers thought the solution was to seek a balance in one's longings. But neither the Buddhist mystic nor the Greek philosopher can achieve complete success. The calm achieved by the Buddhist is always subject to disturbance



by recurring desires. The Greek philosopher's balance is necessarily an arbitrary standard and is always liable to change.

The Christian knows where true happiness lies. The Christian knows it's found in directing our desires toward God. One Christian expression of where happiness lies can be found in the beatitudes, listed in the Gospel of Matthew. (See 5:3–12.)

Scripture scholars agree that it's difficult to find an adequate translation for the word that begins each beatitude. It's usually translated as "blessed," but a good case can be made for translating it as "made happy." In any case, the beatitudes

are both expressions of grace and implicit commands leading to happiness.

From a purely natural viewpoint, the beatitudes do not make sense. In faith we ask for the grace to understand. How does being poor in spirit make one happy? How does mourning or being meek make one happy? Who is truly happy when hungry and thirsty, even if it be for righteousness? From a natural viewpoint, purity of heart/chastity is, as the ancient Romans put it, "a virtue greatly to be admired...in others." Peacemakers are often shot at from both sides. Finally, how does being persecuted make one happy?

Clearly, the beatitudes become a formula for happiness only when viewed with the eyes of faith—eyes that look beyond this world.

The Christian knows where true happiness lies.
The Christian knows it's found in directing our desires toward God.



Generous God, we give you thanks for all our blessings and dare to ask for one thing more: a grateful heart. We pray always in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 8-13

Monday, St. Dominic: Ez 1:2–5, 24–28c / Mt 17:22–27 Tuesday, Weekday: Ez 2:8—3:4 / Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday, St. Lawrence: 2 Cor 9:6–10 / Jn 12:24–26

Thursday, St. Clare: Ez 12:1–12 / Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday, Weekday: Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63 or

Ez 16:59–63 / Mt 19:3–12

Saturday, Weekday:

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 / Mt 19:13-15



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