	MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY Sunday, November 6, 2022 Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time	
4:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM		
Gathering:	Come, Christians, Join To Sing BB 554	
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63)		
	I will lift up my eyes at the name of the one who knows me well.	
Preparation	I Have Loved You BB 616	
Mass Parts	Mass Of Creation	
Communion	Gift Of Finest Wheat BB 329 Christ, Be Our Light BB 598	
Recessional:	Lift High The Cross BB 715	



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!

#### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 6	Property Management
November 13	Catholic Campaign for Human
	Development
November 20	Fuel
November 27	Christmas Flowers
December 4	Property Management
December 8	Immaculate Conception

## 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.

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			

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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!

<u>October 30, 2022</u>	
Offertory	\$5,515.78
Archdiocese/Military Serv.	\$1,382.65



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 <u>http://stlukenh.org</u>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

#### HURRICANE RELIEF

All Catholics in the US are invited to help in the aftermath of the destruction caused by Hurricane Fiona and Hurricane Ian in the US Territory of Puerto Rico and the State of Florida. Visit <u>www.catholiccharitiesusa.org</u> to learn how to help. Local Catholic Charities in the various Dioceses affected by the storms are already assisting people to rebuild their lives. Thank you for your prayers and concern for the people of Puerto Rico and Florida.

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 ♣



## ALL SOULS INTENTIONS

The month of November is a time when the Church traditionally prays in a special way for the faithful departed. The celebration of All Souls Day on November 2 is a joyful and poignant reminder that we worship and live in communion with those who have gone before us in faith.

All Souls envelopes are available at the entrance of both Churches. Any intentions listed on the envelopes will be remembered at Liturgies offered as "All Souls Intentions" throughout the coming liturgical year. All Souls envelopes can be deposited in the regular collection basket at your convenience.

The Holy Liturgy can be offered for any deceased Catholic person. Please contact the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 to inquire about scheduling. Exact dates cannot always be accommodated, so calling early for the coming year is advised. The suggested donation for an announced commemoration is \$10.00 payable to Saint Luke Parish.

## 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.



## HELP WANTED - ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Volunteers are invited to help do some rearranging and decorating on **Sunday, November 20 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.

## END OF LIFE PLANNING

**Three Beliefs** is a document from the Diocese of Manchester that gives valuable assistance to Catholics and others on end-of-life issues. *Three Beliefs* explains Catholic teaching on life-sustaining treatment and care and includes the New Hampshire Advance Directive form modified in such a way to make it consistent with both Catholic teaching and New Hampshire law. *Three Beliefs* contains a helpful FAQ section and wallet cards that include important information for healthcare providers.

The New Hampshire Advance Directive form was revised by a law that is consistent with Catholic teaching and the changes to the New Hampshire form. If you completed an advance directive before 2021 and your intentions for your end-of-life care have not changed, you do not need to complete a new form as long as your advance directive was valid when it was executed. For example, if you completed the October 2007 version of *Three Beliefs* and signed the document before two witnesses or a notary public or justice of the peace, you do not need to complete a new advance directive form.

Copies of *Three Beliefs* are available at the church entrance.

All are invited to a presentation on *Three Beliefs* at Cotter Hall at St. Michael Parish in Exeter on **Tuesday**, **November 15 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM**.

#### 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, **November 19, 2022 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM** in the parish hall on the Plaistow campus.

## **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 <u>www.amazonsmile.com</u>. 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.

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7:00 PM	Monday, November 7 Knights of Columbus	Plaistow	
6:30 PM	Tuesday, November 8 The Cultural World of the Old Testament	Plaistow	
<u>Wednesday, November 9</u> Holy Angels Church Open All Day For Prayer			
8:30 AM -	Thursday, November 10 - 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration	Newton	
3:00 PM	Saturday, November 12 Sacrament of Reconciliation	Plaistow	
10:00 AM 11:00 AM	<u>Sunday, November 13</u> Religious Ed – Grades K to 6 RCIA Meeting	Plaistow Plaistow	

## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

Deadline for the November 27 bulletin is Monday, November 14 at 12:00 Noon

Deadline for the December 18 bulletin is Monday, December 5 at 12:00 Noon

Deadline for the December 25 bulletin is Monday, December 12 at 12:00 Noon

Deadline for the January 1 bulletin is **Monday**, **December 19 at 12:00 Noon.** 

Deadline for the January 8 bulletin is **Thursday**, **December 29 at 12:00 Noon.** 

#### 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.

## 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 <u>itremblay@stluketheevangelist.net</u> or 603-382-8324.

## MASS INTENTIONS M

Saturday, November 5 ~ 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38 (Vigil) 4:00 PM Roger Lucey by his wife and family Plaistow Sunday, November 6 ~ 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38 Tillie Massaro by the Stanley family 8:00 AM Newton 10:00 AM Jose Andrade by his son, Joe Andrade Plaistow Monday, November 7 ~ Weekday Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6 In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received 8:00 AM Newton Tuesday, November 8 ~ Weekday Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10 8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Fogel Family and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse Plaistow Wednesday, November 9 ~ Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22 6:30 PM Frank Tatarka by his wife, Sonia Tatarka Plaistow Thursday, November 10 ~ Leo the Great, Pope and **Doctor of the Church** PhIm 7:20; Lk 17:20-25 People of the Parish 8:00 AM Newton Friday, November 11 ~ Martin of Tours, Bishop 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37 NO MASS Saturday, November 12 ~ Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8 (Day) Mal 3:19-20a; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19 (Vigil) 4:00 PM Jay Knowles by Bob and Alice Litwinovich Plaistow Sunday, November 13 ~ 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 3:19-20a; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19 8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Ballard and Justin Families by Charlie and Lisa Angwin Newton 10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Fogel Family and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse Plaistow Mass Times for travel



## 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. 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.



## **GIVING TREES**

Giving Trees will be located in the back of both churches on the weekend of **November 12-13**. 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 10-11 (the Third Sunday of Advent).

## 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

## THIRSTING FOR GOD?

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition and who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic? Are you that person?



Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion? They may be thirsting too! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. Contact Father Albert at 603 382 8324 for more information.

Conoces a alguien que no está bautizado o que ya es catolica pero aún no ha recibido la Confirmacion o la Comunion, que está sedienta de lo que significa ser católico? El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA) es un lugar para hacer preguntas y buscar el entendimiento. Comuníquese con Padre Alberto para más información al 603 382 8324. 7

Join Father Albert and Nancy Ross, our RCIA Coordinator, for a visit on Sunday, November 13 after the 10 AM Liturgy in the Parish Hall at Plaistow.

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

St. Luke, Newton-Plaistow, NH

## ✤ Community News ✤



## SAINT JUDE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus of our Parish are sponsoring a monthly food drive to support the Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry. A list of items needed, along with a paper shopping bag, will be distributed at the end

of Masses on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of each month to those who wish to participate. We ask that you bring back the nonperishable food items the following weekend (4<sup>th</sup> weekend of the month). You are also welcome to drop off donations at the Parish Office during normal business hours or at one our Parish churches. Monetary donations are also welcome (make checks payable to Saint Luke Food Pantry), or gift cards to local supermarkets. Thank you for reaching out to help families in our community who need assistance. The Knights and the Food Pantry appreciate your generosity and support.



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.



## 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, November 16 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.

## FALL OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to join us on **Sunday, November 20 at 11:30 AM** to learn about St. Thomas Aquinas High School! From presentations from faculty, demonstrations, and information about all things STA, this is a great opportunity to develop an understanding of Saints Pride from the inside out! Bring your questions, your curiosity, and all family members. Please register online at <u>https://www.stalux.org/admissions/admissions-calendar</u>.

## **CURSILLO**

If you have a desire to know Jesus more closely, a Cursillo is for you. The Cursillo weekend is a short course in Christianity. The purpose of the weekend is to facilitate a meaningful personal encounter with Christ and his body, the Church. The three day weekend is also the bridge connecting the faithful with the supportive post-Cursillo community, where we live our faith joyfully with our fellow Christians. Cursillo weekends are being offered at the Sato Center in Hookset, NH. To find out more, contact Mark Collopy at 603-833-7341 or explore www.nhcursillo.org.

## **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 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 <u>dans49@comcast.com</u> or you can now join online at <u>www.kofc.org/joinus</u>.

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





# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

## Why should my faith have any bearing on my vote?

Because we are baptized into Jesus Christ, our mission is to serve God and neighbor, especially those neighbors who are most in need. All that we do in life must be done in the light of that mission. Since the political world is where society makes the decisions that most significantly affect human dignity and the common good, voting is an essential way for us to serve our sisters and brothers.

## How do I decide who to vote for?

Pope Francis has said that we should **study the issues, pray, and then vote with our consciences**. The United States Bishops' document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* talks in detail about the issues we are urged to consider before we vote. These include first of all **abortion** and other serious threats to human life and dignity including **racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, the death penalty, migration, and global conflict**. *Forming Consciences* also asks us to "take into account **a candidate's commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue**." To see what *Faithful Citizenship* has to say about these issues and other critical concerns, go to catholicnh.org/voting for links to *Faithful Citizenship* and the Diocese of Manchester's own pamphlet called *Voting for the Common Good*.

## Will our pastors tell us who to vote for?

No. The Catholic Church teaches that decisions about voting are to be made by individual Catholics, using their well-formed consciences. No one else can tell you who you must vote for in any election.

## Doesn't the Constitution say that we are supposed to separate our faith from our politics?

No. Constitutions restrict what the government can do, not what citizens can do. Moreover, the United States and New Hampshire Constitutions both uphold the right to the free exercise of religious faith.

In addition, as you can see the issues presented in *Faithful Citizenship* are not uniquely "Catholic" issues. Our Catholic faith is *why* we care about these issues, but people of other faiths or no faith at all also consider these issues to be vitally important.



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#### 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 at the parish office for more information.



## STAY INFORMED WITH FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP NEWS

The Diocese of Manchester wants to inform Catholics about important public policy matters facing our elected officials. Faithful Citizenship News provides briefs on legislation as well as information about Catholic social teaching on some of today's pressing issues. To read the current issue of Faithful Citizenship News and to subscribe, visit www.catholicnh.org/fcnews.

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING**

New Hampshire Catholic Charities provides individual, marital, family, and couples' counseling, helping people with a variety of personal difficulties, including: Depression, Stress, Family Conflicts, Relationship Problems, Anxiety, Substance Abuse, Life Adjustment Issues, Grief and Loss. Counseling also helps individuals and families strengthen communication skills in order to build and sustain healthy relationships and live more satisfying lives. A sliding scale fee is offered. Contact Arlene Dody, LCMHC in Salem at 603-893-1971 for more information.

## HOW TO MAKE A REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Child sexual abuse is a crime in the State of New Hampshire and the Church. New Hampshire law requires that anyone who has reason to suspect that a child is being or has been abused or neglected must make a report to the Division for Children, Youth & Families ("DCYF") of the State of New Hampshire, 1-800-894-5533. Any person who suspects or alleges child abuse on the part of a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of a parish, school, or institution of the diocese of Manchester is also encouraged to make a report to the Office for Ministerial Conduct, 603-669-3100. Church personnel - clergy, paid employees, and volunteers - have additional reporting requirements if they believe that Church personnel have sexually abused a child. You can learn more about these reporting requirements on the diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org or by speaking with our Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Cathy Smith at 382-8324.

## The Pregnancy Care Center

The Pregnancy Care Center is a non-profit organization that offers its confidential services at no cost to its clients. We are committed to promoting the culture of life by assisting expectant parents in the birth and subsequent development of their child during his or her first year of life. We are also committed to helping young people embrace the virtues of chastity and continence as a sign of their Christian dignity.

> Main Center 496 Main St., Haverhill, MA (978-373-5700) <u>www.pccnortheast.org</u> Helpline: 866-254-4440



#### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on each other by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in New England. For more information, call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-9963 or visit www.wwme.org.

## NH COUPLE ENRICHMENT CIRCLE

Have you attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend? If your answer is yes, you are invited to participate in the NH Couple Enrichment Circle to continue to strengthen your marriage relationship. For more information, contact David and Karen Demers at 617-480-9989 or ddemers@aviconpartners.com.

## **RETROUVAILLE...A Lifeline**



Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

#### SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups.





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## The Gospel at Home

## This Week's Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

The Sadducees in Sunday's Gospel challenge Jesus to take a stand on resurrection, a notion they did not accept. They cited a law that required a man to marry his brother's widow in order to preserve the brother's name. Jesus points out that "God is God of the living." He quotes God's words to Moses, "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" (Exodus 3:15) to emphasize that these people are alive to God. God is God of all who have lived as well as all people living now. The lesson here is to trust the future to the God who has given all life and who raised Jesus from the dead.

## **Exploring the Gospel Message**

**Seeds** (Preschool): Your child learned that God made everything and loves everything. Ask your child what signs show that God cares for the whole world. Talk about how your family can take care of things and of people. Your child created a visual reminder of God's love for your family to enjoy. Display it in a prominent place in your home.

**Promise** (Grades K–1): This week your child recognized that all God's creatures have homes and that God has a special home for us in Heaven. Ask your child to teach you the rules to the "How do I Get to Heaven?" game the class played. Spend a few minutes playing the game together and talk about other actions that might show us the way to Heaven. Share stories about any people who have died and gone to Heaven. Display the last page of the lesson booklet where you will see it every day. **Good News** (Grades 2–3): Your child learned to appreciate God's gift of life. Ask your child to share the story that told what Heaven is like. This week's lesson gives you an opportunity to talk about people who have died. Share ways your family can show its appreciation for the gift of life. Your child also learned about the First, Second, and Third Commandments. Ask your child to recite those Commandments for the rest of the family.

**Venture** (Grades 4–6): Your youngster has learned about how belief in the resurrection of the dead grew in Jewish tradition. Talk about resurrection and what it means to you. Share with your family your own faith in resurrection. The class played a game that helped them understand that we all are on a lifelong Christian journey. Share some of the ways your family is aware of the importance of that journey.

**Visions** (Grades 7–9): This week the Gospel highlights the resurrection of the dead. Jesus was challenged about life after death, and he proclaimed that God was the God of the living—those now on Earth and those who have experienced death and are now alive in God. Talk with the family about death and about what Jesus taught about resurrection. Remind one another that Jesus promised life everlasting.

## **Pray Together**

When your conversation is over, pray for those people you know who have died and who are now experience life everlasting. Honor their memory by praying the Our Father together.



## 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**

Youth or Adult Servers may choose to wear a mask while serving.

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

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

Contact F. Albert (fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net) 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.

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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)

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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.



# The Fallacy of Reincarnation

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

T he Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead or the immortality of the soul. But in Maccabees, one of the last books written in the Old Testament, one can see how the Jewish sons find strength to resist their torturers in the belief that they will live forever. They firmly believe that God will raise them up if they remain faithful to him.

Jesus makes it even clearer that our souls will live forever and that our bodies will rise up one day with him

## Sunday Readings

## 2 Maccabees 7:1–2, 9–14

"You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to live again forever...."

## 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father...encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.

## Luke 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Jesus said, "God is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

after death. The faith of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was faith in a living God; even if they had died hundreds of years before, they were alive in God.

We pray together in the Nicene Creed, "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead." Thus, belief in reincarnation is contrary to Christian faith; Jesus taught a different doctrine. We live life on this earth once, die once, and are judged once.

Jesus is the "resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). We hope that one day we will rise with him, even if on earth our lives are "hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). To be a witness to Jesus is to be like the first apostles, a witness to his resurrection.

The living God who called Abraham, Isaac, and Moses is the same God who sent his Son, raised him from the dead, and who calls us to follow him and rise up to be with him forever. +

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## A Word from Pope Francis

Christian faith is not a way of exorcising the fear of death; rather, it helps us to face it. Sooner or later, we will all pass through that door....The true light that illuminates the mystery of death comes from the Resurrection of Christ....And this is the light that awaits us behind that dark door of death.

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- When my finals days come, will I have any regrets?
- What change can I make today to avoid remorse tomorrow?

# Holiday Expectations

By Mitch and Kathy Finley

T he happy time of Thanksgiving and then Christmas is coming. But wait. Think back on these celebrations of the last few years. What were they really like for you? Sometimes we look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings and they turn out to be disappointing or stressful. Maybe we try too hard to make our celebrations resemble a Norman Rockwell painting, and when it turns out to be a Maurice Sendak kind of day, full of "wild things" that give us a throbbing headache, the day ends unhappily.

If past Thanksgivings or Christmases were not peaceful, now is the time to talk to those with whom you usually spend these days. Schedule a time to listen to each other, even if it's a conference call. This might be the time to calmly share your hopes and expectations and listen to theirs. What do they love about the family's Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations? What do they find difficult?

The pandemic forced many people to celebrate differently and for some it was an eye-opener. Some discovered how much they missed everyone gathering together, and when it was taken away, previous irritations seemed minor. Others found they were happier with the forced



simplicity and have decided to forego crowded get-togethers and celebrate on a smaller scale.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas photos we post on social media often don't represent the entire experience of the holiday. We omit the grumpy parts. For most of us, our holiday gatherings are neither all Norman Rockwell nor Maurice Sendak.

We cannot change others, but we can often change ourselves. As we prepare to gather for these festive occasions, let's try to remember the voices of the prophets who encourage us to look to ourselves and make straight the parts that are crooked, address traits that keep us from being the person we are meant to be, the person we long to be. To do this we need a bit of quiet, a time to pray, both alone and with our community of faith. We might need a guide—a confessor or some wise person who seems further down the road than we are, someone who knows the way of the Lord.

If we can remember that we are each flawed, we are more likely to be patient with or even overlook the flaws of our loved ones and enjoy our time together. None of our families is the Holy Family. However, we can try to be just a bit holier and invite Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus to join us around our holiday tables. +

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Gracious God, help us to love others so that, in our final days, we feel no remorse about how we lived our lives. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 7–12

**Monday,** Weekday: Ti 1:1–9 / Lk 17:1–6

**Tuesday,** Weekday: Ti 2:1–8, 11–14 / Lk 17:7–10

**Wednesday**, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Rome): Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17 / Jn 2:13–22 **Thursday,** St. Leo the Great: Phlm 7–20 / Lk 17:20–25

**Friday,** St. Martin of Tours: 2 Jn 4–9 / Lk 17:26–37

**Saturday,** St. Josaphat: 3 Jn 5–8 / Lk 18:1–8



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