



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Gathering: Gather Us In BB 303

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63)

I will lift up my eyes at the name of the one who knows me well.

Preparation Parable BB 689

Mass Parts Mass Of Creation

Communion Take And Eat BB 358

Recessional: Let All Things Now Living BB 610

✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Our Parish needs to take in \$9700.00 each week in order to make ends meet. This amount represents an adjusted budget offertory of \$8500.00 per week plus the combination of budgeted Property and Fuel second collections (\$4800.00 per month divided into 4 weeks or \$1200.00 weekly). Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the Parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

November 1, 2022

All Saints Day \$ 984.00

November 6, 2022

**Offertory \$6,773.83
Property Management \$1,418.62**



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 13	Catholic Campaign for Human Development
November 20	Fuel
November 27	Christmas Flowers
December 4	Property Management
December 8	Immaculate Conception
December 11	Retired Religious

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.

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.

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 www.catholiccharitiesusa.org 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.

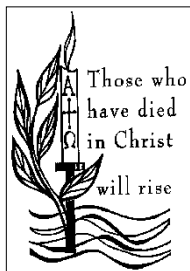
Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

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

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

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

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠



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

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

WHILE AWAY THIS FALL...

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

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, November 13

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Grades K-6 *Plaistow*
 11:00 AM RCIA Meeting *Plaistow*

Tuesday, November 15

6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, November 16

Holy Angels Church Open All Day For Prayer

7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting *Plaistow*

Thursday, November 17

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

Saturday, November 19

8:00 AM Men of St. Joseph *Plaistow*
 3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, November 20

DECORATE CHURCHES FOR ADVENT

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Grades K-6 *Plaistow*
 6:00 PM Vespers *Newton*

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.



✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, November 12 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 ~ 33rd 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

Monday, November 14 ~ Weekday

Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

8:00 AM Albert Chaff (Month's Mind)
Newton

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

Rv 3:1-6; 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Fr. Albert on this, his Feast Day
Plaistow

Wednesday, November 16 ~ Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, Virgin

Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

6:30 PM Joyce Gauthier by Ann Marie and Joe Sheehan
Plaistow

Thursday, November 17 ~ Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

8:00 AM Ron Metcalf by Barbara Metcalf
Newton

Friday, November 18 ~ Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

NO MASS

Saturday, November 19 ~ Weekday

Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40 (Day)

2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Mark Hammond by Colleen Hammond
Plaistow

Sunday, November 20 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Hudgens and Bedell Families by Charlie and Lisa Angwin
Newton

10:00 AM Raymond and Stephen Huberdeau by Linda Huberdeau
Plaistow

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.**

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 católica pero aún no ha recibido la Confirmación o la Comunión, 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.

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).

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.

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

✕ 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
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❖ 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 3rd weekend of each month to those who wish to participate. We ask that you bring back the non-perishable food items the following weekend (4th 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.

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 <https://www.stalux.org/admissions/admissions-calendar>.

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.



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.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



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.



JOIN THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THIS THURSDAY EVENING,
NOVEMBER 17
AT 7:00 PM AT
MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
NEWTON, NH

AS A GIFT FROM GOD, EVERY
HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED
FROM CONCEPTION TO
NATURAL DEATH.

TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY AND
DEDICATE THE ROSARY FOR THE
RESPECT FOR LIFE.

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





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

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

Thank you for your support of the poor among us.



Maybe

it's time

To re-connect with your Church

To re-new yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit who guides us in Love and Truth.

If you are a baptized Catholic, have received your First Communion, but decided against Confirmation as a teen, maybe **NOW IS THE TIME** for you to re-consider **Confirmation**.

- ✓ Maybe you weren't ready when you were sixteen years old.
- ✓ Maybe you didn't want to be pressured into it by your family and peers.
- ✓ Maybe you weren't sure that Catholic is who you wanted to be.
- ✓ Maybe you were just beginning to doubt that what you were taught as a child -- about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary, the Eucharist, the saints, eternal life -- was all too good to be true.
- ✓ Maybe you were overwhelmed with school commitments, personal disappointments, and feeling that God really didn't care if you were Catholic anyway.

Sessions begin
soon!

God *does* care about you. *For some reason*, God chose you to be born into a family that would bring you to the Catholic Church for Baptism.

So maybe -- just maybe -- now...it's time....to make your own choice.

Confirmation.

If you are 18 or over and were never Confirmed, contact the Parish Office. With little time and reflection, practicing Catholics can be prepared to celebrate the gift of the Spirit in their lives.

Maybe it's your time.

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603 382 8324. www.stlukenh.org

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Jews connected the very spirit of their faith to the Temple with its incense-filled, prayerful inner courts and its shaded outer courts where people met and talked. They celebrated their holy days at the Temple; it was the center of their faith community. But Jesus' assessment of the times in this Sunday's Gospel proved accurate. The Jews' rebellion against Roman occupation that began in A.D. 66 ended in the destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70 by the Roman forces. When Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple to his disciples in Sunday's Gospel, they are shocked. Jesus both scares and assures his listeners, past and present. He explains that wars, disasters, and persecutions will continue. He assures us that we can endure these and other troubles. He promises to put words in our mouths so no one can put us down. He promises to be with us always.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): The language of this Sunday's Gospel is frightening for small children, so talk about how much God loves all Creation. As the family looks forward to Thanksgiving, talk with your young child about all the good gifts God gives, especially the sun, the soil, and the seeds that grow the food we eat. This is a good time to establish the habit of a prayer before meals.

Promise (Grades K-1): This Sunday's Gospel is a difficult one for children, and so in class, children shared stories of their fears and worries. You may want to ask your child what he or she worries about. Stress that Jesus tells us not to be afraid because he is with us. Have your child tell you the story, "Lost in the Mall." Make a plan with your child so you both know what to do if he or she becomes lost like Jessica. The class learned and practiced the Our Father in class. Consider adding this prayer taught by Jesus into family prayers this week.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Although this Sunday's Gospel speaks of the end of the world, the class learned about the wonderful world God creates with love. Ask your child to show you the Creation Spiral he or she completed in class. Discuss some of the ways that your child learned to care for the world, and brainstorm others that your family can do. Jesus asks us not to worry when there are bad things happening in the world. Talk with your child about concerns he or she has for the world. Discuss how you deal with problems and how your faith plays a role.

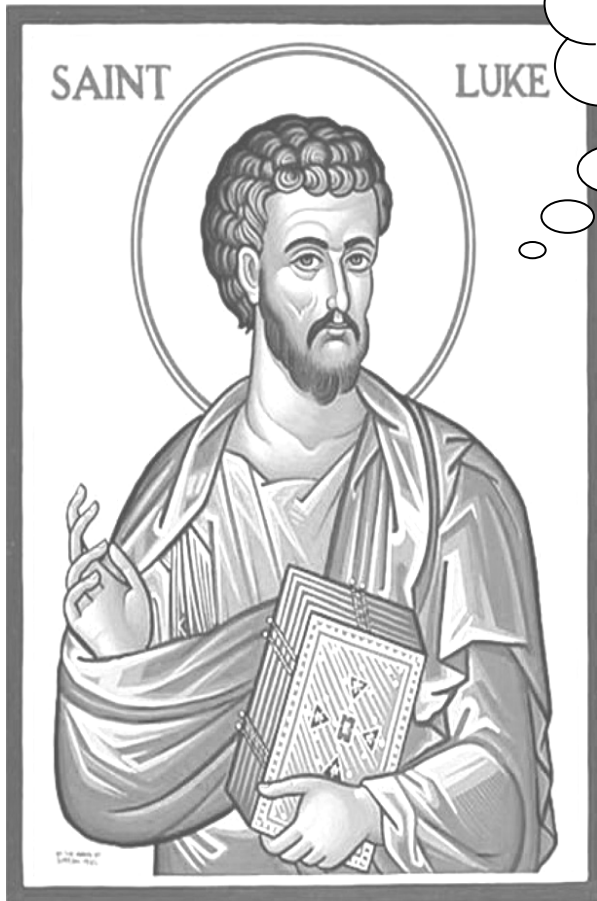
Venture (Grades 4-6): In class, your young person learned from the experiences of people who stood up for what they believed. Ask your son or daughter to share these experiences, especially Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. Ask what the Second Coming of Jesus means and share his promise to be with us in the last days. Spend some time talking about how your family can stand up for what you believe. Ask your young person how the Sacrament of Confirmation gives us what we need to respond to God's call in our lives.

Visions (Grades 7-9): Your youngster's class began with a discussion of hopes for the world. Talk about what hopes your family has for the world. What hopes do you have for your family? Read the Sunday Gospel together and discuss what world events may make your family anxious or afraid. Then talk about Jesus' promise. How do Jesus' words concern or comfort you? The class also talked about resolving conflict. Discuss how you and other family members can work on solving arguments that come up.

Pray Together

Make a litany prayer of all the things your family is grateful for—life, health, friends, a good home, etc. After each is mentioned, the whole family can say together: "Thanks be to God!"





Why don't you think about it too?

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- **Parish Giving allows you to select contribution amounts and special collections right from your own computer or smartphone**
- **You can be a good steward for the Parish even when you are away from the area on a weekend**
- **Parish Giving allows you to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.**
- **Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo and follow the easy registration instructions.**

Parish Giving



Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
November 13, 2022

Keeping the End in Mind

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings prepare us for the conclusion of our earthly pilgrimage. Jesus describes the end times in today's Gospel. He warns us not to follow false prophets who will arise and claim to come in his name. He prophesies a time of war, natural disasters, famines, and plagues. Persecution will fall upon his followers, allowing them the chance to give testimony—*martyrion* in Greek.

Jesus' monitions for that time are simple: do not follow false prophets

or prepare a defense, but persevere instead. In the section "I Believe in Life Everlasting," the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* also speaks to us about the last times (1020–1029). We believe in heaven, hell, and a personal, universal judgment. These last things await us all, and Jesus doesn't keep us in the dark about these realities.

We don't know when the end times may come. But regardless, our call is to live prepared by fulfilling God's will and trusting in him. Jesus clearly wants us to be aware of the coming of the end of the world and the eventual end of our lives on this earth, but he doesn't want us to be overly anxious. If we are in Christ, we are already a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold the new has come. Be not afraid! +

Sunday Readings

Malachi 3:19–20a

For you who fear my name, the sun of justice will arise with healing in its wings.

2 Thessalonians 3:7–12

We wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us.

Luke 21:5–19

[Jesus] said, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone...."

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the end times may come.
But regardless, our call
is to live prepared
by fulfilling God's will
and trusting in him.*

A Word from Pope Francis

Here is the meaning of being wise and prudent: it is a matter of not waiting until the last minute of our lives to cooperate with the grace of God....It would be good to consider for a moment: one day will be the last. If it were today, how prepared am I?

ANGELUS, ROME,
NOVEMBER 12, 2017



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I live out each day aware that I will someday meet God face to face?
- Is there anything I should adjust in my life to be better prepared for that day?

Knowing When Our Prayers Are Answered

By Mitch and Kathy Finley

When Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, were very old, the angel Gabriel appeared and announced that their prayers had finally been answered: they are going to have a baby. This elderly couple had yearned for a child all their married lives. This baby is the fulfillment of their hopes and dreams, the end of their lifelong unhappiness. But Zechariah questioned the angel.

Sometimes it is difficult to recognize when our prayers have been answered. In some instances, we can imagine one, and only one, solution to our problem. The lonely don't recognize the opportunities for companionship. The envious don't appreciate their many blessings. The bored don't perceive their prospects for meaningful work, or potential to learn something new, or the possibility of an adventure. With our eyes fixed on some "prize," we miss the blessing offered us, or worse, we turn that blessing into a burden.

Zechariah and Elizabeth's baby grows up to be John the Baptist, the one who announces that the long-awaited Messiah is here, and that it's his cousin, Jesus. But even John doubted. After he was arrested, John sent two of his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"



Imagine John in jail—mistreated, hungry, scared, and wondering if he could have made a mistake. If Jesus is the Messiah, why isn't he busting John out of prison? Why is he letting him suffer? Jesus knows exactly what John needs to hear. He reminds John of the prophecies and what kind of Messiah he is—one who will manifest his mission in humble acts of service.

The blind regain their sight. Not only those physically blind but the spiritually blind who had been unable to see the good.

The lame walk. Not just the weak or disabled but those who are emotionally stuck, unable to make a change, to leave behind what is holding them back from being the people they were meant to be.

Lepers are cleansed. Not only those who ache with physical ailments but those who are rejected by society, those thought to be unclean and therefore unwelcome.

The deaf hear. Not only those physically deaf but those unable to hear the truth of God's love.

The dead are raised. All who know Jesus are invited to emerge from tombs where they live a half-life and walk into the light of the gospel.

And the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. This as much as any miracle is what drew the masses to Jesus. To hear the Good News, to be given a reason to hope—this is the One they have been waiting for. They believed! +

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**PRAYER**

Faithful God, help us to believe in your promises and, when doubt assails us, be with us and show us the way. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

November 14–19

Monday, Weekday:
Rev 1:1–4; 2:1–5 / Lk 18:35–43


Tuesday, Weekday:
Rev 3:1–6, 14–22 / Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday, Weekday:
Rev 4:1–11 / Lk 19:11–28

Thursday, St. Elizabeth of Hungary:
Rev 5:1–10 / Lk 19:41–44

Friday, Weekday:
Rev 10:8–11 / Lk 19:45–48

Saturday, Weekday:
Rev 11:4–12 / Lk 20:27–40

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