



**MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY**  
**Sunday, November 27, 2022**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

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

Gathering: Come, Come, Emmanuel  
 Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 25)  
*To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; to you I lift my soul.*  
 Preparation: Come, Lord! Marantha! BB 66  
 Mass Parts: Heritage Mass  
 Communion: One Love Released BB 353  
 Bread Of Life BB 355  
 Recessional: Ready The Way BB 63  
 (All Verses)

**✠ PARISH TITHING ✠**

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

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR  
 NOVEMBER 20, 2022  
 WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**



Out of respect for the Lord and in consideration of fellow parishioners, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you!

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses **Parish Giving** to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

November 27 Christmas Flowers  
 December 4 Property Management  
 December 8 Immaculate Conception  
 December 11 Retired Religious  
 December 18 Fuel  
 December 25 Christmas & Needs of Parish  
 January 1 Mary, Mother of God

**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.

**HURRICANE RELIEF**

All Catholics in the US are invited to help in the aftermath of the destruction caused by Hurricanes in the US Territory of Puerto Rico and the State of Florida. Visit [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://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
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✠ PARISH NEWS ✠

**ADVENT EVENING PRAYER**

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



**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

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

Deadline for the 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.**



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass schedule for the holy day is as follows: **Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 PM in Plaistow and at 8:00 AM in Newton.**

**GIVING TREES**

Giving Trees are located in the back of both churches. 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).



**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, **December 17, 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](http://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 27**

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Grades K-6 *Plaistow*  
 6:00 PM Vespers *Newton*  
 6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Newton*

**Tuesday, November 29**

6:30 PM The Cultural World of the *Plaistow*  
 Old Testament

**Wednesday, November 30**

Holy Angels Church  
 Open All Day For Prayer

**Thursday, December 1**

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

**Saturday, December 3**

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

**Sunday, December 4**

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

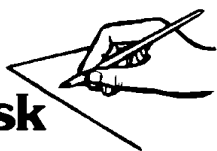
**Attention Parents**

Please be sure to accompany your young children when they need to use the restroom during Mass. This is for their safety and your peace of mind!

**PRAYER LINE**

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

**From the  
 Pastor's Desk**



**HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED**

Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow will be closed from December 1, 2022 until Spring 2023. This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

**Saturday, November 26 ~ First Sunday Of Advent**

*Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44 (Vigil)*

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

**Sunday, November 27 ~ First Sunday Of Advent**

*Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44*

8:00 AM Karen Hoppler by Rachel Lanseigne  
*Newton*

10:00 AM Jesselyn Driscoll by her family  
*Plaistow*

**Monday, November 28 ~ Advent Weekday**

*Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11*

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Krafton and LaJeunesse Families by Barbara Metcalf  
*Newton*

**Tuesday, November 29 ~ Advent Weekday**

*Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24*

8:00 AM Paul Antkowiak by Mary and Bill McHale  
*Plaistow*

**Wednesday, November 30 ~ Andrew, Apostle**

*Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22*

6:30 PM Pat Zakiewicz by Sonia Tatarka  
*Plaistow*

**Thursday, December 1 ~ Advent Weekday**

*Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27*

8:00 AM Ruth Harrigan by Bob and Alice Litwinovich  
*Newton*

**Friday, December 2 ~ Advent Weekday**

*Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31*

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, December 3 ~ Francis Xavier, Priest**

*Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (Day)*

*Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Eliza and Eugene Ian  
 by Andrew Ian and family  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, December 4 ~ Second Sunday in Advent**

*Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12*

8:00 AM Thomas Antczak by the Burge family  
*Newton*

10:00 AM John Delle Chiaie by the Lawrence family  
*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.**

**PROJECT RACHEL**

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

**CANDLES**

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one, as well as the Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother Icon in Newton. The suggested offering for each is \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office at 382-8324.

**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](http://www.thegodminute.org)

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

Among believers and spiritual seekers from many religious traditions, there is a growing awareness of the importance of spirituality. To respond to this growing awareness, there is need for qualified, compassionate spiritual experts who can accompany and help others explore their faith. Merrimack College's graduate programs in spirituality prepare you for a life of spiritual exploration, engagement, and service. You will acquire the theological knowledge and ministerial experience you need to enrich your own faith and to support others in their spiritual journey. Designed to fit your schedule and meet your needs, our spirituality programs offer evening classes as well as five tracks based on your professional goals and interests. You must choose one of the master's tracks or certificate programs by the time you have completed two of the core courses and/or the year-long seminar or practicum.

The application deadline for the Spring 2023 course is **January 5, 2023**. For more information, go to [www.merrimack.edu/spirit](http://www.merrimack.edu/spirit).

**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](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

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

**✘ PARISH DIRECTORY ✘**

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

Fr. Albert Tremblay	<a href="mailto:fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net">fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
Cathy Smith	<a href="mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net">csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
Joyce Szczapa	<a href="mailto:jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net">jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
Jackie Tremblay	<a href="mailto:jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net">jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
Val Barczak	<a href="mailto:mvmbarczak@comcast.net">mvmbarczak@comcast.net</a>
Parish Council	<a href="mailto:parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net">parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net</a>

❖ 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 non-perishable 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.

**CAMPS BERNADETTE AND FATIMA**

Summer 2023 Registration Has Begun! New camp families can register for our Summer 2023 season now. Don't delay. Spaces fill quickly! Secure your space and spread payments over several months. New Hampshire Catholic School students and registered New Hampshire parishioners receive 15% off. You won't want to miss out on all of the excitement, joy, and friendships that come with a summer at camp! Contact Andrew Thibault for more information at: (603) 931-5500, ext. 114.

**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](http://www.nhcursillo.org).



St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to [www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/](http://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, December 21 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.**



**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 [dans49@comcast.com](mailto:dans49@comcast.com), or go to:

[www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus).

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617  
[www.kofc6617.org](http://www.kofc6617.org)**



# Saint Luke the Evangelist

## Parish Financial Report - Fiscal Year 2022

November, 2022

Dear Members of the Saint Luke Parish Community:

With the assistance of our Finance Council and the Parish staff, I present the Financial Report for the fiscal year 2022.

The fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 was better than expected. The Parish was able to meet its needs thanks to parishioners' generosity and various grants. The trend, however, is that Parish income continues to decrease, while expenses have risen. At this point, Parish finances continue to be manageable thanks to the good stewardship of Parishioners and the attentiveness of Parish staff and Finance Council members.

The Parish met or exceeded offertory goals for certain time periods early in the fiscal year, but at the end of the fiscal year, weekly offertory began to trend down significantly. The \$9,700.00 (combined offertory and fuel-property management collections) weekly amount is needed to meet Parish expenses and continues to be our goal. Since the weekly offertory is the Parish's primary source of income, this will pose a serious problem in the future if the trend continues. The Parish faces the same increases as your own household costs for electricity and heating fuel - but in our case we have more and larger buildings!

Although not part of the Parish budget *per se*, our Capital Campaign was wonderfully successful. We completed the Plaistow roof project, the parking lot remediation in Newton, and the electrical work in both churches which now provides better, safer, and more economical lighting. A major disappointment in the planned parking lot remediation in Plaistow and the increase in oil-based asphalt products has meant that our Plaistow lots will lie unrepaired for the time being. A major success has been the completion of the heating plant project in the Newton church, finished just earlier this month.

The Parish continues to monitor all expenses and to use our resources wisely. I am grateful for your generous response to the mission of the Parish. In presenting this report to you, I request that you continue to evaluate your support of the Parish seriously and prayerfully. You as a Parishioner are responsible for the kind of Parish you want to have; I respectfully ask that you make decisions that you deem appropriate for your own contributions of time, talent, and treasure.

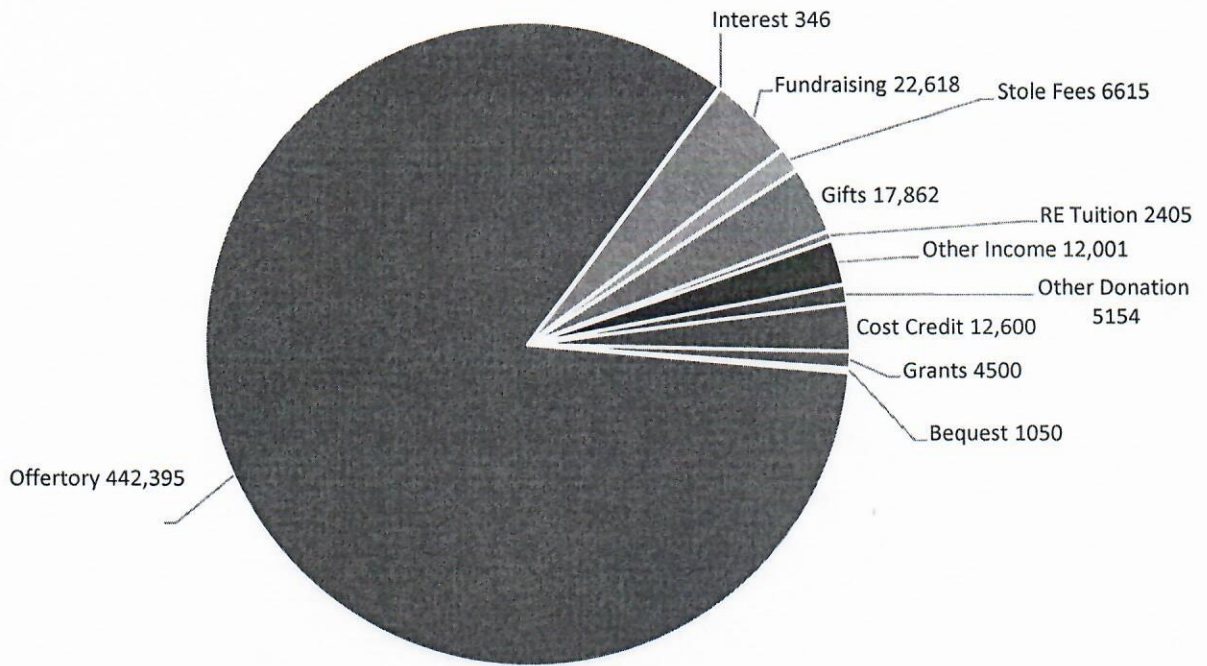
I am deeply grateful for your continued support and stewardship on behalf of our community.

*f. Albert, abc*

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## INCOME

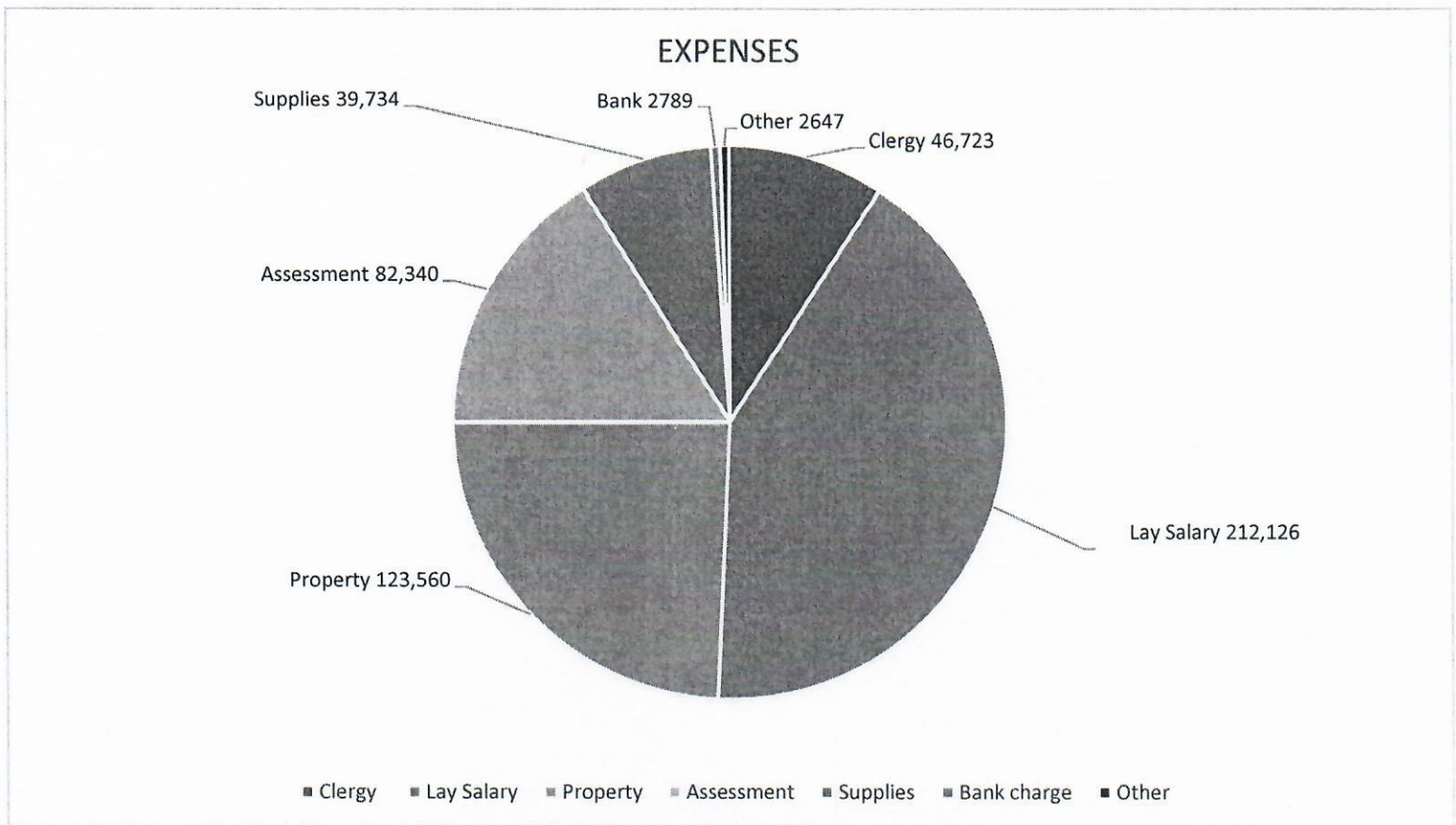


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## INCOME

### 2022 compared with 2021

INCOME	2022	2021	Variance	Notes
Regular Offertory	<b>442,395</b>	442,702	-307	Sunday & Holy Day offertory Fuel & Property Management
Interest	<b>346</b>	173	173	Interest from Diocesan Central Fund
Fundraising	<b>22,618</b>	14,309	83098	Holiday Fair 26,614
Stole fees	<b>6615</b>	5460	1155	Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms
Gifts	<b>17,862</b>	4997	12,865	excludes Capital Campaign
Religious Education	<b>2405</b>	1930	475	Tuition
Other Income	<b>12,001</b>	7541	4460	Includes 2500 Bulletin income, Diocesan School Collection 1621 & other
Other Donations	<b>5154</b>	5,178	-24	Flower donations
Cost Credits	<b>12,600</b>	12,017	583	Cemetery & Food Pantry
Diocesan Grants	<b>4500</b>	\$10,000	-5500	Diocesan Grants, Parish to Parish \$2,000, and School Support \$2500
Bequests	<b>1050</b>	0	1050	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>527,546</b>	557,207	(29,661)	



## EXPENSES

### 2022 compared with 2021

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Clergy Salary	<b>46,723</b>	48,404	-1681	Salary for Pastor, Diocesan Insurance & benefits, Newton household expenses
Lay Salaries & Benefits	<b>212,126</b>	201,586	10,540	4 full time and 2 part time employees 2022 4 FT/1 PT 2021
Property Expenses	<b>123,560</b>	123,198	362	Property & liability insurance, utilities, snow & trash removal, equipment service contracts, fire alarm service, maintenance of campus buildings
Diocesan Assessments	<b>82,340</b>	85,700	-3360	Diocesan Clergy retirement & sick funds, Diocesan Administration costs, Catholic School Subsidy
Supplies	<b>39,734</b>	34,911	4823	All church liturgical supplies, music, office supplies, faith formation programs, printing & postage
Bank Charges	<b>2789</b>	2668	121	Bank service charges
Other Expenses	<b>2647</b>	2769	-122	2022 online giving 2647 2021 online giving 2769
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>509,919</b>	499,236	10,683	



# Some definitions...

## INCOME

**Offertory:** Money associated with the regular weekly collection from Masses. This includes Sunday collection, Holy Days, Fuel & Property Management collections

**Stole fee:** Donations associated with the celebration of the sacraments

**Diocesan collections:** Charitable collections for specific groups or causes, exclusive of the Diocesan Assessments (ex. Catholic Relief Services, Retired Religious Fund, Church in Eastern Europe, etc.)

**Fundraising:** Monies derived from any fundraising activity; principally from the Parish Christmas Fair

**Other donations:** Monies given to the Parish outside of regular offertory

## EXPENSES

**Diocesan assessments:** Monies assessed on the basis of Parish gross income for the Diocesan Administration, Catholic Schools, property and liability insurance, workmen's compensation, Diocesan programs, clergy retirement fund, clergy health insurance, clergy continuing education, and Cathedral expenses. Certain special collections are "taxed" at a specific percentage of the Parish gross income (Seminary Fund, Peter's Pence, Parish to Parish Mission Fund, Catholic University/USCCB)

**Program expenses:** Costs associated with RCIA, Religious Education, Scripture Sharing, Lenten Journey, adult education programs, music and youth ministry

**Property expenses:** Costs associated with insurance, utilities, fuel oil, snow removal, equipment and building service contracts

**Supplies:** All liturgical supplies for churches, music and subscriptions for music, faith formation publications, printing & postage. Costs associated with all Parish programs and activities

**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH  
ADULT FAITH FORMATION  
WINTER, 2023**



# **THE CULTURAL WORLD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Understanding the New Testament requires more than a willing heart and open mind. It also assumes that the reader is open to exploring the world view and self-understanding of the New Testament authors and community.

Continuing our discussion from the Fall presentations on the Old Testament, we will attempt to depart from the 21<sup>st</sup> century and enter the world of our 1<sup>st</sup> century AD ancestors, perhaps to encounter our faith tradition from a new context. Such a perspective will then allow us to re-inform our reading of the New Testament text with an enriched appreciation of the narrative, setting, and assumptions presumed by the original inspired authors and communities.

One does not have to attend the previous Fall sessions to join us in the Winter session. Required text: New American Bible (NAB), New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) or New Jerusalem Bible (NJB)

Instructor: Rev. Albert Tremblay, obl. SB

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## 2022 Christmas Fair Totals

**Gross Income:       \$22,257**

**Est. Net Profit:     \$19,806**

 **Saint Luke**  
**the Evangelist**  
**Parish** 

### **An outstanding job done by the entire parish community!!!**

The success of our annual fair depends/relies/rests ENTIRELY on the participation, donations, encouragement, blood, sweat, tears, and prayers of each and everyone of you. Every year, your generous donations pour in; you sign up and show up to volunteer, and then, what seems to be complete chaos, transforms into a magical, 6-hour display of community spirit, holiday charm, and an impressive 'bottom line'. That is the result of a united front!!

In years past, I've listed out the names of everyone I could remember who helped the fair in some way or another. This year, however, the list is well over 200 people and I am positive I would have still unintentionally forgotten to mention someone from that list. So instead, this year, you all get one huge, very special THANK YOU for every little, or big, way you contributed to the Fair. Your efforts are reflected in the bottom line, as well as etched into my grateful heart. God sees what we do for others and rewards each of us in His own way. May God bless each and everyone of you this holiday season.

Sincerely with Love and Gratitude,

Julie Lamere, Christmas Fair Lead



#### HELP WANTED:

"Running the Fair" is a HUGE job and the Christmas Craft Fair Lead **needs** one, or more, partners in crime, helper elves, a couple 'gal-Friday's, or assistants extraordinaire. The perfect person (s) will have their own reliable mode of transportation, their own laptop, and be comfortable working with Excel and Word. This person must be reliable, organized, have a flexible schedule, able to make phone calls, enter data, keep lists, cut paper, have a basic knowledge of 'overwhelmed gibberish', and be able to schlepp stuff on occasion. Is this you? If yes, please email Julie Lamere at [stlukenhfair@gmail.com](mailto:stlukenhfair@gmail.com) to set up an informal meeting where we can chat more about ways you might be able to help.

#### ALSO WANTED: Your BRIGHT IDEAS

Do you have an idea/thought/suggestion that might make our fair more awesome, cool, special, profitable, fun, entertaining, delicious, creative, efficient, effective, etc.? All ideas are appreciated & seriously considered. Even if you think your idea might be "obvious", Email [stlukenhfair@gmail.com](mailto:stlukenhfair@gmail.com)

2022

# Advent

## Daily Mass Readings and Reflections in Preparation for Christmas

### A Prayer to Live in the Light of Christ

Dear Jesus, Christ the Lord, our Light in the darkness, you are our Savior. Prepare us this Advent season to receive you as our King. Open our hearts to love you all our days, and call us to be thankful for the ways you bring us back to God. **AMEN.**



<b>27</b> <b>No More War</b> <small>NOV</small> The coming of Jesus means the end to fighting and division in favor of peace. <i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i>	<b>28</b> <b>Refuge &amp; Shelter</b> Jesus is our refuge from any heat of day and a shelter from any storm of night. He protects us. <i>Isaiah 4:2-6</i>	<b>29</b> <b>See &amp; Hear</b> How grateful we are to have seen and heard what Jesus has revealed to us from the Father. <i>Luke 10:21-24</i>	<b>30</b> <b>Good News</b> Good news is meant to be swiftly shared with those who do not yet know the Lord. <i>Romans 10:9-18</i>	<b>1</b> <b>Solid Ground</b> <small>DEC</small> When you build your life on the solid rock of Christ, you will not fall or fail. <i>Matthew 7:21, 24-27</i>	<b>2</b> <b>By Faith</b> By faith the mighty power of our Healing Lord comes into view that we might know him fully. <i>Matthew 9:27-31</i>	<b>3</b> <b>Sun &amp; Rain</b> As rain brings growth and sun brings warmth, so our God gifts us with grace from above. <i>Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26</i>
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<b>4</b> <b>Welcome</b> We welcome Jesus into our midst this season that we may welcome one another, to the glory of God. <i>Romans 15:4-9</i>	<b>5</b> <b>Fear Not</b> May we put aside fears, for our loving and powerful God comes with his vindication to save us. <i>Isaiah 35:1-10</i>	<b>6</b> <b>Comfort</b> Jesus comes to level out our lives with his comfort, removing mountains of pain and valleys of guilt. <i>Isaiah 40:1-11</i>	<b>7</b> <b>His Yoke</b> With Christ's yoke upon our shoulders, we are not burdened but blessed to find rest. <i>Matthew 11:28-30</i>	<b>8</b> <b>Behold</b> Mary shows us how to say yes to God's plan, to receive the Son of God and bear witness to his glory. <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	<b>9</b> <b>The Way</b> Through his commandments the Lord, our Redeemer, teaches us in the ways we should go. <i>Isaiah 48:17-19</i>	<b>10</b> <b>Prophets</b> Prophets spoke of the coming of Jesus, but the people did not recognize them. Do we? <i>Matthew 17:9-13</i>
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<b>11</b> <b>Rejoice</b> Rejoice that in Jesus the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear and the dead are raised to life. <i>Matthew 11:2-11</i>	<b>12</b> <b>Magnify</b> Over all time and into eternity, the message Mary sings proclaims the greatness of our almighty God. <i>Luke 1:39-47</i>	<b>13</b> <b>Say &amp; Do</b> Jesus wants our deeds to match our words of devotion to him. Walk the talk to honor him. <i>Matthew 21:28-32</i>	<b>14</b> <b>Kneel</b> Prepare your heart. Turn to Jesus and be saved. Bend your knee in worship to God. <i>Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25</i>	<b>15</b> <b>No More Weeping</b> Our Savior is coming. Weeping may go on through the night but morning brings joy. <i>Psalms 30:2, 4-6, 11-13</i>	<b>16</b> <b>A Light</b> Let the little Gospel lights that shine within us point people to the greater Light of the world. <i>John 5:33-36</i>	<b>17</b> <b>Age to Age</b> Jesus saves every age: From Abraham to David to Joseph witnessing the Babe's birth—even us today! <i>Matthew 1:1-17</i>
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<b>18</b> <b>Emmanuel</b> God is with us in his Son. No longer are we separated from the divine. The divine will deliver us. <i>Matthew 1:18-24</i>	<b>19</b> <b>Speechless</b> Zechariah was made speechless for a time because of his unbelief. Let us be bold to speak. <i>Luke 1:5-25</i>	<b>20</b> <b>A Sign</b> Isaiah gave us a sign to look for: "a virgin will conceive and bear a son..." His name will be Emmanuel. <i>Isaiah 7:10-14</i>	<b>21</b> <b>Gladness</b> God is glad to sing praises over us, as we sing praises over his Son, God's greatest gift to us. <i>Zephaniah 3:14-18</i>	<b>22</b> <b>Blessed</b> She is called blessed. God has done great things for us, bringing Jesus through Mary. <i>Luke 1:46-56</i>	<b>23</b> <b>John</b> The hand of the Lord was with John the Baptist, lighting the way for Christ. Let us, too, testify to Christ! <i>Luke 1:57-66</i>	<b>24</b> <b>Name Him Jesus</b> Jesus is born to every person to save us from our sins. We welcome him on this holy night. <i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>
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**25** **CHRISTMAS** "The Word became flesh ... dwelling among us." The true Light has come into the world. *John 1:1-18*



**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH  
LITURGICAL CALENDAR      ADVENT-CHRISTMAS, 2022-23**

**GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE DECEMBER 10-11 – Advent 3**

<b>ADVENT 1</b> Sunday, November 27	Regular weekend schedule 6:00 PM Advent Evening Prayer (Newton) 6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (Newton)
<b>ADVENT 2</b> Sunday, December 4	Regular weekend schedule 6:00 PM Advent Evening Prayer (Newton) 6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (Newton)
Wednesday, December 7	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM Patronal Feast of the USA Holy Day Vigil Liturgy 6:30 PM (Plaistow)
Thursday, December 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM Patronal Feast of the USA Holy Day Liturgy 8:00 AM (Newton)
<b>ADVENT 3</b> Sunday, December 11	Regular weekend schedule 6:00 PM Advent Evening Prayer (Newton) 6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (Newton)
Wednesday, December 14	<b>LAST DAY TO RETURN GIVING TREE GIFTS AT PARISH OFFICE</b>
<b>ADVENT 4</b> Sunday, December 18	Regular weekend schedule 6:00 PM Advent Evening Prayer (Newton) 6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (Newton)

Giving Tree gifts due today!

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED: DEC. 23, 26 & 30  
PARISH OFFICE RESUMES REGULAR HOURS AS OF JAN 2**

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**  
*(A Holy Day of Obligation)*

**NOTE CHANGE FROM OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

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

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

Monday, December 26	NO MASS
Thursday, December 29	No Adoration at Newton
Saturday, December 31	4:00 PM Vigil Liturgy, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS <i>(A Holy Day of Obligation)</i> (Plaistow)
Sunday, January 1	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS <i>(A Holy Day of Obligation)</i> 8:00 am Liturgy (Newton) 10:00 am Liturgy (Plaistow) 6:00 PM Christmas Evening Prayer (Newton)
Saturday, January 7	3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (Plaistow) 4:00 PM Vigil - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Plaistow)
Sunday, January 8	8:00 am Liturgy, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Newton) 10:00 am Liturgy, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Plaistow) 6:00 PM Christmas Evening Prayer (Newton)
Monday, January 9	8:00 am Liturgy, BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Newton) 6:00 PM Christmas Evening Prayer (Newton)

# Advent: Preparing for the Life to come!

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

The Church prepares by watching in three directions...

The Church looks in the direction of those promises in Holy Scripture that the Messiah would come, that a virgin would conceive and bear a Son who is called Emmanuel, "God with us." These are the promises of Christmas. The Church also watches for those ways by which Christ's

life is present now in our midst: the preaching of the Word of God and the offering of the Sacraments of forgiveness. Finally, the Church watches with patience and hope for Christ's final coming in judgment. Then His word of judgment will clothe with eternal life all who believe in Him.

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

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

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

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

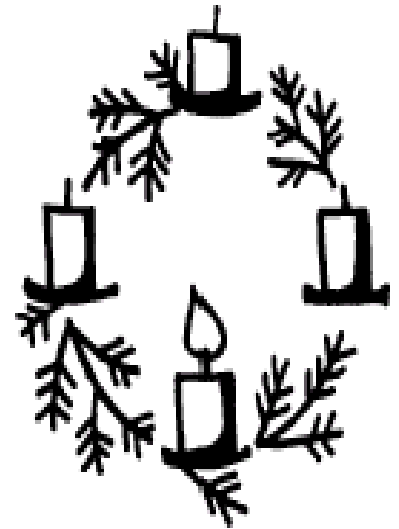


During the Advent season, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated in Plaistow on Saturday afternoons from 3:00-3:30 PM, and in Newton on Sunday evenings following 6:00 PM Advent Evening Prayer.

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

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

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



### **A RITE FOR THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT AT HOME**

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

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

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

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

Then the candle is lit.

### **DAILY PRAYERS FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

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

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

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

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



**Besides sharing Christmas joy through the Giving Tree, our Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Food Pantry provides Christmas Dinners to needy families in our area. The cost of purchasing items for the baskets typically runs to well over \$2000.00, and with hard times facing so many, we anticipate the need to be even greater than previous years.**

**If you would like to contribute towards the cost of CHRISTMAS DINNER BASKETS, please place your contribution in an envelope marked *“Christmas dinner baskets,”* and place it in the offering basket. You may also visit the Parish Office or Food Pantry and make a contribution in person.**

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



# The Gospel at Home

## This Week's Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

The Church's three-year cycle of Lectionary readings begins again on the first Sunday of Advent. We start reading from Year A, which is organized around Matthew's Gospel. The prophet Isaiah's words are used prominently in Advent. They are read as the First Reading each week and are quoted by Matthew in the Gospels. We begin the new Church year by hearing Jesus speak of his coming in glory. He cautions us always to be ready for him and to live each day in the light of God.

## Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** Your child's lesson this week features an Advent wreath on the cover. Over the next four weeks, there will be a flame to cut out and paste on the wreath candles. This wreath should be displayed where your child can see and reach it in order to paste a new flame each Sunday after Mass. Talk with your child about how you celebrate his or her birthday and relate that to preparing for the birthday of Jesus.

**Promise (Grades K-1):** Your child made a simple Advent calendar in class this week. Display the calendar and open one panel each Sunday leading up to Christmas. The class learned different ways to prepare for Christmas. Ask your child to share some of these ways. Help your child choose one or two things to do for Advent. Using the pictures as a guide, request that your child tell you the story, "The Video Game Problem." Discuss what choices Frank could have made so he could have spent time with his family.

**Good News (Grades 2-3):** In class this week, your child reviewed the Ten Commandments. Talk with him or her about how to live the Commandments. The class also performed a play to learn about the prophet Isaiah. The

words of Isaiah are used during Advent and Christmas. Ask your child to tell you how Isaiah spoke for God. Talk about ways your family can be ready for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

**Venture (Grades 4-6):** At the beginning of this new Church year, look together at the liturgical year calendar in your young person's lesson booklet. Talk about the importance of following the life of Jesus throughout the year. Your youngster also learned about the prophet Isaiah. Have your child share Isaiah's vision with the family and discuss why peace is a necessary goal for everyone. In preparing for Christmas, plan things to do as a family. Use the Week 1 Calendar List in the lesson booklet to give you ideas for this coming week.

**Visions (Grades 7-9):** In class this week, the young people considered how they could make Jesus' birth meaningful during this Advent. As a family, brainstorm activities that will help prepare your family's hearts and home for Christmas. Make sure what you choose to do is realistic. Your youngster can share some of the ideas discussed in class. Use a large format calendar to record the activities your family completes together. Advent is also a reminder of Christ's Second Coming.

## Pray Together

Plan to have a family Advent wreath. The wreath traditionally has three purple candles and one pink, but four, all-white candles will do. During the first week of Advent, light one candle each evening. During the second week, light two; during the third week, light three. If you have colored candles, the third week is for the pink candle. All four candles will be lit during the fourth week. Say a prayer that shows how you are excited for Jesus' coming. It can be as simple as: "Come, Lord Jesus, come."





# Bringing Home the Word

First Sunday of Advent (A)  
November 27, 2022

## God Is Near

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

“Be prepared!” But for what? Since we’re entering the season of Advent, we might think that we’re called to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Advent is certainly the time to prepare for Christmas, but it’s much more than that, for God comes into our lives in many different ways, even today. We see evidence of this when, working together, we rebuild not only cities, as Isaiah describes in the first reading, but relationships in families, parishes, and countries.

Remarkable changes take place in our lives when, as Paul bids us, we

“throw off the works of darkness” (Romans 13:12). God comes to us every day with the power we need to improve ourselves and our world. God often comes quietly in ways so ordinary we might miss them. That is the point of Jesus’ insistence to “stay awake” and “be prepared” (Matthew 24:42, 44).

God certainly came long ago as a human being. That was a one-time-only event. We believe that God will come again at the end. That, too, will happen only once. But God comes every day to help us be our better selves. This is what the Advent readings tell us.

What can we do? How are we to prepare for God’s coming? Today’s readings tell us. We must work for the peace that Isaiah describes; we must throw off the works of darkness as Paul instructs; and we must do as Jesus tells us: stay awake, and be prepared. +

## Sunday Readings

### Isaiah 2:1-5

In days to come,... / One nation shall not raise the sword against another, / nor shall they train for war again.

### Romans 13:11-14

Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

### Matthew 24:37-44

[Jesus said,] “So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

*God comes every day  
to help us be  
our better selves.*

## A Word from Pope Francis

Keeping watch does not mean to have one’s eyes physically open but to have one’s heart free and facing the right direction, ready to give and to serve...in a concrete sense, being attentive to our neighbors in difficulty, allowing oneself to be called upon by their needs, without waiting for them to ask us for help.

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 1, 2019



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Have you experienced God’s presence in the goodness of others?
- Have you been a sign of God’s presence to those around you?

# The Days Are Coming

By John F. Kavanaugh, SJ

As a child, once the celebration of Thanksgiving was over, I would go to the windows almost every morning, looking for snow. It is one of my earliest memories, a tissue of images held together by feelings that always had something to do with expectancy.

For children of other countries or climates, the prod might not have been Thanksgiving or the thought of snow, but I wouldn't be surprised if the early days of Advent were, for most Christian boys and girls, eager ones. Some children had Advent calendars; others had wreaths decked with candles. Many observed the strangely prophetic feast of St. Nicholas, with its long stockings bulging with many small promises of greater gifts to come.

Songs changed with December. Worldly anxiety combined with hope in "You better watch out...Santa Claus is coming to town." The "March of the Toy Soldiers" made the spine tingle. And church hymns deepened everything: "O come, O come..." "Wake, awake, the night is dying."

Advent reminds us not only of our great need for God but also of the brokenness of the world, mirrored by the brokenness in our hearts. In order for God to more fully enter our lives, let us more fully enter our own.



Consider it a way of extending the great feast of Thanksgiving. Advent can so easily be co-opted by the mania of consumerism, sparked by that greatest shopping spree of the year on the Friday after Thanksgiving, fueled by our deepest spiritual hungers that we suspect could be eased by some magical gift of grace.

If we try to make Thanksgiving stretch all the way through Advent and to the end of the year, we might find that Emmanuel will be "with us" in unexpected ways. Just as Mary's Advent was one of gratitude spoken in the Magnificat, let ours be a time of naming how God has done "great things" in us.

This exercise might help. Starting with the first of December take a

lined eight-by-eleven sheet of paper. They usually have thirty lines. Each day, for each line, write down two items: something in your world you give thanks for and someone in your life you give thanks for. Your Christmas will be different if you do this. Having become more present to your passing days, you may see how God is with you. By the last day of the year, you will have a page of gifts. And as the new year starts, you might, with Mary, "treasure these things" in your heart. +

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*Lord Jesus, so that the world  
may know of your presence  
among us, we pray—  
be born in us,  
be born in our world.*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

November 28–  
December 3

**Monday**, Advent Weekday:  
Is 4:2–6 / Mt 8:5–11


**Tuesday**, Advent Weekday:  
Is 11:1–10 / Lk 10:21–24

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

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

**Friday**, Advent Weekday:  
Is 29:17–24 / Mt 9:27–31

**Saturday**, St. Francis Xavier:  
Is 30:19–21, 23–26 / Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8

Bringing Home  
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