



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, January 8, 2023

The Epiphany Of
The Lord

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

Gathering: The First Nowell BB 110

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 98)

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God. (2x)

Preparation O Little Town of Bethlehem BB 89

Mass Parts Heritage Mass

Communion It Came Upon The Midnight Clear BB 98

Bread For The World BB 346

Recessional: Angels We Have Heard On High BB 84

✠ 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!

December 25, 2022

Christmas \$11,852.16

COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
JANUARY 1, 2023
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

January 8	Property Management
January 15	No Second Collection
January 22	Fuel
January 29	No Second Collection
February 5	Property Management

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.

COLLECTION NOTE

Because of an upcoming change in the Diocesan collection schedule, a Diocesan-wide NH Catholic Appeal will replace certain collections mandated in years past. The Parish **will not** take up a second collection for the **Seminarian Fund (January 8)**. If you use envelopes, please discard these from your box. They will also be removed from the Parish Giving Website.

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 ✠

CHRISTMAS EVENING PRAYER

Join us for Christmas Evening Prayer
at **6:00 PM in Newton** on:

Sunday, January 8, 2023



The Vigil Light in front of the
Blessed Mother icon
at Mary Mother of the Church
will burn this week in loving memory of
Francis Antczak
by the Burge family

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.

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
jtremlay@stluketheevangelist.net or call 603-382-8324.
If you are new to our parish, registration forms are
available at the entrances of both churches. You can also
find a registration form on our website at
<http://stlukenh.org>.

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, **January 21, 2023 from 8:00 to
9:00 AM** in the parish hall on the Plaistow campus.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Kimberly's 17th Annual Holiday Give Away!!!

Another year, another collection!!! I am so happy to be
able to continue what started as a confirmation project
17 years ago, and now has become a well known annual
event! We will be collecting clothing and nonperishable
food items on January 7th and 8th at Holy Angels Church
Hall (downstairs from the church), from 12:00 to 4:00 PM
each day.

We will be accepting donations for Catie's Closet, Ruth's
House, Emmaus House, Epilepsy Foundation, Wish
Project, and Saint Luke's Food Pantry. We are
accepting CLEAN clothing of any size, any season, any
decade. Any donations of socks or underwear must be
new and packaged.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to
volunteer, please contact me at: [kimberly-
andrade@comcast.net](mailto:kimberly-andrade@comcast.net).

Thank you so much for your continued support
throughout the years! May God continue to bless you
all, and I wish you and your families a safe and healthy
holiday season!

Kimberly Clenord

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the
Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 16**.
The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 17.

AMAZONSMILE FOUNDATION

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish was issued a **\$107.39**
donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result
of AmazonSmile program activity between July 1 and
September 30, 2022.

AmazonSmile.com is the same market platform as
Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of allowing
customers to donate 0.5% of the price of items
purchased to a charitable organization. Please register
today to start shopping and donating at
www.amazonsmile.com. For questions, please call the
Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

WHILE AWAY THIS WINTER...

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

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, January 8

CLOTHING DRIVE

12:00 TO 4:00 PM

10:00 AM Religious Ed – K through 6 *Plaistow*

6:00 PM Vespers *Newton*

Tuesday, January 10

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

Wednesday, January 11

**Holy Angels Church
Open All Day For Prayer**

Thursday, January 12

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

Saturday, January 14

9:00 AM Prayer Breakfast *Plaistow*

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, January 15

10:00 AM Religious Ed – K to 6 *Plaistow*

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.

**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, January 7 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Albert Chaff by Ray and Janet Champagne
Plaistow

Sunday, January 8 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

8:00 AM Francis Antczak by the Burge family
Newton

10:00 AM Bill Lueders (19th Anniversary) by his wife
Plaistow

Monday, January 9 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Tuesday, January 10 ~ Weekday

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Plaistow

Wednesday, January 11 ~ Weekday

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

6:30 PM Susan Colcord by Grace Bukowski
Plaistow

Thursday, January 12 ~ Weekday

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, January 13 ~ Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

NO MASS

Saturday, January 14 ~ Weekday

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17 (Day)

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Phyllis M. O'Grady by the Lajoie family
Plaistow

Sunday, January 15 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

10:00 AM Joyce Gauthier (1st Anniversary)
by Sr. Holly
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.**

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like an “end of year” financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2022, **please call Jackie** at the Parish Office at 382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**

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 in the Parish Office for more information and assistance.

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

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

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

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

✘ PARISH DIRECTORY ✘

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

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❖ 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.

28TH ANNUAL ST. JUDE GOLF OPEN

The Knights of Columbus are seeking a potential recipient(s) for the 2023 Open which will be held in early June. The Open provides help to an individual(s) or family(s) who are facing financial hardship through no fault of their own. Do you know of anyone in the area that may benefit from the 2023 Open? If you do, please contact the Grand Knight, Peter Richards at 603-382-4315 or pmpjps6@comcast.net for additional information.

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, January 18 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.net or you can now join online:

www.kofc.org/joinus

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



The Epiphany Proclamation, traditionally read on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, is proclaimed to announce the most important dates in the Church calendar. It is proclaimed today to announce the living Christ revealed to us in the Liturgy of the Church.

Brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons, let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall together the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising to be celebrated between the evening of the 6th and the evening of the 9th of April.

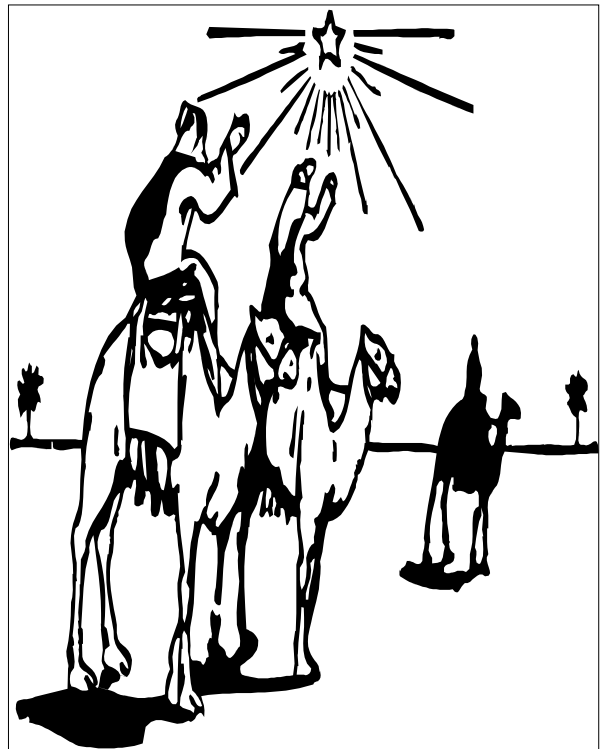
Each Easter - as on each Sunday, the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy:

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of holy Lent, will occur on the 22nd day of February. The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated in the Churches of the Boston Metropolitan on the 18th of May. Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the Great season of Easter, will be celebrated on May 28th and this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the 3rd of December.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints; our patron Luke on October 18, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, the Lord of time and history, be endless praise, forever and ever. AMEN.



The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 and Matthew 3:13-17

The account of the Magi traveling to the infant Jesus opens this week's lessons. They honor Jesus as the king of all people. The Baptism of the Lord is also recounted from the Gospel of Matthew. When Jesus approached John the Baptist to be baptized, John hesitated saying, "I need to be baptized by you." Still, Jesus said it was fitting for him to be baptized by John. When John baptized Jesus, the Holy Trinity comes together when the Holy Spirit descends as a dove, and the Father speaks from heaven, saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): This week's class focused on Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist and how Jesus' grew up in a loving family like many of our own families. Talk about your favorite memories of your child's younger years. Also ask to see the picture of a baby's Baptism that they colored during class. Share your memories of your child's Baptism and maybe photos of your own Baptism.

Promise (Grades K-1): First your child helped the Magi find the newborn Jesus through a maze. This week's lesson also focused on Jesus' baptism by John and on the Holy Trinity, which was present at Jesus' baptism. Talk about the tools that workers need to do their jobs and share what tools you use for your work. Talk about the mystery of the Holy Trinity and add all three Persons to your prayers this week.

Good News (Grades 2-3): This week's lesson talks about how the Magi honored Jesus and about Baptism and family ties. Have your child recall the words of Baptism from the lesson.

Friends talk about their family ties in the story on page 2. Discuss your family's nationality and share stories of each other's Baptisms, with photos, if possible. Discuss the mystery of the Holy Trinity, which is a big part of the Gospel story of Jesus' baptism. Recall with your children how we remember the Holy Trinity in the Sign of the Cross.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Your youngster's class discussed the Magi's visit to see Jesus and how we belong to God's family. Talk about how the various countries mentioned in the lesson celebrate the birth of Jesus. Ask where the Magi came from and also what happens when Jesus is baptized by John. Your youngster can tell you the stories. Go over how we celebrate Baptisms and be sure to share stories from each family member's Baptism, with photos if possible.

Visions (Grades 7-9): The mystery of the Holy Trinity is a key theme of this week's lesson. Talk with your youngster about how the young people from the Tijuana Ministry fulfill the work of the Holy Trinity. Take time to visit the ministry's website to see more about the work members do. How was your family involved in your young person's Baptism? Let them know some of the roles played by extended family members. Ask your youngster what it was like to play The Family Feelings Game.

Pray Together

After discussing so much about the Holy Trinity and Baptism this week, consider emphasizing the Sign of the Cross before and after family prayers. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pray that your family can love others in the way that the Holy Trinity loves the world.





Where is the newborn King of the Jews?
We observed his star at its rising

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

20 + C + M + B + 23

It is an ancient custom for Christians to bless their homes on Epiphany each year. With chalk, they put an inscription on the inside lintel above the front door. The series of numbers, letters and crosses changes only slightly from year to year. For example, at the start of the year 2023, the line will read as follows: 20+C+M+B+23.

Because Epiphany comes so near the beginning of the New Year, the numbers represent an annual renewal of God's blessing.

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "*Christus mansionem benedicat.*" "*May Christ bless the house.*" The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of blessing.

The crosses represent Christ, whom we invoke, and the saintliness of the magi. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God's blessing. The month of January still bears the name of the Roman god Janus, the doorkeeper of heaven, and patron of the beginning and end of things. This blessing adds a Christian dimension to the traditional observance of the first month. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by God's eternal word in this holy season.

If you want to bless your home this Epiphany, read the opening verses of John's Gospel, pray the Lord's Prayer, then write the inscription for this year above your front door with chalk.

Head of Household: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. *Luke 19:1-9*

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in height. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "Jesus has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Head of Household: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here. Fill us with the light of Christ. that our concern for others may reflect the light of your love. We pray through Christ our Lord. *All:* Amen.

Head of Household: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Blessed 2023 to all!

BRING THE BIBLE TO LIFE AND LIVE SCRIPTURE EVERY DAY!



YOU ARE WELCOME!

Exploring Hospitality in a Christian Setting

**Join us on Saturday, January 14, at 9 a.m. in
the Church Hall in Plaistow**

**The morning will begin with a light
breakfast!**

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Church Hall in Plaistow

Speaker: Rev. Albert Tremblay, obl. SB

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January 14, 2023

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Cell Phone _____

Or

**Contact Cathy Smith at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net or call
603.382.8324, ext. 305**



You are invited!

Ecclesiastes 4:12

*“Where one alone would be overcome,
two will put up resistance; and a
threefold cord is not quickly broken”*



“May St. Joseph grant us the heart of a father and the soul of a warrior.”

Men of St. Joseph-St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, gather on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Plaistow campus in the church hall at 8:00 am. We are Catholic men supporting each other to emulate the life of St. Joseph by building a close personal relationship with Jesus Christ and Mary which set for us the blueprint for family life.

We are trying to gather a few like-minded men.

We begin with an opening prayer to St. Joseph, followed by shared readings of that week, and contemplation by participants on how God’s Word is influential in our personal and family life. There are no dues and we do not participate in projects or other volunteer efforts. Our meetings are for sharing to help us be better men, family, and Church members. To be like St. Joseph we must be prayerful role models that help set the attitudes, values and behavior of those who surround us. Our society will benefit from leaders who are humble, principled, faithful and disciplined.

THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF MOSJ

- ❖ Attend and participate in Sunday Mass with our family and community
- ❖ Encounter the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least twice a year
- ❖ Practice the virtues of sacrifice, obedience and humility
- ❖ Build strong relationships with other faithful men in order to strengthen community





Flower Donations Were Made In Loving Memory Or Honor Of:

*Donald King
The Obert Family
The Ayers Family
George Moulaison
Mateo Intervalo
Laura Intervalo
Julito Intervalo
Frank Szczapa
Frances (Perry) Fleming
Frank and Helen Perry
Alex and Sophie Szczapa
Deceased Members of the
Richards and Souza Families
Stella and James Harb
Jannie Mestugrates
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Lajoie
Our Angel in Heaven
Albert and Anne Marcelonis
Louis, Yvette, and Robert Caron*

*Richard W. Sullivan
Richard J. Sullivan
Deceased Members of the
O'Hara Family
Michelles Grimes
Verna Carbone
Mary and Gene Vada
Johanna Power
Deceased Members of the
Daly Family
Deceased Members of the
Polese Family
Deceased Members of the
Cotter Family
Ralph and Arlene Waldron
Walter and Ellie Barczak
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Viglione
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Bourdelais
Wilfred Bergeron*

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Bringing Home the Word

The Epiphany of the Lord (A)
January 8, 2023

A Christ for Every Nation

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

“Go back where you came from!” What if the Magi heard this when they came to the place where the Child was and heeded that derisive message? The “signs of the times” that they read told them a king had been born. They might not have known exactly where to look, but they knew what they were looking for, and they recognized that king when they found him. These righteous men were not Israelites, yet God revealed this great mystery to them. Furthermore, there is no indication that they eventually became Israelites. Rather, “they departed for their country” (Matthew 2:12). God

really does not play favorites.

Then how are we to understand the claim of being God’s Chosen People, whether ancient Israelites or the Christian community? What’s the point of being chosen if you are not the favorite? While acknowledging God’s special love for his Chosen People, both Isaiah and Paul answer this question. The prophet claims that “nations will walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning” (Isaiah 60:3), and Paul writes, “the stewardship of God’s grace...was given to me for your benefit” (Ephesians 3:2). In other words, some have been chosen by God to bring the light of God’s love to others.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates two important realities—the revelation of God to all people and the responsibility to reveal that astounding mystery to others. The Magi personify both realities. They were men of another faith tradition to whom God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation, and they returned home and probably proclaimed to others the wonder of that mystery. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

The Magi humbled themselves before the unheard-of logic of God. They welcomed the Lord not the way they had imagined him to be, but as he was, small and poor. Their prostration is the sign of those who place their own ideas aside and make room for God. It takes humility to do this.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE? TWO? REFLECTION

- How respectful are you of the religious quests of others?
- In what ways might your life shine the light of God’s love on others?

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 60:1–6

Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.

Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6

The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Matthew 2:1–12

They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

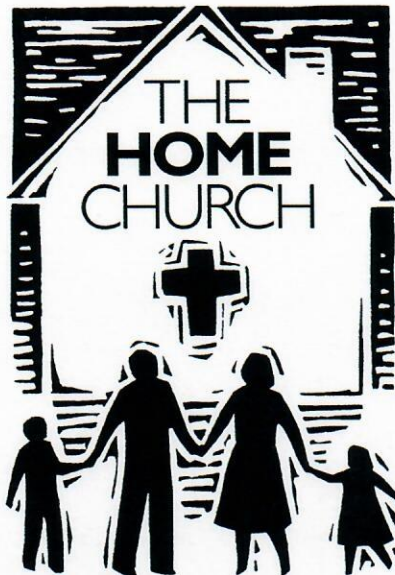
The Stranger Knows Him

By Paige Byrne Shortal

Today's Gospel is very familiar to us. We have mental pictures of the three Wise Men traveling by night, riding camels, wearing rich robes, and each carrying treasure boxes full of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The passage we hear today is the first half of chapter 2 of Matthew's Gospel, ending with the adoration of the child by the Magi and the warning they received in a dream not to return to Herod. The rest of the chapter includes the flight into Egypt by Joseph and Mary with their newborn baby, the massacre of the innocent children of Bethlehem as Herod's men sought to rid the world of the infant king, and the return to Israel of the Holy Family after the death of Herod. It's a short chapter, only twenty-three verses, and it's all St. Matthew writes about Jesus before his baptism in the Jordan.

Saint Matthew was writing for Jewish Christians, and he took for granted that his audience knew Jewish history and the law and the prophets. In this short chapter, Matthew quotes the Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament) four times and each quote contains the name of a place—Bethlehem, Egypt, Ramah, and Nazareth. Why is Matthew



doing this? He is pointing out to the Jewish community that this Jesus is the fulfillment of all the prophets and the answer to their prayers; that he is not a stranger.

Luke, who was writing for Gentile Christians, mentions a different group who recognized Jesus. In his Gospel, he doesn't speak of the stranger but of the poor—the shepherds—who were the first to know him.

It seems that the Jewish religious and

political leaders should have recognized the Messiah. Herod consulted the chief priests and scribes, and they knew where he was to be born. Instead, strangers from the east, who had only a rumor to go by, welcomed him and did him homage.

Just so, it is possible for us to know the teachings but not know the teacher; to know the way but remain stuck on the path. The stranger sees what the native misses. The foreigner values what the citizen takes for granted. The poor and the alien recognize God.

Today we celebrate Epiphany—the light shines for all and into all hearts. Do we like what we see? If not, let's agree that rejecting the light of truth isn't the wisest response. Jesus promised that the truth will set us free (John 8:32). Garfield the cartoon cat said, "The truth will set you free...but first it will make you miserable!"

Have a blessed Epiphany! +

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PRAYER

Lord Jesus, so that our homes may be havens of peace, our families a source of joy, our children safe, and our elders respected, we pray—Be born in us, be born in our world.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

January 9–14

Monday, Baptism of the Lord: Is 42:1–4, 6–7 or Acts 10:34–38 / Mt 3:13–17


Tuesday, Weekday:
Heb 2:5–12 / Mk 1:21–28 or
Heb 1:1–6; 2:5–12 / Mk 1:14–20; 1:21–28

Wednesday, Weekday:
Heb 2:14–18 / Mk 1:29–39

Thursday, Weekday:
Heb 3:7–14 / Mk 1:40–45

Friday, Weekday:
Heb 4:1–5, 11 / Mk 2:1–12

Saturday, Weekday:
Heb 4:12–16 / Mk 2:13–17

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