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#### MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, June 25, 2023 Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering:	Let Us Go To The Altar BB 318	
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)		
	Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.	
Preparation	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BB 481	
Mass Parts	Mass Of Creation	
Communion:	Bread For The World BB 346	
Recessional:	Sent Forth By God's Blessing BB 381	



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!

### 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.



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.

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income			
Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly	
\$100,000	\$5,000/ <i>\$100</i>	\$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	

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

	<u>June 18, 2023</u>	
Offertory		\$5,992.30
Fuel		\$1,570.26



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

#### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 25	
July 2	

Works of the Holy Father Property Management

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Because of the Independence Day holiday, our July 9 bulletin must be submitted early. Bulletin announcements must be received by the Parish office **no later than Tuesday, June 27.** 

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase			
Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.70	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

\$15,000

\$450/\$9

### ✤ PARISH NEWS ✤

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Thank you on behalf of Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish for making a donation to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. If you have not made a donation to the Appeal, You can do so by filling out a donation envelope found in the pews or at the church entrance. You can make an online gift by visiting <u>www.catholicnh.org/about/get-nvolved/giving/nhca/</u>. You can also use your smartphone with the QR code below.

Our Parish target is \$46,740.00. As of June 6, 2023, we have raised \$18,463.00. Thank you again for your support of our NH Catholic community and these important diocesan ministries.



### 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.

#### 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, **July 15, 2023 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM** in the parish hall on the Plaistow campus.



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

### RETROUVAILLE A Lifeline For Married Couples

Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vi) means rediscovery in French. This program helps couples put their broken pieces back together and rediscover their love for each other. This program starts with a weekend which teaches couples a new form of communication called Dialogue and lets couples know that they are not alone. Our next Retrouvaille weekends are **August 18-29, 2023 and November 10-11, 2023.** For more information, email <u>3023@helpourmarriage.org</u>.

### WHILE AWAY THIS SUMMER...

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

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Wednesday, June 28Holy Angels Church Open All Day For Prayer10:00 AMMystery of GodPlaistow7:00 PMMystery of GodPlaistow

Thursday, June 298:30 AM – 8:30 PMEucharistic AdorationNewton

Saturday, July 13:00 PMSacrament of ReconciliationPlaistow

### 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!



### ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Registration for the 2023-2024 Academic Year for **Grades K through 6** begins in September. Whether your child is currently enrolled or is new to the Program, please call Cathy Smith at 382-8324 for more information.

### 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 <u>csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</u>.

### **BUSTED HALO**

Busted Halo is a unique media resource sponsored by the Paulist Fathers of the US that utilizes a relevant and accessible voice to help people understand the Catholic faith, put it into practice in their everyday lives, and share it with others. Check out their site, podcasts and videos at <u>www.bustedhalo.com</u>.

### 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

### MASS INTENTIONS M

#### Saturday, June 24 ~ Vigil – Twelfth Sunday in Ord. Time Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33 (Vigil)

**4:00 PM** Helen Sheehan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by Joe and Ann Marie Sheehan *Plaistow* 

- Sunday, June 25 ~ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33 8:00 AM Louis and Michelina Inzero
  - ::00 AM Louis and Michelina Inzero (Birthday and Anniversary Remembrance) by the Stanley family *Newton*
- 10:00 AM Donna King Hammerstein by Carole Lueders *Plaistow*

### Monday, June 26 ~ Weekday

Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5 8:00 AM People of the Parish Newton

#### Tuesday, June 27 ~ Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14 8:00 AM Marci Giallongo (Month's Mind) Plaistow

Wednesday, June 28 ~ Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20 6:30 PM Sr. Kathleen Walsh, SNDdeN (Month's Mind)

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Thursday, June 29 ~ Peter and Paul, ApostlesActs 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-198:00 PMPeople of the ParishNewton

Friday, June 30 ~ First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4 No Mass

- <u>Saturday, July 1 ~ Junipero Serra, Priest</u> Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17 (Day) 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42 (Vigil) 4:00 PM Adelaide Sullivan by Pachel Lanseigne
- 4:00 PM Adelaide Sullivan by Rachel Lanseigne *Plaistow*

Sunday, July 2 ~ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

- 8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Angwin and Elder families by Lisa and Charlie Angwin *Newton*
- 10:00 AM Frank Kelcourse (Birthday Remembrance) by Elaine Kelcourse *Plaistow*



### SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Grief Share Support Group meets on Mondays beginning May 22 at 6:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Parish Office at 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow.

Call 603.382-8324 for information.

### PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available. Call 6034-663-0192 or email <u>ProjectRachel@rcbm.org</u>.

### 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 603-382-8324 or by email at <u>itremblay@stluketheevangelist.net</u>. If you're new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. Registration forms can also be found on our website at <u>http://stlukenh.org</u>.

### SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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### COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few good people to help us with one of our "hidden ministries," the counting of our Parish collections. Volunteers are needed to help count and document collections each week. The counts are usually done on Monday mornings from 9:00 - 10:30and occasionally on a Tuesday morning when holidays occur. If you think that you might enjoy the company of this dedicated group while sharing in this important ministry, please speak to Fr. Albert for more information.

### GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN SPIRITUALITY OR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Merrimack College is currently accepting registration for the Fall Semester 2023 for five programs: Master of Arts in Spirituality or Spiritual Direction, a Certificate in Spiritual Direction, Interfaith Spirituality, or Spirituality and Work. These programs are designed to prepare people to provide for the growing need for Spiritual Direction. For more information, use your smartphone to access the QR code:



### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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St. Luke, Newton-Plaistow, NH

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### SAINT JUDE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

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

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

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Men's AA Step Meeting is held 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.



### 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 handout.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday**, **July 19 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.

### **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 Sarto Center in Hookset, NH. To find out more, contact Mark Collopy at 603-833-7341 or explore www.nhcursillo.org.

### **CAMPS BERNADETTE AND FATIMA**

Located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, the Diocese of Manchester's camps provide opportunities for children between the ages of five and fifteen years old to develop personally and grow spiritually. Families searching for meaningful summer activities choose Bernadette and Fatima for their traditional summer camp experiences within a Catholic environment. Campers spend two weeks living in cabins while enjoying the lake, competing in sporting events, conquering the ropes courses, and participating in faith formation activities and the sacraments. This unique programming enables campers to have fun and grow in faith, confidence, and friendship. To learn more, contact Thibault at 603-931-5500, ext. Andrew 114 or Andrew@bfcamp.com.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HAPPENINGS

The Knights of Columbus held their 28<sup>th</sup> Annual St Jude Golf Open in early June. The event was a complete sell out with 144 golfers and over 70 sponsors. Despite the very cool weather, the golfers had a great time and enjoyed an awesome steak BBQ. The funds raised will assist three local residents in dire financial need and Isaiah 58 in Hampstead.

Joining the Knights of Columbus is simple – talk to a brother Knight, contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803, email him at <u>dans49@comcast.net</u> or you can now join online: <u>www.kofc.org/joinus</u>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617 WWW.KOFC6617.ORG



# ADULT FAITH FORMATION THE MYSTERY OF GOD

Based on the film series presented by Bishop Robert Barron

As stated by WORD ON FIRE: "In The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters, Bishop Robert Barron reaches into our rich intellectual tradition to teach us how. Using the insights of St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Pope Benedict XVI, he uncovers a clear yet sophisticated understanding of what we mean by God."

If you are interested in joining a group for four weeks either on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m., beginning June 28, or Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., please cut the form off at the bottom and complete. Completed forms should be returned either in the collection basket or at the parish office no later than Monday, June 26. Any questions, contact Cathy Smith at <u>csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</u> or at 382-8324, Extension 305.

### Both groups will meet in the Church Hall

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### THE MYSTERY OF GOD

Name	Phone
E-Mail	Cell Phone

Wednesday, June 28–July 19, at 10 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, June 28–July 19, at 7 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_



A gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians and much more. Each dollar is carefully stewarded to provide the maximum cost effectiveness for our ministries.

### Your gift supports these essential ministries that keep our faith thriving in New Hampshire.

- Increasing and supporting vocations (seminarian education, formation, and support of the permanent diaconate)
- Making Catholic education affordable, accessible, and available to all who desire it
- Catholic Charities New Hampshire
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- Vibrant parishes
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- Missionaries abroad and multicultural ministry in New Hampshire

### WAYS TO GIVE

Make Your Gift Online www.catholicnh.org/NHCA Make a one-time gift, pledge, or give a monthly recurring gift using a credit or debit card.

### Pay by Cash or Check

Make your check payable to the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal** and mail to: New Hampshire Catholic Appeal P.O. Box 5456 Manchester, NH 03108

Check pledges will receive monthly reminders. All pledges will be a maximum of 10 months and should be paid in full by March 31, 2024.



- → Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish goal is \$46,740.00
- → Gifts to Catholic Charities NH separately <u>do not</u> count toward the Catholic Appeal Parish Goal.

### Securities/Stocks, IRAs, Donor Advised Funds and Bequests

We are grateful for your consideration of these types of important gifts. Please call the Development Office for more information on how to plan your gift at 603-663-0136. Please consult your legal representative or tax advisor first to maximize your benefit.



## Fear Not!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

E asier said than done! There is so much to be afraid of today: war, the loss of life and the resulting devastation, unemployment and poverty, illness and the pain and diminishment, the threat of ecological collapse, to say nothing of personal anxiety and trauma. The readings for this Sunday all speak of the hardships that loom over every life.

But these hardships are not the last word. Jeremiah ends his announcement of gloom on a positive note: "Praise the Lord, / For he has rescued the life of the poor / from the power of the evildoers!"

## Sunday Readings

### Jeremiah 20:10-13

The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not prevail.

### Romans 5:12-15

If by that one person's transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God...overflow.

### Matthew 10:26-33

[Jesus said,] "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." (Jeremiah 20:13). The psalm of lament picks up the same message: "the Lord hears the poor" (Psalm 69:34). Saint Paul insists that sin and death don't win: "... How much more did the grace of God... overflow for the many" (Romans 5:15). Caught in the throes of misfortune, people cry out—but God responds.

It is in the Gospel that the reassurance of God's care unfolds. The struggles described there are real, but they will not last. The imagery employed to characterize God's care is picturesque and extraordinarily tender. If God is attentive to the lowly sparrows, how much more will God be attentive to us? Even more personally, God knows us so well that the very hairs on our head are counted. The admonition here is clear: Never fear! If catastrophes threaten, don't be afraid! Even if they engulf you or carry you away, don't be afraid. It is only temporary. God is always there, attentive to our needs, so fear not! #

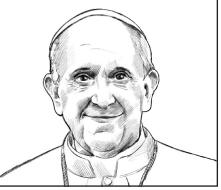
## Caught in the throes of misfortune, people cry out but God responds.



### A Word from Pope Francis

Besides [sending us out] as "sheep in the midst of wolves," the Lord...sends us out as sentinels in the midst of people who do not want to be woken from their worldly lethargy.... [I]f we proclaim the Words of the Gospel, this is bothersome and they will look at us unkindly.

ANGELUS, JUNE 25, 2017





- When you are frightened, can you pray for trust in God's loving care?
- What might you do to change, even slightly, what frightens you?

## Only Six Months Until Christmas!

### Paige Byrne Shortal

Y esterday the Church celebrated another Nativity—the birth of Jesus' cousin John, as in John the Baptist, the Prophet, the Forerunner. But before all that, John is the miracle baby – a child born of elderly Zechariah and Elizabeth who, until now, have lived with the "disgrace" of barrenness.

The Scripture says that when the Angel Gabriel, that Announcer of Miracle Babies, told Zechariah he was to have a son, Zechariah, no doubt thinking of his wife of advancing years and his own white hair, said, in effect, "I don't think so." His doubt rendered him mute. If you think about it, this is what doubt does. Doubt stifles our joy with suspicion, curbs our celebration with caution, strangles our proclamation of the Good News with, "Hold on just a minute, let's be realistic, you can't really expect me to believe that!"

Zechariah had just heard the answer to his prayers. As a couple they had certainly prayed for children and their childlessness was one of the great sorrows of their long life together. But when heart's desire is finally realized, sometimes we don't believe it.

We pray and pray for the Messiah to come and he says, "Here I am!" and we don't believe him. We pray and pray for



peace or for love or for fulfillment or for the chance to make a difference in this world and God says, "OK, here's what you can do!" and we ignore him.

Sometimes heart's desire is disguised as losing a job or not getting the promotion, passing the test, winning the race. Sometimes what we really want is contained within a "No" from God and it is then that we must have the courage to say "Yes" to God's "No" because hidden in that "No" is the "Yes!" we've been waiting for.

When the unexpected happens, even the unwelcome unexpected, we should be listening hard for the messenger's voice. A miracle birth is about to take place – maybe inside you. **†** 

### "Lord, What Shall I Do?" Gary Lauenstein, CSsR,

After working with the Redemptorist novices of North America, I wish every Catholic young person had the opportunity to make a lay novitiate—six months of learning about the spiritual life and methods of prayer, and reading the great classic writings of the Catholic tradition. They would learn about themselves by looking at their family background and their relationships and, especially, by writing a spiritual autobiography about their relationship with Christ throughout their lives.

Fortunately, much of what can be accomplished in a novitiate can also be accomplished through a program of regular spiritual direction. For a young person looking to discover what God really wants of him or her, a year-long program of weekly meetings with a spiritual director is a step in the right direction. Just be sure to start with the right question: "Lord, what do you want me to do?" **#** 



Powerful God, we ask for your protection and for the courage to face the trials of this life as disciples of your Son, our Lord Jesus. We pray always in his name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

Sometimes when our heart's desire is finally realized, we don't believe it.

WEEKDAY READINGS

June 26–July 1



Monday, Weekday: Gn 12:1-9 / Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday, Weekday:** Gn 13:2, 5–18 / Mt 7:6, 12–14

Wednesday, St. Irenaeus: Gn 15:1–12, 17–18 / Mt 7:15–20 Thursday, Sts. Peter and Paul: Acts 12:1–11 / 2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18 / Mt 16:13–19

Friday, Weekday: Gn 17:1, 9–10, 15–22 / Mt 8:1–4

Saturday, Weekday: Gn 18:1–15 / Mt 8:5–17

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