



**MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY**

**Sunday, August 20, 2023**

**Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering: All Are Welcome BB 421

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 19)

*Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

Preparation Prayer of St. Francis BB 534

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Bread Of Life BB 355

Recessional: O God, Beyond All Praising BB 547

**✠ 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!

**August 13, 2023**

**Offertory**

**\$6,391.60**



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. Thanks for being attentive and respectful! F. Albert.



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/Plastow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners & friends to do the same.

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 & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

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|--------------|----------------------|
| August 20    | Fuel                 |
| August 27    | Missionary Co-op     |
| September 3  | Property Management  |
| September 10 | No Second Collection |

**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 ✠

**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 [www.catholicnh.org/about/get-involved/giving/nhca/](http://www.catholicnh.org/about/get-involved/giving/nhca/). You can also use your smartphone with the QR code below.

Our Parish target is \$46,740.00. **As of August 7, 2023, we have raised \$34,278.00.** Thank you again for your support of our NH Catholic community and these important diocesan ministries.



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, September 4**. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 5.

Our regular office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon and from 1:00 to 4:30 PM. The Parish Office is closed on Fridays.

**SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS**

Do you sense Jesus inviting you to “come away” with him for a while? Do you desire to learn how to pray more deeply? Do you wonder how this can happen in the busyness of your daily life? The 19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius might be just what you are looking for. This retreat is commonly called, “The Retreat of Daily Life”. It begins in mid-September and ends in mid-May. We meet weekly on Wednesdays and there is a choice of morning or evening sessions. The sessions are about 1 & 1/2 hours long. We now hold the retreat on Zoom which is very convenient as you can experience the retreat from the comfort of your home. If you would like more information about the retreat, you can visit our website at [www.ManresaWayMaine.org](http://www.ManresaWayMaine.org).



**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**

Our Annual Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, NH.

Watch weekly bulletins to find out how you can help, donate, volunteer, and participate in St. Luke Parish’s biggest (only) fundraiser!

We will host 20 wonderful vendors of high-quality, handcrafted items, as well as FIVE great raffles: \$1000 Ca\$h Raffle, Wine Raffle, Quilt Raffle, Penny Sale, and Theme Baskets, PLUS our SILENT AUCTION with 100 outstanding auction items!

Plan to visit each of our fantastic church-run tables: Cookie Heaven, Lollipop Game, Jewelry Table, Country Store, and our table of gently used Holiday Décor.

Also, we cannot say enough good things about the St. Luke Café!! Every year they serve up the most delicious choices for breakfast and lunch! COME HUNGRY!!

Lastly, if we’re lucky, Santa will stop in from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to take photos with all those who are young at heart.

Got Questions? Please EMAIL the Fair Coordinator directly at [StLukeNHFair@gmail.com](mailto:StLukeNHFair@gmail.com)

**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.

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Wednesday, August 23  
Holy Angels Church  
Open All Day For Prayer

Thursday, August 24  
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

Saturday, August 26  
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *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](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

**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 [www.bustedhalo.com](http://www.bustedhalo.com).

**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 [3023@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3023@helpourmarriage.org).

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✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

**Saturday, August 19 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ord. Time**

*Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Erma Cambria by her friends at Chandler Place  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, August 20 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ord. Time**

*Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28*

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

10:00 AM Mary Patricia Lyons (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
by Gerard Lyons  
*Plaistow*

**Monday, August 21 ~ Pius X, Pope**

*Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22*

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
*Newton*

**Tuesday, August 22 ~ The Queenship of the Blessed**

**Virgin Mary**

*Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30*

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
*Plaistow*

**Wednesday, August 23 ~ Rose of Lima, Virgin**

*Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16*

6:30 PM John and Ruth Harrigan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
by the Parish  
*Plaistow*

**Thursday, August 24 ~ Bartholomew, Apostle**

*Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51*

8:00 AM Rachael Huberdeau by her family  
*Newton*

**Friday, August 25 ~ Louis; Joseph Calasanz, Priest**

*Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40*

*No Mass*

**Saturday, August 26 ~ Weekday**

*Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12 (Day)*

*Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Robert Lonergan (Month's Mind)  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, August 27 ~ Twenty-First Sunday in Ord. Time**

*Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20*

8:00 AM Vincent Early by Dan and Kathy Sullivan  
*Newton*

10:00 AM Jesselyn and Donald Driscoll by their family  
*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.

**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 – 10:30 and 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.

**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 [jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net). 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 <http://stlukenh.org>.

**PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY**

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available. Call 603-663-0192 or email [ProjectRachel@rcbm.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@rcbm.org).



The Sanctuary Light  
at Mary, Mother of the Church  
will burn this week in loving memory of  
**Laura Intervalo**  
by Tess Moulaison

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



**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

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❖ Community News ❖



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617  
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 third

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 of our Parish churches. Monetary donations are also welcome (make checks payable to Saint Luke Food Pantry), or gift cards to local supermarkets. Thank you reaching out to help families in our community who need assistance. The Knights and the Food Pantry appreciate your generosity and support.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
HAPPENINGS**

The Knights provide ongoing support to our food pantry in several ways during the year. One of the ways we help is by handing out shopping bags with a list of needs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of each month. We just completed our first year of the collection. The response from our parish community has been fantastic. The Knights want to thank everyone who has supported our monthly food drive. The Knights also purchased with the SVDP society a new 20 cu ft upright freezer for the food pantry.

The Knights welcome individuals and families to assist us in our works in the local community. If you want more information, please contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803 or at [Dans49@comcast.net](mailto:Dans49@comcast.net).

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



**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

A Men's AA Step Meeting is being held on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall (Holy Angels.) Masks are required. Bring your own coffee. For more information, call Joe at 617-921-9899.

**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. Instead, we gather together for sharing among men to help each of us to become a better person, a better family man, and a better member of the Church. Join us on Saturday, morning, **September 16, 2023 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM** in the parish hall of the Plaistow campus.



**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 603-382-8324 for more information.

**CATECHISTS NEEDED**

Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If you can help, please email Cathy Smith at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).



**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, September 20 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**



Religious Institute of the  
**ALAGAD NI MARIA**  
*(Disciples of Mary)*

## **Religious Community of the Alagad ni Maria**

### **Philippine Disciples of Mary**

**In 1976, a group of five young men from Don Bosco Technical College Mandaluyong in the Philippines formed a group to inspire devotion to the Blessed Mother and to strengthen the moral and spiritual welfare of their peers. The group expanded by recruiting young men from various high schools and, in 1990, the Religious Community of the Alagad ni Maria (or Disciples of Mary) was founded by Bishop Julio Xavier Labayen, OCD, DD, bishop emeritus of the Prelature of Infanta. Fr. Peter Edward M. Lavin, AM, the Moderator of the Alagad ni Maria Religious Community, is the only founding member who remains with the Community.**

**The Alagad ni Maria Religious Community seeks to continue Jesus' mission of salvation with the aid of Mary, the model disciple, in her special intercessory role with God, by building the Church and transforming the world through ministering to and enlightening youth. The Community, as God's human instruments, strives to imitate Mary's close participation with her Son in His mission of redemption, in her docility to the Holy Spirit, and in her compassion, life of prayer and penance, in a spirit of love and joy.**



**Followers of the Disciples of Mary are united by the bonds of love and fellowship wherein each member commits himself to help build up a fraternal, praying, apostolic Christian community. In practicing vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, members of this Religious Community promise to love God above all. A personal life of prayer is the heart of their spiritual life so that each disciple can strive to consciously give his whole life to God in order to discern God's Will and to grow in faithful and loving union with Him.**



# Religious Community of the Alagad ni Maria (Disciples of Mary)



**Young Disciples of Mary  
Anaheim California**



**Bible Service in Mission Parish  
by AM Brother**



**Praying Rosary  
Faith Formation Program**



**Via Crucis**

**We, the Alagad ni Maria, seek to carry forward the mission of Jesus Christ particularly in our service to the YOUTH.**

The mission of the Religious Community of the Alagad Ni Maria (Disciples of Mary) of the Philippines is to bring youth closer to God. Inspired and motivated by the spirit of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our community seeks to enlighten youth to the traditional values and spirituality of Catholicism. The community is active in the Philippines, in New York, New Jersey and in California in the USA.

The changing economic, political, social, and technological landscape of the Philippines presents challenges for the youth in the Philippines struggling with overwhelming problems. Their vulnerability often makes them susceptible to drug abuse, exploitation as child laborers or criminality. These youths need the chance that our special ministry can afford them to discover God's love and compassion for them.

Our community reaches out successfully to youth in parishes and schools with the help of many dedicated educators, parents, and volunteers. We have more than 250 teachers-educators and volunteers, 400 youth leaders and 20,000 young people under our apostolic care. We desperately need funds to continue and expand our ministries. Donations from the Missionary Cooperative Appeal have been one of our most dependable sources of aid for which we are extremely thankful.

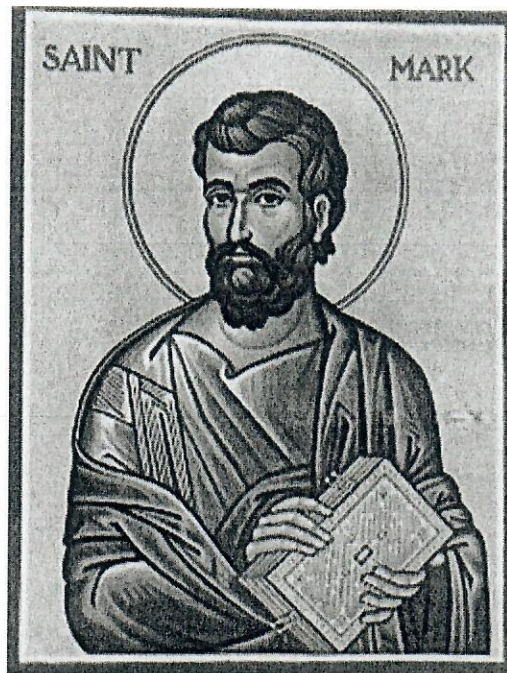
[www.alagadnimaria.org](http://www.alagadnimaria.org)

# SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

**FALL 2023  
ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

**TUESDAYS, 6:30 – 8 PM  
Holy Angels Church Hall, Plaistow**



In the coming Liturgical year B the Church will hear many selections from the Gospel of Mark. This adult formation session will focus on the major themes of Mark and will feature a close reading of the Gospel text from a historical-critical and narrative perspective.

Materials for the course will be provided, a personal Bible (NAB or NRSV) is recommended. Contact the Parish Office at [fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net) or call 603.382.8324 for more information.

**Class meetings: September 5, 12, 26, October 3, 10, 24, November 7, 14**



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**GOSPEL OF MARK    Fall, 2023**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Drop in the collection basket at Church, or visit the Parish Office.

You are also welcome to register on-line at [fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net)



# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK



This shortest of all New Testament gospels is likely the first to have been written, yet it often tells of Jesus' ministry in more detail than either Matthew or Luke (for example, the miracle stories at Mk 5:1–20 or Mk 9:14–29). Mark recounts the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth in a rapid, almost breathless style, where one incident follows directly upon another. In this narrative, Mark stresses Jesus' message about the kingdom of God now breaking into human life as good news (Mk 1:14–15) and Jesus himself as the gospel of God (Mk 1:1; 8:35; 10:29). Jesus is the Son whom God has sent to rescue humanity by serving and by sacrificing his life (Mk 10:45).

The opening verse about good news in Mark (Mk 1:1) serves as a title for the entire book. The action begins with the appearance of John the Baptist, a messenger of God attested by scripture. But John points to a mightier one, Jesus, at whose baptism God speaks from heaven, declaring Jesus his Son. The Spirit descends upon Jesus, who eventually, it is promised, will baptize “with the Holy Spirit.” This presentation of who Jesus really is (Mk 1:1–13) is rounded out with a brief reference to the temptation of Jesus and how Satan's attack fails. Jesus as Son of God will be victorious, a point to be remembered as one reads of Jesus' death and the enigmatic ending to Mark's Gospel.

The Gospel of Mark ends in the most ancient manuscripts with an abrupt scene at Jesus' tomb, which the women find empty (Mk 16:1–8). His own prophecy of Mk 14:28 is reiterated, that Jesus goes before the disciples into Galilee; “there you will see him.” These words may imply resurrection appearances there, or Jesus' parousia there, or the start of Christian mission, or a return to the roots depicted in Mk 1:9, 14–15 in Galilee. Other ancient authors have attached additional endings after Mk 16:8, providing Mark's text with as many as six additional endings.

Traditionally, the Gospel of Mark is said to have been written shortly before A.D. 70 in Rome, at a time of impending persecution and when destruction loomed over Jerusalem. Its audience seems to have been Gentile, unfamiliar with Jewish customs (hence Mk 7:3–4, 11). The book aimed to equip such Christians to stand faithful in the face of persecution (Mk 13:9–13), while going on with the proclamation of the gospel begun in Galilee (Mk 13:10; 14:9). Modern research often proposes as the author an unknown Hellenistic Jewish Christian, possibly in Syria, and perhaps shortly after the year 70.

# Donations for Our Christmas Fair

Our Parish-Run Tables **DEPEND ON YOUR GENEROSITY**

## Can You Donate??

New and/or Like-New items      WINE      Antiques and/or Collectibles  
WINE      Gift Cards      Newly Knitted/Crocheted Items      Lottery Tickets  
Fun Gadgets      WINE      Original Artwork      Tootsie Roll Lollipops  
New TOYS      Theme Baskets      WINE      New Power Tools      Jewelry

## DONATION DROP-OFF DATES

The following SATURDAYS from 3:00PM-5:00PM  
September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 14

The following SUNDAYS from 10:00AM-12:00PM  
September 10, 17, 24 and October 1, 15

Drop-Off **CLOSED** October 7 & 8

## DROP OFF LOCATION

Downstairs Parish Hall PLAISTOW

## LAST DAY DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Sunday, October 15, 10:00AM-12:00PM



# St. Luke the Evangelist

## CASH Raffle Tickets

are available at entrances  
of both churches

1. Take some and sell to family & friends.
2. Return completed stubs & money or check, payable to St. Luke, Cash Raffle on memo line please, in a sealed envelope.
3. Ticket stubs & payment must be returned together in an envelope, to the Parish Office **OR** placed in the collection basket.



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
- Caring for our retired clergy
- Vibrant parishes
- Evangelization and catechesis at home with *Parable* magazine
- Missionaries abroad and multicultural ministry in New Hampshire

**WAYS TO GIVE**

**Make Your Gift Online**  
[www.catholicnh.org/NHCA](http://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 do not 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.

# **BAPTISM IS ONE OF THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

Sacraments are celebrations and milestones in our relationship with God and are a must for a Catholic to go through in his/her life. Participating in sacraments is also God's way to show us His graces and love that invites us to salvation with Him.

## **WHY ARE CHILDREN BAPTIZED?**

Children receive baptism primarily to remove original sin but also as a way to initiate a child into the family of the Church. Infant baptism has been debated for centuries. First, let us appeal to the Bible. John 3:5 says, "Jesus answered, 'Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.'" Note that Jesus says "no one" can enter heaven in that passage. In the spirit of brevity here is the short answer straight from the Catechism: "The practice of infant Baptism is an immemorial tradition of the Church. There is explicit testimony to this practice from the second century on, and it is quite possible that, from the beginning of the apostolic preaching, when whole "households" received baptism, infants may also have been baptized," (Acts 16:15,33; 18:8; 1 Corinthians 1:16). (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1252)

## **WHAT IS THE ROLE OF SPONSORS OR GODPARENTS?**

Sponsors or Godparents for Catholic Baptism are like Sponsors for Confirmation. They assist in the faith development of the person being baptized. Sponsors or Godparents can also be helpful through their prayers and example, helping the child's parents fulfill their own promise to raise the child in the faith. Therefore, the faith of the Sponsors is important in fulfilling the baptismal promise of being raised in the Catholic faith. Sponsors must be able to show the value of the community of faith by their own example as active and committed members of the Church.

## **WHEN ARE BAPTISMS CELEBRATED?**

Since Baptism incorporates a person as a member of the Body of Christ, the ideal time for the Sacrament's celebration is when the community gathers on Sunday (or Saturday evening) for Mass.

The Rite of Baptism during Mass consists of a welcome for the candidate at the beginning of Mass, and the actual Baptism immediately following a Profession of Faith. Baptisms are scheduled for the 4:00 pm vigil Liturgy on Saturday (Plaistow), or the 8:00 am (Newton) or 10:00 am (Plaistow) Liturgies on Sunday.

There are certain Liturgical celebrations (Christmas, RCIA dates, First Eucharist dates) and Liturgical seasons (notably Lent) when Baptism is not celebrated. There are unusual circumstances when Baptism is celebrated outside of Mass. Accommodations are made to help you and your family celebrate with our Parish family in an appropriate way. The Parish assists parents in these special cases.

A Baptism preparation session for parents is required to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Call the Parish Office at (603) 382-8324 for more information.





# Bringing Home the Word

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
August 20, 2023

## Insider Versus Outsider

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Our need to belong often creates community. As nurturing and supportive as communities can be, they can also be exclusive, concerned only with the insiders and marginalizing the outsiders. Today’s readings depict something remarkable. We read that foreigners, or outsiders, enjoy hospitality and privilege that one would expect only insiders to receive.

The prophet Isaiah states that even foreigners will worship in the temple. This is not a story after conversion to the religion of Israel, but of Israel taking a step toward universality: “My house shall be called / a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).

### Sunday Readings

#### Isaiah 56:1, 6–7

Them I will bring to my holy mountain / and make them joyful in my house of prayer.

#### Romans 11:13–15, 29–32

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

#### Matthew 15:21–28

[Jesus said to the Canaanite Woman...],  
“O woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish.”

The Gospel story recounts a discussion between Jesus and a Canaanite woman. She was doubly marginalized—as an inferior woman and as a despised Canaanite. Yet, her love for her daughter compelled her to approach Jesus, pleading for help—something a “proper” Jewish woman would never do to a man, nor a Canaanite to a Jew. Many in Israel certainly had a sense of exclusivity, and a disdain for the Canaanites. Those may be evident in Jesus’ reply, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matthew 15:24). But we can be sure that Jesus—God’s love in the flesh—didn’t share his countrymen’s disdain for anyone. The woman, having heard that Jesus was a healer, remains undaunted. She crosses restrictive gender and ethnic lines in her search for help. Jesus finally praises her, not for her love, but for the faith that her love engendered. And she was a Canaanite! †

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### A Word from Pope Francis

Let each one of us think of his or her own story. There are always ugly things in a story, always. Let us go to Jesus, knock on Jesus’ heart and say to Him: “Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!” We can do this if we always have the face of Jesus before us.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 16, 2020



### REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- What groups are marginalized by our society?
- What is difficult about welcoming people who are new to your groups?

# I Belong to God!

Daniel P. Horan, OFM

Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, the archbishop emeritus of Washington, DC, tells a story that takes place when he was at a large family reunion. He didn't recognize all of the many members of his extended family, particularly the great-nephews and -nieces, second cousins, and the like.

While waiting in line for some food, he struck up a conversation with a young boy who was also waiting in the food line but whom the cardinal didn't recognize. So Cardinal McCarrick asked the child, "Who do you belong to?" meaning that he was interested in learning who the boy's parents are and how he might be related to them. Without missing a beat, the boy said in response: "God! I belong to God!"

Cardinal McCarrick recounts that story with great humility and awe at the wisdom of such a young person. He didn't expect that response, which is partly why the story is so compelling.



Most adults would not immediately identify God as the one to whom they belong. Nationality, religious tradition, ethnic heritage, language group, racial identity, among so many other categories and characteristics might come to mind. But at the core of our faith tradition, we Christians profess that we belong to God, which makes us all sisters and brothers.

The lyrics of John Lennon's song "Imagine" come to mind. It serves as

a secular prayer for yet another gift of the Holy Spirit, one not counted among the usual seven. This is the gift of imagination, a virtue and skill necessary to live out the gospel call of Christ. Lennon invited his hearers to imagine the possibility that things that divide us—nationalism, greed, possessiveness, and even at times religion—were nonexistent. Could we imagine giving up our excuses for exclusion, our reasons for retaliation?"

The Church is, in many ways, like an incredibly capacious family reunion. It comprises sisters and brothers in Christ, the sons and daughters of God, united in our shared baptism and faith. But so often we let other identity markers and differences—real and perceived—get in the way of reunion, of our communion. May we work to be more mindful of the relationships we have as children of God and sisters and brothers to one another. †

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The biblical word for "peace," *Shalom*, refers to well-being in all matters that relate to the good of the human person, human society, and indeed, the whole world. We are peacemakers when we work actively to bridge differences, heal wounds, eliminate injustice, and bring people together. In doing so, we participate in God's work of establishing peace between nations, in communities, and indeed, in the human heart.

Bishop Anthony B. Taylor,  
*Blessed Are the Peacemakers*, Liguorian, January 2013

## PRAYER

*God of all nations, hear the prayers of your people this day and unite our prayers to those of believers everywhere. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 21–26

**Monday**, St. Pius X:  
Jgs 2:11–19 / Mt 19:16–22

**Tuesday**, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Jgs 6:11–24a / Mt 19:23–30

**Wednesday**, Weekday:  
Jgs 9:6–15 / Mt 20:1–16

**Thursday**, St. Bartholomew:  
Rv 21:9b–14 / Jn 1:45–51

**Friday**, Weekday: Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22 / Mt 22:34–40

**Saturday**, Weekday: Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17 / Mt 23:1–12

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