



**MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY**

**Sunday, October 29, 2023**

**Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering: As We Gather At Your Table BB 315

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 116)

*Our blessing cup is a communion with the blood of Christ; and the bread we break, it is a sharing in the body of the Lord.*

Preparation: Whatsoever You Do BB 627

Mass Parts: Mass of Creation

Communion: The Body Of Christ (Cantor)

Recessional: We Are The Light Of The World BB 603

**✠ 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!

**October 22, 2023**

**Offertory \$5,818.32**  
**World Missions \$1,226.00**



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.

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.



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.

**UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

October 29	No Second Collection
November 1	All Saints Day
November 5	Property Management
November 12	Catholic Campaign for Human Development

**Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income**

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

**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

**ALL SOULS INTENTIONS**

The month of November is a time when the Church traditionally prays in a special way for the faithful departed. The celebration of All Souls Day on November 2 is a joyful and poignant reminder that we worship and live in communion with those who have gone before us in faith.

All Souls envelopes are available at the entrance of both Churches. Any intentions listed on the envelopes will be remembered at Liturgies offered as "All Souls Intentions" throughout the coming liturgical year. All Souls envelopes can be deposited in the regular collection basket at your convenience.

The Holy Liturgy can be offered for any deceased Catholic person. Please contact the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 to inquire about scheduling. Exact dates cannot always be accommodated, so calling early for the coming year is advised. The suggested donation for an announced commemoration is \$10.00 payable to Saint Luke Parish.

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation. Liturgies will be celebrated on **Tuesday, October at 6:30 PM in Plaistow** and on **Wednesday, November 1 at 8:00 AM in Newton**.

**ALL SOULS DAY**

We will remember all of our loved ones who have died at a Mass of Remembrance on **Thursday, November 2 at 6:30 PM in Plaistow**. All are invited to attend.



**THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD**

Throughout November, a special *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be open near the Baptismal Font & Paschal Candle for parishioners to record the names of the faithful departed. It is a visible sign that the faithful departed remain with us as part of the Church. You are welcome to record names of loved ones and the dates of their death.



**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 FALL...**

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

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

**Sunday, October 29**  
10:00 AM Religious Ed – Grades 1 to 6 *Plaistow*

**Tuesday, October 31**  
6:00 PM Grief Share Group *Plaistow*

**Wednesday, November 1**  
Holy Angels Church  
Open All Day For Prayer

**Thursday, November 2**  
NO ADORATION IN NEWTON  
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*

**Saturday, November 4**  
9:00 AM Christmas Craft Fair *Plaistow*  
NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

**Saturday, October 28 ~ 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Kevin A. Gallant (Birthday Remembrance)  
by his mother, Patricia Gallant, and family  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, October 29 ~ 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40*

8:00 AM Doreen Burge by the Burge family  
*Newton*

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

**Monday, October 30 ~ Weekday**  
*Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17*

8:00 AM John King (Month's Mind)  
*Newton*

**Tuesday, October 31 ~ Weekday**  
*Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21 (Day)*

*Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a (Vigil)*  
6:30 PM Patricia Bohnwagner (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
*Plaistow*

**Wednesday, November 1 ~ All Saints**  
*Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a*

8:00 AM John and Ruth Harrigan by the Parish  
*Newton*

**Thursday, November 2 ~ All Souls Day**  
*Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40*

8:00 AM Deceased of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish  
*Newton*

**Friday, November 3 ~ Martin de Porres, Religious**  
*Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6*

No Mass

**Saturday, November 4 ~ Charles Borromeo, Bishop**  
*Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11 (Day)*

*Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Jeanne Marcinkowski by Bonnie Lajoie  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, November 5 ~ 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12*

8:00 AM Dexter Cronin by Jack and Barb Brotz  
*Newton*

10:00 AM Jayne Lickteig-Ringuette by Jackie Tremblay  
*Plaistow*

DON'T FORGET....

Turn your clocks back one hour  
before going to bed on Saturday,  
November 4!



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Grief Share Support Group meets on  
Tuesdays beginning October 24 from 6:00  
to 8:00 PM. Meetings are held at the Parish  
Office at 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow.  
Call 603-382-8324 for information.

The Vigil Light in front of the  
Blessed Mother icon  
at Mary Mother of the Church  
will burn this week in loving memory of

**Doreen Burge**  
by the Burge family



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).





**WELCOME IN CHRIST!**

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish invites all to a deeper love of Jesus and to a fullness of communion with the Church. The **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)** is a process where adults and older children are welcomed into the Catholic Church. Some have never been Baptized, others never received Eucharist or

Confirmation, and others arrive at our door after a long faith journey.

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming part of our Catholic community? Are you the non-Catholic spouse of a parishioner who is wondering about full communion with the Church? Are you an adult Catholic who for whatever reason, “missed” one or more of the sacraments of initiation while growing up? Do you have children over 7 years of age who were never Baptized, or older children who “missed” sacraments?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (and its adapted form for children) welcomes all kinds of people into the Catholic family. The RCIA is for any adult who is: unbaptized and recognizes a need for spirituality in their life, or Baptized and raised in another Christian tradition but interested in learning about the Catholic faith, or Baptized in the Catholic faith, but never received any formal religious training.

Children of all ages are welcome and participate in age appropriate meetings for their RCIA experience.

Contact Father Albert or Cathy Smith in the Parish Office at 603.382.8324 for more information.

**THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS**

The Compassionate Friends provide support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website at [www.tcfnewburyport.org](http://www.tcfnewburyport.org).

**MEN OF ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, November 4, 2023**

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish**

**26 Crystal Avenue, Derry, NH 03038**

**To register, or for more information, visit**

[www.nogreaterlove.info](http://www.nogreaterlove.info).

**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, **November 18, 2023 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM** in the parish hall in Plaistow.

**ADORERS NEEDED AT 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 is a great source of grace for us as a parish family. We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord. Adoration takes place each Thursday in Newton from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM. **We are currently looking for someone to be at the 11:30 AM through the 12:30 PM hour.** We also need people at other times so we can have 2 people at each hour. 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 a [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.**

**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 weekend is **November 10-11, 2023**. For more information, email [3023@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3023@helpourmarriage.org).

**✦ PARISH DIRECTORY ✦**

Parish Office 603-382-8324  
 Parish Prayer Line 603-382-8324 x 314  
 St. Vincent de Paul Society 603-382-8324 x 315  
 St. Luke's Food Pantry 603-819-4949  
 Preschool 603-382-9783  
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**MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE**

**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus  
St. Jude Council #6617**

The Knights of Columbus and Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry would like to thank our parishioners for the ongoing support to feed those in need. Over the last two months, support has been provided to 135 families. That represents 118 children under the age of 18 and 111 adults over the age of 60, for a total of 370 individuals served. Shopping lists and bags are provided on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of every month with the general collection of non-perishable items happening the following (4<sup>th</sup>) weekend. Food donations can also be left in the plastic totes at the rear of either church or brought to the Parish Office any time they are open. Prefer not to shop? Gift cards or checks can be made out to Saint Luke Food Pantry anytime. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
HAPPENINGS**

Our Council recently made a \$500 donation to the Haverhill Pregnancy Care Center. The work the Center does to encourage pro-life choices and to support young mothers is amazing. The Council will also be participating in a gift card drive starting next month that helps support Pregnancy Care Centers in New Hampshire. The Knights worldwide have donated over 1500 ultrasound machines to various Pregnancy Care Centers. As of January 2022, these machines have allowed over one million moms to see their unborn babies!

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



**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 (Holy Angels.) Masks are required. Bring your own coffee. For more information, call Joe at 617-921-9899.

**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 October 16, 2023, we have raised \$40,963.00.** Thank you again for your support of our NH Catholic community and these important diocesan ministries.



**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 handout.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, November 15 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, O LORD, and answer me  
for I am poor and needy.**



*Feast of All Saints*—

# All Saints Day

As the Church year comes to a close and nature itself begins slowly to fade from Fall glory to the browns of winter-time, the Church prepares to celebrate two great feasts: **All Saints and All Souls**. We remember on those days those people who have rested in peace with God and have entered heaven's Banquet. Saints, official and unofficial, pray for and with us as we continue our earthly journey.

**All Saints Day** has been celebrated in the Church since 731 AD, when Pope Gregory III consecrated a chapel at Saint Peter's in the Vatican in honor of all the Saints. In all Churches throughout the world, All Saints Day is a special day of prayer and joy - a day when we celebrate our heroes in the Christian Faith.

## **All Saints – A Holy Day of Obligation**

**Tuesday, October 31, 6:30 PM in Plaistow**

Note: NO 8 am Liturgy on October 31

**Wednesday, November 1, 8 :00 am in Newton**

Note: NO 6:30 PM Liturgy on November 1

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The origin of All Saints Day cannot be traced with certainty, and it has been observed on various days in different places. However, there are some who maintain the belief that it has origins in the pagan observation of the Feast of the *Lemures*, in which the malevolent and restless spirits of the dead were remembered and somehow satisfied. Those who study the Liturgy of the Church base the idea that this *Lemuria* festival was the origin of that of All Saints on their identical dates and based on a similar theme of honoring "all of the dead." The celebrations associated with All Hallows Eve (or Halloween) are also linked with

the same pagan traditions that were "baptized" by the Christian church. The Christian origin of the festival of All Saints celebrated in the West dates to May 13, 609 or 610, when Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs; the feast has been celebrated at Rome ever since.

There is evidence that from the fifth through the seventh centuries there existed in certain places and at sporadic intervals a feast on May 13 to celebrate the holy martyrs.

The feast of All Saints, on its current date, is traced to the foundation by Pope Gregory III (731-741) of a chapel in St. Peter's in the Vatican for the relics of the saints that rested in that place on November 1, 731.

A festival of all the saints was already widely celebrated on November 1 in the days of Charlemagne. It was made a day of obligation throughout the Frankish empire in 835, by a decree of Louis the Pious, issued "at the instance of Pope Gregory IV and with the assent of all the bishops," which confirmed its celebration on November 1.

# November 2 All Souls Day

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) comes as a well-meaning liturgical afterthought to that of All Saints. Having commemorated all the blessed who enjoy the face of God in their death, we turn our thoughts to the other souls who await the fullness of God's glory. The sequence of these two feasts implies a belief that those who have lived lives of holiness enjoy God's presence and can intercede for us before the throne of God. These are the dead who await the call to resurrection and eternal bliss with God, and we remember every November 2 members of our families, friends, the lonely and forgotten, and public figures who have touched our lives. On this day we pray that God will have mercy on them and grant them the vision of blessedness for which they longed.



All Souls Day celebrates our union with the faithful of the Church in every place and beyond all time. **We will remember all the deceased of the Parish at a special Memorial Liturgy on Thursday, November 2, 6:30 PM in Plaistow.** Please note there is no 8 am Liturgy in Newton on November 2.

## The Book of the Names of the Dead

Continuing throughout November, a special *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be opened at the near the Baptismal Font for the parishioners to record the names of the faithful departed. It is a visible sign that the faithful departed remain with us as part of the Church. You are welcome to record names of loved ones and the dates of their death. All Soul's envelopes are also available, these offerings will be used at Liturgies for the faithful departed throughout the year.





# Autumn Ordinary Time - A Sense of the Season

All our days are numbered. Now that Christ has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, we count down the days until he returns in glory to judge the living and the dead. Ordinary Time is “ordinal” time: numbered days, in which we lay out the scriptures and the prayers to bide our time until Christ returns.

Although the church makes no official distinction between the days of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, in our lives we experience the subtle shift from the relaxed days of summer to the increasingly active days of autumn. For some of us, the shift comes with the end-of-summer holiday or the beginning of school. Others see work activities shift, from tending to harvesting, from stocking shelves to increasing sales, from cashing out an old fiscal year to digging into a new one.

The church’s calendar contains some subtle shifts, too. On September 14 we celebrated the Holy Cross, and the waning of the natural world around us points us to the mystery of suffering and redemption. At the end of September, we invoked the holy archangels to guard us in the encroaching twilight. And if we listen closely to the scriptures in October, we begin to hear talk of the last days and the final things. These thoughts reach their culmination with the great festival of saints and souls, November 1 and 2. And we spend November remembering the dead, preparing for the end and celebrating Christ, the firstfruits harvested of the new creation, the firstborn from the dead.

This is the extraordinary opportunity that autumn’s Ordinary Time opens up for us.



# Time to get baking for the Christmas Fair!

Try out some of these recipes!

Thanks for your support!

## BEST M & M COOKIES EVER!

1 cup granulated sugar  
1 cup packed dark brown sugar  
2/3 cup shortening  
2/3 cup unsalted butter softened  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

2 eggs  
2 ¾ cups all purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon coarse sea salt or kosher salt  
2 ½ cups plain M & M candies

Heat oven to 350 F and adjust baking rack to middle position. Line 2/3 large baking sheets with parchment paper. In the bowl of an electric mixer, add granulated sugar and brown sugar. Turn mixer to low and mix just to combine. Add shortening and softened butter, turn mixer to medium and beat 3 minutes or until lighter in color and smooth. Add vanilla and beat on medium 30 seconds. Add eggs one-at-a-time, mixing just until incorporated after each addition. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, and coarse salt and kosher salt. Add flour mixture to the sugar/butter mixture and turn mixer to low speed. Mix just until flour mixture is incorporated. Fold in 1¼ cup M&M candies. If time allows, cover, refrigerate and let the dough rest 1-24 hours. If time doesn't allow, the cookies can be baked immediately and are still terrific without the rest time. Drop the dough, using a 2" scoop (about 1½ tablespoons), onto the baking sheets about 2-inches apart (12 cookies to a baking sheet). Press 3-4 additional M&M's into each cookie. Bake cookies at 350°F for 9 minutes or just until the edges of the cookies start to set and are a little firmer to the touch. Place baking sheets with cookies on a cooling rack for 2 minutes, then transfer cookies directly to the cooling rack.

## PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

½ cup unsalted butter softened  
½ cup creamy peanut butter  
½ cup dark brown sugar  
½ cup granulated sugar  
1 egg lightly beaten  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1¼ cups all-purpose flour  
½ teaspoon baking soda  
¼ teaspoon table salt

¼ teaspoon coarse sea salt  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 cup peanut butter chips  
optional  
¼ cup powdered sugar  
confectioner's sugar, for  
topping



Preheat oven to 350°F and line 2 large baking sheets with parchment paper. (If not using parchment, do NOT grease the baking sheets.) In the bowl of an electric mixer, add butter and peanut butter. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes until completely incorporated. Add the brown and granulated sugars and beat an additional 2-3 minutes or until smooth,

creamy and paler in color. Add the egg and vanilla and beat another 1 minute. In another large mixing bowl, whisk together flour, ½ teaspoon baking soda, table salt, sea salt and cinnamon. Add the flour mixture to the butter mixture and turn the mixer to low speed. Mix until the flour is almost incorporated. There should be just a little flour visible. Remove the mixing bowl from the mixer and add the peanut butter chips, if using. Stir the dough gently just until all flour is incorporated. Use an 1.5" scoop to scoop balls onto the baking sheet 2-inches apart. (If you don't have a cookie scoop – use about 1½ tablespoons of dough per cookie and roll the dough into balls.) Lightly sprinkle the cookies with powdered sugar. To put fork marks into the cookies, gently press the fork onto the cookie dough – being sure to crisscross the fork to get that traditional “peanut butter cookie” appearance. Bake 9-10 minutes at 350°F or until the edges of the cookies are set. Transfer the cookies to a cooling rack.

### SINFULLY EASY COOKIES

1 cup softened butter  
1 cup white sugar  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
2 eggs  
1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract  
3 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking soda  
2 teaspoons cream of tartar  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon salt  
½ cup chopped walnuts

In a medium bowl, cream the butter with the white sugar and brown sugar. Stir in the eggs and vanilla. Sift together the flour, baking soda, cream of tartar, cinnamon and salt; stir into the creamed mixture. Finally, mix in the nuts. Divide dough into 3 equal parts, shape each piece into a log about 1 ½ inches in diameter. Wrap logs in wax paper and chill for 3 hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Cut dough logs into ¼ inch slices and place them on an unprepared cookie sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until light brown.

### NUTELLA COOKIES

1 cup all-purpose flour  
2 tablespoons white sugar  
2 eggs  
1/4 cup Nutella

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Mix flour and sugar together in a bowl; add eggs and mix until incorporated. Stir Nutella into flour mixture until dough is smooth. Roll dough into 2-inch balls and lightly press onto a baking sheet. Bake in the preheated oven until edges of cookies are starting to harden, 20 to 25 minutes.

### COCONUT MACAROONS

1 cup flaked coconut  
½ cup white sugar  
1 tablespoon cornstarch  
1 egg, beaten  
1 pinch salt  
2 (1 ounce) squares semisweet chocolate, melted

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets and lightly dust with cornstarch. In a medium bowl, stir together the coconut, sugar and cornstarch. Add the egg and salt, mix until well blended. Drop by rounded spoonfuls onto the prepared cookie sheet. Bake for 13 to 15 minutes in the preheated oven, until golden brown. When cool, drizzle with melted chocolate.



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# Bringing Home the Word

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
October 29, 2023

## God's Lessons of Love

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The readings today are all about love. The first reading tells us who we should love; the Gospel tells us how we should love. We know that it is not difficult to love those who love us, who are kind and generous to us, who make us feel that we are important. The reading from Exodus moves us in a different direction. We are to love the alien, the widow, the orphan, and the poor neighbor. In a patriarchal society, such as was ancient Israel, aliens, widows, and orphans were the ultimate outsiders. They had no male relative through whom they would benefit from the kinship structure. While the neighbor might be of the same tribe or

clan, it is the poor neighbor who was to be loved, the one who might be a drag on one's life and resources.

In other words, we are to love the ones who cannot promise to make our lives more comfortable or enjoyable. In fact, the point of loving them is to make *their* lives more comfortable and enjoyable. How are we to love them? The Gospel reading offers two different answers that are really very much alike. We are to love God totally, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. We are to love others as we love ourselves, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. More practically, we must do for others what we would do for ourselves, for to love them is to love God. †

## Sunday Readings

### Exodus 22:20–26

You shall not oppress or afflict a resident alien, for you were once aliens residing in the land of Egypt.

### 1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord.

### Matthew 22:34–40

[Jesus said,] "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

***We are to love those who cannot make our lives more comfortable.***

***The point of loving them is to make their lives more comfortable and enjoyable.***



## A Word from Pope Francis

This is the test: if I say "I love God" and do not love my neighbor, it does not work. The verification that I love God is that I love my neighbor. As long as there is a brother or sister to whom we close our hearts, we will still be far from being disciples as Jesus asks us.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 25, 2020



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Who are the outsiders or people living on the margins of your society?
- What can you do to make their lives more comfortable or enjoyable?

# The Saints in My Life

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

When we heard that Redemptorist priest Bernard Häring was coming to visit our college seminary, our superior, Fr. Terry McCloskey, told us it was a rare and precious opportunity. We were going to meet a man who played a historical role in the Church, who is regarded by many to be the most significant moral theologian of the twentieth century and, in Fr. Terry's opinion, who will one day be declared a saint. Fr. Terry asked us, "How often do you think you'll meet a living 'saint'?"

I was, of course, very impressed by Fr. Häring, but although he was moral theologian, teacher, author, esteemed confessor to popes, and major contributor to the Second Vatican Council, it was his humility and simplicity that stayed with me. Fr. Häring has been on my mind since I read one of Liguori's books, *Thea Bowman: In My Own Words*. Like Fr. Häring, Sr. Thea had a presence that told you she was a very special person. As I read about her, I realized I have met not one, but two probable future saints.

Most of the "saints" of my life will never have their names proclaimed in St. Peter's Square, but that doesn't diminish the power of their example. Nothing can prevent us from living saintly lives. Each day we're faced with a myriad of moments when we can choose to do the saintly thing or the sinful thing, the loving or the mean, the sacrificial or the



selfish. And as we choose, we must know that at least one person will be influenced by our decision. At least one person will become holier or be led further off the path. If we all choose to be saintly, meeting "saints" won't be such a rare event. Something to think about as we celebrate All Saints this week. †



*All-embracing God, teach us  
to welcome the stranger,  
to speak for the voiceless,  
to share generously,  
to love as you love.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

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## Heaven and Hell

A famous samurai, who had mastered the art of war, turned his attention to religion. He confronted a monk in a bellowing voice: "Monk, teach me about heaven and hell!" The monk looked up at this mighty warrior and replied with utter disdain, "Teach you about heaven and hell? I couldn't teach you about anything. You're dirty. You smell. The blade of your sword is rusty. You are a disgrace to the samurai class." The samurai was furious. He pulled out his sword and raised it above him, preparing to divide the monk in two. The monk looked him in the eye and said slowly, "That is hell." The samurai was stunned. He saw in a flash what the monk had risked to teach him this great truth. He slowly put down his sword, became filled with gratitude, and was suddenly peaceful. "And that is heaven," said the monk softly. †

John Shea, *Daybreaks*, 2008

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

October 30–November 4

**Monday, Weekday:**

Rom 8:12–17 / Lk 13:10–17

**Tuesday, Weekday:**

Rom 8:18–25 / Lk 13:18–21

**Wednesday, All Saints:** Rv 7:2–4, 9–14 /

1 Jn 3:1–3 / Mt 5:1–12a


**Thursday, All the Faithful Departed**

(All Souls' Day): Wis 3:1–9 / Rom 6:3–9 / Jn 6:37–40

**Friday, Weekday:** Rom 9:1–5 / Lk 14:1–6

**Saturday, St. Charles Borromeo:**

Rom 11:1–2a, 11–12, 25–29 / Lk 14:1, 7–11

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