



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

Gathering: Hold Us In Your Mercy

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 51)

*Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned;
be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

Preparation: As The Deer Longs BB 512

Mass Parts: Mass For Christ The Savior

Communion: The Body Of Christ (Cantor)

Recessional: **We depart in silence during Lent**

✠ 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!

March 3, 2024

Offertory	\$9,778.15
Property Management	\$1,607.25



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.

You can also use your smart phone to scan the QR code below. The link will take you directly to Parish Giving so you can donate.



UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

March 10	Catholic Relief Services
March 17	Fuel



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/ 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/ \$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

HOLY THURSDAY 2024

You are invited to be a part of the Holy Thursday Liturgy, which begins the sacred Triduum, the three holiest days of the Church's year. Be a part of the **Mandatum** – the Washing of the Feet, on **Holy Thursday, MARCH 28 at 6:30 PM** in Newton. Your presence and participation will add greatly to the reality of the Parish community gathering around the Lord's Table as we enter into the sacred Triduum. Participation is easy, all you have to do is come forward, take off your shoes, and Father Albert does the rest! OR... be a **presenter of Holy Oils**. The new Holy Oils are blessed and consecrated by the Bishop on Holy Tuesday and presented to our Parish at the beginning of Liturgy on Holy Thursday. At the beginning of Liturgy, we will get you in position to process up the main aisle holding either a lit candle or a bottle of one of the Oils, and you present the Oils to the Pastor, who then presents them to the Parish.

Contact Father Albert in the Office for more information, or email at fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net.

TAX TIME SUGGESTION

Did you know? If you are 72 or older and need to take a "required minimum distribution (RMD)" from an IRA retirement account, a direct distribution to a qualified charitable organization, such as Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, can save you money on your taxes. Such a donation will count toward your required minimum distribution but will be excluded from taxable income.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

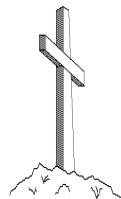
If you would like an "end of year" financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2023, **please call Jackie** at the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**

2023 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGE REMINDER

Thanks to over 10,000 donors, the 2023 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA) received over \$3.7 million to support Community Services program ministries throughout the Diocese. If you have made a pledge to the NHCA, we encourage, if possible, that all pledges be fulfilled by March 31, 2024. If you have a question about the status of your pledge, please reach out to Anne Marie Ashford in the Development office at 603-663-0152 or aashford@rcbm.org. We thank you again for your support of the appeal.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

All announcements to be included in the March 31 (Easter) bulletin must be received **no later than Monday, March 18.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday evening during Lent at 6:30 PM in Newton. **A Soup Supper will follow Stations on March 22.**

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

Evening Prayer is sung at Newton at 6:00 PM on all Sundays of Lent. Join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available immediately after Evening Prayer each Sunday of the Lenten Season.



ST. LUKE FOOD PANTRY

On behalf of the local families that the St Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry serves, we would like to thank you for your continued support. Items we are most in need of include pasta and sauce, ramen noodles, peanut butter and jelly, soups, canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, crackers, snack items, cookies and treats for kids, pancake mix and syrup, canned meats, tuna and canned fish. These are staple food items which we use all the time and never have enough of. Other items we have requested include toiletries, toilet paper, paper towels, pet food, laundry soap, dish soap and cleaners.

With Easter fast approaching, please consider including things we can include in our special distribution of Easter dinner boxes. Any seasonal treat, candy, cookies, or any items we can use for Easter baskets for kids would be most appreciated. Gifts cards or checks made out to St Luke Food Pantry are always useful and welcomed.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Joe and Marie Farren

WHILE AWAY THIS WINTER...

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

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, March 10

10:00 AM	Religious Ed – Grades K to 6	Plaistow
11:00 AM	First Reconciliation (Grade 2)	Plaistow
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Newton
6:30 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Newton

Wednesday, March 13
Holy Angels Church Open
All Day For Prayer

7:00 PM	Disciples On The Journey	Plaistow
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Thursday, March 14

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Newton
1:30 PM	Disciples On The Journey	Plaistow

Friday, March 15

6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	Newton
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Saturday, March 16

3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Plaistow
5:00 PM	St. Patrick Dinner	Plaistow

Sunday, March 17

10:00 AM	Religious Ed – Grades K to 6	Plaistow
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Newton
6:30 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Newton

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.



The Sanctuary Light at Mary Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of

Marcia Gallant

by William Tucker

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

Allen Neale

by a Fellow Knight



The Sanctuary Light at Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of

Jim Glendye

by a Fellow Knight

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, March 9 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 (Vigil)

4:00 PM	In Thanksgiving for a Blessing Received by Bonnie Lajoie	Plaistow
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Sunday, March 10 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

8:00 AM	Irene Lee by Nancy Lee	Newton
10:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Angwin and Elder Families by Charlie and Lisa Angwin	Plaistow

Monday, March 11 ~ Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

8:00 AM	Linda Poire by her husband	Newton
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Tuesday, March 12 ~ Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

8:00 AM	All Souls Intentions	Plaistow
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Wednesday, March 13 ~ Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

6:30 PM	Betty O'Hara by Joe and Ann Marie Sheehan	Plaistow
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Thursday, March 14 ~ Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

8:00 AM	Marci Giallongo by her friends	Newton
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Friday, March 15 ~ Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

No Mass

Saturday, March 16 ~ Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53 (Day)

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 (Vigil)

4:00 PM	Clara, Leo, and Edward McCusker by Elaine Kelcourse	Plaistow
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Sunday, March 17 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

8:00 AM	Barbara Metcalf by the St. Luke Outreach Ministry	Newton
10:00 AM	Deceased Members of the family of Carole Lueders by Susan Ronan	Plaistow





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 **rites 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.

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. If you're new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Parents – Please mark your calendars and save these dates!

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Plaistow, NH invites children to attend **SCUBA Vacation Bible Camp from June 17 to June 21, 2024.**

Kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building game, engage in fun snack eating experiences, take part in one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to trust Jesus, and each day make a craft to take home and play with all summer.

SCUBA Vacation Bible Camp is for kids from age 4 to 12 and will run from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon each day. For more information, call Joyce at 603-382-8324, ext. 303.

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 also need people at all 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.

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.

HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED

Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is closed from December 2023 until Spring 2024. This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

✘ PARISH DIRECTORY ✘

Parish Office	603-382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	603-382-8324 x 314
St. Luke's Outreach Ministry	603-382-8324 x 315
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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. Shopping lists and bags are provided on the 3rd week of every month with the general collection of non-perishable items happening the following (4th) 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**

The Knights will hold an **Irish Festival** on **Saturday, March 16 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM** in the Parish Center (PreSchool Building). There will be Irish music, Irish Step Dancers, an Irish Singalong, and a traditional boiled dinner with corned beef (ham option) along with desserts and refreshments. Hot dogs will be available for the kids. All net proceeds will be used by the Knights to assist our works in the local community. Tickets will be on sale after Masses and at the door.

We are always looking for help. If you would like to help or want more information on the Knights, contact Peter Richards at 603-382-4315 or pmrjps6@comcast.net.

**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.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry, and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten: **If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses.** In the event of a weather-related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date. **Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.**



**Saint Luke the Evangelist
OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work

Thank you for your continued support of St. Luke's Outreach Ministry! 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. Luke's Outreach Ministry 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, March 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 St. Luke's Outreach Ministry, call 603-382-8324 x315.

**Hear, O LORD, and answer me
for I am poor and needy.**

Lenten Prayer and Liturgy

The Church invites all people to special moments of prayer during the season of Lent. It is a common custom for people to make room in their schedule for daily Eucharist, which we celebrate as follows during the Lenten season:

Monday	8 am	Newton
Tuesday	8 am	Plaistow
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Plaistow
Thursday	8 am	Newton

Another Lenten custom involves taking a journey... to the Holy Land! Going on pilgrimage has always been an important part of our Christian tradition. By visiting a place where a religious event occurred, a pilgrim hoped to share in the experience associated with that place. The desire to visit Jerusalem and the Holy Land was very important to Christians long ago, but because of the danger and expense of travel, and the political climate of Palestine, such a journey was not always feasible. When the Friars of the Franciscan Order took over the care of the Holy Places in Jerusalem in 1342, they began to erect "Stations" in Churches back home in Europe. It was a way to "go" to the Holy Land without ever leaving home. The custom of the Stations quickly spread to parish Churches, and the devotion of the Stations of the Cross was born.

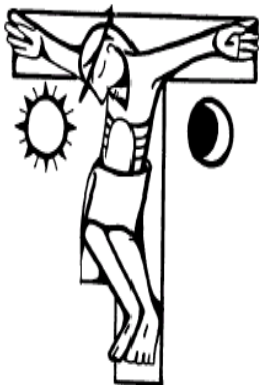


Praying the Stations of the cross

We walk the **Stations of the Cross** each **Friday of Lent** at **6:30** at **NEWTON**. Using various versions and forms of the Stations, and led by various groups in the Parish, we make Jesus' journey to the Cross our own. Our Lenten Soup Supper will be held following Stations on Friday, March 22.

Baptismal Font and Holy Water Font

During Lent, we pray and prepare to renew our own Baptismal promises even as we pray as a community for those to be Baptized. Following ancient custom, the Sacrament of Baptism is not ordinarily celebrated during Lent, and the Baptismal Font itself is sealed. We also "fast" from the Baptismal water usually present at the doors of the Church. The entire Church waits with Jesus in the desert, praying for the Living Waters of Easter.



Lenten Space, Silence, & Music

During Lent, the Church's lighting is dimmed so as to encourage an atmosphere of prayer and introspection. Our Assembly's music is more meditative and somber.

We leave at the end of Mass in silence, reflecting on our mission as Disciples to pray, fast, and to give of ourselves in the coming week.



LENTEN REGULATIONS

FASTING

Fasting for anyone between 21 and 59 years of age means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but should not equal the one full meal. One may, however, enter more into the spiritual element of fasting and not partake of any of the above-mentioned meals. Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed. Days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Wednesdays and Fridays are also traditional fast days; however, one may fast on any day of the week.

ABSTINENCE

Abstinence is the observance for all those 14 years of age or older to forego the eating of meat on: Ash Wednesday; all Fridays in Lent and on Good Friday. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, this discipline does not apply.

EASTER PRECEPT

The Easter Precept – or Easter Duty is the decree for all the faithful to receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter Season (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2042). The faithful must celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year in preparation for the reception of Holy Eucharist. Traditionally, the Church has marked the time in which one may fulfill the Easter Duty between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. A monthly celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is encouraged for all.

PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING

All the faithful are encouraged to spend additional time in prayer during the Lenten season, and to participate in the devotional practices of the Parish. It is also praiseworthy for the faithful to give generously to charities and to their Church during this Season of Sacrifice.



Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)
March 10, 2024

You Decide

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions, we demonstrate we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself, but in the options given to us. And there is the rub. Often these options are not of our choosing. This can cause decision-making to be very difficult.

Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, or harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will likely keep society as is. Which will it be? You decide. †

We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life that he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society.

Sunday Readings

2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23

But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy.

Ephesians 2:4–10

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.

John 3:14–21

[Jesus said,] "Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

A Word from Pope Francis

The coming of Jesus into the world leads to a choice: whoever chooses darkness will face a judgment of condemnation; whoever chooses light will have a judgment of salvation...This is what we are called to do with greater dedication during Lent: to welcome the light into our conscience, to open our hearts to God's infinite love...

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 14, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Have you ever compromised your religious values in order to get by in life?
- Might God be asking you to choose something new?

Sacrificers Are Fed By Their Own Sacrifice

John Shea

When I was a young child, my grandfather used to play a game with me as old as the dawn of time. He would take a cookie in his hand and show it to me. He proceeded to put both hands behind his back and then bring them to the front. Both hands were closed into fists.

“If you can guess what hand the cookie is in, you can have it,” he would say. I would walk around his hands trying to catch a glimpse of the cookie. But his hands were large, and the cookie was well-tucked inside. Finally, I would venture a guess and tap a hand. Both hands would open and turn over, flat as plates.



On each hand was half a cookie. The scoundrel had broken the cookie in half behind his back.

I would say, “Pop, you cheated!” But by that time he had eaten one of the halves. With his mouth full, he would say to me, “You had better hurry.”

I think we break both bread and life like that, half for us and half for others. Jesus ate the bread he broke and fed himself on his own life. Sacrificers are fed by their own sacrifice. This is a secret we seldom acknowledge. There is more love when we give it away rather than keep it, more love for those who give it and more love for those who receive it. In the world of Spirit, what is shared does not divide. It becomes more abundant. †

Source: *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter*, 2008

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “Understanding Sin Today” by Richard M. Gula, SS

We talk about sin differently today because the relational model of the moral life has replaced the legal model. One thing that hasn’t changed, though, is our concept of God’s love and mercy. We do not believe God wants us to be weighed down with a distorted sense of guilt and responsibility. Rather, we believe we are invited to participate more fully in the creative power of God. He accomplishes this by calling us to reconciliation, to reconnect with our best selves, with others, with the world, and with himself. The sacrament of reconciliation is an opportunity and invitation to heal the brokenness in our lives and to set relationships right. †

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*So that in all that we say and do, we may choose to witness to God’s love for all life, we pray—
Lord, let us be like you.*

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

March 11–16

Monday, Lenten Weekday:

Is 65:17–21 / Jn 4:43–54

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday:

Ez 47:1–9, 12 / Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday:

Is 49:8–15 / Jn 5:17–30

Thursday, Lenten Weekday:

Ex 32:7–14 / Jn 5:31–47

Friday, Lenten Weekday:

Wis 2:1a, 12–22 / Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

Saturday, Lenten Weekday:

Jer 11:18–20 / Jn 7:40–53

Bringing Home
the Word 

March 10, 2024

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