



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, April 7, 2024

**Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

Gathering: Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones BB 723

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

*Sing a joyful song to the Lord! Alleluia!
Let the heavens and earth rejoice!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Sprinkling Rite: **God, you have moved upon the waters, you have sung in the rush of wind and flame; and in your love, you have called us sons and daughters, make us people of the water and your name.**

Preparation: Three Days BB 169

Mass Parts Mass Of The Resurrection

Communion: Eye Has Not Seen BB 475

Recessional: Hail Thee, Festival Day BB 737

✠ 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.

March 24, 2024

Offertory \$5,734.66
Easter Flowers \$2,132.00

March 29, 2024

Holy Land \$1,013.00

March 31, 2024

Offertory/Easter \$11,473.20



UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

April 7 Property Management
April 14 No Second Collection



Out of respect for the Lord and in consideration of fellow parishioners, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you.

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses **Parish Giving** to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries.

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.



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.

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

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.

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

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.**

RETROUVAILLE

A Lifeline For Married Couples

Does your marriage need help? We are a marriage program that continues after the initial weekend with follow-up sessions that further develop the concepts that we introduce on the weekend. Some of the topics we cover are: Communication Skills, Conflict Management, Family of Origin, Forgiveness and Trust, Love and Commitment, Marriage as a Vocation, Intimacy and Sexual Relationship. Email us at NewEngland@HelpOurMarriage.org or call 508-271-7155. Our next weekend is scheduled for:

**May 31-June 2, 2024
Tewksbury, MA**

END OF LIFE PLANNING

Three Beliefs is a document from the Diocese of Manchester that gives valuable assistance to Catholics and others on end-of-life issues. *Three Beliefs* explains Catholic teaching on life-sustaining treatment and care and includes the New Hampshire Advance Directive form modified in such a way to make it consistent with both Catholic teaching and New Hampshire law. *Three Beliefs* contains a helpful FAQ section and wallet cards that include important information for healthcare providers.

The New Hampshire Advance Directive form was revised by a law that is consistent with Catholic teaching and the changes to the New Hampshire form. If you completed an advance directive before 2021 and your intentions for your end-of-life care have not changed, you do not need to complete a new form as long as your advance directive was valid when it was executed. For example, if you completed the October 2007 version of *Three Beliefs* and signed the document before two witnesses or a notary public or justice of the peace, you do not need to complete a new advance directive form.

Copies of Three Beliefs in English and Spanish are available at

catholicnh.org/community/public-policy/issues/endoflife/

or by visiting catholicnh.org and searching for "Three Beliefs."

CREMATION?

While burial or entombment of the body remains the preference and is encouraged by the Church, cremation may be chosen for sufficient reason. The Revised Code of Canon Law states: "*The Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burial be retained but it does not forbid cremation, unless this is chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching.*" (CIC, c. 1176.3)

Cremated remains are to be buried or inurned. They should not be buried on private land, but are to be buried in a cemetery or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground is not permitted. If burial takes place at sea, according to local custom, the cremated remains are to be kept intact in a solid and durable container and not scattered.

Keeping the cremated remains in a private home, funeral home, or any other place is not considered to be the reverent disposition that the Church requires. The integrity of the cremated remains is always to be respected.

WHILE AWAY THIS SPRING...

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

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, April 7

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Grades K to 6 *Plaistow*
 1:30 PM Divine Mercy Prayer Service *Newton*
 6:00 PM Easter Evening Prayer *Newton*

Wednesday, April 10
 Holy Angels Church Open
 All Day For Prayer

Thursday, April 11

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

Saturday, April 13

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, April 14

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

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 Thanksgiving for
All Musicians and Singers,
Past and Present, of
St. Luke the Evangelist Parish



The Sanctuary Light
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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.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, April 6 ~ Second Sunday of Easter
 (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31 (Vigil)
 4:00 PM Kevin Gallant (31st Anniversary)
 by Patricia Gallant and family
Plaistow

Sunday, April 7 ~ Second Sunday of Easter
 (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
 8:00 AM Joyce Rennick by Barbara and Jack Brotz
Newton
 10:00 AM George and Mary Ballard
 by Charlie and Lisa Angwin
Plaistow

Monday, April 8 ~ The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

8:00 AM Adelaide Sullivan (Birthday Remembrance)
 by Jeanne Sullivan
Newton

Tuesday, April 9 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
 8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Plaistow

Wednesday, April 10 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
 6:30 PM Bill Knowles (Birthday Remembrance)
 by Marjorie Knowles
Plaistow

Thursday, April 11 ~ Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
 8:00 AM Sr. Marilyn Lagerman (3rd Anniversary)
 by the Stanley family
Newton

Friday, April 12 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
No Mass

Saturday, April 13 ~ Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21 (Day)
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48 (Vigil)
 4:00 PM In Honor of St. Michael the Archangel
 by George Giraldo
Plaistow

Sunday, April 14 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
 8:00 AM Joan Burge by the Burge family
Newton
 10:00 AM Richard, Gary, and Jody Mottram by Cheryl
Plaistow



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2024 to attend a Mass in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 PM** at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact your parish office by **April 12, 2024**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating the indicated anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this Spring!

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.

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.

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.

✦ 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
St. Luke's Food Pantry 603-819-4949
Preschool 603-382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent 603-382-2744

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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**

St Jude Golf Open - The Knights of Columbus are holding their 29th Golf Open on **Saturday, June 1st** We have already sold out with 144 golfers. We are assisting two single mothers this year. One mother is from Plaistow and has two daughters with very rare genetic defects. The other mother is from Kingston and suffered a very severe stroke. We are seeking volunteers and hole sponsors. If you would like to volunteer, sponsor, or just want more information, please contact Chairperson Andy Pellerin at 978-376-1586 or at andy.pellerin@comcast.net

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.

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



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.

CURSILLO

If you have a desire to know Jesus more closely, a Cursillo is for you. The Cursillo weekend is a short course in Christianity. The purpose of the weekend is to facilitate a meaningful personal encounter with Christ and his body, the Church. The three-day weekend is also the bridge connecting the faithful with the supportive post-Cursillo community, where we live our faith joyfully with our fellow Christians. Cursillo weekends are being offered at the Sarto Center in Hookset, NH. To find out more, contact Mark Collopy at 603-833-7341.



**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, April 17 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.**

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.

YOU ARE NEEDED!

The Fair Lead Coordinator is moving Spring 2025.
Easy yet **essential** fair tasks must be delegated to other parishioners **this year.**

The Fair Lead Coordinator would like to spend the remainder of 2024 TRAINING others in these tasks so St. Luke the Evangelist Parish can continue to benefit from the \$20,000+ profits our annual Fair brings in.

Can you commit to learning more about one (or more) of the roles/tasks listed on reverse side?

We are looking for at least 2 people to commit to each of the listed tasks so we can build depth of knowledge within the 'running' of the fair.

Please review the tasks listed on the other side and indicate which **ESSENTIAL FAIR TASK** you are interested in learning more about.

Feel free to check more than one box, **especially for tasks that are related to each other.**

for example 2a & 2b or 5a & 5b.

EASY & ESSENTIAL PRE-FAIR TASKS

Place check next to any task you are interested in learning more about. Feel free to check more than one box, ie: 2a & 2b and 5a & 5b are essentially two sides of the same job – you could sign up to handle both.

___ 1. Coordinate vendors in conjunction with co-vendor coordinator. Need someone as soon as **mid-April through mid-May until Friday before the fair**. Must be comfortable using MSWord. Must use email to communicate with vendors, and be available **Friday before the Fair (3pm-8pm)** to help greet and direct vendors as they arrive to set up their tables, etc.

___ 2a. Contact, via emails and follow-up phone calls, area businesses for gift certificate donations to use in Silent Auction & Penny Sale. Involves emails & follow-up phone calls with businesses and talking with the person in the position listed below. **Sept & October**

___ 2b. Pickup gift certificate donations from area businesses. Involves talking with the person in above position and driving to businesses to pick up donations. **Sept & October**

___ 3. Can you spot collectibles/valuable/trending items in a haystack?? If yes, the fair desperately needs you! **September 2024** during Donation Drop-off month either/and/or Saturdays 3-5, Sundays 10-12, or another day/time based on your schedule.

___ 4. People needed to input Silent Auction info into BiddingOwl to generate bid sheets. The process is easy but requires that you have your own Wi-Fi compatible laptop to use at Parish Hall. **Mid-September through October**, day(s)/time based on your schedule.

___ 5a. Oversee and direct a team of volunteers on **Thursday before the fair (4pm-6pm)** as those volunteers load small accent tables, fair décor, donations, & supplies from Parish Hall to Fair venue at Parish Center. This job only requires reading from a list and directing others to carry and lift only.

___ 5b. Oversee and direct volunteers on **Saturday, the day of the fair (3pm-5pm)** to ensure specific items are loaded onto vehicles from Parish Center (fair venue) and returned to Parish Hall. This job only requires reading from a list and directing others to lift and carry.

___ 6. People needed to work with Glenn Hughes to return Parish Center (fair venue) to order so it is clean and ready for preschool by Sunday afternoon. Must be physically capable of moving small items, sweeping, & light cleaning. **Sunday from 12:00 Noon-2pm.**

Check off area of interest & the Fair Lead will call to set up a meeting! Thank you 😊

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Best time to call: _____



Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday of Easter (B)
April 7, 2024

I Want Proof

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Who doesn't? It's not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from *My Fair Lady* demands, "Don't talk of love...show me." It's very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas' insistence: "I want proof!"

Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn't the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because

they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted an experience of the risen Lord. He was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others.

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn't want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn't strictly true—we can see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is revealed in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity. †

Sunday Readings

Acts 4:32–35

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.

1 John 5:1–6

Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

John 20:19–31

[Jesus said,] "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others.



A Word from Pope Francis

Today is the day to ask, "...Do I, who have so often been fed by the Body of Jesus, make any effort to relieve the hunger of the poor?" Let us not remain indifferent. Let us not live a *one-way faith*, a faith that receives but does not give...

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 11, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Were there people who taught you your faith just by how they lived?
- Who looks to you as a person of faith in the risen Jesus?

Doubt as a Doorway to Faith

Richard B. Patterson

Somewhere between college and the present, I seem to have lost the faith of my youth. The strong emotions I would feel at midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. The intense desire to serve God. The deep guilt and fear when I would fall into sin. Somewhere along the way I lost that faith. I would wonder, what happened?

At times I blamed the loss on my sisters' deaths. Perhaps it was because my job as a psychologist brought me into contact with so much suffering. Or maybe the nuns were right; maybe it was because I went to a secular school after college. I've come to see that probably all those factors were involved. And more.

I miss that faith. That certainty. Knowing where I stood. The warm



feelings of connection with the Divine. As I began to doubt, I feared that doubts were sinful or at least a sign of weakness. I would occasionally hear relatives whisper about someone who "lost the

faith." Such whisperings were tinged with a bit of judgment.

I have read a lot over the years and have found help and comfort from many writers: Thomas Merton. C. S. Lewis. Henri Nouwen—all men of deep faith. A faith I lack. One day it dawned on me that each of these men whom I envied had gone through moments of significant doubt. Is it not conceivable that the rich faith they articulated would in some way have only been possible through doubt? In other words, rather than being the enemy of faith, could it not be possible that doubts could in fact be a doorway to a deeper faith? †

From *Turtle on the Fencepost: Finding Faith Through Doubt* by Richard B. Patterson, available at Liguori.org

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Why Catholics Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday" by Albert McBride, O.Praem.

On October 6, 2006, an armed man entered an Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania. He chased out the little boys and lined up the 10 little girls in front of the blackboard. He shot all of them and then killed himself. Five of the girls died. After the medics and police left, the families of the fallen carried their slain children home. They removed their bloody clothes and washed the bodies. Then they walked to the home of the man who killed their children. They told his widow they forgave her husband for what he had done, and they consoled her for the loss of her spouse. They buried their anger before they buried their children. Amish Christians believe that God's forgiveness depends on extending forgiveness to other people. That's what the mercy of God is all about. That mercy is why we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. †

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Lord Jesus, as you promised mercy, live in us that we may forgive those who wronged us and seek forgiveness from those we have wronged, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 8-13

Monday, The Annunciation of The Lord:
Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38

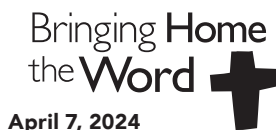
Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, St. Stanislaus:
Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21



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