



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, May 26, 2024

The Most Holy Trinity

Gathering: All Creatures Of Our God And King BB 547

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.

Preparation: Eye Has Not Seen BB 475

Mass Parts: Mass Of Creation

Communion: One Love Released BB 333

Recessional: Holy, Holy, Holy BB 207

✠ 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!

May 19, 2024

Offertory \$6,293.09
Fuel \$1,426.00



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

May 26 No Second Collection
June 2 Property Management
June 9 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.

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

2024 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL
FUTURE OF OUR FAITH II

*One Bread,
One Body*

We thank all who made their gift to the *New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II* this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians and much more.

If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at www.catholicnh.org/nhca or bring your gift an drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend using the special envelopes provided in the pews and at the church entrances. We thank you on behalf of all who will come to know the loving hand of Christ and our Church through your generosity.




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.

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**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST
FOOD PANTRY**

Thank you for your support of our Food Pantry!

Items most needed in the Food Pantry at the moment:

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Ramen noodles
- Peanut butter
- Jam and Jelly
- Canned soup
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Hot and cold cereal
- Crackers & snack items
- Cookies & treats for kids
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Canned meats
- Tuna fish
- Shelf stable milk

Consider donating personal care products (shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.) or household cleaning products, paper towels, toilet tissue, or facial tissue. Pet food is always welcome!

Checks made out to *St. Luke Food Pantry* are always useful and welcome. Our Pantry spends upwards of \$1,000.00 per month to help the hungry!

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.

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 ✠

Monday, May 27
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, May 29
Holy Angels Church Open
All Day For Prayer

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

Saturday, June 1
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, June 2
11:00 AM VBS Volunteer Meeting *Plaistow*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, May 27, 2024**. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 28 at 8:30 AM.

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

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.

CAMP FATIMA AND CAMP BERNADETTE

Camps Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls provide opportunities for children between the ages of six and fifteen years old to develop personally and grow spiritually. Campers spend two weeks living in cabins while enjoying the lake, competing in sporting events, conquering the ropes courses, and participating in faith formation activities and the sacraments. Some sessions are already sold out, so register today for 2024 at <https://bfcamp.com/>. More information? Contact Andrew Thibault: Andrew@bfcamp.com 603-931-5500 x114.

RADIO CATÓLICA

Escuche Radio Católica WGUA 98.1 FM con una programación 24 horas al día. Música, oraciones, Misas, información y formación en la fe. Teléfono en cabina 978-683-1030. Oficina y línea de oración 978-688-9811. Descargue nuestra aplicación en su celular."



✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, May 25 ~ The Most Holy Trinity
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Maryanne Sabin by Elaina Latino
Plaistow

Sunday, May 26 ~ The Most Holy Trinity
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20
8:00 AM Joyce Rennick by her family
Newton
10:00 AM Jim Glendye by the Knights of Columbus
Plaistow

Monday, May 27 ~ Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27
8:00 AM Roy Lajoie (Birthday Remembrance) by Bonnie Lajoie and family
Newton

Tuesday, May 28 ~ Weekday
1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31
8:00 AM Marie Reilly by Stephanie Stanley
Plaistow

Wednesday, May 29 ~ Paul VI, Pope
1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45
6:30 PM Barbara Metcalf by Marjorie Knowles
Plaistow

Thursday, May 30 ~ Weekday
1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52
8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Newton

Friday, May 31 ~ The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
No Mass

Saturday, June 1 ~ Justin, Martyr
Jude 17, 20b-25; Mk 11:27-33 (Day)
Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Michael Lyons (7th Anniversary) and Bryan Lyons (4th Anniversary) Gerard Lyons
Plaistow

Sunday, June 2 ~ The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16
8:00 AM Thomas Antczak by the Burge family
Newton
10:00 AM Jim Glendye by the Knights of Columbus
Plaistow



THE GOD MINUTE

Every morning a small group of priests, religious, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called "The God Minute." It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free. Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work, or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be!



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.

CONFIRMATION

MAYBE IT'S TIME

To re-connect with your Church, **to re-new** yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit who guides us in Love and Truth. If you are a baptized Catholic, have received your First Communion, but decided against Confirmation as a teen, maybe **NOW IS THE TIME** for you to re-consider **Confirmation**.

Maybe you weren't ready. Maybe you didn't want to be pressured into it by your family and peers. Maybe you weren't sure that Catholic is who you wanted to be. Maybe you were just beginning to doubt that what you were taught as a child -- about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary, the Eucharist, the saints, eternal life -- was all too good to be true. Maybe you were overwhelmed with school commitments, personal disappointments, and feeling that God really didn't care if you were Catholic anyway.

God *does* care about you. *For some reason*, God chose you to be born into a family that would bring you to the Catholic Church for Baptism. So maybe -- just maybe -- now...it's time....to make your own choice. **Confirmation**.

If you want to talk about the Sacrament of Confirmation, contact the Parish Office. With a little time and reflection, practicing Catholic can be prepared to celebrate the gift of the Spirit in their lives.

Maybe it's your time. Call 603 382 8324.

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 at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

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

✠ PARISH 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**

The Knights were informed that the kitchen and eating area at the Huasta House of Hope, located in Huasta, Peru, was destroyed by fire. Huasta House of Hope was started by a Knight from Laconia, NH. Huasta House's mission is to provide food, clothing, supplies, education, and hope to the children of Huasta, Peru. The St. Jude Council was able to make a \$700 donation to assist in the rebuilding effort. We were informed that our funds would be used to help purchase appliances for the kitchen.

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**



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.

**CARING FOR LOVED ONES WITH DEMENTIA
ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP**

Are you caring for a family member or friend with memory loss? You don't have to face it alone. Join Catholic Charities for a five-week online support group starting **June 11**. All sessions are on Tuesdays and run from 1:30 to 2:30 PM. You will discover a deeper understanding of dementia and practical resources to support your loved one's well-being. Contact Louise Morneau at lmorneau@nh-cc.org if you are interested but cannot attend at the times listed above. The program will run again at different times. Register at: <https://www.cc-ch.org/events/dementia-support-group/>.

THE CURSILLO WEEKEND

Cursillo is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love and joy into your daily life. The next 2024 dates for the men's weekends will be October 3 to 6 and December 5 to 8. The next women's weekends will be June 6 to 9 and November 7 to 10. For more information, contact Rick or Kathy Garon at 603-490-5522 or 603-490-8090.



**Saint Luke the Evangelist
OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Luke 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 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, June 19 at 7:00 PM**. We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

If you seek assistance or need information about St. Luke's Outreach Ministry, call 603-382-8324 x315.

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

2024 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

FUTURE OF OUR FAITH II

One Bread, One Body



Our Church. Your Impact!

WWW.CATHOLICNH.ORG/NHCA

Please support the 2024 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal to allow us to continue to work toward a more sustainable and collaborative Church in New Hampshire! Your gift supports these vital ministries that keep our faith thriving in New Hampshire:

- **Community Services program at Catholic Charities New Hampshire** which provides transformative change through case management and compassionate guidance
- **Seminarian education and formation and support of the permanent diaconate**
- **Catholic education**
- **Care for our retired clergy**
- **Vibrant parishes**
- **Evangelization and catechesis at home with *Parable Magazine***
- **Faith formation through campus ministry and Totus Tuus**
- **Multicultural Ministry**
- **Catholic cemeteries**



"I am again so very grateful for your past support of all our New Hampshire Catholic ministries and services over the years. Your gifts have made a tremendous difference in our faith tradition throughout our diocese. Thanks to you, we are working to establish a stable future for the Catholic Church in New Hampshire. A future where we all grow our shared faith together in One Bread, One Body.

The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA) funds imperative Community Services of Catholic Charities NH – enabling them to serve immediate needs at the local level, seminarians, *Parable Magazine*, parishes, Catholic formation - especially for youth and young adults, caring for our retired clergy, Catholic cemeteries, Catholic education, and missionaries abroad and multicultural ministry. The NHCA will provide these ministries with the resources needed to carry out their important missions – but only with your continued help."

+Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Tenth Bishop of Manchester



Each parish has an NHCA goal, and every dollar raised above that goal will be rebated to the parish for any needs of the parish.

To learn more or donate online, please scan this QR code or go to www.catholicnh.org/nhca



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

Make a one-time gift, pledge, or give a monthly recurring gift using a credit or debit card.

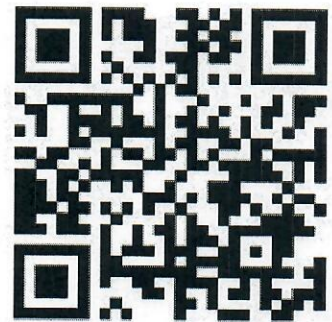
Pay by Cash or Check

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.

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.



→ **Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish goal is \$46,979.00**

→ **Gifts to Catholic Charities NH separately do not count toward the Catholic Appeal Parish Goal.**

SAINT LUKE PARISH AND THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II?

The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA) is a combined campaign and fundraising effort with the parishes and ministries of the Church in New Hampshire.

What ministries and needs will be included in the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal?

The following will be funded by the NHCA:

- Catholic Education and Catholic Schools
- Seminarians, Deacons, and Vocations
- Priest Retirement
- *Parable* magazine
- Parish needs (Parish to Parish Support Fund and individual parish support)
- Missionaries abroad and multicultural ministry in N.H.
- Catholic University of America and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Catholic Charities NH

Many of these needs and ministries were previously funded through second collections. These second collections have been eliminated or consolidated into the NHCA. Parishioners can still give to any of these causes and programs separately, though it does not count towards the overall NHCA Parish goal.

→ ***Gifts to Catholic Charities NH separately do not count toward the Catholic Appeal Parish Goal.***

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How are the goals for each parish determined?

The parish NHCA goal is calculated as 10% of the parish average assessable income over the last three fiscal years. Due to Covid concerns, we excluded fiscal year 2020 from the calculation. This year's calculation was 10% of the average assessable income for fiscal years 2022, 2021, and 2019. The goal formula will be reviewed after the 2023 appeal cycle.

If the parish goal is exceeded, does the parish get to keep the amount raised over the goal?

Yes. The NHCA will allow parishes to keep 100% of their revenue over their set goal for the first three years of the appeal. In June 2024, the Diocese will assess whether or not this has been successful or may need adjustments.

What happens if a parish does not make their goal?

If a parish does not reach its goal, it will be assessed (billed) the remainder.

Why should I give to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal if I already give to my parish?

Your participation helps the entire Church in New Hampshire where the needs are the greatest – recruiting new priests, evangelization, the vulnerable, and more. Your support makes these ministries possible that no one parish could support on its own. Your gift demonstrates your commitment to the greater Church. We are many parts in the Diocese of Manchester but one body in Christ with a common mission.

Does my parish have to support the NHCA?

Yes. Each parish in the diocese has a set goal which represents the parish share of the total Appeal. A good faith effort is requested of all parishes. Additionally, individual parishes can benefit significantly by retaining any funds raised over their set goal; administering fewer second collections; and parishes will see a reduction in fees and administrative costs (assessments) paid to the Diocese.

How much should I give?

Charitable giving reflects our Christian stewardship of treasure. Giving back to God, either through contributions to your parish, the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, or other worthwhile charities, should require a sacrifice, one that recognizes God's generosity to us individually. Therefore, your gift is a personal decision between you and God and should be made after careful reflection. Please consider the dollars you have donated in the past to the six discontinued 2nd collections plus the Catholic Charities NH special collection and the *Parable* magazine drive to help you determine how much to give. The pledge and recurring gift option may make this amount feasible.

Should I make a pledge, recurring gift, or a one-time gift?

Making a pledge or a recurring gift allows you to spread your gift over several months, which may make it easier for you to budget, and may also allow you to give a larger gift.

How Should I Give?

There are many ways that you can give to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal.

- Donate online with credit/debit card.
- Pledge – submit your pledge (through the gift envelope, or online)
 - All check pledges will receive a monthly reminder.
- Recurring Gift – set up a monthly recurring gift (through the gift envelope, or online)
- Check – make checks payable to the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**.
- Cash may be sent in using the gift envelope, but we encourage check or credit card.
- Donate stock – call (603) 663-0136 for broker instructions.
- Donate through your IRA – contact your IRA administrator and have your gift sent directly to the Office of Development and Communications at 153 Ash Street, Manchester, NH 03104 – include your name, and the parish you want the gift credit to go towards.

Can Saint Luke parishioners donate using our online giving platform used for parish offertories?

No. At this time, Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish electronic giving is not connected to the NH Catholic Appeal. This is because of the complications of reporting to the Diocese and the tax-deductible reporting that must be done for all donations.



Bringing Home the Word †

Most Holy Trinity (B)
May 26, 2024

Wow!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Some might think that “Wow!” is an inappropriate, even irreverent response, when talking about God. But what words would be appropriate? There are no words, there are no precise doctrinal statements that even come close to identifying God. The readings for today’s feast invite us to ponder, not define, this mystery.

The people at the time of Moses had no concept of a Trinitarian God. However, they were convinced God worked in their lives. They believed they had been delivered from bondage by God, invited into a special relationship

Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 4:32–34, 39–40

“Ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of?”

Romans 8:14–17

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Matthew 28:16–20

[Jesus said,] “Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

with God and promised by God a long and fruitful life in a land they could call their own. In other words, they were cared for by God, who demonstrated again and again they were loved. The Gospel story tells of how Jesus entrusted his disciples with the mission he himself had exercised during his lifetime. What once might have been considered the special privilege of the nation of Israel was now seen as a promise for all nations.

All people could now rely on God’s care for them and God’s ever-present love. Saint Paul identifies this privilege as the spirit of adoption. Today’s readings may not paint a clear picture of God or provide a precise definition—God is far beyond any picture or definition. However, each reading gives us a glimpse of the way God works in our lives—inviting us into intimacy, caring for us, loving us. Wow! †

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this mystery.*



A Word from Pope Francis

The Trinity is not a theological riddle, but rather the splendid mystery of God’s closeness. The Trinity tells us that we do not have a solitary God above in heaven, distant and indifferent; no, he is *Father* who gave us his *Son*...and... to help us bear the burdens of life, sends us his very *Spirit*.

HOMILY, CAMERINO, JUNE 16, 2019



REFLECTION
QUESTIONS

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REFLECTION

- How has your image of God changed through the years?
- Do you find it easier to pray alone or with a community?

A Community in the Image and Likeness of God

Paige Byrne Shortal

I have to confess I have Luddite tendencies. I hated to give up my vinyl records. I was proud when I made the move from my old typewriter to a computer. (You remember typewriters? They never sent you error messages.) And only because folks I work with kept asking for my email address, did I finally enter the world of the internet.

That was years ago. Now I regularly “talk” with people all over the world. In response to published work, I’ve been contacted by old friends and new readers from India, Peru, Maine, and Moberly, Missouri. Human ingenuity has made the world a smaller place and the essential connections between people are becoming more manifest.

Trinity Sunday is a celebration of the revelation that God is a community—a



connection of three persons who are individual and yet bound together as one. In Genesis, we read that we are created in the image and likeness of God (See Genesis 1:26). Therefore, part of

our nature, our essence, is that we are created as individuals who are connected to everyone else. Never before has there been such an opportunity for living in the human community, crossing the boundaries of nation, race, creed, and culture.

While each of us is a unique expression of God, only together do we reflect all the faces of God. This includes folks we don’t like very much, people who have hurt us, and those we’ve never met. It includes those gone before us and those who will come after us. When we sign ourselves in the name of the Trinity, let’s remember that each of us is created in the image of God and that only together are we the image of the Triune God. †

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “The Trinity: Mystery at the Heart of Life” by Leonard Foley, OFM

The Trinity is not a mystery in the sense of being a puzzle that some genius will someday solve. Mystery in the religious sense is deepest reality, beyond anything we can experience. It is something like “love” or “grace.” Vivid as our experiences are, we know there is always something “more,” not mathematically, but mysteriously. Even in heaven we will not have God all figured out, as if our minds could comprehend. What kind of God would that be? Our happiness in heaven will be eternal ecstasy within the infinite wonder of God. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—a communion of love—are the ultimate expressions of our Creator’s love for us. †

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Creator of all—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—may we grow in wisdom and holiness so that we may live in a worldwide community of peace and love, we pray. Amen.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

May 27—June 1

Monday, Weekday:
1 Pt 1:3–9 / Mk 10:17–27


Tuesday, Weekday:
1 Pt 1:10–16 / Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday, Weekday:
1 Pt 1:18–25 / Mk 10:32–45

Thursday, Weekday:
1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12 / Mk 10:46–52

Friday, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16 / Lk 1:39–56

Saturday, St. Justin:
Jude 17, 20b–25 / Mk 11:27–33

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