



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, July 21, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Gathering: Sing, O Sing BB 563

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 100)

All the earth proclaim the Lord, sing your praise to God.

Preparation: Hosea BB 663

Mass Parts Mass Of Creation

Communion: The Supper Of The Lord BB 339

Recessional: Go Make Of All Disciples BB 190

✠ 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!

July 14, 2024

Offertory

\$8,626.05



UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

July 21	Fuel
July 28	No Second Collection
August 4	Property Management

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.



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



NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thanks to all who have 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.

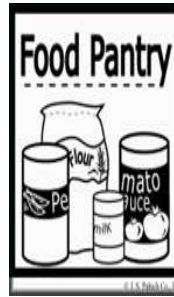
Our Parish has raised \$29,107.00 toward our 2024 goal of \$ 46,979.00.

If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at www.catholicnh.org/nhca, use the QR code below with your smart device, or bring your gift and drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend. Extra gift envelopes and brochures about the Catholic Appeal are available in the pews and at the church entrances. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.



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.



**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:

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

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!

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one.

VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother icon in Newton may also be offered in memory or honor of a loved one.

The suggested offering for each is \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324.

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WHILE AWAY THIS SUMMER...

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

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Wednesday, July 24

Holy Angels Church

Open All Day For Prayer

7:00 PM The Questions Jesus Asks **Plaistow**

Thursday, July 25

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

1:30 PM The Questions Jesus Asks **Plaistow**

Saturday, July 27

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation **Plaistow**



The Sanctuary Light at Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Charles Aro** by his children and grandchildren

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 GOD MINUTE

Every morning a small group of priests, religious, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called The God Minute. It's then uploaded for you to access and prayer along with 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.

www.thegodminute.org

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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, July 20 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Katherine Fitzpatrick by her children
Plaistow

Sunday, July 21 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Stanley family by the Stanley family
Newton

10:00 AM Tess White by Clyde and Gil Richardson
Plaistow

Monday, July 22 ~ Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

8:00 AM Paul Morin (Month's Mind)
Newton

Tuesday, July 23 ~ Bridget, Religious

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50

8:00 AM Gordon Lewis by Bob and Alice Litwinovich
Plaistow

Wednesday, July 24 ~ Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9

6:30 PM Eleanor Knowles by Marjorie Knowles
Plaistow

Thursday, July 25 ~ James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Newton

Friday, July 26 ~ Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 3: 14-17; Mt 13:18-23

No Mass

Saturday, July 27 ~ Weekday

Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30 (Day)

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Brenda Lambert Conte by Mary Anne Downs
Plaistow

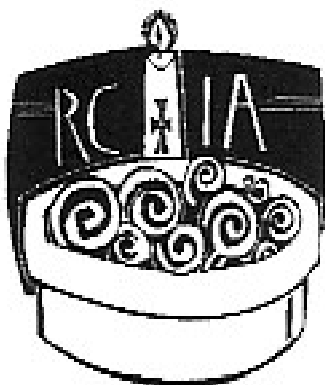
Sunday, July 28 ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

8:00 AM Diane Burke (2nd Anniversary) by the Stanley family
Newton

10:00 AM Jesselyn and Donald Driscoll by the McKinney family
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.

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY

Themes From The Gospel Of Luke

The Lectionary C cycle of the coming year will prominently feature the Gospel of Luke. Using the Gospel text, we will investigate themes that make the Gospel of Luke so iconic in the Christian imagination and so important in the pastoral ministry of the Church.

Eight Tuesday sessions: August 6, 13, 27, September 3, 10, 24, October 1, 8. Session meetings at 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Church Hall at Plaistow.

Gospel of Luke text will be provided, but you may bring your own Bible if you like. Please contact fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net to register, or call 603-382-8324.

BUSTED HALO

Busted Halo is a unique media resource sponsored by the Paulist Fathers of the US that utilizes a relevant and accessible voice to help people understand the Catholic faith, put it into practice in their everyday lives, and share it with others. Check out their site, podcasts and videos at www.bustedhalo.com.

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
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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**

Mary, Mother of the Church Beautification:

On June 22nd, The Knights organized a beautification project on the Mary, Mother of the Church campus. The Knights want to thank everyone who joined several of the Knights to spread mulch. The property, and particularly the courtyard, look amazing! This is a testament to how when our parish members come together with the Knights, good things happen. THANK YOU!!!!

If you would like more information on helping the Knights, contact Peter Richards at 603-382-4315 or at pmpjs6@comcast.net. You can also visit our website at www.KofC6617.org or follow us on Facebook at St. Jude Council #6617.

**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.

RETROUVILLE

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:

August 23-25, 2024

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 weekend will be 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, August 21 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.**

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our Parish 2024 goal is \$46,979.00. The Parish keeps any income raised above our set fundraising goal. Goals are set by the Diocese at 10% of the average of the last three years of our assessable income (excluding the pandemic shut down year of 2020).

Approximately 95%, of the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA) revenue will go towards ministry, education, and parishes. The goal is for less than 5% of revenue to be spent on administering the NHCA. The intent of the Diocese is to keep these costs as low as possible. No funds will go towards diocesan administration, the bishop's office, or any clergy abuse settlements/litigation.

Many Diocesan second collections have been eliminated. The second collections eliminated in 2023 are the Seminary Fund, the Catholic education collection, the Parish to Parish Support Fund, the NH Missionaries Abroad and Migrant & Refugee Ministry in NH, the Catholic University of America and USCCB, the NH Priest Retirement Fund and the annual drive for *Parable* Magazine. In addition, the annual appeal for Catholic Charities will no longer take place since the Catholic Appeal takes the place of the Catholic Charities Appeal of years past.

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.



**TAKE
NOTE!**

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

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?

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.

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)

When is Cremation Allowed? Cremation may be requested for hygienic, economic or other reasons of a public or private nature. Some examples include: transfer of the remains to a distant place, possible avoidance of considerable expense, a severe psychological fear of burial in the ground or in a tomb. The selection of cremation was the specific choice of the individual before death. When requested by the family of the deceased for what also might be determined as an appropriate pastoral reason.

If a body is to be cremated, is it preferable that cremation take place after the Funeral Liturgy?

It is recommended that priority be given to the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy with the body of the deceased present.

Can a body be cremated prior to the Funeral Liturgy? What arrangements are different?

In the Diocese of Manchester, it is permitted to celebrate the funeral liturgy in the presence of the cremated remains. The cremated remains are to be accorded the same respect given to the corporeal remains of a human body. This includes the way they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and their final disposition. The container in which the cremated remains are placed should be dignified in nature. The cremated remains are to be positioned on a suitable table in the same place where the casket is usually positioned. They may also be placed near the Paschal Candle during the funeral liturgy. The candle and the cremated remains may be placed in the sanctuary so as to be visible to all.

What is required for the proper and reverent disposition of cremated remains?

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.** The cremated remains of one deceased person may not be mixed with the cremated remains of another person. It is not permitted to divide the cremated remains and retain, inter or entomb them in more than one place.

It is also not permitted to divide the cremated remains in such a way that they are contained in lockets or jewelry. Any other practice which violates the integrity of the cremated remains and impedes reverent and proper burial/disposition is prohibited. Whenever possible, appropriate memorialization should be utilized at the place of burial.

Consult your cemetery office for all available options for the respectful burial, disposition and memorialization of cremated remains.



Bringing Home the Word

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
July 21, 2024

Follow the Leader

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This is not simply the name of a childhood game. It is actually an essential directive for living. We learn so many things in life because we followed someone. That is how we learned to read, to play a musical instrument, to speak another language, to understand social behavior.

Many nations at the time of Jeremiah represented their kings as shepherds, leading the people to verdant pastures and restful waters. We see this in the art they left behind. However, many of the kings of Jeremiah's day were not good leaders—not attentive shepherds, nor

faithful to God, who had entrusted the people to their care. Consequently, God stepped in to be their shepherd. This is the image of the divine shepherd found in Psalm 23. Jesus also characterized religious leaders as shepherds. He was distraught that the people were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34).

Is this situation different today? Many are eager to follow a leader, but which one? Ours is a multicultural, pluralistic, international society with innumerable viewpoints. Voices cry out from many corners, demanding to be heard. But which voice should we heed? Which worldly leaders should we follow? It's apparent that our leaders, both civic and religious, disagree on certain matters. What are we to do? The issue is not “with whom do I agree?” but rather “whose point of view makes me a better person? More compassionate? More understanding? More selfless? More Christlike?” Are we following the right leader? †

Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 23:1–6

I will raise up shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear or be terrified; none shall be missing.

Ephesians 2:13–18

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

Mark 6:30–34

His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Voices cry out from many corners, demanding to be heard. But which voice should we heed?

A Word from Pope Francis

Compassion is born from contemplation. If we learn to truly rest, we become capable of true compassion.... We need—listen to this—we need an “ecology of the heart,” that is made up of rest, contemplation and compassion. Let us take advantage of the summertime for this! It will help us quite a bit.

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 18, 2021



REFLECTION
QUESTIONS



- The Good Shepherd seeks to unite, not divide. Who are the Good Shepherds today?
- Jesus the Good Shepherd cares for all. Do we?

Infinite Layers of Mystery

Kathleen M. Basi

We live in a world where science reveals wonders as distant as the far reaches of the universe and as intimate as our own DNA. We prize knowledge and revere those who help us reach greater understanding of the world and ourselves. It is a good thing to seek wisdom, but focusing too much on intellect makes it easy to get jaded about the things that defy scientific testing. We think we should be able to pull apart the strands of the universe and reduce everything to its components. When we can't, we start worrying that we're being taken for a ride.

Yet mystery surrounds us. In every age, humans have looked to the night sky with wonder and awe, marveling at the size of the universe and our own tiny



place within it. And who contemplates the death of a child without asking, "Why?" Mystery can inspire awe; it can deepen grief; it can challenge our faith. As we long to understand the earth, so we long to understand the one who

made us. Yet some things will always remain unfathomable. The tension between these two opposing realities will not be resolved on this side of eternity. The deeper we dig, the more we will understand about God. Yet the more we understand, the more layers of mystery are revealed.

As frustrating as it may seem, that's a good thing. Contemplating all that cannot be understood offers a much-needed balanced perspective, namely: there is a bright center of the universe, and I am not it. As hard as it may be to do this, living the faith means accepting, even embracing the reality that not all things can be known and understood. At least not now. The poet Rainer Maria Rilke said it beautifully in his *Letters to a Young Poet* when he wrote about being patient toward the unknown, embracing the questions within, and living in the moment to uncover the answers. †

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "End-of-Life Moral Issues" by Thomas A. Shannon, PhD

When we face difficult decisions at the end of life, we should consider what the intervention does to the patient and for the patient. Modern medicine, as good as it is, cannot cure everything. We must also remember that we are finite beings; we do not live forever. Moving from attempting to cure to providing comfort care is a difficult decision, but it may be one of the most significant gifts we can give to a loved one because it will make the final days more peaceful by helping to relieve his or her suffering and providing the comfort of companionship. †

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Caring God, bless us with good rest and eyes open to the beauty that surrounds us so that we may be patient and compassionate people. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

July 22–27

Monday, St. Mary Magdalene: Sg 3:1–4b
or 2 Cor 5:14–17 / Jn 20:1–2, 11–18


Tuesday, Weekday:
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20 / Mt 12:46–50

Wednesday, Weekday:
Jer 1:1, 4–10 / Mt 13:1–9

Thursday, St. James:
2 Cor 4:7–15 / Mt 20:20–28

Friday, Sts. Joachim and Anne:
Jer 3:14–17 / Mt 13:18–23

Saturday, Weekday:
Jer 7:1–11 / Mt 13:24–30

Bringing Home
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