



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Gathering: God, We Praise You BB 213

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: Bread For The World BB 325

Recessional: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee BB 553

✠ 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 28, 2024

Offertory

\$5,820.58



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

August 4 Property Management
 August 11 No Second Collection
 August 25 Missionary Co-op



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!

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.

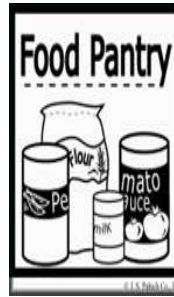
Our Parish has raised \$32,147.00 toward our 2024 goal of \$ 46,979.00.

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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If you have a business and would like to place an ad, call 1-800-333-3166.

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 ✠

Monday, August 5

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting *Plaistow*

Tuesday, August 6

6:30 PM The Gospel of Luke *Plaistow*

Wednesday, August 7

Holy Angels Church
Open All Day For Prayer

7:00 PM The Questions Jesus Asks *Plaistow*

Thursday, August 8

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

1:30 PM The Questions Jesus Asks *Plaistow*

Saturday, August 10

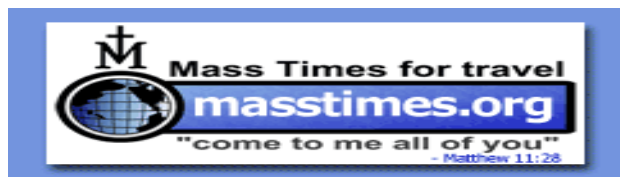
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother icon at Mary Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Angelina Antczak** by the Burge family



PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.



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, August 3 ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Philip Consentino and Martin Feuer by their families
Plaistow

Sunday, August 4 ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

8:00 AM Angelina Antczak by the Burge family
Newton

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Fogel Family and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Monday, August 5 ~ The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21

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

Tuesday, August 6 ~ The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Plaistow

Wednesday, August 7 ~ Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Cajetan, Priest

Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

6:30 PM Richard W. Sullivan by Jeanne Sullivan
Plaistow

Thursday, August 8 ~ Dominic, Priest

Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

8:00 AM Jeanne Marcinlowski (1st Anniversary) by Bonnie Lajoie
Newton

Friday, August 9 ~ Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28

No Mass

Saturday, August 10 ~ Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26 (Day)

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51 (Vigil)

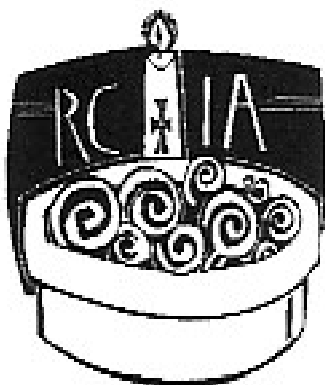
4:00 PM Jesselyn and Donald Driscoll by the McKinney family
Plaistow

Sunday, August 11 ~ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

8:00 AM Jeffrey Morris by Judy Luedtke
Newton

10:00 AM Jeffrey Morris by his 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
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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 had a pizza social prior to their July business meeting to thank their outgoing officers and to welcome their new officers. The new officers are:

Grand Knight: Mike Rosa; Treasurer: Art Nigro;

Deputy Grand Knight: Mike Rametta

Advocate: Joe Klimaszewski;

Financial Secretary: Dan Sullivan;

Warden: Glenn Hughes;

Chaplin: Jim Edwards; Guard: Tom Dawson;

Trustees: Jeff Lozeau, Ed Wencis;

Lecturers: Tom Cronin and Jack Widman

The Knights meet the first Monday of the month starting at 7:00 PM in the basement of Holy Angels Church. All are welcome to attend.

**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.

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:

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.**



Bringing Home the Word

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

August 4, 2024

Bread of Life

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Last week's stories about bread take a very different turn this week. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the bread theme as a metaphor. Here, bread symbolizes the teachings of Jesus that will nourish us, that will satisfy our deepest needs. Jesus employs a method of interpretation favored by the rabbis of his day. He refers to a passage from the religious tradition (the passage that happens to be the first reading for today), and then, step by step, explains its meaning for the people of his day. His "homily" is really a response to the challenge from those who demanded

a sign that would give evidence of the authority with which he spoke.

Those who challenged Jesus did so after they had been filled by the bread that he earlier miraculously provided. Jesus knew they weren't looking for signs of the presence of God in their midst. They simply wanted more food.

Jesus pointed out that the people of Moses' time had been called to trust that, day by day, God would provide them with food—as impossible as that might have seemed. Likewise, Jesus' hearers were called to trust his claims about his unique relationship with God, whom he called Father—as impossible as that might have seemed. This really isn't a story just about bread—the edible kind or the eucharistic kind. It is a story about believing in Jesus and accepting his teaching about the bread from heaven that promises eternal life. †

Here, bread symbolizes the teachings of Jesus that will nourish us, that will satisfy our deepest needs.



A Word from Pope Francis

The Gospel's invitation is this: rather than being concerned only with the material bread that feeds us, let us welcome Jesus as the bread of life and, starting out from our friendship with Him, learn to love each other.... Love given freely and without calculation, without using people, freely, with generosity, with magnanimity.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 1, 2021



Sunday Readings

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain down bread from heaven for you."

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

John 6:24-35

[Jesus said to them,] "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I give thanks to God every day for the blessings in my life?
- Do I trust that God will provide what I need even when life is difficult?

The Value of Self-Control

Elizabeth A. Herzing-Gebhart

There is an obvious power struggle taking place in my household. It's not between my husband and me, and none of our children are involved. It's between our dogs. Envision an eleven-pound, longhaired Chihuahua/Papillion mix with giant brown eyes. He's Chester, affectionately referred to as Chestnut by the younger kids. Now picture a forty-five-pound boxer with a stubby tail, floppy ears, and gray, senior citizen-markings. Her name is Lucy, in honor of one of my favorites, Lucille Ball. Chester is clearly in charge.

Chester has Little Dog Syndrome (LDS), a term used to identify a set of traits commonly found in smaller breeds, most of which are annoying: barking, growling, biting. These behaviors are a



response to perceived threats as a way of overcoming any deficits due to their small stature. People often perpetuate and even encourage this problem. Owners may feel the need to protect small dogs, so they remove them from

certain situations, which detaches them from the chance to gain social skills. Also, bad behavior, like jumping on guests or begging for food can be seen as cute from a little dog but annoying or threatening from a big one. As a result, we might overlook the misdeeds of smaller pooches and respond more assertively with bigger breeds.

Sometimes we might display a human form of LDS. We might make excuses for our bad behavior, engage in backbiting, “growl” at people when we are tired or overwhelmed. Admitting our faults may make us feel vulnerable, but God gives us the tools to be emotionally competent. We can admit our wrongs to one another, ask for forgiveness, and feel better for having done so. Consider St. Paul’s words to Timothy: “For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control” (2 Timothy 1:7). †

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “Holy Communion: Who Is Invited?” by Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

All who are not receiving holy Communion—for whatever reason—are strongly encouraged to offer in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another. “Spiritual Communion” is the practice of desiring union with Christ in the Eucharist by those who cannot receive holy Communion for valid cause, such as an infirmity or an irregular marriage. According to St. Thomas Aquinas, Spiritual Communion is “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” †

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God of all people, remind us when we are anxious that you provide for us, and inspire us to care for others in your name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 5–10

Monday, Weekday:

Jer 28:1–17 / Mt 14:13–21

Tuesday, Transfiguration of the Lord:

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 / 2 Pt 1:16–19 / Mk 9:2–10

Wednesday, Weekday:

Jer 31:1–7 / Mt 15:21–28

Thursday, St. Dominic:


Jer 31:31–34 / Mt 16:13–23

Friday, Weekday:

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7 / Mt 16:24–28

Saturday, St. Lawrence:

2 Cor 9:6–10 / Jn 12:24–26

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