	MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY Sunday, August 25, 2024 Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time			
Gathering:	Gather Us In BB 321			
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)				
	Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.			
Preparation:	Christ Before Us BB 416			
Mass Parts	Mass Of Creation			
Communion:	Take And Eat BB 364			
Recessional:	By Our Love BB 523			

✤ 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). Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

<u>August 15, 2024</u>	
Assumption	\$1,009.00
<u>August 18, 2024</u>	
Offertory	\$6,696.34
Fuel	\$1,569.00



UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

August 25 September 1 September 8 Missionary Co-op Property Management 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!

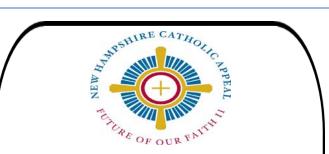
Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income				
Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly		
\$100,000	\$5,000/\$100	\$3,000/\$60		
\$75,000	\$3,750/\$75	\$2,250/\$45		
\$60,000	\$3,000/\$60	\$1,800/\$36		
\$50,000	\$2,500/\$50	\$1,500/\$30		
\$40,000	\$2,000/\$40	\$1,200/\$24		
\$30,000	\$1,500/\$30	\$900/\$18		
\$25,000	\$1,250/\$25	\$750/\$15		
\$15,000	\$750/\$15	\$450/\$9		

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 <u>http://stlukenh.org</u>, 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.



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	\$18.70	\$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 \$36,540.00 toward our 2024 goal of \$ 46,979.00.

If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at <u>www.catholicnh.org/nhca</u>, 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 <u>itremblay@stluketheevangelist.net</u>. If you're new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches.



SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR OUR CHURCHES

The Diocese of Manchester has mandated that every parish, school, preschool, and childcare conduct a site visit and site-specific training for active shooter and emergency preparedness. A search for "church shootings and stabbings" on any web browser will reveal hundreds of incidents of violence at churches, many of them Catholic. There have been more than 24 fatal shootings at churches in the United States since 1999. This number does not include the mass shootings at other religious institutions or international tragedies.

On **September 22 at 11:30, at Plaistow in the Church Hall**, members of the Blue-U Security organization will visit our Parish and present ways in which we can all be aware and alert to security issues on our campuses. Blue-U will subsequently conduct a review of our church buildings with Father Albert.

Ushers, Greeters and any interested Parishioners are welcome to gather for the 90-minute presentation. No pre-registration is needed.



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!

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.

<u>Tuesday, August 27</u>6:30 PMThe Gospel of Luke

Plaistow

Wednesday, August 28 Holy Angels Church Open All Day For Prayer

 Thursday, August 29

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

Saturday, August 313:00 PMSacrament of ReconciliationPlaistow

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Labor Day Holiday, the Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, September 2**. The office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 3.

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



Suzanne Busch by Jim Edwards

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 <u>csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</u>.

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

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 24 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69 (Vigil) Mary Lyons (2nd Anniversary) 4:00 PM by Gerard Lyons Plaistow Sunday, August 25 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69 8:00 AM Louis Inzero by the Stanley family Newton 10:00 AM Gordon Lewis by the Knights of Columbus Plaistow Monday, August 26 ~ Weekday 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22 8:00 AM Suzanne Busch by Jim Edwards Newton Tuesday, August 27 ~ Monica 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26 **All Souls Intentions** 8:00 AM Plaistow Wednesday, August 28 ~ Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32 6:30 PM Robert Graves by Marion Howley Plaistow Thursday, August 29 ~ The Passion of John the Baptist 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mk 6:17-29 8:00 AM Vincent Early, Sr. by Jack Brotz Newton Friday, August 30 ~ Weekday 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13 No Mass Saturday, August 31 ~ Weekday 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30 (Day) Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (Vigil) 4:00 PM Peter P. Taraborelli by his family Plaistow Sunday, September 1 ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 8:00 AM Petra Otte-White by Susan and Mick Swanwick Newton 10:00 AM William Mullin, Sr. by the Knights of Columbus 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.



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Registration for the 2024-2025 Academic Year for **Grades K through 6** begins in September. Whether your child is currently enrolled or is new to the Program, please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324 for more information.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If you can help, please email Cathy Smith at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

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 <u>www.bustedhalo.com</u>.

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 603-382ext. 305, 8324. email her or 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 Office Parish Prayer Line St. Luke's Outreach Ministry St. Luke's Food Pantry Preschool Presentation of Mary Convent

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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 their family BBQ on Sunday, August 11. The event was hosted by Knight Art Nigro and his wife, Terri, on the shores of Country Pond in Kingston. It was a very large turnout with great food and company. As part of the festivities, two \$500 scholarships were awarded. One went to Amanda Gagnon and the other to Elias Bourouphael. The family of the year was awarded to the Tammaro family. Shout outs were given to Jim Edwards, Jack Brotz and Rudy Ferrandi for their outstanding contributions during the year.

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.

24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Do you know someone who is separated from the Church or from God?

We all do.

Let's pray for our friends and family to come back to God and His Church.

24-Hour Prayer Vigil with Eucharistic Adoration

August 27 – August 28 Begins and ends with 8:30 AM Mass

St. Matthew Parish, 2 Searles Road, Windham, NH

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**, **September 18 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.

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Our Next Lead Coordinator

The time has come; we MUST identify our parish's next <u>Lead Fair Coordinator</u>.

Who's willing to step into this <u>vital, necessary</u> role?

The Fair's Lead Coordinator role is much like a conductor of an orchestra. Their job is to simply lead their very knowledgeable and capable musicians (fair volunteers) with regard to preparation, timing, collaboration and effort to yield an excellent performance.

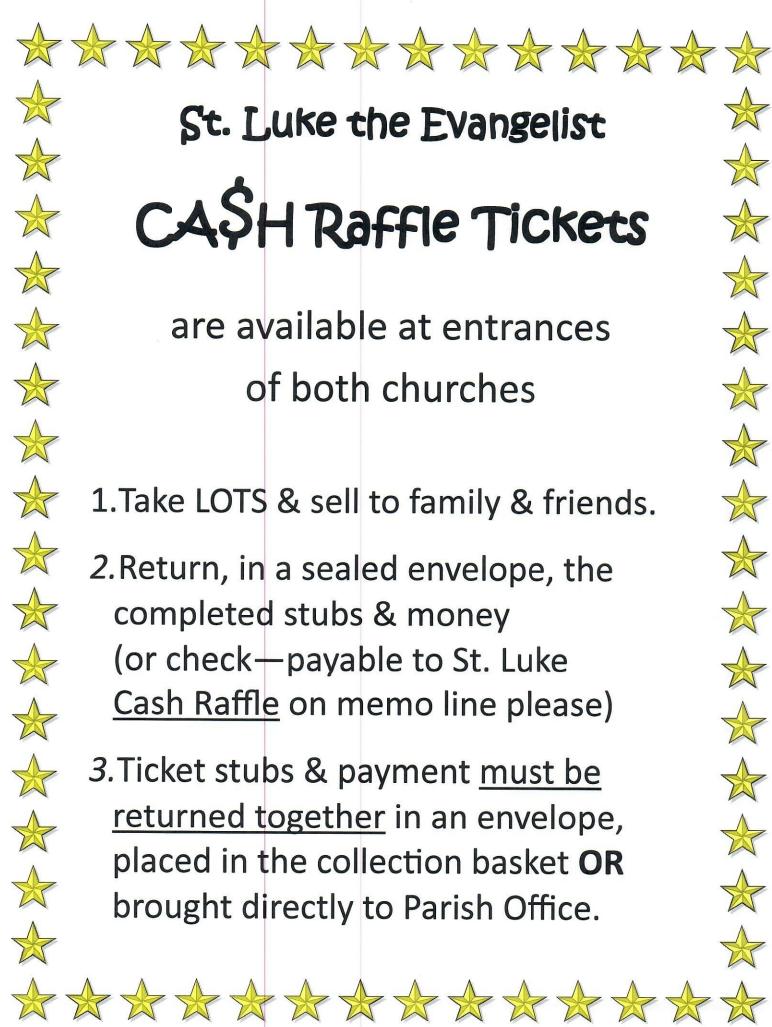
Who wants to lead our parish community on our annual \$20,000 income adventure??

The expectation for this year for the replacement Lead Coordinator is that they'll learn by watch & assist with the "Orchestration" of our 2024 Fair alongside our current Lead Coordinator, Julie Lamere.

Over the past 6 years, Julie has organized, and made notes about, the various church run tables and fair tasks the lead coordinator oversees. We are confident the transition will be smooth for a willing candidate!

Are you remotely interested? Do you have questions about the position? Please call Parish Office or better yet, email <u>StLukeNHFair@gmail.com</u> and Julie Lamere will get back to you promptly.

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CASH Raffle Tickets

are available at entrances of both churches

1. Take LOTS & sell to family & friends.

- 2. Return, in a sealed envelope, the completed stubs & money (or check—payable to St. Luke Cash Raffle on memo line please)
- 3. Ticket stubs & payment must be returned together in an envelope, placed in the collection basket OR brought directly to Parish Office.

DONATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Our Parish-Run Tables DEPEND ON YOUR GENEROSITY

Can You Donate ??

New and/or Like-New items WINE Antiques and/or Collectibles WINE Gift Cards Newly Knitted/Crocheted Items Lottery Tickets **Fun Gadgets** WINE **Original** Artwork **Tootsie Roll Lollipops** New TOYS Theme Baskets WINE New Power Tools Jewelry

Please, NO VASES & NO STEMWARE, & NO MUSTY ITEMS

DONATION DROP-OFF DATES

<u>SATURDAYS</u> from 3:00PM-5:00PM **September 7, 14, 21, 28** <u>SUNDAYS</u> from 10:00AM-12:00PM **September 8, 15, 22, 29**

LAST DATES for Drop Off 9/28 & 9/29

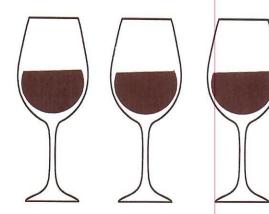
DROP OFF LOCATION

Downstairs

Parish Hall

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Raffle Tickets! Get Your Raffle Tickets HERE!!"



WINE RAFFLE <u>1st Prize</u>: 50+ bottles of WINE!! <u>2nd Prize</u>: 12 bottles of wine of various types. One (1) for \$10.00, THREE (3) for \$25.00, or FIVE (5) for \$40.00

QUILT RAFFLE One (1) ticket for \$3.00, THREE (3) for \$5.00 or FIVE (5) chances to WIN for \$10.00 Cream, Dk Blue, Lt Blue Quilt, 68" x 80" Made by Cathy Cronin



RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM

Make your check payable to: <u>St. Luke's Parish</u>, Pop the form and check in an envelope marked WINE RAFFLE and drop it in the collection basket - OR ... Mail to:

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Attn: RAFFLES, 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, 03865

Name:		
Address:		
Phone:		
Email:		
Raffle	Quantity of Tickets	Total \$
WINE Raffle		\$
QUILT Raffle		\$
	Total Owed	\$
Donation Dates & Raffle Form		Last week of Augus



Bringing Home the Word

> Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) August 25, 2024

Make Up Your Mind

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

O ne can say that life is a series of choices. You have to make up your mind; which shall it be? Some of these choices are insignificant: Red or green? Others are much more important. To what shall I commit my life? Shall I get married? There are some choices that are even more momentous: What kind of a person do I want to be—trustworthy or crafty? Should I even bother with God and religion?

Having spent a lifetime in the wilderness, the Israelites were poised in the land of the Amorites, ready to enter the land promised to them by God.

Sunday Readings

Joshua 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b

[Joshua said,] "Choose today whom you will serve.... As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her.

John 6:60–69

Simon Peter answered..., "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Before they moved forward, a pressing decision had to be made. Which god were they going to worship? A Canaanite god who presumably made the land before them fertile and inviting? Or the God who delivered them from Egypt, fed them in the wilderness, brought them safely to this point, and yet with whom they quarreled throughout their wilderness sojourn? Joshua voiced his decision: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

Jesus' declaration of himself as "the bread of life" troubled many people (John 6:35). It was then, and still is today, a difficult saying. It was repulsive to many, and they thought that Jesus sounded blasphemous. Those who could not accept his claim left him. He asked his closest followers, as he asks us today: "Do you also want to leave?" Speaking for all, Peter replied: "Master, to whom shall we go?" (John 6:67–68). How might you answer? **†**

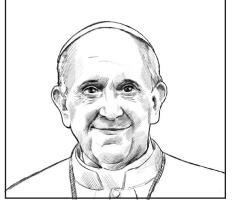
To what shall I commit my life? What kind of a person do I want to be?



A Word from Pope Francis

[The message of] Jesus throws us into crisis.... We should be worried if he does not throw us into crisis, because we might have watered down his message! And we ask for the grace to let ourselves be provoked and converted by his "words of eternal life."

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 22, 2021





- Have I made any thing or anyone into a little god?
- What is one action I can take to make room for God?

The Women St. Paul Worked With

Fr. William J. Parker, CSsR

S aint Paul is sometimes referred to as the patron saint of everything. Paul referred to himself as "the servant of Jesus Christ." His life and teachings reveal his passion to spread the faith across the globe. Paul's letters reveal a complex side of the man. In them, we find the personal cost of his love for Jesus and the vibrant energy with which he engaged men and women as coworkers in this missionary endeavor.

It may come as a surprise to some that many of his closest coworkers and associates were women. One couple, Priscilla (also referred to as Prisca) and Aquila, shared a special relationship with St. Paul (1 Corinthians 16:19 and



Romans 16:3). He acknowledged the depth of his gratitude to them in the greetings he sent at the end of Romans: "Greet Prisca and Aquila, my coworkers

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Preparing for Our Final Journey: Life Is Changed, Not Ended"

A swe think about preparing for death, unfinished business may come to mind. Some will mourn the missed adventures, the unread books, the unheard music, the unseen wonders of the world. We need not mourn these. Heaven will contain all of this and more. Perhaps there is other unfinished business. Is there a relationship that needs healing? An unspoken apology? A need for truth-telling if we have been deceptive, generosity if we have been selfish, words or gestures of affection if we have been distant? With the help of a confessor and the sacrament of penance, we may discern those areas of our lives that need mending. We still have time. Today. As St. Paul writes, "Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). **†**

Catholic Update—a subscription newsletter published eleven times a year—explores Church teaching and tradition on contemporary topics. Liguori.org • 800-325-9526 in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life" (Romans 16:3-4). Paul met them in Corinth where they were leather workers, as well as Christian converts. The term he used to describe them as fellow workers is the same he used to describe Timothy and Titus, who coauthored several of Paul's letters. In another case, Paul commended Phoebe to the church in Rome; she may have brought the letter to the community on behalf of Paul (Romans 16:1-2). Paul referred to her as "deacon," which is the same word he used for himself to mean "one who provides relief to others" (1 Corinthians 3:5; 2 Corinthians 3:1-11). Again in his letter to the Philippians, he pleaded with two women who are at odds in the community: Evodia and Synteche. He mentioned how they labored side by side with him (Philippians 4:2-3).

While Paul's Jewish formation colored his considerations, he was also at home with the ministry and the advice of women and men he trusted. **†**



God of truth, open my heart and my mind to receive the hard truths and help me believe that these truths will set me free. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 26–31

Monday, Weekday: 2 Thes 1:1–5, 11–12 / Mt 23:13–22

Tuesday, St. Monica: 2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17 / Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday, St. Augustine: 2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18 / Mt 23:27–32 **Thursday,** Passion of St. John the Baptist: 1 Cor 1:1–9 / Mk 6:17–29

Friday, Weekday: 1 Cor 1:17–25 / Mt 25:1–13

Saturday, Weekday: 1 Cor 1:26–31 / Mt 25:14–30



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