



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Gathering: Praise To The Lord BB 203

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63)

My Soul thirsts for you, Lord, like the desert thirsts for rain. It is your face I long for; you alone are life to me.

Preparation: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence BB 197

Mass Parts Mass Of Creation

Communion: Come To Me And Drink BB 352

Recessional: Let All Things Now Living BB 611

✠ 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!

October 27, 2024

Offertory \$5,726.71



UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- November 3 Property Management
- November 10 Campaign for Human Develop.
- November 17 Fuel

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!



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 \$44,883.33 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.

From the Pastor's Desk



SAFETY AND SECURITY

Our Parish properties are active places, where traffic and parked vehicles are a constant presence in the ebb and flow of a busy week. It is important to remember that because of the activity on both campuses, it is easy for someone looking for a quick deed to find a vehicle. **Please be sure to lock and secure your vehicle when you are parked on either campus.** If possible, secure valuables out of sight or make sure valuables in an open bed truck are secure. We have requested extra police presence in our lots during Masses, but patrols can only do so much. Each of us are responsible for making sure, as best we as are able, that our vehicles are safe and secure. Anyone seeing something or someone unusual in the lots is welcome to contact the local police.

HURRICANE AID

Catholic Charities USA is the official Catholic disaster response agency of the domestic Church. Funds can be remitted online using www.catholiccharitiesusa.org or can be mailed as follows:

Catholic Charities USA,
2050 Ballenger Ave, Suite 400
Alexandria, VA 22314.

Checks should be made out to **Catholic Charities USA**. Please ensure to mark the memo line as the fund intended (Hurricane Helene Relief, Hurricane Milton Relief, or general Hurricane Relief 2024).

Additionally, local Catholic Charities agencies are on the ground in the affected areas:

Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Charlotte: ccdocr.org/ or mail to: Hurricane Relief, 1123 S. Church Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28203

or **Catholic Charities St. Petersburg:** ccdosp.org/donate/ or mail to: Gift Processing, P.O. Box 40200, St. Petersburg, FL 33743-40200.

WHILE AWAY THIS FALL...

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

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, November 3
 10:00 AM Religious Ed – Gr. K to 6 *Plaistow*

Monday, November 4
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, November 6
 Holy Angels Church
 Open All Day For Prayer
 7:00 PM Acts of the Apostles *Plaistow*

Thursday, November 7
 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*
 1:30 PM Acts of the Apostles *Plaistow*

Saturday, November 9
 NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 9:00 AM CHRISTMAS FAIR *Plaistow*

Sunday, November 10
 NO RELIGIOUS ED

RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS

Attention Parents

Please be sure to accompany your young children when they need to use the restroom during Mass. This is for their safety and your peace of mind!

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



The Sanctuary Light at Mary, Mother of the 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 csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.



St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/ or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaistow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners & friends to do the same.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, November 2 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34 (Vigil)
 4:00 PM Paul Caron by the Knights of Columbus
Plaistow

Sunday, November 3 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34
 8:00 AM Doreen Burge by the Burge family
Newton
 10:00 AM Gordon Lewis by the Knights of Columbus
Plaistow

Monday, November 4 ~ Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14
 8:00 AM Ruth Early by Jack Brotz
Newton

Tuesday, November 5 ~ Weekday
Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24
 8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Fogel family and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

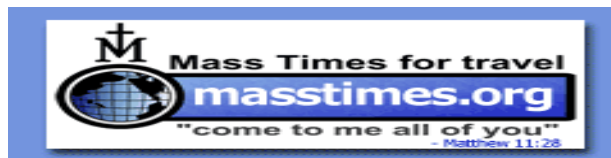
Wednesday, November 6 ~ Weekday
Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
 6:30 PM Jose Andrade by his family
Plaistow

Thursday, November 7 ~ Weekday
Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10
 8:00 AM George and Jean Ballard by Charlie and Lisa Angwin
Newton

Friday, November 8 ~ Weekday
Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8
 No Mass

Saturday, November 9 ~ The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9,12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22 (Day)
1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 (Vigil)
 4:00 PM Jayne Ringuette (Birthday Remembrance) by Jackie Tremblay
Plaistow

Sunday, November 10 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44
 8:00 AM Suzanne Busch by Jim Edwards
Newton
 10:00 AM Jesselyn and Donald Driscoll by the McKinney family
Plaistow



ALL SOULS INTENTIONS

The month of November is a time when the Church traditionally prays in a special way for the faithful departed. The celebration of All Souls Day on November 2 is a joyful and poignant reminder that we worship and live in communion with those who have gone before us in faith.

All Souls envelopes are available at the entrance of both Churches. Any intentions listed on the envelopes will be remembered at Liturgies offered as "All Souls Intentions" throughout the coming liturgical year. All Souls envelopes can be deposited in the regular collection basket at your convenience.

The Holy Liturgy can be offered for any deceased Catholic person. Please contact the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 to inquire about scheduling. Exact dates cannot always be accommodated, so calling early for the coming year is advised. The suggested donation for an announced commemoration is \$10.00 payable to Saint Luke Parish.

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

Throughout November, a special *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be open near the Baptismal Font & Paschal Candle for parishioners to record the names of the faithful departed. It is a visible sign that the faithful departed remain with us as part of the Church. You are welcome to record names of loved ones and the dates of their death.



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



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Annual Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**, at 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, NH.

Watch weekly bulletins to find out how you can donate, volunteer, and participate in St. Luke Parish's biggest fundraiser!

Please join the fun & festive day while getting a jump on your holiday shopping!

Got Questions? Please EMAIL the Fair Coordinator at StLukeNHFair@gmail.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
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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!

**SECOND ANNUAL
PASTA FOR A PURPOSE**

The Knights will be hosting their Second Annual Pasta For A Purpose on **Saturday, November 16 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM** at the Parish Center. The Knights have a goal of raising \$1,400. The monies raised will be used to replace a very old refrigerator in the Food Pantry and the remainder will be used to purchase gifts for the Parish's Giving Tree.

Chef Rudi will be making his delicious meatballs and sauce, along with pasta, salad, garlic bread and desserts.

Tickets are only \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Tickets can be purchased after Masses on the weekends of November 3 and 10, and at the door.

Take out meals will also be available.

Last November the First Annual Pasta For A Purpose raised over \$3,000 to purchase new freezers for our food pantry.

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.) 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:

November 8-10, 2024

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Our monthly support meetings are held in the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, Newburyport, MA, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions (617) 410-6309 or info@abutterflysjourney.org.



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, November 20 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.**



Spiritual Direction Opportunity

Have you ever considered exploring your relationship with God? Have you ever desired to grow deeper in this relationship but didn't really know how? Have you sensed God inviting you to something more but didn't know how to respond?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, Spiritual Direction might be a path that will bring you to what you are searching for. What exactly is Spiritual Direction?

Spiritual direction is "help given by one [trained and experienced] Christian to another which enables that person to pay attention to God's personal communication to him or her, to respond to this personally communicating God, to grow in intimacy with this God, and to live out the consequences of the relationship." (William A. Barry and William J. Connolly, *The Practice of Spiritual Direction*)

- **Spiritual direction focuses on religious experience.** It is concerned with a person's actual experience of a relationship with God.
- **Spiritual direction is about a relationship.** The religious experience is not isolated, nor does it consist of extraordinary events. It is what happens in an ongoing relationship between the person and God. Most often this is a relationship that is experienced in prayer.
- **Spiritual direction is a relationship that is going somewhere.** God is leading the person to deeper faith and more generous service. The spiritual director asks not just "what is happening?" but "what is moving forward?"
- **The real spiritual director is God.** God touches the human heart directly. The human spiritual director does not "direct" in the sense of giving advice and solving problems. Rather, the director helps a person respond to God's invitation to a deeper relationship.

(<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/making-good-decisions/spiritual-direction/>)

Sister Diane Dube, pm is a trained spiritual director, with offices in Plaistow and in Manchester. A Sister of the Presentation of Mary, she received her certification from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee. Sr. Diane has over 10 years of experience guiding individuals on their way to a more intimate relationship with our loving God.

She says: "I would be happy to walk with you as you come to know more deeply, God's nearness. It would be an honor for me to journey with you on the sacred path into a deeper awareness of God's active, loving presence in your personal life."

If you would like more information, or would like to set up an introductory appointment, Please email Sr. Diane at ddube327@gmail.com or call or text her at 978-888-3399.

***I will instruct you and show you the way you should walk,
give you counsel with my eye upon you. (Psalm 32:8)***



Archdiocese of Boston

WELCOME TO OUR NEW METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP

On October 31 in a Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, Bishop Richard Henning, the former Bishop of Providence RI will be installed as the new Archbishop of Boston and the Metropolitan of the Province of Boston. Bishop Henning was originally a seminary faculty member and then an auxiliary (assistant Bishop) of the Diocese of Rockville Center on Long Island since 2018. He was appointed to the Diocese of Providence only in 2023 but was moved to Boston by the Pope a year later.

Frequently Asked Questions about Archbishops

How is a new Archbishop chosen?

The Code of Canon Law states that all Bishops must submit their resignation to the Pope at the age of 75. The pope can accept their resignation at that time or ask them to stay on until their successor is chosen. All aspects of the process of choosing a successor are supposed to be confidential, but there are some things that are known. The papal nuncio (the official representative of the Pope in each country) presents a list of candidates for investigation to the Congregation of the Bishops in Rome. The Congregation then reports to the Pope, who makes the final decision.

What's the difference between an Archbishop and a Bishop?

An Archbishop is the head of diocese that is particularly important for some reason (an archdiocese). In sacred matters, an archbishop is the equivalent of a Bishop, but "Archbishop" is a more prestigious title. As the residential Bishop, an Archbishop is also known as the local ordinary.

How does an Archbishop relate to his ecclesiastical province?

An archdiocese, called the *metropolitan see*, and dioceses under it, called *suffragan sees*, are grouped into a province. The suffragan dioceses in the province of Boston are the Dioceses of Burlington, VT, Fall River, MA, Portland, ME, Springfield, MA, Worcester, MA, and Manchester, NH.

What's the difference between an Archbishop and a Cardinal?

Archbishop Henning is not a Cardinal. Cardinals are senior ecclesial officials in the Catholic Church. A Cardinal's duties include attending meetings of the College of Cardinals and being available—personally or collectively—to the Pope for counsel. Most Cardinals have additional duties within the Church, such as leading a diocese or heading a department in the Roman Curia. The College of Cardinals also is the body that elects a new Pope.

Is a retired Cardinal Archbishop still a Cardinal?

Yes. Cardinal Sean O'Malley will hold the title of Cardinal for the rest of his life. He is also the retired Archbishop of Boston. However, only cardinals under the age of 80 can sit in the Conclave that elects a new Pope. Cardinal Sean is now 80 but continues his work for the Church and the Protection of Children.



Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
November 3, 2024

Take to Heart These Words

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

“**H**ear, O Israel!” (Deuteronomy 6:4) are the first words of the most important declaration of faith for Jewish people, a declaration that is the centerpiece of the morning and evening Jewish prayer services. It is a kind of “pledge of allegiance” that observant Jews say even today, reminding themselves of the uniqueness of their God and the covenantal relationship they have with this God. In it, they confess that the Lord is their God—their only God. Out of reverence, they do not pronounce God’s personal name. In its

place, they substitute the word Lord. Behind this act of faith is the covenantal promise of God: “I will be your God and you shall be my people” (Jeremiah 7:23).

This covenant carries mutual responsibilities. God will be their God and will be faithful to all that this blessing entails. As God’s people, they will live according to the standards established by God, witnessing to the world the holiness in life lived for and with God. They are to love God with all their hearts, souls, and strength.

Jesus did not change this declaration in any way. It is at the heart of the Christian way of life as well. What Jesus did was throw light on the meaning of living for and with God, of loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength. He insists that to love God is to love others, and to love them as we love ourselves. “Hear, O Israel!...

Take to heart these words” (Deuteronomy 6:4, 6). †



God’s people will live according to the standards established by God, witnessing to the world the holiness in life lived for and with God.

Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 6:2–6

Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe [the commandments,] that you may grow and prosper the more.

Hebrews 7:23–28

Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away.

Mark 12:28b–34

[The scribe said to Jesus,] “‘To love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

A Word from Pope Francis

God, who is Love, created us to love and so that we can love others while remaining united with him. It would be misleading to claim to love our neighbor without loving God; it would also be deceptive to claim to love God without loving our neighbor. The two dimensions of love, for God and for neighbor, in their unity characterize the disciple of Christ.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 4, 2018



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do you believe that God wants you to love everyone you meet?
- How can you love those you find difficult?



Love the Baby, Love the Man

Mitch and Kathy Finley

Advent, (which begins in four weeks) is, in part, about waiting and preparing for a baby. Christians love the stories and the images of this baby, born in a place for animals, lying in a manger, the sweet hay breath of cattle and sheep filling the air—not to mention some less pleasant aromas, courtesy of the same bovine and woolly creatures. But the expected baby will not remain a rosy-cheeked plastic figure in a manger scene. Babies become toddlers with opinions, teenagers with even more opinions, young adults who move on with their lives...or not. When we love a baby, we love all that the baby will become, even that which is not so easy to love.

This baby, who will be known as the Son of God, will grow to be the wise and gentle teacher of the gospel. He will beckon us to pay attention to his example. He is poor; he relies on God alone. His message is for all the earth, not just “the chosen.” A cross will be involved. And, with that cross, the promise of resurrection.

The wood of the manger is the wood of the cross. To love this baby is to love his people—all of them—and sometimes to accept the suffering that loving others brings. Saint John defines God as Love and writes about him: “No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us” (1 John 4:12). Jesus’ commandment to love God and love our neighbor echoes in our hearts. If we can obey this most important commandment, then we are promised “peace...like a river” (Isaiah 48:18). †

This reflection is an excerpt from *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas* by Mitch and Kathy Finley, published by Liguori Publications (828607). Advent begins in four weeks. Visit Liguori.org for *Daybreaks* and other spiritual reading for the season.

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “In the Words of Henri Nouwen: How to Live a Happier, More Fulfilled Life”

If you are lonely or grieving, live in compassionate community. To follow Christ means to relate to each other with the mind of Christ; that is, to relate to each other as Christ did to us—in servanthood and humility. Jesus didn’t live alone. There were the Twelve and the other disciples. They formed circles of intimacy around Jesus. Where are you getting your affection? Who’s touching you? Who’s holding you? Who makes you feel alive? Who says, “You are a beautiful person, you are the beloved of God, don’t forget it”?

Catholic Update—a subscription newsletter published eleven times a year—explores Church tradition and teaching on contemporary topics. To learn more, visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.



Loving God, help me to do my part in making this world a gentler, kinder, safer place for everyone I meet. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 4–9

Monday, St. Charles Borromeo:

Phil 2:1–4 / Lk 14:12–14

Tuesday, Weekday:

Phil 2:5–11 / Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday, Weekday:

Phil 2:12–18 / Lk 14:25–33

Thursday, Weekday:

Phil 3:3–8a / Lk 15:1–10

Friday, Weekday:

Phil 3:17–4:1 / Lk 16:1–8

Saturday, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica:

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17 / Jn 2:13–22