



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Gathering: All Are Welcome BB 443
 Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34)
*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
 Oh taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*
 Preparation: One Love Released BB 331
 Mass Parts: Mass of Creation
 Communion: Come To Me And Drink BB 349
 Recessional: O God, Beyond All Praising BB 532

✠ 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!

January 12, 2025
Offertory \$10,548.43



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 19 Fuel
 January 26 No Second Collection
 February 2 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!



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

TAX TIME SUGGESTION

Did you know? If you are 72 or older and need to take a “required minimum distribution (RMD)” from an IRA retirement account, a direct distribution to a qualified charitable organization, such as Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, can save you money on your taxes. Such a donation will count toward your required minimum distribution but will be excluded from taxable income. Ask your tax preparer or IRA trustee for more details.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like an “end of year” financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2024, **please call Jackie** at the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**

DOXOLOGY AND CREED AT MASS

Winter Ordinary Time begins on January 19. As we gather on that weekend, we will have ended our Christmas celebrations and continue to praise God in Ordinary Time until the beginning of Lent on March 5. During Ordinary Time, we will begin **reciting** the Doxology prayer that is sung in the Christmas and Easter Season – “Glory to God in the highest.” The prayer is fitting for Sundays as we honor God and God’s blessings in our lives. It is recited after the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass. There will be colored cards in the pews to help us get used to the prayer so that nobody need shuffle through the missalettes. We will use the prayer until Lent begins, when the Church suspends it until Easter. The same colored card will also have a reprint of the Nicene Creed – 1700 years old in 2025! We will also begin **reciting** the text of the Creed at Sunday Masses on January 19.

HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED

Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is closed from December 2024 until Spring 2025. This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

COURAGE INTERNATIONAL

Courage members are men and women who experience same-sex attractions and who have made a commitment to strive for chastity. They are inspired by the Gospel call to holiness and inherent purpose of human sexuality. Through **Courage**, people who experience same-sex attraction receive pastoral support in the form of spiritual guidance, community prayer support, and fellowship.. **EnCourage** members are parents, spouses, siblings, and friends of people who identify as LGBTQ. They are looking for help to keep the faith and keep their family bonds intact. **EnCourage** members work together to understand the experiences of their loved ones, and to respond to them with compassion. They know that is possible to express love for someone even if we can’t support all their choices or actions. They find spiritual guidance to grow in their relationship with Christ, and community support from other members that helps them remember that they are not alone on this journey. The Diocese of Manchester offers both support groups. Please visit www.catholicnh.org/same-sex-attration for information about **Courage** or visit www.courageerc.org for online resources. Visit www.couragerc.org and click on **EnCourage** for more information.

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

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.

WHILE AWAY THIS WINTER...

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

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, January 19
 10:00 AM Religious Ed – Gr. K to 6 *Plaistow*
 11:00 AM Grade 2 First Reconciliation Meeting *Plaistow*
 For Parents and Students

Monday, January 20
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 21
 6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, January 22
 Holy Angels Church Open
 All Day for Prayer

Thursday, January 23
 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

Saturday, January 25
 3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, January 26
 10:00 AM Religious Ed – Gr. K to 6 *Plaistow*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Martin Luther King holiday, the Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, January 20**. We will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 21.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS

We gather at the Eucharist to pray for anyone, living or deceased. If you would like to request a Mass for a particular intention such as thanksgiving for a new birth, healing for a sick friend or family member, or for a deceased loved one or friend, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 or email jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.

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.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, January 18 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Rick Field by Jackie Tremblay
Plaistow

Sunday, January 19 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

8:00 AM Therese Monette by Barbara and Jack Brotz
Newton
 10:00 AM Rita Sampson by Janice Bettencourt
Plaistow

Monday, January 20 ~ Fabian, Pope and Martyr;
Sebastian, Martyr

Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
 8:00 AM Ruth Early by Jack Brotz
Newton

Tuesday, January 21 ~ Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Plaistow

Wednesday, January 22 ~ Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
Heb 7:1-3; Mk 3:1-6

6:30 AM Mary Lonergan (Month's Mind)
Plaistow

Thursday, January 23 ~ Margaret Cope, Virgin
Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, January 24 ~ Francis de Sales, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
 No Mass

Saturday, January 25 ~ Conversion of Paul, Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18 (Day)

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21 (Vigil)
 4:00 PM Joseph Sheehan by Bonnie Lajoie
Plaistow

Sunday, January 26 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

8:00 AM Vincent Early, Sr. by Dan and Kathy Sullivan
Newton
 10:00 AM Albert Chaff by his wife, Rosemarie Chaff
Plaistow



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
FOOD PANTRY

As the new year begins, the Food Pantry is looking for new volunteers to help serve clients and maintain the Pantry. We are open on Wednesdays from 10 – Noon, Thursdays from 6-7 PM and on Fridays 10-Noon. We seek helpers who can stack donations on shelves, fill boxes for clients, climb stairs and lift at least 20 lbs. Since we are a “drive-up” service, volunteers are also needed to work outside delivering boxes to client vehicles. If you have a heart for helping and maybe a good workout, contact Marie in the Pantry at mfarren88@hotmail.com or call 603 819-4949 and leave a message. We welcome all ages to help us serve those in need.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry, and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten: **If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses.**

In the event of a weather related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date.

Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.

**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.

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!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HAPPENINGS**

Knights of Columbus Blood Drives

The Knights, over the last couple of years, have been able to increase their blood drives from 2 annually to 4 or 5 per year. They used to be held just in Atkinson, but we have also been able to hold new ones in Newton, The annual pints of blood collected through our blood drives has just about doubled during this time.

If you would like more information about the Knights, please contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770- 4803 or email him at dans49@comcast.net

**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.) Bring your own coffee. For more information, call Joe at 617-921-9899.

PROJECT RACHEL

Are you looking for renewal and freedom after abortion? Help and healing are available for mothers and fathers who have experienced abortion. Contact Project Rachel for confidential, compassionate care. Call 603-663-0192 or email ProjectRachel@rcbm.org.

MASS ATTENDANCE WHILE SICK

Anyone who has been recently exposed to COVID 19 or any other communicable disease should not attend public services of any kind. **Those sick should remain at home until such time as they are healthy.**

Liturgy online or on TV...

- Boston Catholic Television** catholicstv.org
- Sunday Mass from Notre Dame
catholicstv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass
- Salt & Light TV saltandlighttv.org
- Eternal Word Television ewtn.com



**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 is on **Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 PM.** We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. New members are always welcome!

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

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



Bringing Home the Word †

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

January 19, 2025

What's New?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and God's people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer forsaken or desolate, but now

a delight and espoused (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate.

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating. †

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5

As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride / so shall your God rejoice in you.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit....

John 2:1-11

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.



***The promise of newness
now pertains to the entire
community of believers
and not simply to the
marriage couple.***

A Word from Pope Francis

Today, let us try to rummage through our memories, looking for *signs* that the Lord accomplished in my life.... When did I feel the Lord nearer? When did I feel his tenderness and his compassion? ... May she, the Mother who is always attentive as at Cana, help us treasure the signs of God's presence in our lives.

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 16, 2022



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- How has God blessed me throughout my life?
- How is God blessing me today?

Using Our Gifts for God's Work

Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

Paul is appealing to the hearts of the people to live in harmony with one another and to work together for the common good. Paul reminds the church at Corinth that they are no longer members of the material world, but members of the spiritual community of God. Paul's challenge was getting the Christian community to think and act in light of their spiritual reality.

Conflict and division are present in the Church today. Many in the Church find it difficult to remain focused on the works of God in the midst of an increasingly secularized world. We need to remember that we are members of the spiritual community of God. In this community we find equality, unity, mutual love, and peace. Our life with God must



be reflected in the way we think and act in the world for the common good of all people. The work of God must be the work of Christians scattered throughout the world. No human gift is less than or greater than another. The Spirit works in

and through every gift to bring about love and unity in the world. All the works of the Church must reflect the compassion of Jesus, the humble servant of God. Every activity carried out by the people of God is activated by the Spirit to accomplish the will of God on Earth. All the gifts, services, and activities of the people of God must be used to build a civilization of love, peace, and compassion.

Ponder: What world am I living in at the moment?

Prayer: Lord, send your Spirit and empower me to use my gifts and talents for the common good of all people.

Practice: Today I will be an instrument of peace and reconciliation. †

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "An Examen for Married Couples" by Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC

What is an examen? An examen is the practice of prayerfully evaluating one's thoughts, words, and actions in the light of faith, giving thanks when the day goes well and asking for forgiveness and grace when we need to do better. About this valuable practice, Pope Francis says, "Before ending the day, stop a moment. What happened? Not in the newspapers, not in life: what happened in my heart? Was my heart attentive? Did it grow? Did it go through everything unaware? What happened in my heart?... There is the Holy Spirit. Learning to read what happened during the day in the book of our heart. Do it: it will take just two minutes, but it will do you good, I assure you."

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God of abundance,
inspire those with more
to share with those who
have less and do so
with a grateful, joyful
heart. We pray in Jesus'
name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

January 20–25

Monday, Weekday:
Heb 5:1–10 / Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday, St. Agnes:
Heb 6:10–20 / Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children:
Heb 7:1–3, 15–17 / Mk 3:1–6

Thursday, Weekday:
Heb 7:25—8:6 / Mk 3:7–12

Friday, St. Francis de Sales:
Heb 8:6–13 / Mk 3:13–19

Saturday, Conversion of St. Paul:
Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22 /
Mk 16:15–18