

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Gathering: All Creatures Of Our God And King BB 537

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34)

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
Oh taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

Preparation: Hosea BB 654

Mass Parts: Mass of Creation

Communion: The Supper Of The Lord BB 338

Recessional: Lord, You Give The Great Commission BB 394

✠ 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 19, 2025

Offertory	\$6,061.05
Fuel	\$1,437.00



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 26	No Second Collection
February 2	Property Management
February 9	Catholic Schools

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

During Ordinary Time, we are **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 are 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 are also **reciting** the text of the Creed at Sunday Masses.

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 ✠

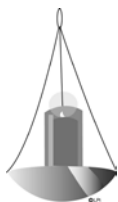
Sunday, January 26
 10:00 AM Religious Ed – Gr. K to 6 *Plaistow*

Wednesday, January 29
 Holy Angels Church Open
 All Day for Prayer

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

Saturday, February 1
 3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, February 2
 10:00 AM Religious Ed – Gr. K to 6 *Plaistow*
 6:00 PM Evening Prayer *Newton*



The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Paul Caron**

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 25 ~ 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 (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

Monday, January 27 ~ Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder
Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30
 8:00 AM Mary Larnard by Lisa and Charlie Angwin
Newton

Tuesday, January 28 ~ Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
 8:00 AM Eleanor Feuer by Bob and Alice Litwinovich
Plaistow

Wednesday, January 29 ~ Weekday
Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
 6:30 AM Olinda Taraborelli (Month's Mind)
Plaistow

Thursday, January 30 ~ Weekday
Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25
 8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Newton

Friday, January 31 ~ John Bosco, Priest
Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
No Mass

Saturday, February 1 ~ Weekday
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41 (Day)
Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 (Vigil)
 4:00 PM Paul Caron
Plaistow

Sunday, February 2 ~ The Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
 8:00 AM Ruth Early by Dan and Kathy Sullivan
Newton
 10:00 AM Sr. Celine Lefebvre, pm
 by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary
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.

LOS ANGELES FIRE RELIEF

Anyone wanting to contribute to the relief of the people affected by the wildfires in LA can visit Catholic Charities of Los Angeles at

www.catholiccharitiesla.org/donate/

Call (213) 251-3494 or (213) 251-3498 to contribute using VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. You can make a check contribution, payable to *Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc.*, and mail to: Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc., Development and Communications, 1531 James M. Wood Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90015

Catholic Charities USA — the official domestic relief agency of the Catholic Church in the U.S. and a member of Caritas Internationalis, the church’s global network of humanitarian organizations — is now accepting donations to its Los Angeles Wildfire Relief initiative, which can be accessed through the agency’s website at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

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.

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**

St. Jude Golf Open

The Knights are in the process of planning for their 30th Annual St. Jude Golf Open on **Saturday, May 31** in East Kingston, NH. The purpose of the Open is to help specific families or individuals in our local community who are in dire financial need through no fault of their own. The first tournament helped a burn victim of the Malden Mills fire, and last year, we helped a single Mom who suffered a severe stroke and another single Mom who has twins with a severe genetic defect.

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
January 26, 2025

Fulfilled in Your Hearing

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

When we hear that phrase, we might be inclined to think of prophecy. However, today's readings suggest something a bit different. True, in today's gospel, Jesus states that he is the fulfillment of the promise made by the prophet Isaiah. However, the way that passage was fulfilled by Jesus was not the way his hearers expected. The passage seems to promise a change in society, where there will be no more poor or prisoners. The people expected a political change that would overthrow Roman control. Jesus' application was

quite different. The fulfillment of that prophecy included a new and often radical way of understanding society. In other words, Jesus revealed the true meaning of the prophecy.

Such reapplication is even clearer in the first reading. Nehemiah, the Jewish leader of those who had returned from Babylonian exile, gathered all the community together, read the Law, and then reapplied it for them.

Reapplication is often necessary, because what might have been a helpful way of understanding something in our faith under some circumstances might be impractical, even inappropriate, in others. For example, to pray for an end to war is important, but to do nothing to work for peace changes how we understand prayer. Circumstances often change as we go through life. Reapplication of our faith acknowledges this and searches for ways that faith can continue to address those changing circumstances. Faithful reapplication always keeps our religious tradition alive and meaningful. †

Sunday Readings

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra read clearly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or
1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27**

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

***Jesus is the fulfillment
of the promise made by
the prophet Isaiah.***

A Word from Pope Francis

I would like to make a suggestion. On the Sundays of this liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke, the gospel of mercy, is proclaimed. Why not also read it personally, all of it, one small passage each day? A short passage. Let us familiarize ourselves with the gospel. It will bring us the newness and joy of God!

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 23, 2022



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- How do I bring my faith to everyday situations?
- On what occasions might I forget to act like a disciple of Jesus?

Living as a Christian in Community

Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

When parents in the neighborhood do not work together to instill in their children a sense of love and respect for others, hatred of others prevails. When teachers do not work together to create a positive learning environment, children and youth become indifferent to the search for knowledge and truth. When law-enforcement officers do not work together to uphold the law, people in the community begin to administer their own brand of justice. When healthcare professionals do not work together to care for the sick and poor, people's lives are put at risk. When members of the business community do not work together to create networks of support, the quality of life diminishes. When Christian religious leaders do not work together to give a common witness



to the Gospel of Jesus, people begin to lose faith and hope in God.

All who are baptized receive the Spirit of God's love and belong to the one body of Christ. We have been given the Spirit of God's love to work together to build a community of love. The mission of the

Christian community is to use its resources to eradicate the evil of racism in the world, eliminate all forms of violence, and give testimony to the gospel of peace and nonviolence. Being a member of the body of Christ is not a luxury but a responsibility to be embraced and lived. When Christians work together in accordance with the Spirit of God's love, life becomes more peaceful, fruitful, and loving for all people.

Ponder: How do I live the responsibility of being a follower of Christ?

Prayer: Lord, you created all people equal. Open my eyes to recognize the dignity of all people and my heart to love unconditionally.

Practice: Today, I will reflect on the meaning of my baptism. †

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Polarization: Stop Labeling—Start Listening" by Rev. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

When we find ourselves polarized, mired deep in our own opinions and judgments, no matter how objectively "right" we may be, we have chosen the path of refusing to listen. When we refuse to listen compassionately and generously, not only to the arguments and the questions but also to the deeper truth people may reveal when they feel heard, we miss the opportunity to live more fully, to flourish, and to grow into the people we were created to be.... If we indulge in a passionate response without permitting ourselves the time to listen, we can only hope to understand part of the truth—sometimes a very small part indeed—and we deprive ourselves, and the community, of the fullness waiting to be revealed.

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PRAYER

Ever-present God, give us the grace to remember your love and care for us when we are faced with difficulties and uncertainty. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

January 27—February 1

Monday, Weekday:

Heb 9:15, 24–28 / Mk 3:22–30

Tuesday, St. Thomas Aquinas:

Heb 10:1–10 / Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday, Weekday:

Heb 10:11–18 / Mk 4:1–20

Thursday, Weekday:


Heb 10:19–25 / Mk 4:21–25

Friday, St. John Bosco:

Heb 10:32–39 / Mk 4:26–34

Saturday, Weekday:

Heb 11:1–2, 8–19 / Mk 4:35–41

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