

**MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY**

**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

**The Presentation Of  
The Lord**

- Gathering: Let The King Of Glory Come BB 64  
 Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 24)  
*Who is the King of Glory? It is the Lord.*  
 Preparation: Christ, Be Our Light BB 518  
 Mass Parts: Mass of Creation  
 Communion: Bread For The World BB 329  
 Recessional: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BB 434

**✠ 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 26, 2025**

**Offertory \$6,057.87**



**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

- February 2 Property Management  
 February 9 Catholic Education  
 February 16 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

**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.**

**WHAT AN AMAZING TURN OUT!!!!!!**

**GRAND TOTAL FOR 2024:  
4,000 POUNDS OF CLOTHING  
along with 3 LARGE boxes of non-perishable  
food items for the food pantry!**

The above has been distributed amongst 6 different locations/organizations, all with missions to serve those who are less fortunate and underserved. Thank you so much for the support of my volunteers and to all of you who have been so generous with their donations year after year.

I look forward to seeing you again next year as "Kimberly's Annual Holiday Give Away" will be celebrating it's 20th anniversary!

Until then, may God bless you throughout the year.

Kimberly Clenord

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto: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, February 2

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Gr. K to 6 *Plaistow*  
 6:00 PM Evening Prayer *Plaistow*

Monday, February 3

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, February 5  
 Holy Angels Church Open  
 All Day for Prayer

Thursday, February 6

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*  
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*

Saturday, February 8

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, February 2

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Gr. K to 6 *Plaistow*  
 11:00 AM Meeting for Grade 3 Parents and  
 Students and Anyone Needing  
 Sacraments *Plaistow*

**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 [jtremlay@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:jtremlay@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](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, February 1 ~ The Presentation of the Lord

*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*

Monday, February 3 ~ Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;  
 Ansgar, Bishop

*Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20*

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
*Newton*

Tuesday, February 4 ~ Weekday

*Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43*

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions  
*Plaistow*

Wednesday, February 5 ~ Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

*Heb 12: 4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6*

6:30 PM Eleanor Feuer (Month's Mind)  
*Plaistow*

Thursday, February 6 ~ Paul Miki and Companions,  
 Martyrs

*Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13*

8:00 AM Vincent Early, Sr. by Jack Brotz  
*Newton*

Friday, February 7 ~ Weekday

*Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29*

*No Mass*

Saturday, February 8 ~ Josephine Bakhita, Virgin;  
 Jerome Emiliani

*Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:20-34 (Day)*

*Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Joseph Sheehan by Cathy Smith  
*Plaistow*

Sunday, February 9 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11*

8:00 AM Sr. Elizabeth Anne Lee, osf by Nancy Lee  
*Newton*

10:00 AM In Honor of St. Michael the Archangel  
*Plaistow*



**SPOT WELDER NEEDED**

If you own or know someone who has a spot-welding tool, Father Albert has a small job that requires your help. Please call him at the Parish Office or email him at [fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net).

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one.

**VIGIL LIGHT**

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother icon in Newton may also be offered in memory or honor of a loved one.

The suggested offering for each is \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324.

**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/](http://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](http://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](mailto: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
Preschool	603-382-9783

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> week of every month with the general collection of non-perishable items happening the following (4<sup>th</sup>) 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://catholicstv.org)  
Sunday Mass from Notre Dame  
[catholicstv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass](http://catholicstv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass)  
Salt & Light TV [saltandlighttv.org](http://saltandlighttv.org)  
Eternal Word Television [ewtn.com](http://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

*The Presentation of the Lord*  
February 2, 2025

## We Belong to God

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

Everyone wants to belong to someone or something. In fact, we do not merely *want* to belong; we *need* to belong. However, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrews underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendant of Abraham; thus, we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God.

The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Israel, was meant to remind

everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the family, tribe, or clan through the male line, with women participating through the agency of men. This cultural gender bias need not prevent us from understanding the profound meaning of the presentation: though one of us, Jesus belonged to God.

The gospel story tells of a man and a woman who recognized that this child would be the One through whom God saves all people. It also describes two important religious insights. First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God, and we all have a mission to the world. †

## Sunday Readings

### Malachi 3:1-4

And the LORD whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple; / The messenger of the covenant whom you desire.

### Hebrews 2:14-18

Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

[Simeon said,] "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation."



***Sometimes we forget to whom we really belong.***

## A Word from Pope Francis

[God's] loving plan...embraces and connects the generations.... For the young, this means being ready to break free from the fleeting present in which virtual reality can entrap us, preventing us from doing something productive. For the elderly, it means not dwelling on the loss of physical strength and thinking with regret about missed opportunities. Let us all look ahead!

MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY, ROME, JULY 23, 2023



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- How do I value the energy of the young and the wisdom of the old?
- What can I do to make connections among the generations?

# What an Impact One Family Can Have!

*Letter to Families from Pope Francis*



The evangelist Luke tells us that the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, in keeping with the Law of Moses, took the Baby Jesus to the Temple to offer him to the Lord, and that an elderly man and woman, Simeon and Anna, moved by the Holy Spirit, went to meet them and acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah. (See Luke 2:22–38) Simeon took him in his arms and thanked God that he had finally “seen” salvation. Anna, despite her advanced age, found new vigor and began to speak to everyone about the Baby Jesus. It is a beautiful image: two young parents and two elderly people, brought together by Jesus. He is the

one who brings together and unites generations! He is the inexhaustible font of that love which overcomes every occasion of self-absorption, solitude, and sadness. In your journey as a family, you share so many beautiful moments: meals, rest, housework, leisure, prayer, trips and pilgrimages, and times of mutual support.... Nevertheless, if there is no love then there is no joy, and authentic love comes to us from Jesus. †

From *Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Pope Francis* by John Cleary (826467). To order, visit [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org) or call 800-325-9521.

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

*From “Preparing for Our Final Journey: Life is Changed, Not Ended”*

The Catholic funeral is one of the Church’s greatest gifts. It celebrates the belief in resurrection and forgiveness. A funeral is an opportunity for those left behind to say goodbye. It can also be a way in which the deceased says goodbye to their loved ones. Talking about your funeral and making preparations may be a comfort for those who will mourn your passing. Everything you do to prepare for your death—the legal matters, the bequests you make, the provision for your survivors, and your funeral—all of these should be done with one concern in mind: building up the community of those left behind. Help them love each other after you are gone. This will be your greatest gift. Think about it: have you kept in mind the well-being of your loved ones after you die? Do your plans reflect your love for them? Try this exercise: write your own eulogy. Include all those virtues for which you would like to be remembered. Then, live it. Live your own eulogy.

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Faithful God, bless parents who are trying to raise children to know you, and inspire leaders to find ways to assist families who are struggling. Amen.

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

February 3–8

**Monday, Weekday:**

Heb 11:32–40 / Mk 5:1–20

**Tuesday, Weekday:**

Heb 12:1–4 / Mk 5:21–43

**Wednesday, St. Agatha:**

Heb 12:4–7, 11–15 / Mk 6:1–6

**Thursday, St. Paul Miki and Companions:**


Heb 12:18–19, 21–24 / Mk 6:7–13

**Friday, Weekday:**

Heb 13:1–8 / Mk 6:14–29

**Saturday, Weekday:**

Heb 13:15–17, 20–21 / Mk 6:30–34

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