

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Gathering: As We Gather At Your Table BB 311

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34)

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

Preparation: Prayer Of St. Francis BB 510

Mass Parts: Mass of Creation

Communion: Gift Of Finest Wheat BB 345

Recessional: Holy, Holy, Holy BB 215

✠ 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!

February 2, 2025

Offertory \$9,872.62
Property Management \$1,519.40



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 9 Catholic Education
 February 16 Fuel
 February 23 No Second Collection

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.**

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS DOVER NH

STA Prospective Student Night on Thursday, February 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Join St. Thomas Aquinas High School at their upcoming Prospective Student Night on **Thursday, February 13** at the school in Dover, NH. Learn about their diverse academic and extracurricular programs, take a student-led tour, meet their dedicated faculty, staff, and coaches, and hear from current students about their enriching experiences. Come and discover the STA difference!

Register Here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA5A-F2AA2FCCF8-51604670-february#/>

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

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, February 9

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*

Wednesday, February 12
 Holy Angels Church Open All Day for Prayer

Thursday, February 13

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

Saturday, February 15

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, February 16

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



The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Paul R. Antkowiak** (Birthday Remembrance) by his family

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Presidents' Day holiday, the Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, February 17**. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 18.

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, February 8 ~ Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Monday, February 10 ~ Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Worthen and Dube Families by Lisa and Charlie Angwin
Newton

Tuesday, February 11 ~ Our Lady of Lourdes

Gn 1:20—2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

8:00 AM Paul R. Antkowiak (Birthday Remembrance) by his family
Plaistow

Wednesday, February 12 ~ Weekday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

6:30 PM Adelaide Sullivan by Jeanne Sullivan
Plaistow

Thursday, February 13 ~ Weekday

Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Newton

Friday, February 14 ~ Cyril, Monk; Methodius, Bishop

Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

No Mass

Saturday, February 15 ~ Weekday

Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10 (Day)

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Suzanne Busch by Jim Edwards
Plaistow

Sunday, February 16 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

8:00 AM Joan Burge by the Burge family
Newton

10:00 AM Stephen J. Rembis (10th Anniversary) by Darlene Rembis
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.

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/

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. Luke Food Pantry

One of the many ways The Knights assist our Food Pantry is to coordinate help to off-load food shipments approximately twice per month during the week. Most of the boxes aren't heavy and a roller conveyor is used to get the boxes down into the Food Pantry.

If you would like to join our email notification list of upcoming off-loads, or want more information about the Knights and our new associate membership program, just let us know by contacting Peter Richards at pmpjrs6@comcast.net or at 603-382-4315.

**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.

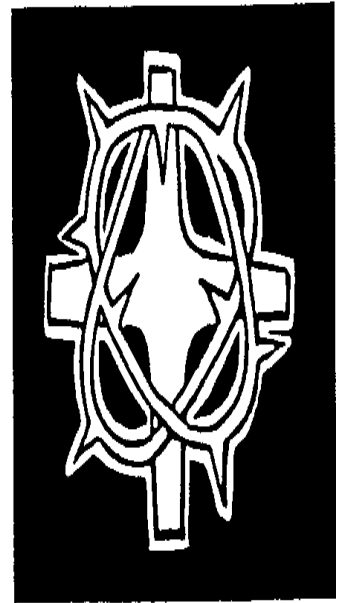
Drop-a-Dollar in the St. Luke Outreach Ministry box on your way out of church. Remember ~ 100% of your donation is used to help those who need a hand up, not a handout.

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.**

Do Something for Lent. Renew your faith.



This coming Lent, Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish continues the **Lenten Journey**, inviting all to renew their faith in the Church's annual retreat time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

What is the **Lenten Journey** about?

It is about prayer! Today we begin with prayer as our 2025 **Lenten Journey** program gets underway. Begin to pray in an active way about the upcoming Lenten season. Ask for the Spirit's guidance as you consider your involvement, pray that our Parish's **Lenten Journey** through the desert be blessed.

Consider a small group! Groups meet during Lent to discuss the upcoming Lenten Sunday Readings, and to share the members' experiences of discipleship. We will use a text that follows the Sunday Lenten readings written especially for our Parish Community. You will learn more about Scripture, participate in interesting discussions, meet some wonderful people, and have the opportunity to build up the Body of Christ.

What else? During Lent, special inserts in the weekly bulletin will focus on the Lenten Scriptures and on discipleship in the real world. Sunday Homilies will touch on living Jesus' Gospel and on the questions discussed at Group meetings.

Evangelization – spreading the “Good News” is something everyone can do!

**Small Group sign-ups begin
the weekend of February 16!**

**Group Meetings begin the week of March 2
Lent begins on March 5**



Anointing of the Sick I: The Mystery of Illness

We get hurt. We wear out. The lungs, the eyes, the memory, and any of the many limbs and organs that compose us break or ache. Gloom comes over us then: pity for ourselves, sorrow, depression, anger. But hope can come, too, and courage, and sometimes peace.

All of this is marked and celebrated in the rites of our tradition. With a word and a deed, with touch and breath and spit and mud, Jesus heals those who ail. In every place and time, we who are the church remember and tell stories of healing, anoint the sick with oil and share the one bread even with those who cannot assemble for Mass. Thus the sick and the healthy, the homebound and the spry, saints and sinners are made one and remain one, a single body of many parts.

Anyone who is seriously ill can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, including the elderly who become weaker, even if no illness is present; those waiting for surgery when a serious condition is the reason for the operation; sick children who have sufficient use of reason to be helped by the celebration; and those who are unconscious or who have lost the use of reason, provided that they probably would have asked for the sacrament had they the use of their faculties. Furthermore, many forms of mental illness are now known to be serious. So the mentally ill may be anointed, provided that they will be helped and not harmed by the rite. If you have questions, consult a priest or other parish leader.

The most complete celebration of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a communal one, a celebration in which those to be anointed are surrounded and supported by other members of the Christian community, whether at home, or in the house of the church (for those who can leave their beds and come here). In song and in silence, with scriptures and prayers, we strengthen the bonds of love and faith that are stronger than the most lethal disease and more powerful even than death.



Bringing Home the Word

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
February 9, 2025

Whom Shall I Send?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This could very well be called Mission Sunday—not because there is a second collection, but because today’s readings challenge us to examine how we have responded to being called and sent. Isaiah recounts a religious experience he had while in the Temple. Most majestic of all aspects of that vision was the voice that spoke to him. He heard the words, “Whom shall I send?” (Isaiah 6:8). Send where? To do what? Presumably it meant: “Whom shall I send to speak my word to the people?” The eagerness of the prophet is remarkable: “Here I am...send me!”

This passage describes Isaiah’s call to ministry, to be God’s prophet to the people.

The Gospel reading reports another call—that of Peter, James, and John. After showing that he was able to fill the nets of these fishermen, even to the breaking point, Jesus offered them the opportunity to attract (catch) men and women. Again, almost without thinking, “they left everything and followed him” (Luke 5:11). In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul explains to the “fish” (his converts) how this message is communicated, how fish are caught, how the gospel is preached: “I handed on to you...what I also received” (1 Corinthians 15:3). In all cases, the message is basically the same: “I will be your God and you will be my people.” This is what we’ve all been called to experience, then sent to proclaim—first Isaiah, †

A Word from Pope Francis

Every day, the boat of our life...[sails] out into the sea of daily activities; every day, we try to “fish in the open sea,” to cultivate dreams, to pursue projects, to experience love in our relationships. But often, like Peter, we experience the “night of empty nets”...the disappointment of trying very hard and not seeing the desired results.

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 6, 2022



Sunday Readings

Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8

“Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” “Here I am [Lord],” I said; “send me!”

**1 Corinthians 15:1–11 or
1 Corinthians 15:3–8, 11**

He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Luke 5:1–11

[Simon said,] “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.”



We are challenged to examine how we have responded to being called and sent.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- How do I recognize that God created me for a purpose?
- What call from God am I not hearing, not responding to?

Who Am I?

Tat-Thang Hoang, CSsR

Who am I? We ask this question constantly throughout our lives. Many times, we answer it casually or informally: “I’m Daniel.” “I’m Mary.” “I’m eighteen years old.” “I’m single.” “I’m a student.” “I’m American.”

But “I’m made in the image of God”? What does that mean? It means you were created by God out of love and for love. Often, as we discern our vocations, we forget about our own origins, our own selves. We aren’t here by accident. We exist through the love of God and the love of our parents. Unfortunately, some of us lose sight of this truth. We think “I’m ugly.” “I’m stupid.” “I’m not good enough.” We don’t dare to embrace our true selves.

The first step of vocation discernment is claiming that you are created from



God and by God with dignity and love. God loves us and wishes us to be happy and loved. If you are discerning your vocation to marriage, this theme is equally important and relevant in your life. If you don’t acknowledge yourself as a unique and beautiful creature of God, you can easily overlook those qualities in your loved one. Do you see yourself as an image of God? I hope you say “yes.”

Are you afraid of being called by God? You’re in good company. Moses was afraid. Jeremiah was afraid. Mary was afraid. Following God’s calling requires courage, trust, humility, and sacrifice. Many prophets, apostles, and saints initially said “yes,” but then they had to continue saying “yes” to the will and guidance of God in their daily lives. “Yes” is only the beginning. And it’s not always easy. Be not afraid to enter into the mystery of your divine calling. You might be standing at an open door—the threshold into the unknown. God’s voice might call out to you, inviting you in. Go meet God. Go listen. Don’t be afraid. You can start by entering the doors of silence, prayer, meditation, listening, and reading. †

From *Hearing God’s Call: Thirty Days of Vocation Discernment*, by Tat-Thang Hoang, CSsR, Liguori Publications (827204). Liguori.org • 800-325-9521

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “Blessed Carlo Acutis: Saint in Sneakers” by Matt and Colleen Swaim

Think of a person in your life who might be struggling with loneliness or other problems. Call or write that person, asking in your own words, “How are you?” and say, “I’m praying for you.” Carlo Acutis focused on helping people in his own neighborhood. So can you. Ask your parish about opportunities to help those in your community with material needs. When Carlo saw needy, hungry men and women, he wanted to feed them hot meals like the ones he was having, not just cheap canned goods. Next time you participate in a food drive, make a point of donating high-quality items that your own family would enjoy. Better yet, consider buying nicer food than you would normally eat!

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PRAYER

Gracious God, open our hearts to know your will for us and give us the grace to love you and the people you place on our path. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

February 10–15

Monday, St. Scholastica:
Gn 1:1–19 / Mk 6:53–56

Tuesday, Weekday:
Gn 1:20—2:4a / Mk 7:1–13

Wednesday, Weekday:
Gn 2:4b–9, 15–17 / Mk 7:14–23

Thursday, Weekday:
Gn 2:18–25 / Mk 7:24–30

Friday, Sts. Cyril and Methodius:
Gn 3:1–8 / Mk 7:31–37

Saturday, Weekday:
Gn 3:9–24 / Mk 8:1–10