

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

- Gathering: Sing A New Song BB 538
 Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34)
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; Oh, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
 Preparation: By Our Love BB 500
 Mass Parts: Mass of Creation
 Communion: Take And Eat BB 364
 Recessional: The Spirit Sends Us Forth BB 382

✠ 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 9, 2025	
Offertory		\$4,693.18
Catholic Education		\$ 775.00



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

- February 16 Fuel
 February 23 No Second Collection
 March 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.**

HELP WANTED TO PUT AWAY TREES

With Lent fast approaching, volunteers are welcome to help prepare the churches on **Sunday, March 2 following the 8:00 AM Liturgy in Newton and the 10:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow.** Our tasks include taking down our green trees and some light cleanup of the churches in preparation for the Lenten season. All are welcome to lend a hand – our work usually lasts just over an hour if we have all the help we can muster! Please contact the Parish Office for more information – or just stay after Mass!


MEN OF ST. JOSEPH BREAKFAST

Bishop Libasci invites men of the Diocese of Manchester to Holy Mass and breakfast at St. Joseph Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, patron of our diocese on **Saturday, March 22, 2025.** Open seating for Holy Mass. Seating for breakfast is limited to the first 240 registrants. Cost is only \$14. To register for the event go to www.catholicnh.org/mosj.

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.

Vita Nova
ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT
LED BY: VERY REV. Jason Jalbert
Exploring the **FOUR** Last Things
DEATH | JUDGMENT | HELL | HEAVEN
MARCH 14-16, 2025
Sign Up Before 2/17 To **SAVE \$25**
Enjoy a weekend of fellowship & spiritual growth at the Barbara C. Harris Center in Greenfield, NH.
vitanova.org/catholic-mens-retreat

The 2025 **GIFTED Women's** 1 DAY RETREAT
March 29th | 8AM - 3:30PM
St. Michael Parish in Exeter
Join Us!
Connect with our Catholic community for a day of reflection and enrichment, featuring talks by women, for women. We will take a look at the holy saints who have come before us, then we'll explore the spiritual gifts that we each possess as daughters of God.
Our day starts with Mass, Breakfast & Lunch included!
Spiritual Director: Fr. Matt Mason, Pastor, St. Mary + St. Michael Parish
Just \$30/PERSON. Covers Meals + Materials
Registration ends 3/23. RSVP at: 
vitanova.org/womens-retreat

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 16

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*

Monday, February 17
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, February 18

6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, February 19
 Holy Angels Church Open
 All Day for Prayer

7:00 PM Outreach Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*

Thursday, February 20

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

Saturday, February 22

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, February 23

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

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!



The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of

Suzanne Busch

by Jim Edwards

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother icon at Mary Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of

Joan Burge

by the Burge family



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 15 ~ Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Monday, February 17 ~ The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

8:00 AM Ruth Early by Jack Brotz
Newton

Tuesday, February 18 ~ Weekday

Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 20; Mk 8:14-21

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Plaistow

Wednesday, February 19 ~ Weekday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

6:30 PM Eleanor Feuer by Marjorie Knowles
Plaistow

Thursday, February 20 ~ Weekday

Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

8:00 AM Scott Pettis by Lisa and Charlie Angwin
Newton

Friday, February 21 ~ Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34—9:1

No Mass

Saturday, February 22 ~ The Chair of Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19 (Day)

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49;

Lk 6:27-38 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Paul Caron by Ray and Beverley Vigione
Plaistow

Sunday, February 23 ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

8:00 AM Nancy Wilson by the Lumnah family
Newton

10:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Favors Received by Elaine Kelcourse
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
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 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.



What is the **Lenten Journey** all about? Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are called the “three pillars” of the Christian way of life. They help support a full and healthy life of discipleship. During Lent we try to repair and strengthen these three pillars, which also are called the “three disciplines” because they help people become better disciples of the Lord.

The Lenten Journey is about PRAYER. Prayer is conversation with God. Make a good habit of daily prayer. Read the Psalms, and each Lent try and learn one or two by heart. Try to sing your prayer at home, and make every effort to sing well when you worship with others.

The Lenten Journey is about FASTING. To prepare himself for his life’s work, Jesus fasted in the wilderness. As Christians grow up, they need to learn traditional, healthy ways to fast. When we fast, we deny ourselves some food or other good thing. We remind ourselves of how dependent we are on God’s gifts, which always must be shared fairly and never taken for granted.

The Lenten Journey is about GIVING. Almsgiving means “sharing compassion.” Almsgiving means more than giving away the things we don’t need. It means giving away some of the things we do need because someone else also needs them. It means giving of ourselves.

Our **Lenten Journey** is about faith sharing during the Lenten season. It is a way to learn more about your faith, and grow as a disciple of the Lord; it is a way to meet fellow parishioners, and to contribute to the life of our Parish.

All are welcome!

What to do?

Today we invite sign-ups for small group Scripture sharing during Lent. We continue to pray together as our 2025 **Lenten Journey** gets underway. Ask for the Spirit's guidance as you consider your involvement, pray that our Parish's **Lenten Journey** be blessed.

Join a small group! Groups meet six times during the Lenten season to discuss the upcoming Sunday Lectionary readings. You will learn more about Scripture through the resource book provided, participate in interesting discussions, meet some wonderful people, and have the opportunity to build up the Body of Christ.

You will have the opportunity to sign-up by filling out the registration form in this bulletin today and in the coming weeks, or call the Parish Office at (603) 382-8324.

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
February 16, 2025**

LENTEN JOURNEY

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Please check the time and day you prefer

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. ____
(March 5 – April 9)

Thursday Afternoons at 1:30 p.m. ____
(March 6 – April 10)

**GROUP MEETINGS BEGIN
THE WEEK OF MARCH 2
GROUPS WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH
HALL**

**(Please return this form in the collection basket or bring
to the parish office)**

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your support
of our Food Pantry!



Items most needed in the Food Pantry at the moment:

Pancake mix

Canned pasta

Jams and jelly

Dry pasta: spaghetti, ziti, macaroni,
noodles

Boxed macaroni and cheese

Ramen noodles

Rice and rice mixes

Pasta mixes: Hamburger Helper, or
any boxed pasta mix

Chunky or Progresso type soups

Baking mixes: brownies, cakes,
muffins, breads

Canned tomatoes:

diced or stewed

Canned beans

Crackers

Snack items/cookies

Gluten free or sugar free items/ Snacks or
baking mixes

Boxed potatoes: mashed, scalloped,
au gratin

Ketchup/ mayo

Consider donating personal care products (shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.) or household cleaning products, paper towels, toilet tissue or facial tissue. Pet food is always welcome!

Checks made out to St Luke Food Pantry are always useful and welcome. Our Pantry spends upwards of \$1000.00 per month to help the hungry! You can place checks into the weekly collection (please use an envelope that indicates "Pantry" or visit the Parish Office.

Make checks out to *Saint Luke Parish Food Pantry*.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday of Lent (C)
March 16, 2025

Who Was This Man?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Peter, John, and James must have asked this question themselves. This Jesus was certainly not the man they had come to know. Here he was radiant, and his clothing was dazzling. Furthermore, he was in deep conversation with two of the greatest heroes of the religious tradition: Moses, the agent of the law; and Elijah the prophet. And then there was that voice that identified Jesus as “my chosen Son” and commanded them to “listen to him” (Luke 9:35). What were they to think? What would anyone think? Who was this man?

Jesus’ own experience was quite

different. While he prayed, he was transfigured, and in that transformed state, he engaged Moses and Elijah in conversation. They discussed his future death in Jerusalem, his exodus, his deliverance. It is important to note that they maintain that his exodus was to be his own accomplishment—not a deed done to him. Who was this man?

It was the mysterious voice from the cloud that provided an answer to that question: “This is my chosen Son.” But what did “my Son” mean? Unlike we who profess faith in the Trinity, it’s likely the disciples still had to learn what being God’s Son was all about. However, they must have realized that it meant something about Jesus’ relationship with God. Every aspect of this mystifying experience told them so. When they came to their senses, the light had disappeared, the ancient men were gone, the voice was silent. And there he was again, the man they had come to know. But who was this man? †



It was the mysterious voice from the cloud that provided an answer.

Sunday Readings

Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18

The Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: To your descendants I give this land.

Philippians 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 9:28b–36

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

A Word from Pope Francis

After the labors of each day, it will do us good not to switch off the light in the room without placing ourselves in the light of God.... Wonder at the boundless love of God, who never tires of us and has the power to transfigure our days, to give them a new meaning, a new, unexpected light.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 13, 2022



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- How would I have reacted to the transfiguration of Jesus?
- How have I witnessed an inner light in people I thought were ordinary?



Resurrection Eyes

Paige Byrne Shortal

Did you ever wonder why Jesus chose who he did to be his apostles? Peter, for instance. No disrespect intended, but he seems so ill-suited to the job.

In response to the transfiguration of Jesus, Peter babbles on about building three little houses, one each for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Luke’s Gospel even goes so far as to say that Peter didn’t know what he was talking about. I wonder if Peter didn’t want to somehow put this experience in terms he could understand. After all, there’s his friend Jesus, lit up like a Christmas tree and chatting with two long-dead heroes of the Bible. That had to be pretty awesome, but confusing, too. Sometimes when we can’t stretch enough, we try instead to keep God as small as we are. We decide what God can forgive and what is unforgiveable, who God can save and who is beyond salvation, what is possible and what is not.

After Peter goes on about building three little houses, what

happens? A voice from the clouds says, “Peter, hush. You’re missing it. This is my Son. Listen to him!” (Well, those weren’t the voice’s exact words, but that was the drift.) Who really changed? Jesus the Christ, the Messiah, the Lord of Lords and King of Kings, the One who was at the beginning of time

and who will be at the end? Or was the change in Peter, John, and James? I can imagine Jesus walking along the dusty roads of Palestine, shining like the sun, maybe conversing with a long-dead prophet or two. But folks didn’t notice. They only saw the carpenter’s son. We see what we want to see, what we expect to see.

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I figure what could have happened up on that mountain is that the eyes of the disciples were opened to the way Jesus was all the time. They were given a glimpse of the true truth, a deeper reality. For just a moment, they were given “resurrection eyes.”

From *Live Lent at Home: Daily Prayers and Activities for Families* by Paige Byrne Shortal, Liguori Publications (818691). Available from Liguori Publications. To order, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “Lent Day by Day: Living Our Beliefs” by John Shea

The memory of hurt festers. Though we may not swear an oath of vengeance in a public way, merely entertaining inner scenarios of reprisal about how we can get even causes real damage. They color our mental and emotional life and ready us for justifiable violence. The Sermon on the Mount is clear: The inner life is the prelude to action. It counts. So be careful of what festers in the mind.

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



Lord Jesus, so that we may look for the inner light of others and encourage their light to shine, we pray—Lord, let us be like you. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

March 17–22

Monday, Lenten Weekday: Dn 9:4b–10 / Lk 6:36–38

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday: Is 1:10, 16–20 / Mt 23:1–12

Wednesday, St. Joseph: 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Lk 2:41–51a

Thursday, Lenten Weekday: Jer 17:5–10 / Lk 16:19–31

Friday, Lenten Weekday: Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a / Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

Saturday, Lenten Weekday: Mi 7:14–15, 18–20 / Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Bringing Home
the **Word** 

March 16, 2025

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