

#### MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, March 30, 2025

**Fourth Sunday Of Lent** 

Gathering: Hold Us In Your Mercy

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 51)

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned; be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Preparation: As The Deer Longs BB 481

Mass Parts: Mass For Christ The Savior

Communion: Take And Eat BB 364

Recessional: We depart in silence during Lent

#### **EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Announcements for the Easter (April 20) bulletin must be submitted no later than **Tuesday**, **April 1**.

#### **UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

March 30 CRS and Home Missions
April 6 Property Management
April 13 Fuel



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 youor 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!

### **▼ 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!

#### March 23, 2025

Offertory
Easter Flowers

\$5,974.41 \$2,370.00



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 <a href="http://stlukenh.org">http://stlukenh.org</a>, 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.



Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/ <b>\$100</b>	\$3,000/ <i>\$60</i>
\$75,000	\$3,750/ <i>\$75</i>	\$2,250/\$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/\$60	\$1,800/\$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/ <i>\$50</i>	\$1,500/\$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/\$40	\$1,200/\$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/\$30	\$900/\$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/ <b>\$25</b>	\$750/ <b>\$15</b>
\$15,000	\$750/\$15	\$450/\$9

#### Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase Your Current Offertory 25% 30% 40%

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	\$18.70	\$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.



#### **SHOP FOR BETHLEHEM**

Saint Luke Parish in Newton-Plaistow will host a special sale featuring handcrafted olivewood items from the Holy Land. Mr. Hazboun of Bethlehem will be at Holy Angels Church, 8 Atkinson Depot Road, Plaistow NH on

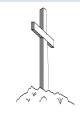
Saturday, March 29 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM Sunday, March 30 from 10:00 AM to Noon Saturday, May 3, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM Sunday, May 4 from 10:00 AM to Noon

in the Saint Joseph Room of the Church Hall (back of the Church lower-level entrance). May gift items are available for Easter, Confirmation, First Eucharist, Mothers and Fathers Day. All proceeds go directly to Christian families in the Bethlehem-Nazareth area.

Visit <a href="https://www.holylandfamily.com">www.holylandfamily.com</a> for more information or to shop online. Contact St. Luke Parish at 603-382-8324 for more information.

#### 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.



#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday evening during Lent at 6:30 PM in <u>Plaistow</u>. A Soup Supper will follow Stations on April 11.

#### **LENTEN EVENING PRAYER**

Evening Prayer is sung at Newton at 6:00 PM on all Sundays of Lent. Join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available immediately after Evening Prayer each Sunday of the Lenten Season.





We welcome Parishioners of all ages to help sing during the holiest days of the Church year – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. All you need is a voice to sing and heart willing to learn!

Rehearsals are held at Plaistow in church on Monday evenings from Plaistow from 5:30 -7:00

March 31

April 7

April 14

Please contact Val Barczak at church or email her at mymbarczak@comcast.net.

#### **BUSTED HALO**

Busted Halo is a unique media resource sponsored by the Paulist Fathers of the US that utilizes a relevant and accessible voice to help people understand the Catholic faith, put it into practice in their everyday lives, and share it with others. Check out their site, podcasts and videos at www.bustedhalo.com.

#### WHILE AWAY THIS SPRING...

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

#### **№ WEEKLY CALENDAR**

	Sunday, March 30	
10:00 AM	Religious Ed – Gr. K to 6	Plaistow
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Newton
6:30 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Newton

Monday, March 31

5:30 PM Choir Practice Plaistow

Wednesday, April 2
Holy Angels Church Open
All Day for Prayer

7:00 PM Lenten Journey Plaistow

Thursday, April 3

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting
1:30 PM Lenten Journey Plaistow

Friday, April 4

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross Plaistow

Saturday, April 5

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation Plaistow

Sunday, April 6

10:00 AMReligious Ed – Gr. K to 6Plaistow6:00 PMEvening PrayerNewton6:30 PMSacrament of ReconciliationNewton



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

## Paul G. Antkowiak (Birthday Remembrance)

by his family

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

#### **Moses and Ellen Tucker**

by William Tucker

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

#### John Massaua

by William Tucker



#### **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 <a href="mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net">csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</a>.

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#### Saturday, March 29 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Joseph Sheehan by Rachel Lanseigne

**Plaistow** 

#### Sunday, March 30 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:00 AM Ruth Early by Dan and Kathy Sullivan

Newton

10:00 AM Carl Jesionowski by his wife

Plaistow

#### Monday, March 31 ~ Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

**8:00 AM** Richard W. Sullivan (Birthday Remembrance)

by Jeanne Sullivan

Newton

#### Tuesday, April 1 ~ Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

**8:00 AM** Paul G. Antkowiak (Birthday Remembrance)

by his family

Plaistow

#### Wednesday, April 2 ~ Francis of Paola, Hermit

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

**6:30 PM** Roger Gagne by the Latino family

Plaistow

#### Thursday, April 3 ~ Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-37

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions

Newton

## Friday, April 4 ~ Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Church

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

No Mass

#### Saturday, April 5 ~ Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53 (Day)

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11 (Vigil)

**4:00 PM** Kevin Gallant (32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

by Patricia Gallant and family

Plaistow

#### Sunday, April 6 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

8:00 AM Barbara Richiuts by Tom and Sandra Krajewski

Newton

10:00 AM In Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes

Plaistow



#### **CENTERING PRAYER FOR LENT**

Lent is a time to follow Jesus more closely and learn from him how to pray in silence, spending time placing God at the center of your life, opening yourself to a loving Father, surrendering your will, and in trust allowing God to transform you. This interior prayer is how we pray as we Center, Centering Prayer is an ancient Christian practice available to all who seek transformation through a more intimate relationship with God. This daily practice deepens our faith as we come to better know our God as one who loves us unconditionally, just as we are, and trust God has plans to give us a future of hope. Centering Prayer helps us say to the Father, "Not my will but yours be done" (Lk. 22: 42). Please consider joining us and let God move you closer to him. All are welcome as we gather Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Following 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, we practice Lectio Divina. We listen to God's words in scripture, ponder, and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now and contemplate for the following week God's message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God.

If you are interested in joining us or learning more about these practices, please contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483 at Immaculate Conception Parish, Newburyport.

#### **ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION RETURNS**

A new bill to legalize assisted suicide has been tabled in the New Hampshire Legislature for 2025 (HB 254). The Diocese of Manchester continues to work alongside a coalition of advocates for people with disabilities, veterans, young people, and seniors to prevent the ghastly practice of assisted suicide from ever being allowed in New Hampshire. We are once again asking for your help because this year's campaign, like last year's, will demand a strong grassroots effort. Visit <a href="https://www.catholicnh.org/nosuicide">www.catholicnh.org/nosuicide</a> to learn what you can do.

#### **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Our Parish properties are active places, where traffic and parked vehicles are a constant presence in the ebb and flow of a busy week. It is important to remember that because of the activity on both campuses, it is easy for someone looking for a quick deed to find a vehicle. Please be sure to lock and secure your vehicle when you are parked on either campus. If possible, secure valuables out of sight or make sure valuables in an open bed truck We have requested extra police are secure. presence in our lots during Masses, but patrols can only do so much. Each of us are responsible for making sure, as best we as are able, that our vehicles are safe and secure. Anyone seeing something or someone unusual in the lots is welcome to contact the local police.

#### **ADORERS NEEDED AT ADORATION**

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual but is a great source of grace for us as a parish family. We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord. Adoration takes place each Thursday in Newton from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM. We also need people at all times so we can have 2 people at each hour. If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305, or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

#### ■ PARISH DIRECTORY ■

Parish Office Parish Prayer Line St. Luke's Outreach Ministry St. Luke's Food Pantry Preschool 603-382-8324 603-382-8324 x 314 603-382-8324 x 315 603-819-4949 603-382-9783 Fr. Albert Tremblay Cathy Smith Joyce Szczapa Jackie Tremblay Val Barczak fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net csmith@stluketheevangelist.net jszczapa@stluketheevangelist,net jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net mvmbarczak@comcast.net



#### **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

#### **Blood Drive**

The Knights held a blood drive in conjunction with the Red Cross on March 14 at the Atkinson Community Center. The drive was a huge success with 35 pints of blood being collected. The Knights are trying to run a blood drive every quarter. This is just another way the Knights serve in our Community.

If you want more information about the Knights, including our Associate membership program, contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803 or 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 ATTENDNACE 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 catholictv.org
Sunday Mass from Notre Dame

catholictv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass

Salt & Light TV saltandlighttv.org
Eternal Word Television ewtn.com



# Saint Luke the Evangelist

#### 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**, **April 9 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.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Young adults are usually happy to leave home and go out on their own. Their thinking so often focuses on being their own boss or making decisions on their own. And so often those same wide-eyed adventurers are sobered by the sheer cost of living, the complexities of housing and the dizzying array of adult situations that face them. Some, a little chagrined, are forced to move home again to make ends meet. Others must reevaluate their lifestyles to fit into the demands of the adult world. We can all identify with the son in the gospel story, who is chomping at the bit to get out into the world and do it all on his own. He is so eager and self-assured, he even demands his inheritance while his father is still alive!



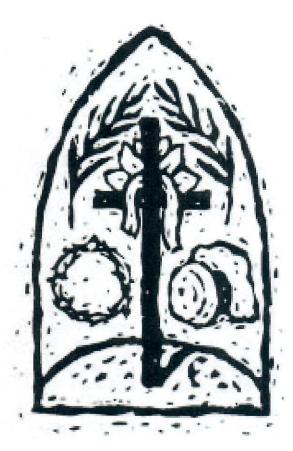
HE WAS LOST AND IS FOUND 於LK15,32

The gospel begins with the Pharisees and scribes complaining that Jesus welcomes and actually eats

with sinners and others outside of the law. Jesus' answer is to tell a story – and what a story it is! When the prodigal (wasteful) son comes to his senses and returns home, he is met by a father who is equally prodigal – wasteful—with his mercy and compassion. The son schemes to gain only a servant's place back home, but he is welcomed as a long-lost wanderer and a full member of the family by his gracious father.

Sinners and wanderers that we are, our merciful Father longs to embrace us and to restore us to our rightful place as beloved sons and daughters. The point to the story: Jesus' welcome of sinners and those outside of the law makes visible the love and mercy of God our Father, a love and mercy which we all need. The "ministry of reconciliation" given us by God places each of us in the role of the prodigal father, reminding us of not only the value but also of the necessity of forgiveness. Forgiveness invites — even forces us—to accept others as sinners and to accept ourselves as weak humans who often cause further hurt by our own lack of forgiveness. We are like the prodigal father when we choose compassion and forgiveness toward those who harm us.

Our human tendency is to think we can make a go of life totally independent from others. Our human foibles force us to realize that our own efforts and wants do not always make life happen. This parable of the prodigal son reminds us that God offers us each so much more.



## LENTEN REGULATIONS

## **FASTING**

Fasting for anyone between 21 and 59 years of age means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but should not equal the one full meal. One may, however, enter more into the spiritual element of fasting and not partake of any of the above-mentioned meals. Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed. Days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Wednesdays and Fridays are also traditional fast days; however, one may fast on any day of the week.

## **ABSTINENCE**

Abstinence is the observance for all those 14 years of age or older to forego the eating of meat on: Ash Wednesday; all Fridays in Lent and on Good Friday. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, this discipline does not apply.

## **EASTER PRECEPT**

The Easter Precept – or Easter Duty is the decree for all the faithful to receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter Season (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2042). The faithful must celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year in preparation for the reception of Holy Eucharist. Traditionally, the Church has marked the time in which one may fulfill the Easter Duty between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. A monthly celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is encouraged for all.

## PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING

All of the faithful are encouraged to spend additional time in prayer during the Lenten season, and to participate in the devotional practices of the Parish. It is also praise worthy for the faithful to give generously to charities and to their Church during this Season of Sacrifice.



# Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday of Lent (C) March 30, 2025

# Rejoice!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

oday is Laetare Sunday, the
Lenten Sunday to rejoice. We are
encouraged to rejoice, not because
Lent is half over, but because something
extraordinary has occurred. All three
readings for today applaud some
wondrous and joyous occasion.

The reading from Joshua notes the end of the Israelites' grueling Egyptian and wilderness experience. They settled in Canaan and now celebrate the anniversary of their deliverance by

## **Sunday Readings**

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

On the day after the Passover [the Israelites] ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

#### Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

[Jesus said,] "Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." offering to God in gratitude the fruits of their own harvest. The people who once were landless have now been made anew. This is surely a reason to rejoice.

Paul's words to the Corinthians were reason for great rejoicing. He assured them that, because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, their sinfulness was not held against them. Instead, they were now reconciled with God. They were a new creation. This, too, is reason to rejoice.

Jesus' story about the merciful father touches every life. The young son turned away from his home and his family, yet it was the father's actions that brought about the reconciliation. The story did not explicitly say that he simply forgave his son. More than that, it says that he was filled with deep compassion for him—a compassion that restored the bond between them. This compassion brought the son who was dead back to life. There is no greater reason for rejoicing.

God has brought us into a new land, has made each of us a new creation, has brought us back to the embrace of our Father. And so, we rejoice. †



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# A Word from Pope Francis

There was a pop theatre production...about the Prodigal Son.... [The son writes a letter:] "Father, I have repented, I want to come back home.... If you want to welcome me, please put a white handkerchief in the window."... And when he was near home...what did he see? Not one handkerchief: it was full of white handkerchiefs, the windows, everywhere!

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 27, 2022





- How can I help heal a broken relationship?
- How do I forgive others as I am forgiven?



# Things Are Not Always As They Seem

We often find

ourselves

irritated by the

behavior of

others.

Paige Byrne Shortal

made a collage inspired by a quote from William Morris: "Have nothing in your homes that you do not know to be useful

or believe to be beautiful." I took pictures of a couple dozen ordinary household objects, but from different angles than

we usually see them. There is a close-up of a glass doorknob, the back of a rocker made of lovely wood, the wicker top of a hamper, one patch on a quilt. It turned out pretty nice and hangs in our living room. A favorite game of my grandchildren is to ask guests to find those objects in the house. Children are better than adults at this game. They see with their fresh eyes what we don't expect to see with our mature eyes.

Sometimes things are not as they seem. There's the story of a man who was riding on the subway in New York City when another man got on with his three children. The kids were just wild—running around the car, jumping on the seats, disturbing the other passengers. The first man was getting more and more irritated and finally approached the father and

asked, "Don't you see how your children are behaving? They're bothering everybody. Aren't you going to do something?" The father of the kids looked up, obviously just noticing what was going on. He apologized and said, "I'm so sorry. We just came from the funeral home where we're making arrangements. My wife died yesterday. I guess the kids are just confused by

it all." Then he called his kids over, and they sat down quietly. The first man felt awful, and all his irritation melted away, to be replaced by concern. "I'm so sorry for your loss," he said. "Is there anything I can do?"

We often find ourselves irritated by the behavior of others. Try this exercise the next time someone's behavior irritates you: list five reasons why that person may have behaved

that way. And then say a quick prayer for him or her and for anyone you may have irritated that day.

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

## Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Lent Day by Day: A Call to Love and Forgiveness" by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI Life can be grossly unfair. It's been suggested that violence can come from someone not knowing what to do with his or her suffering. This can result in the likes of domestic abuse, racism, and contempt for the poor. Understanding that our abuser may be in deep agony and imagining how (ideally) to respond as Christians is helpful, but alone it doesn't provide the power to forgive. We require strength that's beyond us. We pray for a time when, with God's help, we bridge that chasm.

*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 love those who love us and those we find difficult to love, we pray —Lord, let us be like you. Amen.

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

March 31—April 5

**Monday,** Lenten Weekday: Is 65:17–21 / Jn 4:43–54

**Tuesday,** Lenten Weekday: Ez 47:1–9, 12 / Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday: Is 49:8–15 / Jn 5:17–30 **Thursday,** Lenten Weekday: Ex 32:7–14 / Jn 5:31–47

Friday, Lenten Weekday: Wis 2:1a, 12–22 /

Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

**Saturday,** Lenten Weekday: Jer 11:18–20 / Jn 7:40–53



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