



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, April 13, 2025

**Palm Sunday Of The
Passion Of The Lord**

Gathering: Hosanna To The Son Of David BB 145

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 22)

*My God, my God, O why have you
abandoned me?*

Preparation: What Wondrous Love Is This BB 422

Mass Parts: Mass For Christ The Savior

Communion: I Am The Bread Of Life BB 355

Recessional: **We depart in silence during Lent**

✠ 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!

April 6, 2025

Offertory \$6,348.32
Property Management \$1,910.80



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 13 Fuel
April 20 Needs of the Parish
April 27 NH Catholic Appeal

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**

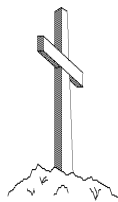
Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$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.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place this Friday at 3:00 PM in **Newton**.

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.



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, 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 www.holylandfamily.com for more information or to shop online. Contact St. Luke Parish at 603-382-8324 for more information.



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

April 14

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

HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY

Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow will reopen on Monday, April 14. 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.

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, April 13

6:00 PM Evening Prayer *Newton*
6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Newton*

Monday, April 14

11:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*
5:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Newton*
5:30 PM Choir Practice *Plaistow*

Wednesday, April 16
Holy Angels Church Open
All Day for Prayer

7:30 PM Tenebrae *Plaistow*

Thursday, April 17
NO ADORATION IN NEWTON

6:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Supper *Newton*

Friday, April 18

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross *Newton*
6:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion *Plaistow*

Saturday, April 19
NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

8:00 PM Great Easter Vigil *Plaistow*

Sunday, April 20

6:00 PM Evening Prayer and Benediction *Newton*

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, April 12 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23-56 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Joseph Sheehan by Mary Mack
Plaistow

Sunday, April 13 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23-56
8:00 AM Joan Burge by the Burge Family
Newton
10:00 AM Carl Jesionowski by his wife
Plaistow

Monday, April 14 ~ Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Newton

Tuesday, April 15 ~ Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
8:00 AM Bill Knowles (Birthday Remembrance) by Marjorie Knowles
Plaistow

Wednesday, April 16 ~ Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
6:30 PM Jesselyn and Donald Driscoll by their family
Plaistow

Thursday, April 17 ~ Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
6:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Supper & Adoration
Newton

Friday, April 18 ~ Good Friday

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
6:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Plaistow

Saturday, April 19 ~ Great Easter Vigil

Gn 1:1—2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12
8:00 PM People of the Parish
Plaistow

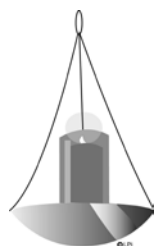
Sunday, April 20 ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9
8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton
10:00 AM People of the Parish
Plaistow

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Our bulletin company will be doing maintenance on their copiers and they have asked us to send our bulletins early. The deadlines for submissions for bulletin announcements are:

- Monday, April 28 for the May 18 bulletin**
- Monday, May 5 for the May 25 bulletin**
- Monday, May 19 for the June 1 bulletin**



The Sanctuary Candle in 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.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on
Monday of Holy Week, April 14:

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Plaistow

5:00 to 7:00 PM in Newton

NO RECONCILIATION ON HOLY SATURDAY

HOLY THURSDAY 2025

You are invited to be a part of the Holy Thursday Liturgy, which begins the sacred Triduum, the three holiest days of the Church's year. Be a part of the **Mandatum** – the Washing of the Feet, on **Holy Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 PM** in Newton. Your presence and participation will add greatly to the reality of the Parish community gathering around the Lord's Table as we enter into the Sacred Triduum. Participation is easy. All you have to do is come forward, take off your shoes, and Father Albert does the rest! OR...be a **presenter of Holy Oils**. The new Holy Oils are blessed and consecrated by the Bishop on Holy Tuesday and presented to our Parish at the beginning of Liturgy on Holy Thursday. At the beginning of Liturgy, we will get you in position to process up the main aisle holding either a lit candle or a bottle of one of the oils, and you present the Oils to the Pastor, who presents them to the Parish.

Contact Father in the Office for more information or email him at fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net

2025
COME CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF
DIVINE MERCY



SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

TIME: 2:00-4:00 PM

All Saints Parish, Bellevue Ave., Haverhill, MA

2:00 PM: "Reflection on Divine Mercy,"

by Fr. Tom MacDonald

2:30 PM: Exposition of Most Blessed Sacrament, Litany to Divine

Mercy, Prayers at the Hour of Mercy

3:00PM: Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung).

3:30-4:00PM Rosary & Benediction

(Please Note: Mass will NOT be offered during this time.)
(confession available 2:00-4:00 PM)

All are invited to attend! Remember to start the Novena on
Good Friday, April 18, 2025.

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.**

**New Hampshire
Catholic Appeal 2025**

This year's New Hampshire Catholic Appeal begins on the weekend of April 27; we hope you'll help us meet our goal of \$47,579.00! More information will be announced about the Catholic Appeal. Thank you for your support!



✘ PARISH DIRECTORY ✘

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Parish Prayer Line	603-382-8324 x 314
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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**

Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights will be holding the drive in Plaistow from **May 1 through May 4**. Knights, Associate Members and friends from the community will be handing out Tootsie Rolls and accepting donations. All monies collected will be donated to local organizations that assist the mentally and physical challenged and will also assist New Hampshire Special Olympics.

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 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 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
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, May 21 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.**

Keeping the Holiest Days of the Year

Today is the sixth and the last of the Sundays of Lent. We know it also by other names. It is called **Palm Sunday** because the first thing that we do when we gather this day is to take up palms and tell the story of how Jesus once came into the holy city, Jerusalem, riding over a carpet of branches, cheered by people waving branches. Today also is known as **Passion Sunday** because the Gospel story read (today) is the account of Jesus' passion as told by Matthew.



Today knows other events. This is the last Sunday when the Church calls forth and dismisses those Elect, who, at the start of Lent, were chosen or "Elected" for the Easter Sacraments. Beginning with Easter Sunday, they will not be dismissed after the homily, but will stay with the Church and do all that Baptized people do. They will begin to keep each Sunday by joining the church to give God thanks and praise at this table, over bread and wine, which we eat and drink and so become, little by little, the living body of Christ.

Today marks the beginning of the days we call **Holy Week**. That name, Holy Week, can be misleading - or it can be a rich insight into these days. It can mislead if we think of the time from today until next Sunday, Easter Sunday, as one segment of time that day by day tries to tell the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. That's not really what happens here. Rather, we have a week that splits in two on Thursday night - and each one of us ought to know how and why. That will tell us what puts the "holy" in Holy Week. **Until Thursday night it is Lent.** The Forty Days right now are down to their last five days. Thursday evening Lent ends. If we have kept these days so far with various kinds of fasting, various forms of almsgiving, and times of prayer each day, then we are near the end and can perhaps put on an extra burst of energy and so finish this great Lenten contest smiling and exuberant to have done penance and turned the world a bit upside-down.

**Passion Sunday
Evening Prayer
At Newton 6:00 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation
follows Evening Prayer.**

**Reconciliation available at
Plaistow on Holy Monday 11 am-1
PM, and at Newton 5-7 PM**

And if we have not kept these days so well, or perhaps not at all, if we have forgotten to pray, neglected to fast, not gotten around to all the ways alms can be given, then the news is good: Five days, counting today, to go! It isn't too late at all. Time enough remains to discover what hunger feels like-bodily hunger and other hungers too. Time remains for that spring-cleaning of house and wallet and life that Lent makes almost appealing to us who are too heavily laden

with possessions and near-addictions. Time remains also for quiet, for taking out the Bible and reading the Passion stories, reading here and there in Paul, reading psalms and prophets, and quietly reflecting on these words and stories and letting them help us to pray. Time remains. Five days of Lent to conclude your Forty Days, or Five Days to be your Forty Days.

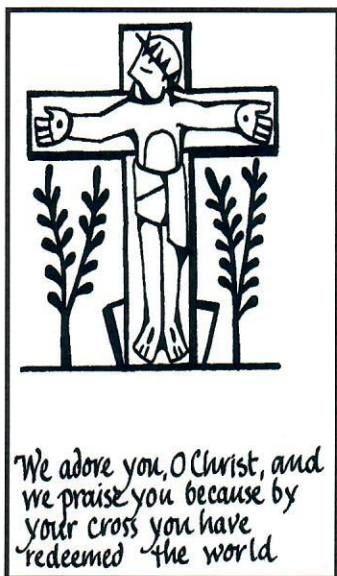
The Paschal Triduum

But that brings us only to Thursday evening. That is the reason we say that this so-called Holy Week is really two very different pieces of time. For when Lent ends, we move without stopping for breath into the three days that are for us the heart and soul of the entire year. The church calls them a "*Triduum*," just the Latin for "three days." But we call them the "Easter Triduum" or the "Paschal Triduum." What that means is that they are about the Paschal mystery, the Passover mystery, the way life and death and resurrection, our own, our church's, our human race's, get all tangled up in the life and death and resurrection of the one who is truly God and truly human, Jesus.



On Thursday night we walk out of Lent into these three holiest days, and we walk into them singing: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." And there it is, in one part of one sentence from Paul: Our glory is in the cross. The cross is our only and ultimate glory. Somehow that is what it comes to for us, the transforming cross that never ceases to be the cross, the death that is death itself, all the ways death reigns in this poor world, but we look at it and we say, "Glory". **From Thursday night until Sunday afternoon, it is Triduum.** We will gather in God's house Thursday day and Thursday night and Friday morning and afternoon and evening, and Saturday in the morning and then in the darkness of Saturday night. These are liturgies we do not celebrate three or four times each day so that it is convenient for us to come. We do it once and we hope that all of us can be together, most especially at the **Great Easter Vigil**. That gathering of

the church between Saturday evening and Sunday morning is the life that nourishes our whole year, all our days. It is when we come to spend some good time in the reading of scripture, and then go finally to the Baptismal font where our catechumens are challenged to renounce evil, to believe in Father and Son and Spirit, and so to die in the waters and live forever in Christ. We do the liturgies of these days only once because who would have the energy to do them again? We do them once because we wish that this whole Parish be, this once in the year, all together here to do scripture and Baptism and Eucharist.

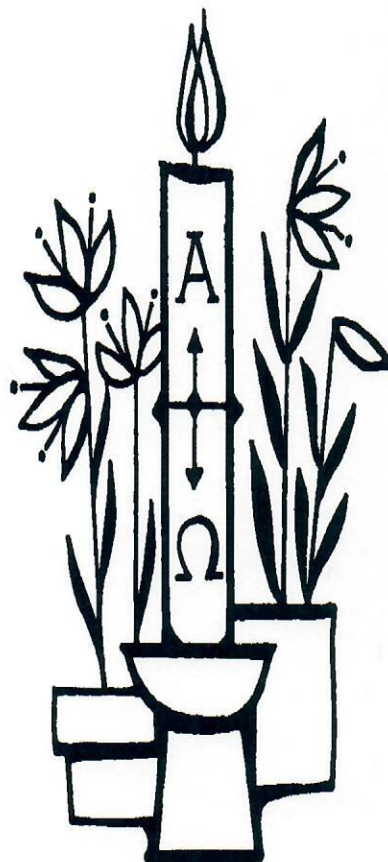


And we dare to do these liturgies just once and to say that we should all be here because of something that we so easily overlook. It is: What else could we possibly find to do? That is the key to getting from the end of Lent back into life in this world. *We have to know that life-as-usual stops from Thursday evening to Easter Sunday.* Or perhaps it doesn't stop, but we do. We drop out. We do not do on this Good Friday and this Holy Saturday what we do on any other Friday and Saturday of the year. So we are not ever trying to work in "going to church" among a hundred other things. No. The decks are clear. Lots of things in our lives have been closed down. We are free.

We have to know this: The way these three days are kept is not only with the liturgies here in this assembly. For these to have any sense at all to them, the three days must be kept in our lives. A generation ago, at the second Vatican Council, the world's bishops had a great and ancient insight into this. They said these strange words: *“Let the Paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday.”* They spoke not of a Lenten fast but of a Paschal fast, an Easter fast. What's that? And they spoke not just of fasting, but of “celebrating” this particular fast. What sort of fasting is celebrated? It is the fasting of excitement and expectation, of butterflies in the stomach because of what is about to happen. It is fasting from food, yes, but fasting also from work, and from entertainment and distraction. It is getting real hungry. It is clearing the mind and the heart. It is being famished for the word of God.

So the invitation to us Christians is to leave all we can of the normal on Thursday night. Off and on through those next three days, we'll meet here. You have your schedules of liturgies and other times of prayer. But it is the times between the liturgies that make the liturgies possible. Let all of us together find again and anew what is this glory that is ours in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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PASSION SUNDAY

This Sunday is unusual for so many reasons: we begin the holiest of Christian weeks; we wear red vestments even before we put away for another year the red, violet ones of Lent; we fill the sparse environment of Lent with fresh greens; we have two gospel proclamations; we carry palms in procession; we proclaim a passion account. But perhaps most unusual is that in Luke's passion account Jesus hands himself over, not to his executioners, but to his Father: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." This is the utter confidence of an innocent man.



On five occasions in Luke's passion account Jesus is declared innocent (three times by Pilate, once by the good thief, once by the centurion at the foot of the cross). Jesus died, not because of guilt, but because of his infinitely compassionate love for us. Even in the midst of great suffering, he extended his compassion to others (to the servant whose ear was cut off, to the weeping women, to the Good Thief). His compassion was so total that he willingly emptied himself "to the point of death" (second reading). We enter into this holiest week of the year, praying that our self-emptying for the good of others could be so total! We pray that our compassion might increase and abound so that we have the same utter confidence in God's presence and care as did Jesus.

The first reading from Isaiah challenges us to allow the word to "rouse" us. The word that rouses us is no less than the power of innocence and compassion. As we have moved through the Lenten season we have been invited to lay aside more and more of our sinful ways, to repent and change our lives, and so come to a new innocence before God and each other. The second reading reminds us that Jesus laid aside his divinity and even his life for our sake. Jesus lays down high standards for us!

Jesus' innocence conditions how he approaches others with compassion. His innocence is an invitation and challenge for us to take up our own cross and participate in self-emptying dying-not just during this holiest of weeks, but during every week of our lives.

The real pity of this Holy Week would be that we miss the opportunity to empty ourselves, take up our own crosses, and follow Jesus through death to new life. The real triumph of this week would be that we are roused to self-emptying, humility, obedience, mercy, and compassion that confess in our everyday lives and in all our actions that "Jesus Christ is Lord" (second reading), and thereby witness to and glorify God (passion gospel).

For most of us Holy Week unfolds like many other weeks; we still contend with work, school, preparing meals, doing laundry, confronting cranky folks, the usual triumphs and setbacks of human life. Palm Sunday begins an extraordinary week - a week that concentrates in a few days the ultimate meaning of our whole lives. We must slow ourselves down and make choices so that this week doesn't go by without our taking the time to enter into its meaning. We celebrate in the liturgies what we live every day-all the dying to self that characterizes truly faithful disciples of Jesus. We are invited to proceed in innocence by being compassionate toward others. This means doing our usual tasks with joy, being kind to those cranky folks around us, meeting setbacks as paths to learning. This innocence is possible when we commend ourselves into God's hands.

**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST
LENT- EASTER LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
2025**

**THE BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN FAST
MARCH 5**

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY 8 am (N)
DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES SERVICE 12:15 PM (P)
ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY 6:30 pm (P)

RECONCILIATION: Plaistow: Saturdays 3-3:30 PM
(except Holy Saturday)

Newton: Sundays of Lent 6:30 pm

Monday of Holy Week - Diocesan Day of Reconciliation
Plaistow 11:00am - 1:00 PM; Newton 5:00-7:00 PM. All Diocese
of Manchester Parishes will participate, check local Parish for
schedule

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Sunday, March 30 - 3 PM, Mary, Queen of Peace, Salem
Sunday . April 6 - 3 PM, Saint Michael, Exeter

HOLY WEEK

Monday of Holy Week - Liturgy at 8 am - Newton
Tuesday of Holy Week - Liturgy at 8 am - Plaistow
Wednesday of Holy Week - Liturgy at 6:30 pm - Plaistow
Tenebrae at 7:30 PM

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

LENTEN SEASON DAILY LITURGIES

M 8 am Newton
T 8 am Plaistow
W 6:30 pm Plaistow
Th 8 am Newton

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent - 6:30 pm - Plaistow
Lenten Soup Supper April 11

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER
Sunday evenings of Lent
at Newton, 6 PM

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 17 - Morning prayer 8 am - Newton
Mid-day prayer 12 noon - Newton

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6:30 PM - Newton
- Eucharistic Adoration follows -
Night Prayer 9:00 pm - Newton

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18 - Morning prayer 8 am - Plaistow
Mid-day prayer 12 noon - Plaistow
Stations of the Cross 3 pm - Newton

PASSION SERVICE & HOLY COMMUNION
6:30 PM - Plaistow

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 19 -

Morning Prayer 8 am -
Plaistow
Mid-day Prayer 12 noon -
Plaistow

EASTER GREAT VIGIL
AT 8 PM - Plaistow

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20

Easter Sunday Liturgies
8 AM - Newton
10 AM - Plaistow
Easter Solemn Vespers with Benediction at 6 pm - Newton



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SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, MAY 18

AFTER THE 10 A.M

MASS IN PLAISTOW

**ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
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FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED
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More information to follow.



Bringing Home the Word

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)

April 13, 2025

He Cannot Save Himself

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Some of us might wonder, as did many of the bystanders on the way to Calvary, why Jesus allowed matters to reach the point they did. We might ask: *He saved others; why didn't he save himself?* Jesus certainly had the power. He demonstrated it often as he traveled the villages and countryside of Israel. Through the centuries, theologians have turned that question over and over, upside down, and inside out. Hadn't he done enough to reveal his identity?

Every answer offered has thrown a bit of light on the question. Still, no answer

has adequately resolved the issue. The question of Jesus' suffering and death is a mystery of our faith. Holy Week offers us an opportunity to reflect on this mystery, to discover something that might deepen that faith and transform our lives—if only a bit.

For example, the goal of Jesus' ministry was the establishment of the reign of God. Everything he said and did pointed to this goal. He never faltered, never backed down in the face of opposition. He was steadfast in his commitment to what he believed was God's will for him, regardless of the price he might have to pay. And pay a tremendous price he did. Jesus' faithfulness to God's will is a model for us. We have responsibilities, some of which might make significant demands of us. Do we hold fast, or do we look for a way out? Holy Week calls us to follow him in his commitment. †



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Sunday Readings

Luke 19:28–40

They proclaimed: / "Blessed is the king who comes / in the name of the Lord. / Peace in heaven / and glory in the highest."

Isaiah 50:4–7; Philippians 2:6–11

[Christ Jesus] emptied himself... becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Luke 22:14—23:56 or 23:1–49

[Jesus prayed,] "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done."

A Word from Pope Francis

On Calvary, two ways of thinking collided. In the gospel, the words of the crucified Jesus are in sharp contrast with the words of those who crucified him. The latter keep saying: "Save yourself."... This is the constant refrain of the world that crucified the Lord.... The mantra "save yourself" collides with the words of the Savior who offers his self.

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 10, 2022



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- How can I unite my suffering, my crosses, with the cross of Jesus?
- How can suffering be in itself a prayer?



Join the (Right) Crowd

Paige Byrne Shortal

At our parish on Palm Sunday, we begin the Mass outside with the blessing of palms and the gospel about Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Then, we process into church as everyone

waves palm branches and the choir leads us in singing "Hosanna to the Son of David." It's always a bit chaotic as people try to walk and sing and keep track of their kids and then find a seat. Maybe because of the chaos, it feels like a happy occasion, even though we know that the same crowd of people who yelled, "Hosanna!" will, in just a few days, yell, "Crucify him!"

It's human nature to go along with the crowd. That's why it's important to hang out with the right crowd in the right situations and teach our children to do the same. There are a lot of sinful influences in our world—

influences that may lead us or our children to do what we don't want to do. There's a crowd of people gathering this week. All over the world, Christians are coming together to celebrate Holy Week. This is one time when it's a good idea to "join the crowd."

Today, do whatever you need to do so that the whole family can join your church community at the Triduum celebrations this week. Get the clothes ready. Prepare meals ahead of time. Then really enter into Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Those who pay very close attention during the Triduum celebrations can learn almost all they need to know about being a follower of Jesus. †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Mary at the Foot of the Cross: A Role Model for Peace" by Fr. Michael Rennie

How can we find peace in a world that appears so hopelessly unpeaceful? When wars and violence seem to flare up all around us, when society seems to be increasingly hostile, when our relationships are seemingly more difficult to maintain, and when our own souls are roiled by turmoil? Peace isn't achieved by conquering the world or by fighting violence with violence. Rather, if we want peace, we should make our way to the foot of the cross. Here, we will join Mary. Here, we kneel with our Mother Mary and gaze on the source of all our peace. Christ is the only one who can heal our conflicted hearts and our broken world.

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Lord Jesus, so that we may greet suffering with courage, perseverance, and trust, we pray—
Lord, let us be like you.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 14–19

Monday of Holy Week:

Is 42:1–7 / Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday of Holy Week:

Is 49:1–6 / Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday of Holy Week:

Is 50:4–9a / Mt 26:14–25

Holy Thursday: Ex 12:1–8, 11–14 /

1 Cor 11:23–26 / Jn 13:1–15

Good Friday: Is 52:13–53:12 / Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9 / Jn 18:1–19:42

Holy Saturday: Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a / Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18 / Ex 14:15–15:1 / Is 54:5–14 / Is 55:1–11 / Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4 / Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28 / Rom 6:3–11 / Lk 24:1–12