



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord

Gathering: Alleluia, Alleluia BB 190

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

Sing a joyful song to the Lord, Alleluia! Let the heavens and earth rejoice, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sprinkling Rite: **God, you have moved upon the waters, you have sung in the rush of wind and flame; and in your love, you have called us sons and daughters, make us people of the water and your name.**

Preparation: Jesus Is Risen BB 170

Mass Parts: Storrington Mass

Communion: Christ The Lord Is Risen Today BB 180
At The Lamb's High Feast BB 178

Recessional: Glory In The Cross BB 147

✠ 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!

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
APRIL 13, 2025
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**



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.



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

- April 20 Needs of the Parish
- April 27 NH Catholic Appeal
- May 4 Property Management



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



BISHOP LIBASCI INVITES ALL THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIAL
JUBILEE YEAR 2025 NEW HAMPSHIRE EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE!

For 33 days, from May 18 through June 19, 2025, our Eucharistic Lord will be prayerfully processed throughout the Diocese – which encompasses the entire State of New Hampshire – stopping at every parish and Catholic school.

Your parish or school will share details about the plans for their participation, which may include Mass, Eucharistic adoration, the recitation of the rosary and Eucharistic procession.

For more information about the New Hampshire Eucharistic Pilgrimage, including Bishop Libasci's decree promulgating the Jubilee Year of Hope and the plenary indulgence provided for participation in the pilgrimage, visit www.catholicnh.org/nhjubilee/



The NH Eucharistic Pilgrimage is generously sponsored by the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal and St. Thomas Aquinas High School.



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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME.org). It can help you in your communication, teach you many skills, and help you to grow in intimacy and in faith with one another. A weekend is being held on May 30 to June 1 in New Hampshire. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Matt & Julie King at 978-870-5646 or wwwmema.org.



THIRSTING FOR GOD?

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition and who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic? Are you that person?

Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet receive Confirmation and Communion? They may be thirsting too! The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. Contact Father Albert at 603-382-8324 for more information.

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 20
 6:00 PM Evening Prayer and Benediction *Newton*

Monday, April 21
 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, April 22
 6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, April 23
 Holy Angels Church Open
 All Day for Prayer

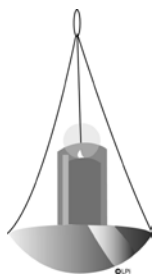
Thursday, April 24
 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

Saturday, April 26
 3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, April 27
 10:00 AM Religious Ed – Grades K-6 *Plaistow*
 6:00 PM Evening Prayer *Newton*

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

Marcia Gallant
 by William Tucker



The Sanctuary Candle in
 Holy Angels Church
 will burn this week in

**Thanksgiving for all Singers,
 and Musicians,**
 past and present, of
 St. Luke the Evangelist Parish

The Vigil Candle in
 Mary, Mother of the Church
 will burn this week in loving memory of
Moses and Ellen Tucker
 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 csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

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 (Vigil)
 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

Monday, April 21 ~ Monday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
 No Mass

Tuesday, April 22 ~ Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
 8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Plaistow

Wednesday, April 23 ~ Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-25
 6:30 PM Frank Silva by Debra Depetrillo
Plaistow

Thursday, April 24 ~ Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
 8:00 AM Phillip Stack by Cathy Smith
Newton

Friday, April 25 ~ Friday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
 No Mass

Saturday, April 26 ~ Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15 (Day)
Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31 (Vigil)
 4:00 PM Peter and Olinda Taraborelli by their family
Plaistow

Sunday, April 27 ~ Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
 8:00 AM Angelina Antczak by the Burge family
Newton
 10:00 AM Carl Jesionowski by his wife
Plaistow





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!

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**

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 are secure. We have requested extra police 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.

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.

❖ 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**

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.**



CHRIST IS RISEN! Χριστός ανστη!

A warm welcome to visitors
and travelers to our Parish

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

For Catholics: As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of

the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians: We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (JN 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily NOT admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion: All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians: We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

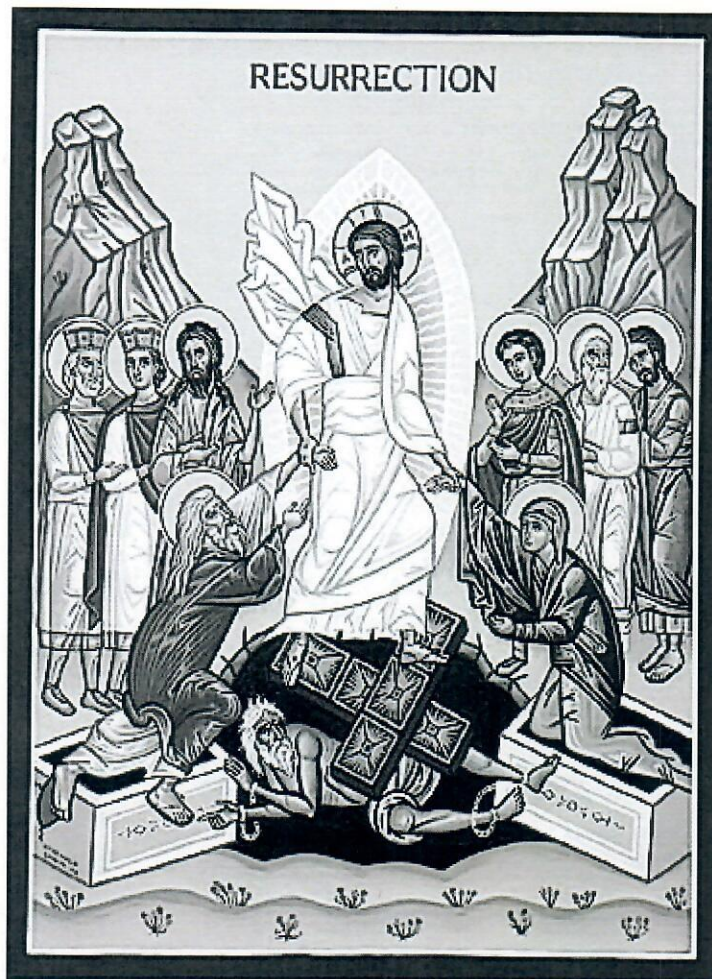
THE 50 DAYS OF EASTER A SENSE OF THE SEASON

First, we kept the forty days, with praying, fasting and giving alms. Then we celebrated the three days of Christ's passion, dying and rising. Now we delight in the fifty days, with rejoicing, feasting and giving witness! The season of Easter is fifty days long. It is a time of unbridled joy, of exuberant rejoicing. The church tells us, "The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one 'great Sunday.' These above all others are days for the singing of the Alleluia." (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar*, #22).

Why is Easter-time fifty days? The ancient cultures that gave us the Bible had great respect for numbers. They believed that numbers contained hints about God and the meaning of life. The number seven was thought to contain fullness: There are seven days in the week, according to God's original way of ordering time, creating all that there is and resting. So if you multiply 7 times 7, you have "fullness times fullness."

But wait! 7×7 is 49! With God, there is always more—more than we can ever imagine. So our holy season of Easter is even more than "fullness times fullness." It's "fullness times fullness" and then some: $7 \times 7 + 1$. That's what love is like: more than we can ever imagine. That's what heaven is going to be like: more than we can ever imagine.

The fifty days are days for looking for the risen Lord among us, for hearing in each other's stories of rising from the big and small deaths, days when we experience something of Christ's triumphs. That's why we look to the newly baptized, robed in bright new clothes and oily with gladness: At Easter, they died and rose with Christ! Now they take their places with us. Together, like the apostles who were so full of the Spirit that people thought they were drunk, we rush about with good and giddy news: Death is not the last word! Life and love are forever! And slowly, painstakingly, we work together, together with Christ, to change this world into the world to come. **Christ is Risen!** Sing Alleluia!



TODAY IS PASCHA – EASTER IN THE ENTIRE CHURCH

Why one faith and two celebrations?

by Borgna Brunner

Easter is not only a movable holiday but a multiple one: in most years Western Christian churches and Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate Easter on different dates. By a chance of the calendar, today is Easter – Pascha - in the entire Christian world, east and west.

The theological inconsistency of two Easters has remained a thorny problem for the Christian Church. “It has long been recognized that to celebrate this fundamental aspect of the Christian faith on different dates,” states the World Council of Churches, “gives a divided witness and compromises the church’s credibility and effectiveness in bringing the Gospel to the world.”

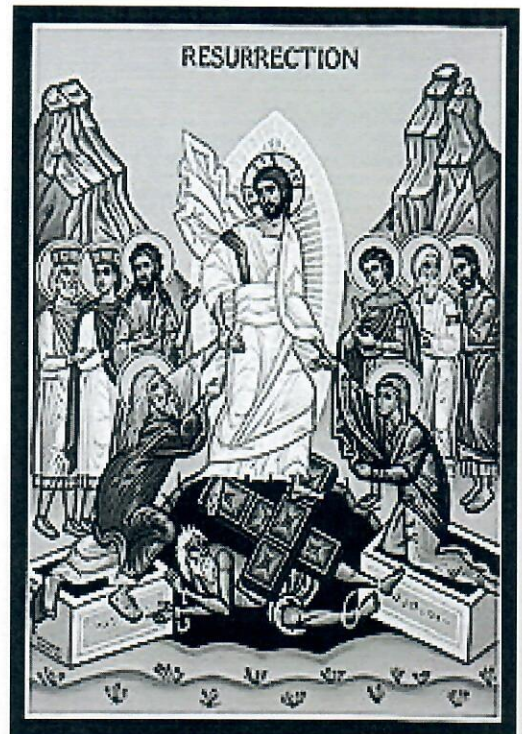
A Simple Formula, Complicated Interpretations The formula for Easter—“The first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox”—is identical for both Western and Orthodox Easters, but the churches base the dates on different calendars: Western churches use the Gregorian calendar, the standard calendar for much of the world, and Orthodox churches use the older, Julian calendar. That much is straightforward. But actually calculating these dates involves a bewildering array of *ecclesiastical moons* and *paschal full moons*, the *astronomical equinox*, and the *fixed equinox*—in addition to the two different calendar systems.

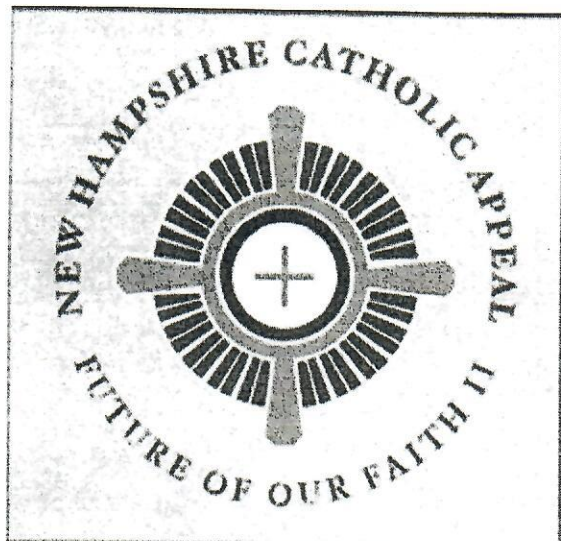
When is A Full Moon Full? The two churches vary on the definition of the *vernal equinox* and the full moon. The Eastern Church sets the date of Easter according to the actual, astronomical full moon and the actual equinox as observed along the meridian of Jerusalem, site of the Crucifixion and Resurrection. The Eastern Orthodox Church also applies the formula so that Easter always falls after Passover, since the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ took place after he entered Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. In the Western Church, Easter sometimes precedes Passover by weeks.

Why One Faith and Two Easters? The Western church does not use the actual, or astronomically correct date for the vernal equinox, but a fixed date (March 21). And by full moon it does not mean the astronomical full moon but the “ecclesiastical moon,” which is based on tables created by the church. These constructs allow the date of Easter to be calculated in advance rather than determined by actual astronomical observances, which are naturally less predictable. This division between the Eastern and Western Churches has no strong theological basis, but neither is it simply a technical skirmish. As the World Council of Churches has noted, much of Orthodox Christianity is located in the Middle East, where it has frequently been the minority religion, and in Eastern Europe, where until recently it faced hostility from communist governments. The emphasis on honoring tradition and maintaining an intact religious identity was therefore crucial. Seen in this context, changing the rules governing its most important religious holiday chisels away at the foundations of an already beleaguered religious heritage.

Reconciling East and West A meeting organized by the Council of World Churches (in Aleppo, Syria, March 5–10, 1997) proposed a solution thought to be favorable to both East and West: both methods of calculating the equinox and the paschal full moon would be replaced with the most advanced astronomically accurate calculations available, using the meridian of Jerusalem as the point of measure. Since that meeting, however, no further progress has been made and the problem remains.

Pinning Down A Movable Holiday Since the beginning of the 20th century, a proposal to change Easter to a **fixed holiday** rather than a movable one has been widely circulated, and in 1963 the Second Vatican Council agreed, provided a consensus could be reached among Christian churches. The **second Sunday in April** has been suggested as the most likely date. Yet inertia on the part of all Churches has left us with two calendar dates for the Easter celebration.





NH CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS APRIL 27

A gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians and much more. Each dollar is carefully stewarded to provide the maximum cost effectiveness for our ministries.

Your gift supports these essential ministries that keep our faith thriving in New Hampshire.

- Increasing and supporting vocations (seminarian education, formation, and support of the permanent diaconate)
- Making Catholic education affordable, accessible, and available to all who desire it
- Catholic Charities New Hampshire
- Caring for our retired clergy
- Vibrant parishes
- Evangelization and catechesis at home with *Parable* magazine
- Missionaries abroad and multicultural ministry in New Hampshire



WAYS TO GIVE

Make Your Gift Online

www.catholicnh.org/NHCA Make a one-time gift, pledge, or give a monthly recurring gift using a credit or debit card.

Pay by Cash or Check

Make your check payable to the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal** and mail to:
New Hampshire Catholic Appeal
P.O. Box 5456 Manchester, NH 03108

→ **Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish**
2025 goal is \$47,579.00

→ **Gifts to Catholic Charities NH**
separately do not count toward
the Catholic Appeal Parish Goal.

Check pledges will receive monthly reminders.
All pledges will be a maximum of 10 months and should be paid in full by March 29, 2026.

Securities/Stocks, IRAs, Donor Advised Funds and Bequests

We are grateful for your consideration of these types of important gifts. Please call the Development Office for more information on how to plan your gift at 603-663-0136. Please consult your legal representative or tax advisor first to maximize your benefit.



**ST JUDE COUNCIL 6617
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Come and join us!

We are a group of Catholic men, women and families with a mission to helping those in need in our local community. “Where there is a need, there are Knights ready and willing to help”. You are welcome to join as a Knight or an associate member. Families are always welcome too! Associate membership allows us to share our mission with everyone. Do what you can – when you can!

What do the Knights do?

Here are some of the ways Knights have helped in the past year:

- **2024 St. Jude Open Golf Tournament** – Donated \$20,000 to a single mother from Kingston who suffered a severe stroke and to a single mother in Plaistow caring for 2 daughters with severe genetic defects.
- **Saint Luke Food Pantry/Giving Tree** - \$2800 in donations, new pantry freezers, monthly help to load/unload food, a monthly brown bag food drive, helped with gifts from the Parish Giving Tree at Christmas
- **People Helping People** – Assisting elderly and needy with household tasks/small projects
- **Blood Drives** – 4 held – over 120 pints collected
- **Seminarian Support/Pro-Life Support/Parish Support**

For more information about the Knights –
contact Dan Sullivan 603-770-4803 or at
dans49@comcast.net –
Or see a Brother at Sunday Mass !

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. JUDE OPEN



**Council 6617
Knights of Columbus
30th Annual
St. Jude Golf Open
May 31, 2025
East Kingston, NH**

This year's St Jude Open is sold out with 144 golfers registered ! Each year the St. Jude Open assists select community members who have special needs. The K of C Council has selected two families in our community as beneficiaries of the 2025 Open.

**COULD
YOU HELP?**

We are offering sponsorships for the Open. Every dollar from sponsorship goes to the people we are helping this year. There are various levels of personal or business sponsorship available:

- \$5000 - \$10000 Tournament Sponsor
- \$500 - \$1000 Lunch Sponsor
- \$300 Cart/Mulligan/Putting/Long Drive Sponsor
- \$100 Hole Sponsorship
- \$100 Memorial Hole – To Honor a Loved One

We will also accept cash donations in any amount. Checks can be made out to the St. Jude Open and mailed to the Knights of Columbus, PO Box 589, Plaistow, NH 03865. For more information, contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803 or dans49@comcast.net



Bringing Home the Word

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (C)

April 20, 2025

I Can't Believe It!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This sentence can mean two very contradictory things. It might express skepticism, similar to “You’ve got to be kidding!” Or we might marvel at something we think is magnificent, far beyond our expectations. Here, it means “I’m speechless!”

Lest we think that the empty tomb alone is proof of Jesus’ resurrection, today’s gospel shows us that even his closest friends had initial problems with

the idea. When Mary of Magdala found the tomb empty, she did not immediately conclude that Jesus had risen. She thought his body had been taken. In the first reading, Peter describes how, later, several of Jesus’ followers experienced him alive. This experience certainly changed their thinking. Like Peter, they then went out and proclaimed the truth of the resurrection. However, only those who had the experience were sure.

Neither empty tomb nor someone else’s personal experience is by itself certain evidence of the resurrection. Then, what is? We find the beginning of an answer in the even later writing of Paul. Speaking to the Colossians, he says, “For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God” (3:3). In other words, the real proof of the resurrection is the faith of centuries of Christians whose lives have been changed by that faith. In other words, the way you and I live proclaims whether Jesus is alive and well in us. I can hardly believe it. †

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Sunday Readings

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

This man God raised (on) the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

John 20:1–9 or Luke 24:1–12

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

A Word from Pope Francis

The astonishment of the women is our astonishment as well: the tomb of Jesus is open, and it is empty! From this, everything begins anew! A new path leads through that empty tomb... the path of life in the midst of death, the path of peace in the midst of war, the path of reconciliation in the midst of hatred, the path of fraternity in the midst of hostility.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- What deaths along the way have I suffered?
- What resurrection experiences have I been blessed with?



A Ray of Hope

Gary Zimak

In my younger days...when forced to do something uncomfortable, I would always plan to do something pleasant afterward. If I had to give a presentation in class, I would plan to buy a new comic book or magazine. If I had to get a medical test, I would plan to go out for junk food afterward. Although the rewards weren't elaborate, they enabled me to divert my attention from what was frightening me and gave me a ray of hope. Although I still practice this technique, I have learned to rely more on prayer, spiritual reading, and the sacraments to provide comfort.

In our life on earth, it is inevitable that we will encounter many difficulties. We'll all experience our share of flat tires, medical emergencies, and personal tragedies. As followers of Christ, however, we understand the necessity of these burdens.... I once heard a priest proclaim that "Jesus never said, 'Come join the party!'" Instead, he promised us daily

crosses in this life and the possibility of eternal happiness in the next. (See Luke 9:23.) If we concentrate too much on our trials and tribulations, we can easily get beaten down and end up straying from the path that leads to heaven.

When we're dealing with adversity on a daily basis, it's difficult not to focus on our problems. One simple trick that works for me was suggested by my friend Michelle. She shared that whenever she saw the sun, she thought of the Son. The rays of sunlight represent his love for each of us. Although it sounds simple, it really works for me. I can't tell you how many times I've been driving in the car, worrying about something, when I see the sun and recall Christ's love for me. Before long, I find myself thinking less about my problems and more about God's providence in my life. I begin to speak with the Lord instead of worrying, and my sense of peace is restored. Suddenly, I've gone from worrying to praying. †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

*From "Easter Redemption: Celebrating the Power of the Resurrection"
by Fr. Gregory Wiest, CSSR*

Jesus taught that the love of God rises like the sun on both the good and the wicked and pours like rain on saints and sinners without discrimination.... (See Matthew 5:45.) Redemptive grace is available, inexhaustible, and abundant, never what we simply earn, and always more than what we can imagine. [Easter] is the season that illustrates perfectly the motto chosen for the Redemptorists by its founder, St. Alphonsus Liguori: "*Copiosa apud eum redemptio*," which means "With [God] there is plenteous redemption" (Psalm 130:7). Saint Alphonsus wanted this motto...to be a seal on Redemptorist hearts, to represent the Redemptorist charism, and to shape the lives of its members and the order's mission.

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Lord Jesus, as you have been raised, rise in us that we may love others as we are loved and rejoice in this beautiful life. Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 21–26

Monday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 2:14, 22–33 / Mt 28:8–15
Tuesday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 2:36–41 / Jn 20:11–18
Wednesday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 3:1–10 / Lk 24:13–35

Thursday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 3:11–26 / Lk 24:35–48
Friday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 4:1–12 / Jn 21:1–14
Saturday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 4:13–21 / Mk 16:9–15