



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Gathering: All Creatures Of Our God And King
BB 537

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: Ubi Caritas BB 420

Mass Parts: Storrington Mass

Communion: Eat This Bread BB 323
(Our Blessing Cup BB 346)

Recessional: Glory In The Cross BB 147
(Holy God, We Praise Thy Name BB 198)

✠ 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!

May 4, 2025

Offertory	\$6,215.98
Property Management	\$1,718.61



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

May 11	No Second Collection
May 18	Fuel
May 25	No Second Collection



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



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/nhjubilée

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



Save the Date!
June 17th!
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Join the Giving Tree Elves to create gift tags for this year's Giving Tree.

Save any Christmas and/or greeting cards you've received between now & then to use.

Ice cream treats have been promised. Talk with Elaine Kindler if you have questions.

More details to follow.

CONFIRMATION – FIRST EUCHARIST

On **Sunday, May 11 at 10 am** Bishop Peter Libasci of our Diocese will join us for Liturgy as Presider. The Bishop will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 9 Candidates and then welcome them to the Table of the Lord for the first time.

Please keep our Candidates and their Sponsors and families in your prayers as they come to this great moment in their Catholic journey.



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.

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.

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, May 11

10:00 AM Confirmation & First Eucharist *Plaistow*

Wednesday, May 14

Holy Angels Church Open
All Day for Prayer

Thursday, May 15

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

Saturday, May 17

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, May 18

12:00 AM Walk For The Poor *Plaistow*

RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS

Attention Parents

Please be sure to accompany your young children when they need to use the restroom during Mass. This is for their safety and your peace of mind!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH ONLINE DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Are you caring for a loved one with dementia or memory loss? Catholic Charities NH is here to support you with our upcoming "Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia" online support group. This five-week series, starting on Thursday, May 22, offers a compassionate environment where you can gather valuable insights about dementia care, discover practical tools to improve your loved one's quality of life, and connect with others facing similar challenges. There is no cost to attend. For more details or to sign up, visit www.cc-nh.org/dementia, call Louise at 603-752-1325, ext. 4573, or email lmorneau@nh-cc.org.

THAT MAN IS YOU!

Saturdays from 6:30 to 8:15 AM

St. Theresa Church
840 Central Road,
Rye, NH

For more information contact Jeff Quinn at
jeff.quinn@comcast.net or 603-370-8409

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, May 10 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Eleanor Feuer by the Pignatello family
Plaistow

Sunday, May 11 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

8:00 AM Micheline & Louis Inzero
(Anniversary and Birthday Remembrance)
by the Stanley family
Newton

10:00 AM Donna Hammerstein (2nd Anniversary) and
John King by their mother
Plaistow

Monday, May 12 ~ Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;

Pancras, Martyr

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

8:00 AM Jenny DeWilde by Lisa and Charlie Angwin
Newton

Tuesday, May 13 ~ Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

8:00 AM Marci and Bob Giallongo
by Ann Marie Sheehan
Plaistow

Wednesday, May 14 ~ Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

6:30 PM Jesselyn and Donald Driscoll
by their family
Plaistow

Thursday, May 15 ~ Isidore

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Newton

Friday, May 16 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

No Mass

Saturday, May 17 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14 (Day)

Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Albert and Anna Marceelonis
by Justine Carol
Plaistow

Sunday, May 18 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

8:00 AM Michael LeDuc by the Stanley family
Newton

10:00 AM In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
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!



FROM THE PASTOR

Our church in Plaistow has long had a chair lift system installed on the southeast (office) side of the building. For forty years, it has helped those who have access issues enter and exit the church. But the system has its limitations: it cannot handle the weight of larger wheelchairs, making it useless for those who are permanently wheelchair bound. For the past few years, the chair lift has developed quirks that have made it undependable. Because of its age, it cannot be repaired or upgraded, and the Parish does not have any funds to replace the system. Over Easter Sunday, a person tried to use the system with the help of our Ushers, and the lift failed twice, trapping the person on the staircase. All was made well by our Ushers who stepped up to help, and the person who was stuck (twice!) was unharmed and went on their Easter way with a smile. But we are done. I cannot risk having another incident with the chair lift and having somebody stuck midair. **The system has been shut down and is no longer available to anyone.** We have not had large numbers of people requesting the chair lift, and we will try to accommodate people who need help as best we can.

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, 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.

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

Scholarships

The Knights are awarding two scholarships to one senior from Timberlane High School and one senior from Sanborn High School. The scholarships are awarded based on community service. The Knights will also be awarding a scholarship to a senior who is a parishioner of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish. Finally, the Knights will be awarding two more scholarships at their annual BBQ in August.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Parents – Mark your Calendars!

Parents – Please mark your calendars and save these dates - **June 23 to June 27** - for your children to attend *True North Vacation Bible School*.

Vacation Bible School is for children aged 4 to 12 and will run from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Monday through Friday in the Plaistow Church Hall.

Registrations will begin in May.

For more information, contact Joyce Szczapa at jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net.



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.

Thank you all for your generosity in supporting our Easter Lily fundraiser. It was a complete success as we sold out! St. Luke's Outreach Ministry appreciates your kindness in supporting our good works in assisting those in need in our community.

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.**

Saint Luke the Evangelist



**Congratulations and our prayers
to our newly-Confirmed and first
Communicants!!**

**Cormac Carelis
Noah Dermody
David Kowalczyk
Lara Sofia Luz
Nathan Villano**

**Rory Carelis
Madison Desrochers
Connor LaVallee
Gabriella Sousa**

"May God's Spirit dwell within you"



CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST

What is “the Restored Order”?

An increasing number of dioceses in the United States are adopting a restored order policy for the celebration of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. This means, quite simply, that it becomes standard policy for Catholics who were baptized in infancy to receive Confirmation *before* First Communion, not *after*. Practically speaking, this means that the two sacraments are received at the First Communion Mass, with Confirmation being celebrated after the homily.



Why is it referred to as “the Restored Order”?

During the first 500 years or so of the history of the Roman Catholic Church (and still today in the Christian churches of the East), it was always the case that the sacraments of Christian initiation were celebrated in an invariable sequence: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. And it was almost always the case that all three sacraments were celebrated together at the same time, even with infants. Following the lead of official documents that were issued by the Church after the Second Vatican Council, more and more dioceses are restoring this original order to the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation.

Isn't Confirmation a sacrament of maturity that should come after First Communion as a child grows older?

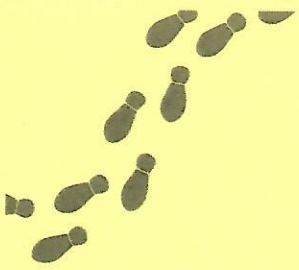
Not really. Confirmation is the completion of Baptism (by the full gift of the Holy Spirit). To celebrate Confirmation requires nothing more by way of age-appropriate maturity than to receive the Eucharist. Remember, there is a legitimate, parallel practice in Eastern churches of fully initiating even infants with all three sacraments. The maturity that is required for receiving any of the sacraments of Christian initiation is only what is age-appropriate. The Church expects interior dispositions of readiness, such as understanding freedom, that are realistic at any given age, nothing more.

When we are used to a different practice after more than a thousand years, why is the Church now going back to the original sequence?

Restored order is more than just a fascination with the way it used to be. In fact, there are some very significant theological and liturgical reasons for restoring the integrity of the three sacraments of Christian initiation—all celebrated in proper order, even at the same time. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) requires that children and adults in the catechumenate receive all three sacraments together, even if the children are younger than the age at which the Catholic children of the parish are routinely confirmed. Putting the celebration of Confirmation between Baptism and Eucharist better expresses its role as the completion of Baptism. As a matter of fact, the sacrament that is the culmination of a person's Christian initiation is the Eucharist, not Confirmation. Theologically, it is the gift of the Holy Spirit given in all its fullness at Confirmation that best prepares one to receive Eucharist, and thus to be most fully joined to the Body of Christ.

Is it wrong, then, to be Confirmed after receiving Eucharist?

Of course not. The Church has many ways of celebrating the mysteries of God's love in the sacraments. But because Rome so strongly encourages restoring the order of celebrating the sacraments of Christian initiation, don't be surprised if more and more communities restore the original sequence of the three sacraments of Christian initiation.



Saint Luke the Evangelist

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Ever wonder how you can make a difference for those in your community?

We have a fun family event to do just that!

Saint Luke the Evangelist Outreach Ministry (formerly St. Vincent de Paul) Annual Fundraiser, the Walk For Your Neighbor in Need is our largest fundraiser. (Same Walk, new name) This year, the need is greater than it has ever been, prices are up for everything! We all know more people are struggling financially than ever before. They are looking for a hand up to get them through this tough time or circumstance. This is where our Outreach Ministry Society can help. We give that hand up - to help pay rent, put food on their table, get their car repaired to be able to go to work, keep their home heated, get medicine they require, etc. We want to have the funds to be able to help anyone who asks, but we need your help in doing that! Please consider joining our walk this year. We would love to see families walking to help other families. We encourage people to walk in memory of a loved one - what a beautiful way to be remembered. Every dollar raised goes directly to helping people in our community.

This year, there are two options for our walk: Option 1 - Walk with us on May 18, 2025.

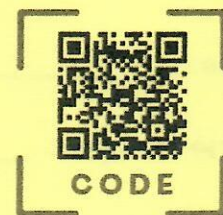
LOCATION-Our Walk will be in the St Luke the Evangelist Church Parking Lot. (8 Atkinson Depot Rd, Plaistow NH). The parking lot will be used for the walk only- cars will be parking in the lot on the other side of the church. The walk area will be marked off. We encourage children to join the walk with tricycles, bikes, scooters etc. Each lap is .2 of a mile- walk/run/jog/ride for one lap or 100 laps for this great cause. Registration is at 11 a.m. with the walk beginning at noon.- to 2pm. You may come at any time from 11 to 2 to join us. Come right from the 10 am Mass, have a donut , coffee, water or gatorade before or after your walk.

OR
Option 2 - Walk "Virtually" ANYTIME from May 18 and May 30, 2025, virtually. Walk your dog, do a family walk, family bike ride or hike, walk on your treadmill at the gym, walk around your neighborhood - just please WALK! Send us a picture of you walking, (if you want) and we will post it on St. Luke the Evangelist Facebook page.

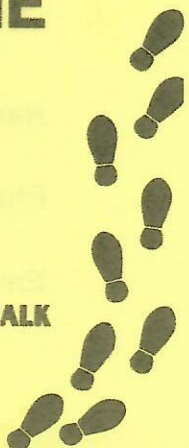
Both options require you to fill out a simple registration form . You can scan the QR code below or fill out the registration form on the back of this flyer and drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Please contact Margaret Madeiros madeiros22@yahoo.com or Susan Mokray suziqmo@aol.com



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TO REGISTER FOR WALK





Saint Luke the Evangelist
OUTREACH MINISTRY

Walk for Your Neighbor

Donation Amount	Cash or Check	Amount \$

Walker/Runner Registration Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____



Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)

May 11, 2025

Every Nation, Race, People, and Tongue

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today's readings tell us of the Church's universality. The Church might have been born of the people of Israel, but, from its beginning, it was meant to spread throughout the world—and it has.

The first reading describes the success that Paul and Barnabas enjoyed in cities in what today is Turkey. Believing that Jesus was the fulfillment of Jewish expectation, these missionaries naturally went first to the synagogues, where they preached to the Jewish people and those who had recently converted to Judaism.

The next week, the entire city came to hear them. This angered many of the

Jewish people. The text says that this was because they were jealous of Paul and Barnabas. Jealous of what?

We know that many Jewish Christians believed that converts had to accept the practices of Judaism before they were considered full members of the Jesus movement. (See Acts 15:1.) They maintained that everyone should be the same. Mention of converts in this story suggests this may have been the issue. Whatever the problem might have been, the movement spread, adapting itself as it did.

The vision reported in Revelation assures us that, in the end, the spread of the gospel will see completion. It will have been preached to and accepted by "every nation, race, people, and tongue" (7:9). This speaks of genuine universality rather than uniformity. This is unity among diversity. The distinctiveness of nation, race, people, and tongue will be respected, because what really unites them is the "blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14). †

The Church from its beginning was meant to spread throughout the world—and it has.

A Word from Pope Francis

What do those who follow Christ do? They go where he goes.... They go to seek those who are lost...take to heart the situation of those who suffer... they reach out their hands to their neighbors.... May the Holy Virgin help us listen to Christ, know him always more, and follow him on the way of service.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 8, 2022



Sunday Readings

Acts 13:14, 43–52

The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region.

Revelation 7:9, 14b–17

I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue.

John 10:27–30

[Jesus said,] "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How open am I to people of other nations, races, or languages?
- What could I learn from people with different backgrounds?



Truly Encountering the Poor

Anthony J. Gittins

People on the margins of society, whose voices are not commonly heard in theological circles, may have as much to offer as they have to receive. Because they can “tell it

like it is,” we simply cannot claim not to have heard the cries of the poor of which the psalmist speaks so often (Psalms 10:12; 34:7; 130:1). God’s own poor—the *anawim*, the remnant, the virtually invisible and usually overlooked—can help remove the scales from our eyes and allow us to look into their faces. These are, after all, the faces, in our own time and place, of the very people Jesus privileged in his. They can become the catalyst for our own conversion.

[The poor] can become the catalyst for our own conversion.

At its heart, ministry is encounter. Viktor Frankl was exactly right: to love, you must encounter. People of faith must do better than acknowledge “the poor” as a class: we must make the invisible visible by our encounters. Ministry is also attending to. The homeless poor have a human right to the care, compassion, and attentiveness of others. All who desire to be among those others must move beyond notional Christianity; they will soon discover how difficult it is truly to encounter others and to love their neighbor as they love themselves. †

From *Where There’s Hope There’s Life: Women’s Stories of Homelessness and Survival* by Anthony J. Gittins, Liguori Publications (814105). To order, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “Building Communion in Culturally Diverse Parishes” by Hosffman Ospino, PhD

Culturally diverse parishes are defined as faith communities that normally celebrate Mass in at least two languages—most in English and another language—and have large concentrations of immigrant Catholics and/or Catholics who self-identify with non-majority racial/ethnic groups. During the latter half of the twentieth century and the first two decades of the twenty-first, millions of Catholic immigrants came to the United States. Today, immigrants represent about 25 percent of US Catholics. Most originate from Latin America, Asia, and Africa. Euro-American, English-speaking Catholics now share parishes with Catholics from various language and cultural groups. Today, nearly 40 percent of all Catholic parishes in the country are culturally diverse, representing nearly 6,500 parishes.

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Lord Jesus, please give me the grace to greet each person I meet as part of your flock—a person you love and invite me to welcome into my life. Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

May 12–17

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 11:1–18 / Jn 10:1–10

Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 11:19–26 / Jn 10:22–30

Wednesday, St. Matthias:
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26 / Jn 15:9–17

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 13:13–25 / Jn 13:16–20

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 13:26–33 / Jn 14:1–6

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 13:44–52 / Jn 14:7–14

Bringing Home
the **Word** 

May 11, 2025

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