

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Gathering: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BB 434
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: In Every Age BB 776

Mass Parts: Storrington Mass

Communion: Gift Of Finest Wheat BB 345

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
MAY 11, 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

May 18 Fuel
May 25 No Second Collection
June 1 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



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.



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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, May 26**. We will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 27.

Our regular office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon and from 1:00 to 4:30 PM.



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 18

12:00 PM Walk For The Poor *Plaistow*

Tuesday, May 20

6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, May 21

Holy Angels Church Open
All Day for Prayer

7:00 PM Outreach Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*

Thursday, May 22

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

Saturday, May 24

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *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 17 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

4:00 PM Albert and Anna Marcelonis
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

Monday, May 19 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

8:00 AM Roy Lajoie (5th Anniversary) by Bonnie Lajoie
Newton

Tuesday, May 20 ~ Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Plaistow

Wednesday, May 21 ~ Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

6:30 PM Barry Cohen (Birthday Remembrance)
by Jeanne Sullivan
Plaistow

Thursday, May 22 ~ Rita of Cascia, Religious

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

8:00 AM For the Healing of Baby Adley Livia MacDonald
by Joan Meader
Newton

Friday, May 23 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

No Mass

Saturday, May 24 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21 (Day)

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Peter and Olinda Taraborelli by their family
Plaistow

Sunday, May 25 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

8:00 AM Marie Reilly (2nd Anniversary)
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 continues; we hope you'll help us meet our goal of \$47,579.00! As of this week, we raised \$4085.00 toward our goal. 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 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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Val Barczak	mvmbarczak@comcast.net



MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
St. Jude Council #6617**

The Knights of Columbus and Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry would like to thank our parishioners for the ongoing support to feed those in need. Shopping lists and bags are provided on the 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.

To register, or for more information, contact Joyce Szczapa at jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net or call her at 603-382-8324, ext. 303.



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.

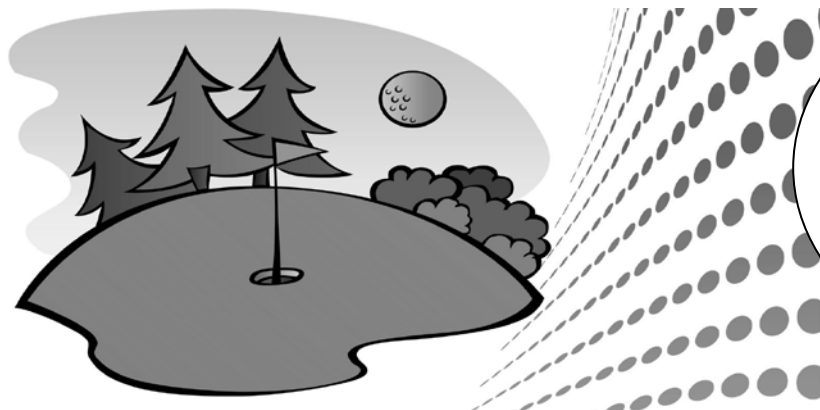
Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 PM**. We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. New members are always welcome!

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.**

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

St. Luke The Evangelist Parish

High School 2025 Scholarship



Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Council – ~~2273~~

One \$500.00 Scholarship will be awarded to a
graduating 2025 High School Senior.

Applicants must be the child/grandchild of a registered member of St. Luke The Evangelist Parish and a senior graduating and planning to attend a college, university or trade school.

To apply, pick up a scholarship form located in the back of church.

The graduating student must fill out the form, provide a copy of their transcripts and return to the address below.

Applications are due back no later than ~~2-4-81~~

The awardee will be notified by ~~2-7-81~~

An announcement will be made on ~~2-8-81~~

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish

Knights of Columbus, St. Jude Council #6617, PO Box 589, Plaistow, NH 03865



**Easter Flower
Offerings And Paschal Candle
Donations Were Made In
Loving Memory / Honor of:**

Krystyna and Stanislaw Smardz

Larry M. Schultz

Robert Girard

Barbara Girard

William Poist

Tina Poist

William Esposito

Kevin Gallant

Margaret Gallant

Fred Gallant

James A. Wentworth

Mary A. Wentworth

Eleanora Guglielmino

Philip Guglielmino

Priscilla Wood

John Meli

Jull Correa

Ann Marroco

John D. Troy

The Stark Family

Arline and Ralph Waldron

Ellie and Walter Barczak

*Walter L. Osgood - 92 Years
of Life*

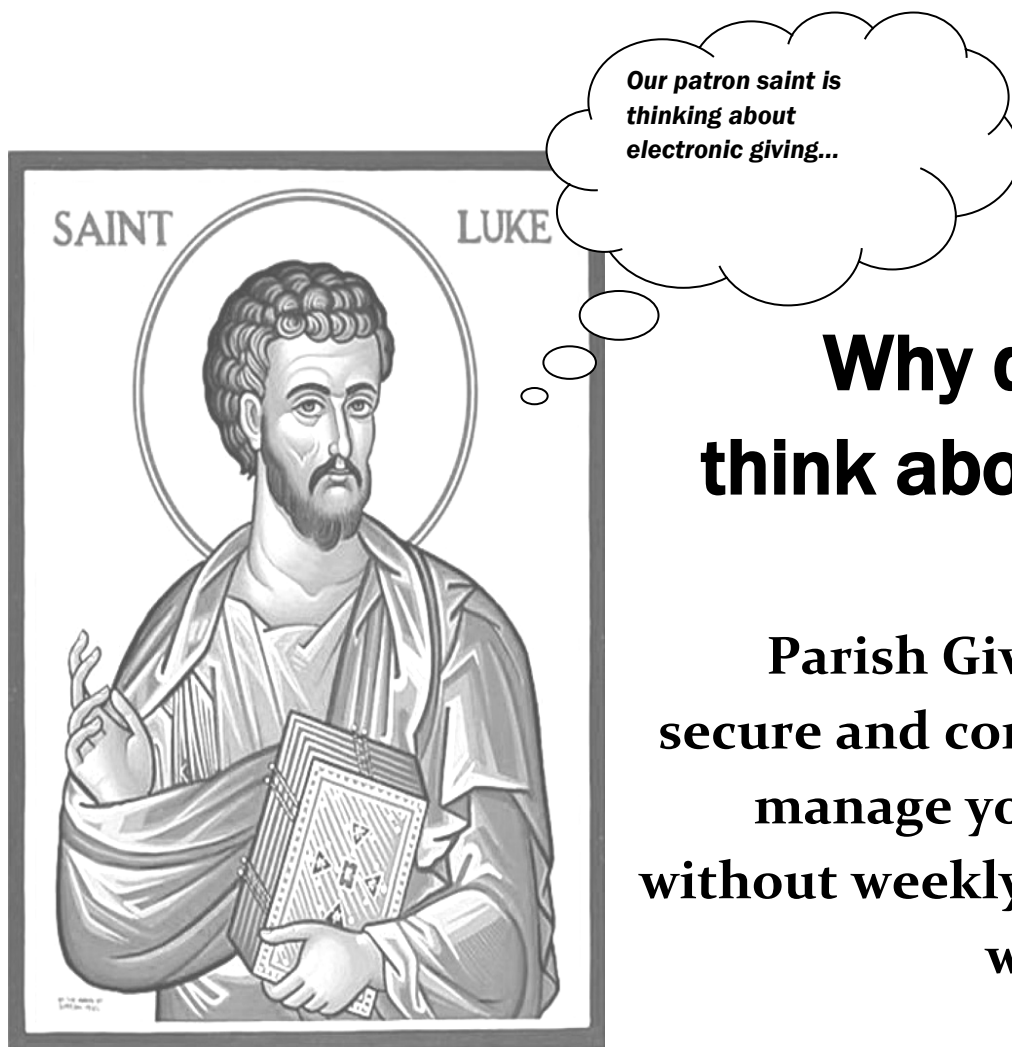
*Deceased Members of the
Ronan, O'Leary, & Doherty
Families*

*Robert Luscomb
Dan and Margurite Driscoll
John and Millie Healey
Robert Driscoll
John Driscoll
Emily Driscoll
Debbie Spina
John Holleran
Marybeth Wonson
Jeanne Marcinkowski
Eddie Thursquist
Mary Thurnquist
Deceased Members of the
Sheehan and Hofbauer Families
Richard and Connie Brooks
Deceased Members of the
Gagnon Familoy
Deceased Members of the
Emerson Family
Deceased Members of the
Lanseigne Family
Deceased Members of the
Charest Family
Geraldine, Dennis, Lorraine
Kathleen Ann
Uncle Jimmy
Auntie Carol
Samuel Raby
Gail Fazio
Joseph and Nancy Murach
Paul Murach
William T. Scully
Deceased Members of the
Scully and Belanger Families
Deceased Members of the
Muscianesi Family
Deceased Members of the
Marciano Family
John Marciano
Timothy Hercules
Alice Mahaney Acton
William E. Acton
Marilyn L. Landry
Theresa Warren
William J. Warren*

*Joseph and Ann Manewicz
Mary Schwarzenberg
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Frances Chory
Bob and Theresa Tremblay
Jayne Lickteig Ringuette
Rick Field
Deceased Members of the
Cotter Family
Patricia Gates
William Concannon
Phil Stack
Lisa Bean
Albert, Anna, and Peter Marcelonis
Paul A. Caron
Louis, Yvette, and Robert Caron
Jack Hansbury
Shirley Hansbury
Lea M. Roberts
Harold Lloyd
Raymond Fournier
Kelly Lloyd
Deceased Members of the
Desrosiers Family
Deceased Members of the
Demonaco Family
Richard W. Sullivan
Frances A. Sullivan
Richard J. Sullivan
Jannie Mestugvatos
Colin Henderson
Edward Starr
Jeannette Gavlak
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Wozny
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Karavedes
Billy Witkum
Susan Ylonrue
Deceased Members of the
Gaudreau Family
Deceased Members of the
DeSimone Family
Deceased Members of the
Alnia Family
Deceased Members of the
Salam Family*

*Deceased Members of the
King Family
Deceased Members of the
Murphy Family
Deceased Members of the
Lueders Family
Theresa Perry
Henry Montanus
Wendy Lenling
Donna Rogers
Mark E. Hammond
Pat Ponticelli
Mary Fortin
Deceased Members of the
Ayers Family
Deceased Members of the
Obert Family
Tess White
Mateo Intervalo
George Moulaison
Laura Intervalo
Julito Intervalo
John E. Riley
Mary R. Riley
Nancy M. Riley
Frank Szczapa
Frances Fleming
Alexander and Sophie Szczapa
Frank and Helen Perry
Roy Lajoie
Our Grampy Roy Lajoie
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Lajoie
Our Angel in Heaven
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Chabot
Roy Lajoie
Our Angel in Heaven
Paul R. Antkowiak
Paul G. Antkowiak
Eric Antkowiak
Martin Lumnah
Ted and Mary Hesse
The Thurnquist Family
Paul and Margaret Nichols
Victor and Albine Marchi
Deceased Members of the*

*LeDuc and Balzar Families
Angelina and Wallace Antczak
Thomas and Francis Antczak
Joan and Doreen Burge
Deceased Members of the
Krajewski and Viles Families
Deceased Members of the
Harper Family
Deceased Members of the
Sorriento Family
Mr. & Mrs. John Murphy
Beatrice Clark
Jack Murphy
Patricia Dolan
Tom Dolan
Agnes Massie
Jesus, Mary, Joseph
Henry "Hank" Cross, Jr.
Roy and Rita Preece
Carol Radford
Wayne Fairbanks
Harvey and Irene Lee
Sr. Elizabeth Anne Lee, osf
Rose and Al DeMarco
Deceased Members of the
Lee and Kirkpatrick Families
Margaret M. Cote
Norman L. Cote
Paul D. Cote
Robert Davidson
Eleanora A. Davidson
George and Althea Rainville
Edwin and Evelyn Sadowski
Karl and Mary Brotz
John and Louise Szematowicz
Jeanne Fullerton
Joan Brotz
Paul Brotz
Lemer Brotz
Gordon and Fran Lewis
Russell Estabrook, Sr.
Deceased Members of the
Veroneau Family
Theresa and Robert Hughes*



Why don't you think about it too?

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- Parish Giving allows you to select contribution amounts and special collections right from your own computer or smartphone
- You can be a good steward for the Parish even when you are away from the area on a weekend
- Parish Giving allows you to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.
- Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo and follow the easy registration instructions.





Bringing Home the Word

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

May 18, 2025

What's New?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Everyone gets a bit excited with the prospect of something new, whether it's a new job, a new car, or a new phone. This new thing might simply be a replacement. However, when it is a new model, an upgrade, we get even more excited. Revelation uses a distinctive Greek word, *kainós*, for this second kind of newness. The new heaven, the new earth, the new Jerusalem (and the new commandment mentioned in the gospel) suggest radical newness—the kind resulting from an act of God. Centuries earlier, the prophet Isaiah had promised a new

heaven and a new earth. (See Isaiah 65:17.) This metaphor pointed to a time of eschatological peace and fulfillment, a time when the covenant relationship between God and the people would be renewed and last forever. This was a promise the people held dear.

How are we to read this passage from Revelation today? Is it referring to a time in this life? Or after this life? It may actually refer to both. We believe that, with his death and resurrection, Jesus inaugurated this time of fulfillment. However, its full establishment is not yet complete, hence the new commandment to “love one another” (John 13:34). When we truly follow this commandment and love each other, we actually make present the new heaven and new earth; we make real the new Jerusalem, God’s covenant partner. However, the ultimate fulfillment will come when God finally brings all things to completion. That is when everything will be new. †

Sunday Readings

Acts 14:21–27

They...reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

Revelation 21:1–5a

The one who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

John 13:31–33a, 34–35

[Jesus said,] “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”

***When we follow this
commandment and
love each other,
we actually make present
the new heaven
and new earth.***

A Word from Pope Francis

The love that we receive from the Lord is the force that transforms our lives. It opens our hearts and enables us to love.... As I myself am loved, so I can love others.... “As” he loved me, so I can love others. The Christian life is just that simple. Let’s not make it more complicated.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 15, 2022



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How has the love of other people made me a better person?
- In what ways does my love for others strengthen them?



Planting Seeds

Br. Victor-Antoine d'Avila-Latourrette

The simple act of sowing and planting seeds in due season is a powerful and most rewarding one for both gardeners and farmers. The power comes from the fact that in cooperating

with the Creator, we build up our own food security and that of those who partake of our table. We basically garden to feed ourselves naturally, inexpensively, and in a healthy manner, and there is always the added joy when the fruit of our work is shared with others.

It is a command from the revealed word of God not to hurt the environment and to care for the land, the water, and all living things, God's own creation. And among these living things we include not only all human

beings but also the kingdoms of animals and vegetation. Planting continues in earnest in our gardens during the early May days: we divide and transplant certain herbs and perennials, and ceaselessly we continue planting seeds in the vegetable garden: carrots, beets, turnips, radishes. There is a perennial mystery in the propagation of plants from tiny, almost microscopic, seeds. Again the Lord provides human beings with this wonderful gift, this unique reality called a seed. And from the seeds, all our food in the vegetation kingdom is raised weekly, monthly, yearly. As a Chinese proverb tells us: "All the flowers (and all the vegetables) of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today." †

***The Lord provides
human beings with
this wonderful
gift...a seed.***

From *Walk in His Ways: A Monastic Journey of Life and Light* by Br. Victor-Antoine d'Avila-Latourrette, Liguori Publications (822858). To order, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "The Communion of Saints: People Who Need People" by Leonard Foley, OFM

There is a deadly attitude that can poison my life. It can be expressed very logically: my salvation depends on me. I am the one who has to work hard, try and try again, be faithful. Then, someday I will get my reward. I hope you get your reward, too, but that's your problem, not mine. We are not saved as isolated individuals. We go to God together, or we don't go at all. Isn't that absurd? Aren't we to create a safe zone around ourselves where we are protected from people we don't want to deal with? The fact is, God could not make people who would be "normal" human beings living that way. God couldn't make people who don't need people.

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Lord Jesus, teach me
to act lovingly even when
I do not feel loving;
to be compassionate with
those I find difficult; and
to never take for granted
my family and dear friends.
Amen! Alleluia!

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WEEKDAY READINGS

May 19–24

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 14:5–18 / Jn 14:21–26


Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 14:19–28 / Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 15:1–6 / Jn 15:1–8

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 15:7–21 / Jn 15:9–11

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 15:22–31 / Jn 15:12–17

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:1–10 / Jn 15:18–21

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