

# Saint Luke the Evangelist

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who Bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." Matthew 13:23



In this week's gospel we have Christ's famous parable about the sower. Here in a Northern Renaissance masterpiece by Pieter Brueghel the Elder we have multiple scenes to take in. First, in the lower left corner we see 'the sower' sowing seeds into the recently tilled earth. We can read this figure as Christ sowing the Word of God into the land (world) because of the scene depicted in the background. If we look carefully to the right we can see a crowd of people gathered around a figure in a boat on the shore of a sea as described in today's passage: "Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore." Thus, it is only because Brueghel depicts both of these scenes at once that we know what the subject matter of the picture is. We are also reminded - by the prominent church steeple in the middle of the picture - that sowing God's Word into the world is indeed now the Church's mission.

#### GATHER HYMNAL 1134

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Saturday, July 15

5:00pm Marie Jasiewicz

by Ann & Joe Pucciarelli

Celebrant: Fr. Alex 7:00pm Spanish Mass Celebrant: Fr. Bill

Sunday, July 16

7:30am Claire French (Birthday Intentions)

by Helen & Dennis Kay

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 9:00am Joseph Scalli by his family

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11:00am Juan Hernan Soto-Aguilar

by his family Celebrant: Fr. Alex

Monday, July 17

9:00am Hannah French (Birthday Intentions)

by Dennis & Helen Kay Tuesday, July 18

9:00am Cleanne, Vilzard & Enold Revost

by their family

Wednesday, July 19 9:00am Souls of Dec'd Parishioners

by friends

Thursday, July 20

9:00am Bob & Lee Mathieu

by family

Friday, July 21

9:00am Special Intention

by family

Saturday, July 22

5:00pm Bill Miller

by his daughter

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 7:00pm Spanish Mass Celebrant: Fr. Bill

Sunday, July 23

7:30am Martha Lille Hayden

by Blaney family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 9:00am Mark Gagnon

by Mary & Tom Burke

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 11:00am Anna Brown

by her family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

We invite you to pray the Rosary everyday after the 9am weekday Mass

Monday through Friday

Please Pray for...

Susan Bailey, Chloe Nascimento, Jonathan Tomashefsky, Brian Howland, Michael LeBlanc, Mary Mahan, Becky Rawson Bev Longime, James Wright, Evelyn Croteau, Beth Lambert, Lynn St. Jean Annabelle Duvane, Shirley DePalma, Agnes Limberger, Zachary Collins, Kupaa Keiley, Tiffany Kelley, Margie Morcone, Sharon Beaulieu,

William Fargelli, Stephen & Kimberly Bankcroft, Toby Claufon, Margaret Valis, Dawn Haight, Carol Aloisi, Teresa Putnam, Carmelia Potenti, Helen Anthony, Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott, Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney, Kristine Ann Jackson, Paul Fallon, Helen Galica, Erik Olsen, Vicki Foley, Brendon Crowley, Richard Kane, Grace Roche, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett,

John Lynch, Kathleen Farrar, KirolosGergis, Gregg Merloni, Tome Valadao, Courtney Blumberg, Christine, Patrick, Robert & Coutinho family Maryann Bisco, Susan Garry, Melvin Boucher, T.J. Bautz, Joan Fallon,

Edward Hubbell, Nancy Camp, David Perry, John Durnan, Linda Darby, Annie Mason, Nancy Santory, Laconya Mobley, Maria Matejko, Gary Wilson, Jr., Debbie Giroux, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Luz Chavez,

Carlene Beck, Joel Rivera, Mary Payant, James Thomas, Christina Narensky, Alyssa Bloom, Ann Martin, Michael Berthuime, Trisha Suzi, Norman Beland, Sofia Shahin, Sarah Cox, Hailie McLatchey, Barbara Auger, Barbara Barnes, George Cabana, Beverly Taylor, Jeanne Amendola, Jack Walker, Daniel Baker Rebecca Coax, Robert Trant, Michael McAndless, Michael Del Pozzo,

David Sawyer, Madison Knopf, Claire Kennedy, Susanne Ollman, Frank Sannelli, Pat & John Lusek, Michael Zancewicz, Kristy Cautello, Judy Melfa, Neil Kenny, Joseph Malzone, Lois Kerbel, Michael Turpin, Elise Ollman-Kahle, Patricia Amorelli, Connor Blaney, Debbie Krikler, Austin Tomalewski, Gary Shults, Erin Magrane, George Beecher

Let us remember to pray for all the men and women who are over seas in harm's way.

> We remember those who have died Francis (Spanky) Miller

**EXPOSITION OF THE** BLESSED SACRAMENT & ADORATION **TUESDAY 9:30AM TO 6:00PM** Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm **Prayers For Sanctity of Life 5:00pm** BENEDICTION AT 6:00PM

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023

15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IS 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/ ORDINARY TIME NA+ 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9 July 16

MONDAY Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34-11:1 July 17

TUESDAY

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24 July 18

WEDNESDAY Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27 July 19

THURSDAY

Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1+5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30 July 20

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church FRIDAY Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15+16bc, 17-18/ July 21

Mt 12:1-8

**Saint Mary Magdalene** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ SATURDAY July 22

16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 July 23

**Cover Image:** Pieter Brueghel the Elder, Parable of the Sower, 1557 Source: Wikimedia Commons, Public Domain

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# Are you interested in assisting our priests at Mass as an altar server?







We have a need for altar servers to assist at the 7:30 am Mass and the 5pm Mass in particular. Training provided. Scheduling flexible. Must have received your first holy communion. If interested or if you would like more information, please contact Julie Basque, pastoral associate at 508-366-8509, ext 4 or email <u>pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org</u>

# SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME CHANGE TO 4:00PM EFFECTIVE AUGUST 5TH

We will have a new schedule for the Vigil Mass on Saturday. Vigil Mass in English is currently celebrated at 5.00 pm and Vigil Mass in Spanish at 7.00 pm. After careful consideration, we have taken into account that the Mass in Spanish is scheduled rather late, particularly during the winter months. In solidarity with our Hispanic community, we have decided to adjust the Mass schedule by one hour. As a result, the English Vigil Mass on Saturday will be at 4.00 pm, with confessions starting at 3.00 pm. The Spanish Mass will now take place at 6.00 pm on Saturdays. This change will be effective the first weekend of August.



#### CALLING ALL COOKS!

We have a need for one person willing to make a meal once a month for a parishioner in need. Our meal ministry coordinates meals to be deliv-

ered weekly to a parishioner in need of a home cooked meal. A group of four cooks each take one Wednesday per month to make their meal for the parishioner.

These meals are greatly appreciated. If you would be able to help us or would like more information please contact Julie Basque at pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org or call 508-366-8509, ext 4.



Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the Mustard Seed dinner on July 7th. We collected \$1625! Your generosity is unbelievable! We are so

blessed to have such a wonderful parish.

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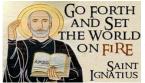


# Faith Formation

#### FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2023-2024

We would like to invite you to register your child in our Religious Education Program! We have opportunities for grades PreK - 11, including Reconciliation, Communion, and Confirmation preparation. Class size is limited and classes are filled on a first come. first serve basis. Registration and payment can be completed online at our St. Luke's website or in person in the Parish Center. Please contact Melissa Baril -Lower at religiouseducation@stlukes-parish.org for grades PreK-6 or Denise Pelkey

at youthministry@stlukes-parish.org for grades 7-11 if you have any questions. Thank you for joining us!



GO FORTH
AND SET
THE WORLD (IVC) New England is inter-ON FIRE viewing applicants now for fall SAINT Openings. IVC Service Corps Members combine direct ser-

vice opportunities at local non-profits serving those in need in our communities with monthly spiritual reflection in the Jesuit tradition. Volunteers, 50 years of age and better, serve two full days/week from September through June. For more information and an application, contact IVC New England Director Dave Hinchen @ dhinchen@ivcusa.org.



Under the huge oak tree in the yard, my 5-year-old niece was shocked to DEED discover that the huge tree had begun as a small acorn, just like one of

many she found on the ground. She could not believe that something so large began as something so small.

Crowds of people wanted to hear what Jesus had to say. When He taught, Jesus used parables to explain spiritual realities that are difficult to grasp. But their everyday experiences provided vivid images to explain things they could not see. Seed needs good soil to grow; so does the Word of God need good soilus—for it to grow.

People will often express a desire to have greater faith or trust in God. Somehow more is better and even necessary for it to 'work.' Looking for ways to find more faith, people will overlook the fact that what they have is enough. Prayer, practice and patience will allow the seeds of faith to grow, becoming stronger and deeper each day. Then, one day we can say with Paul, that I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

James Gaffney

Please use this address for all parish correspondence. Thank You.



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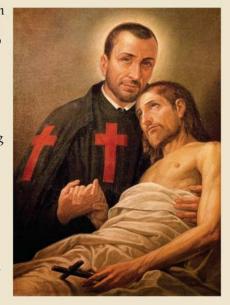
## Saint Camillus de Lellis

**▼** his tall Italian was prone to aggression and gambling in his youth. The son of an army officer, he served for three years as a Venetian soldier. During one military engagement, he received a leg wound that would continue to plague him. At age 24, his regiment disbanded, and he gambled away all his property. Destitute, he found work as a hospital servant in Rome to pay for treatment of his ulcerated leg, but he was dismissed for quarrelsomeness. This brought him to become a laborer at the Manfredonia Capuchin monastery, where he experienced a pivotal religious conversion.

In 1575, he tried to join the Capuchins but was denied admission because his leg wound had returned. He went to the hospital in Rome for treatment, and while there, decided to devote his life to caring for the sick. He took a hospital job where he oversaw administration and introduced reforms to patient treatment. This time, he became known for his piety and prudence.

On the advice of friends and his spiritual director, St. Philip Neri, he decided to become a priest. Camillus was ordained in 1584, at age 34, and founded the Order of the Servants of the Sick, more generally known as the Camillians. The order is visibly distinguished by the large red cross they wear. He was canonized in 1746, the "founder of a new school of charity." He is a patron of the sick, of hospitals, doctors, and nurses.

1550-1614 FEAST DAY — JULY 18



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We stand before You., Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful: do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever Amen.

#### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Here at St. Luke's, we follow the guidelines of the national charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Worcester Diocese in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. For questions, information or help please contact Judy Audette, Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester at 508-929-4361 (direct line and confidential voicemail is available).



Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

(1 Cor 10:17)]

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY:

#### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: Help Needed

Because you love receiving Christ in the Eucharist, you will love bringing the Eucharist to those living in an Independent Residential setting.

Individuals are needed to facilitate Communion Services at the Highlands in Westborough. Commitment is one hour, one day a month on a Wednesday at 2pm. Training and support provided. Contact Julie Basque at 508-366-8509 ext 4 or <u>pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org</u> for additional information.

It's time to rev-up our Transportation Ministry!
We need parishioners who have the time, and the vehicle to transport parishioners in need, to their appointments in and around Westborough. Please consider this ministry and give us a call at: 508-366-8509.

# St. Luke's Summer Series July/August 2023

# PRAYING THE ROSARY LIKE NEVER BEFORE by Edward Sri

WHEN: Tuesdays July 11 - August 29

TIME: 6:30 - 7:30 PM

WHERE: Parish Center Room 23 FACILITATOR: Andrew Biancheri

# SUMMER SUNDAYS WITH GOD, THE GOSPEL, & GOODIES

WHEN: Sundays Aug. 6, 13, 20

TIME: Immediately after 9 AM mass starting at 10:00 -

10:45 AM. WHERE: Parish Center Room 23

FACILITATOR: Tony Joseph

For more information, please go to: <a href="https://stlukes-parish.org/adult">https://stlukes-parish.org/adult</a> for complete details and to register!

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH IS OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, WE CAN MAKE A VISIT ANYTIME WE PASS. JESUS WILL BE AS HAPPYTO SEE US AS WE ARE TO SEE HIM.

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#### Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 PM, in Spanish 7 PM Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM

Weekday Masses
Monday through Friday,
9:00 AM

#### NEW TO THE PARISH Welcome

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Please contact the Rectory for information

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45PM ~ also by personal request. Reconciliation Room is handicapped accessible

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact a Priest at least six months in advance

#### **RCIA**

Contact the parish secretary if interested in becoming Christian in the Catholic faith tradition.

#### **VISITATION OF THE SICK**

Our extraordinary ministers are always pleased to bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. If you or a family member would like to receive Communion, please call the Rectory. If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.

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