

# Saint Luke the Evangelist

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thus the last will be first and the first will be last. Matthew 20:16



Today's painting closely follows today's gospel parable. The painter, who was in Rembrandt's circle and often emulated him, sets his scene in 17<sup>th</sup> century Europe and hints at some of the questions we might have regarding this parable. In the center we see a young man, his right hand out with a coin (his payment received), and his left arm extended the opposite way pointing to those who were previously paid. He is clearly upset (with the men behind him) with his head slightly tilted as if both beseeching (hand turned up) and protesting at the same time (hand turned down and pointing). The owner is taken aback by the protest and gestures both defensively (against the protester) and benevolently (toward the laborers he already paid). Koninck portrays the workers who worked the shortest time in a way that suggests that we cannot understand the entire story, including the motive of his generosity. Were the late recipients somehow disabled or elderly? Perhaps they were not chosen by other employers for other reasons. The painting, like the parable, makes clear that we can never fully understand the generosity of the vineyard owner, just as we cannot fully understand God's grace.

#### GATHER HYMNAL 1163

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, September 23

4:00pm James McCauley

by his family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 6:00pm **Spanish Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Bill

Sunday, September 24

7:30am Paul Dempsey

by family

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar 9:00am **John Miller** 

by Joanna Donahue

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 11:00am **John Leone** by his family Celebrant: Fr. Sagar

Monday, September 25

9:00am Abigail Kay (Birthday Intention) by Helen & Dennis Kay

Tuesday, September 26

9:00am Jim Killeen

by Knights of Columbus
Wednesday, September 2

Wednesday, September 27

9:00am **Special Intention** 

by Ciaran O'Donnell

Thursday, September 28

9:00am Edna Carroll

by Flynn family

Friday, September 29

9:00am Jim Killeen

by Joyce Roncka

Saturday, September 30

4:00pm Elizabeth Power (1st Anv)

by her family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 6:00pm **Spanish Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Bill

Sunday, October 1

7:30am **Jim Killeen** 

by Kathy Burbank

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 9:00am **Tom Varco, Sr.** 

by Tari & Tom Shea

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 11:00am **Patricia Pepe** 

by her family

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar

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, Nick Johnson, William Fargelli, Stephen & Kimberly Bankcroft, Toby Claufon, Dawn Haight, Carol Aloisi, Teresa Putnam, Carmelia Potenti, Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott, Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney, Kristine Ann Jackson, 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, Gene Buffo, 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, Jean Hope, 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, 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, Joan Sanders, 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

Harry W. Roberts, Jr. (father of Julie Szczepankiewicz)

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

#### WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS 25<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Sept 24 Mt 20:1-16a MONDAY Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18 Sept 25 TUESDAY Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Lk 8:19-21 Sept 26 WEDNESDAY Ezr 9:5-9/Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6 Sept 27 THURSDAY Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a+9b/Lk 9:7-9 Sept 28 FRIDAY Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, Sept 29 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51 SATURDAY Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/ Sept 30 Lk 9:43b-45 26TH SUNDAY Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/ Pilot Bulletins

Cover Image Salomon Koninck, Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, c.1647.

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# RCIA A Journey in Faith

#### **RCIA Inquiry Session**

Weekly Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) inquiry sessions begin Tuesday evening October 3 at 7:30 PM in room 23 of the Parish

Center. If you are not already a member of the Catholic faith community (or perhaps no Christian faith community), this is an excellent opportunity to learn about the Christian faith in the Catholic tradition. All are welcomed to attend without any obligation or pressure to "become Catholic." For those who choose, RCIA can provide a path to one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist).

If you are a confirmed Catholic having received all your sacraments, please gently mention RCIA to any people you meet who you sense may be receiving a calling from God to explore Christianity in the Catholic faith tradition. We would be delighted to meet them!

There is no need to register – inquirers are welcomed to just go to the parish center and walk into room 23 where we will look forward to meeting you! For more information on RCIA at St. Luke's, please contact Bob Thompson via phone at 508-341-7677 or via email at <a href="mailto:bob\_thomps@hotmail.com">bob\_thomps@hotmail.com</a>. Remember that at the end of our time on earth, our faith is our most precious possession.

#### FALL BEREAVEMENT SERIES

Session One: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 **Introduction to Grief I'm not alone.** 

Session Two: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 **The Mosaic of Grief: What Can I Expect?** 

Session Three: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Anniversaries and Holidays: How can I survive while

feeling so triggered?

Session Four: Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Restoring Balance: Self-Compassion & Care while moving forward

Session Five: Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Spiritual Care: Loss and Meaning with our associate pastor Father Sagar

Bereavement sessions will be held in the parish center
St. Luke's Catholic Church
1 Ruggles Rd., Westborough, MA
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Please pre-register with Julie Basque,
pastoral associate, at 508-366-8509, ext 4



Mark your calendar for ...
Our Parish Celebration

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ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
OCTOBER 14 — 18

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SUNDAE ON SUNDAY
OCTOBER 15

HOLY HOUR
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16
OVERNIGHT ADORATION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17
6PM BENEDICTION

SOLEMN MASS FOR
FEAST OF ST. LUKE THE
EVANGELIST
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18
(MULTILINGUAL)
Complete details coming soon.

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#### **ADULT STUDIES FALL 2023**

"TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT" Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 PM

"LIVING THE SUNDAY GOSPEL" Sundays 10:00 - 10:55 AM

"INTO THE BREACH" - A Men's Study Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:15 PM

"HABITS OF THE HOUSEHOLD" **Parent Study** Sundays 10:00 - 11:00 AM

"FOLLOW ME: MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN" Wednesdays 10:00 - 12:00 PM

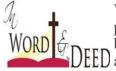
"IMAGES OF GOD IN OUR LIVES" Thursdays 10:15 - 11:15 AM

GO TO <a href="https://stlukes-parish.org/">https://stlukes-parish.org/</a> adult for more details and to register!

#### 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).





When the long-time pastor of our parish died, many people remembered him as a generous man. Story DEED after story was told of how much he helped families, supplying food,

cars, clothes, jobs and tuition in their time of need. He came from a wealthy family, and he used his own money to make a difference in the lives of parishioners, neighbors and those who came knocking at the door. More importantly, he gave his time and a listening ear. People felt understood and renewed and it was this gift that made a difference.

The Gospel parable of the owner hiring workmen is a model of generosity. The owner hires workers at different times of the day, yet pays each one equally, because wages are not just a luxury. For his workers, it means food on the table and a roof over a family's head. His generosity is not about money, but about respecting the dignity of the workers.

Generosity can be measured in many ways and offered in many forms. Simply handing someone money might be generous; but giving time and attention is even more so. Such generosity can renew the spirit, create a bond, restore dignity, and inspire hope. Give what counts and you too can make a difference.

James Gaffney



#### Westborough Food Drive

Saturday, September 30 9:00AM

Curbside Pickup register your address at: westboroughfooddrive@gmail.com



"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Matthew 20:16) You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies Stewardship to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for

the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

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Council 85 will be conducting its annual Tootsie Roll Campaign on Friday, September 29th, Saturday, September 30th and Sunday, October 1st, 2023. We will be collecting donations at Stop & Shop, Roche Brothers, Harvey's Dump, and after

all St. Luke's masses.

The official name for this event is the "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities". The funds collected support thousands of people with disabilities throughout Massachusetts by providing resources such as wheelchairs, access ramps, vehicle modifications and other related services. Any questions please email <a href="mailto:council85knights@gmail.com">council85knights@gmail.com</a>

#### RESPECT LIFE RETREAT

All are invited to attend A Morning for Life to be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9:15 am to 1 pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Msgr. James Moroney will offer a reflection on "Preaching the Gospel of Life to a Confused World". The day will include Mass and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. To register, send your name, parish, and email address to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org, or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311. Please note the CHANGE OF DATE from the originally scheduled Sept 16 date.

#### MINI-RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester invites you to join us for a Mini-Retreat for Women on Saturday, October 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA. This retreat will be led by Sarah Hart, a leading figure in contemporary Catholic music today, her songs of faith having touched the lives of thousands. A Sarah Hart retreat experience is woven with fun, humor, songs, prayer, scripture, Sarah's personal stories, and discussion time. The retreat topic will be "Re-Creation." This program will delve into the many ways women are called to share their gifts in different chapters of their life. This is an inspirational renewal event for all generations. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 AM, followed by registration and coffee/pastries. A light lunch will be served. The registration fee of \$25 (checks made payable to Commission for Women) can be mailed to Pamela Ashmankas, 5 Millbury Terrace, Millbury, MA 01527, by October 20th. Further information and a registration form may be found at www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-forwomen

ASP

#### ASP 2024 Info Meeting TONIGHT Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> St. Luke's Parish Center Hall, 7:30pm

If you've heard about Westborough Appalachia Service Project and have questions, you are invited to learn more about this summer's trip, what it's all about, and how to join. The exact week in July will be announced as soon as we know.

This info meeting is targeted at new volunteers. We also welcome returning participants to share their stories or bring a friend who is new to the program. For more information, visit our website: <a href="https://www.westboroughasp.org/info-for-volunteers.html">https://www.westboroughasp.org/info-for-volunteers.html</a>

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Contact Debbi Ziegler at debbiziegler@yahoo.com

# Forever Young

Forever Young Senior Adults will meet on Monday, September 25, after the 9 o'clock mass. All are invited to come meet and welcome our new Associate Pastor,

Fr. Sagar Gundiga.

Refreshments will be served!

# Worcester Catholic Women's Conference

Register Now WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE All women are invited to this exciting conference, "Male & Female He Created Them," to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster, MA on Saturday, October 7th. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford, and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions, and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Contact for St. Luke is Lee Crowley at leecrowley67@gmail.com Seating is limited—register today.

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4PM, in Spanish 6PM 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 3:00 to 3:45PM ~ 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 . If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.



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