



# SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

70 West Main Street ~ Westborough, MA 01581

## Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025



In today's work of art (part of a larger altarpiece called *The Pearl of Brabant*), we find John the Baptist in a 15th-century landscape wearing his customary camel-hair coat, yet also clad in the expectant Advent color of violet.

He stands before us pointing the way to Christ, rendered here as the 'Lamb of God,' placed upon a book of Scripture.

In the background is rendered the Belgian city of Louvain in the Province of Brabant, the artist's adopted home.



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## New to the Parish

A heartfelt welcome to new members of our parish family! Whether this is your first visit or you're joining us weekly, we are thrilled to welcome you to your new parish home. Be sure to visit <https://stlukes-parish.org/newcomers> or easy sign-up as a



## Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 4PM, 6PM (Spanish)

**Sunday** 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM

**Weekday (followed by the Rosary)**

9:00 AM Monday through Friday

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

9:00AM Tuesdays after Mass until

6:00PM Benediction

3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:00PM Prayers for Sanctity of Life

## Sacraments

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Please call Maria at 508-366-5502 x10 for information.*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

*Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45PM and by request. Reconciliation Room is handicapped accessible.*

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

*Please contact a Priest at least six months in advance.*

**OCIA - CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

*If interested in learning more about or in becoming Christian in the Catholic faith tradition please contact Josh Dion at [Joshua.t.dion@gmail.com](mailto:Joshua.t.dion@gmail.com) or 978-807-1631. We welcome all inquirers.*

**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 Julie at 508-366-5502 X15. If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.*

## Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday - 10am - 4:00pm

Other hours are available upon request. If you are in need of assistance

Please call Maria at 508-366-5502 x10 or Melissa at 508-366-5502 x16

## Message from the Pastor



### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - REJOICE

**“Strengthen the hands that are feeble,  
make firm the knees that are weak,  
say to those whose hearts are frightened:  
Be strong, fear not!”**

*Isaiah 31:1-6*



“It’s the most wonderful time of the year,” says Andy Williams in his famous Christmas song (one of my favorites, by the way).

The reasons that Mr. Williams gives are different from why we consider this the most wonderful time of the year. Of course, celebrations, family and friends’ gatherings are a reason to rejoice. But our gatherings are not simply a social event. We get together to celebrate with joy the amazing love of God that has been given to us through the gift of Jesus Christ.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called “Gaudete Sunday”, which means “Rejoice”.

The readings set the pace for this weekend as the prophet Isaiah invites us to rejoice at what God has done, is doing, and will do. Our God is the Lord of transformations, so He will transform any human reality of suffering and hopelessness into joy and hope. The prophet invites us to look at what the Lord has done before, and to believe that, as a Living God, he will continue to do marvelous things for us, to bring salvation to the oppressed and freedom to all.

The color of this weekend (rose) is a visual invitation to foresee the daylight that, though decreasing right now, will come back as a promise of the eternal light that will enfold us forever in God’s presence.

Let us rejoice and be glad, for our time of salvation and freedom is near!

#### Upcoming Events

December 13 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, 7pm in the Hall

December 14 - Third Sunday of Advent

December 16 - 23 Novena to the Baby Jesus, 7pm in the Hall

December 17 - Christmas Memorial Service, 7pm

December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent;

Advent Together in the Spirit, 6pm

December 24 - Christmas Eve Masses, 4pm in Church and Hall,

6pm Christmas Pageant, 9pm Spanish

December 25 - Christmas Day Masses, 9am and 11am

December 28 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

January 1, 2026 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 9am, 7pm Spanish

## Religious Education Reminders

~ Classes have ended for 2025 ~

Sunday classes for PreK-6 will resume January 4th  
Tuesday classes for PreK-6 will resume January 13th  
Classes for Grades 7-10 will resume January 11th  
*Confirmation Retreat is Saturday, January 10th*

## Christmas Pageant Sign Up



All children Grades K-6 are welcome to join us for this beloved tradition!

**Christmas Eve 6pm Mass**

Registration forms can be found in the Parish Center, back of the church or our website. Questions? Contact Kathy 508-479-0585  
[Kathy.Dunbeck@gmail.com](mailto:Kathy.Dunbeck@gmail.com)



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## Children's Ministries at 9am Mass



This weekend we welcome the children's choir, lectors, greeters, gift bearers and altar servers!

Thank you for leading the congregation in many parts of the Mass!

The Children's Ministries will be joining us once a month at the 9am Mass. Thank you to Jonathan, Dianne, and Chris for your leadership!

If you would like to join, please contact Melissa at [mbarllower@stlukes-parish.org](mailto:mbarllower@stlukes-parish.org) so she can direct you to the appropriate coordinators.

## Adult Servers Needed 4pm Mass Only



**Adult servers to occasionally assist at 4pm Saturday weekend Mass**

We currently have three adults willing to assist the priest if needed. Would love to have one more adult! Please let me know if you are willing to be trained or have any questions. Julie Basque at [pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org) or 508-366-5502 ext 15.

## Senior Adult Ministry Events



Please consider making your reservation for these upcoming December events. Reservation forms will be available. All checks should be made out to *St. Luke's*.

**Wednesday, December 17 at 12 noon**

Christmas Luncheon at BRIO 33 in Westborough  
Cost is \$30 and due by December 15  
Options are available. See flyer.

Thank you for supporting our Senior Adult Ministry. We welcome you to join our monthly activities. Feel free to contact Dianne Patrick with any questions. [diannepatrick@yahoo.com](mailto:diannepatrick@yahoo.com) or 508-839-3220.

## Christmas Memorial Service Wednesday, December 17th



The Christmas Memorial Service is an opportunity to remember your loved ones during this Christmas season. Those who are grieving may find the holidays particularly chal-

lenging and our service is designed to gently allow you to honor your grief.

You are invited to come at 6:45 pm on Wednesday December 17th with a picture of your loved one to be displayed. Your loss may be recent or from years ago. We will have a candlelit evening in the church with music, scripture, and most importantly the reading of the names of our loved ones.

## Security Warning: Please Be Aware



If you receive an email, text, or any other system of technological communication supposedly from Fr. Diego Buritica or St. Luke's Parish, ***please do not respond to it.***

Fr. Diego's name, among the names of other priests, are being used to attempt to pry and steal gifts cards, money from financial accounts, and other ways using their names as a way of getting parishioners to respond to the communication. Please know that if Fr. Diego wants a gift card or money, he will **ask you in person**. Any form of communication that looks fishy and odd, ***know that it is fishy and odd and delete it. And never, under any circumstances, respond to these tactics that seek to steal finances using the name of any priest.***

**Remember, don't respond and DELETE IT!!**

## K of C Basketball Tournament Tuesday, January 13th



Please join us for the Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship!

Boys and Girls ages 9-14  
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Registration at 6:15pm ~ Competition 7 - 8:30pm

For more information, contact  
Herman Millet @ 508-735-8465

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Alpha 2026

January 22 (Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm)

January 26 (Mondays 12:30-2:30pm)

For more info, visit  
[st.lukesparish.org](http://st.lukesparish.org) or use the QR code above

## Mustard Seed



St. Luke's is serving at the Mustard Seed on Friday, January 2nd. Please see the following link or scan the QR code below to sign up. Feel free to sign up for one item or multiple if you enjoy cooking. All food should be delivered

hot to the Parish Center parking lot between 3:30-4:00pm on January 2nd. (Look for Sean and his red CRV). Any questions? Please call or email Meghan McLoughlin at (978) 807-4625 or [Meghan@Biggins.com](mailto:Meghan@Biggins.com)



## Men's Prayer Group Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

**Please join us at the Central House Tavern at 6:30pm for our Advent gathering!**

Attendees can order and pay for their own food and beverage off the menu.

This ministry is for all men who want to build a stronger and closer relationship with Jesus through fellowship, faith formation, and prayer.

*All are welcome!*

## Christmas Cards for Fr. Sagar This Weekend!



Want to send a Christmas greeting to Fr. Sagar in India?

There will be paper, stickers, markers, etc. at the back of the church this weekend to create your masterpiece! Or, bring your own card and place it in the decorated box. Thank you for keeping him in your holiday wishes. We continue to be in his prayers!



## Cook for the Clergy?



The clergy ministering at St. Luke's are working continuously to provide spiritual nourishment to our community and beyond. To help their service, St. Luke's is inviting parishioners to provide physical nourishment by cooking Fr. Diego, Fr. Richard, and Deacon Chris dinner on Saturdays. You may sign up online with this QR code or call the Parish Office.

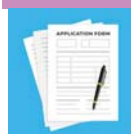


## Flocknote

**Be sure to sign up to receive "Flocknotes"**

Text the word STLUKES to the number 84576 or sign up online: [flocknote.com/StLukesWestborough](http://flocknote.com/StLukesWestborough)

## Attention to Parents of Seniors



The Greater Worcester Community Foundation Scholarship is available for Graduating Seniors!

Go to their website at <https://greaterworchester.org/> to create an account on their scholarship portal and complete the application. Questions? Please contact Amaris Gonzalez from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation at [agonzalez@greaterworchester.org](mailto:agonzalez@greaterworchester.org) or 508-755-0980.

The deadline is February 25, 2026

## Parish Calendars for 2025



English and Spanish calendars will be available in the vestibule of the Church the weekend of Dec 13/14.

These beautiful Catholic calendars are donated by David Pickering Funeral Homes and Curry Printing (Peter Gardner). We are very grateful to them for making the calendars available. Please be sure to pick one up!

## Mass Intentions Week of December 13 - December 21

Mass intentions are a beautiful way to pray for loved ones, living or deceased. To request a Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

Saturday, December 13

4:00pm † **Ethel Orlando** by her family

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, December 14 - Third Sunday of Advent

7:30am Healing for **John Giffin** by Ann Samson & family

9:00am † **John J. Richinick, Jr.** by Peggy Damiani

11:00am † **Angela Dugard** by her family

Monday, December 15

9:00am † **Lorraine Sowa** by her family

Tuesday, December 16

9:00am † **Maureen Musgrave** by Christine Gallinagh

Wednesday, December 17

9:00am † **Paul Baril** by his family

Thursday, December 18

9:00am † **Maureen Musgrave** by Gallinagh family

Friday, December 19

9:00am † **Bhawna Upadhyay** by Marie Jayarendra

Saturday, December 20

4:00pm **Russel, Theresa & Terese Macaluso** by John & Bobbie Cruse

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30am † **Susan Harnedy Blackwell** by Elizabeth O'Malley

9:00am † **Elvira Lonardo** by her family

11:00am † **Lee Sheldrick** by his family

## Sunday Collections

Month of September 2025 \$59,241

Month of October 2025 \$70,120

Month of November 2025 \$63,767

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## Online Contributions

Looking to donate to St. Luke's online? You can at [www.stukes-parish.org](http://www.stukes-parish.org) or scan this QR code



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### Parish Prayer Requests



Please pray for Margaret Hanna, Frankie Murphy, Adrian Marin

Because of your prayers, requests have been answered and many souls generously blessed!

If you would like to add your loved one to the new list, **please contact Nancy at 508-317-3832.**

*We pray for those who have died*

## Come Let Us Adore Him!



**Come and share in the experience of Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday all day following the 9:00am Mass.**

3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

5pm Respect Life Prayers

6pm Benediction

*"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration."*

Pope St John Paul II

## Bulletin Info Deadlines

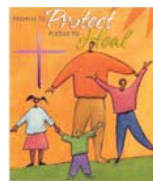
Interested in adding to our bulletin? Please submit your request to [mbarillower@stlukes-parish.org](mailto:mbarillower@stlukes-parish.org) **10 days before the desired printing.**

Holiday deadlines are:

**for Sun, Dec 28, 2025, info due Tues, Dec 16**

**for Sun, January 4, 2026, info due Fri, Dec 19**

## Safe Environment



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 are available.



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