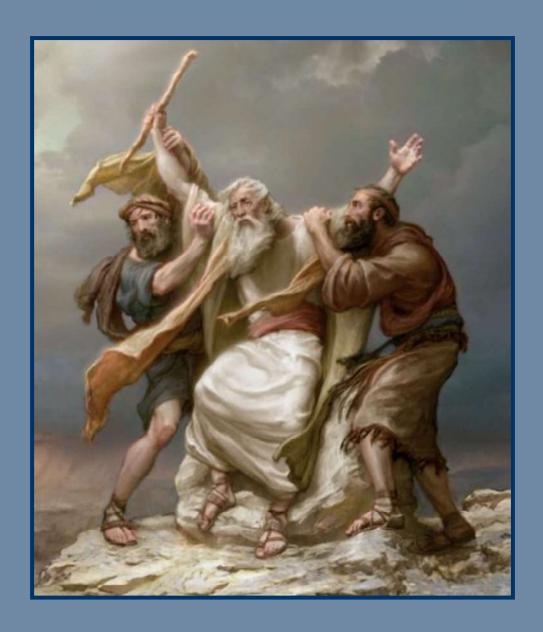
# Saint Michael Parish Hudson, Massachusetts



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 19, 2025

# The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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#### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

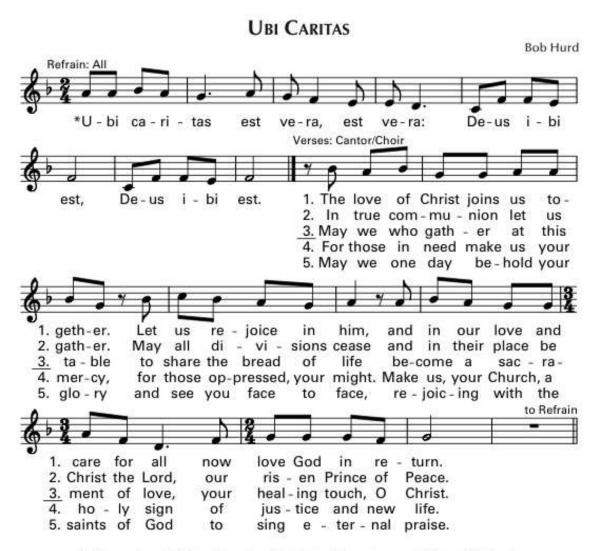


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KYRIE I: "M	Iissa Primitiva" Missal, p. 35
GLORIA: "M	Missa Primitiva" Missal, p. 35
	LITURGY OF THE WORD
FIRST REAL	DING <i>Missal, p. 539</i>
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	LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
OFFERTOR	Y ANTIPHON
OFFERTOR	Y HYMN: The Servant Song (by Richard Gillard)
1, 6.	Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
2.	We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3.	I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4.	I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow, speak the peace you long to hear.
5.	When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,

born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

5.



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#### **CONCLUDING RITES**

#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN:**



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Greetings, brothers and sisters. This weekend we have the benefit of visiting the value of persistence in prayer! As all the saints who have gone before us can attest, God hears all prayers, and answers them according to His Will and time. Let's visit what our readings have to teach us!

In our first reading, we have the story of Moses directing Joshua to engage Amalek in battle. The event takes place shortly after the Israelites have left captivity in Egypt and have begun their 40 years in the desert, but they have not yet arrived at Mt. Sinai. Amalek was a descendant of Esau, Jacob's brother, thus making the Amalekites distant

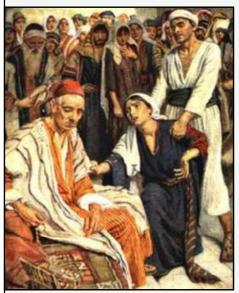
relatives of the Israelites — descendants of Esau, while Israel came from Jacob. The Amalekites attacked Israel without provocation in what became known as the battle of Rephidim, targeting the weary and straggling at the rear of the camp. This act of hostility — ambushing a defenseless people on their way to worship God — became infamous. Moses directs

# A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Chuck Rossignol

Joshua to gather men together to attack the Amalekites, while Moses prays with raised hands from a surrounding hilltop for victory. As long as Moses' hands are raised in prayer, eventually with the assistance of Aaron and Hur on either side, Israel prevails in the battle. When his hands are lowered, Amalek has the advantage. Ultimately, Israel wins the conflict, and Amalek and the Amalekites are defeated.

There are several takeaways from this powerful scripture passage. On a spiritual level, Moses' raised hands symbolize unceasing prayer. The battle represents the ongoing struggle between good and evil. Amalek symbolizes opposition to God's plan and hostility towards His people. Likewise, while we pray, the power of God prevails. When we cease to pray, evil can prevail instead. Victory over evil is not won by strength alone, but by *faithful perseverance* in prayer and dependance on God's power.



In a similar way, the widow in our gospel from Luke perseveres in her own prayer of petition for justice until the judge finally gives in. Jesus reassures us similarly. "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" Jesus encourages us to be persistent, not lose heart, and trust that God hears and answers the prayers of His people. Faith and prayer are inseparable. Paraphrasing Jesus' last line of the gospel passage today is a question for all of us: Will I find you still praying, still believing, still trusting Me – no matter how long it takes?

Heavenly Father, continue to shed the gifts of your Holy Spirit upon us, that all the words and lessons of Jesus your only Son take root in our hearts. Inspire us with perseverance and courage to pray and trust completely in your love and care for us. Help us to believe that our prayers are fruitful and will bring about your perfect Will in our lives and the lives of all those for whom we intercede. We ask all these things in Your Holy Name. Amen.

Wishing you great peace – Deacon Chuck

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat. October 18, 9 a.m. Mary Giorgi Sat. October 18, 4 p.m. Tom Gird

Sun. October 19, 8 a.m. St. Michael Parishioners Sun. October 19, 10 a.m. Maria Rosa Braga

Matthew Steen

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Rossignol & Hubert Families
Thu October 23, 9 a.m. Clara Souse

Thu. October 23, 9 a.m. Clara Sousa Fri. October 24, 9 a.m. Ellen Loritan

Wed. October 22, 9 a.m.

Sat. October 25, 9 a.m. Jeanne Maria Valborge

Sat. October 25, 4 p.m. Tim and Krysten Leslie—10th Wedding Anniversary

Sun. October 26, 8 a.m. Deacon Dan Crimmins

Sun. October 26, 10 a.m. Mary Pacitto

#### October Sponsors

Bread & Wine are offered in Memory of Fr. Ron Calhoun. Altar Candles are offered in Memory of Jose Resendes Sousa Jr.

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday Mass: English

4:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil) 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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**Daily Mass: Portuguese** 

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#### **MATRIMONY**

Contact the parish office to make an appointment with a member of the clergy at least eight months prior to the desired wedding date.

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PastoralCouncil@stmikes.org

The Pastoral Council helps Fr. Bert with practical parish matters. Please send a message to offer ideas, talent, expertise, or feedback. Note: This e-mail is checked weekly, and the Pastoral Council meets every 6-8 weeks. For immediate pastoral needs, contact the appropriate clergy or staff above.

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Sacred Heart, Waltham
St. Patrick, Watertown
St. Margaret Mary, Westwood
Saint Mary Church, Wrentham

#### **FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

October 7-13, 2025

COLLECTION SUMMARY	Offertory	Maintenance & Development
In-Pew	\$14,735	\$2,488
Online Giving	\$1,631	\$105
GRAND TOTAL	\$16,366*	\$2,593

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OCTOBER—Month of the Rosary—Pope Leo XIV encourages us to pray the rosary daily for peace in the world. Let us also draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

OCTOBER—Adult Choir Rehearsals—Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Parish Center.

OCTOBER 21—Ladies Sodality Meeting—1:00 p.m., Parish Center. Diane Buchanan will share memories of Christ the King Parish. Contact Martha at 978-562-2705 for more information.

OCTOBER 22— Day of Prayer—7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Lower Church. Pray for Harmony in our Nation and Peace in the World. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at St. Michael's throughout the day. One hour time slots are available between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please check the website to signup or contact Andrea in the parish office.

OCTOBER 25 & 26—Stuff A Truck at St. Michael's—Sponsored by the Hudson chapter of St. Vincent de Paul. Please bring your gently used clothing and shoes, books are also a welcome donation!

OCTOBER 29— Guest Speaker: Zach Morris—6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Upper Church. All are welcome!

NOVEMBER 1—St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting—5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Parish Center (following the 4:00 p.m. Mass).

NOVEMBER 6—Mass of Remembrance—7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Upper Church. Join us as we honor all parishioners, family members and friends who have gone before us this past year. All are invited.

NOVEMBER 7—Eucharistic Adoration—6:00 p.m., Upper Church. Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

NOVEMBER 19—Rosary with the Knights of Columbus—6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Join the Knights and our Faith Formation students and parents as we learn about the rosary. All are welcome!

NOVEMBER 26— Mass of Thanksgiving—7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Upper Church. Join us as we give thanks to God for all His wondrous blessings!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Leandres who were married at St. Michael's Parish on October 8! Kyle and Emily—May your marriage be blessed with lasting joy, health, and happiness.



# HERALDS OF THE GOSPEL CONGRATULATIONS RAFFLE WINNERS!



Thank you to the Heralds of the Gospel who with special care brought Our Lady into our homes! Thanks to all who supported this great work of evangelization! The raffle winners are: Our Lady of Grace: Pedro Urbina | Our Lady of Guadalupe: Niima | Rosary: Luis Hernandez—congratulations!



St. Michael's will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2026 and we are hoping to mark this momentous occasion with a series of special events. Some ideas could include:

- Special Anniversary Mass with Archbishop Henning
- Celebratory dinner dance
- Series of presentations by parish historians
- Parish directory with family photos
- Banner to display on church grounds

If you would like to be part of a planning committee or have additional ideas, please call Lori in the parish center.

OCTOBER 19, 2025



"On the Cultivation of Worth: A Word from St. Augustine to the contemporary heart"

In this increasingly disaffiliated world our kids are leaving God behind. Instead of seeing God as a loving creator, many choose to strike out on the effort of 'self-creation." The trouble is that when we seek to create ourselves we also find ourselves in a situation where we must define our own worth. We live in a world in which our young people, far too often, base their value on passing things (grades, sports, friends, etc.) rather than the unchanging God. When those things pass away our kids are not merely faced with a bad day but their very reason for why they matter is thoroughly shaken. Teens are facing a crisis of worth and we have to respond. This talk will consider the crisis at hand, seeking an answer in the thought of St. Augustine, and discuss what we as parents, educators, coaches, and mentors can do to help our young people ground their worth in the loving God.

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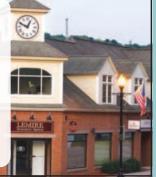
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