

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:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the
2. Praise to the Lord, a - bove all things so
3. Praise to the Lord, who does pros - per your
4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is

1. King of cre - a - tion! O my soul,
2. glor - ious - ly reign - ing; Shel - t'ring you
3. work and de - fend you; Sure - ly his
4. in me a - dore him! All that has

1. praise him, for he is your health and sal - va -
2. un - der his wings, and so gent - ly sus - tain -
3. good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend
4. life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore

1. tion! All you who hear, now to his tem - ple draw
2. ing! Have you not seen all that is need - ful has
3. you. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
4. him. Let the A - men sound from his peo - ple a -

1. near; Praise him in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
2. been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
3. do, If with his love he be - friend you.
4. gain, Glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

Text: *Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren*, Joachim Neander; Tr. Catherine Winkworth.
Melody: LOBE DEN HERREN, 14.14.4.7.8; 17th c. German.

KYRIE I: “*Missa Primitiva*”..... *Missal, p. 35*

GLORIA: “*Missa Primitiva*”..... *Missal, p. 35*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING..... *Missal, p. 539*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM..... *Missal, p. 539*

SECOND READING..... *Missal, p. 539*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION..... *Missal, p. 540*

GOSPEL..... *Missal, p. 540*

HOMILY

NICENE CREED..... *Missal p. 7*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON.....*Missal, p. 540*

OFFERTORY 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS: “*Missa Primitiva*”..... *Missal, p. 36*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON..... *Missal, p. 541*

COMMUNION HYMN:

UBI CARITAS

Bob Hurd

Refrain: All



*U - bi ca - ri - tas est ve - ra, est ve - ra: De - us i - bi

Verses: Cantor/Choir



est, De - us i - bi est.

1. The love of Christ joins us to -
2. In true com - mu - nion let us
3. May we who gath - er at this
4. For those in need make us your
5. May we one day be - hold your



1. geth - er. Let us re - joice in him, and in our love and
2. gath - er. May all di - vi - sions cease and in their place be
3. ta - ble to share the bread of life be - come a sac - ra -
4. mer - cy, for those op - pressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a
5. glo - ry and see you face to face, re - joic - ing with the

to Refrain



1. care for all now love God in re - turn.
2. Christ the Lord, our ris - en Prince of Peace.
3. ment of love, your heal - ing touch, O Christ.
4. ho - ly sign of jus - tice and new life.
5. saints of God to sing e - ter - nal praise.

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CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
2. Lord, you call us to your serv - ice: "In my
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
4. Lord, you show us love's true meas - ure: "Fa - ther,
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the Church ne -
name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, And the Gos - pel go un - heard,
trust your prom - ise, Life a - bun - dant meant for each,
earth's true glo - ry, Dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward,
pri - vate treas - ure All that you so free - ly give,
love re - stor - ing, May we serve as you in - tend,

Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose With re -
Give us all new fer - vor, draw us Clos - er
Ask - ing that the world a - round us Share your
May your care and mer - cy lead us To a
And, a - mid the cares that claim us, Hold in

newed in - teg - ri - ty;
in com - mun - i - ty;
chil - dren's lib - er - ty; With the Spir - it's gifts em -
just so - ci - e - ty;
mind e - ter - ni - ty;

power us For the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffrey Rowthorn, b.1934, © 1976, Hope Publishing Co.
Tune: ARBUT'S LEKKE, S.T.B.T.D. Cyril V. Taylor, 1897-1991, © 1962, 1970, Hope Publishing Co.



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

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 Deceased Members of the Cabral & Gaspar Families
Wed. October 22, 9 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Rossignol & Hubert Families
Thu. October 23, 9 a.m.	Clara Sousa
Fri. October 24, 9 a.m.	Ellen Loritan
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.
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass: English

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

Sunday Mass: Portuguese

9:15 a.m. Chapel
11:30 a.m. Chapel (*Brazilian*)

Daily Mass: English

Wed-Sat. | 9:00 a.m.

Daily Mass: Portuguese

Mon | 7:00 p.m. Chapel (*Brazilian*)

CONFESSION & ADORATION

Mondays: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Confession & Adoration
(*Portuguese/Brazilian*)

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Saturdays: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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*Confession also available after most Masses
by request or by appointment*

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.

BOOK A MASS INTENTION

If you would like to reserve a Mass for someone, please contact the parish office. The suggested stipend for Masses is \$10.

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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.*

St. Vincent de Paul

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Day of Prayer for Harmony in our Nation and Peace in the World

- West Region -

On Wednesday, October 22nd, from 7am to 7pm,
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St. Catherine, Norwood
Ascension (OL of Fatima), Sudbury
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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UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

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 sign up 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.

GUEST SPEAKER: ZACH MORRIS



OCTOBER 29, 2025—WEDNESDAY 6 PM

“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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