

St. Carlo Acutis

Feast Day: October 12th

Patron Saint of Youth and Computer Programmers

Carlo Acutis was born in London on May 3, 1991, and grew up in Milan, Italy. Even as a little boy, Carlo loved Jesus in the Eucharist. He asked to go to daily Mass, spent time in Eucharistic Adoration, and made frequent Confessions. He often said, "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven."

Carlo was like many other teenagers, he enjoyed playing soccer, spending time with friends, and using the computer, but he also had a heart for helping others. He gave food and sleeping bags to people on the streets and looked out for classmates who were lonely or bullied.

Carlo was very gifted with technology and decided to use his talent to serve God. He built a website and organized a worldwide exhibit on Eucharistic miracles to help others grow closer to Jesus.

In 2006, at just 15 years old, Carlo was diagnosed with a fast-moving form of leukemia. He offered all his sufferings for the Pope and the Church, saying he wanted to go straight to heaven without passing through purgatory. He died on October 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi, near his hero, St. Francis.

The Church opened Carlo's cause for sainthood in 2012. He was beatified in 2020 after the healing of a sick boy in Brazil was confirmed as a miracle through Carlo's intercession. A second miracle, the healing of a young woman from Costa Rica, was approved in 2024. St. Carlo Acutis was canonized by Pope Leo XIV on September 7, 2025.

St. Carlo Acutis' feast day is celebrated every year on October 12. He is remembered as the first millennial saint and an example that holiness is possible for everyone, even for young people living in today's world.



Did You Know?

When Carlo's tomb was opened in 2019, his body was found in a well-preserved state, and he was displayed for public veneration in Assisi. A silicone mask was placed over his face to present him with dignity to pilgrims.

St. Luke the Evangelist

Feast Day, October 18th

The Patron Saint of Artists, Writers, and Physicians

It is believed that St. Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile in Antioch, Syria and trained as a physician. He was a disciple of Paul, and he wrote the book of Luke as well as the Acts of the Apostles.

Luke's gospel shows special sensitivity to evangelizing Gentiles as with the parable of the Good Samaritan (LK. 10:30-37).

Luke's unique perspective on Jesus can be seen in the six miracles and eighteen parables not found in the other gospels. Luke's is the gospel of the poor and of social justice. Luke is the one who uses "Blessed are the poor" instead of "Blessed are the poor in spirit" in the beatitudes.

Luke also recorded much of what was known about Mary, including the Annunciation and the words that Mary spoke and became part of the Hail Mary prayer we lovingly recite today.

Luke is widely regarded as an excellent historian. Many of the places and events he mentions in his gospel have been verified by modern historians, so it is widely agreed that his descriptions are accurate.

Luke is also known to have traveled with Paul, and on his own to spread the Gospel. When Paul was imprisoned in Rome, Luke stayed with him. Due to Roman persecution, all of Paul's disciples abandoned him at the end of his life, except Luke, who remained with Paul to the end (2 TM 4:11).

Luke had a special ministry to the poor and wrote about the special place of women in the Church.

Luke's fate is unknown, but it is believed he may have been martyred by the Romans near the end of his impactful life. He is often depicted in icons with an ox or a calf, which are symbols of sacrifice.

Today, Saint Luke's apostolic works are widely read and studied, and he is known as a saint, in full communion with Christ in heaven.



ST. LUKE PARABLES

- Two debtors (7:40-43)
- Friend at midnight (11:5-8)
- Rich fool (12:13-21)
- Punishment (12:47-48)
- Barren tree (13:1-9)
- Lost coin (15:8-10)
- Shrewd manager (16:1-12)
- Rich man and Lazarus (16:19-31)
- Persistent widow (18:1-8)
- Pharisee and the tax collector (18:9-14)