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25TH

SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

THE PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

“When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’”

Matthew 20:8

"As a Roman Catholic faith community, we seek to follow the example of St. Veronica who carried the image of Christ always with her. Through fellowship, service and acts of mercy we walk as disciples in Christ's mission together seeking an ever-deeper relationship with God through prayer, education, sacraments, and the celebration of the Eucharist."

Dear Saint Veronica Parishioners,

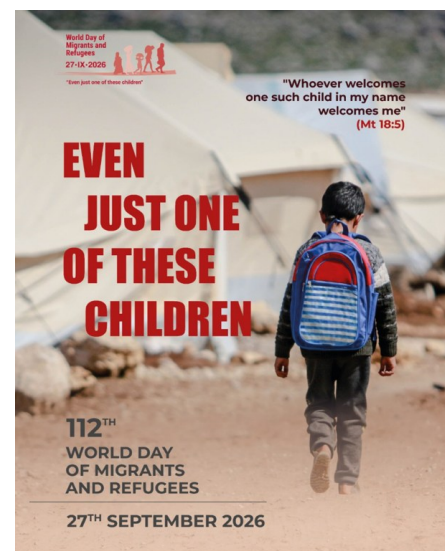
"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD." Those are the words in our first reading today. They were written about 700 years before the birth of Christ. And they sum up the message in today's Gospel. Today's parable shows us the kind of relationship that God has with us though the story of the landowner and the workers he hired. It demonstrates that God not only shows justice, but even more shows mercy and generosity. If God was simply just to us we would all be in a bad way. Our hope lies in the fact that God is also merciful and generous. This parable seems unfair to us at first until we remember the words spoken at the beginning of every Mass we celebrate. We do NOT say: "Lord give me justice, Christ give me justice, Lord give me justice." We say: "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy." If we asked for justice, there would be little hope for us. We ask for his mercy and generosity. St Thérèse of Lisieux many years ago summed it up nicely, *"God's justice IS his mercy."* God is a lover, and wants to give to everyone who comes to him. The last workers were as needy as the first. They needed just as much for their families as the first workers needed, and he gives them just as much.

Next Sunday, September 27, 2026, is the 2026 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which focuses on the need for pastoral care for minors on the move. "Even just one of these children" is the theme that Pope Leo XIV has chosen for the 112th edition of the day. The title is a reference to Matthew 18:5: "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." "With this choice, the Holy Father intends to express the Church's concern for minors directly involved in migration, recalling the duty to welcome each one of them as the Gospel teaches us," the statement says. The Dicastery also notes that this "is not the first time that the Popes have spoken authoritatively on this issue, but the current migration situation presents new challenges that seriously threaten the rights and dignity of the youngest among us and require urgent and effective responses. Therefore, this is not a matter of discussing numbers or percentages, because 'even just one' has the highest value." Pope Leo said: "Even just one of these children, in the context of civil institutions calls us to reaffirm the principle of the best interests of the child." Calling on public and private institutions, which "are bound to prioritize the protection and dignity of every single child and adolescent", the Pope said, "This requires the adoption of effective legal instruments of protection, the promotion of family reunification, and the prevention of the trauma caused by separation." "An urgent change of perspective is needed," he said: "The focus of the debate must shift from the mere management of migration to the full and immediate

protection of human rights, adopting 'a coordinated, supportive and effective response, capable of guaranteeing protection, welcome and genuine opportunities for integration to those who migrate.'"

The origins of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees can be traced to 1914, a few months before the outbreak of World War I. Touched by the drama of millions of Italians who had migrated abroad since the beginning of the 20th century, Pope Pius X called on all Christians to pray for migrants. A few months later, his successor Pope Benedict XV instituted the Day of the Migrant to spiritually and economically support pastoral work for Italian emigrants. In 1952, Migrant Day took on a broader and more international connotation, and Churches around the world were called upon to choose a date to celebrate the day during the liturgical year. St. John Paul II was the first pontiff to issue, each year since 1985, a message drawing attention to some of the specific realities and difficulties of people on the move, calling the Church to action. In 2004, the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People extended the day to refugees, calling it the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. On the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, January 14, 2018, Pope Francis announced that the day would be marked from this day forward on the last Sunday of September. So next Sunday we pray for all migrants and refugees not only throughout the world, but especially in our own country and neighborhood.

Let us pray for each other. God bless,
Father Mahoney



"Welcome to St Veronica Parish. Here we are all invited to grow in our relationship with God and to know God's presence through faith, hope, love and ministry."

MASS Intentions

Saturday, September 19

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
The Cassettari & Centrella Families
Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
W. Chris Rigby Birthday Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Robert & Mary Laffin
and Eleanor Ackerman Memorial

Sunday, September 20

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Jos K. Kurian Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Major I. Travers 5th Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Andrew & Edna Hojlo Memorial

Monday, September 21

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Michael Hartigan Memorial

Tuesday, September 22

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Rose & Charlie Hanafin
and Pat & Roy Farrow Memorial

Wednesday, September 23

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Herman Couto Month's Mind

Thursday, September 24

9:00 am **St. Margaret Church**
Ed MacPhail Memorial

Friday, September 25

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**
Pedro Rey Birthday Memorial
& Mercedes Rey Memorial

Saturday, September 26

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Zita Nacinovich 11th Anniversary

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Francesco & Paul Viola
and Angelina Gulino Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Anna, Peter, Dom & Joan DiRienzo
and Bill & Jon Glynn Memorial

Sunday, September 27

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Cindy Sullivan 1st Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Richard & Ann Connolly Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Paul Groulx 7th Anniversary



Funeral Masses were celebrated recently for
Gennaro "Lou" Laghetto
& Louise Griffin
Kindly include them and their families
in your prayers.
Thank you.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Sep 20	<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a
MONDAY Sep 21	<i>Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i> Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
TUESDAY Sep 22	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
WEDNESDAY Sep 23	<i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i> Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6
THURSDAY Sep 24	Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17bc/Lk 9:7-9
FRIDAY Sep 25	Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b+2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
SATURDAY Sep 26	<i>Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i> Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17/Lk 9:43b-45
SUNDAY Sep 27	<i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/ Mt 21:28-32

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of September 13, 2026
Envelopes & In Church: \$9,840.50
Online: \$3,302
TOTAL: \$13,142.50

Weekly Budget \$16,153.00
Income \$13,142.50
Deficit -\$3,010.50

Month to Date: \$29,799.50

Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$4,825
Online: \$381
TOTAL: \$5,206

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

All adult volunteers are required to complete Protecting God's Children (PGC), the child protection training program utilized by the Archdiocese of Boston.

Go to www.VIRTUSonline.org.

NEW TRAININGS SCHEDULED AT ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

All parish clergy, staff and volunteers are required to be trained. New volunteers in any ministry must complete the training before they begin their new ministry.

Tuesday, Sept 22 (6pm - 9pm)

Pizza dinner will be served

Sunday, Oct 18 (1pm - 4pm)

Light refreshments will be served

Location: St. Margaret School Building (Hall)

To register parishioners should visit www.VIRTUSonline.org and search for these programs by date. Call Carly Reidy with any questions at 781-272-3111.



Save the date for the Ham & Bean Supper October 17th!!

Tickets will be sold at both churches the weekends of October 3-4 and 10-11. The cost of tickets is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

**Congratulations to Reese, who is our
Taste and See winner for August!!
Enjoy your ice cream!**



SECOND COLLECTION: CLERGY TRUST

This weekend's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit: www.clergytrust.org

"FOR *My Thoughts*

ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS,
NOR ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS," SAYS

THE **LORD.**

"For as the heavens are
higher than the earth,

SO ARE *My Ways*

HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS,

And *My thoughts*
than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Saturday, October 10th at 11 am

St. Michael Parish (90 Concord Rd, Bedford) will be hosting a Mass of Remembrance for parents and families who endured the tragic loss of a child due to miscarriage or stillbirth on Saturday, October 10 at 11 am. Anyone who has suffered such a loss—whether recently or years ago—is invited and encouraged to join us as we honor these little souls through the liturgy and pray for the moms, dads, siblings, and grandparents they left behind. A time of fellowship with light refreshments will be held immediately following the Mass at our Parish Hall. If you're able, please let us know if you plan on attending by emailing Michelle at thebedfordcolasantes@gmail.com with your first and last name, and number of family members joining us. Thank you.



The Pro-Life Network is collecting for some of the current needs for the clients at Heartbeat Pregnancy Help Center in Burlington. They are in need of **FLEECE sleepers and FLEECE sleeper bags - SIZES 3 month and 6 month and WINTER OUTFITS - SIZES 3 month and 6 month** - for both boy and girl. They can also use **Gift Cards** to Target, Walmart, TJ Maxx and Marshalls.

Your gifts mean the world to Heartbeat's clients and we are beyond grateful with what you so generously provide for families expecting a child soon. We anticipate through the fall and into the new year, will be helping approx. 300 more newborns. **We are collecting from October 1st through October 31st, for RESPECT LIFE MONTH.** If you would like to donate any of these items please contact Kathy Parsons @ 781-910-7682 to make arrangements to drop your item off or for one of their team members to come and pick it up. **Thank you so very much in advance for your generosity ~ it is greatly appreciated !**



THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Save the date: Blessing of Animals In honor of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi we will have the Blessing of Pets and Animals on **Sunday, October 4th at 2:00 p.m.** on the front lawn of St. Malachy Rectory. This year marks the 800th Anniversary of his passage to Heaven. An animal blessing is an opportunity to pray for the health and safety of the animal and to offer our thanks to God for the gift of these amazing creatures. For the safety of all concerned, please bring your pet in a carrying case or leash to the front lawn of St. Malachy Rectory on Sunday, October 4th at 2:00 p.m. Bring your cats, dogs, birds, fish, hippopotamuses, stuffed animals, husbands, whatever you have, and we'll ask God's blessing on them. Our two Permanent Deacons – Deacon Dick and Deacon Jack - will lead us in this prayer of blessing.



Mark your calendars for gatherings the remainder of 2026: **Thursdays: 10/15, 11/19, and 12/17 at 6:30pm at St. Malachy's church hall** (enter through the Chapel, proceed downstairs via the stairs or elevator). In *October*, we'll welcome back guest speaker, **Kent Niebuhr**. **October's meeting will be opened to both females and males.** All are welcomed - no sign-up is ever needed. Any questions, feel free to reach out to Laurie at [617-680-4448](tel:617-680-4448).



Religious Education Programs

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Classes begin in
 October!! Register
 online at
 stveronicama.org!

Grades 1, 3-5

♦ Family Style program “A Family of Faith”

- * The family program is designed to facilitate the family faith life, giving you the tools you need to pass the faith on to your children and journey with them towards Christ. This program offers flexibility to fit everyone’s schedules, as well as the ability to tailor the learning to each child’s strengths, interests, and learning styles.
- * Each family can choose to either:
 - Create or join a small group of families that come together to work on the activities and lessons 1-2x/month at a time that is mutually agreeable to the group.
 - Complete the activities and lessons with your own child(ren) at a time that best fits into your family schedule.

♦ Join us for Sunday Mass every week!

- * Students are expected to attend Mass every weekend.
- * Join us after the 10:00am Mass at St. Malachy’s every week for delicious donuts!
- * Each time you attend Mass, scan your personal QR code and get stamps on your “Massport”.

♦ Family of Faith Gathering once a month!

- * Families will come together once a month for the 10am Mass, donuts, and an event or teaching.

♦ Important Dates:

- * **Parent Meeting: September 28th at 6pm St. Malachy Church Hall**
- * **Back to School BBQ: October 4th at 12:30pm at St. Margaret’s Upper Parking Lot**

Grade 2: Sacrament Prep for Reconciliation and Eucharist

♦ Sacrament Preparation *(If your child is older than Grade 2, but needs these Sacraments, please contact Camille Mainardi)

- * Students will prepare by learning specifically about each Sacrament in order to prepare for Reconciliation (Jan-Feb) and First Eucharist (May).
 - Lessons will be done by individual families at home or in a small group setting.
 - Two in-person mini retreats prior to reception of each Sacrament to wrap up lessons and ensure your child is fully prepared to receive each Sacrament.

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♦ Parent Meeting: September 27th at 4pm at St. Margaret’s School Building

Middle School – Grades 6 & 7

Middle Schoolers can choose from the following options:

♦ Middle School After-School Program

- * Grades 6-7 classes bi-weekly at the school at St. Margaret's after school on Wednesdays from 2:00 - 3:30pm.

♦ Middle School Evening Program (Monday nights, roughly bi-weekly)

- * Classes offered from 7-8pm

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Sacrament Prep For Confirmation - Grade 8

♦ Sacrament Preparation

- * Students in grade 8 will prepare for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring by discussing the Faith and learning how to maturely live out the Christian life.
- * Confirmation Students can choose to attend either on Monday nights from 7-8:15pm or Wednesday Afternoon from 2:00-3:30pm at St. Margaret's School.
 - Students will be asked to attend a day retreat.
 - Students will be asked to complete 10 Practical Formation Hours.

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- * Each time you attend Mass, scan your personal QR code.

♦ Parent Meeting: September 28th at 7:30pm at St. Malachy Church Hall

Grades 9-12

♦ An opportunity for those already confirmed to grow in the faith and in the Christian Life

- * Classes will meet once a month on Sunday evenings from 5-6:00pm at the St. Margaret's School. There is no registration fee for this program.
 - There will be group discussions reflecting on key questions of meaning and truth such as the origins of life, life after death, good and evil, beliefs about God and values such as justice, honesty, and truth.
 - We will discuss lessons taught by Jesus and how the students can use those lessons today.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSIONS)**

Friday: 6:00 - 7:00 pm (chapel)

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Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am; and 12:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9:00 am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSIONS)**

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm (lower church)

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