

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

Westport, Massachusetts



*“God is light; In him
there is no darkness...”*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office located in the Parish Center

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

Daily 9:00 am (Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.)

Holy Days Feast Day: 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

ADORATION

Monday, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Friday, 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourself to Fr. Chris after any Mass you attend. If you want to register with the parish, give us a call or stop by the office during office hours.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Sundays (after the 10:00 am Mass) by appointment only.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays, 9:30 to 10:00 am. Mondays, 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm,

First Eucharist and Confirmation

Two-year preparation necessary. Call the Religious Education Office.

Matrimony

Please call Fr. Chris at least six months prior to date of marriage.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify us if you know someone who would like to receive the Sacrament, or someone who is unable to come to Mass, but would like to receive the Eucharist.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Adult Choir -- Prayer Line -- Alanon & AA

Pro-Life Programs -- Bingo -- Bible Study

Religious Education Classes -- Boy Scouts

Senior Club -- Council of Catholic Women

St. Vincent dePaul Society -- Cub Scouts

**For information on these organizations, please
call the Parish Office at 508-674-6271.**

Sunday, September 20, 2020
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist



St. Matthew, the Evangelist who wrote the Gospel that appears first in the New Testament, was different from the other Apostles. He was not a popular man. Many people felt that he was unworthy to be chosen as a follower of Jesus. Matthew worked for the Romans as a tax collector.

The Romans ruled Palestine and the Jewish people in the time of Jesus. They forced the Jewish people to pay taxes to them. Many of the tax collectors cheated the people by charging more taxes than required and keeping the extra money for themselves. The Jews considered tax collectors to be traitors. In Chapter 9 of his Gospel, Matthew tells a story about how Jesus called him to follow him and how the Jewish people felt about tax collectors. You can read it in Matthew 9:9-13. In this story, the Pharisees, a group of Jews who strictly followed all the laws of their religion, call tax collectors “sinners.” Jesus knew in his heart that Matthew was not a sinner or a cheat.

Matthew wrote his Gospel for Jewish people who had become followers of Christ. He wanted his audience to know that Jesus was the Messiah that God had promised to send to save all people. Matthew’s Gospel makes clear that Jesus is the fulfillment of everything said by the prophets in the Old Testament. Matthew is also the only Evangelist who shares the eight Beatitudes with his readers. His Gospel faithfully reports how Jesus described who will be truly blessed by God in the Kingdom and the attitudes and actions that are required for those who follow the new Law Jesus came to bring. After Jesus’ Ascension, Matthew preached the Gospel, as Jesus asked his disciples to do. It is believed that he established Christian communities in Ethiopia and other sections of the continent of Africa. Tradition tells us that he died as a martyr.

The symbol for Matthew’s Gospel is a man with wings. Matthew wrote about Jesus’ Incarnation and his Gospel makes clear that Jesus was true God and true man. Matthew is the patron saint of bankers, because he dealt with money as a tax collector. But anyone who reads Matthew’s Gospel knows that money was not important to him. What was important was believing in and living as a follower of Christ.

Matthew helps us to remember that it is our faith in Jesus that makes us truly rich! St. Matthew is the patron saint of accountants. His feast day is Monday, September 21st.

Weekly Church Support

Week of September 12/13

Regular Collection: \$3,177

Next week second collection for Cardinal Medeiros Residence

Monthly Utilities: \$1,035



Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish and please keep the parish in your prayers.

Online donations can be made at any time through the link below:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/88>

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Vigil, September 19th – 25th Sun. in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. – **MYRON COSTA**

By his wife, Lorraine & Family

Sunday, September 20th – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – **JOSPEH DUFORT**

By his Wife & Family

10:00 a.m. – **PAUL G. LEITE, JR.**

By his Grandparents

5:00 p.m. – **THERESA STOCKWELL**

By son, Donald, Maria & Family

Monday, September 21st -- No 9:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, September 22nd – Weekday

9:00 a.m. – **THOMAS ALBERNESE and**

DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS

Wednesday, September 23rd – No 9:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, September 24th -- Weekday

9:00 a.m. – **JOHN & MARY HAGGERTY**

By children, Joan, Sharon, Beverly & Jack

Friday, September 25th -- Weekday

9:00 a.m. – **GEORGE BERUBE and**

LIVING & DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS

9:30 a.m. **Adoration** all day and concludes with

Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 26th – Sts. Cosmas & Damian

9:00 a.m. – **ROMEO ROY (Birthday)**

By wife, Heneriette Roy

Sat. Vigil, September 26th – 26th Sun. in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. – **JESSIE OLIVEIRA**

By his wife, Alice

Sunday, September 27th – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – **FLORIAN CORRIVEAU**

By his daughter, Louise Levesque & Family

10:00 a.m. – **PAUL LEVESQUE**

By his Mom & Family

5:00 p.m. – **LEO & GERMAINE CORRIVEAU and**

their son, **NORMAN**

By Janice Bolduc

The Altar Breads which will be consecrated during the month of September are in Memory of

RICHARD BARRESI

By his wife, Lillian & Family



The Sanctuary Lamp that burns at the Tabernacle for the month of September is in Memory of

MANUEL & MANUELA ORLANDO

By daughter, Michelle Orlando & Family



On Saturday October 3rd at 11am Fr. Chris will do a Blessing of pets at St. John the Baptist Church 945 Main Road in Westport. All in town are most welcome to come with their pets for this blessing which is traditionally held on or near the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of the animals. Animals don't need to wear masks, but their owners probably should!

JOB AVAILABLE

The Cardinal Medeiros Residence, for whom the second collection this weekend was taken up, is a home for about 20 retired priests of the Fall River Diocese. The building, attached to Bishop Connolly High School, was set aside by then Bishop O' Malley as a place where retired priests of the Fall River Diocese could live out their retirement in a communal setting. They are looking to hire a part-time housekeeper who would work mornings and into the early afternoons up to 18 hours per week. If interested, please contact Lisa Breton at 508-675-1050 for more information.

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