



## HONOR ST. LUKE ON HIS FEAST DAY ~ OCT. 18<sup>TH</sup>

Monday is the feast day of St. Luke. Like St. Mark, he was not one of the original 12. He was however one of the most dedicated followers after Christ's ascension. He was so inspired by Christ, he wrote the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, which make up nearly a fourth of the New Testament. He is a beautiful writer taking the reader through his messages and stories with such description they can envision and imagine themselves in them.



Saint Luke was an intellect. He left his profession as physician to become an evangelist with the other Apostles, after Saint Paul inspired him. His writings make it obvious that he enjoyed talking to countless people who knew Jesus and witnessed his miracles. He is often referred to as one of the Church's first historians. Church theologians believe that the story of our Savior's birth he presents was so detailed it had to be based on St. Luke's personal conversations with Our Blessed Mother Mary.

Those seeking to be closer to God through the scriptures can go to St. Luke's Gospel to learn about the life, teachings, and miracles of Jesus. Moreover, see God eagerly waiting for us with open arms.

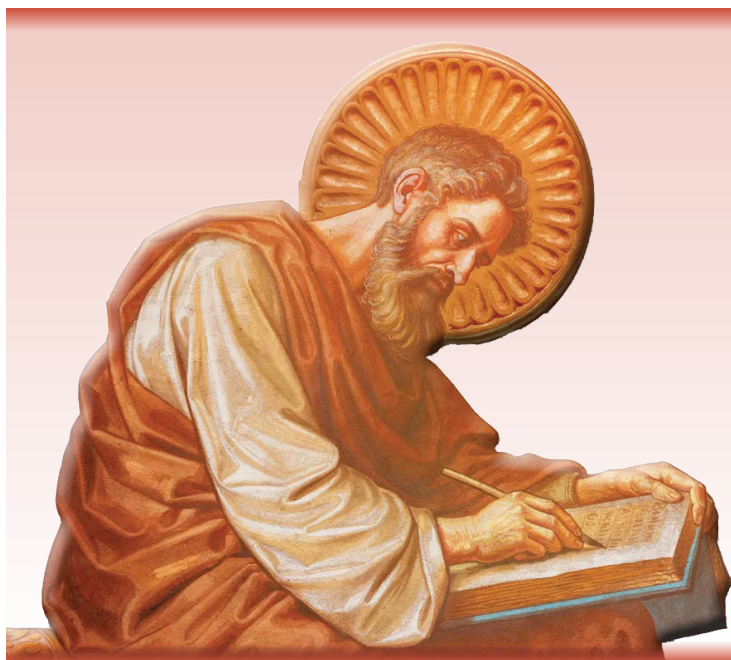
He is further described as the apostle who adamantly preached that the Gospel is meant for the whole human race, men, and women alike. Even though the world was male-dominated, he preached and wrote about how Jesus went out of his way to bring God's love to women, many of whom were among the most forgotten and cast-out members of society.

In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke writes about the life of the early Catholic Church. He focuses a lot on St. Paul and the early

missionary journeys. He journals the events in such a way historians believe the two traveled together.

Let us all be inspired by St. Luke, seeking to know as much as we can about the life of Christ and want to share that good news with others through our actions and words.

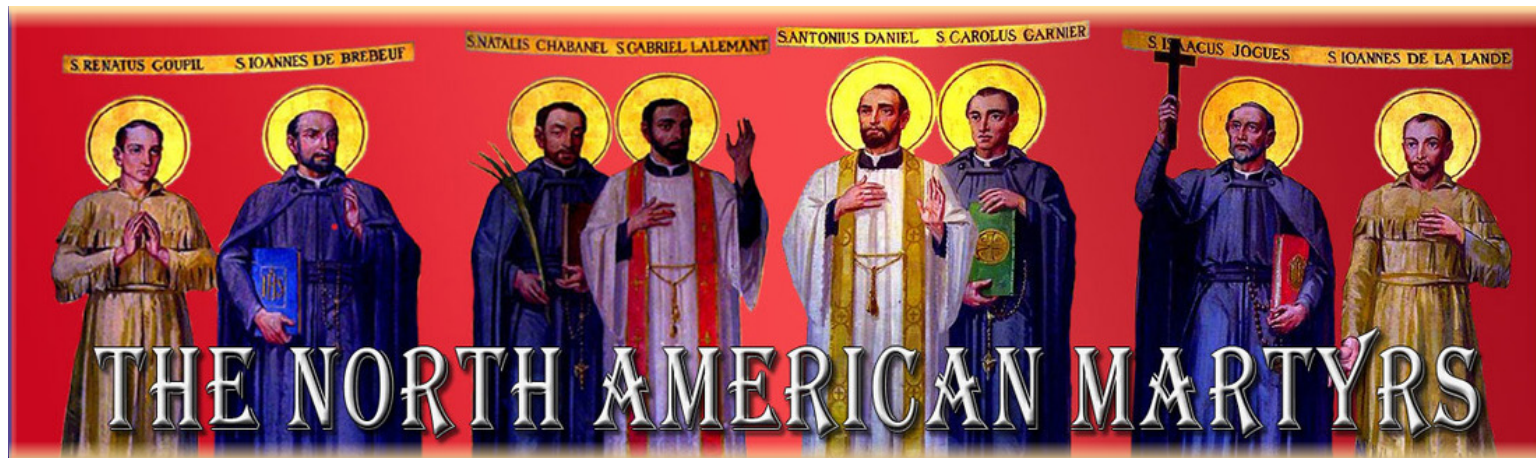
St. Luke is the patron saint of physicians, which is understandable hence his occupation, but he is also the patron of artists. This is because his writing was so skilled and was so descriptive it was as if he painted a picture – an iconographer.



*Almighty God, you inspired Your servant St. Luke the evangelist and physician to set forth in the gospel the love and the healing power of your Son. In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus, he also showed the divinity of Jesus and His genuine compassion for all human beings.*

*May St. Luke intercede for us that we may deepen our understanding of the gospel and grow in compassion of Jesus.*

*Amen.*



## MISSIONARIES REMEMBERED FOR COURAGEOUS EVANGELIZATION

### *FIRST MARTYRED SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA HONORED ON OCT. 19*

In the hamlet of Auriesville in Fultonville, New York, sits a shrine dedicated to three Jesuit missionaries, one of them a priest and the other two laymen part of the Jesuit resolve to bring Christianity to the “New World.” The shrine honors Father Isaac Jogues and René Goupil and John la Lande. In the 17th century all three were martyred on the land once called Ossernenon by the indigenous peoples. The men were canonized in 1930 along with five other Jesuit priests who were killed while doing missionary work in Canada. They are the first martyred saints of North America. Their feast day is Oct. 19.



Jesuit missionaries were accepted by the Huron and Algonquin people in the early 1600s. These native North American tribes were often in conflict with the more hostile Iroquois tribes, specifically the Mohawks. While all native peoples were apprehensive about the French Catholic missionaries, the Iroquois tribes despised the “black robes” as they called them.

The story of their martyrdom was described in the journals and letters

of the courageous Jesuits who brought Catholicism to the Mohawk valley, Quebec, and the Diocese of Albany. The spirit of these missionary pioneers was summed up in a journal quote from St. Isaac Jogues, “we just need to offer up our lives to God in whatever our circumstances and not worry about the results. God will lead us to his glory.”

It could be argued that no one was more determined to evangelize in the “New France” region of the North America than St. Isaac. He learned of the opportunity through the testimonies of Saint Jean de Brébeuf, a Jesuit priest who had been living among the Hurons for three years before returning to France after the English took over Quebec and removed the Jesuits and their lay missionaries. Saint Jean didn’t paint a rosy picture. He was honest sharing stories of brutally cold temperatures, crude wilderness living conditions, and scarce provisions. He also talked about the grave risks, torture, kidnappings, and killings. It was St. Jean’s belief he shared with his superiors that reminded his peers of the divine reason for the ministry in the New World, which kept hope alive for the evangelists, “May He be forever blessed for having appointed us to this country, for having chosen us from so many others much more deserving than we to aid Him in bearing His cross. In all things, may His holy will be done!”

In 1636, shortly after being ordained to the priesthood, St. Isaac arrived in what

is now Quebec at the age of 29. A letter to his mother described his mindset and excitement, “I do not know what it is to enter Heaven, but this I know—that it would be difficult to experience in this world a joy more excessive and more overflowing than I felt in setting foot in the New World, and celebrating my first Mass on the day of the Visitation.”

For six years St. Isaac would live with St. Jean in a settlement among the Huron people, learning their language and customs. In 1642, while traveling from village to village with St. Rene and a group of Hurons who accepted Christianity, they were swarmed and held captive by Mohawk warriors. The details of their seizure and subsequent maltreatment are gruesome and horrendous to say the least. Saint Isaacs fingernails were pulled out and his fingers were chewed, burnt, and cut off. He was held in captivity for 13 months in the Mohawk village Ossernenon (which is Auriesville, New York). During that time, he would befriend an elder native woman, he referred to in his journal as “Aunt.” She who would warn him of danger and beg for his life to be spared on numerous occasions. St. Rene was a young doctor who tended to St. Isaacs wounds. The young man was later killed after a Mohawk man saw the man blessing a child and making the sign of the cross on the child’s forehead. The gesture was misinterpreted for something evil. St. Isaac would write



about the death of St. Rene, “This angel of innocence and martyr of Jesus Christ was immolated in his thirty-fifth year, for Him who had given His life for his ransom. He had consecrated his heart and soul to God and his life and labor to the welfare of the poor Indians.”

Saint Isaac was eventually able to escape with the help of European attempts to ransom the Mohawks for the priest. It was on Christmas Day in 1643, when he safely reached France.

His superiors and Pope Urban VIII called St. Isaac a “living martyr.” The extreme trials of his missionary work did not stop the determined saint from returning to North America. In 1646, he returned Quebec and then traveled from village to village to not only evangelize but also to discuss truces and ransom of prisoners with Iroquois chieftains. The Mohawks were stunned by his presence and gentleness as he approached them despite how horribly they had treated

him as a captive. They considered this a huge act of courage. They agreed he could set up a Christian mission. In order to do so he had to leave for supplies, but when departed he left behind his trunk of personal belongings. This “black box” was an object the native people had not seen before and felt threatened and convinced it was filled with evil spirits.



Unaware of the extreme turn in the Mohawk people’s minds, St. Isaac returned with St. John (de La Lande) to begin the mission. When they set foot in the village the two were killed.

The work of other missionaries and indigenous Christians did not stop. Ossernenon began to slowly transition from place of captivity and brutal attacks to a valley of negotiations, reconciliation, and a Christian mission.

The martyrs we remember on Oct. 19 are St. Jean, St. Isaac, St. Rene, St. John (Jean de la Lande), St. (Fr.) Gabriel Lalement, Saint (Fr.) Antoine Daniel, St. (Fr.) Charles Garnier, and St. (Fr.) Noël Chabanel.

These men did not die in vain, and their missionary work was not a failure. After St. Isaac died, his killer was overwhelmingly remorseful and asked to be baptized. Ten years later St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born in the Ossernenon village.

## POPE OPENS SYNOD 2021-2023 IN ROME



*Pope Francis opened Synod 2021-2023 with a reflection in Rome last week. The following are excerpts from his address:*

“The Synod is not a parliament or an opinion poll; the Synod is an ecclesial event, and its protagonist is the Holy Spirit. If the Spirit is not present, there will be no Synod.

“May we experience this Synod in the spirit of Jesus’ fervent prayer to the Father on behalf of his disciples: “that they may all be one” (Jn 17:21). This is what we are called to: unity, communion, the fraternity born of the realization that all of us are embraced by the one love of God.

“Dear brothers and sisters may this Synod be a true season of the Spirit! For we need the Spirit, the ever-new breath of God, who sets us free from every form of self-absorption, revives what is moribund, loosens shackles and spreads joy. The Holy Spirit guides us where God wants us to be, not

to where our own ideas and personal tastes would lead us.

“Come, Holy Spirit! You inspire new tongues and place words of life on our lips: keep us from becoming a “museum Church”, beautiful but mute, with much past and little future. Come among us, so that in this synodal experience we will not lose our enthusiasm, dilute the power of prophecy, or descend into useless and unproductive discussions. Come, Spirit of love, open our hearts to hear your voice! Come, Holy Spirit of holiness, renew the holy and faithful People of God! Come, Creator Spirit, renew the face of the earth! Amen.”

Bishop Mark Brennan is opening the local phase of the synod by celebrating Mass at 10 a.m., at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, in Charleston, on Oct. 17.

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading ISAIAH 53:10-11

The LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity. If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him. Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.

### Responsorial PSALMS 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

### Second Reading HEBREWS 4:14-16

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

### Alleluia MARK 10:45

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many

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### Gospel MARK 10:35-45 (or 10:42-45)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them,

"You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

That the Church, especially during this Month of the Rosary, find comfort in knowing that Jesus has been tested in every way and now accompanies us throughout our trials and hardships, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For leaders around the world, that they may embrace their mission to serve others, especially those who have been neglected by society, giving them respect, dignity, and hope, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For an end to war and terrorism, that conflict and differences may be resolved by peaceful means, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That during this Respect Life Month, may God grant us the wisdom and courage to lovingly protect His gift of human life at every stage, in sickness and in health, let us pray to the Lord. . .

*Lord hear our prayer*

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



# LET US GO *Rejoicing* TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

PSALM 122

## UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED

Bishop Mark E. Brennan released updated guidelines for our churches and facilities.

- New Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities for Meetings and Gatherings
- Updated Liturgical Guidelines
- Music Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

These are available online at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org).

## *Liturgy of the Hours* LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm: [HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/WATCH-LIVE](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)
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