

SAINT ANNE PARISH

20 Boston Road Southborough, MA 01772

ST. ANNE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Anne Parish, Southborough, in the Diocese of Worcester are called through Baptism to become one faith family. We commit ourselves to embody the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament; by using our ministries to welcome all who are seeking Jesus and to share in the life and work of our Catholic faith. In the spirit and truth of the Holy Trinity, we will use our time, talents and treasure to answer God's command to love one another as He has loved us, in holy worship, prayer, Catechetical formation for all, evangelization and service to others.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, C
September 18, 2022

Lord's Day Mass Schedule:

Saturday ~ 5:00 p.m.
Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.
First Fridays: 9:00 a.m.

Healing Mass:

First Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 4:15 p.m.,
First Wednesday of each month ~ 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.,
or anytime on request

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesdays: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated during a scheduled Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements with a priest required at least one year prior to the wedding date.

Visitation of the Sick

Fr. Albert is pleased to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. Call the Parish Office to arrange a time.

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)."

(Luke 16:13)

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority.

Is money a "god" that you put before God?

Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry.

Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money.

It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

Office Hours:

Monday ~ Thursday
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday ~ 9:30 a.m. to noon
Telephone 508-485-0141
Fax 508-460-0181

E-mail: stanne403@stannesouthborough.org
Web: www.stannesouthborough.org

Pastor: Fr. Albert Irudayasamy
fralbert@stannesouthborough.org

Parish Council: Monica Shay ~ Chair

Finance Committee: Rich Flathers ~ Chair

Director of Religious Education: Rachelle Carmony
rachelle@stannesouthborough.org

• Office hours available every day, by appointment

Parish Office Manager: George Stagno
stanne403@stannesouthborough.org

Bookkeeper: Bridgitte Morgan
bridgitte@stannesouthborough.org

Music Ministry

Choir Director: Paul Crivello 508-366-0821
pcrivello04@gmail.com

- Saturday 5:00: John Arnold
- Sunday 8:30 and 10:30: Paul Crivello
- Sunday 5:30: Kathy & Matt Bernier

Maintenance: Matt Bernier
mbern@stannesouthborough.org

Webmaster: Amy Buttiglieri
webmaster@stannesouthborough.org

PARISH
CONTACT
INFORMATION

Would you like to receive a copy of the bulletin via email every week?

Please send an email to: stanne403@stannesouthborough.org with "St. Anne Bulletin List" in the subject line.



We welcome all visitors to St. Anne Parish. If you would like to join our faith community, please call the Parish Office to register: 508-485-0141

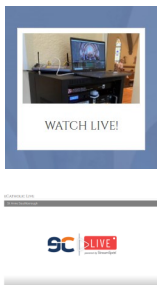
PARISH MASS INFORMATION AND MINISTRIES

St. Anne Parish
Livestreamed Daily and Weekend Masses

Livestreamed St. Anne Masses (subject to change):

ALL St. Anne Mass offerings will now be livestreamed:
5:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, and 9:00 a.m. daily Masses through website!

- Go to parish webpage:
www.stannesouthborough.org.
- Scroll down and click on "Watch Live!" box.
- Scroll down to "eCatholic Live" box.
- Click on the arrow in the middle of the logo at 5:00 p.m. for Saturday evening Mass, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. for Sunday Mass, and 9:00 a.m. for daily Masses Monday through Thursday.



Liturgical Minister Schedule

To be trained, please call the Parish Office

September 17 & 18 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in OT, C

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| Sat 5:00 pm | Lector | Debbie Simon |
| | Communion Minister | Charlotte Zakarian |
| Sun 8:30 am | Lector | Ellen Kluge |
| | Communion Minister | Julia Denardo Roney |
| Sun 10:30 am | Lector | Pat Draper |
| | Communion Minister | Joanne Flathers |
| Sun 5:30 pm | Lector | Marybeth Philbin-Hannigan |
| | Communion Minister | Beth McGonagle |
| | Collection Counting | Raymond/Draper |

September 24 & 25 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in OT, C

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| Sat 5:00 pm | Lector | Charlotte Zakarian |
| | Communion Minister | Laura Schroeder |
| Sun 8:30 am | Lector | Nick Paganella |
| | Communion Minister | Doris Campero |
| Sun 10:30 am | Lector | Joe Cruciani |
| | Communion Minister | Steve Buttiglieri |
| Sun 5:30 pm | Lector | RE Students |
| | Communion Minister | RE Students |
| | Collection Counting | Raymond/Draper |

The 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass at St. Anne Church is back!

Janice Rock

July 13, 2022

May her soul rest in peace.

We also pray for her family as they grieve the loss of their loved one.



Parish Picnic Sunday, October 2



The St. Anne Parish Picnic is on
Sunday, October 2 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anne Parish. Rain or shine.

Please make yourself available to join fellow parishioners in an afternoon of food and fun.

The Parish Office will be providing hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, and pizza.

Signup sheets will soon be available in the church foyers



and in a FlockNote email for side dishes, appetizers, salads, gluten-free items, and desserts.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

with **MASS INTENTIONS (September 17th to 25th)**
To request a Mass Intention, stop in Parish Office or call 508-485-0141.

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| SATURDAY 17 | 5:00 pm | For Ricardo Garza by Socorro Martin |
| SUNDAY 18 | 8:30 am | For Melquiades de la Rosa by Socorro Seanz Martin |
| | 10:30 am | For St. Anne Parishioners |
| | 5:30 pm | For St. Anne Parishioners |
| MONDAY 19 | 9:00 am | For Christu Raj by Marie Martin |
| TUESDAY 20 | 9:00 am | For William Madden by Mary Jane Lukas |
| WEDNESDAY 21 | 9:00 am | For Mark Vigeant by Rider family |
| THURSDAY 22 | 9:00 am | For Melquiades de la Rosa by Socorro Seanz Martin |
| FRIDAY 23 | 9:00 am | NO DAILY MASS |
| SATURDAY 24 | 5:00 pm | For Maria G. DeAgazio Child by family |
| SUNDAY 25 | 8:30 am | For St. Anne Parishioners |
| | 10:30 am | For St. Anne Parishioners |
| | 5:30 pm | For St. Anne Parishioners |



An Act of Spiritual Communion

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.

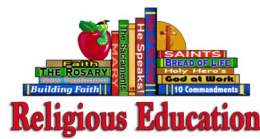
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP

St. Anne Parish Pre-K through Grade 10+ Religious Education Classes



SEPTEMBER CLASSES

Pre-K through Grade 5

September 11 & 25, Parish Hall
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Grades 6 through Confirmation (Grades 9-10)

September 11 & 25, Parish Hall
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Need to register for 2022-23 RE classes?

Please go to the parish website: stannesouthborough.org,
select Faith Formation, Children's Faith Formation or
contact Rachelle Carmony, Director of Religious
Education, directly at rachelle@stannesouthborough.org,
office phone: 508-485-0141.



Practice Valuable Spiritual Works of Mercy

Help spread the word to people in your sphere, about the
treasure of receiving the Sacraments of Initiation:
Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation

Preparation to receive these sacraments at St. Anne's are catered
for all ages.

For more information, please contact:
rachelle@stannesouthborough.org



Altar Servers Need

Both students (Grade 5 and higher) and adults
are welcome to serve.

If you are interested in being an altar server,
please call the Parish Office.

Saint John's High School Open House

378 Main Street, Shrewsbury, MA

Saturday, September 24 at 9:30 a.m. &
Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m.

To learn more, visit

stjohnshigh.org/admissions/open-house

Admissions Tests for Grades 7 & 9

Saturday, November 19 at 8:30 a.m. &
Saturday, December 10 at 8:30 a.m.

To learn more, visit

stjohnshigh.org/admissions/admissions-tests

Pre-registration is required. Contact the Admissions Office
with any questions at (508) 842-8934 ext. 266
or admissions@stjohnshigh.org.



Our Father's Table September Meal

St. Anne parishioners will be providing
a hot ready-to-go meal to the patrons of
Our Father's Table on **Thursday,**
September 22.

PLEASE NOTE DATE CORRECTION

To sponsor a hot meal, contribute a dessert (cookies/
brownies), or volunteer to help distribute the meals at the
OFT site in Marlborough, please click [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BA4AA23A7FA7-ourfathers2) or go to:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BA4AA23A7FA7-ourfathers2>



Collection Counting Ministry

Collection Counting follows the
10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.
If interested in participating in this
ministry, please contact the Parish
Office at 508-485-0141.

Capital Campaign Update

Phase One



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| Total Goal: | \$2,000,000.00 |
| Total Pledges to Date: | \$1,994,966.00 |
| Payments Received to Date: | \$ 829,898.00 |
| Number of Families Pledging: | 162 families (35%) |

Thank you again for your ongoing support!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR

Through September 11, 2022

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| Regular Weekly Offering: | \$4,406.00 |
| Capital Improvement: | \$ 195.00 |
| Feast of the Assumption: | \$ 115.00 |
| Catholic Schools: | \$ 50.00 |
| Haiti Twinning - Sister Parish: | \$ 385.00 |
| Central and Eastern Europe: | \$ 110.00 |
| Peter's Pence: | \$ 100.00 |
| Burial Service Donation: | \$ 100.00 |

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| Blue Pay: Regular thru 9/11: | \$ 290.00 |
| WeShare: Regular thru 9/11: | \$ 815.00 |
| Capital Improvement thru 9/11: | \$ 65.00 |

Online Giving: WeShare allows both onetime gifts, as well as
regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website
www.stannesouthborough.org for the link to WeShare.com or
call 1-800-950-9952 and use option 1 to answer any questions.

St. Anne's Website: We have an **additional resource for
online giving and online CE registration.** St. Anne Parish
partners with **eCatholic and BluePay** for easy on-line giving.

Our one-step on-line form allows both one-time
gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations.

Please visit our Parish website
www.stannesouthborough.org and select the
Quick Link to the BluePay On-Line Giving page.

*Thank you for your continued
and generous parish support!*



PARISH INFORMATION AND EVENTS

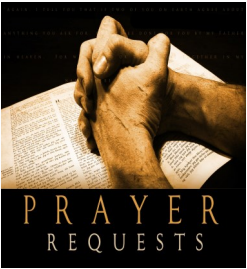


New Local Catholic Magazine

A beautiful new monthly color Catholic magazine for local Southborough parishioners called *Marlborough & Southborough Parish Neighbors* is available for free home delivery. It includes St. Anne Parish news, local events, Gospel readings, pastor letters, and more.

If you would like to be on the mailing list or would like your local business to become a sponsor, please call Cindy R. Dorsey at 774-222-2566 or email cdorsey@decidedexcellence.com.

Check out this month's issue, highlighting a letter from our own Father Albert, a parishioner feature on the Blanchard family, and a business profile on Amy Buttiglieri's Grave Care business.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Yvette, Fr. Thirburs F. Millot, Tom Livingstone, Bob Seariac, Pat Fitzgerald, Annie Lonzoria, Janet Mattioli, Jane & Miles Gray, Zara Daniel, Julie Flanders, Fr. Ed, Mrs. Wallace, Reverend Deogratis Rwegassima, Colby Morgan, Jeannine

Godbout, Thomas Chemmanur, Tim and Diane Higgins, Eamon Connaughton, Trudy DiBello, Dave Lemoine, Declan O'Conner, Elizabeth MacKenzie, Jason MacKenzie, Kelley, Brandon, and Nia Houston, Bill Phalon, Marie Martin, those who tested positive for Covid especially friends and family members, Laval "Val" Provencher; Father Conrad Pecevich, Stephen Gelman, Kate Geisinger, Laura Salinas, Nancy Durkin, Dolores Champion, John Patrick, Gennon, Irudayasamy Savarimuthu (*Father Albert's father*), Gracie Z., Lupita Estrada, Michael Philbin-Pelland, Jamie Farley, Amelia



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Do you or someone you know need a prayer shawl? Stop by the Parish Office during office hours to select a shawl. Free will donations collected for shawls are sent to our sister parish in Haiti to aid their rebuilding.

Prayer shawl members meet Mondays from 10:00 to noon in the Parish Hall to knit/crochet/weave for anyone who is ill or suffering who might welcome a blessed prayer shawl.

The Rosary portion of the Prayer Shawl Monday meetings is live streamed via the parish website starting at 10:30 a.m. Password: shawls

St. Anne Parish Council

Current St. Anne Parish Council members are:



Monica Shay (Chair)

Nancy Denardo (Vice Chair)

Laura Schroeder (Secretary)

Joe Cruciani

MaryBeth Philbin

Gerard Levins

Elaine Yetman

Gary Morse

Wayne Webster

United Parishes of Southborough Food Pantry

c/o Pilgrim Church

P.O. Box 281, 15 Common Street

Southborough, MA 01772

southboroughfoodpantry@gmail.com

508-485-4847

A big THANK YOU for all Food Pantry donations.

Our current needs are:

Food and Drink Items

- Coffee - regular (non-flavored)
- Bread mixes
- Crunchy peanut butter
- Clam chowder
- Brownie mixes
- Mayonnaise
- Barbeque Sauce

Household & Health Items

- Baggies - gallon or quart size
- Laundry detergent, especially skin sensitive
- Dish detergent
- Baby wipes

As most food items are date sensitive, please be sure that your donation is not out of date. Donations may be left in the foyer of the parish hall. If you know of anyone who could benefit from the Food Pantry, please encourage them to come. Pantry hours (located at Pilgrim Church) are Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Again, thank you for your continued generosity to the Southborough Food Pantry.



Pat Draper, St. Anne Coordinator

September 11 & 12, 2022

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| Saturday - 5:00 p.m. | 46 |
| Sunday - 8:30 a.m. | 42 |
| Sunday - 10:30 a.m. | 54 |
| Sunday - 5:30 p.m. | 30 |
| Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Streamed | 6 |
| Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Streamed | 1 |
| Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Streamed | 8 |
| Sunday - 5:30 p.m. Streamed | 1 |
| | 188 |

Mass Attendance

TEXT/EMAIL SCAM ALERT!

Be aware of fake email address and text messaging scam attempts. The sender poses as Father Albert to request the purchase of gift cards or to ask a favor.

DO NOT FALL VICTIM TO THE SCAM.

If in doubt about an email/text message, please call the Parish Office at 508-485-0141 or email Father directly at fralbert@stannesouthborough.org to confirm its validity.



Preventing Child Abuse is Everyone's Responsibility

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims (any age) by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. For help you may call: The Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester, at 508-929-4363. The Diocese of Worcester requires Safe Environment training for all staff and volunteers.



Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
49 Elm Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

September 15, 2022

My dear friends in Christ,

As we welcome students back to school this fall, I invite you to learn why supporting Catholic schools is part of the mission of every Catholic, not just that of parents with children in our schools. We are called to be instruments of evangelization in society by being witnesses to the love of God for all people. Your support of Catholic education, in whatever way you can, will help today's students become tomorrow's leaders in both society and the Church.

So many community and business leaders in Central Massachusetts are products of Catholic schools. Their alma maters did not boast the fanciest buildings, or the most expansive after-school programs, or even the flexibility to express one's individuality in daily attire. What they did offer and continue to offer to this day, is attention to the individual student, sound academic and social formation, and, most importantly, learning what true success in life really means beyond how to make money. That was all possible because of the simple sign that hangs in every Catholic school: "Jesus is the reason for this school."

Religion is not just one topic among others in Catholic Schools. The relevance of our faith can be discussed in the context of every single topic taught in our classrooms, including science, math, history, literature and languages. It is also prevalent in after-school programs, sports and the arts. The Catholic school student learns that to live the good life is to live a life filled with meaning, which is not the same as living an easy life or a life focused on consumerism.

Today it is difficult for parents to pay tuition while also paying taxes that support public schools, but they know they are investing in their child's future, both temporal and eternal. For many families, especially today's immigrant families, that is not an option. Increasing access to financial aid takes everyone sharing in solidarity with our Catholic school families.

There are ways to support Catholic schools beyond financial assistance as well. Talk to family and friends about the value of the Catholic school option in our communities. Support their decision to choose a Catholic School. And never forget the power of prayer to support the work of our teachers, administrators and staff who are dedicated to the ministry of Catholic School education, a ministry which makes tangible the love of Jesus in the life of each student they encounter.

You can make a difference in the lives of Catholic school students today to be great leaders for tomorrow.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

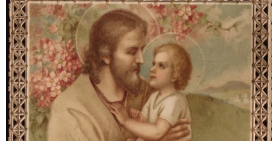
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES, NEWS, AND EVENTS

Diocesan Novenas

Novena to St. Joseph

The 11th Annual Novena to St. Joseph will take place at Christ the King Parish in Worcester on Monday evenings this fall.



There will be prayer for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care, for the end of the pandemic, and to raise awareness about all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide or euthanasia.

The Novena will be celebrated nine consecutive Mondays beginning **September 12** from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m.

This year's dates and homilists are:

- September 12: Msgr. Thomas Sullivan
- September 19: Bishop Robert J. McManus
- September 26: Fr. James Mazzone
- October 3: Fr. Stephen Lundrigan
- October 10: Fr. John Gavin, SJ
- October 17: Fr. Ronald Falco
- October 24: Fr. Anthony Mpagi
- October 31: Msgr. Thomas Sullivan
(Novena and Vigil Mass for the Feast of All Saints)
- November 7: Fr. Alfredo Porras

The names of those people who are terminally or critically ill, and who will be prayed for during the Novena, can be mailed to our rectory office, or called in to 508-754-5361, or emailed to Msgr. Sullivan at tsullivan5@mac.com.

Miraculous Medal Novena in Worcester

The Annual Miraculous Medal Novena at Our Lady of Loreto Church (33 Massasoit Rd, Worcester) will take place on Tuesdays from **September 6 to November 1 at 7:00 p.m.**



Our speakers will be:

- September 6 - Bishop Robert J. McManus
- September 13 - Rev. Paul T. O'Connell
- September 20 - Rev. Juan Echavarria
- September 27 - Rev. Frederick Fraini
- October 4 - Rev. Kenneth Cardinale
- October 11 - Deacon Donald Pegg
- October 18 - Rev. Richard Trainor
- October 25 - Rev. J. Sebastian Sanchez
- November 1 - Rev. Msgr. Francis Scollen

Religious Life Interest?

"This brother of yours was dead and has come to life."

Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?

Contact the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or email: donato.infante@gmail.com.



The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life

A 30-week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and lay people experienced in Ignatian prayer.

The program will begin on **Tuesday, October 4, 2022**. Each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes long and will include reflection, direction, and a presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church in Worcester at 6:30 p.m., in the lower church hall, adjacent to Clark University.

To read about The Spiritual Exercises, information about the retreat and application forms are available at <https://www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com>.

You can also contact the team by e-mail at worcspx19@gmail.com or call Dick Kirk at 508-887-0107.

Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life

"Finding God in All Things"

World Youth Day 2023

All young adults are invited to join the Diocese of Worcester for World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal in the summer of 2023!

The trip is open to **young adults ages 18+ (at the time of the trip in 2023)**. Youth ages 16/17 (at the time of the trip in 2023) are welcome, but must attend with a parent.

Our Diocesan trip will run from **Thursday, July 28 - Sunday, August 7, 2023** (optional 2-day extension available) and will include the World Youth Day festivities as well as a trip to Fatima and a couple free days to explore Lisbon!

For all the details and to sign up, go to neworchester.org/world-youth-day-2023.



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, October 23 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester.



This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year.

A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should **pre-register no later than Friday, October 12** so that commemorative certificates may be issued.

To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

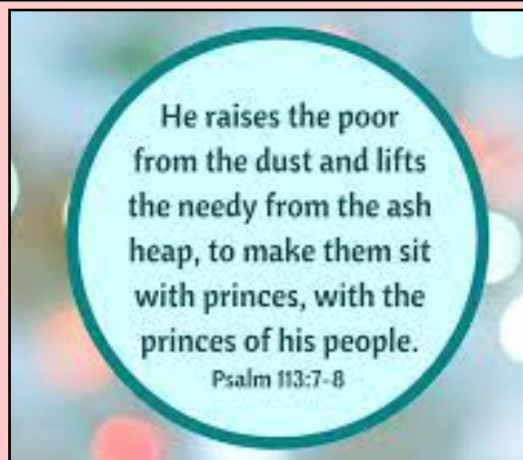
READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, C

READING I Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the Book of Amos

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy
and destroy the poor of the land!
"When will the new moon be over," you ask,
"that we may sell our grain,
and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat?
We will diminish the ephah,
add to the shekel,
and fix our scales for cheating!
We will buy the lowly for silver,
and the poor for a pair of sandals;
even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!"
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Never will I forget a thing they have done!

The Word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, you servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD
both now and forever.

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

High above all nations is the LORD;
above the heavens is his glory.
Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

He raises up the lowly from the dust;
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor
to seat them with princes,
with the princes of his own people.

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

READING II 1 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved:

First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers,
petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for
everyone,

for kings and for all in authority,
that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life
in all devotion and dignity.

This is good and pleasing to God our savior,
who wills everyone to be saved
and to come to knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God.

There is also one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus,

who gave himself as ransom for all.

This was the testimony at the proper time.

For this I was appointed preacher and apostle
— I am speaking the truth, I am not lying —,
teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

It is my wish, then, that in every place the men
should pray,
lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

The Word of the Lord.

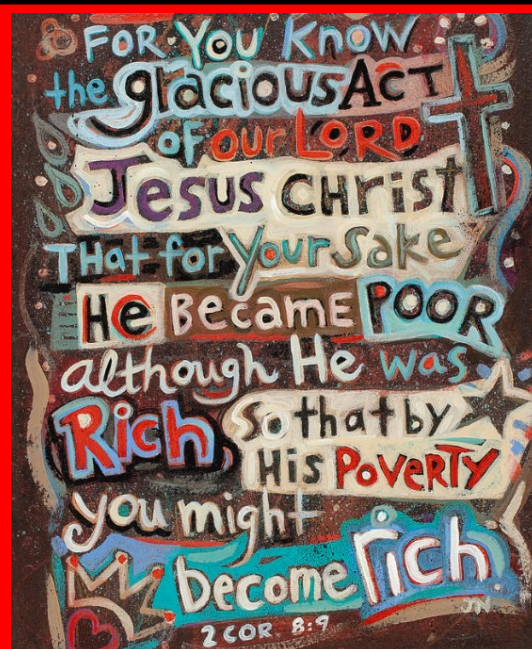
2 Corinthians 8:9

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became
poor,

so that by his poverty you might become rich.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples,
"A rich man had a steward
who was reported to him for squandering his property.
He summoned him and said,
'What is this I hear about you?
Prepare a full account of your stewardship,
because you can no longer be my steward.'
The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do,
now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me?
I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg.
I know what I shall do so that,
when I am removed from the stewardship,
they may welcome me into their homes.'
He called in his master's debtors one by one.
To the first he said,
'How much do you owe my master?'
He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.'
He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note.
Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.'
Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?'
He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.'
The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note;
write one for eighty.'
And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently.
"For the children of this world
are more prudent in dealing with their own generation
than are the children of light.
I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth,
so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.
The person who is trustworthy in very small matters
is also trustworthy in great ones;
and the person who is dishonest in very small matters
is also dishonest in great ones.
If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth,
who will trust you with true wealth?
If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another,
who will give you what is yours?
No servant can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve both God and mammon."

The Gospel of the Lord.



A Puzzling Parable

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, C
September 18, 2022

Reading I: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

Reading II: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

The first reading from the prophet Amos sounds a clear conviction against those who purposefully cheat, extort, and take advantage of the poor, seemingly without remorse. Sadly, that kind of injustice was common back then, as it still is today. Old Testament prophets like

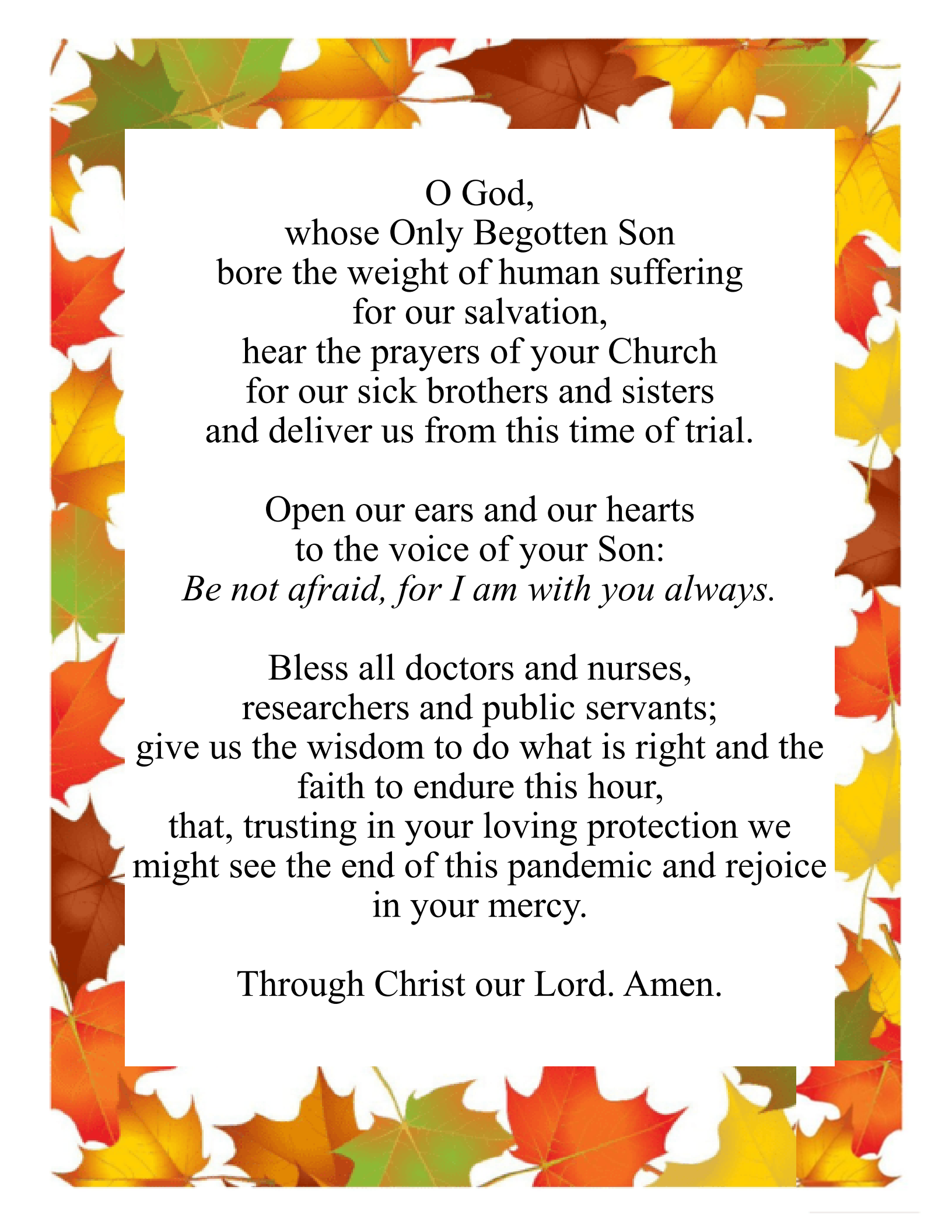
Amos regularly named economic injustice when they saw it. In the Gospel reading today, Jesus picks up on the prophetic tradition, preaching about appropriate and inappropriate uses of money. In Luke, more than any other Gospel, Jesus continually hammers home warnings about the seductive power of money.

The first section of today's Gospel, the parable about the dishonest steward, is a hard one to swallow if taken at face value. Biblical scholars still debate Jesus' meaning since it seems unlikely he would have commended the unsavory behavior of the steward who so blatantly cheats his master. (Although it is quite possible the master was extorting his debtors in the first place by charging extremely high interest rates - a common practice even though Jewish law forbid charging interest.) The most common interpretation is that Jesus is calling for his followers to act as *decisively* as the steward did in a time of crisis, not calling them to dishonesty. His call for prudence points out that disciples need to stretch themselves by showing greater dedication and commitment to the life of discipleship than the "children of this world" who invest themselves in making money and pursuing security in any manner possible.

If we let go of puzzling over this strange parable that seems so contradictory to Jesus' other parables and step back to look at the over - all content of Jesus' message about wealth, we can summarize it with the last line. "You cannot serve both God and mammon." Time after time, Jesus, like the prophets before him, shows how money can too easily get in the way of people doing God's work.

Questions of the Week

1. Share an example of someone proving him/herself trustworthy in small matters and graduating to being trustworthy in greater ones.
2. How have you seen money/wealth corrupt someone who originally had good intentions? Please share an example.



O God,
whose Only Begotten Son
bore the weight of human suffering
for our salvation,
hear the prayers of your Church
for our sick brothers and sisters
and deliver us from this time of trial.

Open our ears and our hearts
to the voice of your Son:
Be not afraid, for I am with you always.

Bless all doctors and nurses,
researchers and public servants;
give us the wisdom to do what is right and the
faith to endure this hour,
that, trusting in your loving protection we
might see the end of this pandemic and rejoice
in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Listen to what Jesus said ...



Jesus said, "You cannot serve both God and money."
Find your way through the letter maze by following the words underlined above. Move only up, down, left or right. No diagonals.

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Parable of the Shrewd Manager

Jesus told the disciples a story:
There was a manager who was wasting his master's possessions. So the master asked him about it.

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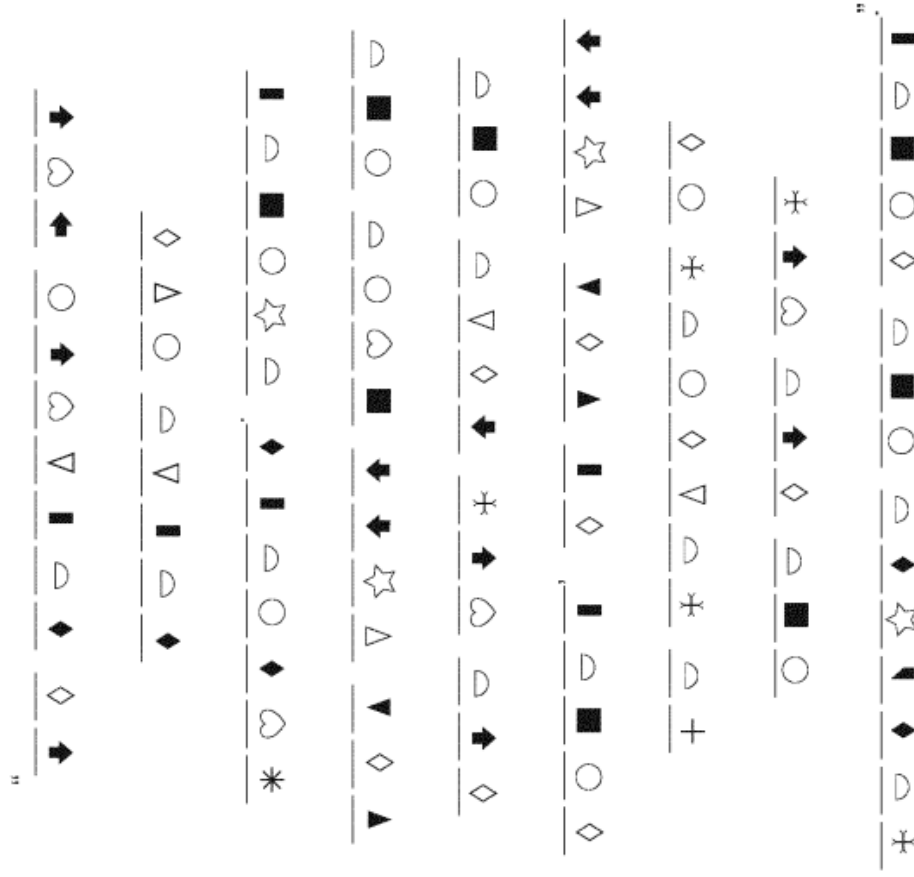
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What else can this story teach us?

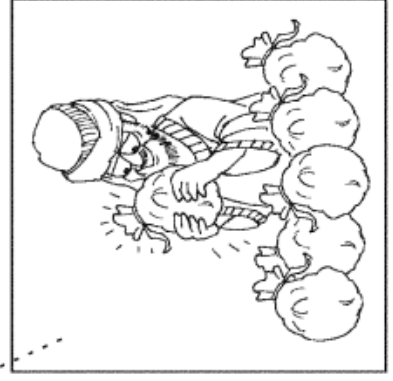
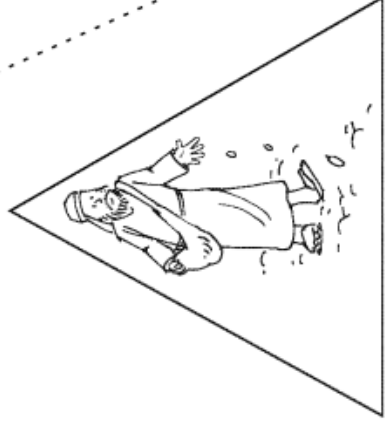
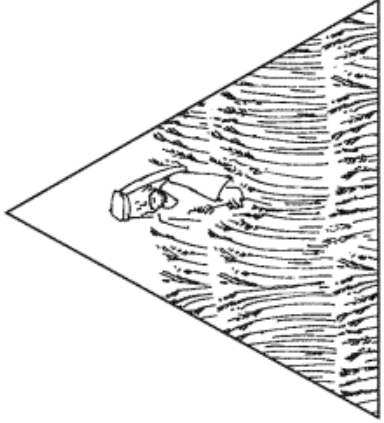
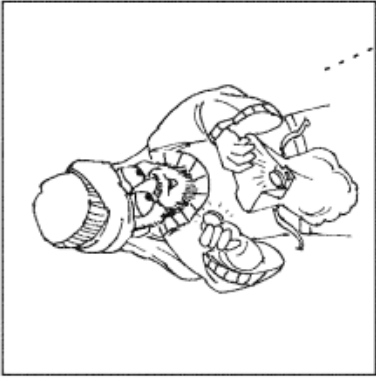
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Whoever can be trusted with little,
can be trusted with much.

Match the shapes.



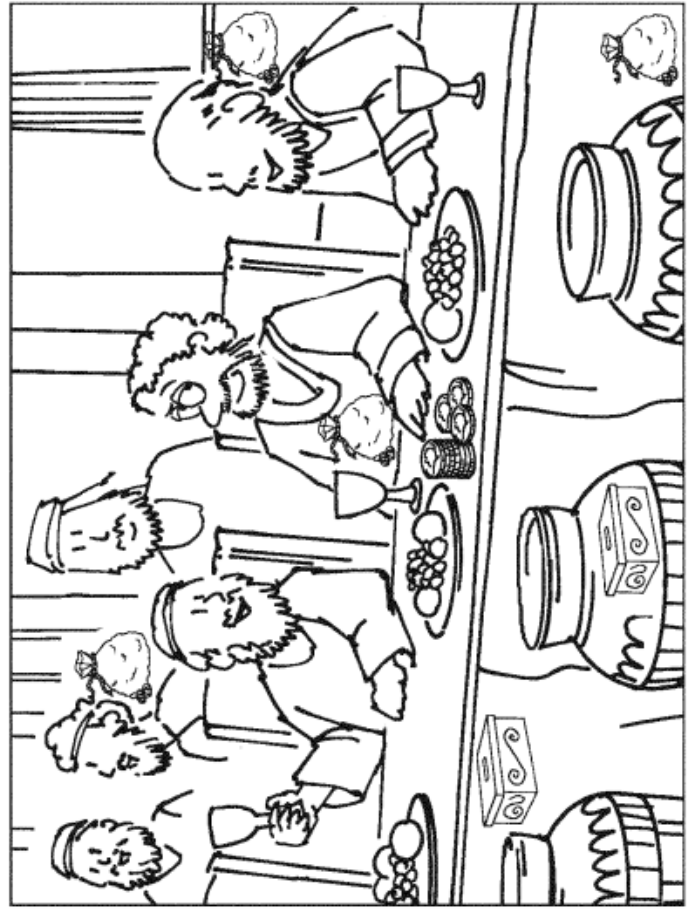
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Parable of the Shrewd Manager

Jesus told a story about a manager
who wasted his master's money.

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3 or 4 ? 2 or 3 ?

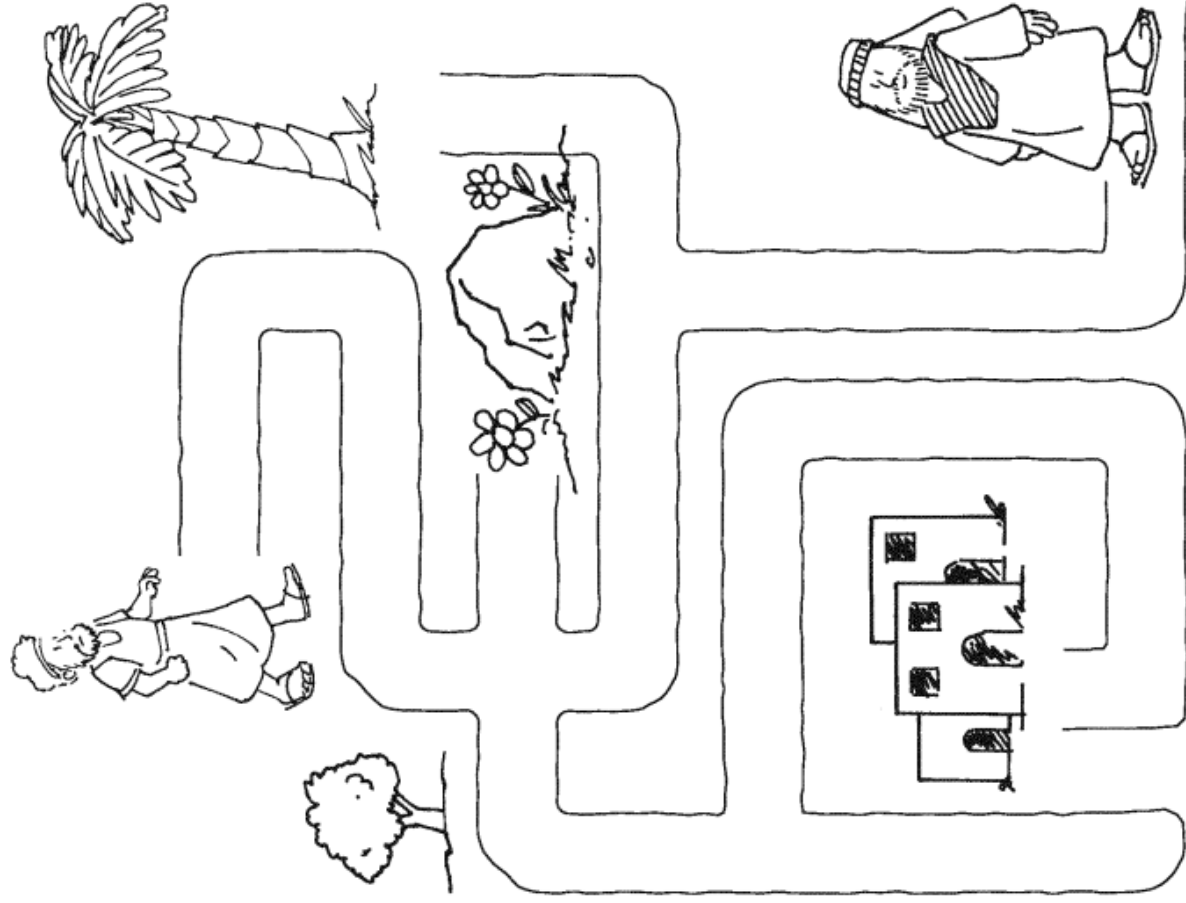


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2.

The master called him to give an account.

Help the manager get to the master.



3.

The manager acted cleverly to gain friends. His master called him wise.

Count and trace the numbers.

