

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, C September 25, 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.

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..."
(Luke 16:25-26)

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy.

However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not.

In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

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

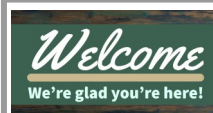
Maintenance: Matt Bernier
mbern@stannesouthborough.org

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

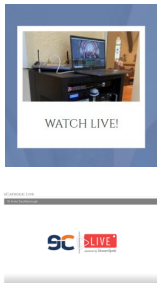
PARISH MASS INFORMATION AND MINISTRIES

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

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

October 1 & 2 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in OT, C

Sat 5:00 pm	Lector	Roger Jolicoeur
	Communion Minister	Charlotte Zakarian
Sun 8:30 am	Lector	Elaine Yetman
	Communion Minister	Nancy Denardo
Sun 10:30 am	Lector	Pat Draper
	Communion Minister	Joe Cruciani
Sun 5:30 pm	Lector	MaryBeth Philbin-Hannigan
	Communion Minister	Beth McGonagle
	Collection Counting	Need/Need



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

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

To access sign-up sheets for side dishes, appetizers,
salads, gluten-free items,
and desserts, click [here](#) or
use hard copy sign up
sheets located in the
church foyers.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

with **MASS INTENTIONS (September 24 to October 2)**
To request a Mass Intention, stop in Parish Office or call 508-485-0141.

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
MONDAY 26	9:00 am	For St. Anne Parishioners
TUESDAY 27	9:00 am	For St. Anne Parishioners
WEDNESDAY 28	9:00 am	For St. Anne Parishioners
THURSDAY 29	9:00 am	For St. Anne Parishioners
FRIDAY 30	9:00 am	NO DAILY MASS
SATURDAY 1	5:00 pm	For St. Anne Parishioners
SUNDAY 2	8:30 am	For St. Anne Parishioners
	10:30 am	For Douglas S. Reid by Cindy Dorsey
	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.

Appreciation Dinner Save the Date

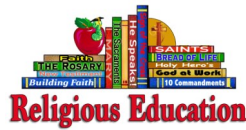
An Appreciation Dinner for all parishioners who offer their time and talents to the various ministries for
Saint Anne Parish will be held on **Wednesday, October 19** at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

More details to follow.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP

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



Upcoming SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER RE Classes

Pre-K through Grade 5

September 25, October 16 & 23 in the Parish Hall
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Grades 6 through Confirmation (Grades 9-10)

September 25, October 16 & 23 in the 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.

St. Anne Religious Education Catechists



Current St. Anne Religious Education catechists are:

Pre-K	Rachelle Carmony, Chrissy Williams
Grades K-1	Mary Cotter Lemoine, Pat Battles
Grade 2+	Pat Draper, Joanne Flathers
Grade 3	Laura Schroeder
Grade 4-5	Julia Denardo Roney, Pat Richard
Grade 6	Gerry Levins
Grade 7-8	Beth McGonagle
Grades 9-10	Fr. Albert, Debbie Simon, Val Provencher
Substitutes:	Rich Flathers, MaryBeth Philbin-Hannigan

St. Anne Religious Education Parent Volunteering

Father would also like to express his deep gratitude to the many parent assistants who share their time to assist the catechists.

St. Anne's is always in need of parents to volunteer as the second adult in the hall and classrooms during faith formation classes.

We would like to create a roster where parents can alternate, sharing one hour of their time during the school year. Please consider helping out with this very important mission at St. Anne's.

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



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



Our Father's Table September Meal

Thank you to all the St. Anne parishioners who helped provide a hot ready-to-go meal to the patrons of Our Father's Table on **Thursday, September 22.**

Whether it was sponsoring a hot meal, contributing a dessert (cookies/brownies), or volunteering to help distribute the meals at the OFT site in Marlborough, your generosity of spirit helped to feed 40 of our local neighbors.

THANK YOU!

St. Anne Parish will be providing our next OFT meal in January 2023.



Choir Resumes

The choir is resuming and will start rehearsing on **Sunday, October 9** between the two Sunday morning Masses in preparation for All Souls Day, Advent, and Christmas. All music lovers are welcome!

Capital Campaign Update Phase One



Total Goal:	\$2,000,000.00
Total Pledges to Date:	\$1,994,966.00
Payments Received to Date:	\$ 831,295.00
Number of Families Pledging:	162 families (35%)

Thank you again for your ongoing support!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR Through September 18, 2022

Regular Weekly Offering:	\$3,461.50
Capital Improvement:	\$ 25.00
Our Father's Table:	\$ 60.00
Catholic Schools:	\$ 25.00
Three Hearts Apostolate:	\$ 34.00
Unrestricted Donation (Priest's Retreat):	\$ 400.00
Prayer Shawl:	\$ 20.00
Religious Registration Fees:	\$ 505.00
Mass Intentions:	\$ 220.00

Blue Pay: Regular thru 9/18:	\$ 370.00
RE Registration thru 9/18:	\$ 345.00
WeShare: Regular thru 9/18:	\$ 209.05

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



St. Anne Parish Council

Current St. Anne Parish Council members are:

Monica Shay (Chair)

Nancy Denardo (Vice Chair)

Laura Schroeder (Secretary)

Joe Cruciani

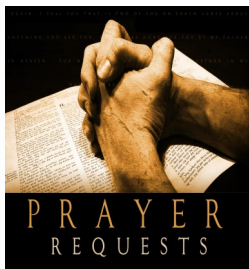
MaryBeth Philbin

Gerard Levins

Elaine Yetman

Gary Morse

Wayne Webster



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 Deogratias 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 Peceovich, 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

Saint John's HS 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.



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 17 & 18, 2022

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.	35
Sunday - 8:30 a.m.	37
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.	55
Sunday - 5:30 p.m.	18
Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Streamed	7
Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Streamed	5
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Streamed	8
Sunday - 5:30 p.m. Streamed	2
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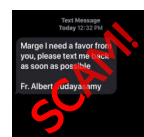
Mass Attendance

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.

DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES, NEWS, AND EVENTS

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.

DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES, NEWS, AND EVENTS

Diocesan Middle School Youth Retreat

All 6-8th graders are invited to sign up for the Diocesan Middle School Retreat on **October 28-30 (Friday through Sunday)** at Prindle Pond in Charlton, MA.

Don't miss out on this amazing weekend!

The retreat will include fun & games, exploring the outdoors, dynamic music, inspiring talks/witnesses from the Diocesan high school Discipleship Team, Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, and Mass!



To get the full details or to sign up a group from your parish or school, go to neworchester.org/middle-school-retreat.

Deadline to sign up is Friday, October 7.

Vianney Dinner

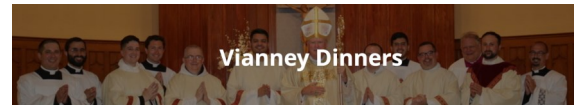
The next Vianney dinner is **Thursday, October 6** at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies at 51 Illinois St., Worcester.

These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation.

Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend! You are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as your schedule allows. 6:05 p.m. Mass, 6:30 p.m. dinner, and 7:00 p.m. social.

An RSVP is not needed, but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food.

Email: director@worcestervocations.com.



Annual Life Chain

All are invited to join the annual Life Chain on **Sunday, October 2** from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. This event of peaceful, prayerful witness to the sacredness of human life is held annually on Respect Life Sunday across the nation. Life Chain stations will be located at Elm Park/Highland St., at Denny's Restaurant on Lincoln St. in Worcester and at White City Plaza in Shrewsbury. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, contact Joe Godek at 508-614-5971.



Holy Land Discovery Tour **February 10 - 17, 2023**

Prices starting at \$1819 per person based on double occupancy

CATHOLIC ITINERARY The roots of your faith will come to life on this extraordinary journey through Israel. Starting from Tel Aviv, visit some of the main archaeological, historical, and biblical sites, and follow in the footsteps of Jesus as you learn more about His life and ministry. To stand in the very places where history unfolded is a true highlight as you visit important sites of the Gospel, such as Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, the Mount of Beatitudes, the River Jordan valley, Bethlehem, and, last but not least, Jerusalem. This extraordinary Israel tour is designed for value-minded travelers.



Day 1 - Arrive in Tel Aviv, Israel

Day 2 - Tel Aviv - Jaffa - Caesarea - Megiddo - Nazareth

Day 3 - Nazareth, Excursion to Bet She'an

Day 4 - Nazareth, Excursion to Magdala-Sea of Galilee-Tabgha-Capernaum-Mount of Beatitudes-Cana

Day 5 - Nazareth - Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Day 6 - Jerusalem

Day 7 - Jerusalem (Optional excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea)

Day 8 - Jerusalem

8 DAY TOUR FROM TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM - Includes 7 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners, hotels, transportation, guides & historians.

Call Brian at Catholic Cruises and Tours at 860-399-1785 for more information

[Catholic Cruises and Tours - Travel, Catholic, Travel, Vacation](http://CatholicCruisesandTours.com)

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

READING I Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A reading from the Book of Amos

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts:
Woe to the complacent in Zion!
Lying upon beds of ivory,
stretched comfortably on their couches,
they eat lambs taken from the flock,
and calves from the stall!
Improvising to the music of the harp,
like David, they devise their own accompaniment.
They drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the best oils;
yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph!
Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile,
and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

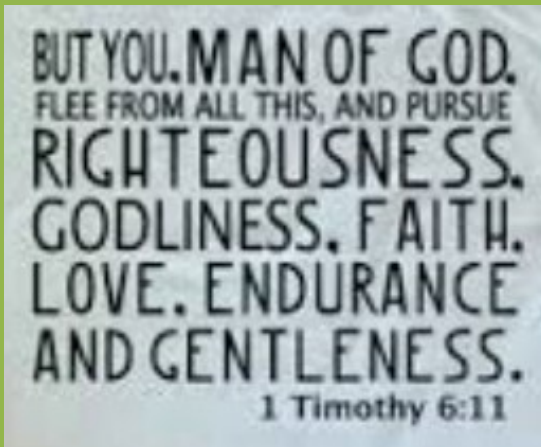
The Word of the Lord.

READING II 1 Timothy 6:11-16

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness,
devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.
Compete well for the faith.
Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called
when you made the noble confession in the
presence of many witnesses.
I charge you before God, who gives life to all
things,
and before Christ Jesus,
who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the
noble confession,
to keep the commandment without stain or
reproach
until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ
that the blessed and only ruler
will make manifest at the proper time,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
who alone has immortality, who dwells in
unapproachable light,
and whom no human being has seen or can see.
To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Blessed is he who keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free.

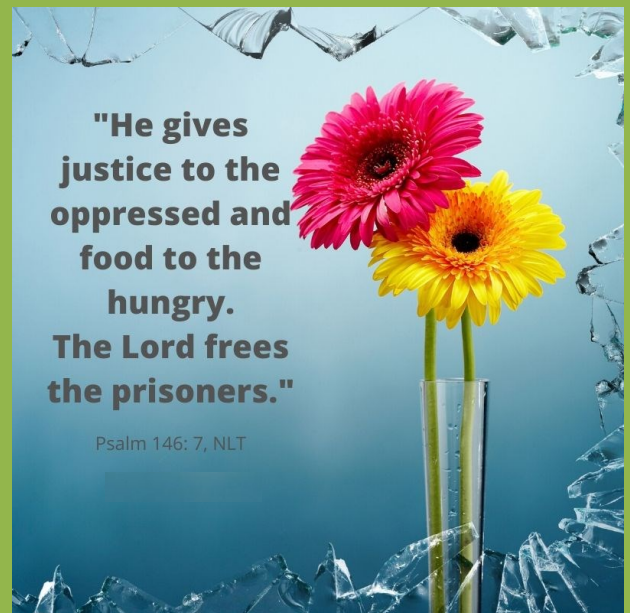
R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.
The LORD loves the just;
the LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!



GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

"There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day.

And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table.

Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.

When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.'

Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.'

He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.'

But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.'

He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.



Warnings About Extravagance

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, C
September 25, 2022

Reading I: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Reading II: 1 Timothy 5:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

This week's readings focus on extravagant wealth, poverty, and economic inequality. The passage from Amos continues the theme of last week's reading calling out the sinfulness of the extremely wealthy. They are living in luxury

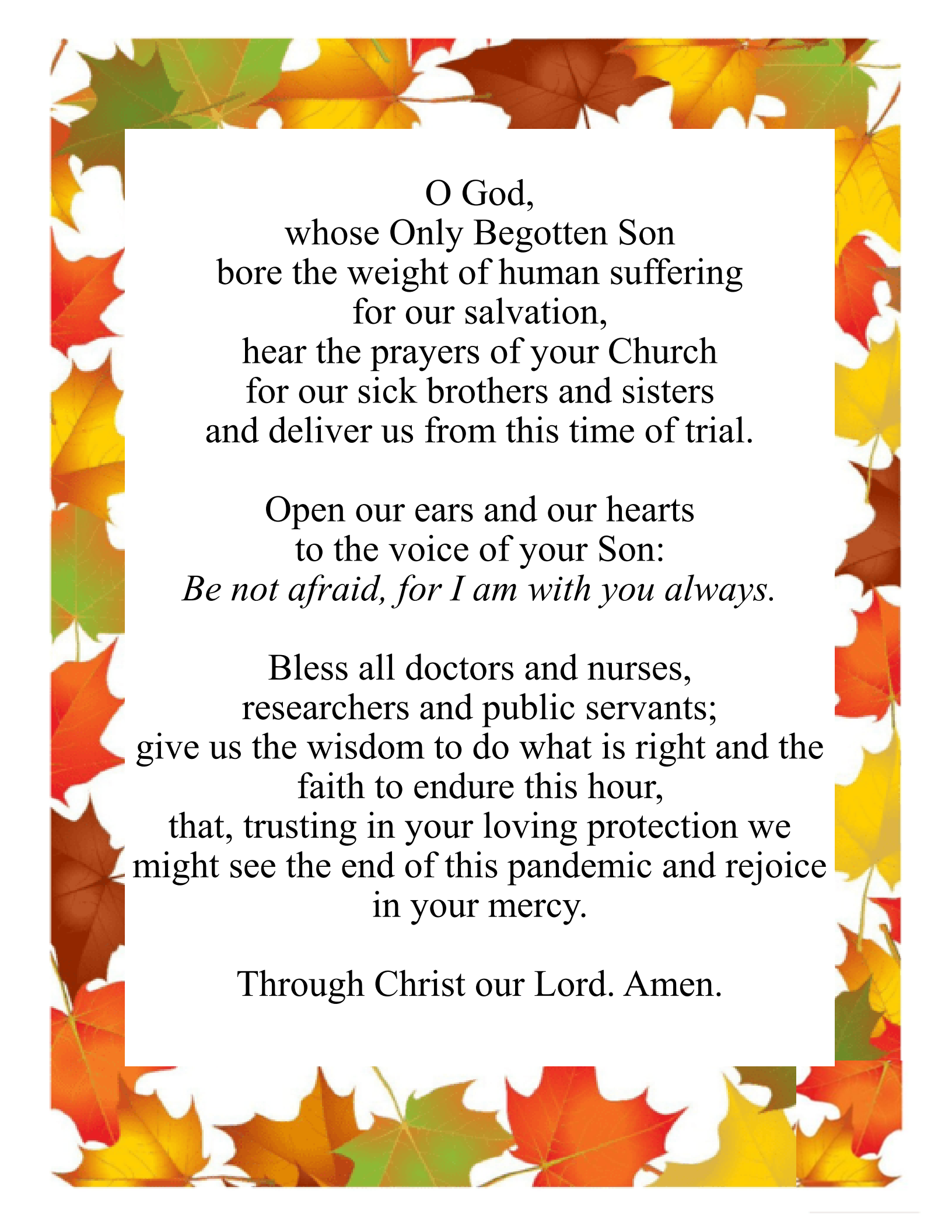
(beds of ivory! eating veal! drinking wine from bowls, not cups!) while around them the needy are being ignored and their country is crumbling. Presumably the poor can rarely afford meat, much less veal, and are sleeping on the ground. Jesus paints a similar picture of the disparity between the rich man Lazarus and the poor beggar at his door ending with a harsh or consoling conclusion, depending on the status of the listener/reader.

Luke's Gospel has more parables and teachings about wealth and poverty than any other, including this one about the rich man and Lazarus. Because Luke also wrote the Acts of the Apostles-which continues with many examples of money used appropriately or not- we can presume that Jesus (and the author Luke) was addressing an audience that included a mix of both wealthy and poor people. In Jesus' world, there weren't many in-between, with almost no middle class to speak of.

In reality, most of the wealth amassed by the rich came from the exploitation of the poor, although sometimes the religious and cultural presumption was that the rich were rich because God favored them while the poor did something to lose God's favor. Jesus flatly contradicts this idea with his parable. Abraham's statement, "They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them" was a clear reminder to Jesus' listeners about God's desires for money and possessions to be shared and used for the benefit of everyone. "Moses and the prophets" was a catch phrase referring to the Jewish scriptures (our Old Testament). Of the 600+ commandments contained in those books, many of them detailed how wealth should be fairly distributed so that no one was left destitute. Clearly, the rich man in this parable had ignored Jewish law.

Questions of the Week

1. Think about a modern-day example that contrasts the wealth of some with the plight of the poor. Please share.
2. How might God be calling you to share your wealth and possessions more equitably and justly?



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.



The rich man said if someone from the dead went to his brothers, they would listen. How did Abraham answer him?



Solve the math problems to fill in the blanks.

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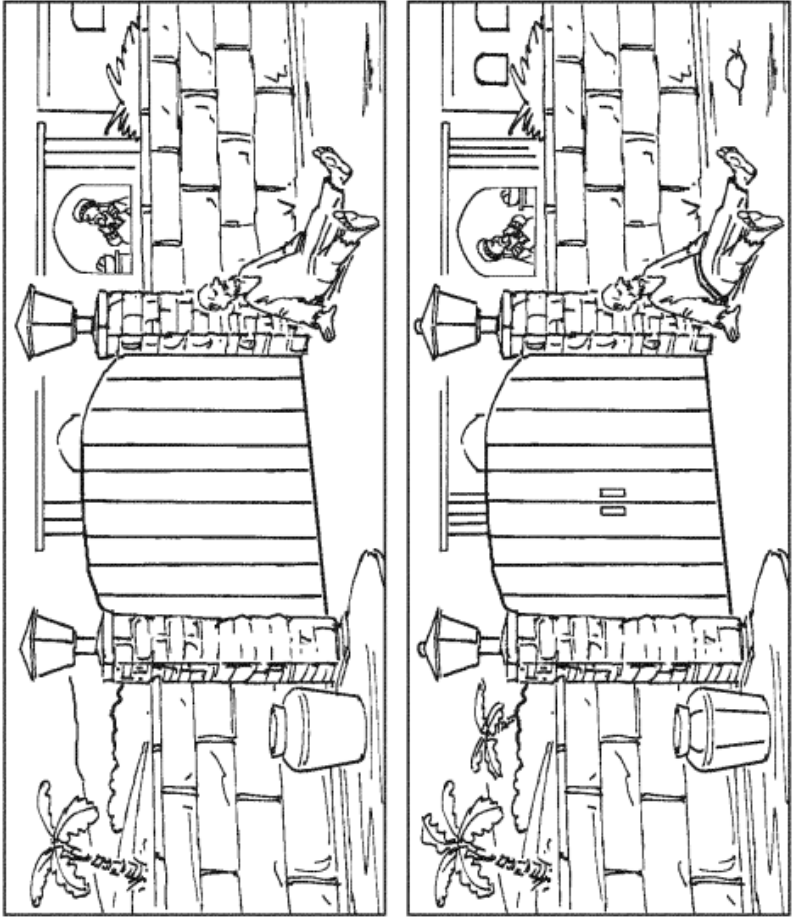
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The Rich Man and Lazarus

A rich man lived in luxury.

At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, who longed to eat what fell from the rich man's table.

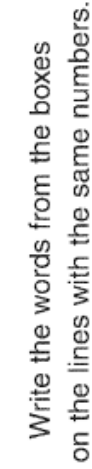
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






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







The rich man wanted Lazarus to warn his five brothers so they wouldn't suffer also. What did Abraham say?



















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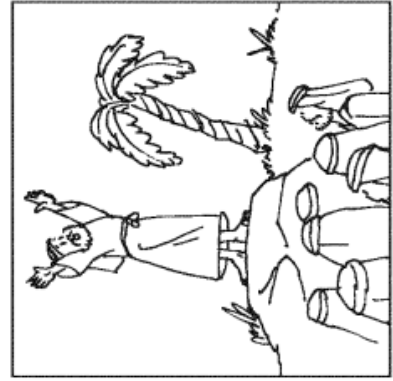
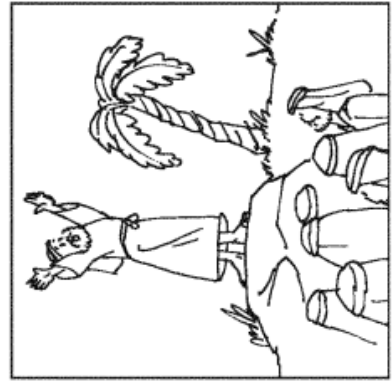












Abraham said, "We have Moses and the prophets. Listen to them."

Match the pictures.



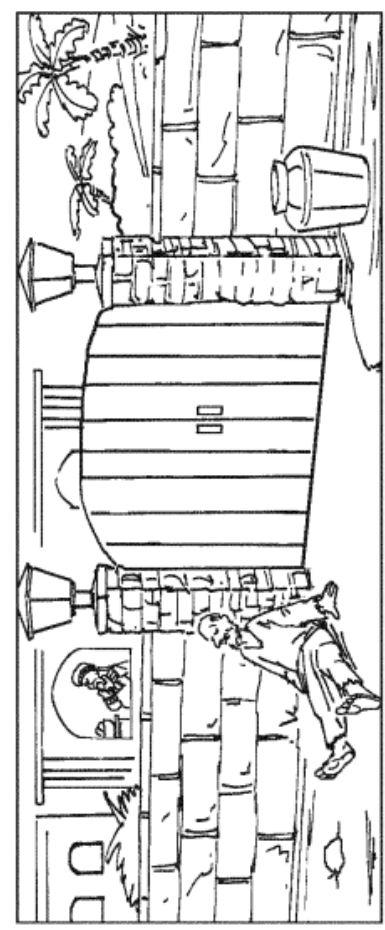
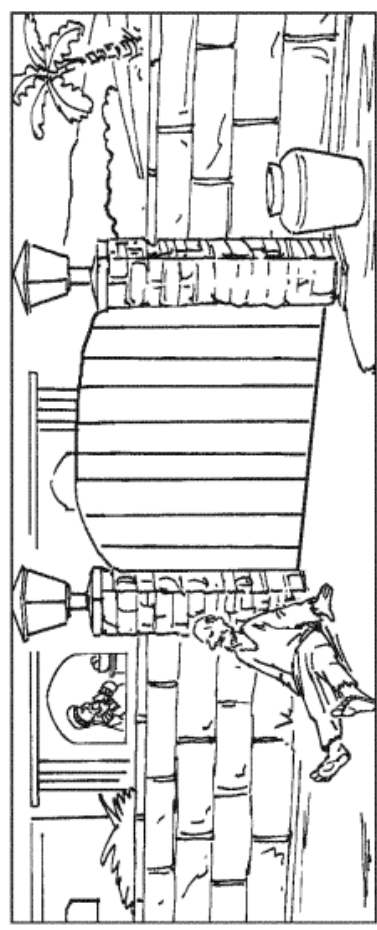
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The Rich Man and Lazarus

In life, the rich man lived in comfort. Lazarus was poor.

Circle the 6 differences in the 2nd picture.



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2.

Then Lazarus died. Angels took him to be with Abraham.

Connect the dots. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



3.

The rich man also died, but it was too late for the rich man to do good.

