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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. " – Mt. 22: 36-38



Today's painting is by a Flemish painter who emerged after the death of Peter Paul Reubens and Anthony van Dyck. Here he has depicted a similar moment to the one we hear about in today's gospel, in that it is more of a general commentary on Christ's relationship with the Pharisees. We see Christ sitting among the Pharisees who are clearly more preoccupied with their texts than they are with him (we can recognize Christ not only by his halo, but the dove above representing the Holy Spirit, as well as by his gestures). Some of the texts visible are actually legible (in Flemish) and contain quotes from the Old and New Testament. Most relevant is a section from Isaiah 63 that reads something like 'We saw him but did not recognize him,' which is humorously exaggerated by the painter who shows the Pharisees squinting and using magnifying glasses to try to 'see.' The point being that they have all the textual resources (and God) before them, but they nonetheless are blind and do not recognize the living God in Christ before them.

GATHER HYMNAL 1179

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 28

4:00pm Richard Wojtaszek (6th Anv) & Stephen Busby by their family

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar 6:00pm **Spanish Mass**

Fr. Bill

Sunday, October 29

7:30am Madeline Kay (Birthday Intention)

by Dennis & Helen Kay

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar 9:00am **Tom Varco**

by Karen & Guido Lonardo

Celebrant: Fr. Ďiego 11:00am **Lee Sheldrick** by his family Celebrant: Fr. Diego

Monday, October 30

9:00am Bill "Mac" McLoughlin

by his family

Tuesday, October 31

9:00am Joan F. Wahlstrom (8th Anv)

by her nephew Paul

Wednesday, November 1

ALL SAINTS DAY

7:00am ~ 12:10pm ~ 7:00pm (Spanish) Thursday, November 2

9:00am Pat Dempsey

by family

Friday, November 3

9:00am Glenn Griffin

by his family

Saturday, November 4

4:00pm Mary & Ralph Vaccari

by their family

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar 6:00pm **Spanish Mass**

Fr. Bill

Sunday, November 5

7:30am **Pouel Christensen**

by St. Luke's Parish family

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar 9:00am **Peggy Shultz** by her family

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar 11:00am **William Felice** by his family

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar

We invite you to pray the Rosary everyday after the 9am weekday Mass Monday through Friday

Please Pray for...

Susan Bailey, Chloe Nascimento, Jonathan Tomashefsky, Brian Howland, Michael LeBlanc, Mary Mahan, Becky Rawson Bev Longime, James Wright, Evelyn Croteau, Beth Lambert, Lynn St. Jean Annabelle Duvane, Shirley DePalma, Agnes Limberger, Zachary Collins, Kupaa Keiley, Tiffany Kelley, Margie Morcone, Sharon Beaulieu, Nick Johnson, William Fargelli, Stephen & Kimberly Bankcroft, Toby Claufon, Dawn Haight, Carol Aloisi, Teresa Putnam, Carmelia Potenti, Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott, Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney, Sarah McMenemy, Kristine Ann Jackson, Helen Galica, Erik Olsen, Vicki Foley, Brendon Crowley, Richard Kane, Grace Roche, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett, John Lynch, Kathleen Farrar, KirolosGergis, Gregg Merloni, Tome Valadao, Gene Buffo, Courtney Blumberg, Christine, Patrick, Robert & Coutinho family Maryann Bisco, Susan Garry, Melvin Boucher, T.J. Bautz, Joan Fallon, Edward Hubbell, Nancy Camp, David Perry, John Durnan, Linda Darby, Jean Hope, Annie Mason, Nancy Santory, Laconya Mobley, Maria Matejko, Gary Wilson, Jr., Debbie Giroux, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Luz Chavez, Carlene Beck, Joel Rivera, Mary Payant, James Thomas, Christina Narensky, Ann Martin, Michael Berthuime, Trisha Suzi, Norman Beland, Sofia Shahin, Sarah Cox, Hailie McLatchey, Barbara Auger, Barbara Barnes, George Cabana, Beverly Taylor, Jeanne Amendola, Jack Walker, Daniel Baker Rebecca Coax, Robert Trant, Michael McAndless, Michael Del Pozzo, Joan Sanders, David Sawyer, Madison Knopf, Claire Kennedy, Susanne Ollman, Frank Sannelli, Pat & John Lusek, Michael Zancewicz, Kristy Cautello, Judy Melfa, Neil Kenny, Joseph Malzone, Lois Kerbel, Michael Turpin, Elise Ollman-Kahle, Patricia Amorelli, Connor Blaney, Debbie Krikler, Demetrius Mobley, Gary Shults, Erin Magrane, George Beecher

Let us remember to pray for all the men and women who are over seas in harm's way.

We remember those who have died Dorothy Ross

EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT & ADORATION
TUESDAY 9:30AM TO 6:00PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Prayers For Sanctity of Life 5:00pm
BENEDICTION AT 6:00PM

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

30TH SUNDAY Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/ Oct 29 Mt 22:34-40 MONDAY Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2+4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17 Oct 30 TUESDAY Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21 Oct 31 WEDNESDAY Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Nov 1 Mt 5:1-12a THURSDAY Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6/Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40 Nov 2 FRIDAY Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6 Nov 3 SATURDAY Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, Nov 4 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11 31ST SUNDAY Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, Nov 5 13/Mt 23:1-12

Pilot Bulletins

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FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Wednesday, Nov. 1 Mass Schedule 7:00AM—12:10AM 7:00PM (Spanish)

the **Feast of All Saints** celebrates the victory over death of our brothers and sisters who have gone before us. The

Church gives us this feast so that we might realize again that sanctity is something that belongs to all of us. It is being faithful to God's call to us everyday.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Thursday, November 2
The **Feast of All Souls** is not a Holy Day of obligation, but it is a special feast day. It is a day to pray for all our dead



SUNDAY, NOV. 12TH AT THE 11AM MASS

Every November we remember in prayer all those in the parish who have died in the past year. This year we would like to open it up to those in the parish who also experienced a significant loss in their lives, but their loved one was buried elsewhere. If you would like to add your recent loss of a loved one to our Remembrance Mass please email Julie Basque, our pastoral associate at pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org.



ST LUKE'S THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

It has been a long standing tradition at St Luke's to provide Thanksgiving dinner to families in need. All of the "fixings" are brought in by the children in our religious education classes. Each families receives two large grocery bags of food and a \$50. grocery card to purchase a turkey. Due to inflation, and the increasing number of immigrants who have come to Westboro, the need is greater than ever. More and more families in our community continue to face financial insecurity. It is my hope that we can ease their burden a bit this Thanksgiving. Typically we provide for about 135 families which means that just the grocery cards alone cost over \$6,000.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- 1. Donating a \$50. grocery card.
- 2. Make a donation in any amount to help defray the cost of the grocery cards. Checks can be made out to St Luke's Outreach with Thanksgiving in the memo. They can be dropped off at the Parish Center or mailed to St Luke's Outreach, 1 Ruggles St,
- 3. Go online to **We Share** and make a donation by choosing "Thanksgiving".

Thank you for all the support you have given this program in the past, and I encourage your support again this year!

Nan Ford/Parish Outreach Coordinator



FLAG RETRIEVALS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Adults/Students (Grades 5-12)

Saturday, November 18, 2023 9:00AM

St. Luke's Cemetery Veterans Grave Site Flag Retrievals. Please bring pliers. Any Questions Contact Paul E. Freeman, Jr. bosn61@gmail.com

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples of the earth becomes as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.

Saint Pope John XXIII

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SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Fellow Parishioners:

Saint Luke's concluded our fiscal year on August 31, 2023 on a reasonably solid financial footing, albeit with a few financial challenges.

Saint Luke's ended this past fiscal year with a \$25,561 deficit. Although the operating income increased by about 5% (\$45,425 above the prior fiscal year) due to your generosity, operating expenses increased by the larger amount of \$69,701. The increase in expenses resulted from multiple factors but in large part due to the addition of an Associate Priest and rectory renovations. Saint Luke's is a large parish and has been in critical need for an Associate Priest for quite a few years. This will be a recurring but very necessary cost for the health of our parish, which is too large to support just one priest. The rectory renovation, a one-time expense, has been another much needed action. There has been very little work done on the rectory in decades and just could not be put off any longer. As noted last year, our parish has participated in the Legacy of Hope capital giving program that returned \$0.40 for every dollar pledged to Saint Luke's. This has helped cover some but not all renovation costs.

Although some of the much needed renovation has drawn down our parish savings fund, Saint Luke's still retains a 5 months Rainy Day Fund. This provides reasonably sufficient reserves to cover any unanticipated emergency expenses in the coming fiscal year.

Your continued generosity, especially through electronic giving, provides the foundation of our parish's financial well-being. If you are not already doing so, please consider enrolling in electronic giving as it helps us more effectively manage our parish finances. Email our Finance Manager, Linda Underwood, at financeoffice@stlukes-parish.org and she will explain the options to you.

Finally, Saint Luke's is a very vibrant and welcoming parish and serves a large and diverse community. The Gospel invites us to support our brothers and sisters in Christ, some less financially fortunate, as well as the broader human community we are embedded in. Being such a large and active parish, our financial needs are correspondingly great. Your continued generosity constitutes a generous way of life and is highly appreciated.

With Christ's Blessings, Saint Luke the Evangelist Finance Committee

Saint Luke's Church Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Report

	Prior YTD 2021/2022	Current YTD 2022/2023	Next Yr Budget 2023/2024
OPERATING INCOME			
Parish collections	697,611	729,078	753,946
Easter/Christmas/Holy days	27,133	34,329	34,500
Religious Ed/Outreach/Other	162,251	169,013	189,262
Total Operating Income	886,995	932,420	977,708
Total Operating Expenses	888,280	957,981	977,708
Operating Income over (under)	(1,285)	(25,561)	-
Average Weekly Collection	13,416	14,021	14,499

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RCIA Inquiry Session

Weekly Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) inquiry sessions continue Tuesday evenings in October at 7:30 PM in room 23 of the Parish

Center. If you are not already a member of the Catholic faith community (or perhaps no Christian faith community), this is an excellent opportunity to learn about the Christian faith in the Catholic tradition. All are welcomed to attend without any obligation or pressure to "become Catholic." For those who choose, RCIA can provide a path to one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist).

If you are a confirmed Catholic having received all your sacraments, please gently mention RCIA to any people you meet who you sense may be receiving a calling from God to explore Christianity in the Catholic faith tradition. We would be delighted to meet them!

There is no need to register – inquirers are welcomed to just go to the parish center and walk into room 23 where we will look forward to meeting you! For more information on RCIA at St. Luke's, please contact Bob Thompson via phone at 508-341-7677 or via email at bob thomps@hotmail.com.

MUSTARD SEED SOUP KITCHEN

St. Luke's is serving at the Mustard Seed on Nov. 3rd. We will be serving chicken, rice pilaf, vegetables, fruit and

dessert. Please see the signup sheet in Flocknotes for details. Please deliver the food hot to our house by 3:30 p.m. on Nov. Our address is 11 Old Nourse St., 3rd. Westborough.

The Mustard Seed is also in need of gently used winter clothing as well as new socks and underwear. Those can also be dropped off at our house.

Any questions, please call Sue Black at 508-212-2748 or email me at susanmblack08@gmail.com.

Thanks so much!

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH IS OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, WE CAN MAKE A VISIT ANYTIME WE PASS. JESUS WILL BE AS HAPPYTO SEE US AS WE ARE TO SEE HIM.



ASP THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

The 2023-2024 ASP Youth Team will be holding their annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale in November. Youth will be taking orders for pies after services on

Saturday, November 4th and 11th and Sunday, November 5th and 12th.

Our delicious apple crisps and pumpkin pies will be back on sale for \$15 each.

The crisps and pies will be prepared by our group of volunteers on Saturday, November 18th – we would love to do even better than last year when we made nearly 600 pies!

They can be picked at the First United Methodist Church lobby on November 18th from 2:00-4:30pm, so you have them in time for your Thanksgiving dinner.

Virtual Pies! If you would like to support our youth in their sale but do not want/need another pie for Thanksgiving, there will be sign-up sheets at the church to allow people to buy a Virtual Pie. You can also use the Virtual Pie link on our website http:// www.westboroughasp.org and donate online



In line at the grocery store, a very animated four-year-old asked her WORD The mother how much since in the mother spread her arms wide with the mother spread her arms wide

ster contemplated this for a moment and then replied, "That's all I get?" Everyone cracked up. Certainly that story was told more than a few times that evening. But it does raise an interesting question: how do we measure love?

When the Pharisees question Jesus, they hope to trick Him into an endless debate about which commandment is most important. But the answer Jesus gives focuses on the reasons behind them: it is love of God and love of neighbor. To love God means that we give ourselves completely to God and His way. To love our neighbor means that we recognize in everyone the stamp of Divine approval, and the imprint of God's love.

How much love do we have for God and for others? We measure it in actions. Caring for others, living the Beatitudes, practicing the Works of Mercy and offering our prayers and sacraments express what we believe and help us strengthen our commitment to practice what we preach. God has already showed how much He loves us. It's our turn to show Him.

James Gaffney

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4PM, in Spanish 6PM Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM

Weekday Masses
Monday through Friday,
9:00 AM

NEW TO THE PARISH WELCOME

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call Maria at 508-366-5502 for information

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45PM ~ also by personal request. Reconciliation Room is handicapped accessible

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact a Priest at least six months in advance

RCIA

Contact the parish secretary if interested in becoming Christian in the Catholic faith tradition.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Our extraordinary ministers are always pleased to bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. If you or a family member would like to receive Communion, please call Julie at 508-366-8509. If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.

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