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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'"

Matthew 25:21



Today's painting captures the moment of reckoning in today's gospel passage after the landowner returns to his estate and asks his servants what they did with the money entrusted to them while he was gone. The likely candidate here in the center is the last servant to whom "one talent" was given. As we know now a 'talent' was not a single thing or coin per se, but rather a significant amount of money – some scholars estimate that it was worth about 15 years of a servant's wages! Using 'light' De Poorter skillfully captures the decisive moment of tension by clearly delineating between the brightly lit foreground and a darker, monochromatic background. In the background the other servants are both leaning slightly and tilting their heads (creating a strong diagonal pull toward the center of the main subjects at the table) anxiously anticipating what the reaction of the master will be. All eyes are on the servant as he is called to account. Of course, we know that this parable is not about wise financial investing, but rather about what we do with the divine gifts and mercy given to us by God and what we do with them.

GATHER HYMNAL 1188

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18

4:00pm John Leone

by his family

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

Fr. Bill

Sunday, November 19

7:30am Ruth Ann Poole

by Faherty family

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar

9:00am Vilma Henderson

by her family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 11:00am **Nellie Fryer** by their family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

Monday, November 20

9:00am Joseph Fournier

by Shirley Nute

Tuesday, November 21

9:00am Brian Scott Sullivan

by his family

Wednesday, November 22

9:00am Teresa Ashline

by Nancy Papp

Thursday, November 23

9:00am THANKSGIVING

Friday, November 24

9:00am Paul Fallon

by John & Bobbie Cruse Saturday, November 25

4:00pm Louis Orlando

by his family

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

Fr. Bill

Sunday, November 26

7:30am Maria Barretti

by her family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

9:00am Pouel Christensen

by Faherty family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 11:00am **Louise Perez**

by Blaney 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, Joe Smith, Dawn Haight, Carol Aloisi, Teresa Putnam, Carmelia Potenti, Charles Arkle, 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, Kirolos Gergis, Gregg Merloni, Tome Valadao, Gene Buffo, 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
Patrick McShera

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

WE	EKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS
SUNDAY Nov 19	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
MONDAY Nov 20	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
TUESDAY Nov 21	2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
WEDNESDAY Nov 22	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b+15/Lk 19:11-28
THURSDAY Nov 23	1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44 OR for Thanksgiving Day: Sir 50:22-24/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11/1 Cor 1:3-9/Lk 17:11-19
FRIDAY Nov 24	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d- 12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48
SATURDAY Nov 25	1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4+6, 16+9/Lk 20:27-40
SUNDAY Nov 26	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
	Pilot Bulletins

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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

As we all will get swept up in the "busyness" of preparing for Christmas, let us take time to remind ourselves that the coming

season of Advent, is a time of preparation for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We invite you to take a brief time out and join us in church on Sunday afternoon, December 10th at 3:00pm for a Festival Of Lessons And Carols, presented by The Fugue, a chamber choir of members from the Montachusett Chorale. The service consists of seven scripture readings, each of which is followed by a choral anthem or Christmas carol. This celebration is an adaptation of the service of Lessons and Carols held annually In King's College Chapel in Cambridge England. The service is free, and light refreshments will be served after the event. Please join us!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

Christmas Eve @ the 6 PM Mass,



Sunday, Dec. 24th
Who: Participants are children in <u>Grades K-6</u> (all roles are nonspeaking)
Sian-up

Saturday, November

18th through Tuesday December 12th

Rehearsal times:

Sunday December 17th 12:30 – 1:45 PM in the church

Friday December 22nd 2:30 – 4:15 PM <u>Dress Rehearsal</u> starts and ends in the Parish Center

➤ Use the online sign up at http://stlukes-parish.org

➤ Questions? Contact kathy.Dunbeck@gmail.com



Thursday is Thanksgiving but our thoughts have already turned to Christmas and sharing. Our Interfaith Giving Tree Program trees are up this weekend and we hope that you will once again take tags and

share your love with those in need in

Westborough. The wrapped gifts with the green tag attached are due back to us on **Sunday, December 10th, by 2:00 pm.** As always, thank you for your generosity of spirit!

All are invited to "JOURNEY TOGETHER" ADVENT 2023 AT ST. LUKE'S

THE ADVENT OF CHRIST

Read the daily scripture, commentary, reflection question from "The Advent of Christ" by Edward Sri starting Sunday, November 26th until Christmas time.

EDWARD SRI

- Sign up for a small group to discussion your reflections
- Come together for a special Advent Gathering on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 PM

Books can be purchased for \$7 at the 9:00 and 11:00 masses Sunday 11/26 or at the Parish Center Monday - Thursday from 10-4.

For more details and to sign up for a small group, go to: https://stlukes-parish.org/advent





Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00PM

GURDWARA SAHIB, SIKH TEMPLE 168 FLANDERS ROAD, WESTBOROUGH FR. SAGAR WILL BE GIVING ONE OF THE SHORT PRESENTATIONS

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Blessing of food at Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, Nov. 23 at 9AM Table will be set up near the altar. Bring something that will be served at your home for a special blessing



There's nothing quite as exciting as the discovery of a new artistic talent: a great singer, a gifted writer, or an extraordinary musician. Friends and

neighbors take pride in the newfound fame and success and the story of this great discovery can become the stuff of legends. Although the 'overnight sensation' has worked and practiced for years, the appreciation of a new audience breathes life into the artist's work and his or her talent is rewarded, often generously.

What about our own, not-so-famous talents? God gifts each of us with abilities and graces that can make a difference in the lives of others. Discovering and using them is part of the practice of our faith. By investing our talents in the lives of others, everyone benefits. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are given for the good of the church as we each grow in holiness and grace.

No gift or ability is too small or meaningless when it is used for someone else. A friendly visit, a generous spirit, a listening ear or helping hand can change someone's life for the better. If we truly trust the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us, our contribution will count. It will breathe new life into the work of the church and our efforts will be rewarded.

James Gaffney



GREETER MINISTRY

Smiles warm hearts and welcomes souls! Could you help welcome parishioners into St. Luke's Church at your favorite Mass? It's a great way to meet

people, is an act of charity and can easily involve individuals or children and their families, too!

Plus, it's super easy!

- 1) Sign-up for your favorite Mass time at https://tinyurl.com/2wfja7px
- 2) Wear a name tag that we will provide you.
- 3) Just arrive 15 minutes before and/or stay a few minutes after Mass to pass out bulletins.
- 4) Bring a big smile! :)

We will collect names and reach back out to those signed up! Thank you for making St. Luke's parish family even more welcoming!

Leslie <u>leslie.a.buffo@gmail.com</u>

Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." (MATTHEW 25:21) God calls us to

nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

PARISH CALENDARS FOR 2024

Calendars will be available in the vestibule of the Church next weekend. This year we will have calendars in both English and Spanish.



These beautiful Catholic calendars are donated by David Pickering Funeral Homes and Curry Printing (Peter Gardner) We are very grateful to them for making the calendars available. Please be sure to pick one up.

Women of St. Luke's

WREATH DECORATING

Friday, December 1, 2023



Knights of Columbus Hall 17 Willow St. Westborough Doors open at 6:30pm

RAFFLE TABLE wonderful raffle items, proceeds help to benefit <u>The GivingTree</u>, Parish and greater community 50/50 RAFFLE

16" live wreath is provided with fresh greens, baubles and bows for decorating, feel free to recycle any wreath decorations to reuse or donate to the decoration table

adults only, no children

light hor dourves, coffee and dessert

PLEASE BRING A BAG OF WRAPPED CANDY FOR THE GIVING TREE BAGS

\$35.00 members \$40.00 non members Payment and sign up: due by November 28

Questions: Kathy Lawrence 508-847-7744



Westborough
Thanksgiving Dinner
For All Members of the
Community

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thurs., Nov. 23rd at 1:00 pm John Boyle O'Reilly Knights of Columbus Hall 17 Willow St, Westborough

This free holiday gathering is open to all members of our community and is made possible by a broad coalition of local service organizations, many volunteers, and generous local sponsors.

For more information contact Dinner Chairperson Roberta Brown at <u>Rbrown67@verizon.net</u> or call 508-330-8200.



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



Knights of Columbus

Memorial Mass

Monday November 20th

at 7PM

Knights of Columbus Hall Willow Street, Westborough

ALL ARE WELCOME

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Sunday Ordinary Collection Monthly

Month of August 2023 56, 079 Month of September 2023 55,449 Month of October 2023 64.025

November 19, 2023



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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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