

St. Luke's Parish

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Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.
 Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M.
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions
 Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00 905-881-2786

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Making Friends with Dishonest Wealth

The parable of the unjust steward is one of the more peculiar parables and many readers are puzzled about what to make of it. Establishing the specific context of the parable is an important first step, and proves illuminating. Jesus is speaking to his disciples (16:1), but in the hearing of a more general audience in which Pharisees and scribes are prominently represented (15:1-2; 16:14). The parable of the unjust steward continues Jesus’ indictment of the scribes and Pharisees found in previous parables in Luke; the Pharisees, recognizing this, react against the teaching in versus 14.

The reference to ‘squandering’ parallels the behavior of the lost son, who ‘squanders’ his father’s wealth in 15:13. Perhaps the Pharisees aren’t as different from the lost son as they would imagine themselves to be. There is also the possibility that the steward had been placing heavy burdens on his master’s debtors, raising the rents to increase his cut.

The steward faces the imminent crisis of his removal from his job when his master calls him to give account of his unfaithfulness and irresponsibility in his duties. Like the parable of the rich man and Lazarus that follows it, this parable presents a radical reversal of fortunes and the pressing importance of readying oneself for it.

The steward’s response to his crisis is ingenious. Although he is about to forfeit his position, this fact is not yet general knowledge. He goes around all of his master’s debtors and reduces their debts. Such a reduction of debts would have made the steward a very popular man in the neighborhood and made his master appear generous and good. The master couldn’t easily remove him from his position or recover the remainder of the debts that his steward had written off without appearing cruel and arousing public disapproval.

In the parable of the unjust steward, it is important to keep in mind that Jesus is praising his shrewdness, not his morality. The Pharisees and the scribes are the unjust stewards, the servants who have been charged with managing their master’s property and tenants. However, they have been squandering God’s blessings and laying heavy burdens upon his people.

The time of reckoning has finally come for them, like the steward. At this point they are faced with a choice: will they double down on their injustice, or will they use the brief remaining window of opportunity of their stewardship to take emergency action to prepare for the future? At times in our own lives, we may be faced with a similar reckoning, how do we respond?

John Humphries, Adapted from *The Politics of Dishonest Wealth—Luke 16:1-13* (Alastair Roberts)

Today’s gospel, makes the point that we are but stewards of creation and that everything is given to us on trust and for safe keeping. All is on loan, our tenure is brief and we are held accountable for our management. In a world of limited resources we cannot afford to squander our environment and are called to live responsibly, using what we need and sharing what we can. Material goods, which are necessary for life, are meant to be shared and it is decidedly immoral for a portion of the earth to become wealthy at the expense of the poorer parts. In achieving material abundance, we have lost sight of our moral and spiritual bearings. How can it be that in the midst of plenty there are still people dying of hunger, lacking the most basic medical care and without a roof over their heads? Each of us can make a difference and we have a duty to do what we can to improve life for at least a few.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Souls of Osbert & Ursula D’Sylva
Tuesday	Soul of Marika Schmoll Soul of Eugene Peñoso Soul of Julian Peñoso Jr. Soul of Eufemia Azuela Soul of Eden Llantero Soul of Esteban Alde
Wednesday	Mass of Thanksgiving – George & Ana Pinto
Thursday	Soul of Gigi Lirios
Friday	Soul of Chan Liang Ji

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

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Please pray for the sick in our community. May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens especially: **Maria DiRienzo, Donna Shen, Marie McCarron, Mike McCloskey, Rosaria Lee, Magdalene Ki, Tita Mateo, Teresa Kim, Marie Ceolin, Paul Benoit and Daniela Militaru**



Next weekend is the CWL **WHITE ELEPHANT SALE** - Sept 24 & 25th in the parish hall. For more details, please see the information table or bulletin board.

St. Luke's is celebrating our 175th Anniversary on October 29, 2022. Circle your calendars as we mark the beginning of this magnificent milestone at the 5pm mass on October 29th and stay tuned as tickets are going on sale soon for the special Gala dinner.



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Thank you for your support of this important program.



St. Like's Parish Hall
Friday, September 23rd from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Priests and parishioners engaged in parish renewal want to connect with others who share their passion for evangelization. The problem is that finding a community of encouragement and support can be difficult, leaving many feeling as if they are alone on the journey of parish renewal.

We understand that connecting with others who are passionate about mission can easily fall to the backburner with the demands of parish work.

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3. Be connected with others who are passionate about the work of parish renewal!



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Cardinal Thomas Collins

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