



St. Mary's Parish

Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils
5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM
9:30 AM Family Mass
(C.L.O.W. Sept. – May)
11:30 AM Sung Mass

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays, following Mass
from 9:30-10:30 AM.

Our Mission:

“To know Christ and to make Him known.”

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Rectory Phone: (508) 429 - 4427

Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please register through our website or by calling the rectory. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St. Mary's to kneel together for a silent Hail Mary at the end of Mass. Please join in!

Confession: Saturdays from Noon to 12:45 PM, or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time by appointment. Please call as soon as you are aware of a serious illness or upcoming surgery.

Baptism: The 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. To register for Baptism Preparation call 429-4427.

Marriage: Please call at least 6 months in advance of your desired wedding date. Congratulations!



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September 18, 2022
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family,

One of the great blessings at St. Mary's Parish is the wonderful ministry we offer to those in need. In today's first Mass reading, we are told that *"God will never forget what we do to the poor."* AM 8:7 And so I take this opportunity to thank those at St. Mary's who do so much to help the hurting: AA, Al-Anon, the Pantry Shelf, Give a Gift, the Knights of Columbus Charities, the Pine Street Inn, Project Just Because, the Equestrian Order, our Youth Groups, Family Promise, Respect Life, and our Homebound and Hospital Ministries. I truly believe that Jesus will not forget all you do for Him in His suffering person. Thank you!

In today's second reading St. Paul asks *"that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone."* While not as visible as some of the good works we accomplish through such efforts as the Pantry Shelf, the Catholic Appeal, etc., still the grace won through prayer can accomplish amazing things in the lives of those we remember to the Lord. As a priest, I find myself relying more and more on the prayers of others – my parents, my Poor Clare Nuns in Andover, and also the prayers of the sick, whose suffering makes their voices echo like the voice of Christ Crucified in the ear of God. This Wednesday night we will all have a very special opportunity to give others the gift of prayer when the Silver Rose stops at our parish on the way to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. The Silver Rose Prayer Service is open to all and dedicated to the most vulnerable and helpless of us all.

God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

**This
Wednesday,
September 21**

**at 7 PM
in the church.
Open to all!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SILVER ROSE

PRAYER SERVICE

This Wednesday night, our Parish is honored to host the Silver Rose Service. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Each year Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus Councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are invited to take part in this prayer!

September 16, 2022



CARDINAL O'MALLEY STATEMENT

Immigration policies and practices stand as an abiding moral, legal and political challenge to our Commonwealth and our country. We have delayed far too long in developing an effective response to immigrants, migrants, and refugees at a moment when the movement of men, women, children, and families surpasses any other known example in our history.

Our common humanity is the lens through which our response to immigrants and refugees must be judged. Pope Francis has made the plight of immigrants and refugees a constant theme of his pontificate. The Holy Father's witness, in word and deed, has been based on understanding immigrants and refugees as pilgrims forced by socio-economic conditions, human rights abuses, and the climate crisis to leave their homes in search of safety, security and stability for themselves and their families.

This week the humanity and vulnerability which immigrants and refugees share has come home to us in Massachusetts. The Venezuelan refugees have come from a situation of enormous oppression and suffering in their own country.

As is often the case, human tragedy evokes moral goodness. The citizens of Martha's Vineyard have shown us all how common humanity motivates generosity and effective kindness. I commend young and old for their example and effective response.

The need for a systematic longer-term response is required. I thank Governor Baker for his promise of providing shelter and security for those who have come to us in Massachusetts without either. An effective strategy inevitably requires the leadership and assistance of state and city government. Within that basic framework other organizations can then make their skilled response.

Catholic Charities of Boston has informed me of their readiness to cooperate with civil authorities in welcoming those who come to our Commonwealth in need of assistance. Not only Venezuelans, but Haitians and other Latin Americans are caught up in the crushing emergency of the U.S. southern border. When non-profit agencies can partner with civil authorities, people at risk will find welcome, support and space to organize their lives.

In a globalized world, immigration challenges will continue. In our country a broken immigration system requires immediate reform. From the Dreamers who still seek legal stability in their lives, to those fleeing war in Ukraine, poverty in Latin America and Africa, or crises in the Middle East, the call of our common humanity will be with us for years to come. I pray we will be equal to the challenge.

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor
 The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance
 Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Ronald A. Dowding, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon
 Mr. Christopher Pelonzi, Director of Music
 Mrs. Fran Crespi, D.R.E., Grades K-7
 Mrs. Theresa Virzi, Grades 8-11 and Youth Minister
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary
 Mrs. Paula O'Brien, Religious Education Secretary
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
 Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK

FOR STAFF VACATION: The office will be closed from Monday, Sept. 19 through Friday, Sept. 23. Mass cards are available in the R. E. Office.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

This week's second collection is for the care of our active and senior priests. The Mission of the Clergy Funds is to ensure healthcare and quality of life for our priests, especially when age or health dictates, and we need your help. Remember the priests who have made a difference in your life, and consider honoring them with a gift that helps care for them in their time of need, just as they have cared for us when we needed them. Thank you for your support.

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 4,159.00
WeShare:	\$ 2,761.00
Offertory Envelopes dropped off / mailed in	\$ 7,317.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 14,237.00
Weekly Need:	\$ 15,000.00
Shortfall	- \$ 763.00

PLEASE CONSIDER SWITCHING TO WESHARE OR AUTOMATIC GIVING: These online services allow you to maintain your support without having to remember to mail or drop off envelopes. They also allow you to maintain your customary weekly parish support even when you are away on vacation, long holiday weekends, foul weather weekends, sickness, (even pandemic), or other challenges during the year. Even if you are at Mass, these forms of giving mean not having to remember to bring checkbooks and / or envelopes with you. **Learn how at:** <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	September 17
5:00	Francis X. Costello
7:30	John O'Reilly
Sunday	September 18
7:30	Special Intention
9:30	Michael McHugh
11:30	Patrick McDonald
Monday	September 19
9:00	John "Jack" Sheehan
Tuesday	September 20
9:00	George Harris
Wednesday	September 21
9:00	Benjamin Malatesta
Thursday	September 22
9:00	Marie O'Callahan and Peg McDevitt
Friday	September 23
9:00	Mark Harris
Saturday	September 24
5:00	Grace Magrini, 6 th Anv.
7:30	Robert Yarashus
Sunday	September 25
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Khalil Hasrouni
11:30	Stephen Warren, 24 th Anv.

BULLETIN COVER ART: "Scheming Steward," Painting by Marinus van Reymer (1542).

NEWSLETTER COLLATING: Please join us this Monday, September 19 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Father Haley Hall to assist in our collating of the October Newsletter. All are welcome and needed!



TICKETS ON SALE NEXT WEEKEND, K of C COUNCIL #14224, 14th ANNUAL CHARITY

RAFFLE: The Council is selling chances for our annual Charity Raffle. Your vital support has enabled the Council to donate over \$250,000 so far to charities including the Holliston Pantry Shelf,

Veteran's organizations, Habitat for Humanity, Holliston Senior Center. Please continue to support our raffle in our efforts to help those needing food or aid. Tickets will again be \$5 each or a book of five tickets for \$20. Prizes range from \$100 to \$1,000. Email Tom Anguish at stanguish@hotmail.com or contact any KOC member. Or, on September 24 and 25, Knights will be selling tickets after all Masses.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Koval Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

TIMMY CAKE FUNDRAISER: Thank you to all who helped the Timothy O'Connell Foundation by purchasing Tim's favorite chocolate cakes last weekend. All proceeds from the sales of these cakes will go to the Foundation's charitable mission, including its Scholarship Fund. Any questions email joanneoconnell@comcast.net. Thank you!

RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION: If you have heard the calling to join the Catholic Church, St. Mary's Parish will be starting an RCIA Program in late September which leads to full initiation into the Church. Among others, this is an ideal opportunity for those who may have been attending Mass with your Catholic spouse or family but now want to participate more fully in the liturgies. In addition, we will also be starting an Adult Confirmation Class (leading to an Adult Confirmation Liturgy) for those adult Catholics (18+) who never received the sacrament at a younger age. If you are interested to join either program or just want further information, please contact Deacon Ron Dowding at 508-429-3961. Welcome!



HISTORY-MYSTERY RALLYE: Our annual charity raffle winds up soon! Your last chance to buy raffle tickets will be on September 24 and 25 when Knights will be selling tickets after all the Masses. The winning tickets will be drawn during our new Family & Friends History-Mystery Rallye on October 9 at 2:00 PM starting in our church parking lot. Join us for a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon! Put together a team of at least two people (or your whole family) and have a blast! Follow route directions to historic and notable sites in town, find answers to questions on your sheet, and arrive back at St. Mary's about 45 minutes later. This isn't a timed event, but distance is important. Join other contestants for refreshments and games for the kids until the

winner is announced. Three top teams will win \$100, \$50, or \$25! The entry fee is \$15 per car if paid by October 1 or \$20 on the day of the event. Net proceeds go to charity. For early entries, please send your name, address, and a check payable to KofC 14224 to Tom Anguish, 542 Winter Street, Holliston, MA 01746 OR use VENMO and identify your payment as registration for History-Mystery Rallye to St. Mary's Holliston K of C @KofC14224. Identify your payment as registration for History-Mystery Rallye to St Mary's Holliston K of C, @KofC14224, OR point your smart phone at this QR code and go directly to our **VENMO payment page**.



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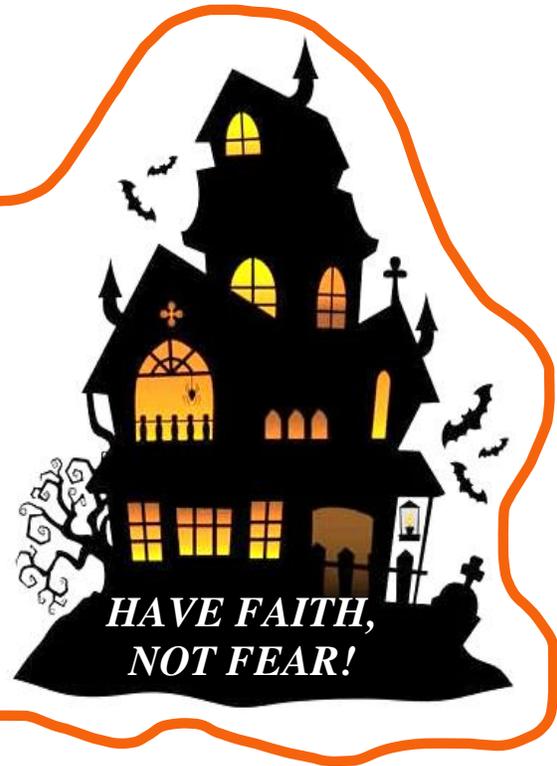
WINGS: (Women in God's Spirit) is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their Catholic faith and grow in their relationship with God and one another. Our Fall Season "Called to Relationship" begins on Wednesday, October 12, from 9:45 to 11:15 AM in Father Haley Hall and will conclude on Wednesday, November 16. The meeting includes prayer, an inspiring speaker presentation on a relevant topic of the Catholic faith and large or small group sharing with **WOMEN OF ALL AGES**. Are you a new mom, recently retired or working from home - then consider giving yourself the gift of growing in faith through the WINGS program. Can you carve out an hour once a week to learn more about your Catholic faith and deepen your relationship with God? We hope you will join us. Please let us know when you register if you will require babysitting so we can arrange for childcare. WINGS asks for dues of \$50 per year, or \$20 per season (Fall, Winter, Spring) to defray speaker fees; however, everyone is welcome regardless of ability to pay. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller at 617-852-9632 or Diane Collins at 508-259-7795. To register for WINGS, email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.

PANTRY SHELF BACK TO SCHOOL HELP: Regular coffee, applesauce, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, ketchup, mayonnaise, Chunky Soup, cookies, canned turkey/chicken, canned fruits, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, toilet paper and cake and brownie mixes. Donations may be dropped off in the blue bin by the main parking lot entrance.

MOM'S PRAYER GROUP: There will be a MOM'S GROUP on Tuesdays from 9:30-11 AM in Classrooms 3-4. Every week, we will pray together, read reflections according to the liturgical season, and share prayer intentions. Children of all ages are welcome, there will be a few toys and coloring activities available. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Contact Meghan Krenselewski at 978-421-5795 with any questions.



ATTENTION ALL 6th, 7th & 8th GRADERS! YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF EVENT! Sunday, October 2
 – Giant MSYG Kick Off Event, 6:30 – 8 PM, open to all 6th, 7th & 8th Graders. Sign-ups for the Friday, October 14 Barrett's Haunted Mansion Trip and a Giant Slideshow of all this summer's events. Save the date! Join us for our **16th year** of Faith, Friendship, Service & Fun!



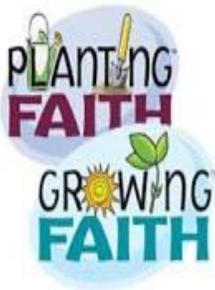
NEW SCHOOL YEAR, NEW NAME, NEW HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP! All teens in Grades 9 through 12 are invited to the first TGIF Meeting of the year, **Sunday, October 16**, from 7:15-8:45 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. Bring \$5 dues and bring a friend! Snacks will be provided. If you have any questions please reach out to Theresa at Stmarysym1870@gmail.com. At this meeting we will have signups for the first trip of the year – the Davis Farm Mega Maze, Saturday, October 22. Save the date!

HELPERS NEEDED FOR OUR WONDERFUL CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW): Please pray about joining the CLOW team this year! The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a format that presents the biblical teachings of our Catholic faith to the children of our parish in a friendly, interactive and fun setting. The requirements are that you are a practicing Catholic, attending Mass and living out your faith in daily life. We have some fabulous leaders, about 5 regular ones, but realistically should have double that number. We also welcome teen leaders 15 and over who are practicing Catholics. Won't you please consider joining us? Contact the Religious Education Office at 508-429-6076.

CLOW READERS: St. Mary's is in need of a few more young people willing to become youth lectors at the 9:30 AM CLOW Masses. The St. Mary's youth lector program allows youths in 7th Grade or higher to proclaim the Word of God at Mass and at other liturgical celebrations. Candidates must attend church regularly and be willing to spend time during the week before to practice their reading skills. People are scheduled for one Sunday per month. If interested please email Ron Turcotte at ronturcotte2@gmail.com to arrange for a short training session.

ATTENTION CATHOLIC BOY SCOUTS: Deacon Ron Dowding will be running the Ad Altare Dei (AAD) program again this year. The AAD is one of the most prestigious awards a Catholic Scout can earn (AAD medal photo left). In many ways it is of similar stature as the Eagle Scout Award. The 8-month program will begin in early October; and is open to Boy Scouts in ANY troop. The program includes regular meetings, activities, reading, writing, and spiritual reflection. If you are interested in earning the AAD, please reach out to Deacon Ron directly at 508-429-3961.





REGISTRATION CLOSING SOON:

After Friday, October 14,
Registrations for **Grades K-8**
can longer be accepted.

After Friday, September 30,
Registrations for **Grades 9/10** can
no longer be accepted.

Note: The only exception is for families new to the St. Mary's Parish community arriving after the deadline. Registration forms can be downloaded at <https://stmarysholliston.com/religious-education/religious-education-registration/>.

CLOW SEEKING ADULT HELPERS: CLOW starts on **Sunday, October 16** and is the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with children. There is a need for more CLOW Leaders. Leaders are provided with the materials a week ahead to prepare. High School teens 15 + years of age are encouraged and welcomed.

CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK FOR GRADES 2 AND 3 ~ SUNDAY SEPT. 18, 2022

DATE	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Sept. 18	GR-2 at 8:10 AM and Parent Meeting	GR-2 at 10:45 AM and Parent Meeting
	GR-3 at 7:55 AM	GR-3 at 10:45 AM
Tues., Sept. 20	GR-3 at 4:00 PM	
Wed., Sept. 21	GR-2 at 4:15 PM and Parent Meeting	
Sun., Sept. 25	GR-K at 9:15 AM	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-5 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-7 at 5:00 PM
Tues., Sept. 27	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	GR-5 at 4:00 PM
Wed., Sept. 28	GR-7 at 6:00 PM	
Sun., Oct. 2	PR-K at 9:15 AM	GR-2 at 8:10 AM
	GR-2 at 10:45 AM	GR-3 at 7:55 AM
	GR-3 at 10:45 AM	
Tues., Oct. 4	GR-3 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM

GRADE COORDINATORS: Grade Coordinators are vital to our Religious Education Program. At this time a **Grade 5 and 7 Coordinator** are needed to assist the DRE. Training is provided. Call or Email Fran at 508-429-6076 or st.marysDRE1870@gmail.com for further information and description of tasks.

Please note that R.E. Coordinators are responsible for guiding and assisting both teachers and students in growing in their relationship with Christ and His Church. Since this is done best by example, all parish coordinators are required to be regularly practicing members of the St. Mary's Worshipping Community.

LOOKING AHEAD TO CONFIRMATION 2022:



All Being Confirmed: Next Sunday, September 25, Night of Reflection: Sign in at the Parish Center Lobby at 6:15 PM. The Holy Hour with Adoration and priests for your pre-Confirmation Confession starts at 6:30 PM and concludes with Benediction at 7:30 PM.

Students scheduled for the 10:30 AM Mass on Saturday, October 8: Your rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, **October 4** at 7:00 PM. Sponsors also attend.

Students scheduled for the 1:30 PM Mass on Saturday, October 8: Your rehearsal will be held on Thursday, **October 6** at 7:00 PM. Sponsors also attend.

GRADES 9 AND 10 ABSENCE POLICY NOTICE:

If a student is absent from the Sunday Mass the day of their class session he/she will be required to fill out a Mass Reflection sheet to make up the Mass time. Know that Grades 9 and 10 meet once a month separately for the 11:30 AM Mass followed by light refreshments and then classes ending at 2:30 PM. Being present for each class is critical for the two year Confirmation Program.

OPENINGS FOR TEACHERS TO EVANGELIZE AND MONITORS TO PROVIDE SAFETY FOR THE CHILDREN ~ SEE THE CHART BELOW.

GRADE	DAY AND TIME	TEACHERS	MON.
PRE-K.	Sun., 9:15 to 10:30 AM	2 Teens	Filled
Kind.	Sun., 9:15 to 10:30 AM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-1A	Sun., 8:10 to 9:20 AM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-2A	Sun., 10:45 AM to Noon	1 Adult	1
GR-3A	Sun., 7:55 to 9:25 AM	Filled	1
GR-3A	Sun., 10:45AM-12:15 PM	1 Adult	1
GR-4A	Sun., 10:45AM-12:15 PM	1 Adult	1
GR-5A	Sun., 10:45AM-12:15 PM	Filled	1
GR-7A	Sun., 5:00 to 6:30 PM	1 Adult	1
GR-9A	Sun., 11:30 AM-2:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-10	Sun., 11:30 AM-2:30 PM	2 Adults	1
GR-8B	Mon., 6:00 to 7:30 PM	2 Adults	1
GR-3C	Tues., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-4C	Tues., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-5C	Tues., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-6C	Tues., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	Filled	Filled
GR-8C	Tues., 6:00 to 7:30 PM	4 Adults	1
GR-2D	Wed., 4:15 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-7D	Wed., 6:00 to 7:30 PM	2 Adults	Filled

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (PGC)

WORKSHOP: Can be scheduled with the Boston Archdiocese at www.virtusonline.org. If you are 18+ years of age and volunteering for Religious Ed, VBS or the Mission Trip, etc., you must take a PGC workshop if not done already. Most meetings are 2.5 hours of time and certification is valid for a lifetime.



25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 or 10-13

BE SHREWD!

God in the First Reading is quite offended by his people's evil actions, just as we would expect. But in the Gospel parable we find the master of the house rewarding a dishonest steward for cheating. What is going on?

A question: are you shrewd? Can you get troubled circumstances to work to your advantage? If you said yes, doesn't that mean you are un-Christian?

After all, we are supposed to dedicate ourselves to charity, giving always to others. Or at least that is the usual understanding of Christianity.

Start with the First Reading. God sees that the merchants are actually agreeing to "fix their scales for cheating!" This is bad enough, but they have determined also to actually buy poor people, to purchase them and their lives for silver or even for a pair of sandals! The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: never will I forget a thing they have done!

The Gospel's steward doesn't show disdain for the poor even though he is taking care of his own future. Such slavery no longer exists in the United States, for which, hurray! But aren't each of our own lives being bought off by luxury? Haven't you noticed that commerce wishes to buy you with cable TV, or a convertible, or prescription drugs, or real-estate plans, or weight reduction, beautiful teeth, slick automobiles, and even breath-freshening chewing gum (whose advertising portrays sexual promiscuity in order to sell their gum)?

God's reaction is very clear, and we should react similarly. God hates it.

Yet in the Gospel, a parable portrays God's attitude quite differently. The master comes back to find that his top steward has been squandering the master's property. Naturally he plans to fire the man, and in this he agrees completely with the First Reading, that cheating should not be tolerated.

But then comes the curve ball. The servant is portrayed as shrewd. He thinks up a plan. If I am to be fired, I had better acquire some friends so I will not be homeless. Since I will remain steward until I give an account, I will go to each of my master's debtors and make a deal. Give me half of what you owe and I will count it on the books as fully paid.

The master actually commends him for this plan! He tells the servant, you have been prudent in preparing a home for yourself! Why does he treat this dishonest servant differently than the dishonest merchants in the First Reading? The answer is in Sunday's Psalm 113, which says: Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor!

Do you think the merchants from the First Reading were "lifting up the poor"? Weren't they buying and selling them instead, purchasing them for even "a pair of sandals"?

Well, the Gospel's steward doesn't show disdain for the poor even though he is taking care of his own future (by making friends with the poor). He gets a portion of their debts back for the master. He never buys or sells them—he makes their life a little easier by cutting their debts in half, and he courts the master's favor by cutting losses to his property.

So he was shrewd. He did good by being so clever. The remaining servants were happy. The master was happy. The steward kept his job. Good was served rather than evil. Maybe the actual moral for Sunday is: be clever when you do good.

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