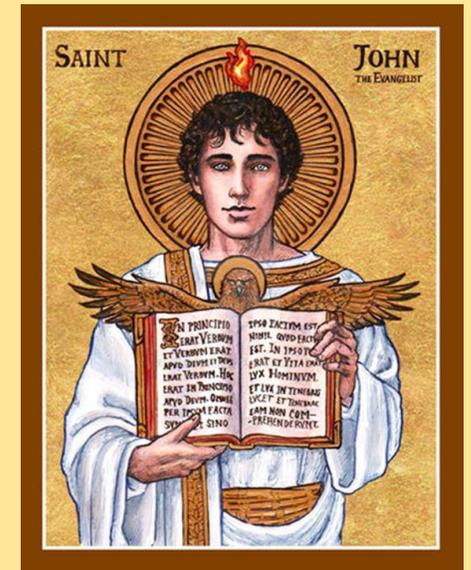
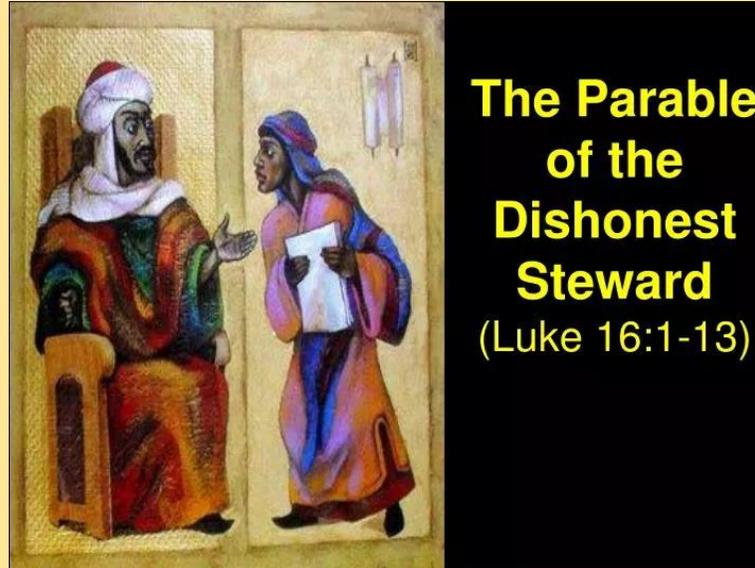


Prayer & Reflection



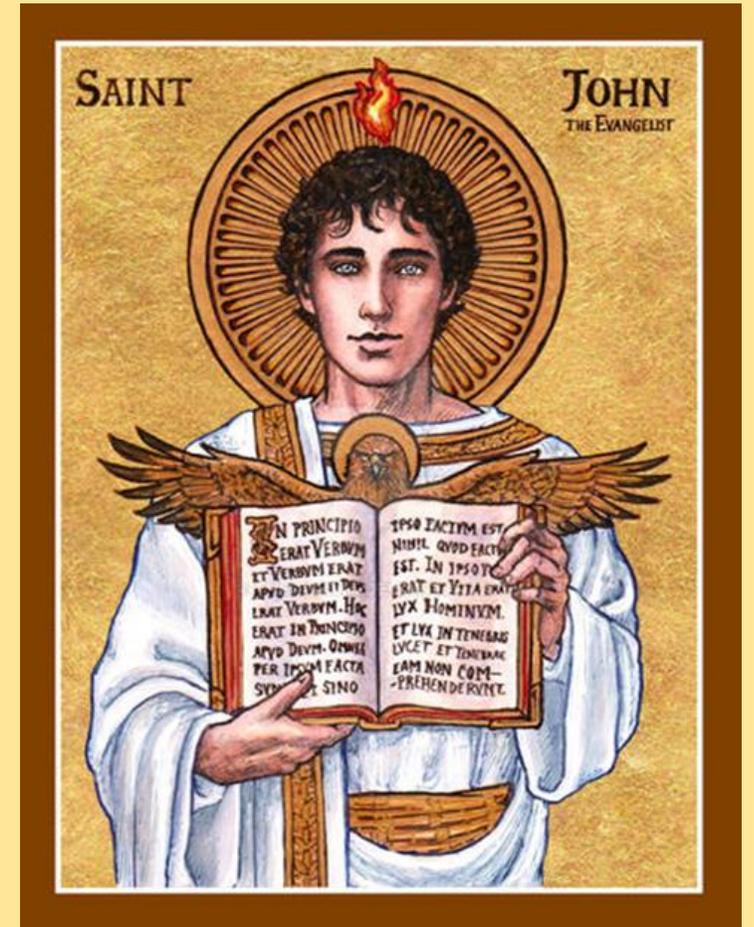
Week beginning: **Monday 22nd September**

Theme = Our school patron saint: Who is Saint John?

**Gospel – 25th Sunday Ordinary Time,
The Parable of the Dishonest Steward.**

This Friday 26th September –
as a school we will all
celebrate the Feast Day of
Saint John, who is our school's
patron saint.

- John, the son of Zebedee, was an apostle and is the author of the Gospel of John and the Book of Revelation.
- John was a fisherman and was a disciple of John the Baptist until he was called to become one of Jesus' disciples. John was one of Jesus' inner circle (together with James and Peter), and was "the disciple whom Jesus loved".



Why does St John have an eagle?

The eagle is the symbol of John the Evangelist.

As St John's wrote his gospel, and the Book of Revelations, it is clear that his understanding and mastery of the word of God and the will of God is compared with the ability of the eagle to stare straight into the sun.

The eagle is also seen as the creature that dwells (or lives) closest to heaven.



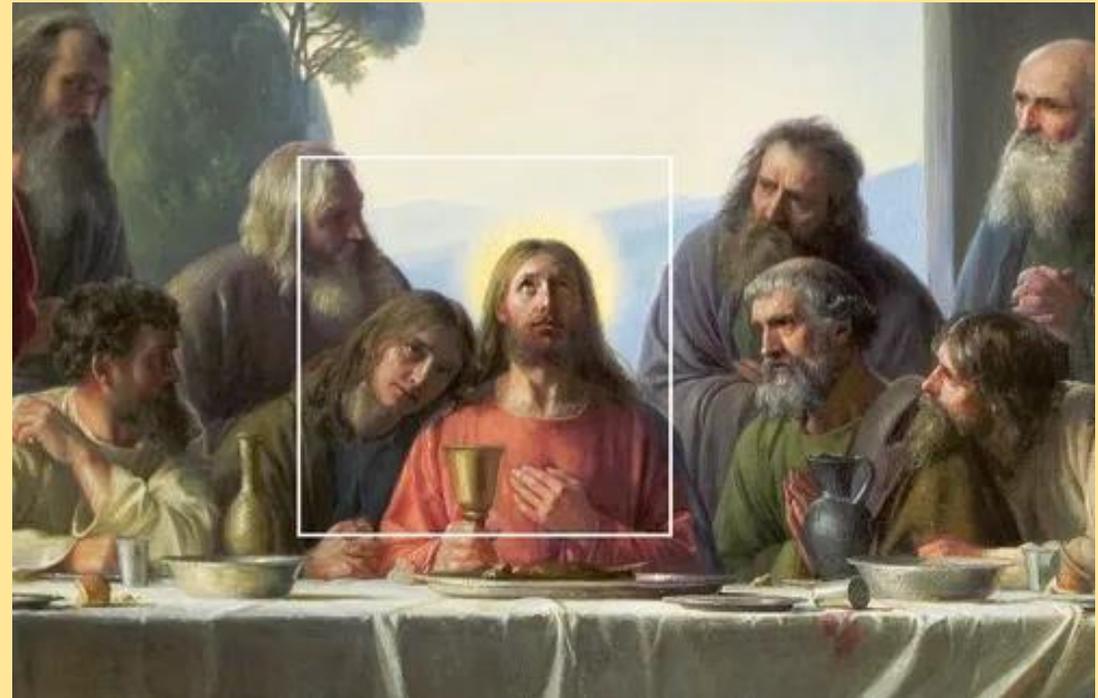
St John's life – in the Bible

Both Peter and John were sent to prepare for the final Passover meal and it is John who is pictured sitting next to Jesus during this 'Last Supper'.

John leans on Jesus which is a sign of their close friendship.

Remember John is the “disciple whom Jesus loved”.

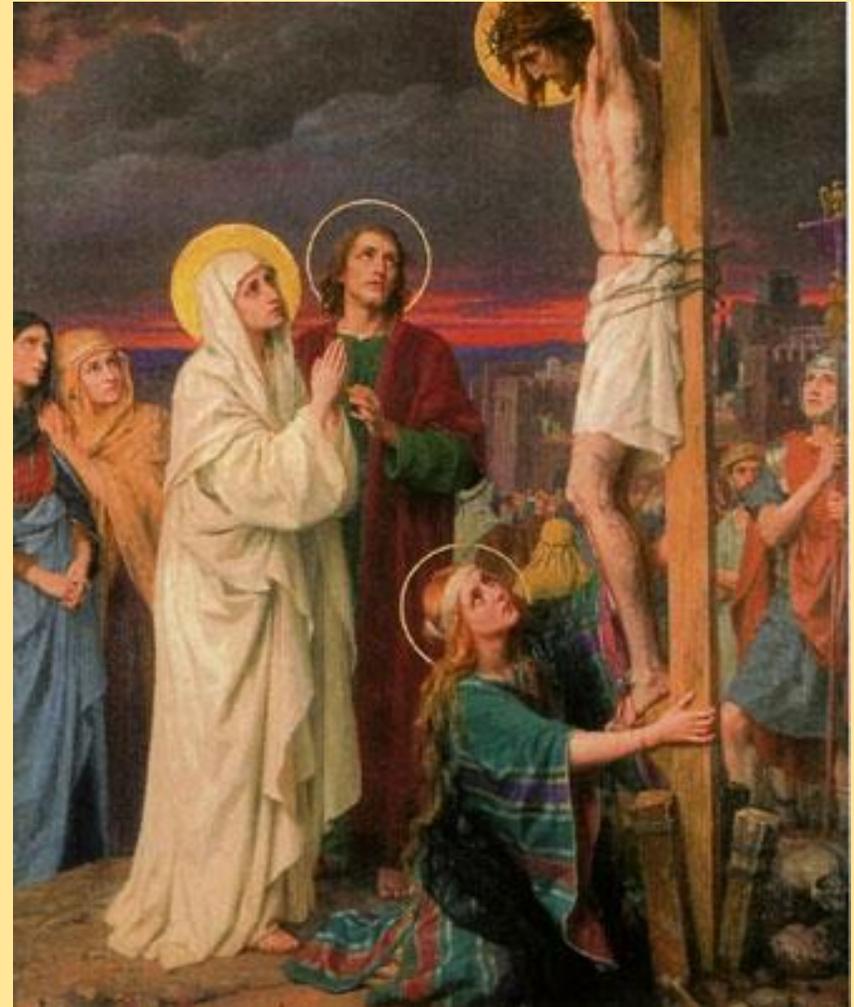
Jesus told only St John that Judas Iscariot was going to betray him.



St John's life – in the Bible

On the first 'Good Friday' John was by Jesus' side. Jesus said to Mary his mother, "He is your son." Then he said to John, "She is your mother." From this day onwards - John then kept a place in his home for Mary.

John was the first disciple who went to tomb to see Jesus and was the first to believe that Jesus was truly risen.

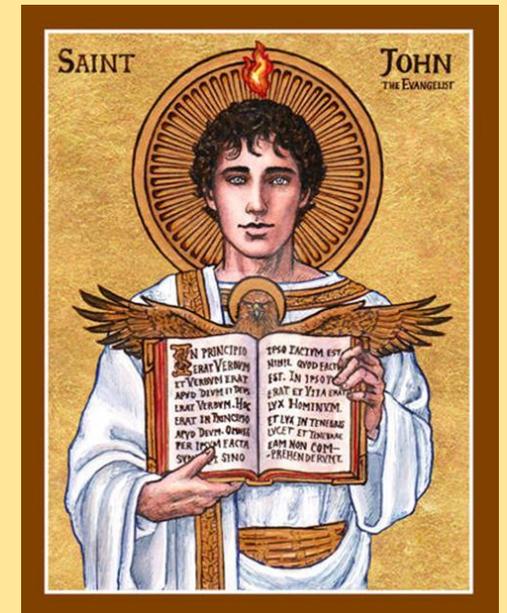


St John's mission – Inspired by Christ to build the Church

After Jesus mother Mary was taken up into heaven (the Assumption), and despite his old age, John travelled with Saint Peter to spread Christianity, to build the Church, around Asia Minor. John wrote his gospel, and his Book of Revelations.

John was later arrested by the Roman Emperors, who tried to boil him in oil. John was miraculously protected by Jesus (in Heaven), and came out of oil without injuries.

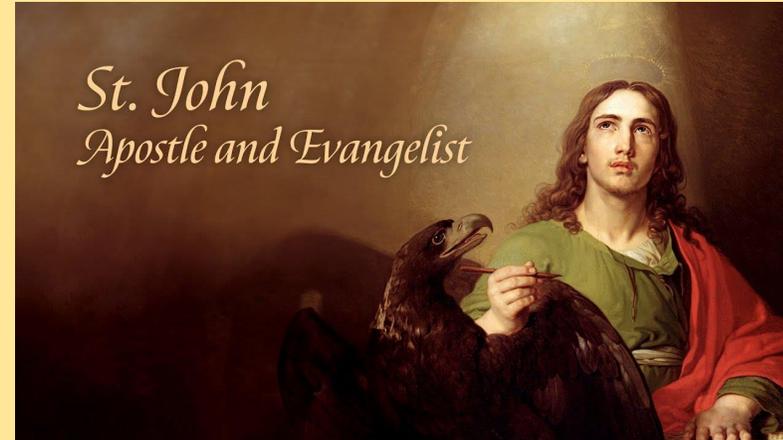
It is traditionally believed that John was the youngest of the apostles and outlived them. John lived to an old age, dying of natural causes, at Ephesus sometime after AD 98.



St John is our school patron saint

St John is the patron saint of:

- Love
- Loyalty
- Friendship
- Authors
- Scholar



St John's feast day is the 27th December.

OTHER FEAST DAYS FOR ST JOHN

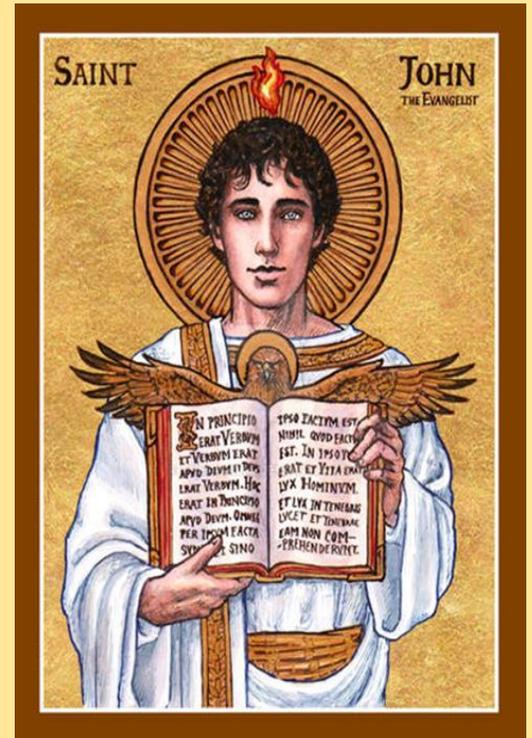
Some Catholics celebrate two feast days for St John because he was an apostle and an evangelist. These are two significant vocations.

The feast day of St. John the Apostle is celebrated on May 8, while the feast day of St. John the Evangelist is celebrated on September 26.

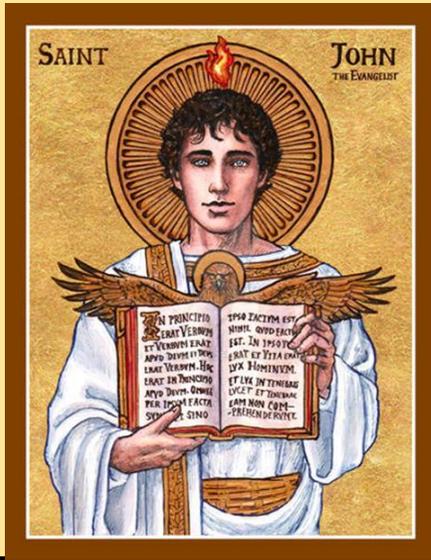


Reflection Quiz - Who is St John?

1. Who was John's brother who also followed Jesus to become a disciple?
2. What was John's job before becoming a disciple?
3. Why is St John usually painted with an Eagle?
4. Can you give THREE examples of events involving John with Jesus in the gospels?
5. What happened in the life of St John after Jesus ascended back into heaven?
6. When is the feast day of St John?
7. What is St John the patron saint of?



St John is our school patron saint



St John's life and teachings are encapsulated into our school mission statement.

Inspired by Christ: As St John followed what Jesus asked him to do, so we should follow the key values of the gospel readings (love, respect, tolerance, kindness and forgiveness).

Service to Others: As a disciple John served others, and led to build the Church, so should we seek to help and lead others –especially the poor and vulnerable.

Excellence for All: always try to be the best person you can be in everything that you do.

St John's School Prayer

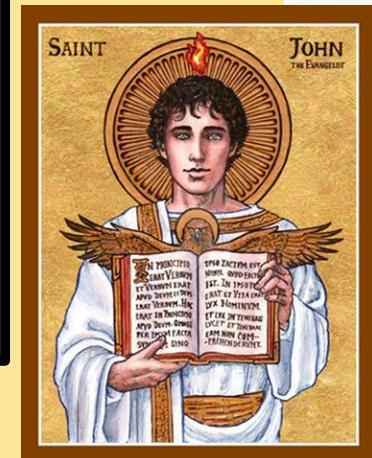
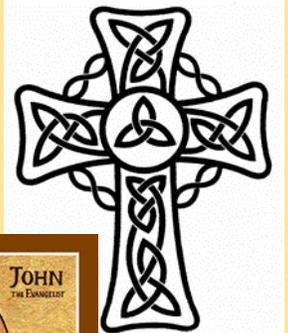
God our Father,
You have revealed to us, Your Word through St. John the beloved disciple.
We thank you LORD for our school community.
You have formed our diversity into one family that is Inspired by Christ.
At St. John's School, we seek to journey together,

Help us today to achieve our mission of Excellence and Service to Others.
We ask you LORD to increase our knowledge and understanding today.
May we become the people you have called us to be.
Keep us growing every day in kindness and in respect for one another.
We ask for your guidance so that we may do our best, and embrace all opportunities that you grant us today.

St. John the Apostle & Evangelist, Pray for us.
Amen



inspirati a christo
which means Inspired by Christ



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

Luke 16:1-13



No servant can
serve two masters; for either
he will hate the one and love
the other - or else he will be
devoted to one and despise
the other. You can not serve
God and money

Luke 16:1

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THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING – 25th Sunday Ordinary Time

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 16: 1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, “A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, ‘What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.’

The steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.’

He called in his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He replied, ‘One hundred measures of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.’

Then to another the steward said, ‘And you, how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘One hundred kors of wheat.’ The steward said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.’

And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. “For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

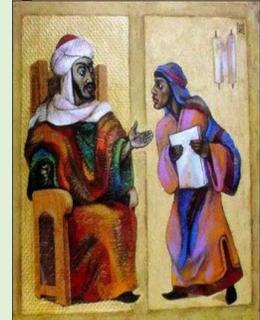
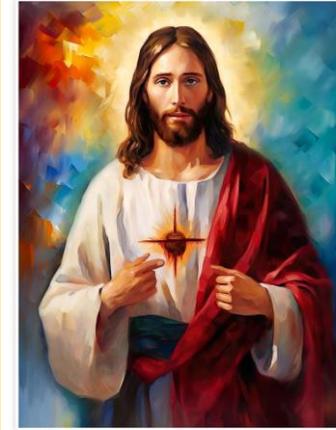
I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.

If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?

If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?

No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”



**The Parable
of the
Dishonest
Steward**
(Luke 16:1-13)

Reader = the Gospel of the Lord.

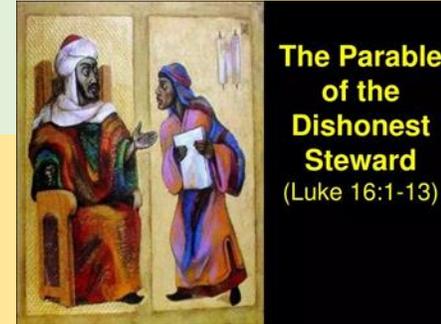
RESPONSE = Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Explanation of this week's Gospel reading



In the gospel this week, Jesus teaches us a very simple message.

Jesus tells a story about a manager or steward who, after being fired, shrewdly reduces debts to secure future favours. Jesus teaches that one cannot serve both God and money.



REFLECTION TASK

The gospel reading this week reminds us about our **Honesty in daily life**: The Gospel warns against dishonesty and urges us to act with integrity. God sees how we handle small things, and our choices reveal our loyalty to Him.

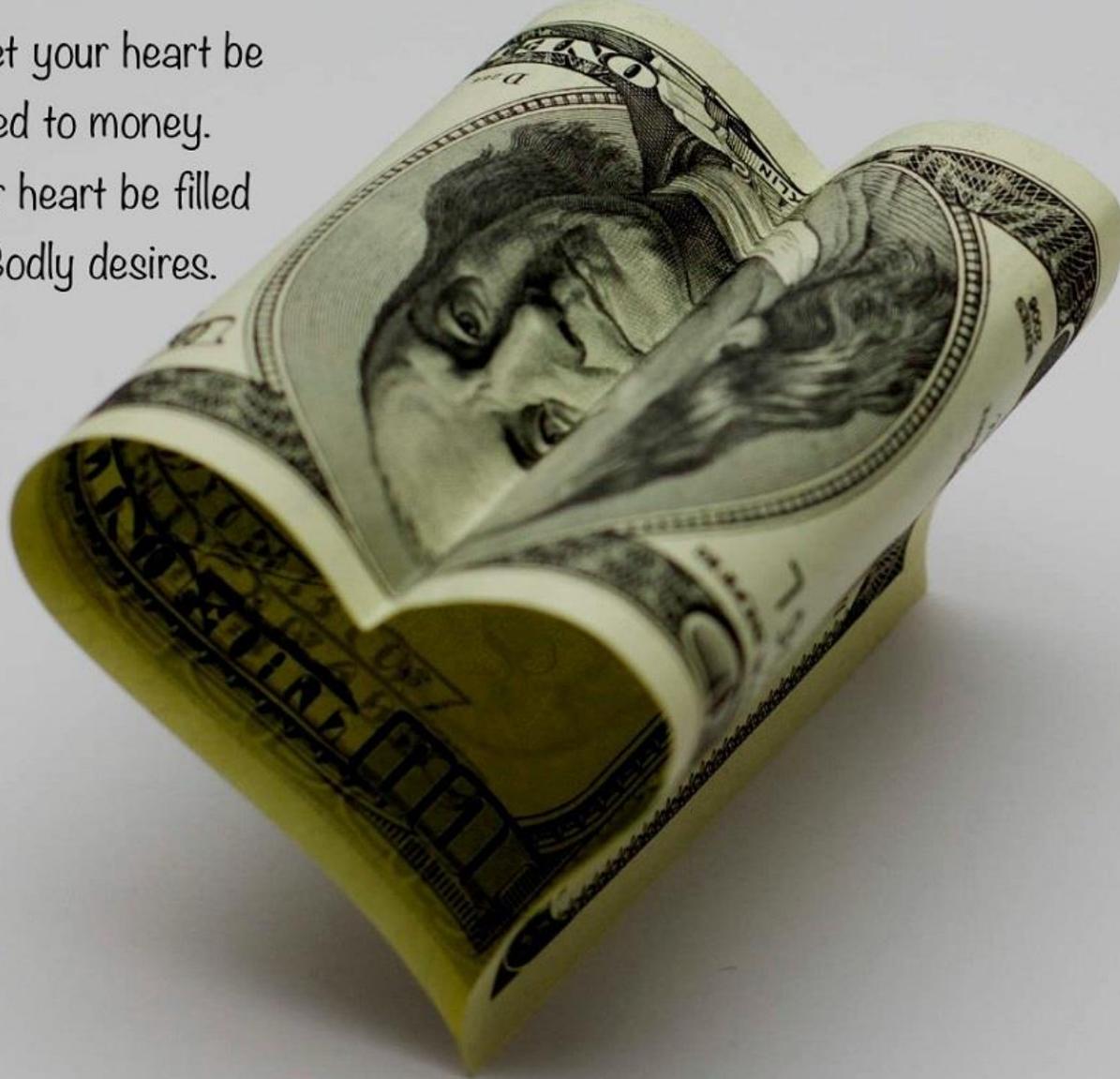
Reflect on the Word of the Week (next slide) and think about how the key message of this parable.

Remember our school mission is: Be Inspired by Christ, Service to Others, and Excellence for All.

Strive for Honesty in daily life and you will show Excellence for All – being the best person you can be.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Do not let your heart be
inclined to money.
Let your heart be filled
with Godly desires.



**You
cannot
serve God
and
money.**

Luke 16:13

PRAYER – to follow the teachings of the parable

Dearest Heavenly Father,

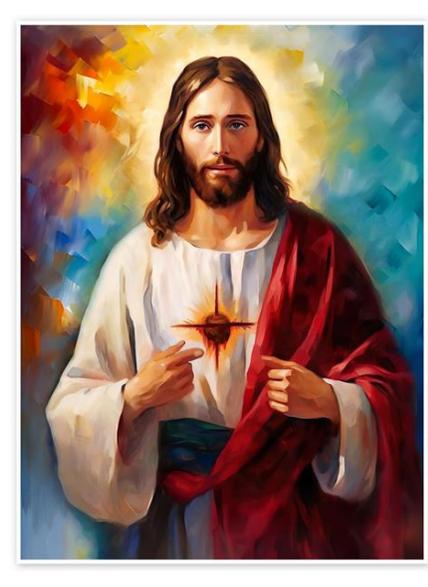
Thank you for the life and teachings of Jesus, and for the lessons from the Parable of the Dishonest Steward.

It is confessed that people often get caught up in the pursuit of worldly wealth and forget to prioritise Your Kingdom and the needs of others.

Help people to be more shrewd in their faith, just as the steward was shrewd in his worldly affairs. Inspire people to be diligent, resourceful, and wise in using the resources and opportunities You've given to serve You and build Your Kingdom.

May people be faithful in the little things You entrust, knowing that faithfulness prepares for greater responsibilities in Your service.

Help us today to strive for Excellence for All, and to give Service to Others



St John the Apostle & Evangelist – pray for us. Amen.



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