ST. LUKE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent

NOVEMBER 29, 2026

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY HOLY MASSES
Saturday Vigil 4:30pm | Sunday 8:30am (Italian/English), 10:30am, 12:30pm, 4:30pm

DAILY MASSES
Monday to Friday 12 Noon | Saturday 8:30am | Tuesday and Thursday when school is in session (see bulletin)

THE PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Very Rev. John J. Costello, V.E.
Parochial Vicar Rev. Stephen Ackah
Permanent Deacon Deacon John P. Kramer
In Residence Most Rev. Raymond F. Chappetto, DD and Rev. William F. Krlis
Director of Religious Education Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J.
Pastoral Associate Sister Theresa Agliardi, R.S.M.
Principal Mrs. Jan Brunswick
Director of Music Jessica Tranzillo-Smith

The Rectory is the home of our Priests as well as the site of the parish offices. Please call ahead before coming with parish business in order that your inquiry will be assisted by a knowledgeable staff person.

Confessions Saturday 3:15PM - 4:15PM, or by appointment or when requested.
First Friday - additional 8:30AM Mass when school is in session.
Eucharistic Adoration - Available First Fridays after Noon Mass with Benediction at 2:00PM and Saturdays 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM with confessions and Bendiction.

DEVOTIONS

The Holy Rosary precedes the noon Mass Monday to Friday and the 8:30AM on Saturday.
The Miraculous Medal Novena follows Noon Mass every Monday.
The Charismatic Prayer Group meets Tuesdays at 6:45 PM.
The Italian Charismatic Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 6:45 PM.
The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism of Infants Please call Sister Theresa at 718-746-8531 to schedule a baptism interview.
Weddings Please contact one of the priests prior to making plans with a wedding hall. The Bishop requires, in all cases, that weddings be set no later than six months prior to the date.
Order of Christian Initiation (O.C.I.A.) Interested in becoming Catholic? Need to receive Communion and Confirmation? Call Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J. at (718) 746-3409.
Ministry to the Sick
The Anointing of the Sick should be administered before surgery, at the onset of serious illness, and at the beginning of hospice care. Families are urged not to wait until the last minute to request a priest to come for anointing or Viaticum. Catholic chaplains are usually available at hospitals and nursing homes.

SAINT LUKE SCHOOL

www.slswhitestone.org
16-01 Msgr. Dillon Place, (150 Place) Whitestone, NY
718-746-3833 | Mrs. Jan Brunswick, Principal
Our school serves the community with classes from Nursery through Eighth Grade.
School of Religion Offering Religious Education classes to our young people attending public school. Our Director of Religious Education, Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J., can be reached in her rectory office at 718-746-3409.
Volunteers are always welcome.
Music Office Jessica Tranzillo-Smith is our parish Director of Music. She can be reached at the Music Office at 718-746-8102 Ext.30

Announced Masses

Saturday, November 28
8:30 Jennifer & Jonathan Lack
4:30 Lucy & Michael Dolinski

Sunday, November 29
8:30 Richard Miscovsky, John McCabe, Giacoma Vitale
10:30 Ring & McCarthy Families
12:30 **Purgatorial Society**
4:30 **Pro Populo**
John, Irene & Val Delaney

Monday, November 30
12:00 Petar & Agata Ugricic

Tuesday, December 1
8:30 Sylvia & Martin Shapiro
12:00 Sister Catherine Reilly (Anniv.)

Wednesday, December 2
12:00 Nora Dore

Thursday, December 3
8:30 Sylvia & Martin Shapiro
12:00 Deceased Members of Simeone Family

Friday, December 4
8:30 Anime Santa del Purgatorio
12:00 Phillip J. Breen

Saturday, December 5
8:30 Bridget & Dennis Boyle
4:30 Colman Burke

Sunday, December 6
8:30 Ivana & Anton Persic, Barbara Colletti, Biagio Lombardi, Pietra &Giuseppe Biundo, John McCabe
10:30 **Pro Populo**
12:30 Patricia McGlinchey
4:30 **Purgatorial Society**

Pray for the Deceased Members of our Parish



Memorials



The Altar Bread and Wine are given in memory of
Junaid Cleonwaheed & Nashfa Zaman
Requested by
Priscilla Pinto
The Altar Candles are given in memory of
John McCabe
Requested by
The Ring Family
A Sanctuary Candle is given in memory of
Maureen & Maurice O'Connor
Requested by
Marion & Debbie O'Connor
A Sanctuary Candle is given in memory of
For all those who prayed for a special intention
Requested by
Debbie O'Connor
A Sanctuary Candle is given in memory of
Bro. Edward C. O'Connor CFC
Requested by
Debbie O'Connor
The Altar Flowers are given in memory of

Requested by

Pray for the Sick Members of our Parish

GIOVANNI ALCARA
LORRAINE ALLESI
ANTHONY BALDO
SELENE BELESIS
JOHN ANTHONY BURKE
ANN CALLAHAN
SR. ANN CARRON
ANNE CURRAN
ANTHONY D'AMATO
EVA DAMIANO
GRACE DAVIS
JUDY DEANGELIS
NOREEN DONOHER
ALIM FRIDIE
CAROLLYNN FREDA
ROSA GALEJ
ROSANNA GUMIEL
MADELINE KARLITZ
GERI KLUSSMAN
SR. MARY HELENE JAKUBOWSKI, RSM
MARYJO MAIELLO
KATHLEEN O'CONNELL
CHARLOTTE PEZZINO
WANDA PRESTIFILIPPO
GIUSEPPE RAELLE
NEIL RUIZ
JOSE MANUEL SILVA
CAROLINE SAPORITO
ANNE SMITH-THOMPSON
MARIANNA TOTINO
SANDRA VALENZA
MARY VARLESE
JOSEPH T. VERNICE
MILLIE WEIGL
LEONARDA ZUCCARELLO

Dear Friends,

November 22	
4:30 AM	178
8:30 AM	131
10:30 AM	356
12:30 PM	213
4:30 PM	135
TOTAL	1013

I hope and pray that you were able to enjoy Thanksgiving with family and friends. Fr. Steve joined me and my family at my niece's house in Wantagh. Now the Church begins a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent, and our focus becomes preparation for Christmas. This year is "Year B" of the lectionary of readings for Mass, and the focus is on the Gospel of Mark, which is believed to be the oldest gospel text in the New Testament. Along with the gospels of Matthew and Luke, Mark is considered a "synoptic" gospel, which means that the three texts share some common source material and follow a similar outline. Mark is also the shortest gospel – only 16 chapters long – and so in the summer we will have a few weeks to reflect on the sixth chapter of John's gospel – the *Bread of Life Discourse*.

Because it is so short, there is a faster pace to Mark's gospel, and he focuses more on what Jesus does rather than on long speeches or detailed stories. A particular theme to Mark is the "Messianic Secret." Jesus often tells demons and those He has healed not to reveal that He is the Messiah until after his death and resurrection. By chapter 11, Jesus enters Jerusalem for the last time, and so the Passion of Jesus is also a major focus of Mark's gospel.

In the gospel passage for this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus gives great advice not just for Advent, but for our lives of faith: "Be watchful! Be alert!" This advice is easily a follow-up to last weekend's passage from Matthew: be watchful for Christ in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, and those in prison. We should not only be watchful, but we need to respond to their needs by giving them food and drink, providing them with clothing and caring for them. Jesus continues: "You do not know when the time will come." These early days of Advent have us consider the end times, the final coming of the Lord; the final week of Advent turns our attention to the first coming of Jesus at the Nativity. I encourage you to take the words of Jesus to heart: "Be watchful! Be alert!"

Next Saturday, after the 4:30 PM Mass, we will have the annual lighting of our Christmas tree. Thank you to everyone who has memorialized lights to help offset the cost of decorating the tree each year. I am also grateful to all those who get everything ready for this yearly celebration behind the scenes. After the tree lighting, we will show a movie in the Monsignor Tosi Pastoral Center. The movie, ***The Best Christmas Pageant Ever***, is produced by the creators of ***The Chosen*** and has a good Christmas message for children and adults alike. Hot chocolate will be provided.

With love and prayers,
Fr. John Costello

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
Prayer Groups, Meetings, and Parish Events

SUNDAY November 29 First Sunday of Advent	
MONDAY November 30 Saint Andrew, Apostle	6:30 PM Italian School - St. Luke School
TUESDAY December 1	11:45 PM Advent Faith Sharing - Church 3:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM Bereavement Group 6:45 PM Charismatic Prayer Group
WEDNESDAY December 2	7:30 PM Youth and Senior Choir Dress Rehearsal 7:30 PM Scripture Study
THURSDAY December 3 Saint Francis Xavier, Priest	1:00 PM Golden Age Club
FRIDAY December 4 Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church	6:45 PM Italian Charismatic Prayer Group
SATURDAY December 5	4:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Christmas Tree Lighting
SUNDAY December 6 Second Sunday of Advent	10:00AM St. Luke School Christmas Market Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center 1:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 2:30 PM Christmas Concert 7:00 PM Young Adult Group



Welcome — TO — St. Luke Church

MISSION STATEMENT

As a community of believers
in Jesus Christ and in Communion
with the Universal Church,
we strive to follow the Lord's command
to love God and one another.
Rooted in word and sacraments
as we grow together a Eucharistic
community inviting all to the
Good News of Jesus.

Our *Church is open for private* prayer from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm each weekday.
Take advantage of the opportunity to spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection.



Monday to Friday, at 11:15am parishioners pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass. All are welcome! If you cannot join in person, please join them spiritually.

If you wish to register as a parishioner of St. Luke Church, please stop by the Rectory Office during regular office hours where you can pick up a census card which can be filled out or returned by mail or in the Sunday Collection Basket. You can even download the census card online.
Please check our website:
stlukewhitestone.org
Kindly let us know if you would like to receive weekly offering envelopes.

four WAYS to GIVE at Saint Luke's

SUNDAY

See next weeks Bulletin

Mobile Giving

Text "Sunday" to 929-209-661[illegible] to send your offering via message.

Drop Off or In-Person

Drop off your envelopes in the collection basket at Mass or in the rectory office.

Mail-In

St. Luke RC Church
1634 Clintonville Street
Whitestone, NY 11357

Online Giving

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Total to date:	$82,430.00
Total donors:	181
Average gift:	$455.00

Please remember St. Luke!

SAVE THE DATE

GIVING TUESDAY

December 1, 2026

St. Luke Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 5th

Following the 4:30 Mass, the Saint Luke Children's Choir will lead us in carols.

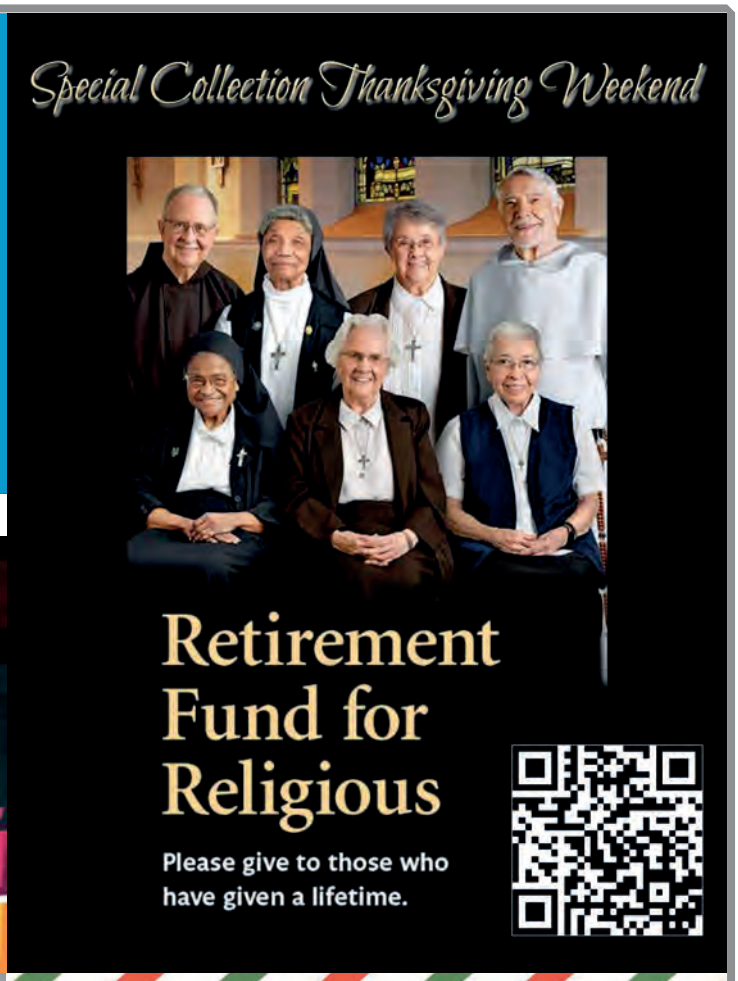
Our tree will be lit, and all are invited to join us for this special Christmas tradition.

After the tree lighting, all are invited to the
Monsignor Tosi Parish Center
for some
Hot Chocolate
and to watch the movie




St. Luke
Golden Age Club
All Are Welcome!
MEETINGS ARE
THURSDAYS
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
in the Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center
Join us for friendship, faith and fun!
All Are Welcome!


Sunday Scripture Sharing
with Deacon John Kramer
Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center
Join others as we reflect on the upcoming Sunday Scripture, discuss Church teachings, and open ourselves to the Holy Spirit.
All are Welcome!


Special Collection Thanksgiving Weekend
Retirement Fund for Religious
Please give to those who have given a lifetime.


ADVENT
Faith Sharing
Sr. Theresa and Mary Pollini will offer the opportunity to prayerfully reflect on the Gospels of the four Sundays of Advent
Our group will meet on Tuesdays after the 12 Noon Mass in Church
November 24th
December 1st & December 15th
December 9th
For more information—Call Sr. Theresa
718-746-8531


ST. LUKE GOLDEN AGE CLUB
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
FULL COURSE SIT-DOWN LUNCHEON
VERDI'S RESTAURANT
149-58 CROSS ISLAND PKWY,
WHITESTONE, NY 11357
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2026
1:00PM-5:00PM
$70.00 PER PERSON
INCLUDES:
CHOICE OF ENTREE
BEER, WINE, SODA
DESSERT
COFFEE & TEA
DOOR PRIZE, RAFFLES, 50/50 & DJ - VITO

2027 January—December MASS BOOK OPENING

Thursday, December 3, 2026

9 am - 12 noon in the Pastoral Center

Limit of THREE MASSES and THREE MEMORIALS per family for Opening Day

All Announced Masses will be $20 each (by decree of the Bishop.)

Altar Flowers $100 ~Altar Bread and Wine $50 ~Altar Candles $50~3 Sanctuary Candles $25 each

Mass times: Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon, Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30PM

Sunday Masses: 8:30AM (Bilingual), 10:30AM, & 12:30PM & (4:30PM Except July & August)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Requested by: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1.	Requested Date :	
	Intention/For :	
2.	Requested Date :	
	Intention/For :	
3.	Requested Date :	
	Intention/For :	

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MASSES

CONFIRMED BY _____	
MASS 1 DATE	
MASS 1 TIME	
MASS 2 DATE	
MASS 2 TIME	
MASS 3 DATE	
MASS 3 TIME	
TOTAL # MASSES	X 20
TOTAL PRICE	$

MEMORIALS

CONFIRMED BY _____		
Memorial 1 DATE		$
Memorial 2 DATE		$
Memorial 3 DATE		$
TOTAL PRICE	$	

All Offerings are payable by CHECK or CASH ONLY

1.	Requested Week:	
	Intention/For :	
2.	Requested Week:	
	Intention/For :	
3.	Requested Week:	
	Intention/For :	

An Advent of Hope
A Season of Light



Sunday, December 6 at
2:30 in the afternoon

The Choirs of St Luke

celebrate

the Birth of our Savior

St. Luke Church

Whitestone, NY

Join in the Song

BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please join us. Our next meeting is

Tuesday, December 1, 2026
at 6:00PM in the
Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center

Our group provides emotional assistance for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. If you are planning to attend for the first time, please call ahead.

Individual bereavement counseling sessions are also available.

Sister Theresa
718-746-8531

Pray for those who have lost loved ones.

Infant Baptism
at St. Luke's

Please call Sister Theresa
to schedule a baptism interview
when you have received
the Birth Certificate

718-746-8531



Upcoming Dates:
December 12th, 2026
January 16th, 2027
February 6, 2027

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 2026

8:30 a.m. - AS LONG AS SUPPLIES LAST

The corner of 14th Ave. and College Point Boulevard in College Point, directly across from the Poppenhusen Library

ST FIDELIS RC CHURCH STREET OUTREACH



LAST CALL



St. Luke Evening with St. Nick for Families



Saturday, December 12, 2026
after the 4:30 pm mass
in the Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center

Cocoa, Crafts, Magic by Anthony
Raffle Baskets & more...

- 'Tis the Season to Give -
Bring a NEW unwrapped toy
for a child in need



Pre-Registration Required
Deadline: Wednesday, December 9, 2026
Use the QR code to register your children
or fill out the form below and return it to the rectory

NOTE: ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN.

_____ _____
Parent's First Name (Print) Parent's Last Name (Print)

Children_____ Parent's Cell Phone Number: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Names and Ages of Children Attending:

1._____ _____ _____
Child #1's First Name Child #1's Last Name Child #1's Age

2._____ _____ _____
Child #2's First Name Child #2's Last Name Child #2's Age

3._____ _____ _____
Child #3's First Name Child #3's Last Name Child #3's Age

4._____ _____ _____
Child #4's First Name Child #4's Last Name Child #4's Age

5._____ _____ _____
Child #5's First Name Child #5's Last Name Child #5's Age

❑ **Attached are additional names on another page**

Thanksgiving Food Drive







During the week of November 16, students in Mr. Rau's seventh-grade Religion classes helped with our annual food drive as part of their preparation for Confirmation. They collected food from classrooms, then sorted and packed the donations for other parishes in need.

19 cases of food collected. Well done, SLS!

A Thanksgiving Table Prayer

Good and gracious God, we give You thanks today, as we do all days, first and foremost for the gift of creation and the gift of life. We ask You to bless this food, that it may nourish us and sustain us, and strengthen our ability to do Your will. We pray in thanksgiving for all the hands involved in bringing it to our table.

You tell us, Lord, that to whom much is given, much is expected. May this meal and the fellowship we enjoy not only serve as clear reminders of Your love of us, but of Your call for us to share Your love and to serve our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need.

We ask this as we ask all things, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



St. Luke School

IS HOSTING OUR ANNUAL



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS CELEBRATION!!!

Volunteers are always welcome! Call or text us!



Would you like to sponsor a raffle? Let us know!

Come join us for a morning of

FOOD FRIENDS GAMES RAFFLES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

9AM - 11AM

Adults $22 and Children $18

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 25TH

NO LATE RESPONSES ACCEPTED!

Send in RSVP and Payment to Rectory.
with the names and phone number of adults and children attending.

Questions? Text: Christine (917) 902-4557 or Diana (347)408-7745

MUST RSVP!!! Tickets will NOT be sold at the door!

Christmas Lights of Love at St. Luke

Please Return forms to Rectory Office by December 1st

$10 per light

DEDICATIONS

1	_____	11	_____
2	_____	12	_____
3	_____	13	_____
4	_____	14	_____
5	_____	15	_____
6	_____	16	_____
7	_____	17	_____
8	_____	18	_____
9	_____	19	_____
10	_____	20	_____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Memorials: _____ X $10 =

Total Enclosed

Thank you for helping St. Luke Church shine bright with the light and love of Christ this Christmas!


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Community Bulletin Board

St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center will be offering **"Hearing Aid Help"** and FREE speech and hearing evaluations from September 14th, 2026 - December 3rd, 2026. These are a free service and are avaiable for anyone.
Please call the center at 718-990-6480 to schedule an appointment. The Speech and Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, flushing, NY.

ONE DAY GETAWAY TRIP --12/5 -- A Victorian Christmastime Day in Cape May takes us to this beautiful New Jersey destination for a lovely scenic trolley ride, delicious luncheon, and exploring the charming and festive boutiques. Early RSVP a must! Call Barbara - (718) 747-0941. Come celebrate with us and meet a new friend!

FLUSHING FIRST FRIDAY CLUB -- Please join us on Friday, December 4th. Mass & Luncheon 12 Noon at Verdi's, Whitestone. Five-Course Meal Cost is $48. Celebrant & Guest Speaker: Msgr. Kevin Noone All are welcome.





HelpOurMarriage.org

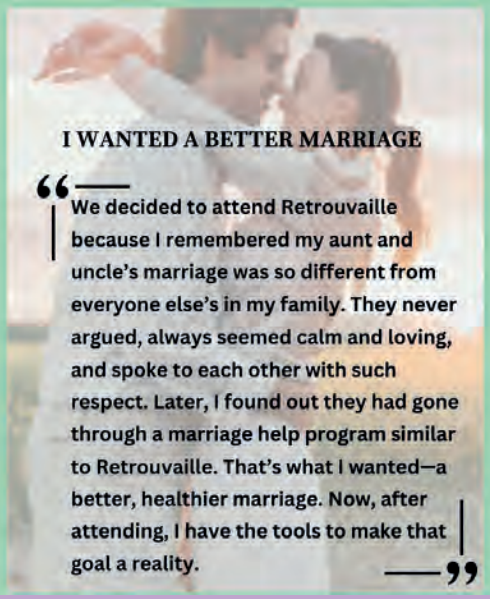
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Please see the sacristan if you have lost anything in the Church.

Children's Worship Bulletin

The disciples said they only had
5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. What happened next?

Fit the words in the crossword. Then fill in the blanks.

two
fish
five
broke
heaven
loaves
thanks
looking







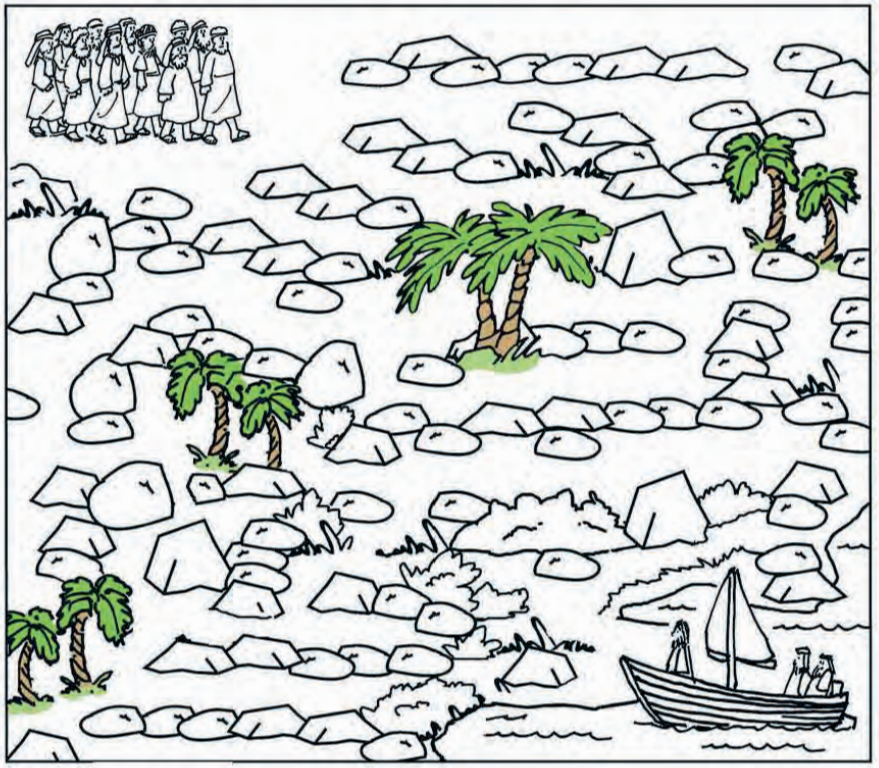
Jesus directed the people to sit down on the grass.

Taking the _____ (6) _____ (4 down) and the _____ (3) _____ (5)
and _____ (4 across) up to _____ (1), He gave _____ (7)
and _____ (2) the _____ (4 down). Then He gave them
to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

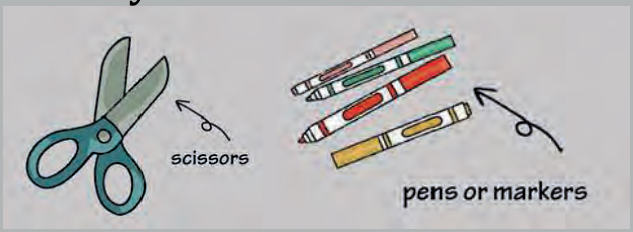
Jesus went by boat to be alone.
The crowds followed Him along the shore.
He saw them and had compassion.

Help the people follow Jesus through the maze.



Thankful Decorations

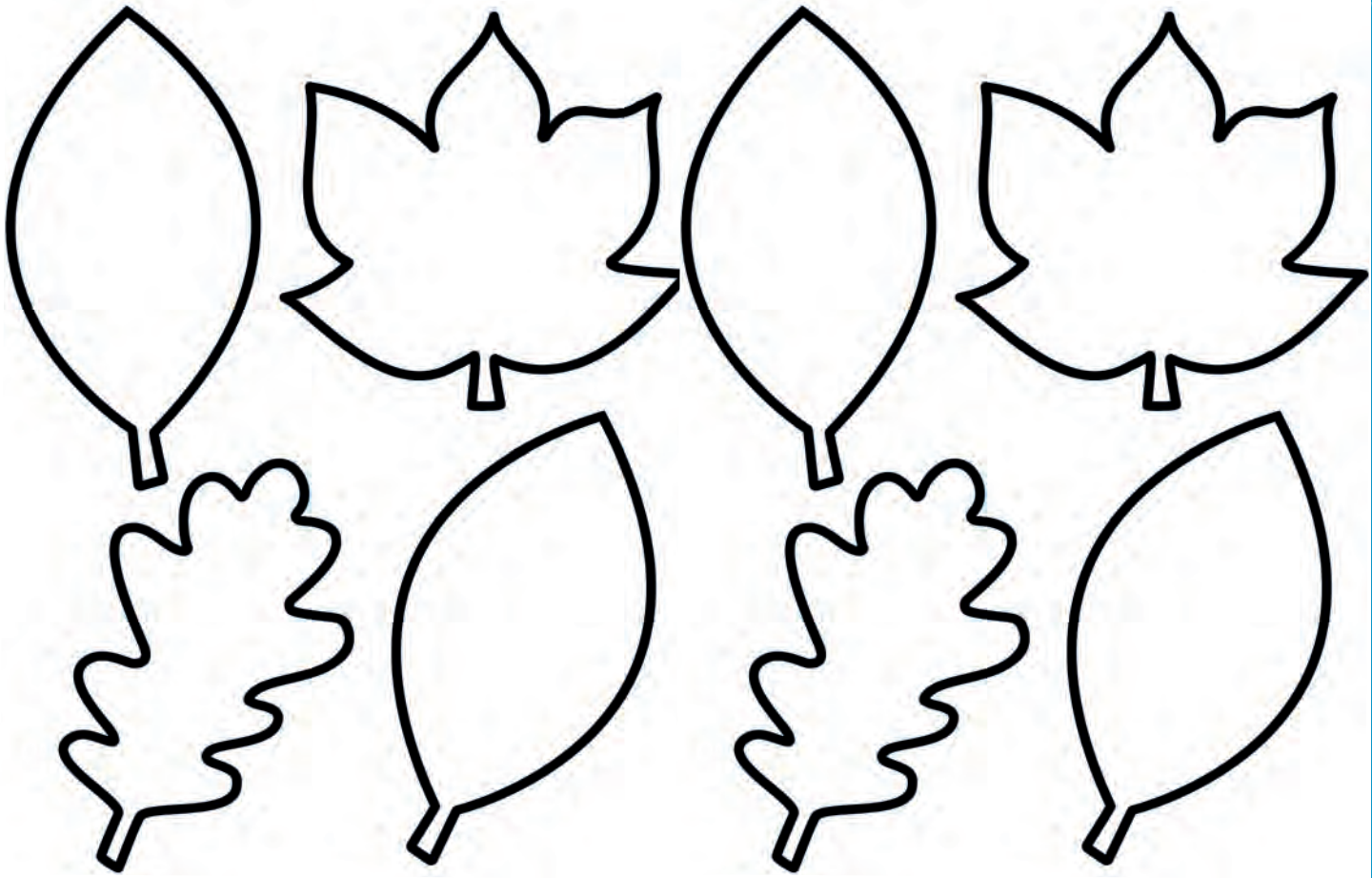
What you need:



Set out a basket of markers for people to write what they are thankful for.

Color the leaves and use them to decorate your thanksgiving table.





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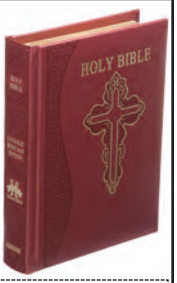
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