

# Stewardship Bulletin



a way of life

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## Promoting Gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure Seven Steps to Success

This year is the 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bishops' Pastoral Letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. In the Appendix of the Pastoral Letter, the bishops highlight seven key steps that are important for promoting stewardship as a way of life. How many can your parish ✓ check?

### Step One: Personal Witness

- The parish leadership, clergy, religious and lay, personally witness to their own commitment of time, talent, and treasure.
- Witness talks at Mass are an important part of the parish stewardship effort.
- Witness talks are often a part of other parish events.

### Step Two: Commitment of Leadership

- Our pastor takes a leading role in promoting stewardship as a way of life.
- The parish staff understands stewardship and supports the parish efforts.
- Stewardship-focused retreat opportunities are provided for parish staff and lay leaders.
- All parish meetings and gatherings begin and end with prayer.

### Step Three: Hospitality, Evangelization and Outreach

- All new parishioners receive a welcome letter and/or phone call.
- Newcomers are invited to a reception or dinner where they learn about the parish ministries.
- Trained ministers of hospitality are present at all parish weekend Masses.
- Trained ministers of outreach are provided for those homebound, sick and in nursing homes.
- Parish has a bereavement ministry to families.
- Parish provides outreach to parishioners with disabilities at Mass and parish events.

### Step Four: Communication and Education

- Committee provides quality written educational materials as part of the stewardship effort.
- Stewardship information is on the parish website.
- Parish has a ministry fair as a way to educate parishioners about the various ministries.
- Faith formation for children, youth and adults includes stewardship education.

### Step Five: Recruiting, Training, and Recognizing Gifts of Time and Talent

- Immediately after Commitment Sunday there is a follow up with a personal invitation to ministry.
- Parish has a "gift discernment" process to help parishioners recognize their unique gifts.
- All parish ministries have on-going training sessions for members.
- Parish has volunteer appreciation events.
- Volunteer ministers have the resources and tools they need to exercise their ministry.

### Step Six: Stewardship of Treasure

- The parish is doing steps 1 thru 5.
- Stewardship of Treasure is always part of the parish stewardship effort.

### Step Seven: Accountability

- Parish publishes an annual report that includes an accounting of all gifts of time, talent, and treasure.
- The parish ministries are required to submit an annual budget and keep spending within that budget.

## Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Announcements

May 3, 2020  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and others.

May 10, 2020  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Stewardship of time, talent and treasure faces certain obstacles: greed, selfishness, irresponsibility and a lack of trust.

May 17, 2020  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

All of us are called to be good stewards of our time, but to different causes or activities according to God's specific call. What is God's call to me?

May 24, 2020  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

"In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts." (Sirach 35:7)

June 31, 2020  
Pentecost

It is important that we budget our hours as we budget our income so we are able to give our time to be involved in church and community activities.

June 7, 2020  
Most Holy Trinity

Stewardship of treasure is based on giving a percentage of our income. If we have little income, we will give little. If we have greater income, we will give more. Whether we are poor or rich, we can each give a percentage of our income to church and other charities.

June 14, 2020  
Corpus Christi

"With each contribution, show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy." (Sirach 35:8)

June 21, 2020  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why not keep a record for one week of how you spend your time? How much do the church and community organizations get of that time?

June 28, 2020  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The simple act of "welcoming" someone builds the Kingdom of God, and the builders are rewarded. Be kind and welcoming to all.

### Stewardship Messages in the Sunday Scripture

May 17, 2020  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me." (John 14:15-21)**

May 24, 2020  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."  
(Matt 28: 16-20)**

May 31, 2020  
Pentecost

**"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:19-23)**

## Stewardship Bulletin Announcements in Spanish

Spanish Translations taken from: *"Stewardship by the Book" Scriptural Quotations on Stewardship*  
by Sharon Hueckel, published by Our Sunday Visitor

3 de mayo 2020  
4to. de Pascua

Jesús dice: "Vine para que tengan vida, y la tengan en abundancia." Los buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios están agradecidos por el regalo de la vida y alegremente comparten su abundancia con los demás.

10 de mayo 2020  
5to. de Pascua

"Quien tiene fe en mí hará las obras que yo hago, y mucho más grandes que éstas," Jesús les dice a sus discípulos. ¡Esa es una gran tarea para nosotros como administradores de los bienes de Dios!

17 de mayo 2020  
6to. de Pascua

Los que obedecen los mandamientos, dice Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy, son los que verdaderamente Lo aman. ¿Revela mi administración de los bienes de Dios mi amor por Jesús?

24 de mayo 2020  
7to. de Pascua

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús reza: "Te he dado gloria en la tierra al haber terminado el trabajo que Tú me diste que hiciera" Los buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios siguen Su ejemplo utilizando su tiempo y talento para la gloria de Dios.

31 de mayo 2020  
Pentecostés

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo recuerda a los Corintios: "Hay diferentes dones, pero el mismo Espíritu; hay diferentes ministerios pero un mismo Señor." ¿Cómo estoy usando mis dones "para el bien común"?

7 de junio 2020  
Santísima Trinidad

El Evangelio de hoy es a veces llamado "el Evangelio en miniatura", porque muy concisamente resume el mensaje del Evangelio. En una forma aún más condensada, "Dios amó...Dios dio..." es el paradigma de la administración de los bienes de Dios - nosotros damos porque amamos.

14 de junio 2020  
El Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo

Las Escrituras de hoy nos recuerdan que "aunque muchos somos, nosotros somos un solo cuerpo, porque participamos de un solo pan." ¿Cómo estamos usando nuestros dones de tiempo y talento para fortalecer el cuerpo de Cristo?

21 de junio 2020  
12avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

El salmista nos asegura que "El Señor oye a los Pobres." A menudo sin embargo responde a su necesidad a través de los dones generosos de buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios.

28 de junio 2020  
13avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Tanto la primera lectura como el Evangelio de hoy hablan de hospitalidad y bienvenida. Nuestro ministerio de hospitalidad es un ejemplo más visible del uso de los talentos de tiempo para dar la bienvenida al pueblo de Dios. Pero el Evangelio nos asegura que todos los que den incluso "una taza de agua fría" a uno de los más humildes serán recompensados.

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