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STEWARDSHIP IN THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

I don't know about you, but I am a bit sad that the Jubilee Year of Mercy is coming to an end. It has been very humbling and comforting to see and hear all the ways Catholics across the world celebrated and performed acts of mercy. Some of the most inspirational acts, of course, led by Pope Francis. The message of mercy is an important one in the United States; especially now as we continue to live in a culture of polarization. We must continue to ask for mercy and show mercy, as we move into the next liturgical year. Here are some ways to continue the focus on mercy in stewardship terms:

- **TIME** – the best ways to ask for God's mercy is to spend time in prayer and the sacraments, most especially the sacrament of reconciliation.
- **TALENT** – show mercy to others in the ways you share your talents with your community. Look for ministry programs that serve those in need, and see how you can share your talent with them.
- **TREASURE** – there are so many wonderful Catholic organizations and ministries that offer support where one person or even an entire parish cannot. Make a conscious decision to support Catholic outreach programs in your diocese and outside your diocese. Together, we truly do make a difference.

Stewardship in the Sunday Readings

November 20, 2016

Christ the King

Colossians 1:12-20

**“Give thanks to the Father for having made you worthy to share
the lots of the saints in light.”**

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December 4, 2016

2nd Sunday of Advent

Matthew 4:1-12

“Reform your lives...Give evidence that you mean to reform.”

Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Announcements

November 6, 2016
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we practice stewardship, we find that we grow spiritually and that our faith is deepened.

November 13, 2016
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship of our time and talent and treasure is not limited only to the Church. Many people give time and money to other groups in the community as well.

November 20, 2016
Christ the King

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, let us take a moment to consider all the blessings we receive from God and how we in turn thank God for His blessings.

November 27, 2016
1st Sunday of Advent

“Be generous, sharing what you have.”
(I Timothy 6:18)

December 4, 2016
2nd Sunday of Advent

We are all stewards – managers of the many gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our challenge as Christians is to make good use of those gifts.

December 11, 2016
3rd Sunday of Advent

Some of the obstacles that keep us from “making a straight path” for the Lord are the same obstacles that keep us from embracing stewardship as a way of life. John the Baptist calls us to reform our lives and let go of the selfishness and greed that keep us from following God’s will.

December 18, 2016
4th Sunday of Advent

“Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving.” (Acts 20:35)

December 25, 2016
Christmas

When we receive gifts, we thank the giver and then we use the gift. How do you thank God for the gifts you have been given? How do you use those gifts, for your glory or His?

For additional information on parish stewardship resources, training parish stewardship committees, planning a ministry fair, implementing children’s stewardship, or for details on anything mentioned in this Stewardship Bulletin please contact:

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Stewardship Bulletin Announcements in Spanish

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6 de noviembre 2016
32avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo ora para que los Tesalonicenses sean fortalecidos “en cada buena obra y palabra.” Que seamos también nosotros fortalecidos y llenos del poder para usar nuestro tiempo y talentos para el bien de los demás.

13 de noviembre 2016
33avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Las lecturas de hoy pintan un cuadro algo aterrador del final de los tiempos. Pero el Evangelio termina dando seguridad a los administradores fieles de los bienes de Dios, que los que perseveran se salvarán.

20 de noviembre 2016
Cristo Rey

Hoy celebramos la fiesta de Cristo Rey y nos recuerda que todo fue creado por El y en El. ¿Mi administración de las bendiciones que me han confiado dan evidencia de que Cristo es el Señor de mi vida?

27 de noviembre 2016
1ro. de Adviento

“A la hora que Uds. no esperan, el Hijo del Hombre vendrá,” dice el Evangelio de hoy. Los buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios saben que son responsables ante Dios por todo lo que tienen, y lo que son, y se esfuerzan por vivir preparados para Su venida.

4 de diciembre 2016
2do. de Adviento

Tenemos que ser buenos administradores de los regalos que Dios nos ha dado, recibéndolos con agradecimiento y cultivándolos con cuidado para evitar que nosotros seamos de aquellos de los cuales San Juan Bautista habla hoy: “Cada árbol que no da buen fruto será cortado y echado al fuego.”

11 de diciembre 2016
3ro. de Adviento

Cada uno de nosotros tiene su propio rol que hacer en la venida del Reino de Dios. San Juan el Bautista fue llamado el heraldo del Mesías, preparando el camino del Señor. ¿A que me ha llama el Señor?

18 de diciembre 2016
4to. de Adviento

Cuando José descubrió que María estaba embarazada, resolvió terminar su compromiso con la mínima desgracia posible. Pero obediente a la voz de Dios, cambió sus planes y se convirtió en el protector del niño Jesús y de Su madre María. Dios permita que yo esté igualmente abierto a la dirección del Espíritu Santo.

25 de diciembre, 2016
Navidad

Porque nos ha nacido hoy un Salvador! En respuesta a un amor tan grande, solo el don de mi mismo lo va a hacer. Nos has dado a ti mismo estimado Señor en el amor y la acción de gracias. Me comprometo de nuevo a ti.