


Stewardship Bulletin



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Welcome to the months where focus changes to
gratitude,
and gratitude leads to giving,
and giving changes lives!

Stewardship in the Sunday Gospels

November 11, 2018
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 12:38-44

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

December 16, 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent
Luke 3:10-18

"Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none.
And whoever has food should do likewise."

Stewardship Awareness Sunday

Celebrating Stewardship

Many parishes choose to promote stewardship and their annual renewal during an Awareness Sunday in November. Other parishes choose to hold the renewal at different times during the year. Below are some ways to support stewardship in your parish:

- Invite a family or individual from the parish to speak about the joys of embracing stewardship as a way of life. A brief lay witness talk such as this could be given after communion.
- Celebrate a volunteer appreciation event with something as simple as cake and coffee after all the Masses.
- Create a stewardship bulletin board for the gathering area featuring pictures taken from all of your parish events.
- Provide copies of a Stewardship Prayer to be said by the congregation at post Communion time.
- Have a “Commissioning/Blessing Service” recognizing all parish ministers/volunteers after the homily or at post-Communion.
- Have members of the Stewardship Committee greet people before and after Mass. They might give each person a copy of a Stewardship Prayer or brochure.
- Make a special point to thank all those who give generously of their time, talent, and treasure in the parish and community.
- Include a Stewardship Awareness Sunday bulletin insert in your parish weekend bulletin.

Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Announcements

November 4, 2018
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Wherever your treasure lies, there your heart will be." (Luke 12:34)

November 11, 2018
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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November 18, 2018
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 25, 2018
Christ the King

Stewardship of our time and talent and treasure is not limited only to the Church. Especially during this season of Thanksgiving, many people give time and money to other groups in the community as well.

December 2, 2018
1st 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 9, 2018
2nd 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 16, 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent

"Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." (Luke 3:11)

December 23, 2018
4th Sunday of Advent

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

December 30, 2018
Holy Family

In our daily lives, we manage our family and work responsibilities. But to become occupied with these important matters to the exclusion of the need of others outside our home or work, is a mistake we could carry into eternity.

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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4 de Noviembre 2018

31avo. Del Tiempo Ordinario

¿Qué porcentaje me pide Dios como buen Administrador de mi Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro como Bienes de Dios? Todo mi corazón, toda mi alma, toda mi mente y toda mi fortaleza!

11 de Noviembre 2018

32avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Ambas viudas en las lecturas de hoy dieron todo lo que tenían para la obra del Señor, una usando toda la comida que quedaba para alimentar a Elías, y la otra ofreciendo sus dos monedas de cobre al tesoro del templo. Los fieles administradores de los bienes de Dios dan todo lo que se les pide y tienen confianza de que el Señor es fiel a Sus promesas.

18 de Noviembre 2018

33avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Las lecturas de hoy hablan del fin del mundo y de la venida del Reino. La carta pastoral de los obispos sobre la Administración de Nuestro Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro como Bienes de Dios dice claramente que "la vida que vendrá es una continuación de la vida presente a través de los bienes humanos y los dignos propósitos humanos que hoy la gente fomenta ahora." ¡Que nuestra buena Administración de Nuestro Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro como Bienes de Dios sea la causa de que seamos contados entre los elegidos en el último día!

25 de Noviembre 2018

Cristo Rey

Le segunda lectura de hoy nos recuerda que el sacrificio de Cristo nos libera del pecado y hace de nosotros una nación real de sacerdotes al servicio de Dios. ¿Cómo estoy usando mis dones para servir a Dios y a los demás?

2 de Diciembre 2018

1ro. de Adviento

"Esten alerta," Jesús nos advierte en el Evangelio de hoy, "No sea que sus espíritus se hinchen de complacencias." Prestemos atención a su advertencia y sigamos el consejo de San Pablo, conduciéndonos de un modo que complazca a Dios, rebosando de amor unos por otros.

9 de Diciembre 2018

2do. de Adviento

Los buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios creen que Dios, quien ha empezado esta buena obra en ellos, la llevará hasta su finalización. En palabras y obras, ellos pueden cantar con el Salmista, "El Señor ha hecho grandes cosas por nosotros, estamos llenos de alegría!"

16 de Diciembre 2018

3ro. de Adviento

El Evangelio de hoy provee un proyecto detallado para la buena administración de los bienes de Dios: "Que el que tenga dos abrigos, dé uno al que no tiene. El que tenga comida debe hacer lo mismo."

23 de Diciembre 2018

4to. de Adviento

El Evangelio de hoy cuenta como la Virgen María, ella misma embarazada, se fue de prisa para ayudar a su prima Isabel. Es ejemplo de la buena administración de los bienes de Dios, ella que se había ofrecido a llevar en su vientre al Salvador dio su tiempo y amor a los demás también.

30 de Diciembre 2018

La Sagrada Familia

La primera lectura de hoy marca una pauta desafiante para la buena administración de nuestras relaciones familiares. ¿Cómo me puedo medir?