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## STEWARDSHIP

*A disciple's response*

### The Diocese of Charleston Stewardship Bulletin

Written to assist Parish Stewardship Committees in their awareness and initiatives throughout the year. Together, let us form and build up faithful disciples of Jesus Christ!

Our Liturgical New Year began with Advent, preparing for the coming of our Lord. Now that the hustle and bustle of Christmas has come to a close, have you thought about how you will continue to grow in your faith in the coming year? Here are some ideas to share for a spiritual resolution.

## 8 Spiritual New Year's Resolutions

- ◆ Increase your Marian devotion. Pray a daily decade of the rosary with the intention of working your way to an entire rosary each day (only about 15-20 minutes per day).
- ◆ Schedule prayer into your day. It's as simple as setting aside 15-30 minutes a day for silence, scripture, spiritual reading, and intimate conversation with the Lord. Put it in your calendar and make it a priority. Jesus will show up – will you?
- ◆ Increase your encounters with the Sacraments. Go to confession monthly or bi-monthly. Add one extra daily Mass each week. Or perhaps simply make the sign of the cross every time you pass a Catholic church, greeting Jesus in the Eucharist.
- ◆ Join a group. Make a concrete resolution to join a Bible study, faith sharing group, or book study. How about a ministry group at your parish? Join a community that will help you to grow in your faith.
- ◆ Give. Ask the Lord what He's asking of you. If you are not already giving, it's okay to take baby steps and start with 3% or 5%. If you are already giving, make an increase by 1% or 2%.
- ◆ Change what you listen to. Instead of morning talk shows and Top 40 music, try some Audrey Assad or Matt Maher. Look into podcasts such as: Catholic Stuff You Should Know, Pints with Aquinas, The Word on Fire Show, Fr. Mike Schmitz, plus many more!
- ◆ Pick a saint to walk with this year. Read about them, get to know them, and talk to them. Ask for their intercession and invite them to be a spiritual companion for 2022.
- ◆ Start fasting. Did you know all Catholics are expected to perform some act of penance every Friday? Try dropping the sugar from your coffee or skipping snacks on non-feast days. Fasting is a way for us to be conformed to Christ every day.

### *Stewardship Messages in the Sunday Gospels*

January 23, 2022

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**"He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor."**

January 30, 2022

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

**"Set your hearts on the greater gifts."**

# Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Announcements

January 6, 2022  
The Epiphany of the Lord

The Magi brought the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do I place before Jesus? My time in prayer? My participation in my parish community? My generosity?

January 9, 2022  
The Baptism of the Lord

Your first responsibility is to take care of your needs and the needs of your family – not necessarily all their wants. In looking at what we need versus what we want, we end up placing material things and money in their proper perspective.

January 16, 2022  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (II Corinthians 9:7)

January 23, 2022  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is not about the needs of the church. Rather, it is about our desire to give back to God in gratitude, by sharing the gifts He has bestowed on us.

January 30, 2022  
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For your heart will always be where your riches are.” (Matthew 6:21)

February 6, 2022  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship involves a willingness to give from the very core of who we are and what we have; from substance rather than abundance.

February 13, 2022  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.” As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season – assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

February 20, 2022  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s Gospel has encouraging words for good stewards – “Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you.” What encouragement to give generously of the resources entrusted to our care!

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## 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*

6 de Enero 2022

### Epifanía

Los tres Reyes en el Evangelio de hoy vinieron de muy lejos a mucho costo y esfuerzo para ofrecerle sus mejores regalos al Niño Jesús. ¿Que tan lejos iré yo y que le ofreceré para hacer homenaje a este Rey y Salvador recién nacido?

9 de Enero 2022

### Bautismo del Señor

Jesús a quien Dios Llamo “Mi Hijo amado”, es también el “Siervo de Dios” de quien Isaías habla en la primera lectura. Nosotros los bautizados en Cristo debemos seguir Se ejemplo también y usar nuestro tiempo y recursos al servicio de Dios y de nuestro.

16 de Enero 2022

### 2do. del Tiempo Ordinario

En La segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo exhorta a los Corintios y a nosotros que todos nuestros dones vienen de Dios y que nos son dados, no para nosotros solamente sino para el bien común. Pero la generosidad de Dios no tiene limites – el milagro de Caná nos recuerda que cuando obramos fielmente como Dios nos pide, El transformará nuestras ofrendas de agua en vino.

23 de Enero 2022

### 3do. del Tiempo Ordinario

La carta pastoral de los obispos estadounidenses sobre la Administración de los Bienes de Dios respalda la lectura de hoy de la 1 de Corintios: “Puesto que sus miembros individuales constituyen colectivamente el Cuerpo de Cristo, la salud y bienestar de ese cuerpo son la responsabilidad de sus miembros – la responsabilidad personal de cada uno de nosotros. Somos todos Administradores de los Bienes de la Iglesia.”

30 de Enero 2022

### 4to. del Tiempo Ordinario

Jeremías declara que el Señor lo conocía antes de nacer, lo consagró y lo asignó como profeta aún antes de su primer aliento. Nosotros también somos conocidos y enviados por El Señor. ¿Qué obras de amor y servicio puedo yo realizar?

6 de Febrero 2022

### 5to. del Tiempo Ordinario

En las lecturas de hoy, tanto Isaías como Pedro escuchan el llamado de Dios y se sienten indignos. Pero asegurados por Dios, responden y siguen el llamado. Oigo yo la voz de Dios preguntar “A quién mandaré? Estoy preparado para responderle, “Heme aquí Señor. Mándame a mil”?

13 de Febrero 2022

### 6to. del Tiempo Ordinario

Las palabras del Salmista hacen eco del tema de todas las lecturas de hoy. “Felices los que esperan en el Señor.” Como buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios, cimentados firmemente en esa esperanza, *demostro* fruto en su debido tiempo – ayudando a los pobres, alimentando a los hambrientos, y consolando a los afligidos siempre que se presente la oportunidad.

20 de Febrero 2022

### 7to. del Tiempo Ordinario

El Evangelio de hoy tiene palabras alentadoras para los buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios – “Den y se les dará. Porque con la medida que ustedes midan serán medidos ustedes.” ¡Qué estímulo para dar generosamente de los recursos que nos han sido confiados a nuestro cuidado!

