



## 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!

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# STEWARDSHIP

*A disciple's response*

March/ April 2022

*Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy. - Pope Francis*

### The Church asks us to accomplish three practices in observance of Lent:

1. **Prayer.** The Church does not invite us to simply be alone with our thoughts. Prayer is placing oneself at God's disposal, trusting His purposes.
2. **Fasting.** Exercising detachment. The experience of deprivation that comes from detachment compels us to consider how worldly things and preoccupations are so easily elevated to ultimate concern and become rivals to God.
3. **Almsgiving.** Places a demand on us to receive Christ as he presents Himself to us in His poor. We learn how to imitate Christ's generosity. He gave to us fully knowing that what he gave was undeserved, could not be reciprocated, and would be unappreciated by many.

### Stewardship Lenten Tips:

- During Lent, try to find additional opportunities to be open for prayer, extend small group opportunities, or add in adoration/praying the rosary before or after Mass
- You will probably notice increasing numbers. Be hospitable by making sure greeters are in place, welcoming new faces or those who have been away. Highlight the participation of individuals in the bulletin/website, many coming won't know of the opportunities available. Intentionally and personally invite new people into the community life of the parish!
- Lent is a great time to ask people to discern their ability to lead or participate in a ministry. Make sure there are efforts at your Parish that highlight Lenten learning and/or spiritual growth.

### *Stewardship Messages in the Sunday Gospels*

April 3, 2022

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Phil 3: 8-14

"For his sake, I have forfeited everything:

I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth and I may be in him..."

April 24, 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

John 20: 19-31

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

*“Stewardship by the Book” Scriptural Quotations on Stewardship  
by Sharon Hueckel, published by Our Sunday Visitor*

February 27, 2022

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s readings remind us that our works reflect what is in our hearts. Do my words and actions reveal a heart that is grateful for – and generous in sharing – the abundance God has poured into my life?

March 6, 2022

First Sunday of Lent

Lent calls us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving...to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure, using our gifts for the building of the Kingdom.

March 13, 2022

2nd Sunday of Lent

Stewardship of treasure asks only a small percentage of income. Many people find that when they trust God and return a proportionate percentage of their income to the Church and other charities, they can live happily on the rest of their income.

March 20, 2022

3rd Sunday of Lent

Lent is a time to reflect on our relationship with God. We are called to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in our Lenten stewardship.

March 27, 2022

4th Sunday of Lent

“Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts.” (Matthew 5:16)

April 3, 2022

5th Sunday of Lent

Giving of our time, talent and treasure mainly involves a change of attitude about giving. It’s important to think in terms of giving in gratitude to God, of considering how blessed we are, of using our gifts and talents for the good of others.

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

In the area of time and talent, many individuals commit a certain number of hours each week to prayer and charitable activities.

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

“What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord has given to me?” (Psalms 116:12)

April 24, 2022

2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

In the area of treasure, some Christians choose the biblical norm of giving 10 percent of their treasure. Some, because of circumstances, give more than that. Others might start at two, three or four percent, and work upward.

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## Stewardship Bulletin Announcements in Spanish

*"Stewardship by the Book" Scriptural Quotations on Stewardship*

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27 de Febrero 2022

8to. del Tiempo Ordinario

Todas las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que nuestras obras reflejan lo que está en nuestros corazones. ¿Revelan mis palabras y mis acciones un corazón que está agradecido por – y generoso en compartir – la abundancia que Dios ha derramado dentro de mi vida?

6 de Marzo 2022

1º de Cuaresma

La primera lectura de hoy describe el ofrecimiento de los primeros frutos que el pueblo de Israel debía presentar al Señor en agradecimiento de su liberación de Egipto y del don de la tierra prometida. ¿Es mi ofrenda en la misa de hoy una respuesta a las bendiciones que el Señor me ha dado?

13 de Marzo 2022

2do. De Cuaresma

Pedro, Santiago y Juan querían construir una "choza" para Jesús y quedarse allí en la montaña, donde tomo lugar su transfiguración. Pero el Hijo de Dios, el Escogido, sabía que tenía que seguir hacia su crucifixión. Nosotros también debemos levantarnos de la adoración, para hacer cuanto posamos para apresurar la venida del Reino.

20 de Marzo 2022

3ro. de Cuaresma

La parábola en el Evangelio de hoy nos advierte claramente que nosotros, al igual que la higuera, seremos juzgados por nuestros frutos. Mientras que Dios, misericordiosamente nos provee el tiempo y la oportunidad, demos testimonio de nuestra fe con hechos de bondad y generosidad.

27 de Marzo 2022

4to. de Cuaresma

El mensaje con respecto a la administración de los bienes de Dios que se encuentra en la parábola del Hijo Prodigio, es que nunca es tarde

para volvernos buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios. Bendito es el hermano mayor que siempre había sido un buen administrador de los bienes de Dios, pero bendito también es el prodigo que tuvo que perderlo todo para apreciar el valor de lo que se le había dado.

3 de Abril 2022

5to. de Cuaresma

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo dice, "Por Su causa he renunciado a todo. Todo lo considero basura con tal que Cristo sea mi riqueza." ¿Podré yo decir lo mismo, basado en el modo en que administro los bienes de Dios?

10 de Abril 2022

Domingo de Pasión

En la historia del Evangelio del primer Domingo de Ramos oímos que al dueño del burro solo había que decirle, "El Maestro lo necesita," para que él diera el animal de buena gana. ¿Estoy tan dispuesto a dar para la obra del Señor?

17 de Abril 2022

Pascua de Resurrección

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo recuerda a los Colosenses que ellos han sido resucitados con Cristo, exhortándolos a que "piensen en las cosas del cielo no en las de la tierra." También nosotros hemos sido resucitados con Cristo. Regocijémonos y alegrémonos!

24 de Abril 2022

2do. de Pascua

"Benditos los que no han visto y han creído," dice Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy. Sin embargo, para que crean los que no han visto, tenemos que ser buenos administradores de nuestra fe, viviéndola alegremente y compartiéndola generosamente. Entonces, en nuestro tiempo también, "hombres y mujeres en gran número serán añadidos al Señor."