

GRATEFUL & GENEROUS

“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?”

(Psalm 116:12)

Stewardship is:

- Recognizing that everything we have and are is a gift from God.
- Being grateful and generous with our gifts.
- Understanding that we are not owners of anything, but stewards of God’s gifts.

The main point of stewardship is:

- Helping each other strengthen our relationship with God.
- Helping each other get to Heaven!
- Understanding that how we use our gifts is our gift back to God.

Living a stewardship lifestyle means:

- Placing our complete trust in God.
- Sharing all of our gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.
- Keeping God first in everything and not placing other “gods” before God.
- Living a more God-centered and less self-centered life.
- Expecting nothing in return and recognizing that no gift is too small to share.

Prayer ... the Foundation of Stewardship

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances, give thanks...”

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

- In prayer, we listen for God’s response, this is best done in silence.
- We open our hearts in gratitude so that they overflow with generosity.
- We ask God how He wants us to use our gifts daily.

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to watch a video about St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, a model of prayer.



Participation ... Responding to God's Call

"The harvest is plenty but the laborers are few" (Mt. 9:37).

- Each person has been given unique gifts.
- We are called to nurture and develop our gifts and not keep them hidden or buried.
- We work together in a complementary way as one Body of Christ in our parish.
- We accept and embrace our role in God's plan.

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Generosity ... Return Our Gifts with Increase

"No one can serve two masters. He will hate the one and love the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)" (Mt. 6:24).

- For many of us, God and money run neck and neck as the top priority in our lives.
- As Catholics, we consider ourselves generous, but is our giving in proportion to what we have been given?
- Here is a guide to help you decide how God is calling you to share your treasure:

W E E K L Y G I V I N G T O Y O U R P A R I S H					
Yearly	1.0%	2.0%	3.0%	4.0%	5.0%
\$ 20,000	\$ 4.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 19.00
30,000	6.00	12.00	17.00	23.00	29.00
40,000	8.00	15.00	23.00	31.00	38.00
50,000	10.00	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00
60,000	12.00	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00
70,000	13.00	27.00	40.00	54.00	67.00
80,000	15.00	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00
90,000	17.00	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00
100,000	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00

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"What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?"



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