

DISCERNING

HOW AND WHAT TO GIVE

PRAYERFUL

The spirituality of stewardship should be the foundation of your discernment on what and how to give. We are not just created *by* God, but *for* God.

PLANNED

Stewardship of your time, talent and treasure requires thought, planning and commitment. Stewardship will help you arrive at the right use of money for your family. Your commitment to your parish needs to be integrated into other financial decisions and incorporated into the regular family budget.

PROPORTIONATE

Consider tithing your prayer time as well as financial gifts to the parish. Start assessing what you are giving now and reflect on how you are sharing those gifts.

WEEKLY GIVING

In thanksgiving for God’s gifts, each household is asked to budget a weekly gift to the parish of 5% of the household income. Use the chart below to determine your level of giving. If you are unable to commit to the full 5% at this time, please work toward a periodic giving increase of one or two percent until you reach the scriptural tithe.

%Household Income	10%	5%	4%	1%
Household Income	Amount of Weekly Gift			
\$20,000	\$38	\$19	\$15	\$4
\$30,000	\$58	\$29	\$23	\$6
\$50,000	\$96	\$48	\$38	\$10
\$70,000	\$135	\$67	\$54	\$14
\$100,000	\$192	\$96	\$76	\$19

We ask you to give either in your parish envelope or automatically deducted from your checking account.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

PUT GOD FIRST IN YOUR FINANCES

Scripture teaches us to give to God our “first fruits” or the first portion. Your financial contribution to your parish is vital to support all operations of the Parish, including liturgies, catechesis and outreach services to the faithful.

Though everyone’s contribution will be different, the Church uses the tithe (10%) as a scriptural benchmark. We are asking each parishioner to give 5% to our parish, 1% to the diocese, and 4% to other charities. Each household is asked to budget a generous gift in proportion to your income.

In thanksgiving for God’s gifts, please prayerfully consider what your financial contribution to your parish will be.

With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy. Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means.

-Sirach 35:8-9)

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

My Offering of Time, Talent & Treasure

I have reviewed the information on ministries in the parish. I am committed to becoming involved in the following: _____

I have made a personal commitment to increase my time in prayer. I will:

- Attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation
- Discuss the Catholic Faith with my children
- Create a personal plan for regular prayer

In thanksgiving for God’s gifts, I pledge:

_____ % offer of my household income as my/our tithe
\$ _____ each month for debt reduction
\$ _____ to the Charity and Development Appeal

Parish Name

Roman Catholic Parish

PHOTO(S) OF YOUR PARISH

PARISH ADDRESS
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER
FAX NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

WEBSITE

STEWARDSHIP

THE LIFESTYLE OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Who is a Christian disciple?

One who responds to Christ's call, follows Jesus, and lives their life in imitation of Jesus Christ.

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant also be.
-John 12:26

Who is a Christian steward?

One who...

- Receives God's gifts gratefully
 - Cherishes and develops God's gifts in a responsible and accountable manner
 - Shares God's gifts in justice and love with others
 - Returns God's gifts, with increase, to God
- As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

-1 Peter 4:10

Live as a Disciple of Christ

- Commit to a lifestyle of Christian stewardship.
- Praise God by worshipping Him with your parish family at Mass each Sunday.
- Make time for personal prayer, such as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Rosary, and reading Holy Scripture in order to deepen your faith through worship and study.
- Invest a share of your time to enhance parish life by serving in a parish ministry and participating in parish events and fellowship opportunities.
- Give a share of your financial resources to support the work of your Church and your parish community with a generous and consistent gift to the weekly offertory.
- Give as a way of sharing with others what God has given to your and as a witness to the abundant grace of God

Those to whom much is given, much will be required; and to whom much is entrusted, more will be asked.

-Luke 12:48

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

MAKE PRAYER YOUR PRIORITY

Prayer is the beginning of Stewardship. Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service to others. As it says in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Prayer and Christian life are inseparable." For Catholics, Stewardship of time should include setting aside periods of personal and family prayer, for the reading of scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament and for participation at daily Mass whenever possible. Prayer can be a formal devotional type or one of a simple conversation with God. No one would go through a day without some type of communication with those they love. Whatever the format, the important thing is to make a conscious effort to spend time with our God whom we love most.

Could you not watch with me even one hour?
-Matthew 26:40

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil:
5:00 pm

Sunday in English (if you have another language)
9:00 am
11:00 am

Sunday in Spanish (or other language)
1:00 pm

Weekday Mass
8:00 am

Evening Mass if you have any
Wednesday 7:00 pm

CONFESSION

Tuesday - Wednesday 2:00-4:30 pm
Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm

ANYTHING SPECIAL TO YOUR PARISH

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

SHARE YOUR GIFTS IN YOUR PARISH

Every Catholic is called by their Baptism to reach out to love others. Being a good steward of your gifts means sharing your time, talents, skills and knowledge through volunteering for one or more of our parish ministries. There are numerous ways for you to get involved. Each of us has gifts and talents that can benefit others. Contact the Parish office or the leader of the ministry in which you are interested to determine how you may be of service.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Acolytes/Alter Servers	Environment & Art
Greeters & Ushers	Lectors
Sacristans	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Choir	Ensembles
Cantor	Children's Choir
Sound System	Media Shout

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

Catechists	Aides
Volunteers	Sacramental Preparation

YOUTH MINISTRIES

High School Youth	Junior High
Young Adult Leaders	

PARISH LIFE

Welcome Committee	Parish Website
Bible Study	Prayer Group
Eucharistic Adoration	Cursillo
Parish Website	General Parish Volunteer

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Pastoral Care
Respect Life