

## STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

October 2025 – December 2025

**October 5, 2025**

### **27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.” 2 TIMOTHY 1:7*

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

**October 12, 2025**

### **28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” LUKE 17:18*

Most of us live relatively “easy” lives. We have food, shelter, clothing, and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn’t this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

**October 19, 2025**

### **29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient...” 2 TIMOTHY 4:2*

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn’t call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

**October 26, 2025**

### **30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” LUKE 18:14*

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things “gods” before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God’s incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

**November 2, 2025**

## **All Soul's Day**

*"...because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me..." JOHN 6:38*

When praying the "Our Father", say the words slowly so you truly recognize what you are saying. Every day when praying this prayer, we repeat what Jesus said in the scripture passage – "thy kingdom come, thy will be done." Even though we say these words, do our actions reflect those words? This is the difference between saints and the rest of us. Saints were faithful and obedient to God's will. Start today – start aligning your words and actions with God's will for you.

**November 9, 2025**

## **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

*"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?" 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16*

Simply remembering that we are "temples of the Holy Spirit" should make our daily decision making relatively easy. If we truly want to imitate Jesus, then our words and actions should reflect the love, mercy, and forgiveness that flow from His Sacred Heart. Try it for one week. Try to remember that we temples of the Holy Spirit and see how it affects the way that you live.

**November 16, 2025**

## **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2 THESSALONIANS 3:9*

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

**November 23, 2025**

## **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

*"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." COLOSSIANS 1:12*

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

**November 30, 2025**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." MATTHEW 24:42*

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

**December 7, 2025**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." MATTHEW 3:10*

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

**December 14, 2025**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

**December 21, 2025**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

**December 28, 2025**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

*"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." COLOSSIANS 3:17*

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness, gratitude and generosity is in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.