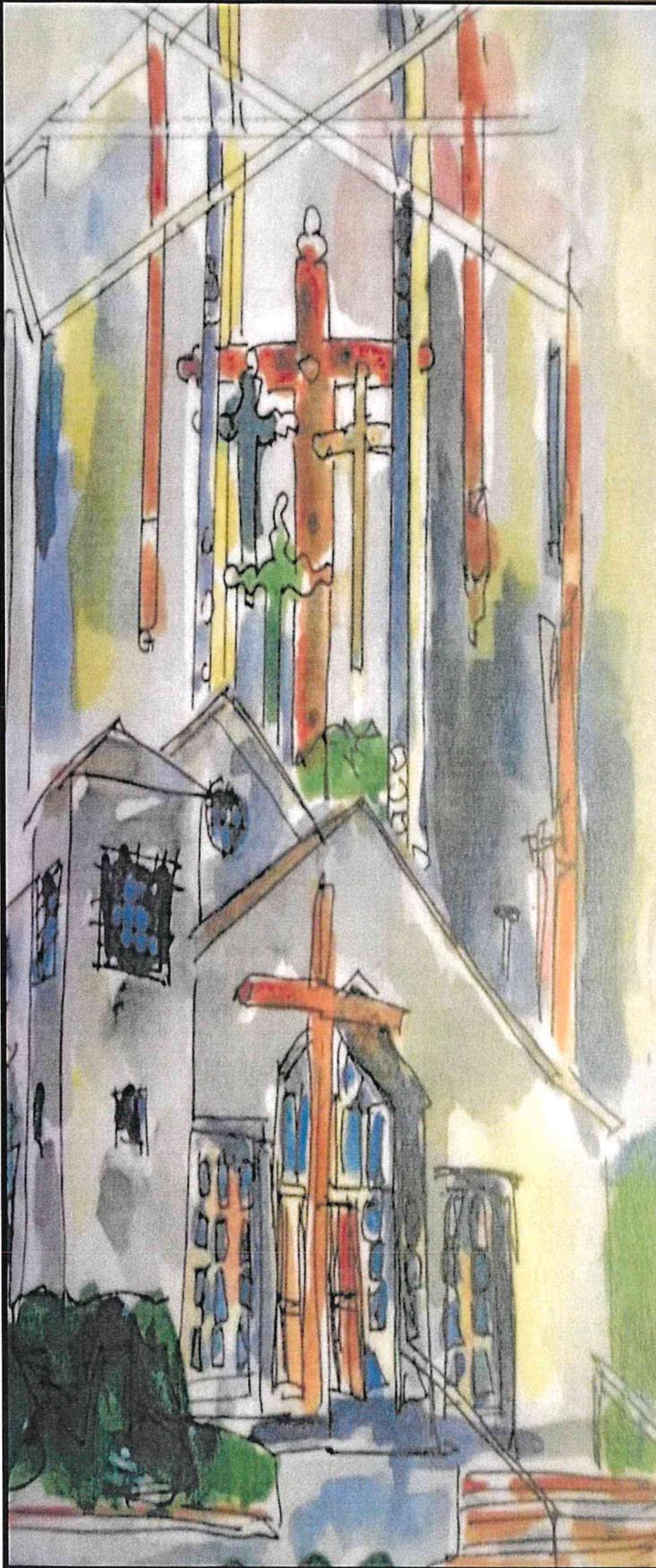


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Sacrament of Eucharist

Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Mass

Monday: 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays: 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day Mass

Vigil: 4:00 P.M. Day: 8:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Sister Hilda Sandoval, 2 months in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Parish Office, 6 months in advance.

February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Blest are they who trust in the
Lord. Blest are they who are poor
and endure insult, for their reward
shall be great: eternal Life.*

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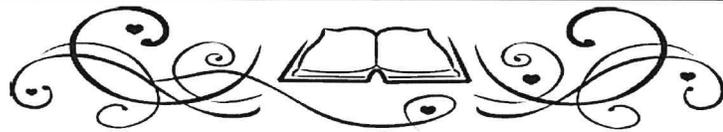
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MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 17-23, 2025



Mon	17	5:30 P.M.	Ben Del Fante
Tue	18	8:30 A.M.	Kevin Del Fante
Wed	19	8:30 A.M.	Olivia Johnson
Thu	20	8:30 A.M.	Bruce & Diane Del Fante
Fri	21	8:30 A.M.	Melissa Harbert
Sat	22	4:30 P.M.	†Mike Sharrock
Sun	23	8:30 A.M.	People of St. Peter
		11 A.M.	†Mary Clark

WEEKDAY READINGS

		<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>
Mon	17	Reading <i>Genesis</i> 4:1-15,25 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 50:1,8,16bc-17,20-21 Gospel <i>Mark</i> 8:11-13
Tue	18	Reading <i>Genesis</i> 6:5-8;7:1-5,10 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 29:1a,2,3-4,9c-10 Gospel <i>Mark</i> 8:14-21
Wed	19	Reading <i>Genesis</i> 8:6-13,20-22 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 116:12-15,18-19 Gospel <i>Mark</i> 8:22-26
Thu	20	Reading <i>Genesis</i> 9:1-13 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 102:16-18,19-23,29 Gospel <i>Mark</i> 8:27-33
Fri	21	<i>Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i> Reading <i>Genesis</i> 11:1-9 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 33:10-15 Gospel <i>Mark</i> 8:34—9:1

PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be closed
 Monday, February 17, 2025
 in observance of
 President's Day



Sat	22	THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE Reading <i>1 Peter</i> 5:1-4 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 23:1-3a,4-6 Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 16:13-19
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Sun	23	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Reading I <i>1 Samuel</i> 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalms</i> 103:1-4,8,10,12-13 Reading II <i>1 Corinthians</i> 15:45-49 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 6:27-38
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 16, 2025



Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. This is especially fitting this year, as Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year with the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)."

In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

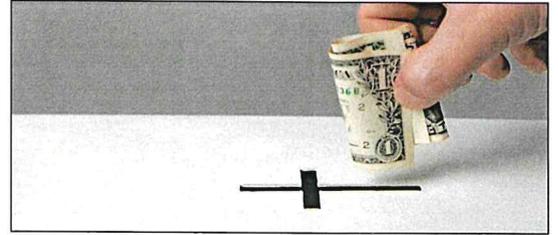
In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

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The Meaning of Stewardship

By Joe Galloway



What is your immediate reaction to the word “stewardship?” I hear from too many that stewardship is just a nice, churchy way to ask for money. That kind of makes sense since most Stewardship Sundays have parishioners and the Priest asking us to consider how much we put into the envelopes. But, stewardship is much more than about money. It is about how we live our lives. In a word, it is about discipleship.

A big step in growing deeper in our discipleship of Jesus is acknowledging, in all humility, that God gives us everything. Every single thing we have and all we are is because of God’s gracious generosity. The Bible teaches us this truth in 1 Chronicles 29:11-14 and in Act 17:25. When we embrace this, when we take God at His word, we can’t help but be overwhelmed with gratitude. We are in awe of His lavish generosity. As Disciples, we should want to try to emulate Him. We wonder how we should respond to all these blessings. Psalm 116:12 asks the question for us, “How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me?”

Thankfully, the Church gives us the template of how to respond. She gives us the three pillars of how we put our faith and our stewardship into practice: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. We emphasize these during Lent, but they are meant for everyday use.

Catholic.net in the article [Joy of Lent, Liturgical Cycle C](#) gives a great explanation of these practices.

Prayer purifies our intentions and relates everything we do to God.

Fasting detaches us from ourselves and our comforts.

Almsgiving is giving to the needs of the poor and reflects our brother/sisterhood with them. It is imitating the generosity of Jesus and reminds us that our wealth is not in things, but in the love of God. Here are a few Bible verses on giving alms:

- Luke 11:41 But as to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you.
- Deuteronomy 26:10 “Now, therefore, I have brought the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, LORD, have given me.” You shall set them before the LORD, your God, and you shall bow down before the LORD, your God.
- Sirach 7:10 Do not be impatient in prayer or neglect almsgiving.
- Sirach 35:4 One who gives alms presents a sacrifice of praise.

We do usually understand Almsgiving in terms of giving money. So in that sense, stewardship is about money. As well it should be. Think about it – can you go a single day without using money? You may not use a credit card or venmo, but you use resources every day that cost you money. Shouldn't something as ubiquitous as money is in our lives be a part of our spiritual life, part of our discipleship?

Yes, of course it should. But we seem to have a huge disconnect between our faith life and our financial life. It's as if we disciples say something like, "Lord, you be first in my life, in every area of my life. Oh – but not the money part, Lord. I got that."

The data tell a different story. So many people have mountains of consumer and credit card debt to climb. Financial stress is cited as a leading cause of divorce. How we've been handling our finances isn't working out too well. Something needs to change.

PUT GOD FIRST

What needs to change is that we need to include God in our financial life. We need to put God first in every area of our lives – including money. When I finally accepted this truth, my life changed. I was doing what everyone seems to do, buying stuff I thought would make me happy and look successful. Getting the newest phone, buying a bigger TV, leasing luxury cars all made me feel good on the outside. But inside, the payment demands were stressing me to the max. And something gnawed at me. I knew I wasn't giving what I should be giving at church. The \$10 or \$20 I happened to have in my pocket on Sunday was a pittance compared to what I was paying for the stuff that I knew had no lasting value.

By the grace of God, it dawned on me that I should be honest with myself about how I was able to do what I did and earn what I earned. I should be honest about how much God blesses me and my family. I should make a return to God that sincerely reflects how blessed I am.

When I took that step of faith, put God first in my budget, and started tithing, what happened? Did we miss any meals? Did any bills go unpaid? No. What happened is that I gained a sense of peace I cannot explain. It is the peace of God that surpasses understanding. It is the peace that the world and stuff do not bring. Only God gives us peace like that.

If you have financial stress in your life, I encourage you to look at your giving. Is God first in your spending plan? Are you giving Him the amount that reflects how grateful you are for all the blessings and benefits He gives to you? Think about it, if we all gave what God asks us to give, how much more money would there be to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, house the homeless, educate children, help single moms keep their babies? Our lives would have more meaning by supporting ministries that do these works of mercy. Our communities would be better for it. And as a result, we would change the world. Put God first in your finances. Give in return for His blessings. Gain that peace you seek. Change the world.





LENT IS FAST APPROACHING, WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 5TH, HERE ARE
10 TIPS FOR MAKING THE LENTEN SEASON
MORE MEANINGFUL.

SLOW DOWN – Set aside 10 minutes a day for silent prayer or meditation. It will revitalize your body and your spirit.

READ A GOOD BOOK – You could choose the life of a saint, a spiritual how-to, an inspirational book or one of the pope's new books.

BE KIND – Go out of your way to do something nice for someone else every day.

GET INVOLVED – Attend a Lenten lecture or spiritual program.

VOLUNTEER AT YOUR PARISH – Whether it's the parish fish fry, cleaning the church or helping with the food drive, it will give you a chance to help others.

REACH OUT – Invite an inactive Catholic to come with you to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, or come to Stations of the Cross, Confession or Mass with you anytime during Lent.

PRAY – Especially for people you don't like and for people who don't like you.

TUNE OUT – Turn off the television and spend quality time talking with family members or friends.

CLEAN OUT CLOSETS – Donate gently used items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or other Charity in need.

DONATE – Pick a Catholic mission and decide how you can help by sending money, clothing or supplies.



FEBRUARY 16, 2025 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 17-23, 2025

MON 17 *Parish Office Closed/Presidents Day*

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

5:30 P.M. Evening Mass

TUE 18

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:45 P.M. Religious Education Classes

3:45 P.M. Confirmation Class

7:00 P.M. RCIA Class

WED 19

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:00 P.M. Religious Education Classes

3:00 P.M. Confirmation Class

7:00 P.M. Confirmation Class

7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

THU 20

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

FRI 21

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

SAT 22

3:30 P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 P.M. Mass

SUN 23

8:30 A.M. Mass

11:00 A.M. Mass

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Gift Cards sold after all the weekend masses and at the Parish Office, Monday—Friday, 9 A.M.—5 P.M.

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