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November 29, 2026 – First Sunday of Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert!" (Mark 13:33)

Advent invites us to prepare our hearts for Christ, not just by celebrating His coming, but by becoming more intentional in how we live each day. Being watchful means recognizing the blessings God has placed in our lives and the opportunities we have to share them. Our time, talents and resources are gifts entrusted to us, and we are called to use them thoughtfully and generously. Let this Advent be a time to renew our commitment to living as grateful and faithful stewards.

December 6, 2026 – Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." (Mark 1:3)

John the Baptist calls us to prepare a way for Christ in our hearts and in our lives. One way we do this is by making room for generosity, compassion and service to others. When we share our blessings, we help remove obstacles for those who are struggling and make God's love more visible in our community. This Advent, let us prepare the way of the Lord through lives marked by giving and kindness.

December 13, 2026 – Third Sunday of Advent

"I came so that everyone might believe through him." (John 1:7)

We are called to be people who point others toward Christ through the way we live. Our generosity, encouragement and willingness to serve can become powerful witnesses to the hope we have in Him. Stewardship is about more than what we give; it is about the example we set and the faith we share. As we rejoice this Gaudete Sunday, may our lives reflect the joy of giving.

December 20, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

“May it be done to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:38)

Mary's response to God's invitation is one of the greatest examples of faithful stewardship. She placed her trust in God and offered herself completely to His plan, without knowing exactly what the future would hold. We, too, are invited to say yes to God by sharing our gifts, embracing opportunities to serve and trusting Him with what we have. May Mary's example inspire us to respond generously to God's call.

December 27, 2026 – Feast of the Holy Family

“Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” (Luke 2:49)

The Holy Family reminds us that faith begins at home and is nurtured through the love and example we share with one another. Our families are among God's greatest gifts, and we are called to be good stewards of those relationships. We give generously when we share our faith, make time for one another and teach the next generation the importance of serving others. May our homes be places where gratitude, generosity and faith flourish.

January 3, 2027 – Solemnity of the Epiphany

“They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures.” (Matthew 2:11)

The Magi traveled a great distance to encounter Jesus, and when they found Him, they responded by offering their finest gifts. Their example reminds us that generosity is a natural response to recognizing God's presence in our lives. We are invited to offer our own treasures—our time, talents and financial resources—in service to Christ and His Church. What gifts can we place before the Lord this year?

January 10, 2027 – Baptism of the Lord

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” (Mark 1:11)

At Baptism, we are welcomed into God's family and called to live as disciples of Christ. That calling comes with the responsibility to use our gifts in ways that serve others and strengthen the Church. Stewardship is one way we live out our baptismal promises, recognizing that everything we have is entrusted to us by God. May we embrace our baptismal call with grateful hearts and generous spirits.

January 17, 2027 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Come, and you will see.” (John 1:39)

Jesus' invitation to His first disciples is also an invitation to each of us. He calls us to follow Him, discover His purpose for our lives and share His love with others. As His modern day disciples, we respond by making room for Christ in our daily decisions and using our gifts to build up His Church. May we be willing to follow wherever He leads.

January 24, 2027 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mark 1:17)

When Jesus called His first disciples, they left their nets and followed Him. Their response reminds us that discipleship requires more than good intentions; it requires action and a willingness to put God's priorities first. We are all called to participate in Christ's mission, sharing our faith and offering our gifts in service to others. How might we answer His call more generously this week?

January 31, 2027 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." (Mark 1:22)

Jesus' words carried authority because they were grounded in truth and reflected the power of God's love. As His disciples, we are called to let His teachings guide not only what we say, but how we live. Our generosity, compassion and willingness to serve are powerful ways to put our faith into practice. Let us strive to be people whose actions reflect the teachings of Christ.

February 7, 2027 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He cured many who were sick with various diseases." (Mark 1:34)

Jesus spent His time caring for those who were suffering and bringing hope to those in need. His example challenges us to look beyond ourselves and recognize the needs of others. God has blessed each of us with gifts that can make a difference, whether through kind words, acts of service or generous contributions. May we use our blessings to bring Christ's healing love to those around us.

February 14, 2027 – First Sunday of Lent

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." (Mark 1:15)

Lent is an opportunity to examine our priorities and consider how closely our lives reflect the Gospel. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we are invited to let go of selfishness and become more generous with what God has entrusted to us. Giving of ourselves helps us grow in compassion and recognize the needs of others. May this Lenten season renew our commitment to a life of faith-filled stewardship.

February 21, 2027 – Second Sunday of Lent

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mark 9:7)

The Transfiguration reminds us to pause and listen for God's voice amid the distractions of everyday life. When we truly listen to Christ, we begin to see our blessings differently and recognize the opportunities we have to share them. Stewardship calls us to move beyond our own concerns and respond to the needs of our families, parishes and communities. This Lent, let us listen more closely and give more generously.

February 28, 2027 – Third Sunday of Lent

"Zeal for your house will consume me." (John 2:17)

Jesus' passion for His Father's house reminds us that our Church is a sacred gift entrusted to our care. We each have a responsibility to help strengthen and sustain our parish community through our prayers, participation, service and generosity. Stewardship is not simply about maintaining a building; it is about supporting the mission of Christ and ensuring that His Church continues to serve others. May we show our love for God's house through the gifts we share.

March 7, 2027 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." (John 3:16)

God's love is the ultimate example of generosity: He gave us His Son so that we might have eternal life. As recipients of such extraordinary love, we are called to reflect that same spirit of giving in our own lives. Our acts of generosity, large and small, become expressions of gratitude for all God has done for us. This Lent, may we give not out of obligation, but out of love.

March 14, 2027 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Whoever serves me must follow me." (John 12:26)

Jesus makes it clear that following Him means being willing to serve. True stewardship requires us to look beyond ourselves and offer our gifts for the good of others. Whether we give our time to a ministry, share our talents with our parish or contribute financially to support the Church's mission, every gift has the potential to make a difference. Let us follow Christ by becoming generous servants.

March 21, 2027 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mark 11:9)

As we enter Holy Week, we remember Jesus' journey of love, sacrifice and complete self-giving. His willingness to give everything for us challenges us to consider what we are willing to give in return. Stewardship calls us to offer our entire lives to God, sharing our blessings and serving others with humility. May this Holy Week deepen our gratitude and inspire us to follow Christ more faithfully.

March 28, 2027 – Easter Sunday

"He has been raised; he is not here." (Mark 16:6)

Easter is the celebration of God's greatest gift: the victory of Jesus Christ over sin and death. The joy of the Resurrection calls us to live with renewed hope and gratitude for the blessings we have received. As Easter people, we are called to share that hope through lives of generosity, compassion and service. May the joy of the risen Christ inspire us to give of ourselves more freely.

April 4, 2027 – Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)

The risen Jesus sends His disciples into the world to continue His mission of love and mercy. That same mission belongs to each of us today. Through our generosity, we help our parish and the broader Church reach those in need, share the Gospel and bring Christ's mercy to others. We are not simply recipients of God's gifts; we are called to share these gifts in the world.

April 11, 2027 – Third Sunday of Easter

"You are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24:48)

Jesus reminds His disciples that they are witnesses to His life, death and Resurrection. We, too, are called to witness to our faith through the way we live each day. When we generously share through our prayer, participation and generosity, we make the love of Christ visible to others. May our actions speak as clearly as our words and inspire others to encounter Him.

April 18, 2027 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, shows us what it means to care deeply for others through selfless love and sacrifice. His example challenges us to consider how we can better serve the people entrusted to our care. Good stewards recognize that their gifts are meant to benefit more than themselves. May we follow the Good Shepherd by sharing generously and looking out for those who need our help.

April 25, 2027 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I am the vine, you are the branches." (John 15:5)

Jesus reminds us that we are connected to Him and to one another, drawing our strength and purpose from that relationship. Like branches on a vine, we are meant to bear fruit through lives of faith, service and generosity. When we share our gifts with our parish and community, we help the entire Church grow stronger. Let us remain rooted in Christ and allow our generosity to bear abundant fruit.

May 2, 2027 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Love one another as I love you." (John 15:12)

Jesus gives us a simple but powerful command: love one another as He has loved us. This love is expressed not only through our words and prayers, but through the generosity with which we respond to the needs of others. Every act of kindness, every hour of service and every gift shared in faith is an expression of Christ's love. May we make love the foundation of everything we give and do.

May 9, 2027 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

"That they may all be one." (John 17:21)

In His prayer for His disciples, Jesus asks the Father that they may be united. Our Church is strongest when we recognize that we are part of one body, called to work together in carrying out Christ's mission. Stewardship helps build that unity as we bring our individual gifts together for the good of all. May our generosity strengthen the bonds that unite us as one family of faith.

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May 9, 2027 – Solemnity of the Ascension

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19)

Before ascending to the Father, Jesus entrusts His disciples with the mission of sharing the Gospel with the world. That mission belongs to each of us, and we fulfill it in countless ways through our prayers, service and generosity. Our gifts help sustain the Church and ensure that Christ's message continues to reach others. May we embrace this mission with enthusiasm and give generously in response to His call.

May 16, 2027 – Pentecost Sunday

"Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:22)

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit filled the disciples with courage and sent them out to proclaim the Gospel. That same Spirit continues to work through each of us, equipping us with gifts to serve the Church and the world. Stewardship is our response to those gifts, as we offer our time, talents and resources to carry Christ's mission forward. May the Holy Spirit renew our hearts and inspire us to give generously.

May 23, 2027 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19)

As we celebrate the Holy Trinity, we are reminded that our God is a communion of love. Jesus commissions His disciples to go forth and share that love with the world. We participate in this mission whenever we use our gifts to support our parish, serve our neighbors and help others grow in faith. May we embrace our responsibility as disciples and generous stewards of God's love.

May 30, 2027 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

"This is my body. This is my blood of the covenant." (Mark 14:22, 24)

In the Eucharist, Jesus gives Himself completely to us, offering the greatest example of love and generosity. As we receive this precious gift, we are called to become more like Christ in the way we give of ourselves. Our participation in the Eucharist should inspire us to share our blessings and serve others with grateful hearts. May the gift of Christ's presence transform us into people who give generously and love unconditionally.

June 6, 2027 – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." (Mark 3:35)

Jesus reminds us that our relationship with God is reflected in the way we live and care for one another. As members of God's family, we are called to look beyond our individual needs and work for the good of the whole community. Stewardship is one way we demonstrate that commitment, offering our gifts to strengthen the Church and serve those around us. May we live as members of one family, united in faith and generosity.

June 13, 2027 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is the smallest of all the seeds... but once it is sown, it springs up." (Mark 4:31-32)

Jesus uses the mustard seed to remind us that even the smallest beginnings can produce remarkable results. The same is true of our acts of generosity. A small gift, a few hours of service or a simple act of kindness can have an impact far beyond what we might imagine. Never underestimate what God can accomplish through the gifts we offer with faith.

June 20, 2027 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Quiet! Be still!" (Mark 4:39)

When the disciples were frightened by the storm, Jesus reminded them that they were not alone. In the midst of life's uncertainties, we, too, are invited to place our trust in God. That trust allows us to live generously rather than holding tightly to what we have out of fear. When we recognize God as the source of our security, we can share our blessings with confidence and peace.

June 27, 2027 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do not be afraid; just have faith." (Mark 5:36)

Jesus' words remind us that faith calls us to trust even when circumstances seem uncertain. Generosity is an expression of that trust, acknowledging that our blessings come from God and that He will continue to provide for our needs. When we give our time, talents and resources, we demonstrate our confidence in His care. May our faith give us the courage to live generously.

July 4, 2027 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He was amazed at their lack of faith." (Mark 6:6)

Sometimes we become so accustomed to the blessings around us that we fail to recognize God's presence in our everyday lives. Stewardship begins with seeing those blessings with fresh eyes and responding with gratitude. Our faith calls us to share what we have rather than take it for granted. May we recognize God's gifts in our lives and use them to make a difference in the lives of others.

July 11, 2027 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick." (Mark 6:8)

Jesus sends His disciples out with very little, teaching them to depend on God rather than material possessions. Their mission reminds us that what matters most is not what we accumulate, but what we do with the gifts entrusted to us. We are called to travel lightly, keeping our hearts focused on Christ and our hands ready to serve. May we place our trust in God and generously share what we have along the way.

July 18, 2027 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd." (Mark 6:34)

Jesus recognizes the needs of the people and responds with compassion. His example challenges us to notice those around us who may be struggling, lonely or in need of encouragement. Good stewardship means being attentive to the needs of others and willing to share our time, resources and talents to make their lives better. May we allow our hearts to be moved by the needs of our brothers and sisters.

July 25, 2027 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish." (John 6:9)

The miracle of the loaves and fish begins with a young boy willing to share what little he has. Jesus takes that simple offering and transforms it into an abundance that feeds thousands. Our own gifts may sometimes seem small, but when placed in God's hands, they can accomplish extraordinary things. Let us never hesitate to share what we have, trusting God to multiply our generosity.

August 1, 2027 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I am the bread of life." (John 6:35)

Jesus reminds us that our deepest hunger cannot be satisfied by material possessions or earthly accomplishments. True fulfillment comes from a relationship with Him. When we recognize Christ as the source of our lives, we begin to see our possessions and resources as gifts to be shared rather than things to be accumulated. May our faith in the Bread of Life inspire us to live with grateful and generous hearts.

August 8, 2027 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" (John 6:41-51; cf. 1 Kings 19:7)

God provides nourishment for us along life's journey, strengthening us when we are weary and reminding us that we do not walk alone. We are also called to be sources of encouragement and support for others. Through our generosity, we help provide the spiritual and practical nourishment that allows our parish and community to flourish. May we be attentive to those who need our help and willing to share what God has given us.

August 15, 2027 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name." (Luke 1:49)

Mary's words in the Magnificat reflect a heart filled with gratitude for God's abundant blessings. Rather than keeping those blessings to herself, she responds with humility, faith and a willingness to serve. Her example reminds us that recognizing God's goodness should inspire us

to share that goodness with others. May we follow Mary's example by living lives rooted in gratitude, generosity and service.

August 22, 2027 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (John 6:68)

Peter's response reflects the trust and commitment that are at the heart of discipleship. Choosing Christ means allowing His teachings to shape our priorities, including the way we use our gifts and resources. Stewardship is a daily decision to put God first and to share generously in support of His mission. May we renew our commitment to Christ through the choices we make each day.

August 29, 2027 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." (Mark 7:6)

Jesus challenges us to move beyond simply saying the right things and to make sure our hearts reflect our faith. True stewardship is not measured only by what we say or even by what we give, but by the love and sincerity behind our actions. When generosity comes from a grateful heart, it becomes a genuine expression of our relationship with God. May our words, actions and gifts all reflect a faith that is alive.

September 5, 2027 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mark 7:37)

Jesus restores the ability to hear and speak, reminding us of the importance of truly listening and sharing good news with others. As stewards, we are called to listen attentively to the needs of our neighbors and respond with compassion. We also have a responsibility to share our faith through our words and actions. May God open our ears to the needs around us and our hearts to generous service.

September 12, 2027 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

Jesus makes clear that discipleship requires sacrifice and a willingness to put others before ourselves. Stewardship asks us to do exactly that: to move beyond our own wants and share our blessings for the good of others. Giving generously may require us to make choices about how we spend our time, use our talents and manage our resources. May we embrace the call to follow Christ with open hands and willing hearts.

September 19, 2027 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Jesus turns the world's definition of success upside down, teaching that true greatness is found in serving others. Stewardship invites us to adopt that same attitude, recognizing that our gifts are not meant solely for our own benefit. Whether we serve quietly behind the scenes, support a ministry or reach out to someone in need, every act of service matters. May we measure our success not by what we gain, but by how generously we give.

September 26, 2027 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For whoever is not against us is for us." (Mark 9:40)

Jesus reminds His disciples that God's work is not limited to one group or one individual. We are all invited to contribute to His mission in different ways, using the unique gifts and opportunities we have been given. Stewardship calls us to encourage one another, recognize the good others are doing and work together to build God's kingdom. May we celebrate the many ways generosity brings people together in service to Christ.

October 3, 2027 – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them." (Mark 10:14)

Jesus welcomes children with open arms, reminding us of our responsibility to nurture and protect the youngest members of our community. Stewardship includes investing in the faith, education and well-being of future generations. Through our prayers, service and generosity, we help ensure that children and young people have opportunities to grow in their relationship with Christ. May we be good stewards of the next generation and the faith we pass along to them.

October 10, 2027 – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven." (Mark 10:21)

Jesus challenges the rich young man to consider whether his possessions have become more important than his relationship with God. His encounter invites us to examine our own priorities and ask whether we are holding too tightly to the things we have. Stewardship is about recognizing that everything we possess is ultimately a gift from God, entrusted to us for a purpose. May we find our greatest treasure not in what we keep, but in what we share.

October 17, 2027 – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve." (Mark 10:45)

Jesus provides the perfect example of servant leadership, showing that true greatness comes through humility and self-giving love. We are called to follow His example by using our gifts to serve rather than seeking recognition or reward. Every act of generosity strengthens our parish and helps extend the Church's mission to those who need it most. May we embrace the privilege of serving others as Christ has served us.

October 24, 2027 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Master, I want to see." (Mark 10:51)

Bartimaeus recognizes his need and turns to Jesus with faith and hope. His encounter challenges us to look beyond what is immediately in front of us and see the needs of others with greater compassion. Good stewards ask God to open their eyes to opportunities to share their blessings and make a difference. May we see our world through the eyes of Christ and respond generously to those who need us.

October 31, 2027 – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31)

Jesus teaches that loving God and loving our neighbor are inseparable. Our love for God is reflected in the way we treat others and in our willingness to share what we have been given. Stewardship provides countless opportunities to put that love into action through service, generosity and compassion. May we make loving our neighbor a daily expression of our faith.

November 7, 2027 – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." (Mark 12:44)

The widow in today's Gospel offers a powerful example of generosity rooted in faith. Her gift was small by the world's standards, but enormous in the eyes of God because she gave from the heart. Stewardship is not measured by the size of our contributions, but by the spirit in which we give. May her example inspire us to share our blessings faithfully, regardless of how much or how little we may have.

November 14, 2027 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." (Mark 13:31)

Jesus reminds us that the things of this world are temporary, but God's promises endure forever. This perspective challenges us to consider how we are using the time, talents and resources entrusted to us. Rather than focusing on what we can accumulate, we are called to invest in what has lasting value: faith, relationships, service and love. May our stewardship reflect the things that matter most in God's kingdom.

November 21, 2027 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." (John 18:37)

As we celebrate Christ the King, we are reminded that Jesus is the center of our lives and the source of all we have. Following Him means allowing His teachings to guide how we use our gifts and care for others. Stewardship is a way of acknowledging His kingship by placing our time, talents and resources at the service of His Church and His people. As we conclude this liturgical year, may we renew our commitment to living as faithful and generous disciples.