

PASTOR'S COLUMN

“STEWARDSHIP – SOWING THE SEEDS OF FAITH”

This weekend we begin a month long journey in which we turn our minds and thoughts, in a very special way, to the living out of our faith through the gifts of our time, our talent, and our treasure. We sow the seeds of faith through stewardship.

Stewardship is not an idea or concept, but rather it is a way of life in which we give thanks to God for all that we are and all that we have. Our very life is pure gift! Once we come to that realization, we are set free to live life joyously as the sons and daughters of God, to sow the seeds of faith that grow to benefit our world in so many ways.

In today's Scriptures, St. Paul reminds the Philippians and he reminds us: “Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vain glory, rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for your interests, but also for those of others.”

Following the example of Christ, we are to empty ourselves as He did and become obedient to the Father. It is in the giving of ourselves that we receive, in the emptying of ourselves that we are filled, and it is in the dying that we are brought to newness of life.

The seeds of our time, talent, and treasure, when sown in faith in the “ground of life,” shoot forth into a variety of forms of new life that benefit all of humanity.

This weekend we are grateful to the Briseno Family, (Ron, Louise, Ashley and Aarica,) who will share their Faith Journey with us, and help us to reflect on the many ways in which we can make stewardship an ever-greater part of our lives as Catholics.

In the next few weeks, I invite you to take the stewardship journey. Let it be a time of refreshment, renewal, and recommitment to God, to God's Church, to family, and to the wider community around us.

All of our lives are filled with a variety of “Katrinas” and “Ritas!” It is Jesus Christ who calms the storms, whatever they may be.

May we, through our time, our talent, and our treasure, express our gratitude for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May we continue to be steadfast stewards – sowing the seeds of faith in all that we do!

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