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Pastor's Column

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Christian Stewardship—Fulfilling God's Purpose

In this month of January, we continue our trek through “Christian Stewardship Awareness/Renewal Month” here at St. Thomas More Parish.

Last week, we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and we had the opportunity to reflect upon our Baptismal Promises.

These Baptismal Promises incorporate us into the Body of Christ, make us Christian Stewards, and grace us with the responsibility to continue the Mission and Ministry of Jesus for this time and this place.

The purpose of stewardship in whatever environment or realm is linked to the concept of sustainability. Stewards are called to sustain whatever it is to which they are connected.

As Christian Stewards, we are called to sustain the Mission and Ministry of Jesus for this time and this place and to then hand it on to the next generation, as has been done for the last 2,000 years.

We commit our time, talent, and treasure to continue the work of Jesus. This just doesn't happen! It takes our conscious efforts, the setting of proper priorities in our lives, and a clear decision that we want to follow Jesus and help to make Him present in our world.

A steward is a person who is called to take care of something belonging to someone else.

The Mission and Ministry of which we are called to take care is not ours. It belongs to Jesus. We are his stewards, sustaining what he began through his death and resurrection, and what we now continue through the use of our time, talent, and treasure.

This week-end, at all the Masses, our “Lay Witness Talk” will be given by Anthony and Erin Barela, a young couple with four children who have made St. Thomas More Parish their Faith Family.

They will remind us that we are all called to help Jesus make sure the celebration of life and love continues for this time and this place, and that we continue to fulfill God's purpose!

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