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*Today this Scripture
passage is fulfilled.*

—Luke 4:21



Pastor's Column

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Christian Stewardship—Empowered by God's Grace and Mercy

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

Last week, we had the opportunity to reflect upon the Miracle at Cana and how Jesus brings goodness and abundance into our lives when we invite him into our lives!

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 invite Jesus into our lives 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 weekend, at all the Masses, our “Lay Witness Talk” will be given by Tim and Lia Keane and their daughters. Tim and Lia know that it takes a village to raise children and they have made St. Thomas More Parish their village.

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 celebrate God's mercy and grace!

Fr. Mike