

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflections August 2009

### ***August 2 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

As we listen to the Word of God today we are reminded of our utter dependence upon God for both our physical and spiritual needs. Living in this knowledge is for the steward and disciple extremely freeing! We are set free from anxious worry and concerns over what we think we need. Good stewards know that God always provides everything that they need for their spiritual and physical well being.

### ***August 9 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

St. Paul reminds us today of how we are to live with one another. To imitate Christ is indeed a challenge in our society today. We rely upon the great gift Jesus gives us of himself in the Eucharist as a source of strength and perseverance. In Holy Communion we receive the bread of life that sustains us in our journey to be good stewards in our culture, and to *'live in love'*.

### ***August 16 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

God in His infinite wisdom sets before us every day the Eucharistic table. We good stewards would be wise to attend daily Mass at every opportunity. As stewards of this awesome gift, let us pray that we never take this sacrament for granted.

### ***August 23 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Faith is a gift and a choice. Living as a steward likewise is a choice. It is a lifestyle of making daily choices in the use of our time and resources, and also believing and trusting in a good and gracious God. *"Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life"* says St. Peter in today's Gospel. Stewardship is about living a Christ-centered life, not a self-centered life.

### ***August 30 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*"Almighty God, every good thing comes from you,"* we pray in today's opening prayer of the Mass. The first step in embracing stewardship as a way of life is in acknowledging that *everything* that we have that is good is a gift from God and not of our own doing! Even our individual acts of generosity, St. Paul tells us, *are from above*.