

## Bulletin Stewardship Reflections

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### ***October 4<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Our relationships with our spouses, family, friends, coworkers, and those in our community of faith are gifts from God. Jesus reminds us today that it is hardened hearts that damage or even break up a relationship. We pray that we may be good stewards of our relationships. We pray that we may be patient with others, seeking to understand while wanting to be understood. We pray that through humility and loving service our relationships will be as God intends them to be.

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### ***October 11<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Jesus makes a dramatic statement regarding the rich in today's Gospel. We are all rich compared to most in the world. Our society causes us to occasionally develop a misplaced trust in our money and our possessions instead of trusting in God's generosity. When we seek security in at-risk things, like our possessions, we are vulnerable to anxiety and fear. As good stewards we know that our possessions must not possess us, lest they get in the way of our discipleship.

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### ***October 18<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Today is World Mission Sunday – a reminder of our call to evangelize. What is evangelization? It is to be good stewards of the Gospel. Gospel means 'good news', and not to share this good news would be poor stewardship. We don't have to be experts in scripture to share the good news. We can be a light to others simply by the example of our lives – by loving and serving one another.

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### ***October 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

After healing the blind man Jesus told him to go, to be on his way. But the man decided to follow Jesus. Being a disciple of Jesus is a choice. The stewardship way of life likewise involves a choice, in fact many choices. We choose to be grateful, we choose to live generously, and we choose to trust that God will always provide for our needs. These are three choices central to the stewardship way of life.

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