

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections December 5th to 26th 2010

December 5 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Stewardship – Faith on Fire, Hearts & Minds Transformed

St. John the Baptist was chosen to be ‘the prophet of the Most High God’. (Luke 1:76) As baptized Catholics we too are called to be prophets. The Second Vatican Council confirms this, “...*they* (the laity) *are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic and kingly functions of Christ*” Lumen Gentium (31). What has this got to do with stewardship? If we are to be prophetic then we must, by the example of our lives and the witness of our speech, be good stewards of the Gospel message and share it.

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December 12th – 3rd Sunday of Advent

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In the readings today, we discover two virtues of the disciple and Christian steward – patience and persistence. The stewardship way of life is both joyful and rewarding, while at the same time being challenging. We need to be patient with ourselves and with others if we are to persist in the journey. It is, after all, the work of a lifetime. Being a steward and disciple is to place Christ at the center of our lives. In doing so we are able to take on the daily challenges of life with confidence and hope.

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December 19th – 4th Sunday of Advent

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“*May the Lord come in; he is king of Glory*”, says the psalmist today. Christmas is less than one week away. With all the hustle and bustle this week will bring, let us in gratitude, and as good stewards of our time, focus on the coming of our King.

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December 26th – Holy Family

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As good stewards we learn to trust much more in God, and much less in ourselves. Let us, on this day dedicated to the Holy Family, trust in God’s plan, and be open to the Holy Spirit working in the lives of each of our family members, particularly those who have fallen away from their faith.

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