

OCTOBER 2011 – Cycle A

October 2nd –27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have all been entrusted with gifts from God, gifts that are intended to be used in making His vineyard fruitful. As stewards of these gifts we are called to use them in building up the Kingdom. How are we sharing the gift of our lives to make this a better world? Does the manner in which we use and share our material wealth express our gratitude to God? At harvest time, God, the creator and giver of all good gifts, will ask each of us for an accounting of how we used them.

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October 9th –28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells us that he has learned to be comfortable either with being well fed or going hungry, having plenty or being in need. One perspective on Paul's attitude is learning the secret to being content with less! This is trusting in God, and one of the principle virtues of the Christian disciple and steward. *"Live simply... so that others may simply live"* Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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October 16th –29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Give to God the things that are God's". Jesus' words remind us that everything we have belongs to God! how then do we give to him? Paying taxes; making mortgage or rent payments; paying tuitions; giving to church and charity; paying all of our day-to-day bills ó when these are done with joy and gratitude to God, we are giving God what is His! – our lives.

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October 23rd –30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In fulfilling the two great commandments, we become models of faith and stewards of the Lord who gave himself totally for each one of us. Among the many ways we can show our love for God and others is by sharing our gifts joyfully ó the gift of our very lives, our talents and abilities, and our financial resources.

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October 30th –31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend hundreds of Catholics from across Western Canada are gathering in Winnipeg for the 4th Bi-annual Western Canadian Catholic Stewardship Conference. The WCCSC Planning Committee has asked for your prayers for the clergy, religious and lay faithful as they return to their parishes and continue in their ministry of calling the baptized to a renewed and deepened life of discipleship and stewardship. Thank you.

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