

Bulletin Stewardship Reflections

October 2012

October 7th – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the great gifts of the stewardship lifestyle is the acute awareness that everything in life is a gift from God. This includes our relationships. Today's first reading and Gospel focus on marriage in particular. God, in His infinite wisdom, knows that we need '*helpers*', that we should not be alone in our faith journey. In marriage, and in the relationships we enjoy with our sisters and brothers in the Body of Christ, good stewardship is doing whatever we can to help each other get to Heaven!

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October 14th – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Given that 48% of the world's people live on less than \$60 a month – an amount which many easily spend in a month at Tim Horton's – we can rightly consider ourselves to be wealthy. The wealthy man in today's Gospel must have struggled with his choice. We can experience a great tension in our hearts whenever we acknowledge the ever widening gap between those who have and those who have not. This tension is good because it creates in us an awareness of our own abundance, which in turn gives us the confidence, and the desire to share. Possessing material goods in a sensible manner is a worthy strategy for sharing generously!

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October 21st – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today is Mission Sunday and an appropriate day to reflect with great joy on the vastness of our Church. The Catholic Church around the world is blessed with a multitude of diverse gifts. It is through the generous sharing of these gifts that our Church feeds more of the hungry; tends to more of the sick; shelters more of the homeless; and, educates more people than any other institution in the world. That is an example of stewardship worth remembering and celebrating!

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October 28th – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

After he is healed, the blind man chooses to follow Jesus. Being a disciple of Jesus is a choice. This choice means *denying ourselves, taking up our cross each day, and following him*. (Luke 9:23) Stewardship also involves choice – many choices. It is a personal choice to be grateful, to live generously, and to trust that God will always provide for our needs. It begins with choosing to recognize that all we have, or are able to accomplish is not of our own doing, and therefore acknowledge that it is all God's gift.

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