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## *Bulletin*

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### *Stewards of Creation*

The Bishops' Pastoral Letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, has an entire chapter on Stewards of Creation. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, continuously speaks about the importance of caring for the God-given resources of our world. This is a wonderful time of the year to focus on being good stewards of creation. The Pastoral Letter highlights four areas: *(from Pastoral Letter, page 46)*

- Joyful appreciation for God-given beauty and wonder of nature;
- Protection and preservation of the environment, which would be stewardship of ecological concern;
- Respect for human life—shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish; and
- Development of this world through noble human effort—physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences.

As parish leaders, we can provide experiences to further promote stewardship of creation. Here are just a few examples:

- Plan a parish hike at a nearby park or nature preserve and enjoy the God-given beauty and wonder of nature.
- Start a parish recycling program, or as a parish adopt a street or stream to keep clean of trash and debris.
- Hold a Respect Life evening of prayer for the unborn, asking everyone to bring a letter to your senators and congressional representatives.
- Have a parish work day, cleaning up the grounds, planting new flowers, cleaning the interior and classrooms.
- Spend a day working in a food pantry or homeless shelter.
- Use your imagination and plan some creative activity to help parishioners, families and young people grow as Good Stewards of Creation!

#### *Stewardship in the Sunday Scripture*

**May 15, 2016  
Pentecost Sunday  
John 20:1-19**

**“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”**

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**June 26, 2016  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Gal 5:1, 13-18**

**“Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service.”**

## Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Announcements

May 1, 2016

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Jesus asks us to commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent and our treasure as an outward sign of the love and gratitude we have for Him.

May 8, 2016

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

How much time have you spent this week in prayer for others and for the work of the Church?

May 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

God sends us out into the world with our own unique gifts and talents. How will I use my God-given gifts and talents to build the Kingdom?

May 22, 2016

The Most Holy Trinity

Have you ever thought about how many of your free hours you spend doing things for yourself versus how many you spend doing things for others?

May 29, 2016

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

“Let the person with two coats give to the person who has none.” (Luke 3:11)

June 5, 2016

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Giving of our time, talent and treasure is not about giving until it hurts. Rather, it is about giving until you feel good about what you have given.

June 12, 2016

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

We often hear people say, “If I only had more...then I would share what I have.” If you don’t give of your time, talent and treasure with what you have, you most likely won’t do it if you have more.

June 19, 2016

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones.” (Luke 16:10)

June 26, 2016

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

You are just one person but you are important to God and His work. Be faithful as you give of your time, talent and treasure.

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## **Stewardship Bulletin Announcements in Spanish**

### **Spanish Translations taken from:**

***“Stewardship by the Book” Scriptural Quotations on Stewardship  
by Sharon Hueckel, published by Our Sunday Visitor***

1 de Mayo 2016

6to. de Pascua

La lectura de hoy del Apocalipsis ofrece una visión de la Ciudad de Dios, la Nueva Jerusalén. Sin embargo, la carta pastoral de los obispos sobre la Administración de los Bienes de Dios, nos recuerda, “que la ‘vida venidera’ está en continuidad con esta vida presente a través de los bienes humanos, los dignos propósitos humanos, que la gente fomenta ahora.”

8 de Mayo 2016

7to. de Pascua

La segunda lectura de hoy contiene la sombría advertencia de que Jesús viene pronto y traerá a cada uno el premio que su conducta se merece. ¿Ha sido mi administración de los bienes de Dios, confiados a mí tal como para responderle gozosamente, “Amen! Ven, Señor Jesús!”?

15 de Mayo 2016

Pentecostés

Un milagro de Pentecostés fue que a pesar de su diversidad, cada escuchante, oyó la palabra de Dios en su propio idioma. El significado para la administración de los bienes de Dios es que compartiendo los dones que el Espíritu Santo ha derramado en nosotros, tendremos el poder para satisfacer las necesidades de nuestros hermanos y hermana, cualesquiera que ellas sean.

22 de Mayo 2016

Santísima Trinidad

El Salmo de hoy nos recuerda que hemos sido coronados con gloria y honor, autorizados para gobernar las obras de las manos de Dios. Pero tenemos que ser buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios, porque el Señor ciertamente nos pedirá cuenta del uso de esos dones.

29 de Mayo 2016

El Cuerpo y La Sangre de Cristo

En el Evangelio de hoy, los discípulos le sugieren a Jesús que despida a la multitud para que así puedan buscar individualmente comida y alojamiento. El milagro de alimentar a las cinco mil personas es la advertencia poderosa de Jesús que cuando compartimos nuestros dones en Su nombre hay siempre más que suficiente.

5 de Junio 2016

10 avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Adán y Eva fueron expulsados del Paraíso por su desobediencia. Pero Jesús dice en el Evangelio de hoy que cuando obedecemos la voluntad de Dios –cuando usamos nuestros dones para ayudar a los demás- nos hacemos parte de Su familia. “Quienquiera que haga la voluntad de Dios es hermano, hermana y madre para mí.”

12 de Junio 2016

11avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Los discípulos maduros hacen una decisión consciente y firme de seguir a Jesús, sin importarles lo que cueste.

19 de Junio 2016

12 avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

“¿Quién dicen ustedes que soy yo?” Jesús pregunta a Pedro en el Evangelio de hoy. ¿El uso que yo hago de los dones y talentos confiados a mi refleja con exactitud mi respuesta a esa misma pregunta? ¿Qué tan de buena gana me niego a mí mismo, tomo mi cruz y le sigo sus pasos?

26 de Junio 2016

13 avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo provee un maravilloso resumen en una sola frase de la administración cristiana de los bienes de Dios: “Por amor, pónganse ustedes al servicio los unos de los otros.”