

July 12, 2020
**Fifteenth - Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Today's readings are filled with analogies for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it.

In our first reading, from Isaiah, the Father speaks to us of the gentle but unstoppable power of His Word, using the analogy of the Word as "rain and snow" that water the earth, "making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats." He tells us that His Word to us always serves a purpose, always. It gives us life, sustains our very being. Christian stewards must fill themselves with this nourishment every day. When we commit to regular prayer time with God's Word, we can absolutely count on it to take root in us and transform our lives.

The analogy of the fertile and fruitful growth foreshadows a well-known parable our Lord offers in today's Gospel passage from Matthew, the Parable of the Sower. Here, Jesus tells the story of a sower who scatters seed on many different kinds of land.

Some of the seeds land on a path where birds carry them off before they even have a chance to take root. Other seeds land on rocky ground with little soil. Those seeds begin to grow but are fragile, having weak roots of little depth. As soon as things begin to heat up, they get scorched and die. Then there are the seeds that land on what would have been fine soil but for the fact that the soil also contains thorns. Those seeds have a fighting chance to put down solid roots, but the thorns choke them just as they are beginning to grow strong.

Finally, there are the seeds that land on deep and healthy soil. These seeds produce abundant fruit.

Jesus explains that the "seeds" are all those "who [hear] the word of the kingdom." Clearly, this Word is meant for everyone, as the sower scatters it far and wide. Yet, few of the seeds land on soil where they can take root and finally flourish.

This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we give the best of our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare "good soil" needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive.

How does this happen? Stewardship living removes the "rocks" of mistrust from our lives as we develop an unshakable faith that God will always provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly ambition that make us self-centered, fill us with needless anxiety and stifle our focus on God. Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which in turn nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives, making us receptive to God's plans for us and ultimately producing abundant fruit through the way we live each day.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in our lives. The Master Gardner will surely produce miraculous fruits through us. -Copyright © 2020—Catholic Stewardship Consultants,



Important Announcement

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last ten weeks because of the coronavirus, we have been deprived of joining together as Catholic Christians to celebrate and participate in that which makes all Catholics around the world "one body of Christ" -the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. While we have been celebrating the Mass without physically gathering with you, it is now with great excitement and words of caution that I announce the reopening of St. John the Baptist Church for public worship to resume once again.

Public Weekend Masses:

*** Saturday 4PM**

*** Sundays 6AM/ 8AM/ 10AM/
12:30PM
(Spanish).**

**Weekend Mass requires a
reservation;**

***You can visit**

<http://saintjohnthebaptistkalihi.eventbrite.com>

and register.

Daily Masses will begin Tuesday, June 2 with the following schedule (No reservations required; attendance will be filled as "First - come, First-served")

Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection - 06/30 to 07/09 \$3,396.25

Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, Marriages, Donations) \$1,449.25

2nd Collection Maintenance Fund \$20.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS \$4,865.50

Weekly Offering needed for Operations ** \$6,743.00

*Unplanned expenses in our budget for This Year \$21,898.00
(Increase) Parish Assessment and Property & Liability Insurance

Collection not retained by the Parish \$80.00



Please as a reminder, Don't forget to register online through Eventbrite if attending Mass on the weekend. And for safety, don't forget to wear mask.

Rev. Diego Restrepo Serna
Parish Administrator

Peter Soumwei
Deacon

Ricardo Burgos
Deacon

Bertha Guerrero
Secretary & Business Manager

Carol Chong
School Principal

Sr. Esther Pagdato, O.P.
Sisters Convent & Superior

Renier Torres
Pastoral Council Chair

Ping Blas
Finance Council Chair

Danielle Burgos
Religious Education Director

MASS INTENTIONS

Rest of the Souls of;

- (+) Bonifacia Socia
- (+) Jose Acosta

Blessings for;

- Philomena. Leota
- Fr. Ioane. Anitele'a

Thanksgiving ;

- Leota Family
- Jason B. Ramos

Birthday & Thanksgiving;

- Carmen Fabia
- Loita Jose

07/13 - 07/18 For the Rest of the Souls of;

- (+) Bonifacia Socia

PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS



PLEASE WEAR A MASK

Our Stewardship Prayer

Generous and Loving Creator, you have called us to Malama i ka Makana (Cherish the Gift). As disciples of your Son, we ask that your Spirit open our minds and hearts to appreciate your countless blessings more deeply.

Increase your transforming spirit within us, to nurture our call to stewardship as a way of life marked always by faith-filled prayer, service to others and generous giving. With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PARISH MINISTRIES

Building & Maintenance

Baptism Preparation

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Marriage Preparation

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

Altar Server

Altar Cleaners

Ushers/Hospitality

Social/Outreach

Neo-Catechumenal Way

Divine Mercy

Music Ministries

Knights of Columbus

Youth Ministry

Gimong ti Novena

Ethnic Ministries (Hispanic, Samoan, Ilocano, Chuukese)

Other Masses, Adorations & Devotions

* First Friday @ 7:45am-9:00am –Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

* First Friday @ 6:00pm- Ilocano Mass

* First Saturday @ 8:00am- Holy Rosary - Dominican Lay Associates

*First Sunday @ 5:00pm- Chuukese Mass