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AUGUST 26, 2018, TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY
TO WEDNESDAY - 5:40PM - ROSARY
- 6:00PM - MASS

THURSDAY - 3:00PM - MASS AT AMCC

FRIDAY - 3:00PM - MASS AT QCC

SATURDAY - 4:30PM - CONFESSIONS
- 5:00PM - ROSARY
- 5:30PM - MASS

SUNDAY - 10:30AM - MASS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Every First Friday of the Month Holy Hour from 5pm to 6pm followed by Mass.
2. Parish Picnic on Saturday September 8th following the 5:30pm Mass.
3. Religious Education Sign Up (Caroline speaks on Sunday).
4. Those who would like to have soft copy of the Bulletin in their in box, please sign up with their email address.

READERS AND EM'S FOR AUGUST

Saturday August 25

5:30 Lector Elsa Bronson

Sunday August 26

10:30 Lector Julie Farley
 EMHC Kitty Scott / Jennifer Fast

Saturday September 1

5:30 Lector Betsy Brennan

Sunday September 2

10:30 Lector Leona Mayac
 EMHC Gretchen Froehle

Saturday September 8

5:30 Lector Angie Gorn

Sunday August 12

10:30 Lector Jennifer Fast
 EMHC Kitty Scott/Bernie Alvanna-Stimpfle

Saturday September 15

5:30 Lector Tom Moran

Sunday August 19

10:30 Lector Gretchen Froehle
 EMHC Mo Koezuna

PARISH STAFF

Tom Moran - Parish Council President 443-6601

Megan Mackiernan – Vice President 443-4501

Rebecca Callahan – Member 443-7158

Patrick Callahan – Member 443-1236

Angie Gorn – Member 443-3286

Caroline Proulx – 434-6010 Religious Education
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STEWARDSHIP

1. The principle of ownership.

The psalmist begins the [24th psalm](#) with,

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

In the beginning of Genesis, God creates everything and puts Adam in the Garden to work it and to take care of it. It is clear that man was created to work and that *work is the stewardship of all of the creation that God has given him.*

This is the fundamental principle of biblical stewardship. God owns everything, we are simply managers or administrators acting on his behalf.

Therefore, stewardship expresses our obedience regarding the administration of everything God has placed under our control, which is all encompassing. Stewardship is the commitment of one's self and possessions to God's service, recognizing that we do not have the right of control over our property or ourselves.

Echoing [Deuteronomy 8:17](#), we might say: "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But [Deuteronomy 8:18](#) counsels us to think otherwise:

Remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

2. The principle of responsibility.

Although God gives us "all things richly to enjoy," nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything; we're responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. While we complain about our rights here on earth, the Bible constantly asks, What about your responsibilities? Owners have rights; stewards have responsibilities.

We are called as God's stewards to manage that which belongs to God. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything he owns as his stewards, we are responsible to manage his holdings well and according to his desires and purposes.

3. The principle of accountability.

A steward is one who manages the possessions of another. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care, and one day each one of us will be called to give an

account for how we have managed what the Master has given us.

This is the maxim taught by the Parable of the Talents. God has entrusted authority over the creation to us and we are not allowed to rule over it as we see fit. We are called to exercise our dominion under the watchful eye of the Creator managing his creation in accord with the principles he has established.

Like the servants in the Parable of the Talents, we will be called to give an account of how we have administered everything we have been given, including our time, money, abilities, information, wisdom, relationships, and authority.

We will all give account to the rightful owner as to how well we managed the things he has entrusted to us.

4. The principle of reward.

In [Colossians 3:23-24](#) Paul writes:

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

The Bible shows us in the parables of the Kingdom that faithful stewards who do the master's will with the master's resources can expect to be rewarded incompletely in this life, but fully in the next.

We all should long to hear the master say what he exclaims in [Matthew 25:21](#):

Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!

As Christians in the 21st century, we need to embrace this larger biblical view of stewardship, which goes beyond church budgets or building projects, though important; it connects everything we do with what God is doing in the world.

We need to be faithful stewards of all God has given us within the opportunities presented through his providence to glorify him, serve the common good and further his Kingdom.

