

January 23, 2022
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Ps. 19
1 Corinthians 12: 12-30
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Stewardship
Every Part of the Body Is Important

"Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ."

These are the words of Saint Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians. This follows from last week's passage. Last week Paul pointed out the use of each person's gifts must contribute to the well-being of the entire community. If one used his or her gift in a way that was aimed only at one's own advantage it was immoral. Moreover, one may not hoard a gift.

It is evident in the Corinthian community there was tension between people. There were the "haves and have nots". People viewed what gifts each had as a status symbol. People thought themselves better or worse than others. There were attempts to exclude people from one's own group. This was happening among people who were supposed to be followers of Jesus Christ. Paul makes it clear these divisions cause harm to the community.

Once again Paul uses the metaphor of the human body. Each part contributes to the well working of the others. He is simply making the point the hand cannot do the work of the foot. Nor can the head do what the leg does. But, put together they all make life possible. The internal and external parts must work together. Reread the passage. Paul fits everything in. He is saying everything is tied together.

Reading the Gospel passage Luke is saying he has studied all that Jesus said and did while on earth. He, Luke, was now going to tie all things together. He says to his friend Theophilus (lover of God), "after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you...so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received."

The teaching Jesus gave was short and to the point. He told the people he came to preach and to do. What he would preach and do would let the poor know the good news, captives will be rescued, the blind will see, and the oppressed will be freed. Jesus is bringing all of God's power into play. He is using all that the Father has given him to ensure everyone had what was needed to not only exist but to excel. This is just what Paul is saying all followers of Jesus Christ must do.

The reason we are taking the time now to promote Stewardship in our parish is precisely what St. Paul and Jesus are teaching. We must work together to make sure all things work together in harmony. We need to make sure each part, that is each one of us, is able to contribute what he and she has. Each person here, young and old, rich or poor has to work together to make our community of faith function that the good news gets around.

You, yes you who are reading this column now, are important. You have time, talent and treasure that is good. God made you precious as you are. Believe in yourself. Invest yourself in this community of faith. Let us make this parish work even more than it already has, to bring the Good News as Jesus speaks of it to many more people.

Thanks so much for all that you do in God's name!

Tithes

A tithe is one tenth of one's wealth, or income. We each are to strive to make a weekly, monthly, or yearly donation to the parish that makes us thrive. By thrive I mean to not only pay the current bills. We need to donate or tithe enough that we can plan to do more than we are able to do right now. For example, we need in JUSTICE to pay our paid staff much better than we do. I am not being timid in saying this.

There are two ways that we do this.

First, increase your tithe to 6% of your income, not even a tenth. Just be sure you are at least at that point. The second is to increase the number of people celebrating with us each week. Yes, by introducing other people to the joy of celebrating the Lord and being lifted up in Faith we will actually raise our income in a most natural way.

To be able to move in a positive direction we should be collecting the overall amount of \$12,000 per week. Such would permit us to get beyond using our Trust Fund to run the operations of the parish and get to building up the revenue needed to excel in the manner just described. As well we might even be able to add back to the Trust. If in this year we got to even \$10,000 per week we would do well. We can move up by more next year.

STEWARDSHIP	
Attendance last week:	260
Tithes Collected:	\$3,542.00
Online Giving:	\$492.00
Total:	\$4,034.00

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Scripture Sharing
Lectio divina

Scripture Sharing is on again!! Come Thursday evenings at 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Through prayerful consideration of the Sunday scripture readings we enlighten ourselves to the teaching of the Church, and how to navigate current events of our time. PLUS, WE ENJOY EACH OTHER'S COMPANY.

Next week we will concentrate on the Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive. "ABCD"



**ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITIES AND DEVELOPMENT DRIVE
(ABCD)
Beyond Our Own Parish**

We naturally have to support our parish. But we are a larger community than the boundaries of our local area.

Sometimes we do not see all we Roman Catholics do. That is OK. When I was a child, I was taught, "You put up and shut up!" That meant we do what is right and good and do not expect special recognition. People are in need, and we simply serve the Lord through them.

The ABCD addresses needs and projects for the care and service of others that no one parish can do alone. Surely, most parishes do many service projects in their own areas as

we do. But, there are things to be done in the three counties of our Archdiocese that needs the combined work of all parishes.

You will note there are many projects and service institutions the ABCD supports. There is the preparation of the clergy, parishes and missions that are in poor neighborhoods that cannot support themselves, and all kinds of social service agencies. As Church we render service to people out of many locations and agencies of our Church in South Florida.

Then there is what is done here at home in our parish that the ABCD has funded.

Over the years I have been pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish I have appealed to the ABCD funds. Yes, there have been members of this parish that needed specialized assistance that we and our St. Vincent de Paul Society could not handle on our own. At times one of our Agencies funded by the ABCD provided the help. At other times I wrote a grant that directly aided the family!

Therefore, besides our 6% tithe (donation) to the parish we tithe (donate) 2% to the ABCD. We go beyond our own needs and desires to help others.

Soon you will receive information and pledge documents in the mail. Or, you will receive documents we will give out next weekend. We each will make our pledge to the ABCD and pitch in to help beyond our parish.

Thank you on behalf of all the brothers and sisters we will aid. Fr. Bob Tywoniak

NOTE: be sure to indicate on the document that you are making your pledge through "Blessed Sacrament Parish" so that we get Credit for it towards our GOAL.

**Our Goal This Year:
\$62,000!**

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2022

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to attend a Mass at St. Mary Cathedral on Saturday, February 12, 2022, and receive a blessing from Archbishop Thomas Wenski. Couples interested in having their picture taken with Archbishop Wenski should arrive by 4 p.m. Mass will start at 5:30 p.m.

Participants will sit in a special designated area in the front pews. To register, visit <https://conta.cc/2TCUSXY> or contact your Parish Office.

Retrouvaille Weekend for Couples

Retrouvaille is for couples who need or want to rekindle and strengthen their marriage or get it back on track. It is also for couples who may be cold and distant, and believe that there is no hope for their marriage. The program helps couples that are struggling in their marriage, even those who are considering marriage separation or who are already separated or divorced. We welcome couples of ALL ages, regardless of how long they have been married, or have been in trouble. Retrouvaille has helped heal tens of thousands of marriages worldwide. The next event will be:

- Friday, February 25, 2022 in Spanish
- Friday, April 29, 2022 in English

For more information, contact the Registration Team at 305-915-4607, email miami@retrouvaille.org or visit HelpOurMarriage.com

Catholic Charities

Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program is looking for adults to become foster parents to refugee minors. The requirements to be a foster parent include:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Be able to provide adequate bedroom space and a separate bed for each foster child
- Have reliable transportation
- Be willing to participate in a 30-hour free training
- Be prepared for adults in your household to undergo complete background checks
- Be able to meet basic resources to support the household. Catholic Charities provides 24-hour case management, monthly stipend to help with the care of the refugee minor or youth, continuing education and more. For more information, call 305-883-3383 or visit www.ccadm.org

Beware of scammers

The Archdiocese of Miami has heard reports of scammers impersonating Archbishop Thomas Wenski on Instagram. If you, your friends, or family receive a direct message from accounts impersonating Archbishop Wenski, please do not respond. Report the account immediately to the social media platform, and let us know someone impersonating Archbishop Wenski has tried to contact you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 22

- 4:00p.m. † Patsy Jones by St. Vincent de Paul Society
† Mary Anne Jansen by Mary Miller

Sunday, January 23

- 9:00 a.m. † Helen Lalewicz by the Crepages
10:45 a.m. † Eleanor Trapani by Richard & Marie Mirabella

Monday, January 24

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, January 25

8:00 a.m. Past & Present Members & Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society

Wednesday, January 26

8:00 a.m. The Good of Our Families by Fr. Bob

Thursday, January 27

8:00 a.m. Vocations to the Clergy & Religious Life by Fr. Bob

Friday, January 28

8:00 a.m. World Justice by Fr. Bob

Saturday, January 29

4:00 p.m. Government Leaders by Fr. Bob
People in Poverty by Fr. Bob

Sunday, January 30

- 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. † Mary Pasinato by Bob & Ira
Good Stewardship by Fr. Bob

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Angiolina Armenti, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, Judith Kolo, John LaNeve, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahan, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Paul Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

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LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO STEWARDSHIP
TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

(Please print in all the blanks.)

I (full name) _____ Address _____
_____ Phone _____ Email _____

member of the Parish of Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church, commit/recommit to the good Stewardship of my Time, Talent and Treasure in service to my parish under the leadership of our pastor.

I will keep good Stewardship of my body, mind and soul by living a good moral Christian life.

I will keep good Stewardship of my family, living in love and responsibility with each of its members.

I will commit to learning the faith more fervently as found in Scripture, Tradition and Magisterium by participating in the means presented in the parish.

I will be a Disciple and will answer the call to witness to my faith in every aspect of my life: work, home and leisure.

I will extend my love and respect to my fellow parish members and aid them in their pains and needs seeking to serve them as I wish them to do for me, according to my *Time, Talent and Treasure*.

I will seek to serve the needs of people outside the parish through the *ABCD* and other means.

I will show respect to the Lord and others by being prompt for all Liturgies celebrated in the parish.

I will evangelize whenever possible people who have not yet heard the Good News and invite them to Church.

I will fully tithe my own Treasure to the Parish as an example of leadership in the parish. (Remember, a proper **tithe to the parish** is at least six percent of household income. More than that, up to ten percent is welcomed. [A pledge of one to two percent in **made separately** to the *ABCD*].)

Sample Calculation at only 6%. (Income per year / tithe per year.) \$20,000/\$1,200; \$26,000/\$1,560; \$30,000/\$1,800; \$36,000/2,160; \$40,000/\$2,400; \$46,000/\$2,760; \$50,000/\$3,000; \$60,000/\$3,600; \$66,000/\$3,960; \$70,000/\$4,200; \$76,000/\$4,560; \$80,000/\$4,800; \$86,000/\$5,160; \$90,000/\$5,400; \$96,000/\$5,760; \$100,000/\$6,000; \$110,000/\$6,600; \$120,000/\$7,200; \$130,000/\$7,800; \$150,000/\$9,000; \$160,000/\$9,600. Tithes above 6% are welcome and helpful.

My tithe to Blessed Sacrament Parish for this year is: _____ That is, _____ per week.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Thank You In the Name Of the Lord. Please return this letter to the parish office. (The *ABCD* pledge will be made separately.)