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# STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

**TO**: All Pastors/ Administrators

**FROM**: Deacon Russell Davis, Director

**DATE**: February 1, 2024

**RE**: *March* Stewardship Bulletin Reflections

The attached information is provided as a way of presenting the message of *Stewardship*. It is recommended for use for the five weekends in March 2024.

Please review the attached **Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful Petitions**. These petitions are dated and are provided to match the weekly scripture readings.

The weekly **Stewardship Reflections & Prayer of the Faithful Petitions** are also available in **Spanish.** Please call 856-583-6125 or email Christine.Cammarota@camdendiocese.org for more information.

The *Stewardship* Bulletin Reflections and Prayer of the Faithful Petitions (in Word and PDF formats) can be found on the Diocesan website.

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# **Stewardship Bulletin Reflections**

Thank you for using *Stewardship* materials in your parish liturgy. For further information or assistance, please feel free to contact the Office of Stewardship. You will receive a weekly email reminder that directs you to a diocesan webpage where you will find all documents in an easy to understand and downloadable format: <a href="http://www.camdendiocese.org/weekly-mailing/">http://www.camdendiocese.org/weekly-mailing/</a>

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# Office of Stewardship March 2024

## **Weekly Bulletin Announcements**

Please insert the appropriate weekly bulletin announcement for the five weekends of **March**:

March 3, 2024

#### 3rd Sunday of Lent

## **Stewardship Virtues**

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue in **Stewardship**.

March 10, 2024

## 4th Sunday of Lent

#### **Grateful Stewards**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask us to live **Stewardship** being grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

March 17, 2024

#### 5th Sunday of Lent

#### **Stewards Give**

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "<u>Stewards</u>" of the gifts God have given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

March 24, 2024

**Stewards Care** 

#### **Palm Sunday**

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to live **Stewardship** by being the answer to someone's prayer.

# Office of Stewardship March 2024

# **Weekly Bulletin Announcements**

March 31, 2024

**Easter Sunday** 

Living Stewardship

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year by living <u>Stewardship</u>. Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

# Office of Stewardship March 2024

# Weekly Prayers of the Faithful Petitions

# March 3, 2024

That we as Christian <u>Stewards</u> may learn to turn away from the false idols of our society – those visible and invisible. Let us pray to the Lord.

## March 10, 2024

That we as Christian <u>Stewards</u> may show our gratitude for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice by generously making sacrifices in our own lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

## March 17, 2024

That, as God's chosen people, we may accept and follow God's plan of **Stewardship**, where we generously share our time, talent and treasure with others. Let us pray to the Lord

## March 24, 2024

That we as Christian Stewards have the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help. Let us pray to the Lord.

## March 31, 2024

That our Easter celebration will help us to become better <u>Stewards</u>, more grateful and generous to make sacrifices to help build God's kingdom on earth. Let us pray to the Lord.