

means Being a **Disciple** of Jesus



means Living a life of **Stewardship**

Stewardship Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, Your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him.

May the offerings of our prayer, our tithe and service be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us.

Amen.

- Thomas Merton -



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means We Pray. We Tithe. We Serve.

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Stewardship As A Way of Life

Prayer, Tithe and Service

Stewardship of Tithe

Being a Joyful Giver

As disciples of Christ, we believe stewardship is not just a financial appeal, but rather a call to a way of life. We want to dialogue with God in prayer in order to identify the unique ways in which He has gifted each one of us and discern how He is inviting us to share these gifts. We can then act, making an intentional, planned, and proportionate gift to God and His church through prayer, service, and tithe, each concrete ways of prioritizing God and His people.

Prayer - We cannot give what we do not have. In order for us to welcome others into the life of the Church, we must first properly order our own spiritual lives. Our time spent in prayer with our Creator is one of the most critical investments we can make.

Tithe - What does it mean that as disciples of Christ, everything we own is merely being held in trust from God? Everything is a gift from Him, and recognizing the call to be a good steward of these gifts is all part of our spiritual growth and transformation.

Service - Sharing our gifts, charisms and talents is not about productivity, but rather giving something of ourselves, sharing "who we are" as God created us for the good of others. We become the hands, feet, and face of Christ, reflecting His own humble example of service in the world. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus speaks often about money, possessions, and how we relate to material possessions. If we pause to think about what He is saying, it should provoke us to sincerely consider in our hearts, "Do I measure my life by my trust in the Lord's generosity or by the goods that I acquire? Do I give joyfully from my first-fruits or from 'the leftovers?"

When we plan and prioritize our lives as stewards, focusing our generosity first on the needs of others, we imitate God's abundance and strengthen His body, the Church, here at OLG. By doing this for one another, we reinforce a trusting faith in God's providence and love, bringing us all deeper into the Father's heart.

In giving joyfully of our first-fruits, we not only help make possible the work of God that is happening all around us, but give powerful expression to the place of God in our lives. We live knowing that our heart lies where our treasure is (cf. Mt 6:21).

Please prayerfully consider how your gift can help in making Jesus Christ known and loved through the ministry of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Visit www.olgparish.org/give to make your gift today.

Your Gift Bears Great Fruit

Gratitude & Magnanimity

Faithful stewardship changes our hearts and our relationships. Beyond that, however, it also provides in a very practical way for the extraordinary work in our community and beyond, fulfilling the mission of making Jesus Christ known and loved.

Your generosity provides programming for faith formation, sacramental preparation, liturgies, and all daily operational costs of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church and School, including grounds, staff, facilities upkeep, maintenance, and utilities.

Your Gift Goes Further

Caring for Our Seniors during the Pandemic

6,000+ calls made through Senior Connect 72 sacraments of communion at Grace Day 61 anointing of the sick sacraments at Grace Day

Delivering Grace and Connection Globally

100,000+ viewers from Maine to Vietnam, have heard the gospel through our live-streamed Masses.

Celebrating Sacraments In All Walks of Life

 300+ children and youth received first sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.
50+ couples prepared for sacramental marriages.