

Father O'Connor's Homily for 28 September 2025
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time-C
Stewardship Commitment Weekend Two: Lay Ministry Video
Introduction to the Video

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7
1 Timothy 6: 11-16
Luke 16: 19-31

In the Scriptures each week of the year, we hear about how the Lord is calling each of us to continually grow as His disciples.

Stewardship as a way of life is all about becoming even better disciples of Jesus.

And this weekend is our second of three Sundays for our Annual Stewardship Renewal, with its theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

I hope that you received your stewardship packet in the mail. If not, there are packets in white envelopes – specially marked for each parish – in the doorways of the church. Each packet contains: (1) a letter from me; (2) a "Ministries Guidebook" which describes each of the current ministries in our Saint Joseph and Nativity Parishes; and most of the ministries are available for members of both of our parishes to participate in; (3) and a "2025 Commitment Card" specially marked for each parish – trimmed in GOLD for Saint Joseph parishioners and trimmed in BLUE for Nativity parishioners – that enables each household to check-off ministry involvements that they would like to renew for another year or that they would like to join for one year.

Next weekend is our annual Commitment Sunday. You are asked to bring your completed commitment cards to Mass with your one-year commitments of your time, talent and treasure. And we will place them in the Offertory basket together.

You can also find, on our parish website, www.stjosephamherst.com, a "Ministries Guidebook" and commitment cards for each parish. Just go to the parish website home page and click on "Stewardship Ministries."

On this same web-page you can access our ten-minute "Stewardship Video" – produced and directed by Christina Dupre – with fellow

parishioners showcasing the many ministries that are available for our participation and for our benefit.

So let's watch it now together as we prepare to make our ministry decisions for Commitment Sunday next weekend.

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