

Stewardship

St. Stephen's Parish, Olds, AB

Time

Talents

Treasure

August Prayer (Lectio Divina* – for discerning my call to service)

Stewardship – a time for reflection and prayer

Begin with a Prayer to the Holy Spirit and a request for God's presence during your reflection.

"Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful. Kindle in them the fire of your love.

O Lord, send forth your Spirit and we shall be recreated and you shall renew the face of the earth."

"Speak Lord your servant is listening."

A reading from The Gospel of Mark 1: 16 - 20

"As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother, Andrew, casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them' `Follow me and I will make you fish for people.` And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As they went a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Finally, take time to reflect on your personal gifts and how you might best use them to serve others.

This model of Lectio Divina* is based on one used by His Excellency Cardinal Tom Collins of Toronto.

The Stewardship Prayer

Almighty God, I give thanks for all that I have and all that I am

Most of all I give thanks for the great gift of Your Son, Jesus.

I pray that I may be a good steward – that I will follow faithfully,

serve joyfully, give generously, live responsibly, and possess sensibly.

In gratitude for the abundant gifts You have so graciously given me,

i return to You the first fruits of these gifts, through acts of service,

and by generously sharing all that You have entrusted to me. AMEN

If you would like some advice or guidance as you attempt this process of discernment for the first time, please feel free to contact me.

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