

ASSUMPTION  
*Blessed Virgin Mary*  
PARISH

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Dear Parishioners,

*“Behold, I make all things new ...I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water.” (Rev. 21:5-6)*

This last year and this coming year you will hear the phrase “All Things New” many times as it is the title of our archdiocesan strategic planning process for our parishes, schools, and ministries. Intentional Stewardship is one of the goals of this initiative at the diocesan level that we also must be open to at the parish and personal level if this effort is to succeed and if we are to grow and become who God created and intended us to be.

I hope through this year’s Stewardship Renewal, you will be inspired to hear how you are being called to be stewards of God’s gifts this year. Consider these three key elements of living a God-centered life as you pray about how to share your gifts:

- **We are rooted in prayer.** Everything we have in life is a blessing from God. Consider beginning every day with a prayer of gratitude, to make us more open to recognize the gifts God has given us.
- **We are committed to participation.** As prayer allows us to discern the gifts the Holy Spirit has given to us – we can also consider how they match the needs and opportunities in our parish - and then use them in strengthening our community.
- **We are called to generosity.** As stewards we realize that all that we have comes from God. Consider how we are called to share all types of our gifts, our time, talent and treasures.

We as a parish, as an archdiocese, and as a Church can never be fully who God intended us to be, without each of us answering His call in how we use our gifts. Today we strive to build up His kingdom on earth, eventually to be joined with God and one another in heaven.

Peace,

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