



Our Thank You to God
for His gifts to us of time, talent and treasure

**LIVING WITH
GRATITUDE & GENEROSITY
AT ST. ROBERT PARISH**

Gratitude

is our response to God's grace and all the undeserved blessings He gives to us.

Gratitude is the feeling one experiences after receiving an undeserved blessing or after being shown an undeserved kindness.

Grateful people nurture and cherish their relationship with their Creator, because they recognize Him as the source of all goodness in life.

Gratitude becomes a way of looking at one's life and consciously recognizing the blessings God abundantly gives us each day.

*“Be thankful in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ.”*

I Thessalonians 5:18

Generosity

is how we express our gratitude to God – by sharing what He has given to us.

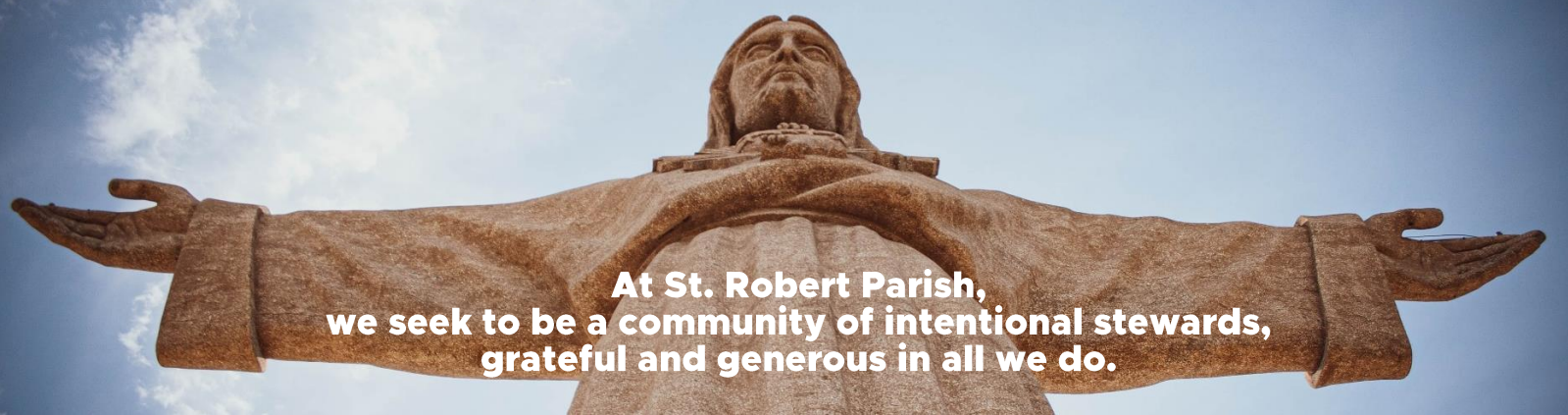
Generosity is our gratitude in action. After gratefully receiving His gifts, we become eager to cultivate and share the gifts out of our loving relationship with Christ.

Filled with deep appreciation for all we have been given, we have an instinctive need to become generous givers of what God has entrusted to us.

We choose to share not because we have to but because we want to – knowing that what was given to us so freely by the grace of God is meant to be given freely to others.

*“And do not neglect doing good and sharing,
for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”*

Hebrew 3:16



**At St. Robert Parish,
we seek to be a community of intentional stewards,
grateful and generous in all we do.**

TIME



Prayer and Worship

Do we reserve the one hour each week where we join together on Sunday and meet Christ in the Eucharist?

God gives each of us 24 hours in a day and 168 hours in a week. In those 24 hours, we need to balance all the different and often competing demands in our life. We need to find time for work, family, service to others, recreation, rest and, of course, prayer and worship.

But as Christians, aware that our lives are gifts from God, do we make “time for God” a priority in our busy lives?

Do we make time to pray each day – acknowledging the Lord’s dominion in our lives, thanking Him for the blessings He has given us, and laying our needs and the needs of others at His feet?

TALENT



Sharing in Ministry

Do we gratefully share our talents with others for the enrichment of our community?

Our talents are special and unique abilities that God gives us.

It is because God gave us these special talents that we are each able to earn a living and provide for our families. And it is these same God-given talents that make a Catholic parish a real community of friends, working together in service to the Lord.

St. Robert Parish offers many ministries – opportunities in liturgy, formation, and serving the greater community. How can we use the talents and skills which God has uniquely given to us in service to our parish?

TREASURE



Sacrificial Giving

Does generously giving back to God come first on our list of spending priorities?

We are stewards – not owners – of the money and possessions in our care. All we have – including money – are gifts from God, who gave us these gifts so that we would care for them and find ways to use them to improve the lives of others.

We all have different levels of income, yet even the least affluent among us are rich in comparison to the rest of the world. As such, we are not called to equal giving, but we are called to equal sacrifice to build up God’s Kingdom.

Our spending habits say a great deal about our values, priorities, and passions. How much is spent on dining out, entertainment, or the latest electronic gadget?? How much do we give back to God each month in order to further the work of his kingdom? Where does God fall in our list of spending priorities?

Scripture tells us “Honor the Lord with the first fruits of all you produce.” (Proverbs 11:24) Do we just give whatever is in our pocket or purse at the time of the weekly collection? Or do we have a purposeful plan each year for how we will honor God with the treasure He has entrusted to us?



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