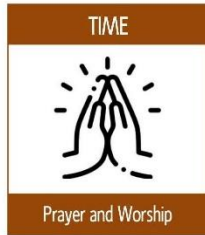


# How we are called to steward the time, talent and treasure God has entrusted to us.



*"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances."*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**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?

*"...the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve ..."*

Mark 10:45

**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?

Please visit [www.saintrobertparish.org/serve](http://www.saintrobertparish.org/serve) for a list of opportunities to share your talents.

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be."*

Matthew 6:21

**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?