

# ***Stewardship Networking Group*** ***Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston***

## **JANUARY 2024 Stewardship Networking Meeting – NOTES**

THANK YOU, St Luke the Evangelist for hosting our meeting and to all who attended. Thank you to Fr. Kingsley Nwoko, parochial vicar at St Luke, for his sharing on our topic: “Eucharist People, Interpersonal Communications”. What an excellent presentation on a subject we thought we were so familiar with, yet, Fr. Kingsley’s perspective and expertise on the scriptures brought us a new awareness of our role as God’s stewards enriched by the Eucharist.

Below are condensed notes from Fr. Kingsley’s talk.

Why a Eucharistic Revival? It is to help us understand what we do and why.

Referenced scripture Lk 24-29 “Eucharist: An Encounter”

- The two disciples leaving Jerusalem after the resurrection, were sad and disappointed, they felt something was missing and then they encountered a stranger on the road. The stranger gave them reassurance and revived their hope in God. As night approached, they begged him to stay with them, they were hungry for his words.
- Jesus lifted their disappointment and opened their eyes in the breaking of the bread, the first Eucharist.
- The scripture readings, the word of God, come to prepare our hearts so we may be ready to accept the Eucharist—so when we get to the Eucharist we are hungry. Our eyes and our hearts should be open and there should be a longing. This should be our attitude when we come to Mass.
- The Eucharist should help us lead others to an encounter with Christ. It should intensify our zeal for the mission that interpersonal encounter.
- Stewardship begins in the heart and the mind—it’s not about how much you give but the attitude with which you give, when joy is missing everything is missing.
- Once we encounter we cannot hold back our joy. People will follow you once they see your excitement. When we have Christ with us, we are sent out to meet all and Jesus is patient with us, He loves us.
- Our mission is inter-personal. The world cannot change until we are truly eucharistic people and we must be inter-personal. Strength and power comes from the Lord.
- Christ is the gift, we become the gift, we are all made in the image of God. The word of God humbles us. Eucharist is an invitation that must touch our hearts and ignite an ongoing response to the grace and call of God.
- Pray for all priests. “Before we can do more we must become more”

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### **2024 Calendar**

14-Mar-24	Multicultural Communities: Deacon Scott Glueck (St. Ignatius, Spring Tx)
16-May-24	ROUNDTABLE: Successful Ministry Fairs ( <i>Christ the Good Shepherd, Spring Tx</i> )
11-July-24	Caring for Creation: Jenny Nutzman (St. Laurence Sugarland Tx)
12-Sept-24	Communicating Stewardship: Sean O'Driscoll ( <i>St. Anne Houston Tx</i> )
14-Nov-24	Best of ICSC / Plan 2025 ( <i>St Bernadette Clear Lake City</i> )