

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

## **Join Us! Stewardship Networking Meeting!**

**Thursday, Sept 9th: 10am**

**St Bernadette Catholic Church: 15500 El Camino Real, Houston, TX 77062**

**Discussion on Fr. Joe Creedon's topic:**

**“Open God's Gifts and Share More Generously” &**

**“Stewardship for all Ages” View Video by Tracy Welliver discussion following**

Fr. Joe Creedon a discussion on his talk on:  
**“Open God's Gifts and Share More Generously”**

1. Receive God's Gifts Gratefully
2. Develop them responsibly
3. Share them lovingly and in justice with others.
4. Make a return with increase to the Lord of all your time, talents and treasure.

Open to discuss & on other topics from his talk

**Meet the Expert: Tracy Earl Welliver** has been writing books and working with hundreds of parishes across the country with one mission: to reimagine and reeducate the Church on the beauty of the radical disciple's way of life, that is, a life of stewardship.

Fr Joe Creedon's speaker on: “Open God's Gifts and Share More Generously”

Wonderful story teller, he voices everyday sayings, jokes and deeds and relates them to our faith and practical directions. Below is a part of his most important topics:

### **Misconceptions about stewardship:**

- Stewardship is not a program it is spirituality. Parishioners should not feel intimidated by the word spirituality, which he defined as “the lens through which you encounter God and through which you respond to his presence.”
- “For most people stewardship is a euphemism for money, and it isn't,” Stewardship should start with their time, their talent and the treasure will follow. This way, people get to have ownership in their parish.
- The word Volunteer should be done away with when it comes to stewardship, it carries the connotation that the activity is something one does only after they've done all the important things in their lives their leftover time. Instead of asking for volunteers churches must give people opportunities to act on their baptism, opportunities to be disciples, opportunities to be stewards

Overview from US Bishop's Pastoral Letter “Stewardship A Disciple's Response”

1. Receive God's Gifts Graciously. In everything stop and be more gratefully for what you have. “Today's culture invites us to reflect on what we don't have”
2. Develop them responsibly. Everyone has unique gifts and has a task to accomplish that has not been given to someone else. “We have gifts but don't open them”
3. Share them lovingly and in justice with others. Gifts are not for our own use they are to be shared with others.
4. Make a return with increase to the Lord of all your time, talents and treasure.

AND MUCH MORE, JOIN US for further discussion at our Sept 9th, Stewardship Networking Meeting. See above of details.

***Still time to sign up: “Restore Our Joy” ICSC Conference: Sept 12-15, Orlando Fl. See <https://catholicstewardship1.weshareonline.org/>***

**Meetings 2nd Thursday of every other month from 10:00 am to 12 Noon.  
If your parish would like to host an SNG meeting, see contact info below!**

**Coming meetings: Sept 9th, St Bernadette: Nov. 11th, St Ignatius**

**You are invited to participate in a forum for idea sharing on all issues related to stewardship. Share ideas, ask questions, spread the word, bring a friend! For more information about this group in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and to get on our email list, please contact:**

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