

Notes from the Liturgist...

God wants you to use your TALENTS in TWO WAYS

What are your talents? What are you really good at? That's the common question to an individual wanting to provide service. Yes, every individual has their own talents. Maybe, Counseling? Preaching? Teaching? Painting? Being a Leader? A Good Cook? A gardener? And many more.

Whatever talents or skills you have, God is behind and in it. He is the giver and the head of these talents and skills, so everything we do points back to Him. He directs it all for the good of the body of Christ. The talent or skill we have is a gift from God and that gift is meant to be shared to other. As the Gospel of Matthew reads, "The Gift you have received, give as a gift." (Mt. 10.8) God did not give talents just for your own benefit but also for the benefit others.

God wants us to steward those gifts for Him. Stewardship is not all about our money but it's all about everything in our lives and that includes our TALENTS.

There are two ways that God wants us to use our talents for Him: **Blessing others and Building His Kingdom.**

Blessing others. We are called to use our gifts to serve our neighbors as faithful stewards of God's grace. Through our talents or skills, we inspire, we bless the lives of others.

Building His Kingdom. God gave us different talents or skills; He knows our ability in relation to the gift he blessed us with to build his kingdom. He wants us to use our unique role to build his kingdom, to glorify him.

This weekend Fr. Arturo Romero, the Pastor of St. Patrick Church in Canby Oregon will be here with us to talk about TALENTS, one of the pillars of Stewardship.

My dear friends, let us continue sharing our Talents or Skills that God entrusted to us. Check the different ministries in our parish and join them. Be a Blessing to others and participate in Building the Kingdom of God.