

# STEWARDS in Scripture

A joyful parish skit to  
celebrate

# Advent

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# Stewards in Scripture Advent

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# STEWARDS IN SCRIPTURE ADVENT

“A Close Encounter with the Stewards of the Jesse Tree”

What is “A Close Encounter?”

It is a simple forty minute skit/event that introduces the participants and audience to members of the Jesse tree from a stewardship perspective.

Benefits of this event

- It is a joyful opportunity to encourage a better understanding of stewardship within the context of scripture and the liturgical year.
- It provides the opportunity for new people to use their gifts in a fun and creative way.
- It offers the opportunity for people to recommit themselves as stewards during the Advent season.
- It encourages parishes to use their imagination and discover not to make stewardship an “add on” but to weave it into the life of the liturgical year.

Is the event difficult to organize? **No.**

- The script for the event is included and does not have to be memorized.
- Ideas for costuming, environment and publicity are given.
- Everything can be adapted by the organizers to be simple or elaborate.
- Suggestions for outreach as well as the opening and closing prayer are also included.

# (Sample) “Close Encounters” Agenda

- A The “angels” are at the entrances welcoming people and seating them.
- B **Director of the Event:**
- Welcome
  - Stewardship Focus
- C **Angel Gabriel:** Introduction
- D **Angel Gabriel:** Introduction of each character and a brief rationale of why each character is a steward.
- E **Jesse Tree Characters:** Each tells a little of their story. After Gabriel tells how they are stewards, they hang their symbol on the Jesse tree and stand by the musician for the closing song.
- F **Angel Gabriel:** Invites everyone to take a small commitment slip and write how they might want to be a steward in the mode of one of the ancestors of the Jesse tree. Invite the angels to collect the slips in baskets and place them in the prayer area.
- G **Angel Gabriel:** A reading of the winning entry to “Favorite Steward of the Old Testament” Contest.
- H **Angel Gabriel:** Thank you
- I **Director of the Event:** Thank you to all the “stewards” who donated their time and special gifts to make this event possible. Would anyone have a special gift to share or a special way to volunteer for the next event? Invitation to social.
- J Characters stay in costume for social and mix with guests.

# The Script

**Director of the Event:** Good morning (afternoon, evening) and welcome. We are excited about our “Close Encounter” event. If you are to take anything with you today besides the sheer joy of our wonderful characters, it is that we are all called to be stewards. The people behind the symbols of our Jesse tree all encountered our Creator in a unique way. Because of their relationship with God, they were inspired to be people of prayer, service and sharing in their time. Like us, they were imperfect people yet God was able to accomplish many good things through them. With this in mind, I would like to introduce heaven’s top messenger, the Angel Gabriel.

## Enter Gabriel:

Angel Gabriel: I, Gabriel, on behalf of all the heavenly hosts and members of the Jesse tree would like to welcome you to this wonderful Advent event. We are happy to be here at \_\_\_\_\_. As you know, I am God’s top messenger angel. I had the privilege of announcing to Mary that she would become the Mother of God. I LOVE MY JOB! In case you are wondering, the other angels and I are using our invisibility shield for our wings. The size of the room, the movement of air and the noise would prohibit us from having a successful event. We also tempered our brightness for your comfort. Let’s begin our time together with a prayer.

Opening Prayer: We remember that we are in the presence of our God as we begin. “In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Lord, we are grateful for you and for all you have done for your people throughout history and for what you continue to do for us today. You are a generous and loving God. In this season of Advent, help us to become better stewards of prayer, service and sharing as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus’ birth. Welcome Him when He comes again. Amen.

We have come together to meet some of the men and women of the Old Testament who have honored God with their faithfulness and paved the way for Jesus to come into the world. It has been my honor to escort them here, today. Normally, my colleague, the angel Raphael travels with others. But this beautiful season of Advent made it a wonderful opportunity for me and the other heavenly hosts to be here. Through the Jesse tree, we are remembered and we point to the celebration of Jesus’ birthday.

As for your honored guests, I was a witness to their many struggles, failings and ultimate successes. Just as each of you might find it difficult to be a good steward that is: a person of prayer, compassionate service, and generous sharing, many of your ancestors in your salvation history initially did, too.

How many of you take time for prayer? Raise your hand? (quick sharing of how) How many of you use your talent for serving others? (quick sharing of how) How many of you use your treasure for sharing? (quick sharing of how) Awesome. When you leave today, hopefully you will be inspired to find ways to grow in prayer, service and sharing this Advent.

Are you ready to meet some of your ancestors in salvation history? I will introduce those that are here with me today. Each person will tell you a little about themselves and because of their great humility, I will confirm how they were stewards in their time. They will add their symbol to the Jesse tree. I would like to present a man who has a great fondness for animals. Noah.

Noah: Greetings everyone, my name is Noah and though I was not a shipbuilder or zookeeper by trade, I am well known for the ark I built and my precious cargo. I came into salvation history when people had completely turned away from God and he was angry and disappointed. God was going to destroy everything he had created when he realized that there was one man and his family that still loved him. That man was me and that family was my wife and children. God came to me one day and told me to build a large ship for my family, and one pair of all the different animals. Though my neighbors laughed at me, I did as God asked and we were saved from a flood that destroyed the earth. It was quite an adventure. When the experience was over, God gave us the most beautiful rainbow as a promise to never destroy the world again.

Gabriel: My friend Noah loved God and maintained a close friendship with Him. He was open when God spoke to him. Though not perfect, Noah was a steward of his relationship with God. He used his skills and abilities in service to God and creation. When the water receded and Noah came out of the ark with the animals, the first thing he did was build an altar to honor God. He was a steward of prayer and his talents. Noah's symbol is a rainbow. Now I would like to introduce you to one of the most famous couples in the Old Testament, Abraham and Sarah.

Abraham: Hello, my name is Abraham and this is my wife Sarah. We are a very blessed couple. God knew that one day he would come into the world in a very special way and that he needed to have a people to be His special family. It is hard to believe it but one day God came to us and asked if we would move to a special place. He said that if we would hold Him as our only God and do His will, Sarah and I would have descendents as numerous as the stars. We would be His Chosen People.

Sarah: I laughed because we were too old to have children. Later I found out that everything is possible with God! Our son Isaac was born and he was the love of our lives. He became the second generation of Chosen People in the Holy Scriptures. Though God tested us in some unbelievable ways, (does He seem to do that with you sometimes?) we grew very old and continued to love God. Abraham is known as the father of all believers by Jews, Christians and Muslims.

Gabriel: There are many instances where Abraham demonstrated his relationship with God and others. His willingness to move, his bargaining for the lives of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, and the welcoming of strangers. Sarah journeys with her husband every step of the way. They are a revered couple and models of faith. They are models of stewardship of prayer and service to others. Their symbol is a star grouping. Now, please welcome a man well known for his many children, Jacob.

**Jacob:** Hi, my name is Jacob. Abraham and Sarah are my grandparents. I was actually born a twin. My brother, Esau was born first and just those few seconds meant that he would inherit my father's fortune and I would become his servant. It was the law. Is anyone here a twin? Can you imagine that being true today? My mother Rebekah wanted me to be the master, so she devised a plan to trick my father Isaac into thinking I was Esau. In the end, I was given the birthright and my relationship with my brother ended for a long time. Though I obtained my birthright illegally, our loving God found a way to work through me. I once wrestled an angel and won. By the way, was that any of you? (looking at angels) I also dreamt of a ladder leading to heaven with angels going up and down. And please, don't even get me started on my wives Leah and Rachael. The same trick I played on my father to get the family birthright was played on me by my father-in-law. You've heard about the twelve tribes of Israel? They are named after my twelve sons. You need to read about it to believe it. I kept God close to me during my time on earth and I am glad. Our Savior, Jesus would come through my wife Leah and my son Judah.

**Gabriel:** Jacob realized he had encountered the Divine when he dreamt about angels going up and down the ladders and when he wrestled with the angel. During his life he built altars to honor God in many places. It was at Bethel that God honored Jacob and gave him the name "Israel." Jacob tended his relationship with God. He was a steward of prayer. Jacob's symbol is a ladder. Next, is one of the most famous interpreters of dreams and quite a "snazzy" dresser, Joseph?

**Joseph:** Hello, I am Joseph, the eleventh son of Jacob. The beloved Rachael is my mother and needless to say, I am my father Jacob's favorite son. (Right Dad?) While my other brothers were working hard, caring for the family sheep, I stayed home close to my parents. As a sign of my parent's great love for me, they gave me this coat of many colors. Do you like it? Of course, my brothers were very jealous so they sold me into slavery. I ended up in Egypt very lonely and very upset with my brothers. I did manage to work for the leaders there. God gave me the gift of interpreting dreams so I was held in high regard by some Egyptian leaders. Finally, I was put in charge of the area's grain bins. This came in very handy since a famine broke out in the country. Guess who showed up to buy grain? Yes, you are right. My brothers came to me to request food. After I joked around with them a little bit, I forgave them and made sure they had food. God taught me a lot about forgiveness. I remained in Egypt until my death.

**Gabriel:** Joseph was given the great gift of interpreting dreams. Because he used his great talent, he was able to save lives when there was a great famine. He was a steward of service. Joseph shared the great wealth that he had been given access to in Egypt. He was a steward of generous sharing. Joseph honored his relationship with God and on his death bed, encouraged his sons to do the same. Joseph was a steward of prayer, service and sharing. His symbol is a coat of many colors. Next, we have a man whose first adventure was a basket ride down the river. Welcome, Moses.

**Moses:** Greetings! I am Moses and to tell you the truth, public speaking is not my greatest gift. I wish you had an hour for me to tell you how God worked through me to bring about our salvation. The love, the intrigue, the murder, the plagues . . . it was

incredible. In my story, I floated down the Nile River in a basket, became a prince, realized I was a Hebrew, was kicked out of Egypt, talked to a burning bush, parted the Red Sea, was instrumental in orchestrating the first Passover, brought the Chosen People out of slavery and received the Ten Commandments, personally. God was busy with me and showed me his commitment and power over and over again. I'm grateful for having been able to serve God.

**Gabriel:** I remember the day that Moses encountered God in the burning bush. It changed his life forever. Do your encounters with God change your life? From that moment on, Moses put himself at the service of God. Though he felt insecure about his abilities, he trusted that God would use him to accomplish His will. Are you ever afraid to step out and use your talents at Church or home? Moses, after his encounter with God became a great steward of his gifts as well as his relationship with God. His symbol is the tablet with the Ten Commandments. Now, please welcome one of the kindest and most faithful converts in the Old Testament.

**Ruth:** Hello, I am Ruth and I have a very famous great-grandson. You will meet him in a minute. My story in salvation history is very unique. I was not born into the family of Chosen People. I was a Moabite and I married into the family of Israelites. After my father-in-law and husband died, I chose to stay with my mother-in-law, Naomi, to care for her. How could I leave her alone? She had welcomed me, a stranger into her family. Naomi was my family and her God was my God. My generosity was blessed by God. He led me to a new husband who helped Naomi and I secure our place in the community of Bethlehem.

**Gabriel:** I love Ruth's story, don't you? God is always full of surprises. Ruth honored Naomi's God and was able to accomplish wonderful things. She was considered a stranger, yet she shared everything she had with Naomi. She was a steward of the very life God gave her. Her symbol is wheat. Next I would like to introduce a man whose name is familiar in the Advent season, Jesse.

**Jesse:** Greetings! My name is Jesse and I'm another one of God's servants. I am best known for being the Father of eight wonderful sons and for being from a small town called Bethlehem. Have you heard of it before? One day the prophet Samuel came to my house by God's request to anoint one of my sons as king. It came as a surprise to all of us when he selected my youngest son, David to anoint. God is always full of surprises! You've heard the phrase from God's prophet Isaiah: "But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse". Well I am that Jesse. David is my son and guess who will come from the "House of David?" It is all in the family and the family tree.

**Gabriel:** Though not much is said of Jesse, we know that he served God well as he followed Samuel's orders for his youngest son. Jesse recognized God's voice in Samuel. Jesse's symbol is a tree stump. Are you ready for royalty? Please welcome David.

**David:** Thank you, Gabriel. I'm King David and my resume is quite long. God was with me at a very young age. Though I did not always do what He asked, God was able to accomplish wonderful things through my life. I'm sure He will be able to do that

through your life, also. At a very young age, God helped me to overcome a very large soldier and save an army. I was anointed by Samuel and became king. I loved God tremendously and wrote many songs and prayers. I also committed the grave sins of murder and adultery but God forgave me and I became known as the greatest king of the Old Testament. The Messiah would come from my house.

**Gabriel:** The love David felt for God was very passionate. He was a successful warrior, a good king, and an awesome poet. He was a steward of the many gifts God gave him. He prayed, he served and he shared. After his death, the people prayed that another great king would come from the House of David. I don't think they were expecting the Messiah. Do you? David's symbol is a harp. Our next guest is a Dad to be honored. Please welcome Joseph.

**Joseph the Carpenter:** I've always believed that God is present in all marriages. My name is Joseph and God blessed me with the most holy and blessed marriage of all time. It was my intention to wed a beautiful young woman named Mary, when one day she told me she was going to have a child. I was saddened and shocked because we had not been together as husband and wife. I felt like sending Mary away when I had a dream. An angel told me not to be afraid and that I needed to care for this family. Thank you, Gabriel. God made my life so meaningful. I was a blessed husband and stepfather. I wish you could have seen Him as a toddler.

**Gabriel:** Joseph may seem like a simple man but his faith and his actions changed salvation history. He was a tremendous person of prayer and faithfulness. Joseph used his skill as a carpenter to support his family. He shared everything he had with Mary and Joseph. He is truly an inspiration as a steward. His symbol is a hammer. Finally, it is only fitting that our last visitor and perhaps most important, is the very Mother of God, Mary.

**Mary:** As I recall hearing the stories of my Hebrew ancestors, I never fully understood that their voices were pointing to the time when I was a young woman. A conversation one night with an angel (Hi, Gabriel.) helped me to understand. My name is Mary and I carried our "salvation" inside me for nine months. I could hardly wait for his arrival knowing that God's will always gives way to something wonderful. During that time, I prayed often and watched God's plan unfold around me. Joseph was strength to me. My cousin Elizabeth was so joyful because she shared my secret and had wonderful news of her own. When I look back now, I remember holding this child and actually kissing the face of God. My heart was full of love. It is worth getting ready to see the face of God. I highly recommend it!

**Gabriel:** Mary is the perfect model of stewardship. Her relationship with God at a very young age opened her heart to say "Yes" to become the mother of the Savior. She served Jesus so that his will could be done. There is a reason that she is called the predominant model for stewardship. Mary's symbol is a lily.

We hope you have been inspired by the stewards of the Jesse tree that have joined us today. At this time we would like all of you to take a slip of paper in front of you and

perhaps write a way that you want to be a better steward this Advent. Our angels will bring around a basket in which to drop your papers.

(Optional): We will now hear from one of our entries in the “Favorite Steward of the Old Testament” Contest. When complete, Mary will award the prize (A copy of The Nativity Story.)

Gabriel: On behalf of the heavenly hosts and the stewards of the Jesse Tree, I would like to thank you for sharing this time with us. To be a steward is to be pleasing to God. Blessings as you continue your Advent journey.

**Director of the Event:** Thank you, Gabriel. We look forward to joining you in “Glory to God in the Highest,” on Christmas morning. I would like to take a moment before our closing prayer to thank the great stewards who helped put this event together.

\_\_\_\_\_. Please help me in thanking them. (Applause). Be sure to join us for refreshments and the following prayer. **Let us pray. (You can use the enclosed prayer or create something new.)**

# *Stewards of Salvation History, Pray for Us!*

**Opening Song:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Vs. 1 and 2

**Leader:** Now, having heard some stories of the stewards of salvation history, let us stand and ask for our ancestor's help in making us ready to welcome our Savior.

**Adults:** Adam and Eve, symbols of our beginning, sinful and weak like us and also, like us, made in God's image, you understand our sinfulness and all of our possibilities. Pray for us.

**Children/Teens:** Noah, faith filled servant in sinful times, you taught us to walk to the voice of our creator and to believe in God's promise. Pray for us.

**Adults:** Abraham and Sarah, Father of Faith, and Woman of Hope, asked to journey into the unknown and to trust in the destination. Pray for us.

**Children/Teens:** Isaac, bringing laughter and joy to your aged parents, symbol of Abraham's complete obedience and father of two nations. Pray for us.

**Adults:** Jacob, hoping to make peace with your brother, wrestling with the divine and fathering the twelve tribes of Israel. Pray for us.

**Children/Teens:** Joseph, Abraham's Great-Grandson, Jacob's favorite son and gifted interpreter of dreams, sold into slavery only to offer forgiveness and to rescue God's people from famine and death. Pray for us.

**Adults:** Moses, man of mistaken identity, saved by God's will, called forth from your people to be a leader with the courage to bring your family out of bondage. Pray for us.

**Children/Teens:** Jesse, from a small town called Bethlehem, the father of the great King David, you remind us of the human roots of the Savior, yet to come. Pray for us.

**Adults:** David, shepherd boy overcoming giants, in love with God, unexpected king and like us, in need of forgiveness. Pray for us.

**Children/Teens:** Jonah, reluctant prophet to Nineveh, saved inside a whale, teaching us Who is in charge, talking to God and becoming His messenger. Pray for us.

**Adults:** John the Baptist, cousin to our Savior, driven to prepare the world for their Messiah, knowing the truth and willing to give your life. Pray for us.

**Children/Teens:** Joseph, carpenter and faith filled servant, responding to an angel's encouragement to become the foster father of the Son of God. Pray for us.

**Adults:** Mary, young Jewish girl, born without sin, vessel of the Son of God, who said "yes" to God with her complete life. Through your voice, we became your children and you became the Patron saint of our Church. Pray for us.

**Leader:** All stewards of salvation history point to the ultimate expression of God's love for us, His Son, Jesus. Today we offer a basket with our promises of growing as your stewards this Advent season. Bless our efforts and bless us as we long to increase our prayer, service and sharing. Until you come again in glory.

**All: Amen!**

**Closing Song:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel Vs. 4&5

# Suggestions for Getting Started

These events are meant to be simple and easy to plan

## Planning Checklist:

1. Be passionate about what you are doing and be clear about its relationship to stewardship.
2. Be sure to meet with appropriate staff people a year to six months in advance to talk about feasibility of events.
3. If events are approved, invite a variety of new people to join a planning committee, exploring people gifted in the areas of need:
  - Working and directing children and young people (if they are playing main roles)
  - Environment
  - Sewing
  - Food/Hospitality
  - Music
  - Publicity/Photos/Newsletter Articles
4. Target the group who will be directly involved in the event as the characters. Will you use children, teens, adults?
5. Prior to each event, be sure to talk to adults/young people about the meaning of stewardship and how the characters they will be portraying are people of prayer, service and sharing.
6. Set the dates and reserve the spaces for one practice and perhaps doing the same event twice (an evening and once between Masses on a Sunday might be a great idea).
7. Discuss a small budget for the event taking into consideration donations of hospitality and fabric.
8. Make a simple promotion plan/schedule. How and when will the communication piece happen? Perhaps take a picture prior to the event to use in your promotion.
9. Ask someone to take pictures for your newsletter, bulletin boards, or to put together a simple slide show.
10. Make a simple check list of supplies you may need for your event such as copies of the prayer, commitment slips, a basket for slips, pencils, and anything else you might need.

(Sample Publicity)

# A Close Encounter

with the

## Stewards of the Jesse Tree

**What:** Join Master of Ceremonies, the Angel Gabriel and his heavenly hosts for this Advent opportunity. Come meet our ancestors in salvation history such as Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Ruth, David, Mary and Joseph who had the hearts of stewards and displayed great qualities of prayer, service and sharing.

**Who:** For all ages! Parish families and guests, grandparents, Godparents, parents, teens and children are all invited.

**When:** There will be two opportunities for this “Close Encounter.” Join the angels and *Stewards of the Jesse Tree* either Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 6:30 - 7:15 pm or Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 10:05 - 10:50 am (in between the 9:00 and 11:00 am masses.)

**Where:** This heavenly event will be held in our parish hall.

**Cost:** There is no charge but attendants are invited to donate a new pair of women’s or men’s socks for the shelter.

**What Else:** All young people are invited to explore their favorite Old Testament figure and write in 200 words how they think that person is a great example of stewardship of prayer, service or sharing. The winning entry will receive a copy of the movie *The Nativity Story*.

Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee and featuring the fifth grade children in our Generations of Faith program.

***“The world is charged with the grandeur of God,” Gerard Manly Hopkins exclaims “more than anything else, it may be this glimpse of the divine grandeur in all that sets people on the path of Christian stewardship.”***

Quotation found in *Stewardship a Disciple’s Response*.

## Hints for Costume Development

- Decide if adults or children/teens will play the parts.
- Check at the parish to see what is available.
- Ask for volunteers from all areas of parish life. Get parents, grandparents and teens involved.
- McCall's Child Pattern #2340, #5905  
Simplicity Child Pattern #2976, #4797, #5448
- McCall's Adult Pattern # 2060, #M2339  
Simplicity Adult Pattern #4213, #4795,
- Host a "coffee/tea cut and sew" time for volunteers.
- Offer packets of materials/patterns to be delivered or picked up at the parish for those who might sew at home.
- Work with another parish and share ideas and costumes.
- For angels, have participants dress in all white or wear server's robes with simple halos.
- Costumes could be made out of old donated sheets, tablecloths or fabric donated by parishioners.
- If you need ideas, look at old books and/or go online.
- Be sure that each character has a computer generated official nametag.

Ruth  
Book of Ruth

Moses  
Exodus

Abraham  
Genesis

## Characters (These can be adapted to your needs.)

ADVENT: Angel Gabriel and fellow angels. Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Jacob, Joseph, Ruth, Jesse, David, Joseph, Mary

## Simple Environment Ideas

GENERAL: Make paper banners in the color of the liturgical season that say:  
PRAY-SERVE-SHARE

### ADVENT

Large Signs: A Close Encounter with the Stewards of the Jesse Tree

- Advent Wreath
- Bible
- Advent Purple Cloth
- Jesse Tree with Lights and Ornaments
- Purple Placemats and Napkins (if serving a snack)

# The Stewards in Scripture and Liturgical Year

## ADVENT – LENT – PENTECOST - FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

“The world is charged with the grandeur of God,” Gerard Manly Hopkins exclaims “more than anything else, it may be this glimpse of the divine grandeur in all that sets people on the path of Christian stewardship.” This beautiful quotation found in *Stewardship a Disciple’s Response*, written by the USCCB, points to the potential for all i.e., past, present and future, to become joyful stewards. There is great benefit and enjoyment in connecting all time under the umbrella of the same awesome God.

Our world has been charged with divine grandeur since our Creator loved us into being. As our many unlikely ancestors in salvation history encountered their maker, they found a way to be in a relationship with their Lord, God. In this liaison, those whose lives pointed to and helped prepare for the coming of Jesus, exhibited qualities of stewardship. For the likes of Abraham and Sarah, Joseph, Moses, Ruth, David, Joseph and Mary, prayer, service and sharing were responses to the presence of the “divine grandeur” in their lives.

God was fully revealed in Jesus. When he walked the earth and following his death and resurrection, the first disciples were in awe of their divine encounter. For John the Baptist, Mary Magdalene, Martha, Lazarus, Nicodemus, Peter, John and the other Apostles, his message of love and salvation changed and transformed their lives. Ordinary people encountered God and their path changed.

The Pentecost event set the many transformed lives on a course. They became stewards. Their priorities were spreading the “Good News” and modeling His “way of living.” They took time for prayer, they “washed one another’s feet” using their gifts and they shared their material and financial resources. Many gave their lives for His way of living and in the meantime gave birth to a new Church. For Paul, Stephen, Barnabas, Priscilla and Lydia, Prisca and Aquila, Phoebe and Junia (Julia), prayer, service and sharing was the foundation on which they lived their lives.

The Holy Spirit, working through our Church has inspired the lives of many people in the last 2000 years. We lift up the extraordinary lives of these stewards we call Saints. Their “way of life” is an inspiration to those of us who strive to be true disciples and stewards in our time. Blessed Mother Teresa, Miguel Pro, Elizabeth of Hungary, Francis of Assisi, Juan Diego, and Elizabeth Seton are to be admired as some of the notable Christian stewards of their day and speak to what can happen when we encounter the “grandeur of God.”

We are blessed to be members of a Church that holds high the Scriptures and the rich traditions of the liturgical year. If we enter into them with an open heart, we will find wonderful models and messages of stewardship and the opportunity to take our own life of a Christian steward to the next level. Enjoy the events found in this packet. May they joyfully assist you in parish stewardship efforts.