

St. Athanasius Church

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Stewardship Brochure

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Dear Parishioners,

“Something must be done”! “Someone must make things turn around!” “Does anyone care any more?” These are questions that we all ask ourselves and the church in times of crisis. The environment is in trouble; the economy is in trouble; the church is in trouble – we need help. Can you help us?

We need immediate help. If the needy person needs food, you give him food. But it would be better to teach him how to fish so the help is really help for the lifetime. The quick fix that requires minimum involvement is not going to work. We need committed help. Edmund Burke tells us “the only thing that has to happen for evil to conquer is that good people do nothing”. The good parishioners of St. Athanasius need to decide that they we cannot afford to be spectators, that we have to get involved, discern the signs of the times, and do what is right.

The Church is navigating through one of its worst crisis. And the Bible tells us “We are well aware that the whole creation, until this time, has been groaning in labor pains. And not only that: we too, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we are groaning inside ourselves, waiting with eagerness for our bodies to be set free”. (Romans 22) So we are not the first generation to groan. Even our groaning can be what the Holy Spirit is doing in us – urging us to be alert, to be intelligent, to be reasonable and responsible for the world around us.

‘Stewardship’ – taking responsibility for the world that we are in, taking responsibility for St. Athanasius Church, the community of faith we are in, this is a calling of God’s Spirit. God is the owner of this noble enterprise we call our church, as He is the owner of the goods of the world. But we are all called to be stewards, faithful and devoted stewards of His gifts. This brochure outlines how many of our parishioners fulfill their vocation to be stewards. We need your help! Please help us.

*Your Pastor,
Fr. Oscar D. Tabujara*

STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

Who is a Christian Steward?

One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others and returns them with increase to the Lord is a Christian steward.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.
(1 DT 4:100)

What is Talent?

Stewardship of the gift of talent means nurturing, developing and using the God given abilities and characteristics that help define who we are as individuals. Most of us know what it means to give away our precious time, but what does it mean to be good stewards of talent?

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means.
(Sirach 35:7-10)

What is Time?

A true understanding of stewardship begins with taking care of and sharing the gift of time. Planning a careful schedule in order to have the time to work, rest, play and to pray, is vital in the stewardship of our physical, emotional, and intellectual lives. How we spend our time is perhaps the clearest indication of our progress in a life of Christian discipleship.

Give and it shall be given to you.
(Luke 6:38)

What is Treasure?

True stewardship is taking care of and sharing all that we have and all that we are..., our time, talents, and treasure. Money and all the things we possess are gifts from God that we are asked to care for and generously share for our own benefit and the good of others.

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all you produce.
(Proverbs 3:9)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE OR LEARN MORE ABOUT ANY OF OUR MINISTRIES, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL OR EMAIL ANY OF MINISTRY LEADERS LISTED IN NEXT FEW PAGES.

	MINISTRY	DESCRIPTION	TIME COMMITMENT	CONTACT
Liturgy	Eucharistic Ministers		Twice a month	Mike Cavera mikepcavera@yahoo.com 650-967-7939
	Readers And Lectors <i>Lectores</i>		Once a month	Mike Cavera mikepcavera@yahoo.com 650-967-7939 Rosa Maria Mancilla stahispano@sbcglobal.net 650-967-7900 & Gustavo Urias
	Music And Choirs			Jerry Pintar (Sun 10:30 am & 12:00pm) jpintar@charter.net 650-868-9382 (c) Joann Arnold (5:30pm Sat. & 8:30am) Raul Ibarra(Spanish Mass) Oscar Barrera (Spanish Mass) 408-373-1404 Pat Papa (Sun-5:30pm)
	Altar Servers			Eleanor Kintana mekintana@yahoo.com
	Ushers/Greeters			Don Maxwell (Sat-5:30pm) John Bianco (Sun-8:30am) Ernie Bianco (Sun-10:30am) Jim Hlad (Sun-12pm) Rick Fisher (Sun-5:30pm)
	Eucharist to the Home Bound			Mike Cavera mikepcavera@yahoo.com 650-967-7939
	Spiritual Growth And Faith Formation	Catechetical Ministry		
Children's Liturgy Of the Word			Once a month	Mary Anne Williams 408-206-3654 mwilliams67@sbcglobal.net
ILM				Father Oscar Tabujara 650-961-8600

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Spiritual Growth And Faith Formation	RCIA			Mike Cavera mikepcavera@yahoo.com 650-967-7939
	RICA			Deacon Leonel Mancilla 650-961-8600
	Bible Study			Mike Cavera mikepcavera@yahoo.com 650-967-7939
	Estudio de Biblia			Rosa Maria Mancilla (Spanish) stahispano@sbcglobal.net 650-967-7900
	High School Youth Group	For 9 th to 12 th graders		Deanna Mesa & Victor Valdez (English) Vvaldez@dsj.org 650-967-7971
	Jovenes para Cristo			Odilia Primitivo
	Middle School Youth Group	For 6 th to 8 th graders		Victor Valdez (English) Vvaldez@dsj.org 650-967-7971
	Baptism Preparation			CALL Parish Office 650-961-8600
	Sacrament Preparation			Rosa Maria Mancilla (Spanish) stahispano@sbcglobal.com 650-967-7900
	1 st Communication Preparation			Victor Valdez (English) vvaldez@dsj.org 650-967-7971
1 st Communication Preparation (Spanish)			Rosa Maria Mancilla (Spanish) stahispano@sbcglobal.net 650-967-7900	
Confirmation Preparation			Victor Valdez (English) Vvaldez@dsj.org 650-967-7971	
Confirmation Preparation (Spanish)			Rosa Maria Mancilla (Spanish) stahispano@sbcglobal.com 650-967-7900	
Marriage Preparation			Fr. Oscar (English & Spanish)	

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Prayer Groups	Monday Prayer Group (Spanish)			Patty Vergara 650-906-1326 Deacon Leonel Mancilla 650-961-8600
	Tuesday Family Prayer Group			Barbara Brown
	Wednesday Prayer Group			Avelino Limbo
	First Friday Prayer Group			Joel Villareal
Social Justice And Outreach	Just Faith	Transformation through Catholic Social Justice teachings	Weekly meetings for 9 months	Irene Yoshida 465-5652
	Respect Life / Gabriel Project		Every First Tuesday	Carmel Caligaris 650-967-3807
	St. Vincent De Paul			John Barnes 408-869-2143
	St. Vincent De Paul			Rosa Maria Mancilla (Spanish) stahispano@sbcglobal.net 650-967-7900
	P. I. A	Create Justice through change	Monthly meeting	Philip Cosby 650-966-9641
Pastoral Ministries	Pastoral Council		Once a month	Fr. Oscar
	Stewardship Committee	Contribute to the building of a stewardship centered Church	Once a Month	Raj Irudayaraj Irakumar_us@yahoo.com 650-396-8167
	Finance Council		Once a month	Matt Caligaris 650-967-3807
	Facilities Committee		Quarterly	Mike Cavera mikepcavera@yahoo.com 650-967-7939
Community Ministries	Seniors			Beth Sukimoto (650) 948-2591
	Bake Sale	Provide Baked goods for the Bake Sale		Darcee Vandenburg 408-733-1964