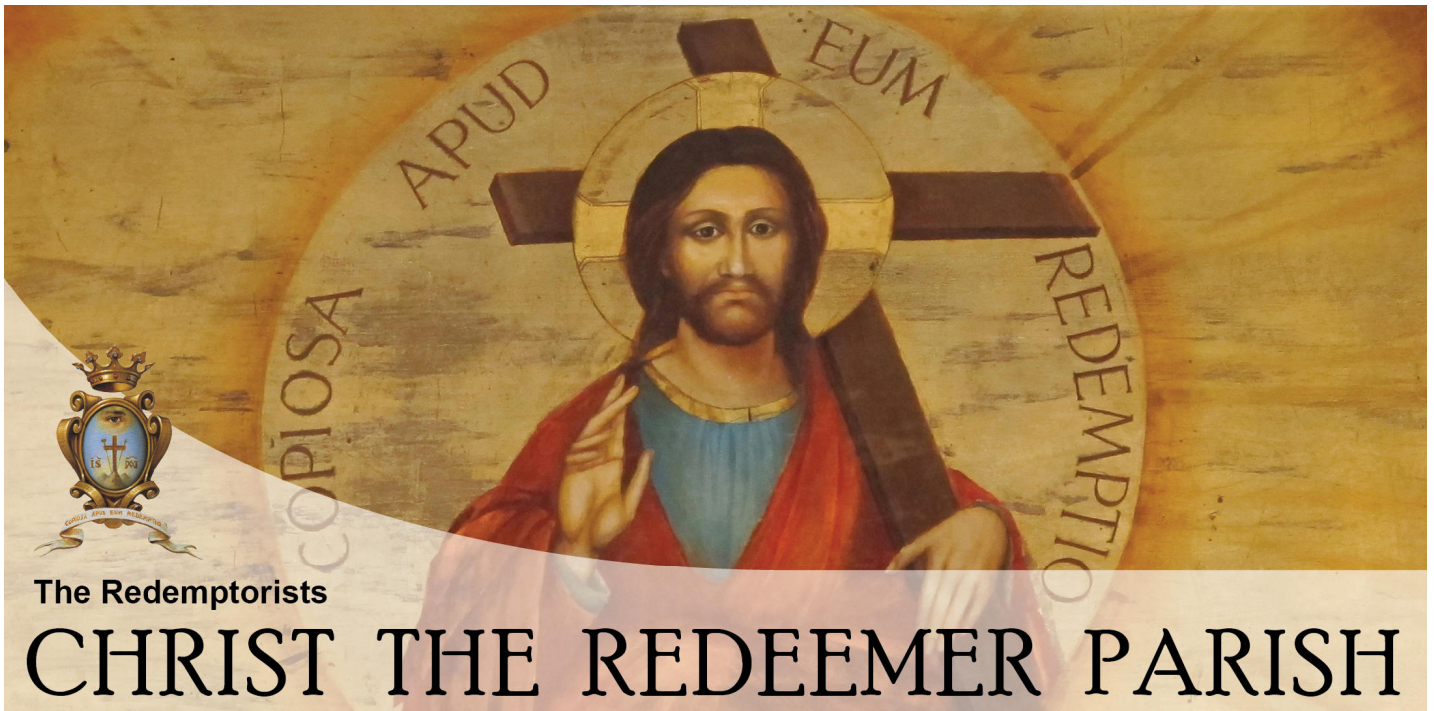


**March 30, 2025**

**4th Sunday of Lent**



The Redemptorists

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*4th Sunday*  
OF LENT

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always;  
everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

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## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sacred Heart Worship Site

SATURDAY 7:30 - 8:00 AM & 4:00 - 4:45 PM

## CONFESSION

*(English & Polish)*

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

6:30 - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

4:00 - 4:50 PM

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 10:00AM to 3:00PM.

Office closed on Fridays. Saturdays and Evenings: By Appointment.





# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## Monday, March 31 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Anna & Tomasz Ochman r/o Karnas Family  
11:00AM †Thomas Nelson & Jeanette Ippolito r/o Patricia Decker

## Tuesday, April 1 (Wtorek)

8:00AM God's Blessing for Lily Szafranski r/o Karnas Family  
11:00AM Health of Ryan McKee r/o mother & family  
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

## Wednesday, April 2 (Środa) - Francis of Paola

11:00AM †Barbara Demchak r/o husband & son  
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary  
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

## Thursday, April 3 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Piotr Kleszcz r/o colleagues from work  
11:00AM †Stella Tomasko r/o grandson, Michael  
7:00PM Confirmation

## Friday, April 4 (Piątek) - Isidore

11:00AM †Jozef Florek r/o Teresa & Christoph Oettle  
4:30PM Stations of the Cross in English  
6:30PM Stations of the Cross in Polish  
7:00PM †Wladyslaw & Zofia Kafara r/o dzieci i rodzinami

## Saturday, April 5 (Sobota) - Vincent Ferrer

8:00AM †Zygmunt & Jan Suchy r/o Wieslaw Woznicki  
11:00AM †William Tomasko r/o grandson, Michael  
4:30PM Lenten Lamentations  
5:00PM †Roger Papuga r/o wife & family

## 5th Sunday of Lent, April 6 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Marian Pajak r/o Wieslawa Kolodziej  
8:40AM Lenten Lamentations  
9:00AM For the People of the Parish  
†Ned Panfile r/o wife & children  
†Leonard Lazas r/o pierogi pals  
†Rosemarie Charneski r/o pierogi pals  
†Anna Maziarz r/o Elizabeth & Tadek Kolodziej  
†Jozef Wyka r/o Wladyslawa Malczewska  
10:30AM †Zofia Puzio r/o Teresa & Konrad Puzio  
5:00PM Gorzkie Zale  
5:45PM †Helena & Ewa Woznicki r/o Wieslaw Woznicki

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Barbara Demchak** at the request of her husband & son.



*"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"*

- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

## 4th Sunday of Lent

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. *Something* had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "**You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?**" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

**Lenten challenge:** Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

— Father John Muir



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*To be a community of love, a family that joyfully proclaims and bears witness to the Gospel, and which serves the poor and one another.*

# This Week

## MONDAY, MARCH 31

**BLOOD DRIVE** - St. Mary Byzantine Parish Center, Brooks Blvd., Hillsborough - 1:00-7:00PM. Please visit [www.nybc.org/njdrive](http://www.nybc.org/njdrive) and use sponsor code 07802, or call/text 1-800-933-2566 or 1-800-933-BLOOD.

**GUITAR CLASSES FOR CHILDREN** - 5:15PM followed by Children's Polish Choir at 6PM.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 1

**OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - 6:00PM. Beginning at Christ the King Worship Site and walking to Sacred Heart Worship Site. Soup and salad will be served in the auditorium afterwards. **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE.**

## THURSDAY, APRIL 3

**CONFIRMATION** - 7PM.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 5

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima will take place at 11:30AM.

## NEXT WEEKEND, APRIL 5 & 6

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** taken up after Holy Communion will be for the diocesan assessment. Please be generous.

## Ogłoszenia Parafialne

### PONIEDZIAŁEK, 31 MARZEC

**LEKCJE GITARY** - godz. 15.15; próba polskiej scholii dziecięcej - godz. 18.00.

### WTOREK, 1 KWIECIEŃ

W tym tygodniu nie będzie lekcji religii. Wszystkie dzieci uczestniczą w Drodze Krzyżowej ulicami miasta we wtorek o godz. 18.00 (początek pod kościołem Christ The King). **KATECHEZA BĘDZIE KONTYNUOWANA W NASTĘPNYM TYGODNIU.**

### NIEDZALA, 6 KWIECIEŃ

**DRUGA SKŁADKA**, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na diocesan assessment. Prosimy o ofiarność!

## 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal *PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity*

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

## Devotions, Explained!

### Novena

#### Novena, Explained

The word *novena* comes from the Latin word, *novem*, for nine. A novena is a nine-day period of private or public prayer. There are four basic categories of novenas — novenas of preparation, of mourning, of prayer, and of indulgence.

The nine days of prayer format comes directly from scripture where we read in the book of Acts that it was nine days after the Ascension that the Holy Spirit descended onto the Apostles. During that time, the faithful men and women "devoted themselves to constant prayer," (Acts 1:12-14) waiting for the Lord.

Today, Catholics can find hundreds of novenas to pray about a plethora of topics. Many Catholics pray novenas in times of need or in devotion to a specific saint. Although a saint's novena may traditionally begin or end on the saint's feast day, while others, like the "Novena for Adopted Children" or the "Novena for Vacations," can be prayed any time of the year, there is flexibility here for those wanting to pray. The faithful may choose to pray a private novena on any topic at any time! Want to pray a novena to St. Francis but it's not his feast day? Go ahead!



*We welcome the following newly registered members to our Parish Family: Sylvia Skiepko, Albert Meyers & their children, Isabella & Benjamin.*



*Our parish community welcomed Christopher James Sarria, son of Ryan & Karen; and Jakub Sadowski, son of Szymon & Marta, in the sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate them and their family.*



*We ask you to remember in your prayers the following parishioners who have died: Thomas Chubrick Steven Wierzbicki and Kathleen Grigal. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Please visit our parish website:

[www.ctrmanville.com](http://www.ctrmanville.com)

up-to-date information, schedules, church bulletins, pictures from parish events and much more...

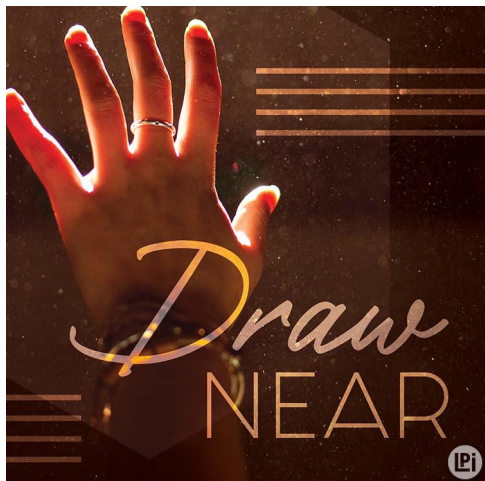
Be sure to check out our video reflections on the Sunday Readings each week. This week Mary Lou Cebula will be presenting the reflections and next week Chet Makowski will be the presenter.

Have the parish newsletter delivered to your email. Sign up for our newsletter on the website.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/  
2 Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3,  
11-32. *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a,  
3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/  
Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/  
Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53  
**Next Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/  
Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2,  
3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,  
20-27, 33b-45

The daily Scripture references are printed here. If you find it helpful and have internet access, you can find the complete Daily Scripture Readings at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.



## The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of March 23, 2025

Offertory	\$	6,186.00
Mail-Ins	\$	1,436.00
Children's Donations	\$	12.00
Property Insurance	\$	2,471.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,297.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,402.00</b>

Thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you.  
Fr. Stan

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." - JOSHUA 5:12  
Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

## OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

### My Good Deed was when I:

helped put clothes away after folding. Francis  
helped my friend when she fell. Brooke-Lynn  
helped with food shopping. Alexander  
stood up for someone when someone was talking mean. Landon  
checked on my brother when his feelings were hurt. Logan

*Don't forget to put your first & last name on your envelope.*

## Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Neil Christie; Deacon Bill & Barbara  
Monday: John Tardy  
Tuesday: Dolores Finlan; 3rd Grade CCD Class  
Wednesday: Angelica R. L. Ocaso  
Thursday: Cassie Badella  
Friday: Terry Tardy  
Saturday: Lee Rawaich

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** What is the generic name for the hymn sung at the end of Mass?

**Answer:** Recessional hymn.



**Pierogies are available for sale in the parish office.**





*We ask you for your prayers for the health of those in need, especially: Toni Antonelli, Evelyn Appenzeller, Cheryl Argento, John Bartley, Thelma Bartus, Andrew Bartushak, Frank Batula, Elizabeth Bednarczyk, Claire Biagini, Keith Bielanski, Pat Bohar, Harold Bok, Bishop Paul Bootkoski, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Sofia Chantel, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, John Clougher, Allison Collins, Bill Corson, Jean Courtney, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill Davison, Marge Demski, Malcolm Ferraira, Maureen Femiano, Lou Fischer, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Joe & Mirella Gazo, Helen Gilmore, Margaret Guerrazzi, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Inglot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McChure, Waclaw & Stanley Jasinski, Stanislaw Jelski, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Ken Lake, Rita Lagasse, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Judy Lentzsch, Chris Levash, Cheyenne Liccardi, William McGlinchey, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczo, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Joyce Nipps, Robert Oliver, Celeste Onka, James O'Reilly Jr., Susan, Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perna, Barbara Perone, Rachel & Vince Petront, Rosemary Phillips, Steven Pirello, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Marcelle Reed, Peg Reilly, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slaughter, Charlotte Snow, Jim Spinola, Albert Stanski, Steve Szabo, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David & Robert Urban, Carol Vinchur, Mark & Veronica Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronica Wolenski, Patrick & Michael Zamorsky, Julia Zarbetski Kemmett, Celia Zelinski, Mark Zujkowski and Maria Zurawiecki.*

*God of all consolation give life and health to our sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.*



Our Men and Women in the Service

*Please pray for all of our men and women serving in the Armed forces, especially*

*Airman Thomas Caswell  
SPC Christopher Elsen*

*Lieutenant Colonel James A. Jablonski Jr.  
Master Sergeant Kimberly Kaminski USAF*

*Airman Michael Edward Kassick III  
Master Sergeant Michael John Lamonica USAF*

*Captain John Limyansky USAF*

*Specialist Allison Okurowski, Combat Medic  
Airman Jason Pikula USAF*

*SR Jerry Lee Rogalski  
PFC Steven Ubry*

*Technical Sergeant Lindsay Zaccardi USAF*

Let us know if you have a family member who is serving in the military and we will acknowledge them in our weekly bulletin. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!

## The Knights of Columbus Saint Jude Council # 6573



**Council Meeting:** Council Meetings are held monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm; Saint John Neumann Center

**Recruiting:** Catholic men 18+ are invited to reach out to Chester Makowski

([chester.makowski@gmail.com](mailto:chester.makowski@gmail.com)) or approach any of the brother knights.

**Bible Study:** All are welcome to join us in the Little Red Schoolhouse, (the Saint John Neumann Center) next to the Rectory on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

**Clothing Drive** - April 12<sup>th</sup> - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM. Please join us for the PARISH ROSARY OF THE MONTH AT 8:30AM.**

The next **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima will take place on **April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM.**



# Caritas MANVILLE

**God's Love in Action**

*The Christ The Redeemer Caritas Food Pantry depends on both monetary and grocery donations to keep its shelves stocked.*

*The Food Pantry needs your help.*

*Please help us help those less fortunate. When going shopping please consider picking up something extra. Food items can be dropped off in the red containers in the church vestibule or at the parish office. Monetary donations can be made through on-line giving.*

The Food Pantry is currently most in need of the following items:

**Granola/Snack Bars.  
Canned Fruit.  
Jelly & Jam.  
Juice (64 oz.).  
Boxed Milk.**

## Lenten Obligations

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

*Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.*

4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

*Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.*

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Lent

#### Question:

Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

#### Answer:

The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!

## Please Note...

For families and individuals who are registered at Christ the Redeemer Parish to be in good standing, they must attend Mass at Sacred Heart Church on a regular basis and use the church envelopes.

- Regular basis is not less than 75% of the time.
- The use of church envelopes is the only way we can determine attendance.

The amount of the donation in the envelopes is never a determining factor. The use of your envelope each week will tell us that you are attending regularly. This will avoid problems or embarrassments in the future.

## WAŻNE!

Drodzy Parafianie.

Prosimy, aby każda rodzina oraz osoba indywidualna zarejestrowana w parafii Christ the Redeemer używała kopert które otrzymujecie od parafii. Jest to podstawa do wydawania jakichkolwiek zaświadczeń (np.: ze dana osoba może być ojcem chrzestnym itp.)

- Minimum 75% obecności w niedziele i święta w ciągu roku
- Często jedynym sposobem na poświadczenie wymaganej obecności, jest rejestr na podstawie kopert.

Wielkość ofiary (lub jej brak) nie jest brana pod uwagę!

Używanie przez was kopert w każdym tygodniu potwierdza wasze regularne uczestnictwo w niedzielnej Mszy Św. i pomaga w bezproblemowym załatwieniu jakichkolwiek formalności związanych z życiem w Kościele (ślub, bierzmowanie, pogrzeb...)

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Prodigal Son doesn't dare ask for the honor of being called his Father's son again. All he wants is to be close to his Father, to be cared for. But his Father surprises him with his mercy, as God surprises us. He offers more than just forgiveness. He offers redemption.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

So you never have been that serious about a stewardship way of life? It's not that you have been greedy or unloving toward others. You give of yourself when you determine there is a real need. However, you haven't intentionally worked toward surrendering all you are, all you have, and all you do to your God. It's hard because when you compare yourself to others, you seem pretty good. You aren't some prodigal child who needs to return to God because you have lived a life full of sin and selfishness.

Yet, there lies the problem. We can easily feel we aren't so bad, so why change anything? We can lull ourselves into a belief that we will probably get to heaven, therefore why do more? Assurance of salvation is another topic, but basically we can look at our life as a series of transactions with God.

However, we shouldn't determine our actions based upon what we get. The actions of a loved one are due to the love for one's beloved. Jesus gave his life out of love for us. He has shown us what complete surrender looks like. He does not need our surrender but wants it because that is what those in love do. This Lent, perhaps our prayer should not be to simply be better stewards, but to love Him more. Then our motivation will not be based upon what we should do but on what we are moved to do out of love.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS