**WKND 2 SAMPLE Script**

(Presented by the Pastor at each Mass)

Good morning/afternoon/evening! Last weekend we began our annual stewardship initiative with a focus on ***Our Path Forward – 2021 and Beyond***, specifically Our Path, our course, weathering the impact Covid has had on our community. This week I’d like to focus on **Our Purpose.** It is our purpose that drives us as a faith community. Our community, our mission and our vision is what defines us. Our mission is to (insert parish mission/vision.) *Elaborate a bit on how as a parish you carry out or fulfill that mission.*

“Universally as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, **we are called by God to be a welcoming, worshipping community of faith, hope and love. As missionary disciples our mission is to be a light brightly visible; to evangelize, to celebrate our faith, to be of service to others, to educate and to be faithful stewards.”**

I encourage each one of us to look beyond the physical gifts we make to see how our generosity is allowing us to fulfill our mission, ultimately transforming and impacting our community and those around us in ways we may never see. As I stated last week, the primary aim of our annual focus on offertory and stewardship is not solely to finance our parish’s operating budget, but to change lives. And, we do just that here at PARISH NAME.

Increasing your weekly offertory gift will make an immediate impact on our ministries and day-to-day operations. Making a legacy gift could support our parish well into the future. A gift, in any amount, to our established endowment fund, is designed to earn interest that could be used for parish needs. Additionally, over the years, parishioners who included (Parish name) as a beneficiary of a will, trust, life insurance, and/or financial account have been a blessing. These types of gifts can have a major impact on our ministries, and we are eternally grateful for those that remember (Parish Name) in their legacy planning.

* Now, I invite you to join me in your stewardship journey by completing your commitment. You can fill out this year’s commitment card two ways. Join me by pulling out your cell phone and turning in on. Once you have it on, go to: [www.opfaob.com](http://www.opfaob.com) and click on “my commitment”. There will be a few questions for you to answer; it will only take a minute. If you prefer, you can also fill out a paper version. You should find a card in the pew It looks like this, (HOLD UP CARD), please fill it out the card, and tear off the bottom part and we will collect it in a bit.
* As I continue to speak, feel free to start your commitment.
* As you complete your commitment to benefit our parish and our mission, please keep in mind that I am asking everyone who is able to do so to consider an incremental increase. By doing so, each one of our incremental contributions will collectively make a huge impact on our ability to thrive as a parish and facilitate our many ministries and programs.
* I know there are those who may not be able to do so right now. You are in our prayers. I understand. This message does not apply to anyone who currently has obligations that far outweigh their capacity. Please fill out the commitment and let us know that you support the parish and are committed to actively helping us carry out our mission in any other way you can.
* It is easy to set up a weekly, recurring gift through our safe, convenient online giving system and great way to benefit our parish. Once you set up online giving, you can stop using envelopes!
* Thank you to those who have already set up “contactless” commitments through (Faith Direct/GiveCentral, etc.) Your thoughtful planning helps us reduce paper processed in our office and allows us to better prepare our parish budget. Please take a moment to log into your account and increase your gift if you are able.
* On behalf of the Parish staff, the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council, thank you for helping us pave Our Path Forward for 2021 and Beyond.
* (if applicable: Please place your paper card in the basket that will be passed now.)

I will close with my commitment to you that I will reflect regularly on the positive ways in which our parish continues to fulfill its purpose and mission. I will be more aware of and grateful for the impact of our combined sacrifices and how they facilitate our mission into action. No one person could provide everything this parish needs but together as a community, we can thrive. The Lord has given us to one another. Let us accept our mutual responsibilities with gratitude and joy. As the psalm says, “How good it is and how pleasant, where brethren dwell at one! For there the Lord has pronounced his blessing, life forever.”