

Stewardship Messages for Christmas and Ordinary Time

Jan. 7, 2018 – Feb. 11, 2018

January 6/7, 2018

Epiphany of the Lord

“... they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh ...” Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

January 13/14, 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,
‘What are you looking for?’”* John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

January 20/21, 2018

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” Mark 1:17

Jesus’ call to “Follow me” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren’t always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

January 27/28, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future.

February 3/4, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Rising very early before dawn, He left and went off to a deserted place, where He prayed. ... He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’ ” Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus give His time to do all that God wishes – healing the sick and preaching. But, before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

February 10/11, 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He is not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride and ego, money and possessions, etc.) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?”