

## Stewardship Messages August 2025

**August 3, 2025**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Luke 12:15***

It can be difficult in today’s society to not fall into the mindset that the more material things people have, the happier they will be. Therefore, the world around us tells us that the more you have, the better. But Jesus tells us that the “stuff” is not the key to happiness and joy. But rather when we share our gifts - both those material things like money and possessions and the God-given gifts like love and compassion – we are living as God has called us. That will bring us joy.

**August 10, 2025**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” Luke 12:34***

It is easy to get caught up in the mode and mindset of building up our worldly ‘treasures.’ The world tells us that happiness comes from accumulating property, material possessions and having the financial status to keep gathering more of those things. But Jesus reminds us that our true happiness is in heaven, and He tells us to invest in our treasure in heaven. That may mean getting rid of some of our earthly treasures.

**August 17, 2025**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***“Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Luke 12:51***

Do you avoid talking about certain issues or topics with particular people? Are religion, faith and teachings of the Church among those things that you avoid? Is that because you don’t want to cause conflict or disagreement? But Jesus’ words and actions show quite the opposite. We are called to proclaim the truth about Christ and spread His mission – even to those who do not share our faith or views.

**August 24, 2025**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***“For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” Luke 13:30***

When it comes to the Kingdom of God, it does not matter what we have on earth or how people may see us in terms of wealth or status. God will not judge us on human standards but rather how we have used the gifts that He has given us.

**August 31, 2025**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed you will because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteousness.” Luke 14:13-14***

When we use any of the gifts that God gives us – which is all that we have and all that we are – we are called to do so without expecting anything “in return.” That seems contrary to what the world teaches us. Pray about how you may be better about sharing your gifts without seeking earthly returns.