

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

December 2025

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

***“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down
and thrown into the fire.” Matthew 3:10***

Take time to examine your ‘good fruit’ and how you use it. Do you use your good fruit – that is all of your gifts of time, treasure and talent -- to help others and build God’s kingdom on earth or do use your time with mundane activities and your treasure on things that go unused. Do you share your talents with your parish or for helping those in need? Advent is a good time to look deeply at these questions and determine ways to use more of your good fruit for Jesus.

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

***“You too must be patient. Make you hearts firm, because the coming
of the Lord is at hand.” James 5:8***

Very often waiting is difficult. We live in a world where information is given and received in an instant; packages can be ordered one day and delivered the next; and we are accustomed to things being done to accommodate our schedules. But God’s will for us doesn’t always fit into our fast-paced and instant lives. His plan for how He wants us to use the gifts He has given to us very likely will take some time – God’s time. Spending time with God in prayer helps to reveal and understand what He wants from us.

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

***“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and
took his wife into his home.” Matthew 1:24***

Joseph is the ultimate example of complete trust in God. It is hard to imagine what he must have been thinking when he learned that Mary was expecting a child and then when an angel appeared to him told him to take Mary into his home. It was undoubtedly confusing and frightening. But he recognized that it was God’s plan for him – despite his many questions and fears. What can you learn from Joseph about hearing and heeding God’s call for you?

December 28, 2025

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

***“And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17***

Using our gifts that God has given to us in ways that He desires is the best way to thank God and give Him glory. Using our gifts of time to help others helps grow the Kingdom of heaven here on earth.