STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

December 2026

December 6, 2026 Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord ..." - *Mark 1:3*

How do you "prepare the way of the Lord" in this time and place?? How do you show others that you lead a Christ-centered life by your words and actions. How do you help others "prepare the way of the Lord?" As we are in the season of Lent, preparing for the birth of Jesus, pray about how you can do more to "prepare the way" in your life and in the lives of others.

December 13, 2026 Third Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

This reading tells us to "rejoice always" and to "pray without ceasing" – but those things can be difficult to do. To "rejoice always" means to place your trust in God and to "pray without ceasing" means to have conversations with God all day, not just at various "dedicated" times. During these final weeks of Advent, consider ways that you can better rejoice and pray.

December 20, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." – *Luke 1:28*

It's difficult to imagine the confusion and fear Mary must have felt upon hearing the message from the angel Gabriel. Yet she accepted what the angel said and willingly obeyed God's call – even though she had no idea what her life would be like from that moment on. Of course, none of us will be faced with such a message as Mary, but we can look to her and learn about how we should respond to God's call to us with gratitude and generosity.

December 27, 2026 The Holy Family for Jesus, Mary and Joseph

" …as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." *Colossians: 3:13*

Forgiveness can be very difficult – by our human nature, we can hold onto anger, disappointment and pain. But God forgives us through His infinite love and mercy. If God can forgive us, we too should be able forgive others. Pray for the grace to forgive.