

## Stewardship Messages December, 2020

December 5/6, 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

***“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path.” -- Mark 1:3***

In “preparing the way of the Lord” we are called to live lives worthy of what God calls us to be. We are called to be grateful for and generous with the gifts that God has given us, and live as an example for others. Living a life of stewardship means not only being responsible for oneself, but for others as well.

December 12/13, 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> 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***

Rejoice, pray and give thanks. These are very important words. In this passage, Paul tells us that we should rejoice in the gifts that God has given to us and place our trust that He will provide for us. Praying unceasingly means that we should have This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means that we should have regular conversations with God, asking for direction and guidance. “Give thanks” means that we should thank God for all things – good and not-so-good.

December 19/20, 2020

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

***“Hail, favored one. The Lord is with you!” -- Luke 1:28***

Mary’s is an ideal example of one who lived her life in gratitude and joy. Even in the most unsure and difficult times, Mary lived in obedience and trust of God’s plan for her life. Mary had no idea what her life would be after the angel appeared to her, but she had faith in what God had in store for her. Ask Mary to help you to believe in God’s plan for you and have gratitude for the gifts He has given to you.

December 26/27, 2020

Feast of the Holy Family

***“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.” -- Colossians 3:13***

Forgiving can be very hard. We need grace and mercy to forgive. But, God has given us those to us in His forgiveness of us in the sacrament of Reconciliation. If God can forgive us, certainly we can forgive others.