

**Stewardship Messages**  
**February 2021**

**February 6/7, 2021**

**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*

Jesus shows us a clear example of stewardship in this passage. He gives his time to do what he is God the Father asks Him to do – to preach and to heal. But, before He begins His ministry, He spends time in prayer. Often it is through prayer and spending quiet time with God do we hear and understand what God wishes for us to do to. This prayer time can also give us the strength to complete what we are being called to do.

**February 13/14, 2021**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” - 1 Corinthians 10:31*

How often do we think about whether we do things for God’s glory or for our own glory? Consider that. How often do we put other “gods” – like money, pride, position or possessions – before God? It’s a good question to ponder.

**February 20/21, 2021**

**First Sunday of Lent**

*“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God.” - Mark 1:14*

Think about how difficult and scary it was for Jesus to come into Galilee. He was coming in to teach the same message that John the Baptist did – and John had just been arrested for that same type of preaching. It must have taken great trust in and love of God – to know that God would give Jesus the strength and tools to do his work. God calls us also to love and trust Him – to do our work

**February 27/28, 2021**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

*“Here I am!’ he answered.” - Genesis 22:11*

It is not always easy to say “Here I am,” when God calls us to do something. Certainly it might be easy if it is something that is comfortable to us – if it is something that we know or understand or *want* to do. But what about those things that are not so comfortable? Being a disciple is not always easy. In fact, most times it is not initially comfortable. Pray to be more willing to say, “Here I am” in those uncomfortable situations.