#### Stewardship Messages

## February 2024

## February 4, 2024

# 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

It is important to note that very early in Jesus' day, which he knows will be full and perhaps tiring, he prays. He takes time alone to speak with God through prayer. Prayer is necessary to pray to get the graces from God to do the things for which He calls us.

#### February 11, 2024

## 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

Where does God fit in your life? Is He first or do other things like worldly comforts, money or social status take priority over God? Do you live your life God-centered or "you-centered" or "world centered?" If your actions are not God-centered, pray for the guidance to change to a more God-directed way of living.

## February 18, 2024

## **First Sunday of Lent**

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

When Jesus came into Galilee He knew that many people would be wary of Him and His teaching. Some would try to harm Him and eventually put Him to death. Those people had already arrested John the Baptist for his teaching. But Jesus accepted that He would face very difficult times and He set out trusting in the Father to fulfill His mission. Similarly, we are called to trust in God and live out the plan that He has for us.

## February 25, 2024

## Second Sunday of Lent

## "Yes, Lord' he answered."- Genesis 22:11

Saying "Yes, Lord" may seem easy in circumstances when it is convenient for us. But what about when things are not easy or when we are inconvenienced? Living as a disciple of God is not limited to when we have time or when it is convenient. We are called even when it is uncomfortable for us. Think about when you are called to say "Yes, Lord" when it is challenging and pray for the strength to do so as a true disciple.