

## Stewardship Messages

Sept. 7, 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“... everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33***

This passage can seem difficult if it is taken the way the world views possessions – that is, that they are ours alone – to share if, when and where we like. But to live a stewardship lifestyle is to know and understand that all we have are gifts from God, entrusted to us, and they are to be used for ourselves and for others.

Sept. 14, 2025

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

***“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” John 3:16***

This familiar passage illustrates God’s immense love for us and all in the world. He gave the gift of His Son for our salvation. This is at the core of the Catholic faith. How do we return that love to God through our words and actions?

Sept. 21, 2025

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

***“No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” Luke 16:13***

This passage may seem difficult in today’s culture, and the words “hate” and “love” and “devoted” and “despise” may seem harsh or extreme, but supporting the Church and others in need is part of our call as Catholics. Sharing what we have – which are all gifts from God – is a reminder that He gives us all that we need.

Sept. 28, 2025

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

***“... remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...” ...Luke 16:25-26***

There is a great division between those who have much and those who do not. We must help to bridge that separation by giving of ourselves and our gifts with those who have little or less. We can only do that during our life here on Earth.