

Stewardship Messages January, 2021

January 2/3, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord

“..They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - Matthew 2:11

An important detail in this scene is that the Magi knelt before Jesus before presenting their gifts. We, too, should take the time to kneel before Jesus – to pray – before we offer the gifts that God has given to us. Taking that time to pray helps make it clear how God may be asking us to use our gifts.

January 9/10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

“And a voice came from the heavens, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” - Mark 1:11

As baptized people, we are also sons and daughters of God. We are called to act as such. We are to actively participate in the Catholic faith. To live it daily – not just on certain days or in particular settings. Living as a son or daughter of God means that we are to use our gifts daily in all situations to benefit others, not just ourselves.

January 16/17, 2021

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - John 1:38

Jesus could ask the same question of us every day – “What are you looking for?” The answer can be made clearer if you talk to God about it. Spending time in silence with God can help you better realize what you seek deeply and spiritually.

January 23/24, 2021

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’” - Mark 1:17

The invitation to follow Jesus is not one just given to his first disciples long ago in a faraway land. He invites us to follow Him every day. The first disciples did not have their lives in order. They were not “ready” or “prepared” to follow Jesus. We, too, are called to follow Jesus when he calls – not when we perceive ourselves to be ready. Jesus will lead our way.

January 30/31, 2021

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“I should like you to be free of anxieties.” - 1 Corinthians 7:32

Worrying about things often does not help things, yet we can spend many, many hours about circumstances in our lives. Consider a change of approach. If you pray about things, rather than worry, you will have a very different way of approaching and dealing with situations in your life.