

Stewardship Messages

Oct. 7, 2018 to Nov. 25, 2018

Oct. 6/7

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“So the Lord God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name.” Genesis 2:19

The creation story brings two points to mind. The first is that God put the entire world in our care; and second, that stewardship isn't something new. It was not invented by the modern Church. Stewardship has existed since the beginning of humankind. Just as past generations cared for and built the Church and its ministries, we must also do so for future generations.

Oct. 13/14

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” Mark 10:25

Jesus does not mince words. He reminds us that we are called to be generous with all of our gifts – not just the ones that we choose. We are called to share our time -- in prayer to God; our talent – in supporting our parish ministries and community; our treasure – in supporting our local parish, diocese and other charitable organizations.

Oct. 20/21

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life for the ransom of many.” Mark 10:45

If you really looked at your life, would you see a reflection of God's mercy and love? Which do you say more often – “I want more” or “Thank you God for what you have given to me. I have enough to share”? The latter may change your perspective – and your outlook about service to others.

Oct. 27/28

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Jesus told him, ‘Go your way; your faith has saved you.’ Immediately he received his sight and followed Him on the way.” Mark 10:52

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Bartimaeus, the blind man, believed in Jesus, even though he could not see Him. He had faith without seeing. Sometimes it takes more than sight to recognize God’s active presence in our lives.

Nov. 3/4

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” Mark 12:33

God gives us many gifts, but our heart and generosity is the gift He wants most. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. While it is important to share our talents and monetary gifts with our parish and its ministries and other organizations, it is also important to spend time in prayer to listen to God about how He wants us to use our gifts for His kingdom.

Nov. 10/11

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

“... Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, be she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.” Mark 12:43-44

We are called to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstances. Do we give from the “first fruits” or from what is “left over?”

Nov. 17/18

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory...” Mark 13:26

Each of us will face that day, standing before God. When this happens and God asks, “What have you done with the gifts I have given you?” How will you respond?

Nov. 24/25

Feast of Christ the King

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ John 18:36

Often we put a great deal of time and energy into building a life and a “kingdom” here on earth, but, our earthly life here is short. The real kingdom is in the next life, yet, how much time do we invest in working toward the eternal kingdom?