

# Stewardship Messages

## Sept. 2, 2018 to Sept. 30, 2018

Sept. 1/2

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*“Be doers of the word and not hearers only ...”* James 1:22

It is easy to understand the definition of stewardship. It is not so easy to live it. What do you do to live God’s word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talents to help people and situations? Are you generous with your financial resources? If your answers are not “yes,” how can you make changes to live the definition of stewardship.

Sept. 8/9

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?”* James 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or being rich in possessions? Our world teaches us that possessions are most important, but, God teaches that when we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don’t matter as society says they do. It is more important to share with those who have less.

Sept. 15/16

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

*“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.”* Mark 8:34

When we truly believe that all we have are gifts from God, then we need to be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but also for the lives of others.

Sept. 23/24

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

*“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”* Mark 9:35

Jesus teaches that we are called to serve one another. Many think of serving others as sacrifice – in the sense that we give up something that we want. But, the literal meaning of the word sacrifice is “to make holy” – derived from the Latin word sacrificium – from sacer (holy, sacred) and faciō (do, make). Therefore, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts.

Sept. 29/30

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

*“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.”* Mark 9:41

Remember that we are made in the image of Jesus. Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?