

Stewardship Messages
September 2022

September 4, 2022

Twenty third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

This passage makes it seem that it would be impossible to be Jesus’ disciple. It would be so – *if* we believe that our possessions are ours alone - and not that they are God’s possessions which He has entrusted to us for our own use and for the benefit of others. When we acknowledge that all that we have and all that we have belongs to God, it is much easier to share our gifts and ourselves with others.

September 11, 2022

Twenty fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Everything I have is yours.” -- Luke 15:31

It is easy to get caught up in the material things of life as did the Prodigal Son in the parable. It also is tempting to get angry or jealous when we witness something that we perceive to be unfair or unjust in someone’s treatment towards us, like the older son in the parable. Of course, God wants us to be happy on Earth but we need to accept that our possessions are from Him – and He has given them to us to use for His great glory.

September 18, 2022

Twenty fifth Sunday in 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***

The word mammon means money or material wealth. It is easy to get into a position in which we think that money and possessions define us. Society reinforces that thought. Reflect on the priority that money and possessions have in your life. Is God before those material possessions? Or is it vice versa? God should always be on top of all we have.

September 25, 2022

Twenty sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

This parable points out the separation between those who have much in life and those who do not – and what can result when the gifts given from God are not shared. God wants us to be happy on Earth, but the gifts we have, we are given to share.