

Stewardship Messages for Lent

Feb. 18, 2018 – March 25, 2018

Feb. 17/18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

*“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God ...”* Mark 1:14

Imagine how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message he was proclaiming. Jesus obviously had great love and trust in what the Father had sent Him here on Earth to do. Similarly, living life as a Christian steward takes great love and trust. We must trust that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

February 24/25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent

“Here I am!” he answered.” Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are in church, but, how easy is it to say when a neighbor needs our help or when we are invited to join a parish ministry or when we are asked to provide financial support? The times we are called to respond “Here I am, Lord” are not always convenient. Discipleship is not always easy. Many times it may make us uncomfortable and vulnerable, but, we still must respond.

March 3/4, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

*“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything
in the sky above or the earth below ...”* Exodus 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, and they can be difficult to recognize. Often “idols” can be things like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

March 10/11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

***“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in Him ...”*** John 3:16

God gave us the greatest gift of all – His own Son. How can we ever thank God for that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own beloved children, but, He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our other God-given gifts. We should nurture and develop those gives and return them with increase.

March 17/18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

“I will be their God and they shall be my people.” Jeremiah 31:33

Being God’s people means that we recognize that everything that we have and everything we are belongs to God. We are stewards of the gifts God has given to us. As His people, we are to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world – just as God cares for us.

March 24/25, 2018

Palm Sunday

“Pilate again said to them in reply, ‘Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?’ They shouted again, ‘Crucify him.’ ” Mark 15:12-13

Jesus has told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day, we have opportunities to help someone; we have the chance to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. We should pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need.