

Stewardship Messages April 2023

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

“As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.” Matthew: 27:32

Everyone “carries crosses” of some sort. Some may be very “visible” but many hold crosses of pain, loss, depression, stress and more. God calls us to help others “carry their crosses” whether they are everyday things like helping someone with a chore or project or being available to listen and assist during their crosses that are not so visible.

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” Colossians 3:2

Society makes it easy – and it is often tempting – to put things “on earth” above things of God and on “what is above.” It is important to examine what is important in our lives and make certain that God is at the top our lists. If He is not, it is time to adjust our priorities.

April 16, 2023

**Second Sunday of Easter”
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

***“Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them,
“Peace be with you.” John 20:19***

Being welcoming is not always easy and sometimes it does not come naturally. With a new colleague or a new neighbor – or even a new family or individual at our parish – it is easy to stay in our own little groups and not make the effort to welcome others. Making sure that others do not feel excluded is part of our call.

April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

“Then they said to each other, ‘Where not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?’ ” Luke 24:32

Do we recognize Jesus when he is before us? Do we hear him when he speaks to us? Do we discern what he is telling us and follow what he is calling us to do in our lives? Take time to intentionally recognize Jesus and listen and to what he is saying to you.

April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

***“Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you,
in the name of Jesus Christ ...’ ” Acts 2:38***

Peter calls those hearing him to repent – to change. But change is difficult. Change often take several steps. First, we must recognize that we need to make a change, or changes, in our lives to better serve Jesus. We then need to determine how we are going to go about that change, or changes. We also should remember that we are not alone with those changes we are making. Jesus will help guide us through those changes.