

Stewardship Messages

August 2023

August 6, 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord

“...then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.’ When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. -- Matthew 17:5-6

At this point in their journey with Jesus, the disciples have seen and heard a lot. But even they were afraid when they heard the voice of God. They were unsure of how to react. The same may be true with us. When God speaks to us are we frightened of the message? Are we open to the messages or do we “hear what we want to hear?” Pray for the ability to truly listen and hear what God is telling you.

August 13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“He said, ‘Come.’ Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.” -- Matthew 14:29

Peter responds immediately when Jesus calls him to get out of the boat and onto the sea. Peter gets frightened when he realizes the strength of the waves and wind around him, but Jesus extends His hand and helps Peter. Do we respond immediately when Jesus calls to us? Do we accept His help – his outstretched hand – when we feel that we are in trouble? Responding to Jesus’ call does not mean that our experiences will be easy or without fear, but Jesus will help us through the challenges.

August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.”-- Romans 11:29

God has given all of us unique gifts. In exchange we are called to use those gifts to help others and carry out God’s plan for us. Take time to recognize and examine your gifts and pray about how you can use your gifts in the best ways to glorify God.

August 27, 2023

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Or who has given Him anything that he may be repaid? For from Him and through Him are all things.”-- Romans 11:35-36

We cannot give anything to God, but rather we can use what God has given to us as appreciation for what the Lord has given. We are called to give back generously.