

**Stewardship Messages**  
**January, 2022**

**January 1/2, 2022**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

***“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage.  
Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold,  
frankincense and myrrh.” -- Matthew 2:11***

The magi were the first to present the Christ child with gifts. What gifts do we give the Lord? While gift giving of all sorts is top of mind leading up to Christmas and into the new year, it is important that we share our gifts year-round. When we share our time, monetary wealth and talents with others, we are giving to the Lord through our actions and generosity.

**January 8/9, 2022**

**The Baptism of Our Lord**

***“John answered them all, saying ‘I am baptize you with water;  
but He who is mightier than I is coming...He will baptize you with the  
Holy Spirit and fire ... ’” -- Luke 3:16***

Through our baptism as Catholics, we are called to give of ourselves. In that giving, the Holy Spirit works through us to share love of God on earth.

**January 15/16, 2022**

**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

***“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit  
is given for some benefit.” -- 1 Corinthians 12:7***

In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us that we all have special and unique blessings from God. We are called to share those blessings with others. Take time to think and pray about the gifts that God has given you. Then consider how you are using those gifts for the benefit of others. Are you sharing your gifts most effectively?

**January 22/23, 2022**

**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

***“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions  
to those who had nothing prepared...” -- Nehemiah 8:10***

This passage reminds us that God does not forbid us from enjoying pleasant things in our lives. But, he does expect us to be generous with our gifts and share them with others – especially those who have less. It is in the sharing that we sometimes need to examine our practices.

**January 29/30, 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

***“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous,  
it is not pompous...” -- 1 Corinthians 13:4***

This is a familiar passage to many people. We often hear it at weddings. However, do we really take it to heart? Do we truly love others with our kindness and generosity? Do we share the gifts that the Lord has given us, in His love for us, with others? It is in sharing our gifts, without the expectation of receiving anything in return, that we share our love and the love of the Lord.