

Stewardship Messages July 2023

July 2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

“... and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” Matthew 10:38

Jesus knows that following him is not always easy. There are many times when it is tempting to take easier paths and not “take up his cross” but following Jesus even through the tough periods has more reward than we could ever imagine. Pray that you have the strength and conviction to pick up your cross and follow Jesus.

July 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” Matthew 11:30

It might seem that Jesus is asking a lot when says to learn from Him and follow Him. But He is not. He is only asking us to return to him the gifts which He has given to us. He calls us to generously share our gifts, varied as they are, with God’s kingdom on earth.

July 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.” Matthew 13:22

It can be easy, and quite tempting, to get “stuck among the thorns” of worldly things – money, possessions or social status. Getting caught up in and “choked by” material things can take all of our time and allow no time for God. Make conscious efforts to make sure God is in your life.

July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“... The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field ... He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.” Matthew 13:24, 37-38

God sews us as “good seeds” – as the children of the kingdom. But as those seeds, we must work to grow and help one another to be prosperous. God has given us the tools we need to cultivate our relationship with Him and live as He intends.

July 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

Sometimes, especially when things are bad, it can be hard to trust in God and his plan for our lives. Faith can be challenging. Pray for the strength and knowledge to trust in God.