

Stewardship Messages
March, 2022

March 5/6, 2022

First Sunday of Lent

***“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you,
O Lord, have given to me.” -- Deuteronomy 26:10***

This passage goes right to the meaning of stewardship. Do we realize that everything we have are gifts from God? And, do we give back to God from our “first fruits” or do we give to the Lord what is “leftover” after fulfilling our own wants and desires? These are important questions to ask ourselves and to pray upon how we can be more grateful and generous.

March 12/13, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

***“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans
to give you this land as a possession.” -- Genesis 15:7***

In this part of the Book of Genesis, we hear about Abram making a sacrifice to God in gratitude for what the Lord had given to him. Do you recognize your gifts from God and make sacrificial gifts in return? If so, pray on how you can be an example to others. If not, pray on how you are called – and can – show gratitude to God for His gifts to you.

March 19/20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

***“...He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit
on this fig tree but have found none.’” -- Luke 13:7***

In this parable, the gardener asks that he be allowed to cultivate and fertilize the soil around the fig tree for just a bit longer to see if the tree will bear fruit. Sometimes we might be like the fig tree. We might need a bit of “cultivation” to recognize our gifts, and how we can share them with others. We can pray to recognize our gifts and be open to those who can help us “grow” those gifts and, in turn, share our “fruit” with others.

March 26/27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

***“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the
yield of the land of Canaan.” Joshua 5:12***

God had provided the gift of manna to eat in the desert for the Israelites as they journeyed for four decades. However, that supply halted. We may notice that in our own lives. Our gifts from God may not be the same throughout our lives. However, it is important to recognize our gifts from God, whatever they are and whenever they are presented to us.