

## Stewardship Messages March 2025

March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,  
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” – Luke 6:43***

Are you bearing good fruit? God gives us each unique gifts to be shared with others. Explore and pray about how you can use your gifts – or utilize them in bigger ways – for the sake of God’s kingdom. Sharing our ‘good fruit’ helps build up God’s kingdom here on Earth.

March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

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

Giving of the “first fruits” can be difficult, especially in a society where material possessions and wealth are held in such esteem. But all that we have are gifts from God, and we are called to give back to Him in abundance. We are to give our “first” and “best” not our “leftovers.”

March 16, 2025

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***

From the very beginning, God gifted His people what they needed – and they thanked Him by offering sacrifices. God still gifts His people – you, your family, your friends, your coworkers, fellow parishioners – everyone – to fulfill their needs. But do we make sacrifices to God for His gifts? While we certainly are not called to make such sacrifices as Abraham did, but we are called to show our gratitude for God’s gifts through our giving of our resources, talents and time.

March 23, 2025

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***

What are you doing with the “fruit” that God has planted in you? Do you let it bloom and nourish others or do you let it lie dormant? We are called to share our fruits – our gifts – with others and to do so generously.

March 30, 2025

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 provided manna when the Israelites were in the desert. It was what they needed at the time. When the Israelites reached the Promised Land, the manna ceased. They no longer needed it. God’s gifts to us also change over time. Think about how His gifts have differed through the years and how you can best share your current gifts with others.