

Stewardship Messages

May 27 to June 24

May 26/27

Feast of the Holy Trinity

“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ ...” Romans 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer and service, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God our Father has left to us? Do we treat the Church as the treasured heirloom that it is?

June 2/3

Feast of Corpus Christi

“Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it them and they all drank from it.” Mark 14:23

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself to us completely for our salvation. He offers us the chance to drink from His cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally, and if we listen to him, we know that drinking from His cup means our own sacrifice – that is, giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do His work on earth.

June 9/10

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.” Mark 3:25

Do our parish ministries always complement each other or do they sometimes compete against each other? Is our parish “one Body of Christ” or a collection of little separate ministries, controlled by human ego? The goal of all of our parish ministries is to bring people to Christ. All of our parish work should be for the glory of God's name – not of our individual names.

June 16/17

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.” 2 Corinthians 5:10

We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life, but for the lives of others as well. One day, God will ask each of us what we did with the gifts He has given to us. How will you respond?

June 23/24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

“... Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.” Acts 13:25

Stewardship is a lifestyle. It is not a program or a process. Stewardship is how we are called to live our lives every day. It challenges us to live “God-centered” lives, not “self-centered” lives. Reflect on your daily activities. Do you do them for the glory of God? Or do you do them for the glory of you?