

## Stewardship Messages November, 2020

October 31/November 1, 2020

All Saints Day

***"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." - Matthew 5:11***

Part of our journey in living the faith is being questioned, mocked and even ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints in heaven. Many of them faced much persecution and ridicule for the faith. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the faith.

November 7/8, 2020

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

***"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13***

No one is guaranteed a tomorrow, a next week or a next year. Just like we should not put off doing things for our family, our home or our jobs, we also should not put off living our faith. We have all been given gifts from God. God is calling us to use them today – not tomorrow, next week or next year.

November 14/15, 2020

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

***"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - Matthew 25:21***

Long ago, the term "talent" was used as unit of weight, then later as a unit of coins. In this parable, it can be used as a term as your responsibility for your time, money and abilities. God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. We are called to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them.

November 21/22, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

***"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers of mine, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40***

It is easy to be generous when it is convenient for us. Most of us are happy to be generous when we have "extra time or money." But being generous is not about our time and surplus. Generosity is about giving time, money, compassion or forgiveness when another needs it; not just when it is convenient for us.

November 28/29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

***"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33***

We can take so many things for granted. Time is one of those things that we often do not think about as limited – or as a gift from God. Although we plan days, weeks and months ahead, our time on earth is not promised or guaranteed. We should thank God for the time that he has given us today – and listen to Him about how he is calling us to use our gift of time to honor Him right now.