

Stewardship Messages October 2023

October 1, 2023

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of other.” *Philippians 2:3-4*

In today's society, it can be easy to look out for and provide for ourselves first and foremost. But we are called to care for others just as we care for ourselves. We are all children of God and we should strive to treat one another as brothers and sisters.

October 8, 2023

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone...” - *Matthew 21:42*

The political leaders, as well as many ordinary people, of Jesus' time rejected Him. That rejection still goes on today. Some people still reject, disregard or disrespect those who live according and obediently to their call to be loving and generous people. Living generously and with thanks for our gifts from God may not always be the most popular to some, but it is our call. And we set examples for others to follow.

October 15, 2023

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“My God will fully supply whatever you need...” – *Philippians 4:19*

The notion that God will provide for all our needs can be difficult to believe or understand – especially during troubling times. But Paul, who certainly faced troubling times, reminds us to be grateful and generous and that God will provide if we live as true stewards of the gifts He has given to us.

October 22, 2023

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Then repay to Casaer what belongs to Casaer and to God what belongs to God.” - *Matthew 22:21*

Jesus reminds us that just as we “owe” or need to “repay” for things of the world, we also need to repay God for his great gifts to us. At the heart of stewardship is that we are not really owners of anything. All that we have are gifts from God. We are to repay with abundance in sharing our time, our talents and our wealth for building the kingdom of God.

October 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” – *Matthew 22:37*

Do we put God above other things in our lives? Or do we put status, wealth, personal possessions first? It is important to remember that everything we have are gifts from God. We repay him for those gifts by returning them in abundance. Putting God first in our lives is our call.