

Stewardship Messages October 2026

October 4, 2026

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“... When vintage time grew near, he sent his servants to the tenant to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed and a third they stoned. ... Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, ‘they will respect my son.’ But ... They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.” Matthew 21: 34-39

In the parable of the landowner who leased his vineyard to tenants, when the harvest time arrived they refused to give the owner his rightful share. This story reminds us of the central meaning of stewardship. God has entrusted gifts to us. He is the owner. We are managers of those gifts – not owners. Everything that we have, including our time, our unique talents and our financial resources, are ours to manage from God. Do we act like the tenants and not give the Lord, the master of our gifts, His due?

October 11, 2026

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“... king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants ... everything is ready; come to the feast. Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. ... Go out into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.” Matthew 22:2-9

In the parable of the king's wedding feast for his son, some guests ignored the invitation to tend to their own farms and businesses so the king expanded the invitation to everyone on the streets. Do we put our worldly things above joining in the feast to which God invites us?

October 18, 2026

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“At that he said to them, ‘Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what is God’s.’” Matthew 22:21

Jesus does not allow the Pharisees to entrap him in his answer to their question about paying civil taxes. He states that people are responsible to obligations in the material world; but he also strongly states that people need to repay to God for the gifts He has given to them. And – those gifts from God are everything that we have.

October 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“... You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:39

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the greatest commandment, and that is to love God. He also tells us the second most important – to love others. That may not always seem easy in our confused and materialized world. But as people of God, we are called to share our time, abilities and resources with others. Pray about how you can love others more with your sharing of your gifts from God.