

## Stewardship Messages September, 2020

September 5/6, 2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“For where two or three are gathered in my name,  
there I am in the midst of them.” -- Matthew 18:20***

This passage usually is understood to be “two or three gathered” in worship, but it can just as appropriately mean two or three gathered in caring for others. We probably know of many groups that gather to provide food, shelter, money, support to those in need. Consider joining such a group which is gathered in Jesus’ name; or if you are already part of such an organization, consider a bigger role – or even inviting someone new to join in and help with the ministry.

September 12/13, 2020

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” -- Romans 14:8***

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

September 19/20, 2020

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” -- Matthew 20:16***

We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

September 26/27, 2020 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves...” -- Philippians 2:3***

Pride and ego can be hard to control. Based on the physical appearance or the social standing of others, we can be judgmental or even take on a “superior” feeling. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put into our lives as gifts. We should be grateful for how they enrich our lives.