

Stewardship Messages September 2024

September 1, 2024

Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only ...” – James 1:22

It's easy to hear and say “the words” of living a life of stewardship and returning to God, with abundance, for the gifts which He has given to us; but just saying those things is not enough. We must act upon them – and live a life of stewardship. Pray about how you can move more from hearing and saying to “doing!”

September 8, 2024

Twenty third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ ... Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” – James 2:5

How do we gauge who is important in today's society? The world tells us that those who have the most money and possessions are important. God tells us those who are abundant in faith are the wealthy. Only when we are rich in faith can we live in the joy and peace that the Lord provides. Think about how you determine wealth and importance – using God's definition not the world's definition.

September 15, 2024

Twenty fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.” – Mark 8:34

Jesus never says that being his follower is easy. He does not promise that using our gifts for others will always “fit into our schedules.” But being a disciple and living a life of stewardship is not about doing things when it is convenient for us, but rather when someone else needs us.

September 22, 2024

Twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” – Mark 9:35

Being a disciple and living the way God intends does not mean that we are to live by the world's standards of being first or best or having the most wealth. Jesus teaches that we are called to love one another and share our gifts with one another. Being first or best or wealthy or powerful does not play into our ability to love and share.

September 29, 2024

Twenty sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” – Mark 9:41

Belonging to Christ means that we love and support one another. No one is greater than another. We are His kingdom on earth. Do you see and treat others, no matter their background, financial status or worldly possessions as such? Do others see the face of Christ in you? Consider those questions and talk to Jesus about them.