

Stewardship Messages

July 1 to Aug. 26

June 30/July 1

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“... that as a matter of equality your surplus at the present time should supply their needs, so that their surplus may also supply your needs, that there may be equality.” 2 Corinthians 8:14

We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our own gifts, but that we teach our children and encourage others to do the same. We are the Body of Christ. As an integral part of our Catholic faith, we are called to be in communion with one another.

July 7/8

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“As He spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you ...” Ezekiel 2:2-3

God asks each of us to do work for Him and He gives us the resources that we need to do that work. But, do we listen when He calls us? Do we stand up and use our talents? Do we go where God is sending us?

July 14/15

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” Mark 6:8

Today we are very different from the Apostles, who took nothing with them when they set out to serve the Lord. Often we are caught up with a lot of “material baggage.” When we can put God first and all of the other “stuff” second, we are more “free” to joyfully serve God and others.

July 21/22

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” Mark 6:31

In the hustle of busy lives, it is often hard to remember or carve out the very important time to be alone and in silence with God. It is in these moments when we can best build a more personal relationship with Him – and listen to the call that God has for us. We must spend that restful time to “hear” the call from God.

July 29/30

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

***“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish;
but what good are these for so many?”*** John 6:9

This miracle, mentioned multiple times in the Bible, has a two-fold message. The first message is: no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. The second message is: Christ can take our most humble gifts and do great things with them, if we allow Him to do so. No gift is too small.

Aug. 4/5

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“... I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” Exodus 16:4

Just as when the Israelites gathered more manna than they needed, it became rotten, so does our gathering of excess, such as money or physical items, sometimes lead to ruin. A stewardship lifestyle helps us to discern our “needs” from our “wants.”

Aug. 11/12

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“... Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you.” 1 Kings 19:7

God knows that our stewardship journey will not be easy – that we will need nourishment along the way. So, through His Son, we have food for the journey in the form of the Eucharist – the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Aug. 18/19

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise.” Ephesians 5:15

A wise person recognizes that everything we have and all that we have are gifts from God. This is at the very center of stewardship. A wise person realizes that God blesses us for a reason and that God wants us to use our blessings to help build His kingdom on earth.

Aug. 25/26

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

***“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve,
the gods your fathers served ...
As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”*** Joshua 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to be a partner in God’s work on earth. A partner in prayer and in action. If we say we serve God, we must do and not just talk.