

Stewardship Messages

July 2019

July 6/7

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“He said to them, ‘The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few ...’ ” Luke 10:2

We are called to serve, but, sometimes, we don't recognize our own gifts from God that we have to share. Through prayer and the intervention of the Holy Spirit, we can better identify those ways that we can serve our families, our parishes and our communities.

July 13/14

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’ ” Luke 10:37

Jesus' final comment at the end of the parable of the Good Samaritan is a strong moral: we are to love our neighbor. That does not just mean loving someone that we know and like or someone who looks like us or believes as we believe. It is a call to love all people – even those we don't know and those who are different than us. And, to expect nothing in return for that love.

July 20/21

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring completion for you the word of God...” Colossians 1:25

We are called to evangelize. That is, to continually grow in our relationship with Jesus and to share that relationship with others. While we certainly may not evangelize in far-away lands and to strangers as was Paul's call, but, we can share our faith with those closest to us. When that sharing becomes more comfortable, we also can evangelize to those beyond our most inner circle.

July 27/28

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ” Luke 11:9

In this passage, Jesus tells us that God will take care of what we need, if we ask for it. Often, however, we are conflicted between what we actually need and what we want. We usually want more than we need.