

Stewardship Messages

December 2021

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” -- Philippians 1:9-10

St. Paul uses a powerful phrase in the beginning of his letter to the Philippians – “to discern what is of value.” This can be difficult at any time, but it can be especially hard to lose focus on what is of value during the hustle of preparing for Christmas. Maybe the “thing” that a family member or friend needs is not truly “a thing” at all. Maybe it’s a listening ear or help with a project or simply you to “be there.” Try to “discern what is of value” this season.

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” -- Philippians 4:6)

In this season of gift giving, St. Paul reminds us that God has given us everything that we are and that we have. We need to trust that He gives us all that we need. We are called to share those gifts from God with others.

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“For at the moment that the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.” -- Luke 1:44

Do you “leap for joy” when you hear the word of God or when you are in His presence? We should strive for that kind of excitement and joy – and help others achieve it as well. Do you prepare and attend Mass with the same enthusiasm that you would if you were going to celebrate a special occasion with another close friend? If not, explore why that is. Jesus invites us into His “house” to celebrate. We should do so actively and with joy.

December 26, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family

“See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are.” -- 1 John 3:1

During this season of giving, it is important to remember that God gave us a most valuable gift– to be called His sons and daughters. What a blessing to have this gift. In return, we are called to share His love with others.