

## Stewardship Messages

November 2021

November 6/7, 2021

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“ Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed from their surplus wealth; but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood. ” -- Mark 12:43-44***

Jesus reminds us about giving of our “first fruits.” There are several references to giving from our “first fruits” – rather than from our surplus – in the Old Testament, and Jesus uses the widow’s offering as a tangible example of that giving. No gift is too small or insignificant. We are called by our faith to support the mission of our local church, and our diocese, through prayer, participation in ministries and financial support.

November 13/14, 2021

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” -- Mark 13:26***

How will we respond when we stand before the Lord after our earthly life is complete? How have we used the gifts that God has given us during our lives? How generous have we been with our resources? Think about that and how you can be more grateful to God for the gifts He has given you – and how you can share those gifts with friends and strangers alike.

November 20/21, 2021

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

***“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ -- John 18:36***

One might say that we all have our own personal “kingdoms” on earth – our homes, our possessions, our wealth. Very likely, we work hard to build those “kingdoms.” But, how hard do we work to build God’s kingdom? How much do we give of ourselves to enjoy the eternal kingdom? How can we share our goods and gifts for the greater glory of God?

November 27/28, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

***“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” -- Luke 21:28***

As we begin Advent, we start into the season of preparation of the birth of Jesus. But how do we prepare? Do we get so caught up in the preparations for the celebrations of the Christmas season that we don’t really “prepare” for the celebration of Christ’s coming to earth? What can you do differently this year? Can you spend more time in prayers? Can you help spread the love of Jesus with others? Can you invite others to share this Advent journey of faith with you?