

# Stewardship Messages

## October 2019

**October 5/6**

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

***“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather of power and love and self-control.”*** 2 Timothy 1:7

Where do you show your faith? Do you make it visible only when you are at Mass or at a church function or with friends from church? If you were at work or a community event or shopping, would others be able to see from your actions that you are a servant of the Lord? Being a good steward requires showing your faith at all times.

**October 12/13**

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

***“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”*** Luke 17:18

How often do we take for granted the many “things” that most of us have – food, clothing, shelter, a vehicle, steady income? However, often those who have little by comparison are often the most grateful for the things that they do have. That seems a bit inside out. Take time to thank God regularly for what He has given to you.

**October 19/20**

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

***“... proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.”*** 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not only convenient to be a good steward. Maybe it is not always comfortable. We can get caught up in the materialistic things and busy lifestyles that our world presents. But, God does not necessarily call us to be comfortable; he calls us to be good stewards of the gifts He has given to us.

**October 26/27**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

***“... for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”*** Luke 18:14

The way that we think about ourselves and our possessions can often cause issues for us and stop us from being grateful for our gifts from God. Thinking that your time is more valuable than someone else's, that your talent is better than others' or that your wealth should gain you higher respect and status than others seems to negate that all we have are gifts from God. We should be humbled and grateful for His generosity in our lives.