

## Stewardship Messages October 2022

October 2, 2022

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice  
but rather of power and love and self-control.  
So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord...” 2 Timothy 1:7-8***

It is easy to “show our faith” when we are at Mass or when we are with other Catholics at a family gathering or church meeting. But do we “show our faith” regularly at work or when we are at community events. It is not enough to put God first just a few times a week. We must do so always and our words and actions should reflect that we are people faith and service to God.

October 9, 2022

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

When we have most of what we need, it is sometimes easy to take our lives and our gifts “for granted.” We can forget how blessed we are. However, many times those who have much less than we have seem more grateful for their blessings. Make a conscious to take time and thank God for the gifts He has given to you. These blessings should not be “taken for granted” but used wisely and shared.

October 16, 2022

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient  
or inconvenient...” 2 Timothy 4:2***

Living our faith is not a matter of convenience or “comfort.” We are not called to be good stewards and share the gifts given to us from God just when it “feels right” or when we “have extra time.” The Lord calls us to be people of faith all of the time, in all situations.

October 23, 2022

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

In our materialized world, it is easy to get caught up in thinking that the possessions we have and our talents are of our own doing. It is important to remember that is not the case. All that we have are gifts from God. No one’s talents or time or treasures are more important than anyone else’s. We are called to share what we have and be humbled and grateful for the Lord’s generosity to us.

October 30, 2022

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord,  
I shall give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from  
anyone I shall repay it four times over.’” Luke 19:8***

The others in the crowd only saw Zacchaeus as defined by his occupation and his socioeconomic status as a person of wealth. They did not see what was in Zacchaeus’ heart – that he would give back in proportion to his means. We are called to do the same with the gifts we have been – not just with our monetary wealth but also with our time and talents. Of course, everyone is not called to give the same amount, but we are called to give proportionally.

