

Stewardship Messages

August 2022

August 7, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be.” Luke 12:34***

The world and the culture in which we live tells us that worldly things are our treasure and that we should work to build and accumulate “things.” But Jesus tells us that heaven is our real treasure. It is easy to focus on material rather than spiritual treasures. Take time to think about and evaluate how much time and energy that you put into accumulating worldly treasure versus heavenly treasure. What can you change in your life to help you focus more on the things of heaven?

August 14, 2022

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“Do you think I have come to give you peace on the Earth?
No, I tell you, but rather division.” Luke 12:51***

Jesus did not “sit on the fence” or “waffle” in his preaching or in teaching people how to be his disciples. Neither then should we “avoid” or stay quiet for the sake of “keeping the peace” among family and friends when it comes to our faith. When Jesus spoke, he knew that there would be division among those who followed him and those who did not. That division still exists today. To be disciples of Christ, we need to take a stance on matters of faith.

August 21, 2022

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“For behold, some are last who will be first and
some are first who will be last.” Luke 13:30***

By our societal influences, it is commonplace to rank or “order” people by their material possessions, their occupations or their material successes. But God judges us by our service to him and to others. We are called to share the gifts God has given us, no matter our cultural “rank.” Regardless of your ranking in the eyes of other people, how do you share your God-given gifts?

August 28, 2022

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled,
the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of
their inability to repay you.” Luke 14:13-14***

This goes right to the heart of stewardship. To live a stewardship way of life, and to use the gifts that God has given to each person, is such that we do not expect anything in return. This can be hard to do in our culture. Pray and think about ways that you can give of your gifts and talents better – without expecting anything in return.