

## Stewardship Messages - August 2020

August 1/2, 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“Jesus said to them, ‘There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves’.” -- Matthew 14:16***

When the disciples approached Jesus to ask Him to dismiss the crowd so that the people could go to the village and buy food, they surely saw the situation as grim or insurmountable. They could not feed the crowd. But, they also did not initially put their trust in Jesus.

It can be difficult at times, but it is important to trust that Jesus will provide for our needs. We need to pray for the wisdom to trust Jesus and believe that He will provide and that He does have a plan for us.

August 8/9, 2020

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.” -- Matthew 14:29***

Peter responded immediately when Jesus called. Do you respond so promptly when Jesus calls you; or do you hesitate to answer, or even second guess His call?

Only if you listen and respond are you living the life that Jesus has intended for you.

August 15/16, 2020

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” -- Romans 11:29***

God gives us each special gifts. Those gifts are important for living our mission of doing God's work on Earth. If we don't recognize and use our gifts, or use our gifts for negative results, we are not accomplishing what God has planned for us. Our part of His work on Earth is left undone.

August 22/23, 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“Or who has given Him anything that He may be repaid?” -- Romans 11:35***

God made everything. We can't really give anything to God. But, we can return a portion of what God has given us in gratefulness and generosity. This is the very meaning of stewardship. This is how we do God's work on Earth.

August 29/30, 2020

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” -- Matthew 16:26***

We must be careful to not use our God-given gifts solely to gain more worldly possessions. While worldly things are not terrible in and of themselves, it is extremely important to set priorities. How are we returning our gifts to God; and how are we using them for things of the material world?