

## Stewardship Messages - October 2020

October 4, 2020

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone...” - Matthew 21:42***

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others in today’s society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some, but to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

October 11, 2020

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“My God will fully supply whatever you need...” - Philippians 4:19***

God does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is often very difficult for many people to believe – especially for those who do not live a stewardship lifestyle. Some think having what is needed is coincidence. There is a difference in having what we need -- and what we want. Returning to God the gifts he has given us, by being generous with our gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure can help us better see how God provides for our needs.

October 18, 2020

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” - Matthew 22:21***

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.

October 25, 2020

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.” – Matthew 22:37***

In today’s world, it can be easy to put some things before God in our life priorities. Other “gods” might be things like money, power, status and possessions. It is important to recognize and remember that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God.

November 1, 2020

All Saints Day

***“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me.” - Matthew 5:11***

Being a follower of Jesus is not always an easy path. It wasn’t easy in Christ’s time and it is not today. Throughout all of Christian history, people have been mocked or criticized for leading holy lives. When others criticize you, it is important to consider how you respond. It is important to react with love, rather than resentment or anger.

We have been preceded by countless people who have come before us defending the faith. We can turn to them – those who are official saints and others who have led by example – for guidance.