

Stewardship Messages July 2022

July 3, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“He said to them, ‘The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...’” -- Luke 10:2

Just as those who Jesus physically called and sent, we are called to serve. As Catholics we are all called to serve. God has given each of us special gifts that we are called to share build the Church in our times. It is not enough to believe and pray. We must use our gifts to Each of us has been given “charisms” otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God’s Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say “yes” to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

July 10, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“The one who treated him with mercy.”
Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” -- Luke 10:37***

The story of the Good Samaritan is not just about helping one another. It is about loving someone who you might not know; someone who looks different than you; someone who has different beliefs and convictions than you. In Jesus’ story, the traveler coming from Jerusalem was Jewish. The man who helped the traveler was Samaritan. Jews and Samaritans hated one another, yet the Samaritan stopped and cared for the man who was considered his enemy – and he did not expect anything in return. This is what we are called to do.

July 17, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.” Colossians 1:25

How do others see your faith? Do they see it in your actions or in your words? Or do they only see it when you are with those from your parish or other Catholics? We are called to evangelize through our words and actions – to all; not just to those who share our faith. Ask yourself how and when others see your faith. What are ways that you might improve your call to evangelization?

July 24, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” -- Luke 11:9

There is a difference in what we *need* and what we *want*. Society can make realizing the difference all the much harder. We are bombarded with messages that lead us to believe more and more that our *wants* are *needs*. God will give us what we *need*, but not always what we *want*. Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. Try to focus on what you need, rather than what you want, and be grateful to God for taking care of your needs.

July 31, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” -- Luke 12:15

This passage can be difficult in our times. Society convinces us that we are what we physically possess. There is little focus on what we “have” because of God’s love for us. Take time to consider and pray about how you can be more centered on what God gives, rather than what the world gives.