

March 6th – 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to consider how we make use of the gifts of our time, talent and financial blessings. During the 40 days of Lent each of us will embrace the traditional disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; each in our particular way. These disciplines are not merely reserved for the season of Lent however. As the people of God, all of us are called to practice these disciplines throughout the year. Make it a way of life, that's good stewardship!

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March 13th – 1st Sunday of Lent

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions, pride, power? So much in our consumer society tempts us. The beauty of stewardship, as a way of life, is that it enables the Christian steward to resist the temptations of excessive consumerism and materialism. Not that these in and of themselves are bad. They are bad only when they get in the way of our discipleship. Stewardship enables us to discern between needs and wants and thus brings a measure of balance to our lives. This Lenten season let us pray that we may live responsibly and possess sensibly.

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March 20th – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Today we remember the Transfiguration. In today's Gospel, Peter says to Jesus that, *it is good for us to be here*. Do you ever wonder why there were not more disciples on the mountain that day? Could it be that they were too busy! Stewardship means that we are accountable for the use of all our gifts, including the gift of each day, our time. Once we spend our time we can not get it back. How do you steward your time? Peter, James and John took the time to be with Jesus and were rewarded. It was good for them to be there!

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March 27th – 3rd Sunday of Lent

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, he opened the door for a life-changing relationship with him. Stewardship likewise can be life-changing. When we open our hearts to Christ's call in our lives or when we use our gifts in the service of others or we like the Samaritan woman will draw many others to Christ through our witness.

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