



Stewardship Messages In The Liturgy

Bulletin Announcements

September 18, 2016

The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

September 25, 2016

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

October 2, 2016

When will I have given enough—enough of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

See Luke 17:10

October 9, 2016

Jesus healed ten lepers in today's Gospel. Only one (ten percent) came back to say thank you. I, too, have received many blessings from the Lord—indeed all I am and all I have is a gift! How and how often have I remembered to thank him?

October 16, 2016

Today's theme is perseverance—Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we also must persevere in the roles to which we were called.

October 23, 2016

Both the first reading and today's psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts—of time or money or abilities—to be the means by which God answers their need?

October 30, 2016

We are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations. St. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is therefore ours, too—"that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith."

See 2 Thessalonians 1:11

November 6, 2016

In today's second reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened "in every good deed and word." May we also be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.

See 2 Thessalonians 2:17

November 13, 2016

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.