November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent  
We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent  
John the Baptist’s call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops’ pastoral letter on stewardship: “Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know how they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards.”

December 8, 2020 Immaculate Conception  
Mary’s Immaculate Conception prepared her for her unique role as the Mother of God. We, too, have been given all the gifts we need to do the work to which God calls us. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us that we may have the courage to say “yes!” when God calls.

December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent  
All of the people in today’s readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary’s “Yes” – “I am the handmaid of the Lord, Let it be done to me as you say.” – that the promise finds fulfillment.

December 25, 2020 Christmas  
The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed my life?

December 27, 2020 Holy Family  
“Whatever you do,” says St. Paul to the Colossians, “…do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him.” And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist “through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.”
January 1, 2021 New Year's Day
The first reading today recall's God’s special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully!

January 3, 2021 Epiphany
The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Saviour?

January 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord
Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. bishops pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them “to offer up the word and all that is in it – especially themselves – to the Lord of all. “

January 17, 2021 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
In today’s first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, “Here I am!” each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, “Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.”

January 24, 2021 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
There is a certain urgency in today’s Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples – Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me - at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

January 31, 2021 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Moses told the people, “The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen.” God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

February 2, 2021 Presentation of the Lord
When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple, they offered a sacrificial gift “in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.” An offering of a specific size or kind is not “dictated” when we bring our gifts to the altar at Mass. Is my gift reflective of the many blessings I have received?
February 7, 2021 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, “I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings.”

February 14, 2021 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to “do all for the glory of God.” If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

February 17, 2021 Ash Wednesday  
In today's Gospel Jesus warns that our giving must be done quietly, without hoping for recognition or applause But He also promises that God, who sees even our most secret deeds, will reward those who fast, pray, and give alms.

February 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent  
The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that “there is fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God’s service in and through the Church.”

February 28, 2021 Second Sunday of Lent  
Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare His own Son.” Are my gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself – also sacrificial?

March 7, 2021 Third Sunday of Lent  
The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

March 14, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent  
All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. “We are truly his handiwork,” says St. Paul in the second reading, “created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.”

March 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent  
“If anyone would serve me,” says Jesus in today's Gospel, “let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be.” In what way is Jesus is inviting me to follow Him? What service is he asking of me?
March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday
Good stewards strive to conform to their lives to that of Christ – emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday
Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

April 11, 2021 Second Sunday of Easter
The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

April 18, 2021 Third Sunday of Easter
The disciples in today’s Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter
To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, “leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf.”

May 2, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter
The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter
Jesus’ commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God’s people?

May 16, 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter
Jesus is the perfect steward - watching carefully over all who have been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me.
May 23, 2021 Pentecost
St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given “for the common good.” What gifts are mine to share?

May 30, 2021 Trinity Sunday – First Sunday After Pentecost
Today’s second reading reminds us that we are the adopted sons and daughters – the heirs – of God. We are good stewards of our inheritance when we share our faith and fulfill Our Lord’s command to “go...and make disciples of all the nations.”

June 6, 2021 Body and Blood of Christ – Second Sunday Following Pentecost
The bishops’ stewardship pastoral asks, “And what do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus’ offering?” The answer: “Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ.”

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The focus of today’s feast is total self-giving of Jesus. The bishops’ stewardship pastoral reminds us that “the glory and the boast of Christian stewards lie in mirroring, however poorly, the stewardship of Jesus Christ, who gave and still gives all He has and is, in order to be faithful to God’s will and carry through to completion His redemptive stewardship of human beings and their world.

June 13, 2021 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Like the sower in today’s Gospel, I scatter as seed my gifts of time, talent, and resources, and I trust that, by God’s grace and in God’s time, these small gifts of myself may grow and flourish and help to bring about the kingdom of God.

June 20, 2021 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ died “so that those who live might live no longer for themselves.” What we give to and do for others, we give to and do for Jesus!

June 27, 2021 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Today’s reading from St. Paul explains the “divine economy” of stewardship – “The relief of others ought not to impoverish you; there should be a certain equality. Your plenty at the present time should supply their need so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need.”
July 4, 2021 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
During this time, we celebrate the independence of our country. We would do well to echo the psalmist, saying, “Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy.” May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

July 11, 2021 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Today’s readings are about being chosen and sent. The prophet Amos was chosen by the Lord and sent to use his talents for the people of God. The Gospel recounts the story of the sending of the twelve. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we, too, are chosen. For what have I been chosen? To whom have I been sent?

July 18, 2021 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
In today’s Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

July 25, 2021 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“The hand of the Lord feeds us, “ says the psalmist; “he answers all our needs.” Both Elisha’s servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

August 1, 2021 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The crowd in today’s Gospel demanded a sign from Jesus. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a “fresh, spiritual way of thinking” in Christ.

August 6, 2021 Transfiguration
In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to do something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to be still, to listen to Jesus, and to wait for His direction. Good advice for us, too!

August 8, 2021 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah – food, water, rest, and encouragement – were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?
August 15, 2021 Assumption
“After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship...She was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role as ‘handmaid’ in terms of service and fidelity.” (U.S. Bishops’ pastoral letter, Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response)

or

August 15, 2021 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Even though we are told that if we seek the Lord, we shall not want, in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should “give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

August 22, 2021 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
In today’s first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God’s faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, “We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God.” May we, too, be mindful of God’s gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

August 29, 2021 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit, comes from above,” says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!

September 5, 2021 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world’s poor to be rich and inheritors of God’s kingdom.

September 12, 2021 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God’s gifts to us that we can never be accused of having “faith that does nothing in practice.”

September 19, 2021 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Today’s second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, “Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will
praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

**September 26, 2021 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
St. James warns in today’s second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

**October 3, 2021 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
The phrase in today’s psalm, “May you see your children’s children,” is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. “May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.”

**October 10, 2021 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks the young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

**October 17, 2021 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Good stewards must not argue about who is most important. Today’s Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

Or (if celebrated as “Mission Sunday”)

All discipleship involves mission. The bishops’ pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us, “Every member of the Church is called to evangelize, and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization.”

**October 24, 2021 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Today’s psalm says, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

**October 31, 2021 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward? All of my heart, all of my soul, all of my mind, and all of my strength!

**November 1, 2021 All Saints**
Today’s psalm makes clear that we and everything we think we own actually belong to God instead: “The Lord’s are the earth and its fullness, the world
and those who dwell in it." We are *stewards*, not owners, of our lives and all we possess!

**November 7, 2021 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Both widows in today’s readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

**November 14, 2021 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
The readings today speak of the end of the world and coming of the kingdom. The bishops’ pastoral on stewardship says clearly that “that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now.” May our good stewardship help us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

**November 21, 2021 Christ the King Solemnity**
Today’s second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests *in the service* of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?