



C. Scripture Notes

The Sunday Cycles of Readings (A, B, and C) come to a close in the fall of each year when your stewardship planning should be in place. The following are examples of several readings (from Cycle A) that would be appropriate during September and October to support homily messages.

September 21, 2014 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 20: 1-16

In the familiar parable of the **generous landowner**, the workers who went into the fields at the end of the day received the same wages as those who worked all day at the agreed upon wage. If we feel slighted or unfairly treated, it hardens the heart and we are less likely to share what we have.

September 28, 2014 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25

Here we see the virtuous man who loses his way, then dies; and the wicked man who turns from sin, lives. And the people complain that the “Lord’s way is not fair!” Human understanding of “fair” does not always fit God’s plan. If we feel God is not **fair** with us, we will drift from Him.

October 5, 2014 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Philippians 4: 6-9

St. Paul invites us to “Have no anxiety at all,” to petition God, make our requests known, and receive the “peace that surpasses all understanding.” A truly childlike response brings **peace and joy**.

For additional homily messages and relevant Scripture for Cycles A, B and C, visit the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas website: www.stewardshiparchkck.org.

Scripture teaches us about the importance of being good stewards. God asks us to be generous with our gifts, and shows us what it means to live selflessly. Use these passages in parish bible studies, prayer services, before meetings and homilies to foster a spirit of stewardship. Reflecting on God’s word will prepare your heart to do His work.