

Weekly Bulletin Stewardship Reflections  
April 4<sup>th</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010

*April 4 – Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord*

In Luke's Gospel Mary Magdalene is described as being one of the women "*who used their own resources to help Jesus and his disciples.*" She was a good steward, and in today's Gospel she is rewarded, God blesses her with being the first to see the Risen Lord. Making stewardship a way of life always begins with a personal relationship with the Risen Christ. We pray that we may be as faithful as Mary Magdalene in our discipleship and stewardship, and enthusiastically announce Christ's resurrection.

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*April 11 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

We all believe in the resurrection without seeing it. Our belief has grown, and is being nurtured in our community of faith. However, belief does not lead to belonging; it is actually the other way around. As good stewards we pray that our parish will always foster a sense of belonging; with arms wide open, welcoming every person. When people see, or feel that they belong... then we nurture their desire to grow in their belief!

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*April 18 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

It has often been said that stewardship is '*what we do after we say we believe.*' What are we to do with the resurrection? As good stewards of this incredible gift we are to share it. Jesus said to Peter, "*Feed my lambs*". We are called as disciples today to do the same. Peter reiterates what is central to our discipleship... *love*. To be a witness to the resurrection, but to not have love, is nothing.

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*April 25 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

Today is *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Our individual vocations, married, single, religious life, or the priesthood, are all a gift, and essentially a call to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus sent the disciples out to be a joyful presence in a troubled world. We are sent in the same way. How are you joyfully and generously being a steward of the vocation God has given you? Today's Gospel gives us confidence as we faithfully live out our vocations.

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