

# Parish Bulletin

## Stewardship Reflections

### March 2012

#### March 4<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

*“Listen to Him!”* The Christian Steward is always listening to Christ. We must put God first in our daily decisions. Abraham was prepared to withhold nothing, not even his own son. All good gifts come from and belong to God. As stewards of our gifts we too should withhold nothing. We do well not to cling to our gifts as if we own them.

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#### March 11<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

The image from today's Gospel of Christ driving out the money-changers and merchants is one we need to give some thought to. When consumerism and materialism, and not our faith in God, become the centre of our lives it can be a real problem. Good stewards allow their faith to infuse all of their money management decisions. We can find balance amid the rampant consumerism and materialism in our society by sharing first, saving second, and spending third.

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#### March 18<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

All that we are able to accomplish and accumulate in our lifetime is only possible because of God. *“God has made us what we are...”* St. Paul tells us in today's second reading. God also *“...created us for a life of good deeds...”* and, He has laid the plans for our lives, *“...which He has already prepared for us to do.”* What gifts have you been given that are to be shared in a life of good deeds and in fulfilling God's plan? To live the stewardship way of life!

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#### March 25<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Jesus tells us that if *we love our life we will lose it*. As disciples and stewards we need to **die to self** so that we may live an abundantly fruitful life. To die to self is to admit utter dependence upon God for all that I have and all that I am. To be a steward is not to hoard my life, but to live generously.

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