

Sunday April 1st – Palm Sunday

The second reading today speaks of Christ's humility. We too are called to be humble. Being humble does not mean we think less of ourselves; that serves no purpose. Christian humility simply means that *we think of ourselves less*. We can do this by putting God and others first. As Christian stewards we acknowledge God as the source of all our talents and abilities, and everything we possess. Setting aside self gives the steward a certain 'God-grounded' confidence while still remaining humble.

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Sunday April 8th – Easter Sunday

Church is really all about living out what we celebrate both today and every Sunday through the day-to-day activities of our lives. What is church like for you, in your home, at work and at play? The Church gives us the Acts of the Apostles during the 50 days of the Easter Season to show us how to be church. Through our baptism and confirmation Christ himself has given all of us a share in the mission of His Church. How are you using your gifts in engaging in the mission?

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Sunday April 15th – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Today's reading from Acts is a classic stewardship reading. None of the Apostles claimed that their possessions were their own. The truth is we don't own anything, it all belongs to God. Good stewards share everything they have. Sharing is a response of both the head and the heart. In believing that everything we possess is a gift from God, we make a conscious decision to share it. Thus, our grateful hearts lead us to joyful generosity, not out of obligation or duty, but out of gratitude to God and love for one another.

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Sunday April 22nd – 3rd Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel Jesus commissions His Disciples to take the good news to all nations. *"The laity likewise share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ and **have their own share in the mission**"* (Vatican II Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity). By our baptism and confirmation we too are commissioned by Christ himself. We are called to be good stewards of what we profess to believe by sharing it with others. We do this simply and most effectively by the example of our lives.

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Sunday April 29th – 4th Sunday of Easter

"I know my sheep and they know me". To know our Shepherd is to know scripture. *"How can we truly know Christ so as to be able to follow him and live with him? First and foremost, Christ makes his person, his life and his teaching known to us through the **Word of God.**"* (Pope Benedict XVI). We are all given the same 24 hours in each day. No one has any advantage when it comes to time. How do we make the best use of this most precious gift? Stewardship of our time is a challenge in today's busy world. Nevertheless, we can all afford to devote a little time to God's Word each day.

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