

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflections May 5<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### May 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel Jesus tells His disciples not to be troubled or afraid. We can worry about a lot of things in our day-to-day lives. At times it may be hard to trust God, with the result that we cling to things too tightly. Trust is a virtue at the heart of the stewardship way of life. Peace will never be found in the things of this world. Trusting in our good and gracious God who provides all we need is the only source of lasting peace of mind.

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### May 12<sup>th</sup> – Ascension of the Lord

Just when the Apostles were getting used to having Jesus around after His resurrection, He leaves again and ascends into heaven. The natural reaction of the Apostles would be one of fear at the prospect of being alone again. Instead, as we hear in today's Gospel, they "*returned to Jerusalem with great joy*". The Apostles trusted in our Lord's promise that He would send them the Holy Spirit. Trust is a virtue central to the life of a disciple and Christian steward. It is only through completely trusting in the Holy Spirit that we are able to confidently and generously share our gifts and do our part in proclaiming the Good News.

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### May 19<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday

In today's reading from Acts a diverse group of people is gathered at Pentecost. Even though they certainly did not have a uniformity of beliefs or traditions, they were united as one by the same spirit. Our parish is blessed with a similar diversity, and when we unite our gifts together in the service of God, His Church, and one another, we continue to build a Church of Communion. Thank you for sharing your gifts.

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### May 26<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Sunday

***Trinitarian Stewardship:*** God the Father, creator and giver of who we are and all that we possess; God the Son, our redeemer, and supreme teacher of Christian Stewardship; God the Spirit, the activator, the Holy Spirit guiding how we are to use our gifts. The bottom-line is that one day we will all be held accountable for how we shared the gifts we were given; how we responded to what we were taught; and, how we acted when inspired. When that day comes, we pray that through God's grace we will hear the words, "*Well done good and faithful steward!*"

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