

## *Stewardship Bulletin Reflections – April 2014*

### **April 6<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Sometimes, in the busyness of our daily lives, we can overlook the little miracles that take place every day. These occurrences do not have to be of the magnitude we see in the raising of Lazarus from the dead to recognize God at work. Our good and gracious God is working little miracles through us every day. The same Spirit that raised Lazarus from the dead dwells in us. What a gift! It is this same Spirit that activates the gifts each of us has received. Our willingness to steward our gifts, as God intends, creates opportunities for God's glory to shine in the little things we do every day.

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### **April 13<sup>th</sup> – Passion Sunday**

Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem with a great deal of enthusiasm! It is easy to be enthusiastic, even to be carried away with zeal for brief periods of time. The challenge is to live each day in such passion for our Lord, because it means giving of ourselves. On the Cross, the Lord gave his all. In doing so, he invites us to make our life a living sacrifice so that His ministry of love and reconciliation may spread throughout the world. At the beginning of this Holy Week, let us make a covenant with God, and ourselves, to live lives of joyful generosity, and to be more giving.

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### **April 20<sup>h</sup> – Easter Sunday**

Today, we gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In reality every Sunday in the Christian Church is a little Easter Sunday because we remember Christ's resurrection each week. Each week you share your time, your talents, and your financial gifts at liturgy, and in the world. Thank you for your generosity! This enables **[insert parish name]** to preach the Easter message throughout the year.

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### **April 27<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*"Peace be with you"*. These are the familiar first words of Jesus to his disciples after the resurrection. We do well to embrace these words in today's secular culture; a culture that is driven by fear and anxiety; a culture that worships busyness and the relentless pursuit of more and more material goods. This pursuit never really satisfies. The stewardship lifestyle is rooted in the peace of mind that can only come from trusting in our good and gracious God who provides for all of our needs. We find peace and immense joy by gratefully accepting God's gifts and by generously sharing them.

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