

Bulletin Stewardship Reflections

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May 4th – 3rd Sunday of Easter

On the road to Emmaus the disciples walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was only in the breaking of the bread that they recognized him. Suddenly their eyes were opened to the reality before them. Stewardship becomes a way of life for many in a sudden realization that everything they possess is a gift from God. They see who they are and all that they possess in an entirely new way. Gratitude is the virtue born out of this recognition. Gratitude then naturally leads to acts of generosity which reveals the presence of Christ in us.

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May 11th – 4th Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel Jesus says, *"I came that you may have life and have it abundantly."* The only authentic path to a life which is lived to the full is the path of discipleship. Stewardship is a response to our discipleship, which is lived out in our relationship with the Risen Lord. Good stewards experience an abundant life that is free of the anxiety of always wanting more. It is a life spent not in the relentless and empty pursuit of more and more stuff, but in possessing sensibly and sharing generously. This is the abundant life of the disciple and Christian steward.

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May 18th – 5th Sunday of Easter

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, *"Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these"*. Jesus begins His statement with 'very truly'. Jesus is emphasizing that we can do this! As disciples and Christian stewards these words should comfort us and give us as a great deal of God-grounded confidence as we endeavor to share our faith through our good works.

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May 25th – 6th Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel our Lord promises the gift which we will celebrate in two weeks on Pentecost Sunday - the gift of the Holy Spirit. Since Vatican II, our Church is calling for a renewed outpouring of the Spirit of Pentecost, and a new evangelization. The Holy Spirit gives each of us the necessary gifts to equip us and make us ready to contribute to the renewal of society and the building up of the Kingdom of God. Are you ready and willing? What are your gifts?

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