

Weekly Bulletin Stewardship Reflections
April 4th to April 25th, 2010

April 4 – Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord

In Luke's Gospel Mary Magdalene is described as being one of the women "*who used their own resources to help Jesus and his disciples.*" She was a good steward, and in today's Gospel she is rewarded, God blesses her with being the first to see the Risen Lord. Making stewardship a way of life always begins with a personal relationship with the Risen Christ. We pray that we may be as faithful as Mary Magdalene in our discipleship and stewardship, and enthusiastically announce Christ's resurrection.

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April 11 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

We all believe in the resurrection without seeing it. Our belief has grown, and is being nurtured in our community of faith. However, belief does not lead to belonging; it is actually the other way around. As good stewards we pray that our parish will always foster a sense of belonging; with arms wide open, welcoming every person. When people see, or feel that they belong... then we nurture their desire to grow in their belief!

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April 18 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

It has often been said that stewardship is '*what we do after we say we believe.*' What are we to do with the resurrection? As good stewards of this incredible gift we are to share it. Jesus said to Peter, "*Feed my lambs*". We are called as disciples today to do the same. Peter reiterates what is central to our discipleship... *love*. To be a witness to the resurrection, but to not have love, is nothing.

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April 25 – 4th Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today is *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Our individual vocations, married, single, religious life, or the priesthood, are all a gift, and essentially a call to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus sent the disciples out to be a joyful presence in a troubled world. We are sent in the same way. How are you joyfully and generously being a steward of the vocation God has given you? Today's Gospel gives us confidence as we faithfully live out our vocations.

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