### **Stewardship Messages**

# April 2021

## April 4, 2021

### "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - Colossians 3:2

Today – Easter Sunday – we most celebrate and rejoice in the gift that God gave us in His Son rising and opening the gates of heaven for us. This should not just be a celebration of one day, or for a few weeks after when we sing "Alleluia." Sometimes we might need to remind ourselves to keep the joy of Easter alive all year. In doing so, we might be able to better see the plan that God has for us to use the gifts that He gave us.

### April 11, 2021

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

### "The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:32

This passage speaks to the heart of stewardship. All that we have – from our talents and gifts to our loved ones to our possessions – are gifts (on loan) from God. We are stewards of these gifts and are called to share them gratefully with others.

### April 18, 2021

# Third Sunday of Easter

### "... He stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and terrified..." - Luke 24:36-37

The disciples did not recognize Jesus when He stood right in front of them. While we don't have the opportunity to see Jesus in person as the disciples, we can "see Jesus" in others. How often do we not recognize Him? How often do we not take the occasion to be the "face of Jesus" to others? We can start to better "see the face" and "be the face" when we live a more "God-centered" life.

### April 25, 2021

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." - John 10:14-16

We know that we are God's sheep; His flock. He leads us, but do we always hear His voice? Do we hear Him about how he wants us to live? That is a very good thing to pray about.

#### Easter Sunday