

# Stewardship Messages

## April - May 2019

**April 6/7**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

*“For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ ...”* Philippians 3:8

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts – our time and talent in charitable works, our time in prayer and our treasure in support of the Church and other ministries helps us to God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God.

**April 13/14**

**Palm Sunday**

*“I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.”* Luke 22:34

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or about the Catholic faith? How do you react? Do you keep quiet to not cause a disturbance? Or do you not speak up because you fear that people might think about you negatively or that you will be unpopular for your beliefs? Pray for the courage to speak up and have respectful and meaningful dialogues when opportunities arise.

**April 20/21**

**Easter Sunday**

*“He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”* Acts 10:38

On this Easter Sunday, open your heart to receive God’s love and mercy. Pray for guidance on how to live your life and give thanks to God for what He has given you. Pray that your life reflects God’s light to others.

**April 28/29**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

*“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’”* John 20:21

Just as Jesus sent the apostles into the world, he also sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to share his peace – not only in our parishes, but in the greater community. In giving, we receive the peace of Christ.

**May 4/5**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

*“Peter was distressed that He had said to him a third time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ and he said to Him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’”* John 21:17

We sometimes are challenged to show our love for Jesus and for others. Discern how you are being called to share your time and talent in charitable works, your time in prayer and your treasure to help those in need to show your love for Jesus.

**May 11/12**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*“The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.”* Acts 13:52

When the disciples heard the Lord’s call, they were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vigor. When we use our gifts as God intends and when we allow the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts, spread joy that others can notice and feel.

**May 18/19**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”* John 13:34

It is easy to love someone when you him or her and when he or she loves you back. It is much harder to love someone who makes you feel unappreciated or as if your opinion does not matter. It takes courage to “love your neighbor” when it is someone who you don’t like or someone you don’t even know.

**May 25/26**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*“Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”* John 14:27

We cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. It is impossible for us to be in control of every outcome of our lives. When worry, fear or anxiety creep into your mind, thank God for all He has given to you and trust that He has a plan for you.