

## Stewardship Messages May 2021

May 1/2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

***“Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth.” - 1 JOHN 3:18***

What do people observe when they see you? Do they see you living as God calls us to live by your actions, not just your words? Are you actively being a servant of God in what you do for others? Being a good disciple doesn't only mean praying or talking about loving one another, it means taking action. It is in the “doing” that we spread the love of Christ.

May 8/9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

***“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.” - JOHN 15:12-13***

This is a quite well-known passage. It speaks not just of love of those closest to us – family and friends, but also to love strangers, and even our enemies. Sometimes, it is not so easy to love – especially those who are not in our “close circles.” Jesus laid down His own life for us – that is how much He loves us. Do you consider Jesus among those in your “circle?” How do you show Him your love? Think about it. Act on that love.

May 15/16, 2021

Ascension of Our Lord

***“Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him, and he in God.” – 1 JOHN 4:15***

It is easy to talk about our Catholic faith at parish functions or with other Catholics. But, how do you react or defend your faith in situations outside of “church?” It is easier to stay quiet and not address questions or defend your faith? Pray for the courage to show your faith through your words and actions in all situations.

May 22/23, 2021

Pentecost

***“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6***

Everyone is blessed with individual gifts. They are gifts from God. We are called to use our talents, time and treasures in service to others. Our gifts are all different – and we are called to use them in varying ways. It is in the “giving back” of these things that is our gift to God.

May 29/30, 2021

The Most Holy Trinity

***“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” - ROMANS 8:16-17***

As we are heirs to the God's kingdom, how can we work to build the kingdom? We should be good stewards of our gifts and talents – giving back to God abundantly and with gratitude. That is our way to build the kingdom.