

AT-A-GLANCE...May's Stewardship Resources for Liturgy

May 5th - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Bulletin Reflection: Today in the first reading, we see the apostles put their Faith-in-Action by not surrendering to the demands of the Sanhedrin. Despite being warned to stop speaking of Jesus and demonstrating their faith, the apostles continue to evangelize. By standing tall, along with St. Peter, they serve to remind us to obey God rather than man.

Living Stewardship: During this Easter season, show the world that we too have been raised with Christ. Put your Faith-into-Action by joyfully sharing the "Good News" - that Christ is risen, victorious over sin and death - with a smile, wherever and whenever you can.

General Intercession: That as models of good stewardship, we accept the challenge to stand firm in our faith, evangelizing even when the world tells us to be silent, we pray to the Lord...

May 12th - 4th Sunday of Easter

Bulletin Reflection: In today's first reading, we see Paul and Barnabas preaching to both the Jews and the Gentiles. We should reflect on and give thanks to God for those individuals who have passed the faith on to us. It may have been our parents, a catechist, a good friend, or our parish priest who introduced us to the faith. While thanking God for those special people, become an evangelizer yourself to those around you!

Living Stewardship: The readings today remind us that as Christians we are all brothers and sisters. Let us pray for all of Christian brothers and sisters who are facing persecution as well as our newly formed brothers and sisters who were baptized this past Easter Vigil.

General Intercession: For all Christians who face persecution today across the world, we pray to the Lord...

May 19th - 5th Sunday of Easter

Bulletin Reflection: We continue to hear about Paul and Barnabas in the first reading this Sunday. As stewards of the faith, they traveled near and far to spread God's Word, encountering both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. However, we need not sail to Antioch or Pisidia to be evangelizers! Let us spread God's Word today by using our gifts in service to the wider community, beginning with our own hometown.

Living Stewardship: Jesus could not have been any more direct in this Gospel reading when He tells us to love one another. As simple as this sounds, this is no easy task. This week, try to show more love and respect to those close to you and ask God to help you love those who are not easy to love.

General Intercession: That as loving stewards we strive to choose wisely, act justly and hold to what is best for the good of all, we pray to the Lord...

May 26th - 6th Sunday of Easter

Bulletin Reflection: We hear in the Gospel that Jesus will be going somewhere the apostles cannot yet follow. Today, we have the Holy Spirit to guide us and our Church; we have the sacraments to empower us and Jesus' Real Presence to nourish us. We are now the Missionary Disciples to those on earth who do not know Him. St. Teresa of Avila reminds us that we are Christ's Body on earth and are called to be evangelizers in our world today. Let us come together as *One Family in Mission* to spread the Good News.

Living Stewardship: In a world where many do not know God's love, we are steward disciples allowing the whisper of the Holy Spirit to work through us, opening us to the presence and action of God in our lives. Pray for our brothers and sisters who feel alone or abandoned. Use your precious gift of faith for the betterment of all.

General Intercession: That as grateful stewards, we accept our call to action to change the world by furthering the mission and ministry of Jesus, we pray to the Lord...