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The reflection for the week of April 15, 2012 featured on the Catholic Steward Blog speaks to stewardship in a beautiful way and I would like to share it with you.

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection for the Week of April 15, 2012

*April 15, 2012 - Second Sunday of Easter*

[Acts 4:32-35; Ps. 118:2-4, 13-15,22-24; 1 Jn. 5:1-6; Jn. 20:19-31](#)

Today's readings emphasize for us what it means to live as a Christian disciple – both in the early Church and today over 2,000 years later. It means living a life rooted in faith. That faith leads us to love.

The second reading tells us, "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by Him" (1 Jn. 5:1).

As Christian disciples, we live a life of love – love of God and love of neighbor, and we use all that we have – our time, our talents, and our treasure – in love of others, following Jesus' footsteps. Remember, Christ's whole life on Earth was lived for love of others, so much so that He died out of love for all of us. And so it is our responsibility as His disciples to use all that He has given us out of love for others, proclaiming the Gospel by the way we live.

If you are interested in reading more of their reflections you can find them on our new St Raphael Stewardship Web page. The link is located under Education & Formation. If you would like them to come directly to your e-mail address you can do that as well.

Blessings!  
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