FLOURISHING FAITH

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A flourishing congregation is grounded in a simple, life-giving truth: when we stay rooted in Christ, our daily lives naturally overflow with joy, purpose, and spiritual vitality. To help our communities continue to grow a vibrant spiritual life, we are anchoring our faith formation around four practical, interconnected rhythms:

- Prayer & Spiritual Disciplines
- Christian Education & Study
- Worship & Sacramental Life
- Giving, Serving & Stewarding



Multiplying the Master's Assets

Focus: Deploying our God-given abilities with courage rather than burying them out of fear.

THE PRACTICE

In Matthew 25:14-30, the servant who hid his talent out of fear was condemned not for failing, but for refusing to try. Stewardship requires bold, active engagement, not safe preservation. This week, pick one capability or resource you usually keep to yourself (due to fear or a sense of scarcity) and deploy it intentionally for someone else.

TRY THIS AT HOME

Write down three personal strengths or resources you possess. Choose one and schedule a concrete action this week to use it in service to a neighbour or our parish.

PARISH REFLECTION

As leadership teams, we often fall into the trap of protecting what we have—preserving institutional energy, guarding our schedules, or managing scarcity—rather than taking bold risks for mission. The Parable of the Talents challenges us to examine where our parish or our individual ministries are playing it too safe. Where is fear of failure or loss keeping us from investing the gifts God has already placed in our hands? Take five minutes around your table to name one bold step your group could take if you truly believed that risk-taking faithfulness mattered more than safety.

> *"For it is like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property... Afterward the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them."*
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> **— Matthew 25:14, 19**