



From the Pastor's Desk



Thank You

Thank you to all who have made their financial Stewardship commitment this year. This coming year is such an important one for our school and parish as we look forward to a change in pastoral leadership for OLG. We are invoking the idea of carrying the torch forward into the next chapters of our parish and school life. Please prayerfully reflect on your financial commitment for the coming year and make your pledge as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sunday Giving

Your parish finance committee has been noting the recent drop off in Sunday giving. They guide us through this budget year based on your commitments and actual giving last year. The drop in ordinary income is a cause for concern as we make our Budget commitments as a parish based on your commitments to Stewardship. We are falling short of meeting expenses. Your fiancé committee will be addressing this challenge during the coming week. Thank you for your on-going faith in each other, the ministries of the parish and our God who gives us life and a future life.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

This week we will join our nation in celebrating Thanksgiving Day. This day awakens in us a spirit of gratitude and memories going back to our childhood days. We, as Catholics, are fortunate to have the gift of the Eucharist to celebrate all year round but in particular on Thanksgiving Day. I invite the community to come together at 10:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. You are invited to bring non-perishable food to be shared with others and food you will use for your own Thanksgiving meal. This is a good feast to invite non-Catholics and Catholics who have been away from the Eucharistic table. See you on Thursday.

Fr. Jack

Advent Hope is a noisy world.!!!

"Put not your trust in princes" - Psalm 146:3

A Message From The Finance Council

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As members of your Finance Council, we provide parishioner oversight of our parish and school finances. We want to make you aware of a change in parish collections that has given us a cause for concern. The parish did very well financially in the fiscal year of 2017-2018 (ending June 30, 2018), with steady, solid growth in our income. But, beginning in July, our ordinary income (Sunday collections and online giving) began to decline.

During the first four months of the new fiscal year (July-October) our ordinary income, compared to last year, is down \$12,943 (or -4.3%). We are concerned about the trendline. In this transitional year, as we head toward new parish leadership, we think it is important to keep the parish on sound financial footing. We realize that there may be a variety of reasons for the decline in giving, but we feel it is our duty to provide you with the information, so that you may consider it. Thank you for all you do to make Our Lady of Guadalupe a vibrant parish.

Maryann Crissey, Chair

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