

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear All Saints Parishioners,

I write to you during the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic and pray that you are well. These are difficult times for many, whether it be health, employment, or family concerns. I am very happy that we are able to have people join together for Mass with appropriate health precautions so that they can be sanctified by God's Word and the Holy Eucharist. Some of you with health concerns are not yet able to return to Mass and participate through our live stream Mass for the homebound.

The parish continues to provide for the spiritual and educational needs of our community. Our parish school is operating with in-person learning in accordance with the health protocols of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. The Religious Education program is back to in-person classes. Our Youth Ministry and many other parish ministries have been hosting a number of events.

I realize the difficulty that this pandemic has presented to the All Saints community. Our parish and school staff have been working incredibly hard, as I know many of you are doing likewise.

In the midst of this, I ask you to support our parish ministries which are in service to you and your family. Our offertory donations fell over \$276,000 last year as a result of the pandemic, yet we have been blessed to be able to continue providing services to the extent possible. We need to provide for staff salaries, ministry development, and upkeep of our facilities. For more information on parish's finances, please review the annual finance report which has been printed in the October 24th bulletin and can be accessed via our website at ALLSAINTSVA.ORG.

I ask each family or household to prayerfully consider how your present situation allows you to participate in our weekly offertory giving. I know that not all are able to provide weekly donations at this time. However, I do ask you to review God's blessings to you and prayerfully consider your level of giving to support our parish.

I have seen many examples of our parishioners helping others in word and action. I rejoice to see God's love at work in you. Thank you. You are remembered in my prayer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Lee R. Roos, V.F.

Pastor

Guideline for Giving

Please review the gift chart as you consider your commitment to All Saints Catholic Church. Each of us has unique circumstances and income. The chart serves as a guideline to help you determine an appropriate amount based upon your means.

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Family Income

Annual Income	5% Commitment (annually)/(weekly)	3% Commitment (annually)/(weekly)
\$150,000	\$7,500 / \$150	\$4,500 / \$90
100,000	5,000 / 100	3,000 / 60
75,000	3,750 / 75	2,250 / 45
60,000	3,000 / 60	1,800 / 36
50,000	2,500 / 50	1,500 / 30
40,000	2,000 / 40	1,200 / 24
30,000	1,500 / 30	900 / 18
25,000	1,250 / 25	750 / 15
15,000	750 / 15	450 / 9

Some things to consider...

PROPORTIONATE Giving

The more we are given, the more is expected of us. Each steward should determine the percentage of their income that will be committed to Christ and His Church.



CHEERFUL Giving

In II Corinthians 9:7 we read "Each person should give what he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Consider your weekly expenditures on entertainment, coffee, etc. Keep in mind that the expenses of the Church increase every year. In order to grow our ministries and meet our expenses, stewardship contributions must also increase each year.

REGULAR Giving

In I Corinthinans 16:2 we read "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income." Regular stewardship contributions are easier to manage and keep the Church and her ministries in our thoughts and plans.

ELECTRONIC Giving

Consider providing stewardship through ParishGiving or scheduled checks sent directly from your bank. In this way, we offer back to God the "first fruits" of our labor, realizing that all we possess comes from Him. Visit the parish website at allsaintsva.org and click on the Parish Giving logo to learn more.



- 1. **Prayerfully consider** your financial stewardship of the parish.
- 2. Complete the pledge card that will be available at all Masses on weekend of <u>October 31st</u> or use the form below, complete the information, seal in an envelope, and return it to All Saints on or before October 31st.

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Based on the blessings I have received from God, I have prayerfully considered my current weekly Offertory Commitment to <u>All Saints</u> to determine if that amount is enough, too much or not enough. As a result, my NEW financial commitment <u>per week</u> for the next 12 months will be:			
□\$100 □\$75 □\$50 □\$40 □\$30 □\$20 □\$10	\$5 Other \$		
Name:	Parish Envelope #:		
Street Address:	Zip:		
I will enroll/update my electronic tithing on www.parishgiving.org			
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!			