

*"Behold, I stand at the door and knock."
Revelation 3:20*



October 20, 2025

To Our St. Anthony on the Lake Faith Family:

This powerful verse from Revelation invites us to consider: What door is Jesus knocking on in your life? And what doors might God be asking you to open to others?

As we continue the Church's Jubilee Year of 2025, proclaimed by Pope Francis, our parish embraces the theme: **"Open the Door."** This Jubilee Year is a time of renewal- an opportunity to respond to Christ, who patiently and lovingly knocks at the doors of our hearts. The tradition of the Holy Door, opened only during a Jubilee Year, symbolizes the spiritual threshold we are each called to cross.

As stewards of God's gifts, we are called not only to open the door to Christ in our personal lives but also to be that open door for others—welcoming, serving, and giving with love. Here at St. Anthony on the Lake, I see this spirit of stewardship lived out every day:

- In our 25-year partnership with our Sister Parish, Santissimo Sacramento where we accompany our Peruvian friends in faith and travel to serve with them often.
- In our nationally recognized Family Program, forming families in faith and in the many disciples who share their time and faith to make the program successful.
- In our school, honored for excellence in Catholic identity and mission.
- In the faithful generosity of parishioners who share time, talent, and treasure with humility and joy.

This is the heart of Catholic stewardship: recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God, and that we are called to return a portion of those gifts in gratitude- through prayer, service, and sacrificial giving.

As we prepare for our annual Commitment Weekend on **November 15–16, 2025**, I ask you to spend time in prayer and discernment. Stewardship is not just about financial support—it is about discipleship. It is about opening the door of your life to Christ, and allowing him to guide how you use your time, how you serve others, and how you give.

I invite you to join me in prayerfully reflecting on:

- What door is Jesus inviting me to open this year?
- How am I being called to serve, to give, and to grow in faith?
- How can I be a channel of Christ's mercy and presence to others?

How are you being invited to open the door to Christ? Is it a new and different way of getting involved at St. Anthony on the Lake? Is it in the sharing of your financial resources with renewed regularity? Our annual stewardship renewal is an opportunity to both express our

gratitude for the many ways we have experienced the presence of God, and to recommit ourselves to opening the door to Christ in our community. Will you join us?

When you are ready to make your 2026 commitment, please visit **www.stanthony.cc/renewal** to complete your renewal online. This easy process helps us plan responsibly and continue the work of the Gospel. You will also receive your 2025 giving statement by email (or by mail if needed). Instructions for accessing your giving account are provided below.

As faithful stewards, let us continue to build a parish where doors are always open—to Christ, to one another, and to the mission of the Church. May this Jubilee Year be a time of renewal and rediscovery of God’s abundant love in your life.

I rejoice daily for the many ways you reveal the true and lasting presence of Christ, and I give thanks to God for your ongoing generosity. May we continue to respond to Christ when he calls to us and says, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” Together we can grow in our faith and open the door to Christ!

With deep gratitude for your generosity and faith,



Fr. Tony Zimmer

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1. **On a computer** | Go to stanthony.cc/give and click the Make A Gift button to set up giving for the first time, or click “Log in to Giving Account” to access your online giving account.



2. **From your phone** | Text “Give” to 833-891-4276. In response, you will receive a link to our giving page.

If you have any questions or difficulties accessing our giving system, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office at 262-691-1173. We are here to help!