



Our Lady of Grace CATHOLIC CHURCH

STEWARDSHIP

GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

My Catholic Giving Guide

A GUIDE TO GIVING IN STEWARDSHIP

God calls us to be generous with all of our gifts, including our treasure. Our faith teaches us this through the Scriptures:

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits ...”(Proverbs 3:9)

“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

In gratitude, we are called to give to God from our first fruits. That means creating a plan for giving to His Church. Last minute donations can often leave your contribution to the church short. Having a plan, we can better do our part to share the gifts that God has given us.

BEST PRACTICES

- Create and maintain a household budget
- Plan your giving annually
- Use your parish’s electronic offering (if applicable)
- Understand that tithing literally means to give 10 percent of your income. **Suggested amounts:** 5 percent to the local parish and 5 percent to other Church needs, Diocesan Support Appeal, or other charities that serve the greater community.

ANNUAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



Offertory

Whether giving weekly, monthly or yearly, the offertory supports the parish’s mission and ministries.



Diocesan Support Appeal

Supports the immediate and urgent mission of the local Church, including ministries, parishes and schools.



Second Collections

Supports the priorities of the pope and bishops through specific national and worldwide ministries.



Parish Capital Campaign

Provides the means for parishes to carry out specific projects.



Community Charities

Opportunities to support the mission of nonprofit organizations and other needs.

“Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

— 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

USE THE WORKSHEET ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE TO PLAN YOUR GIVING

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OUR LADY OF GRACE'S GIVING GUIDE

1. CALCULATE ANNUAL GROSS FAMILY INCOME:

My Income	\$ _____
My Spouse's Income	\$ _____
Other Income	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

2. DETERMINE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE TO GIVE:

Tithing (10%)	_____ %
	or other amount
Other	_____ %

3. CALCULATE ANNUAL DOLLAR GIVING AMOUNT:

Total Annual Gross Family Income	X	Annual Giving Percentage	=	Annual Dollar Giving Amount
\$ _____	X	_____ %	=	\$ _____

4. DETERMINE DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR EACH GIVING OPPORTUNITY:

OFFERTORY

Weekly \$ _____ (or) Monthly \$ _____

THE GRACE FUND (Facilities Maintenance)

Weekly \$ _____ (or) Monthly \$ _____

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL

Annual \$ _____ Parish Annual Assessment: \$ _____

SECOND COLLECTIONS / MINISTRY SUPPORT

Monseigneur Pharr Tuition Assistance Fund	\$ _____
Our Lady of Grace Endowment Fund	\$ _____
Ash Wednesday	\$ _____
Holy Day - Easter	\$ _____
Holy Day - The Assumption	\$ _____
All Souls Day	\$ _____
Holy Day - All Saints Day	\$ _____
Holy Day - Immaculate Conception	\$ _____
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ _____
Holy Day - Christmas	\$ _____
Easter Flowers	\$ _____
Christmas Flowers	\$ _____
Diocesan Assessment - Newspaper	\$ _____
Diocesan Assessment - Priest Retirement (2 x Year)	\$ _____
Combined Mission Collection	\$ _____
International/National Combined Mission	\$ _____
Seminary Education (2 X Per Year)	\$ _____
Archdiocese for Military Services (Every 3 years)	\$ _____

COMMUNITY CHARITIES & UNEXPECTED NEEDS

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

TOTAL GIVING AMOUNT

\$ _____

GIVING EXAMPLE

1. Calculate annual gross income

My Income	\$45,000
My Income	\$10,000
Other Income	\$5,000
Total:	\$60,000

2. Determine annual percentage to give

10% | OR | 5%

3. Calculate the annual giving amount

\$60,000	\$60,000
X 10%	X 5%
\$6,000	\$3,000

4. Determine the dollar amount for each giving opportunity

\$6,000	Parish Offertory	\$3,000
x 50%	AND	x 50%
\$3,000	The Grace Fund	\$1,500
\$3,000	Weekly	\$1,500
÷ 52	Offertory	÷ 52
\$57.70		\$28.85

OR

\$3,000	Monthly	\$1,500
÷ 12	Offertory	÷ 12
\$250		\$125

\$ 50	Annual Second	\$ 20
x 20	Collections (20)	X 20
\$1,000		\$400

\$600	Diocesan Support Appeal	\$200
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OTHER CHARITIES

\$75	Grade School Fundraiser	\$ 300
\$75	High School Fundraiser	\$ 300
\$60	Diocesan Capital Campaign	\$ 350
\$300	OTHER TOTALS	\$1,400