



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

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 Offertory	\$1,500
÷ 52		÷ 52
\$57.70		\$28.85

OR

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

\$ 50	Annual Second Collections (20)	\$ 20
X 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