

My dear parishioners



Greetings. As you know, we have a very good Finance Committee that oversees all the finances of our parish in a meticulous way. Their commitment and dedication to regular monthly meetings are very much appreciated. Some of them don't have even their dinner but attend the meetings directly coming from office. At times, the meetings are long, but they are patient and discuss financial issues our parish seriously and help me to take wise decision for the betterment of our parish. Special thanks to them all. I also would like to express my sincere thanks to all of you for all your support throughout the past year of 2016. Without your support and help, I don't think we would have kept our parish operating in a manner conducive for praying, gathering and celebrating respectively. One of the visitors told me that our parish is blessed that we have air-conditioning which some of the churches don't.

As you are aware, we have been doing a number of renovations such as repairing the Choir Loft and beautifying it to the style of our church, the insulation of and repair of the parish hall and the furnishing of rectory. Thank you for supporting these projects. As you see in our financial report, as has been true for several years, we continue spending from our savings account. Hence, I invite you to consider adding few more dollars in your weekly offerings. As an administrator, I assure you that I will try to avoid all the unnecessary spending and help keep the facilities to the utmost comfort. Also, I assure you that our payroll will be kept under control as we reduce inviting priests for masses and other sacraments as well as maximizing our personnel's performance.

I know that everyone faces some sort of financial hardships in our life and so I don't want to keep on requesting your financial help but would appreciate if you could avail yourself for the services that are needed in the church. I encourage you to volunteer yourself on a weekly or monthly basis in order to keep our church, parish and other facilities clean and tidy. I also invite you to participate in the ministries and programs of this parish. We have been blessed that we have a lot of volunteers to help our religious education, First Communion and Confirmation programs. In the same way, if we have volunteers to help take care of parish's needs we can surely make our parish self sufficient without any financial burden. Feel free to approach me to discuss on the matters. I am available on the working days as well as on the weekends either before or after mass.

As mentioned before, I applaud everyone for your valuable support both financially and spiritually. May we continue to do the same and make this parish a place where God is experienced in and through everyone. As Isaiah says, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." May our parish help us to learn God's ways and His will. Let us continue to pray for one another and share God's love with each other.

God bless, Fr. Albert

The Year in Review

The parish finance committee would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our parishioners for your continued financial support. Please review this summary of the operating or day to day financials of the parish for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2016 (FY 2016). We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

During the year the parish showed an operating loss in FY 2016. As shown below, the parish experienced a decrease of over \$10,000 in expenses during FY 2016. The primary driver of this decrease was in "utilities / snow removal" due to a warm and low snow winter. The payroll increase was primarily due to