

SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE, MARCH 1 AND 2, 2025

On behalf of the Parish Finance Council and Monsignor Gentili, I am pleased to present our Semi-Annual Financial Update. Please know that we are profoundly grateful for the spiritual and financial support continually demonstrated by our parishioners. Your support is truly a source of inspiration to us all.

As mentioned in our report last September, our new Sunday collection goal is **\$36,000 per week**. This increase is necessary to pay for the costs to maintain our day-to-day operations attributable to our dedicated staff and our beautiful parish campus. A number of expenses have increased since last September: including property insurance, salaries, medical insurance and utilities, to name a few. We hope to achieve this new weekly collection goal during this fiscal year with our strong financial oversight and **your** help.

We are **34 weeks** into the fiscal year, which ends on June 30. Our weekly collection continues to slowly grow, with an average weekly collection of **\$32,747**, a **3.8%** increase over last year. In addition, thanks to your generosity, our long-term mortgage debt has been reduced to **\$5.9 million dollars** from the original loan of \$12.5 million dollars in 2011.

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to sign up **today** for **Parish Giving**, our electronic offertory program (*giving*), which currently represents 55% of parishioner contributions received on a weekly basis. We would like to increase *giving* to **65%** of parishioners who contribute by this time next year. We are pleased to offer the Parish Giving app, the link on the website and the QR code to donate easily. The QR code can be found in the bulletin, on the Narthex monitors during mass and on the bottom of your screen during livestream. To those who contribute **cash**, we respectfully ask that you consider transitioning to Parish Giving as well.

Our Parish benefits greatly by being able to count on that same level of financial support, each and every week. In the end, we appreciate whatever method you choose to consistently give to **your** parish. If you are fortunate enough to find yourself in a position to increase your contribution by **5%**, we kindly ask you to consider doing so to help us meet the increase in our expenses.

Our Stewardship Campaign, once again, was a **tremendous success** and exceeded last year's total. We surpassed our \$150,000 goal by raising **\$220,739**. We are so grateful to the **436** parish families who participated. These financial resources help us fund parish ministries and services, help those in need at local charities and maintain our beloved Church campus.



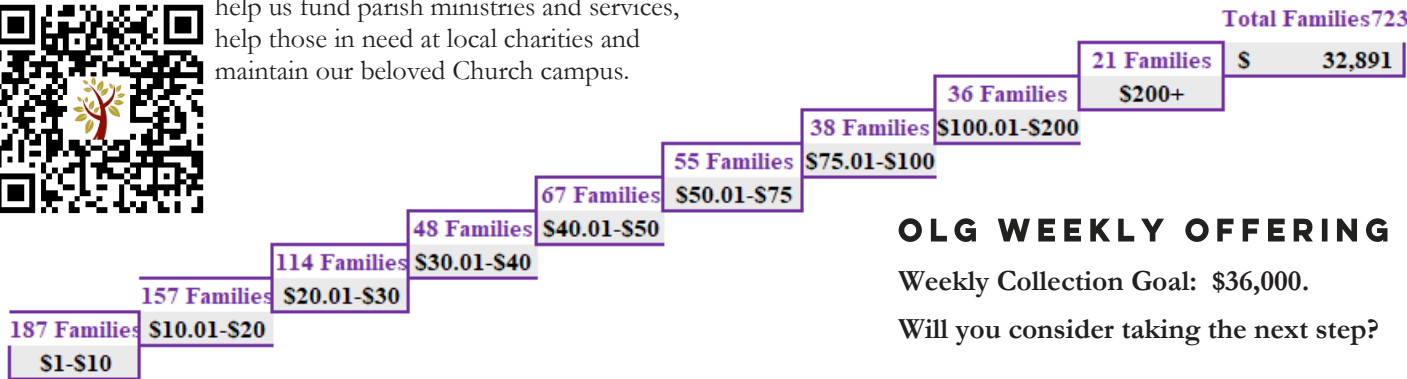
Finally, as the excitement grows in celebration of our twenty-fifth year as a parish on July 1, which coincides with the Jubilee year, we renew our OLG vision— of making our community *a vibrant, welcoming parish family dedicated to growing disciples and making Church matter*. This is the OLG difference! Our Evangelization and Outreach initiatives are very active and flourishing as evident in our 40+ ministries. Please consider joining one. We also ask each of you to help welcome back parishioners and encourage new parishioners to join our OLG family; that personal invitation really does make a difference, especially during this season of Lent and Easter, which will begin on Wednesday.

We can all take great pride in what we have accomplished in the past 24 years, and we look forward with great anticipation to what we have planned and will achieve in the years ahead with your support. However, the reality is that we need the financial resources you provide to achieve the spiritual objectives we are so proud of and that define who we are as a Parish. The chart on this page shows the levels of giving by our parishioners. We first shared this data in 2018 and thought it might be a good time for an update. Please take a look and see where you are and perhaps, consider moving up a “step”.

Your spiritual and financial support enables all of us to realize our Parish Vision. For that, we humbly thank you. Thank you for your continued example of faith and commitment to our wonderful Parish. May God bless you and your families.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH
PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Have you considered a planned gift to Our Lady of Guadalupe? Planned gifts are unique because they allow you to choose from a variety of giving options to help you achieve you or your family’s philanthropic vision and create a perpetual legacy of support. For more information, please contact Parish General Manager Anthony Mantellino at generalmanager@olguadalupe.org.



OLG WEEKLY OFFERING
Weekly Collection Goal: \$36,000.
Will you consider taking the next step?