

SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE, SEPTEMBER 27/28, 2025

On behalf of the Parish Finance Council and Monsignor Gentili, I am pleased to present our semi-annual financial update. Our Fiscal Year ended on June 30, 2025. Our average weekly collection for the year was \$34,265, which reflects a 3.7% increase over the prior year. This increase is wonderful and has left us appreciative of your continued generosity and sacrifice that contributed to this result.

Our Sunday collection goal for this fiscal year is \$36,000 per week. This increase is necessary to pay our long-term mortgage debt, support the day-to-day operations attributable to our dedicated staff and maintain our beautiful Parish campus. In addition to our regular expenses that have increased (utilities/insurance/salaries/etc.), we had unforeseen expenses including heating and air conditioning repairs, replacement of the original fire alarm equipment that no longer passed inspection and, a new well pump at the Rectory to name a few.

We hope to achieve our weekly collection goal during this fiscal year with our continued financial oversight and your help!

If you are fortunate enough to be able to increase your contribution by 5%, we kindly ask you to consider doing so to help us meet the increase in expenses.

As of September 21, 2025, we are 13 weeks into the current fiscal year and our average weekly collection is \$32,904, a 2.6% increase over the same week last year. If you have not already done so, we ask that you please sign up today for Parish Giving, our electronic offertory program (egiving), which currently represents 55% of our donations received on a weekly basis. We would like to increase egiving to 65% of total donations by this time next year.

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 the financial security provided by the same level of income each and every week inherent in Parish Giving. Details on the electronic giving program and QR code can be found in the bulletin, the Parish website and on the TV monitors in the Narthex.



As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Parish this year, our OLG Vision has been and will continue – to be a vibrant, welcoming parish family dedicated to growing disciples and making Church matter. Our Evangelization and Outreach initiatives are going strong. We are putting your resources to good use in our initiatives to bring new members to the faith and to strengthen those who already belong.



We continue to thrive and flourish with the celebration of the sacraments. Daily and Sunday mass attendance continues to strengthen. We have seen a jump in the number of young families with children attending mass, especially at the 9 a.m. Children's Liturgy. So far this year, we have celebrated 60 baptisms, 18 weddings, 10 marriage blessings, 63 First Holy Communicants and 55 Confirmandi. We have 17 in our Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. Our attentiveness to ministering to the 45 families who have lost their loved ones this year is an important service that we provide to those in need. We have also seen an increase in those attending our various bible study classes throughout the week. Additionally, we have started a training program to help grow our leadership in welcoming and inviting new parishioners. We ask that you join in that effort by personally inviting someone that you know to church.

We can all take great pride in what we have accomplished over the past 25 years, and we are excited about what we can accomplish going forward. Your spiritual and financial support enables all of us to realize our Parish Vision. For that, we humbly thank you.

After the 11 a.m. Mass on this weekend, there will be a Planned Giving Town Hall in the PLC Social Hall. Please come to learn how you can ensure that Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish will be a thriving, welcoming spiritual community for many years to come.

Members of the Finance Council will be in the Narthex after Mass to answer any questions that you may have. You will find this talk in the bulletin and on the OLG website. Thank you for your continued example of faith and commitment to our wonderful Parish. May God bless you and your Families.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, September 21, 2025

\$37,694

Sunday Collections include online giving contributions. Thank you!

