

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We have now entered the second part of the Church season known as “Ordinary Time.” We will find ourselves in Ordinary Time until the beginning of Advent. We know, however, that with God, no time is really ordinary. Every moment of time has possibilities for ourselves because all time belongs to God.

He [Jesus] looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the [temple] treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on (Luke 21:1-4).

The fifth commandment of the Church tells us that we must financially support our Church. Half of our parishioners have given more than \$1.3 million dollars toward the goal of our Capital Campaign Drive. Close to another half have yet to contribute to the drive. We are now but ninety thousand dollars shy of our goal.

Over the next few weeks, we will see the beginning of a great deal of work done on the church. I hope that the level of this work, scheduled to be completed in October, will encourage new contributors to come forward. It is not really fair for half of the parish to bear the burden while the other half simply reaps the benefits.

Please help us now so that all of us can enjoy our new HVAC system, knowing that all of us had a part to play in successfully funding this work that will not only make us more comfortable but also preserve our beautiful church for years to come.

In our Lord,
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Pastor