

GIVING BACK TO GOD

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It is that time on our church calendar when we focus on Stewardship and what it means to our church. A time to thank God for enabling us to contribute financially and otherwise to our church in the past year. It is a time to assess what we can freely give in terms of our time, talent and treasure in order to sustain our church's operational costs and support its ministries in the upcoming year.

We are living in hard financial times locally and globally. With that said, let's begin to explore what giving/ tithing /offering means to us so that we can each find a way to contribute despite the difficult times. Holy Sacrament is our home and in our quest to be good stewards the bible reminds us that "each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

Holy Sacrament cannot operate without the generosity of its members and for those of us struggling with home, family and other financial obligations, we are reminded of what was accomplished in the Macedonian Churches through God's grace: "for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means," 2 Cor. 8:2-3. Similarly, God blesses us so that we can give back to Him.

The objective of good stewardship is not solely financial. Giving of one's time and talent is equally important. There is an abundance of talent in our church. Each one of us was created for something special. Think about your own wonderful gifts and how you could use them in service to God. Giving even a small fraction of your time could make a big difference in our parish and beyond. The Ministry Fair provides an opportunity for you to learn about each ministry and to consider where you could best serve. May God continue to bless each and every one of us as we go forward in His service.