



Generous God,

you are the giver of all good gifts;
you are the source
of all that we have and are.

Our talents, our possessions,
our minds, our hearts, our lives
are all your gifts.

Teach us to be good and faithful stewards.

May we cherish, tend, and share
the good things you have entrusted to us.

By our prayer and action
may we help to lead others
to Christ your Son

who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

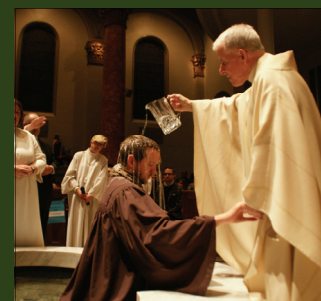
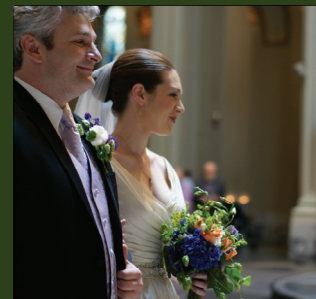


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*Do good,
be rich in good works,
be generous, ready to share*
1 TIMOTHY 6:18



*Sacrificial
Sunday Giving 2016*

Dear Friends,

"DO GOOD, BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS, BE GENEROUS, READY TO SHARE." Those words of St. Paul are an apt description of our Cathedral parish, aren't they? Day after day, in more ways than I can count, St. James Cathedral parishioners—you!—model what it means to be generous and ready to share. You model this not only with your incredibly generous financial support, but also by participating actively in Sunday Eucharist and by volunteering in one of our many parish ministries.

Pope Francis has said: "Almsgiving helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing, from the fear of losing what we have." I pray that this November, each one of us will experience the joy of "giving freely." *Sacrificial Giving* is giving freely, giving back to God what he has given to us. It's not the size of the gift that's important, but rather giving of our substance—giving what we have, being generous, ready to share, even when it's not easy to share.

THE NEED AROUND US IS OVERWHELMING, BUT AS A FAMILY OF FAITH, WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE THAN WE CAN AS INDIVIDUALS. Together, we can reach out in the name of Christ to the homeless, the poor, the elderly, and the immigrant. We can celebrate in a powerful way the mysteries of our faith; and we can provide a refuge and a gathering place for the city in times of sorrow and rejoicing.

Thank you for your prayerful and generous response and for all the ways you make this parish family what it is!


Father Michael G. Ryan

YOUR GENEROUS AND REGULAR SUNDAY GIVING MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR ST. JAMES

- To celebrate the Church's liturgy with beauty and dignity;
- To reach out with love to the poor, the needy, and the elderly;
- To offer faith formation programs to children and adults;
- To pay our staff a just and living wage;
- To sustain our acclaimed musical and cultural programs;
- To maintain our magnificent Cathedral and other parish buildings.

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AMOUNT TO GIVE?

- When you are at peace with yourself about the size of your gift...
- When you do not find yourself making excuses for its size...
- When you know in your heart that you have been completely honest with yourself and God...
- ...then your gift is the right size.

MY GIFT SHOULD BE...

- **PLANNED.** Plan ahead of time what you intend to give, and have your gift ready at collection time. Don't be content to just drop a spare dollar in the basket.
- **PROPORTIONATE.** Our giving should be in proportion to how greatly God has blessed us.
- **SACRIFICIAL.** We ought to give more than just what is left over after taking care of all our needs and wants.
- **JOYFUL!** Our offering should be a grateful response to the immense love God has shown for us.

Sunday Giving Commitment 2016

In prayerful gratitude
for many gifts received from God,
I/we intend to return a gift
to St. James Cathedral Parish of:

\$ _____ per week *or*

\$ _____ per month *or*

\$ _____ annually

- ☐ I am unable to make a financial pledge at this time, but I will give what I can in the coming year.

Please print:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

- ☐ I am already participating in Direct Debit.
☐ My credit card is charged monthly.
☐ Please send information about electronic giving options.
☐ I have remembered the Cathedral in my will.

Please detach and return this card to the offering basket on Sunday or mail it to the Parish office.

Please turn in this card even if you are unable to make a commitment at this time. You may also make your pledge online: www.stjames-cathedral.org/contribute. Thank you!