



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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The place where you stand is
holy ground

EXODUS 3:5

Sacrificial
Sunday Giving 2025

Dear Friends,

“THE PLACE WHERE YOU STAND IS HOLY GROUND.” Our beautiful Cathedral is holy ground because of *you*. We are part of a long procession stretching back well over one hundred years—a procession of people who have found comfort and challenge in this place. The sacraments we celebrate here—the joys and sorrows we offer to God—our loving service of one another in the name of Christ: these are what truly make this place “holy ground.”

It is our giving makes possible so many of the good things that go on here in the Cathedral parish, week in and week out. Our giving allows us to reach out to one another and to the poorest in our midst with love and compassion. Through our giving, this holy ground becomes fruitful ground, as we build up the Body of Christ in our own place and time.

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

I pray that this November, each one of us will experience the joy of Sacrificial Giving: of giving freely, giving back to God a small part of what he has given to us. Thank you for your prayerful and generous response and for all the ways you make this place *holy ground!*


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, the immigrant, and the elderly;
- To maintain our magnificent Cathedral and other parish buildings;
- To offer sacramental preparation and faith formation programs to children and adults;
- To sustain our acclaimed musical and cultural programs;
- To pay our large and gifted staff a just and living wage.

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

- **Our Sunday Visitor** You are encouraged to make your offering online through Our Sunday Visitor, which allows you to track your giving, change your payment method, and make online donations to St Vincent de Paul and special collections. <https://osvhub.com/stjames-cathedral/funds>
- **Direct debit from your bank account** Download the direct debit authorization form at the Cathedral website. Direct debit is hassle-free and the Cathedral is not charged a fee for these withdrawals.

A SACRIFICIAL GIFT IS...

- **PLANNED** Plan ahead of time what you intend to give.
- **PROPORTIONATE** Our giving should be in proportion to how greatly God has blessed us.
- **JOYFUL** Our offering is a grateful response to the immense love God has shown for us.

Sunday Giving Commitment 2025

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 commitment at this time, but I will give what I can in the coming year.

Please print:

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

- I/we give online using Our Sunday Visitor.
- I will log in and update my giving.*
 - Please make the update for me beginning January 2025.*
- I/we participate in Direct Debit. *I understand the new withdrawal amount will begin in January, 2025.*
- I will remember the Cathedral in my will.

Please detach and return this card in 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 financial commitment.** Thank you!