

Dare to tithe – and see how God responds in your life

We are called to be good stewards of God’s varied and countless gifts to us. Stewardship should be a way of life. We live it through the “giving back” of our time, talent, and treasure. If we recognize and truly appreciate the countless – yes, countless! – blessings in our lives as coming from God, we cannot respond with anything but gratitude for His unconditional and loving generosity. And when we give back to God in gratitude, He will never be outdone in generosity. Our Good God always wins – and we simply cannot lose!

We invite you to consider tithing, a practice with Biblical foundation, as one important way of giving back to God through our parish. Jesus did not teach tithing but something even more radical. He called people to give everything away and then come and follow Him! Still, we do see in other places where he was watching people give their “tithes” in the Temple, which means giving the first 10th of one’s income to the Lord. It was the Biblical expectation of believers in his day. It was a part of the Law and seen as a response to loving God with one’s whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We all are called by the Lord to take a step in our giving. Maybe that is 10%. Maybe you start at 5% - or perhaps 3% or 1%. Your parish doesn’t want something *from* you, but rather something *for* you. When people live a life of stewardship, they experience God’s provision and an ever-deepening sense of wonder at what God has done, and continues to do, for them. When we give of our time, talent, or treasure, we discover the joy of loving as God loves by giving generously. Please spend time praying about this commitment, and then follow your heart. We will be asking every parish family to consider making a commitment to tithing on the weekend of October 27-28.

Tithing Examples

Monthly Gross Income	10%	5%	3%	1%
\$8,000	\$800	\$400	\$240	\$80
\$6,000	\$600	\$300	\$180	\$60
\$4,000	\$400	\$200	\$120	\$40
\$2,000	\$200	\$100	\$60	\$20