

# SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE, SPRING 2023

On behalf of the Parish Finance Council, I am pleased to present our semi-annual update.

First, the spiritual and financial support continually demonstrated by our parishioners is truly a source of inspiration. Please know that we are profoundly grateful for all you do. We are happy to inform you that the number of parishioners who attend mass in-person continues to increase, slowly but surely. We find this very encouraging as we ease our way out of the pandemic. Be assured that we will continue to offer livestreaming.

Second, as mentioned previously, our Sunday collection goal is **\$32,000 per week** to maintain financial solvency. We hope to achieve our goal this fiscal year with strong financial management and **your** help, as well as through evangelization and outreach. We want to welcome back parishioners and encourage new parishioners to join our OLG family.

We are **35 weeks** into the fiscal year, which ends on June 30. Our weekly collection continues to slowly grow, with an average weekly collection of **\$31,546**, a 0.3% increase over last year. If you have not already done so, we encourage **all** parishioners to sign up **today** for **Parish Giving**, our electronic collection program. We are so thankful to the **316** families, representing **49%** of the **641** parishioner families who regularly give, who have transitioned to this easy, safe and secure method of financially supporting OLG. We would like to grow giving participation to **65%** by this time next year.

## PARISH GIVING

Parish Giving is offered free of charge. At the same time, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish will benefit from a reliable and more efficient means to process the contributions.

- Ability to make one-time/recurring contributions
- Ability to contribute to multiple organizations
- Ability to select your billing date
- Ability to use Credit Card or Bank Transfer

To sign up for Parish Giving, see the parish website via link below or scan the QR code on this page. You may also contact Tom Rakszawski at the parish office at 267-247-5374 or email [trakszawski@olguadalupe.org](mailto:trakszawski@olguadalupe.org).

## SCAN OUR QR CODE



- Open the camera app.
- Focus the camera on the QR code by gently tapping the code.
- At the top of the screen, there will be a notification alerting you of the source of the page - if you click this, it will take you to the page.

[WWW.OLGUADALUPE.ORG/GIVE](http://WWW.OLGUADALUPE.ORG/GIVE)

Just like those of us who benefit from the consistency of a weekly paycheck or monthly social security benefit, our Parish benefits greatly by being able to count on that same level of financial security, each and every week, all year long, especially during the traditional vacation period from June through September when our weekly collections decrease significantly. Details on the electronic giving program can be found in today's bulletin, on the Parish website or simply download the **Parish Giving** app.

If during these challenging times, you are fortunate enough to find yourself in a position to increase your contribution by 10%, then we ask you to consider doing so. To those who give **cash**, we ask that you consider using **Parish Giving** as well. We want to be able to account for your contributions and officially thank you for your generosity. We truly need **all parishioners** to help us achieve our goals, if you have not been participating in the weekly collection thus far, we kindly ask that you begin to do so now.

Third, our Stewardship Campaign was a huge success once again this year. We surpassed our \$150,000 goal by raising \$176,212. We are so grateful to those 466 parish families who participated. These resources help us fund parish ministries, maintain our spiritual home and help those in need, locally and, in Haiti.

Finally, as we are about to celebrate our twenty-third year as a parish on July 1, we renew our OLG vision— of making our community *a vibrant, welcoming parish family dedicated to growing disciples and making Church matter*. This is the OLG difference! Your spiritual and financial support enables all of us to realize our Parish Vision. For that, we humbly thank you.

Thank you for your continued example in faith and commitment to our wonderful Parish. May God bless you and your Families.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, February 26, 2023	\$27,620
Weekly Collection Goal	\$32,000

***Sunday Collections include online giving contributions. Thank you!***

