



## *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 you 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 you Son  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.  
Amen.*

## In all circumstances, Give Thanks

1 Thessalonians 5



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Sacrificial  
Sunday Giving  
2018

*Mark this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let each one give according as he has determined in his heart, not grudgingly or from compulsion, for "God loves a cheerful giver," Now he who provides the sower with seed will both give you bread to eat and will multiply your seed, and will increase the growth of fruits of your justice. 2 Corinthians 9: 6-7, 10*

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

It is time again to offer something to the church to support the numerous projects and needs and also as a way of thanking God for what he has done for us.

It is a sacrifice we make though we have many commitments in our lives. But, as the introductory quote states, whatever we present to God is given back to us with interest! We receive more when we give more.

Again, we are asked to offer everything with goodwill and gladness. As St. Paul said, "there is more blessing in giving than in receiving." Acts 17:13

Each and every one is asked to own the church. It for us all and we are to be proud of it. It's not only through financial commitment that you own the church but most importantly, taking part in all activities. It is sharing yourself in different ways. This is what we are called to do.

We are asking for you to increase your Stewardship amount by 2.5% this year. Some of you will be able to give more and we ask that you consider doing so to help make up the difference for those who are unable to give.

We would like to thank you for what you did last year. The church is as it is now because of your support and commitment.

God bless,

**Father Peter Adoko-Enchill**

**YOUR GENEROUS AND REGULAR SUNDAY GIVING MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA**

- 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 maintain our beautiful church 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.

**YOUR GIFT SHOULD BE. . .**

- **Planned.** Plan ahead of time what you intend to give, and have your gift ready at collection time. Don't simply 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.
- **Thankful.** Our offering should be a grateful response to the immense love God has shown for us.

**Sunday Giving  
Commitment 2018**

In prayerful gratitude  
for many gifts received from  
God, I/we intend to return a gift  
to St. Mary Star of the Sea

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week or

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month or

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ annually

I am unable to make a financial  
pledge at this time, but I will  
offer my gift of prayer for the  
parish.

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