

¡Puedes contar conmigo!



You can count on me!

**The Stewardship and Evangelization Process  
of  
Elizabeth Carrillo  
("Elizabeth's Plan")**

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Austin, Texas

Diocese of Austin

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**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
**Finance Council**

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The Parish Finance Council (Council) of Sacred Heart Catholic Church has monitored the implementation and subsequent results of "You Can Count on Me" program. What we have witnessed is not only the fiscal results, but a greater sense of ownership by Sacred Heart parishioners.

From the time of implementation to current, the Council has reviewed, on a monthly basis, the financial results. When these results are shown graphically, the trends reflect the success of this program. There is a noted increase in the level of giving with each year's presentation with an overall increase being maintained.

As stated earlier, we have witnessed a greater sense of ownership. The church has seen a greater use of collection envelopes by Sacred Heart parishioners. The collections reflect a transformation from "change" and "ones" to fives, tens and twenties. Additionally, the counting team has noticed that in reviewing the amounts given, that Parishioners are embracing the concept of giving the first hour(s) of ones wages. Parishioners have become more comfortable with this program and parish involvement.

We wish your parish(s) the success in this program that has been witnessed at Sacred Heart.

Sincerely,



Nicholas J. Macik  
Finance Council Chair

# **You Can Count on Me! – 2018**

## **(“Elizabeth’s Plan”)**

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**There is a wide-spread belief among pastors in the Church in the USA that Hispanics don’t support their parishes.**

**That has not been our experience at Sacred Heart Parish in Austin, Texas.**

**Instead**, we have a mostly-Hispanic parish in a low-income precinct, but with very generous and committed parishioners and an expanding revenue stream. This is due primarily to our parish stewardship model, “You Can Count On Me!” or “¡Puedes Contar Conmigo!”

This model involves continuous community and pastoral formation, which includes tithing. “You Can Count On Me” has been used since February 2014, and was recently utilized for a fifth time in our annual stewardship cycle in February 2018.

Our parish is over 90% Hispanic. We estimate more than 50% of the adults are immigrants from Mexico. Since 2012, average Sunday collections have increased almost 75%. Sacred Heart Parish in Austin is solvent and growing. In this report we aim to share how we arrived at these results.

Our stewardship program is “Mass-based” and does not use any mailed letter strategies or lay testimonies common to other programs. Those tools might be useful in the future, but have not worked in our parish. Our program, “You Can Count On Me!”, works very well in our experience.

The basis of our parish stewardship plan involves regular catechesis and formation of the faithful at Mass, forming them into a vibrant, committed, parish community. We instruct parishioners in their obligations to their parish. Often this is the first such formation they have ever experienced in church stewardship.

The stewardship program “You Can Count On Me” focuses upon:

- a) Parish membership
- b) Commitment to the Parish
- c) Tithing as a sign spiritual maturity with planned giving.

Transparency is a critical component. The parish community must trust parish administration. We regularly present and make available financial statements and current collection data.

Our stewardship process takes five to six weeks each year. The first four weeks involve coordinated bulletin articles and homilies. The pastor or associate pastor will lead the commitment phase at each Mass. The final weeks involve sharing results, thanking participants and inviting others who have not participated to join in the campaign. We are forming and leading immigrants into American Catholic parish community and parish commitment. This program requires focus, discipline, coordination and patience.

### **UPSIDE GROWTH AND DOWNSIDE SUPPORT**

For most of the first five years we experienced double digit annual growth in “first” collections. However, in the past year we experienced 5% annual growth, January to December 2017. It was a tough time for the community. However, this provided a test of our stewardship efforts, providing a positive outcome. 2017 was a stressful, challenging year for our Hispanic population. Many surrounding parishes with similar demographics actually saw negative results in 2017.

As of this writing, since our recent February 2018 stewardship cycle, we are experiencing a return to growth around 5% above

prior year. This is significant growth at the present time, given the circumstances and pressures affecting our immigrant families.

The year 2017, actually began with the Presidential elections. These months were full of fear and anxiety for many of our parishioners. Politics, constant political debate in the media, and highly publicized ICE raids in Austin in February led people to make actual plans to be deported and avoid it. Many stopped coming to Church out of fear of unnecessary travel. Many families avoided excess shopping trips, even sending their children to purchase groceries. Families began to hoard cash, and/or move away from Austin. This was complicated by unusually large increases in property values in the Austin area. Taxes, rents and purchase values have increased dramatically, squeezing out low-income families.

Our parish Religious Education program lost about 400 children in the past year. This program had 1,850 children enrolled in May 2017. One year later, we had just 1,430 children in the same program. That represents significant loss of previously active parish families. Despite these events, the stewardship program managed to increase by 5% over prior year.

We have concluded that our stewardship program, “You Can Count on Me!” is fruitful in years with good conditions, and is supportive in years with negative economic conditions. The program appears to have solidified support for the parish, even in adversity.

**LESSONS LEARNED:** In 2012-2013 the parish used an outside stewardship consultant in a more traditional stewardship model that would be familiar to English-speaking parishes. We mailed letters and gave pulpit talks to accomplish the stewardship objectives. That campaign failed miserably. It was office-labor intensive. However, Hispanics did not respond to this initiative. We needed a different approach.

The Parish Administrator, Elizabeth Carrillo, expressed reluctance to use an outside company and a mail-based campaign in 2014. When challenged to come up with an effective alternative plan, Elizabeth produced this stewardship program, “You Can Count On Me” or “Puedes Contar Conmigo”. Elizabeth’s stewardship program is described in the following pages. Elizabeth believes strongly that the people need education and ongoing catechetical and pastoral formation regarding community and stewardship. I have come to be a faithful disciple of Elizabeth’s approach. We have followed Elizabeth’s plan with surprising and sustained results.

This stewardship program works for both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking communities. We have observed failures in parishes that choose to only use our program with Spanish-speaking Mass groups in their parish, but not with the English-speaking. The results have proven to be disappointing. This program, “You Can Count on Me!” should **unite** the parish, not divide it. There is only one parish, not two parishes sharing a church building.

All parishioners are invited to commit to their parish. Not just Hispanics. Hispanic parishioners are not “renting” worship space from the English-speaking parish. In our experience, the entire community benefits and responds better as one parish, with one program. Every parishioner is an “owner” of their parish.

The first year the plan used a census phase. In subsequent years we have not repeated the parish census, but emphasized the importance of parish registration.

**Transparency and Trust:** One of the keys to our results, according to statements from our community, has been providing transparency with revenue and expenses. We publish every penny collected every week. And, we have attempted to always have an improvement project going. Every month we try to at least paint a wall, repair broken windows and plumbing, install modern lighting,

etc. People tell us they feel more comfortable giving to the parish because they always see the fruit of their giving. **Increased giving follows continuous improvement.**

We have come to appreciate that the Catholic Church in Latin America and Mexico are different, especially with regard to parish community and stewardship practices. We are forming immigrants into **“Texas” Catholics, “American” Catholics, but “Roman” Catholics.**

**This is Elizabeth’s Stewardship Plan.** It is simple. It works. The results have been remarkable.

It is our pleasure to share Elizabeth’s Stewardship Plan, **“You Can Count On Me”/ “Puedes Contar Conmigo!”** and the results in our parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Austin, Texas. We hope and pray that others who may use this program may have similar experiences.

Fr. Mark Hamlet, Pastor  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

June 2018

# **“You Can Count On Me” – “Puedes Contar Conmigo”**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Sacred Heart Parish Stewardship Campaign “How Does It Work?”**

This stewardship program is guided toward the on-going pastoral formation of parishioners into a consciously Eucharistic community, with each member aware that they indeed belong to the parish community, and have responsibilities to the parish and the Church. There is a strong evangelization component of this program.

As stated, this is a **“Mass-based”** program. The program is conducted over a 4-6 week period, Mass-by-Mass, week-by-week until completion.

**Note: Prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> Week: Audit, clean up parish database to create a way to track effectiveness, and provide reporting results for future weeks.**

**The first two weeks** involve formation and strengthening of parishioners’ sense community, of belonging and ownership within the parish. In the first two weeks there is **no mention of money**. We deliver a clear and intentional **invitation to strengthen commitment to the parish**.

We annually promote parish registration. The first year we conducted a **parish census** at all Masses in the second week of the campaign.

**Weeks three and four:** In the third week of the cycle we instruct parishioners in tithing (“Diezmo”) from both a spiritual and practical point of view. The fourth week we request a written Commitment (“Promesa”) at Mass, for the coming year. Both the Census and the Promesa are conducted at all Sunday Masses immediately after the homily and prior to the Sunday Collection. In the fourth week we present the annual parish financial statement in the bulletin.



**FIRST FRUITS**: One of the lessons we promote is the concept of giving our “first fruits”, with the example of beginning each week setting aside their first hour of wages for the weekly contribution. This appears to work better than speaking about a percentage of their income. Parishioners might start with a minimum of their first hour of salary on Monday. They can work up to a full tithe (10%) equivalent to 4 or 5 hours worth of wages each week, if they are not already giving at the full tithe level. However, they should at least learn to give their first hour. This helps cut down on loose change in the collection, and the well known “dollar bill disease”.

**In weeks 5 and 6** we reinforce the messages and provide updates on the stewardship campaign. We offer opportunities for those who may not yet have participated by making their commitment. This is done primarily in the bulletin and in announcements after Communion.

**CENSUS:** The first year this program is initiated, a parish census is recommended. This census should be performed at all weekend Masses on the second weekend of the cycle. We have conducted the census after the Homily. The results should be tabulated and analyzed. Subsequently, we present the results of the census to the parish community in the bulletin. The real benefit is the shared experience of parishioners growing together in the awareness of their common membership, even if they are not formally registered. Parish registration is preferred, but undocumented immigrants often fear any kind of registration. We are building trust. The census is a “safe” way to invite them to declare their presence and the first level of commitment:

**“I am here. You can count on me.”**

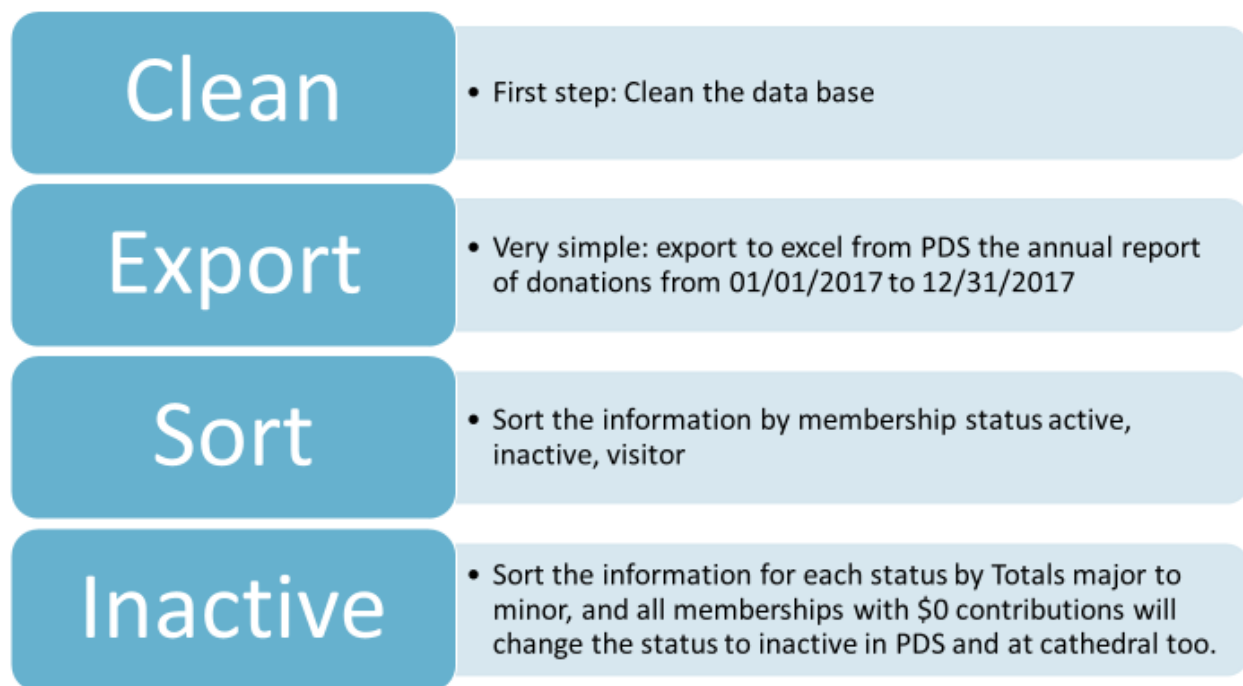
At Sacred Heart Parish, the ushers are trained to keep a careful count of all people who attend each weekend Mass, and record the Mass attendance counts in forms provided in the Sacristy. The census by Mass time should reflect a number similar to the total Mass attendance each weekend.

Remember that tithing and stewardship are not taught in one Mass or one year, but consistently, year after year. Each cycle builds upon prior years. And, there is always parish transition, with old families moving on and new families coming into the community. We are continuously building community.

In subsequent years, the census is not so important. Parish registration becomes the more important objective.

Let's examine the critical elements, week by week.

**First step: Clean up your parish database.**



## Critical Elements

- What is a parishioner? 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday
  - “You can count on me”
  - Coordinate bulletin with homily
- Parish commitment and registration 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday
  - Census first year; Promote only registration in subsequent years
  - Census in pews, guided by Presider after the homily, then collected by ushers
  - Theme: “You can count on me”
  - Coordinate bulletin article with homily
- Why Christians Tithe? 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday
  - Homily on tithing
  - “You can count on me”
  - Coordinate bulletin with homily
- Parishioner Tithe Pledges 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday
  - Homily on tithing
  - Pledge cards after homily in pews, handed out with pencils
  - Pledge guided by Presider, collected by ushers
- Follow-up 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday
  - Repetition: Importance of Stewardship and Parish membership
  - Invitation to those who did not participate
  - “Thank you” for all who participated
  - Update on results of pledge in announcements
  - Latest Parish Finance Statements in Bulletin
- Wrap-up: “Thank you” 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday
  - Share Results: Registrations and Pledges
  - Publish results in bulletin
  - Invitation to those who did not participate
  - “Thank you” for all who participated

During the month after beginning the process, the pledge cards are placed on the Altar as a reminder of the promises. Parishioners pray in thanksgiving for the pledges and for faithful completion of the promises. Each week these prayers are included in the prayers of the faithful.

It is important for the pastor and associate pastor to work closely together to coordinate and synchronize their respective messages to the community.

Coordinated use of bulletin inserts and posters in the church entrances will augment a consistent message.

## “You Can Count On Me” – “Puedes Contar Conmigo”

Sacred Heart Parish

### Stewardship Campaign Overview

Readers may go to the following websites to find the corresponding dates for bulletin articles and homilies for the respective stewardship weeks in the cycle.

Bulletin articles in English and Spanish may be found at:

<http://www.sacredheartchurchaustin.org>

Check tab labeled **“Bulletins”**

Homilies in English and Spanish, text and audio, may be found at:

<http://www.fathermarkhamlet.com>

Check tab labeled **“Stewardship”**

and

<http://www.padremarkhamlet.com>

Check tab labeled **“Corresponsibilidad”**

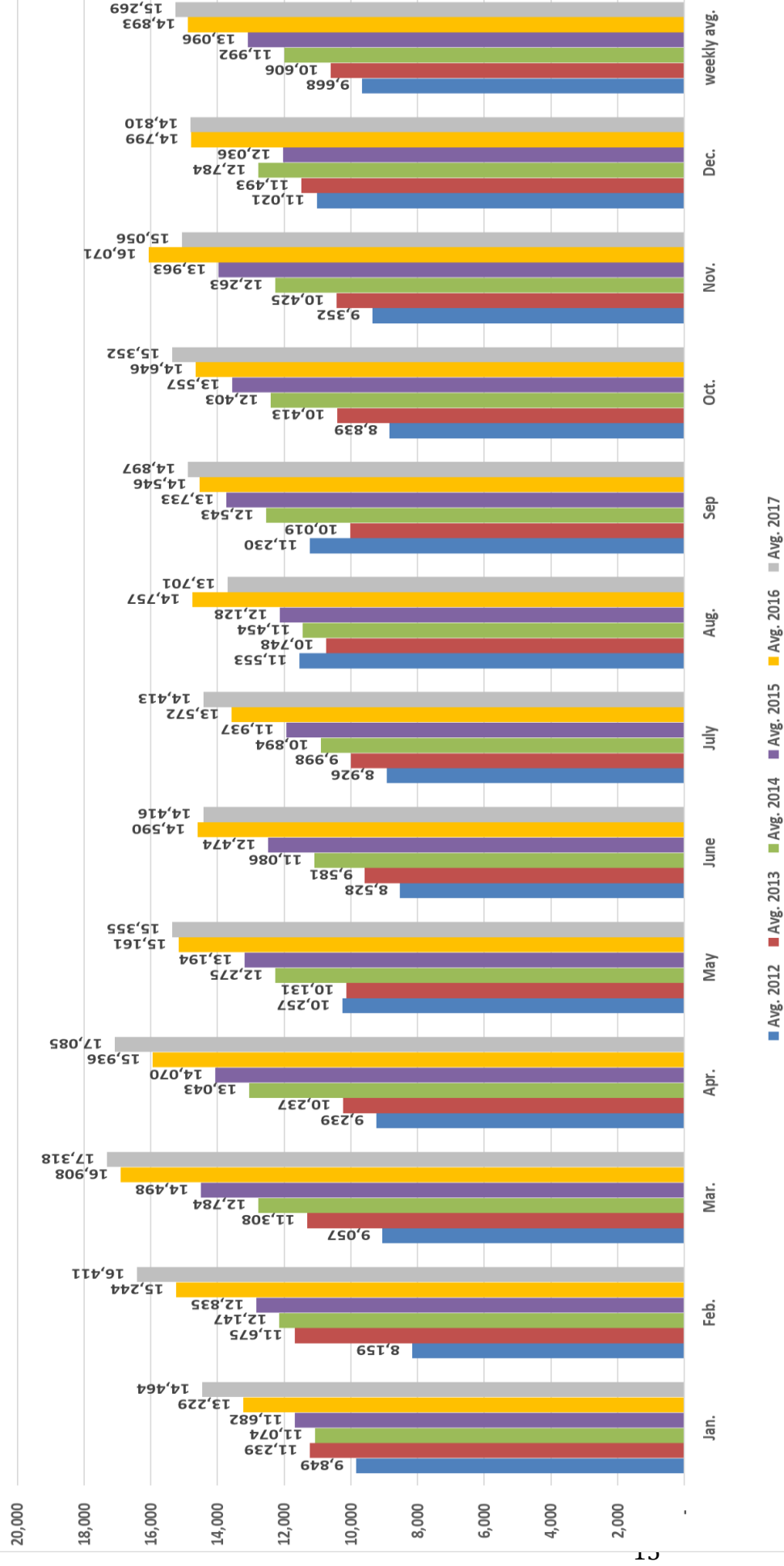
## Charts

### Collections and Weekend Mass Attendance

The following charts are provided:

- 1) Average weekly collections 2012-2017
  - a. Average weekly by month.
  - b. Shows the ebb and flow of collections throughout the year.
- 2) Average weekly collections by Mass time
  - a. 2016-2017
  - b. Seven Masses per weekend.
  - c. English Masses are at 5pm Saturday and 8am Sunday. All the other Masses are in Spanish.
- 3) Average weekly Mass Attendance 2016-2017
  - a. Ushers record all Mass attendance.
- 4) Comparative collections per weekend 2018 vs 2017
  - a. Allows comparing similar weekends year to year, and impact of holidays, etc.
  - b. The first weekend of each month is generally the largest collection of each month.
- 5) Comparative Mass attendance per weekend 2018 vs 2017
- 6) Sample Staff Meeting Agenda with current collection and attendance data
- 7) Sample Usher record of Mass attendance

# Average per Weekend Collections Promedio por Colectas Semanales 2012 vs 2017



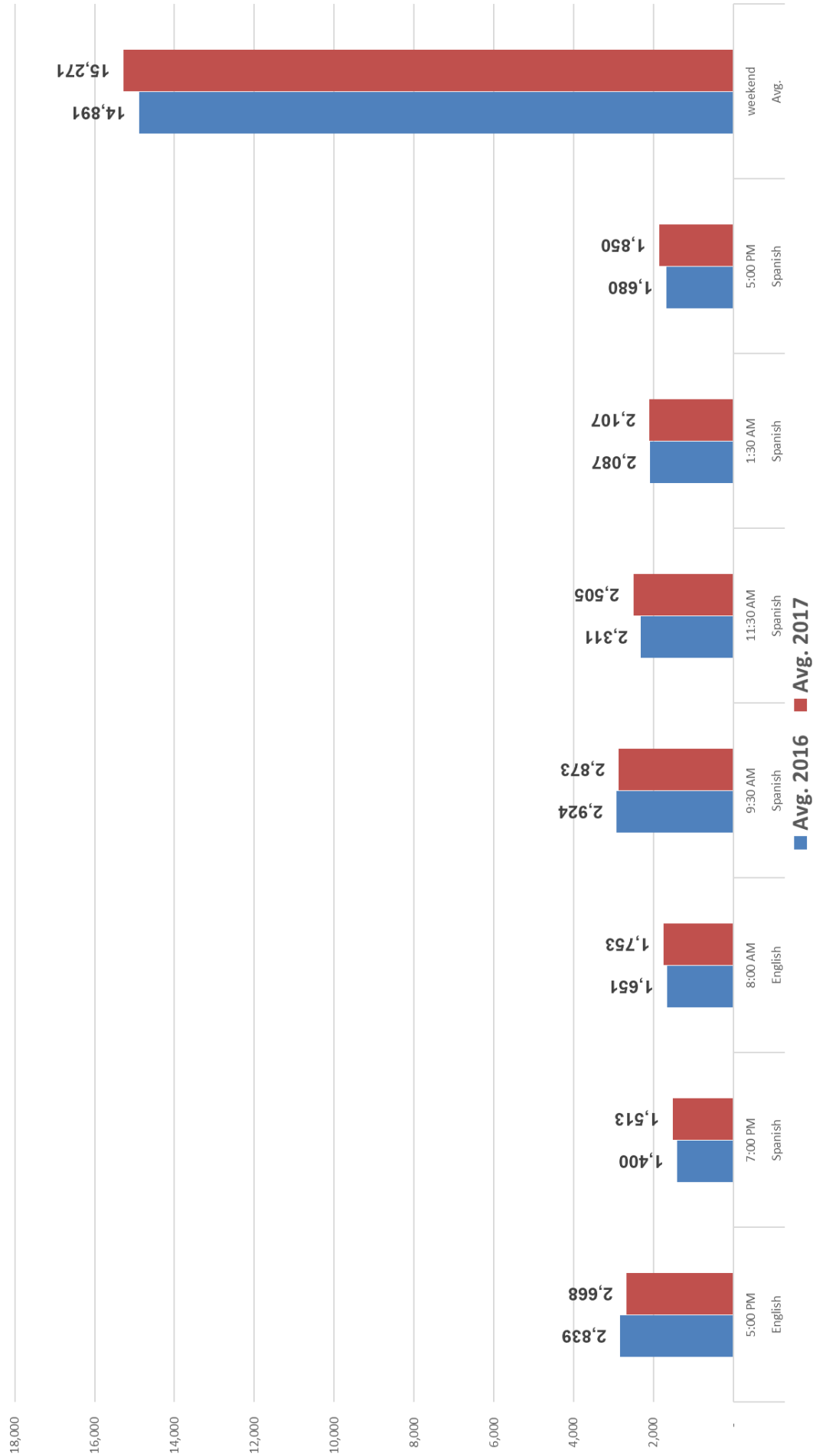
**“You Can Count on Me”  
”Puedes Contar Conmigo”**

**Track Record at Sacred Heart Parish – Austin**

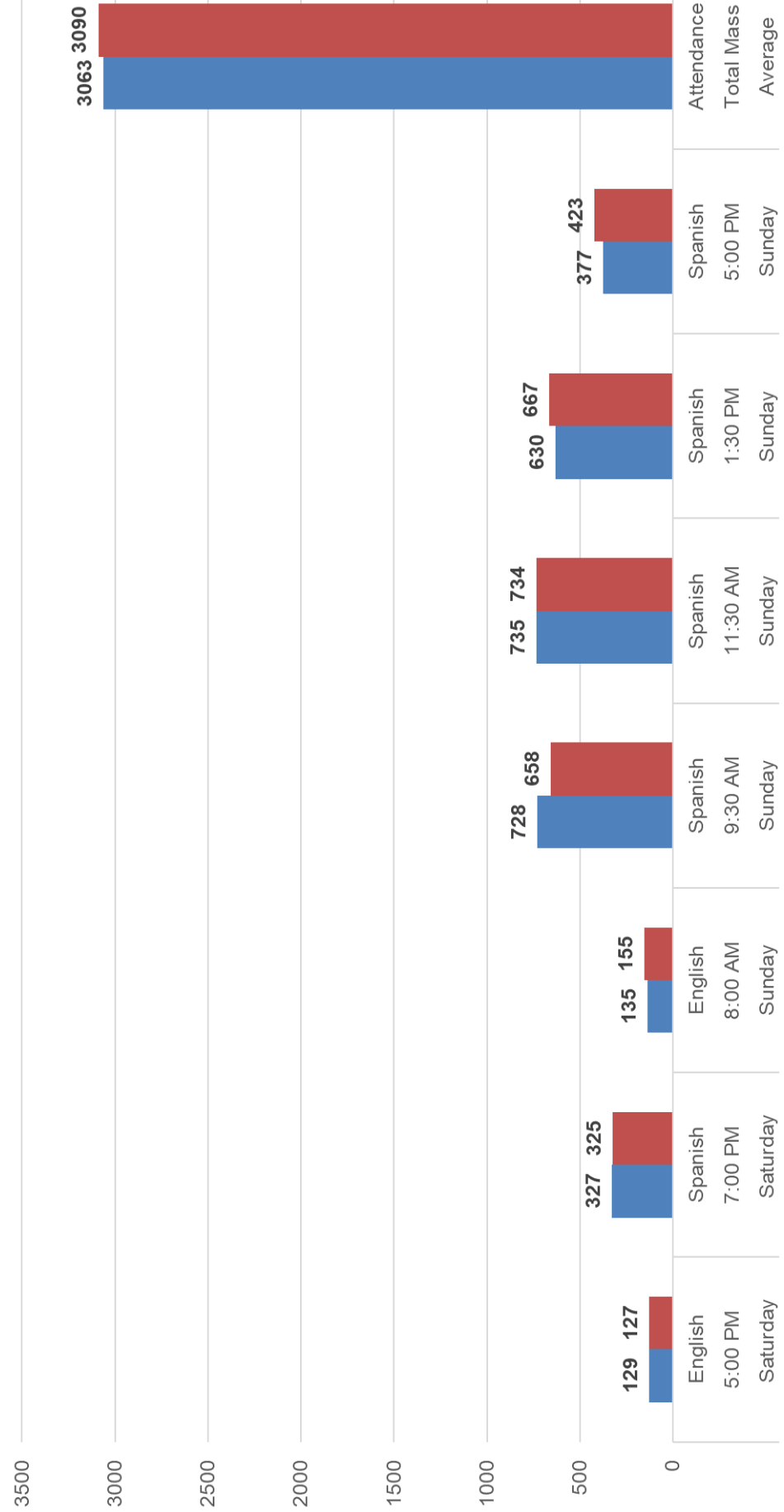
First Collections	Annual Increase	Annual Increase All Parishes
2013 vs 2012	17%	5.92%
2014 vs 2013	13%	3.88%
2015 vs 2014	10%	2.01%
2016 vs 2015	15%	3.73%
2017 vs 2016	5%	0.48%
2018 vs 2017 23 weeks actual	5%	3.93%



# Average Collection per Mass times per Weekend January - December 2016 vs 2017





# Average Weekend Mass Attendance 2016 vs 2017 January through December





■ 2016 ■ 2017

# Comparative collection per weekend 2018 vs 2017 Dollars



	weekend number	2018		2017			
		weekend	monthly	weekend	monthly	weekend	monthly
J A N	1	17,645		13,032		4,613	
	2	16,366		16,411		(45)	
	3	14,351		14,923		(572)	
	4	13,990		14,189		(199)	
	5		15,588	13,763	14,464		1,124
F E B	6	16,813		18,243		(1,430)	
	7	16,631		16,338		293	
	8	15,378		15,682		(304)	
	9	17,389	16,553	15,381	16,411	2,008	142
M A R	10	21,461		19,471		1,990	
	11	17,796		19,338		(1,542)	
	12	16,522		15,883		639	
	13	18,292	18,518	14,582	17,318	3,710	1,199
	14	16,007		19,855		(3,848)	
A P R	15	21,626		21,163		463	
	16	16,564		13,970		2,594	
	17	16,606		16,270		336	
	18	15,201	17,201	14,170	17,086	1,031	115
M A Y	19	20,588		18,283		2,305	
	20	17,222		16,684		538	
	21	15,299		13,884		1,415	
	22	12,714	16,456	12,567	15,354	147	1,101
J U N	23	17,527		15,985		1,542	
	24	15,986		15,074		912	
	25			14,572			
	26		16,757	12,031	15,530		1,227

avrg '18	avrg '17		%
16,868	16,047	821	5%

avrg '18	avrg. '12		%
16,868	9,668	7,200	74%

	Palm Sunday
	Easter Sunday

Comparative Mass attendance per weekend  
2018 vs 2017

	Weekend Number		2018			2017			
			weekend	monthly		weekend	monthly	weekend	monthly
J A N	1	Jan. 7, 2018	3,648		Jan. 1, 2017	2,472		1176	
	2	Jan. 14, 2018	3,296		Jan. 8, 2017	3,144		152	
	3	Jan. 21, 2018	3,455		Jan. 15, 2017	3,360		95	
	4	Jan. 28, 2018	3,358		Jan. 22, 2017	3,361		(3)	
	5			3,439	Jan. 29, 2017	3,327	3,133	(3327)	306
F E B	6	Feb. 4, 2018	3,725		Feb. 5, 2017	3,630		95	
	7	Feb. 11, 2018	3,101		Feb. 12, 2017	2,999		102	
	8	Feb. 18, 2018	3,516		Feb. 19, 2017	3,344		172	
	9	Feb. 25, 2018	3,364	3427	Feb. 26, 2017	3,111	3,271	253	156
M A R	10	March 4, 2018	3,407		March 4, 2017	3,634		(227)	
	11	March 11, 2018	3,208		March 12, 2017	3,040		168	
	12	March 18, 2018	2,855		March 19, 2017	3,250		(395)	
	13	March 25, 2018	4,649	3530	March 26, 2017	3,182	3,277	1467	253
A P R	14	April 1, 2018	3,849		April 2, 2017	3,457		392	
	15	April 8, 2018	3,117		April 9, 2017	4,073		(956)	
	16	April 15, 2018	3,245		April 16, 2017	3,845		(600)	
	17	April 22, 2018	3,059		April 23, 2017	3,067		(8)	
	18	April 29, 2018	3,248	3304	April 30, 2017	2,984	3,485	264	-182
M A Y	19	May 6, 2018	3,289		May 7, 2017	2,950		339	
	20	May 13, 2018	3,289		May 14, 2017	2,985		304	
	21	May 20, 2018	3,008		May 21, 2017	2,810		198	
	22	May 27, 2018	2,746	3083	May 28, 2017	2,811	2,889	(85)	194
J U N	23	June 3, 2018	2,614		June 4, 2017	2,588		26	
	24	June 10, 2018	2,574		June 11, 2017	2,647		(73)	
	25	June 17, 2018			June 18, 2017	2,456			
	26	June 24, 2018		2594	June 25, 2017	2,527	2,618		(24)

avg '17

3,288

avg '16

3,170



118

%

4%



Palm Sunday

Easter Sunday

# **MASS ATTENDANCE**

DATE	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	5:00 PM	TOTALS
129, 2018	166	355	137	633	660	760	537	
May 6, 2018	155	345	179	700	775	605	530	
May 13, 2018 Ascencion	195	322	157	785	818	670	350	
May 20, 2018 Pentecostes	114	205	178	756	705	643	407	
May 27, 2018 Santisima Trinidad	245	210	140	<del>550</del> 535	535	720	256	
June 3, 2018 Corpus Christi	104	155	128	650	698	581	298	
June 8, 2018 Sacred Heart	85							
June 10, 2018		220	139	578	598	680	276	
June 17, 2018								
June 24, 2018								
July 1, 2018								
July 8, 2018								
July 15, 2018								
July 22, 2018								
July 29, 2018								
August 5, 2018								
August 12, 2018								
August 15, 2018 Assumption Virgin								
August 19, 2018								

## Sacred Heart Staff Meeting Agenda June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- Opening Prayer
- Pulpit announcements.

	2018		2017		
First Collection	\$15,986	vs	\$15,074	=	912
SVDP	<u>\$ 4,989</u>	vs	\$ 4,177	=	813
<u>Avrg. 24 weeks</u>	<u>\$16,868</u>	vs	\$16,047	=	821 +5%
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Attendance	2018		2017		
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	2,574	vs	2,647	=	<u>(73)</u>
<u>Avrg. 24 weeks</u>	3,288	vs	3,170	=	118 +4%

- Stewardship program.

Annual	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Pledge Cards	771	814	873	748	775
<u>Avrg. Pledged</u>					
Per weekend	\$16,300	\$14,777	\$14,398	\$11,079	\$12,775
<u>Real collection</u>					
Per weekend	\$16,868	\$15,239	\$14,893	\$13,096	\$12,928
Difference	\$568	\$462	\$495	\$2017	\$153

Annual statements mailed per year equal or more than \$200

2018 to May	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
502	626	756	627	510	388	368	371

- Please be aware of emergency doors in church. We found open door on Wednesday in the morning.
- CCCTX. Retreat for social ministry.
- Capital campaign meeting next Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm in room 207 & 208.
- News Religious Education.
  - Update for RE sacramental registrations on books.
  - About school classrooms.
- News SJDHS and schools.
- News Ethics and Integrity. RICA, Prolife, Alanon.
- Security committee update.
- Discípulas de Jesús.
- Liturgy.
- Calendar.
- Next staff meeting Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm in conference room.

First Sunday  
What is a parishioner?  
**Building a Tithing Community**

Primer Domingo  
Que es un parroquiano?  
**Construyendo una Comunidad de  
Corresponsabilidad**

**“You Can Count On Me” – “Puedes Contar Connmigo”**  
**Sacred Heart Parish**  
**Stewardship Campaign Overview**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

**Building a Tithing Community**

- What is a parishioner?
  - “You can count on me”
  - Coordinate bulletin with homily
  - Bulletin articles for 2014

This is where it begins, with pastoral formation of the community. Sacred Heart Parish experiences a good bit of movement, as people migrate to and from the parish.

We find that many people need to be “anchored” to the parish community. For a variety of reasons they may see themselves as “Catholic”, but not belonging to a parish. People often drift from parish to parish. Through various programs, and through preaching and teaching, we invite them to discover themselves as parishioners committed to their parish.

We don’t talk about money at this point. It is not yet the moment to talk about money.

We invite them to see that the parish becomes a richer experience for everyone when parishioners actually fall in love with their community, and discover their responsibilities to building up their parish. Parishioners are invited to respond, “Here I am”,

**“You Can Count On Me” – “Puedes Contar Connmigo”**





## What is a Parishioner?

Before we were baptized, we were under a death sentence. By our Baptism we have been given the gift of eternal life. Death no longer rules us. Without baptism we cannot hope for eternal life. Eternal life is only possible with God. Baptism makes us citizens of God's Kingdom, citizens of Heaven, citizens of His Church.

Being a parishioner is our response, our acceptance of being admitted into the Church founded by Jesus Christ. We show our gratitude by our response to the Church. The Church is not just some general, theoretical group of the baptized. The Church is geographical and local.

It is a specific, local Church, with all the local Christian believers, parishioners united in Communion with Christ. Paul frequently wrote to his flock to encourage them work together, to be of one mind, one Baptism, one Faith, one Bread. Our word for that is "Parishioner".

If you accept your Baptism and the redemption from sin and death, then we need to respond! We should thank God for this precious gift! We need to say to God as the Psalmist said,

*"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."*

We already have your redemption and promise. But we need to respond and give thanks.

When we become parishioners we say to the Church,

*"Count on me. Here am I; I come to do your Will."*

We worship with our fellow parishioners in assembly on Sundays and Holy Days. We offer our ministry through the Church, with the community. We offer our time, our talent and our treasure, recognizing that everything we have comes from God, and we are eternally grateful. When we register as parishioners we say, "I'm committed to you", and, "You can count on me", much like we do in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony or Holy Orders.

We are not baptized to simply come to Mass when we feel like it, uncommitted, anonymous, looking for something to feed us. It is wrong to simply justify our lack of commitment by saying, "I shop around until I find a church that gives me what I need." Too many people wish to remain anonymous, disconnected, independent, uncommitted. Instead we say,

*"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."*

As parishioners we want the Church to know we are here, and that the Church can count on us. *"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. Count on me."*

Fr. Mark Hamlet

## ¿Qué es ser un Parroquiano?

Antes de ser bautizados, estábamos bajo una sentencia de muerte. A través de nuestro bautismo se nos ha dado el regalo de la vida eterna. La muerte ya no nos gobierna. Sin el bautismo no podemos esperar la vida eterna. La vida eterna solamente es posible con Dios. El bautismo nos hace ciudadanos del Reino de Dios, ciudadanos del Cielo, ciudadanos de su Iglesia.

Ser un parroquiano es nuestra respuesta, nuestra aceptación de ser admitidos a la Iglesia fundada por Jesucristo. Mostramos nuestra gratitud por nuestra respuesta a la Iglesia. La Iglesia no es solamente un grupo general, teórico de los bautizados. La Iglesia es geográfica y local. Es una Iglesia local específica, con todos los creyentes cristianos, parroquianos unidos en comunión con Dios. Pablo frecuentemente escribía a su rebaño para animarlos a trabajar juntos, ser de un solo sentir, un solo bautismo, una sola fe, un mismo pan. La palabra para esto es "parroquiano."

Si aceptas tu bautismo y la redención del pecado y del mal, entonces ¡necesitamos responder! ¡Necesitamos dar gracias a Dios por este hermoso regalo! Necesitamos decirle a Dios como lo hizo el Salmista,

*"Aquí estoy; Me deleito en hacer tu voluntad, Dios mío."*

Ya contamos con tu redención y promesa. Pero necesitamos responder y dar gracias. Cuando nos convertimos en fieles, le estamos diciendo a nuestra Iglesia,

*"Cuenta conmigo. Aquí estoy; vengo a hacer tu voluntad."*

Adoramos junto con nuestros parroquianos en asambleas los domingos y días de Precepto. Ofrecemos nuestro ministerio a través de la Iglesia, con la comunidad. Ofrecemos nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro, reconociendo que todo lo que tenemos viene de Dios, y somos eternamente agradecidos. Cuando nos registramos como parroquianos decimos, "Estoy comprometido contigo", y "Puedes contar conmigo," tanto como lo hacemos con el Sacramento del Matrimonio o con las Ordenes Sagradas. No somos bautizados simplemente para venir a Misa cuando se nos da la gana, sin compromiso, anónimo, buscando algo que nos llene. Es un error justificar nuestra falta de compromiso diciendo "Buscare hasta encontrar una Iglesia que me de lo que necesito". Mucha gente prefiere permanecer anónima, desconectada, independiente, sin compromiso. En cambio decimos,

*"Aquí estoy; Me deleito en hacer tu voluntad, Dios mío."*

Como parroquianos queremos que la Iglesia se dé cuenta que estamos aquí, y que la Iglesia puede confiar con nosotros.

*"Aquí estoy; Me deleito en hacer tu voluntad, Dios mío. Cuenta conmigo."*

Padre Marcos Hamlet

**Mass Intention/ Intenciones de Misa**  
**Monday/Lunes January 27<sup>th</sup>, Saint Angela**  
**Maria, Virgin.**

6:30 pm – English **Comunión General**

**Tuesday/Martes January 28<sup>th</sup>, Saint**  
**Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of**  
**the Church.**

6:30 pm – **Por las almas del purgatorio por**  
**Francisco Carrillo.**

**Wednesday/Miércoles January 29<sup>th</sup>,**

6:30 pm – **English-Mass**

**Thursday/Jueves January 30<sup>th</sup>,**

6:30 pm – **Por las almas del purgatorio por**  
**Francisco Carrillo.**

**Friday/Viernes January 31<sup>st</sup>, Saint John**  
**Bosco, Priest**

6:30 pm – Bilingual Mass / Misa **Bilingüe.**

**Eva Torres por sus hijos.**

**Saturday/Sábado February 1<sup>st</sup>,**

5:00 pm – **English-Mass**

7:00 pm – **Por las almas del purgatorio por**  
**Francisco Carrillo.**

**Sunday/Domingo February 2<sup>nd</sup>, The**  
**Presentation of the Lord**

8:00 am – **English-Mass**

9:30 am – **Spanish Mass**

11:30 am – **Spanish Mass**

1:30 pm – **Bernardino González Cruz por**  
**sus hijos.**

5:00 pm – **Cruzada Bastida por sus hijos. Por**  
**la salud de Alicia Esteves por su familia.**

**This Week in our parish**

**Sunday/Domingo January 28<sup>th</sup>,**

8:00 am **English** Education Classes- All facilities

7:00 pm Rosary for peace- Sanctuary

**Monday/Lunes January 27<sup>th</sup>,**

7:00 pm SINE - PAC #2

7:00 pm Coro - **Colegio**

7:00 pm Legion de María- St. John Bosco

7:00 pm RCIA - Church reception Room, Deacon

Cortez office

7:00 pm SVDP meeting - St. Catherine

**Tuesday/Martes January 28<sup>th</sup>,**

9:00 am Bible Study English- Church Reception

room

6:00 pm Boy Scouts- all facilities

7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm rehearsal - St. Cecilia

7:00 pm ESL - **Guillermo Gonzalez, CD, Book**  
**Library**

**Wednesday/Miércoles January 29<sup>th</sup>,**

8:00 pm CRSP **Musica**, PAC, y #2

8:30 pm Confirmation Class - Deacon's office, PAC

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8:30 am **Spanish** Youth Group - Cafeteria

7:30 pm Est. Eucharistic Minister meeting -

Sanctuary

**Thursday/Jueves January 30<sup>th</sup>,**

8:00 pm Choir Ban- St. Cecilia

7:00 pm CRSP junta **Coro**, PAC # 1

7:00 pm **Coro** Matrimonial- PAC #2, #3

7:00 pm ESL - **Guillermo Gonzalez, CD, Book**  
**Library**

**Friday/Viernes January 31<sup>st</sup>,**

8:00 am **Coro** - PAC

8:00 pm Grupo de **Coro** - Cafeteria

7:00 pm Coro **Coro** - St. Cecilia

7:00 pm Coro 1:30 am - PAC # 3

7:00 pm **Coro** de Coro- St. John Bosco

7:30 pm **Coro** **Coro** **Coro** **Coro** (CHOIRS

ONLY)

**Saturday/Sábado February 1<sup>st</sup>,**

8:00 am Summer Youth Program - Cafeteria

8:30 am Sanctuary Altar Care - Sanctuary

9:30 am Altar Society meeting - Church Reception

Room

8:00 pm **Coro** Hombres- CCD Reception

Room

7:00 pm **Coro** St. Catherine

7:00 pm CRSP Hombres - PAC

**Readings for the Week of January 28, 2014**

**Sun.** Is 8:23-9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;

Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

**Mon.** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89; Mk 3:22-30

**Tue.** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24; Mk 3:31-35

**Wed.** 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89; Mk 4:1-20

**Thu.** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 138; 4:21-

25

**Fri.** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51; Mk

4:26-34

**Sat.** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:35-41

**Sun.** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-

Fr. Mark's homilies visit the web:

<http://fathermarkhamlet.com>

o en Español

<http://padremarcoshamlet.com>

# ARE YOU A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH?



## Are you attending Mass here at Sacred Heart Church on a regular basis?

It is very important to you and our parish family that you be a part of our family as a registered member. As a social being, we all feel the need to be a part of 'family'- both our immediate family, and the larger community of families where we live, work and worship. Registering makes you a true member of this worshiping family and an important part of our church community. You belong! You are home when you walk through the doors every week. If you would like to become (or you are already) more involved in the parish through participation in a ministry or organization, you need to be registered. Also, sometimes parishioners need a letter of recommendation. Being registered as an active member allows the parish office to provide this important document.

**What do I have to do to register?** It's easy! Every time you come to Mass, pick up a white envelope at the entrance of the church, fill it out, enclose your "First Fruits" or "Thite" and drop it in the collection basket. Please use these envelopes on a regular basis for a period of six months. After that, you need to come to the parish office to complete the registration process. You will then start receiving your preprinted donation envelopes and the monthly diocesan newspaper "Catholic Spirit" at your home address. You'll also receive a summary of your yearly donations to the parish that you can use as a tax deduction.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
5909 REICHER DRIVE  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78723

My weekly "First Fruits" to God  
Mi "Primeros Frutos" por semana a Dios

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Please use your preprinted envelopes on a regular basis. If you don't, your active membership will be updated to "inactive".

If you move, please let the office know as soon as possible.

**THE INFORMATION ON OUR DATABASE IT IS NOT SHARED WITH ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY.**

# Como ser miembro activo de la parroquia



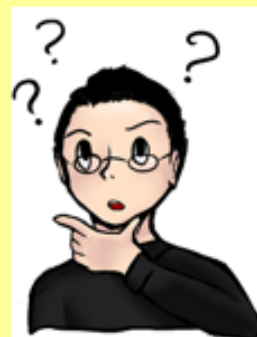
Si usted asiste a misa en nuestra parroquia, es muy importante que se registre como miembro activo de nuestra iglesia.

Regístrate a la  
parroquia

Pero **¿Para qué tengo que registrarme?**

En este país, las personas cambian constantemente de casa, ciudad o inclusive estado, y los sacerdotes o empleados que trabajan en nuestra Iglesia, no podemos conocer a cada uno de los asistentes a nuestras misas, muchas veces las personas necesitan una carta de recomendación o comprobante de que han estado aquí por cualquier motivo legal y al estar registrados como miembros, la iglesia puede hacer una carta afirmándolo.

Que tengo  
que hacer?



**¿Cómo me registro como miembro de la iglesia?**

Es muy sencillo, cuando usted viene a misa, usted pone sus "Primeros Frutos" o "Diezmo" en un sobre que tenga su nombre, apellido, domicilio y también anote su teléfono (solo la primera vez.)

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My weekly "First Fruits" to God  
Mi "Primeros Frutos" por semana a Dios

Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_

Estos sobres están en las entradas de la iglesia o puede traerlos desde su casa y debe usarlos durante seis meses.

Después de ese tiempo tiene que ir a la oficina de la Iglesia, para llenar la inscripción permanente y que nosotros empecemos a enviarle los sobres por correo a su domicilio. Usted debe usar sus sobres constantemente porque de lo contrario la membresía se inactivará. Además, todas tus donaciones las puedes deducir de impuestos al final del año.

**LA INFORMACION QUE TENEMOS EN NUESTRA BASE DE DATOS NO ES COMPARTIDA CON NINGUNA AGENCIA GUBERNAMENTAL.**

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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AUSTIN, TEXAS 78723

**My weekly “First Fruits” to God**

*Mis “Primeros Frutos” por semana a Dios*

# ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Last name / *Nombre y Apellido*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address / *Dirección*: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone / *Teléfono*: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount / *Cantidad* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**This envelopes help us to track your assistance to Mass. Use them!**

***Estos sobres nos ayudan a registrar tu asistencia a misa. Usalos!***

**Second Sunday**  
**“You can Count on Me!”**  
**Building a Tithing Community**

**Segundo Domingo**  
**“Tu puedes contar conmigo!”**  
**Construyendo una Comunidad de**  
**Corresponsabilidad**

**“You Can Count On Me” – “Puedes Contar Conmigo”**  
**Sacred Heart Parish**  
**Stewardship Campaign Overview**

**2nd Sunday**

**Census Sunday**

- Parish commitment and registration and census
  - Coordinate bulletin with homily
  - Bulletin articles for 2014
- **First year of campaign: Census**
  - Ushers distribute census cards and pencils
  - Presider fills out his own census card at Mass
    - In front of the people
    - Provide time to fill out cards before continuing Mass
    - Ushers pick up completed cards and pencils prior to first collection
    - Ushers place cards in Envelope labeled for each Mass
  - Emphasize:
    - Census is not the same as parish registration
      - Need to know who is present
  - **Census** in pews, guided by Presider, collected by ushers
    - Objectives
      - Help people overcome fear of registration
      - Get a reasonable estimate of families by Mass
      - Help build sense of community
      - Ask them to respond to “You can count on me”
  - Sample Census form enclosed
- Place census in collection boxes in Church narthex if not completed at Mass
- Subsequent years: **Registration only** – no census
  - Explain registration practice in parish
  - Same Objectives
    - Help people overcome fear of registration
    - Get a reasonable estimate of families by Mass
    - Help build sense of community
    - Help them receive envelopes and diocesan newspaper, paid by parish
    - “You can count on me”
  - Leave boxes in narthex for two months; check regularly





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Or if you are not registered as parish member, please fill out the information below, and put it in the collection baskets during Mass or bring to the parish office.

☐

Registered as member of Sacred Heart Church

☐

Not registered at Sacred Heart Church

First and last name (Father)

DOB

First and last name (Mother)

DOB

Address

Apt.

City

Zip code

( )  
Phone number

Name of children or family members who live in the house	Date of birth
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If you are not registered as parish member, please use the white envelopes found in the church entrances on a regular basis for six months to request the permanent membership.



**CENSO DEL SAGRADO CORAZON**  
**AYUDANOS A ACTUALIZAR TU INFORMACION EN NUESTRA BASE DE DATOS**

Si usted ya está registrado como miembro de nuestra Iglesia y recibe los sobres de membresía por correo, le pedimos que llene esta forma de actualización de domicilio para nuestro censo. Anote el nombre de todas las personas que viven en su domicilio, esposo, esposa e hijos.

O, si usted no está inscrito como miembro de nuestra Iglesia, favor de marcar no estoy inscrito en esta hoja y después anote el nombre de usted, de su esposa y el de todas las personas que viven en su domicilio.

<input type="checkbox"/> Miembro inscrito en la iglesia	<input type="checkbox"/> No estoy inscrito en la Iglesia
Nombre y Apellido del papá o adulto responsable de casa	Fecha nacimiento
Nombre y Apellido de la mamá o adulto responsable de casa	Fecha nacimiento
Dirección	Ant.
(        ) Número de Teléfono	Ciudad      Código

Nombre de los hijos o miembros de la familia que viven en la casa	Fecha de nacimiento
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**Favor de usar los sobres blancos que están en las entradas de la iglesia de manera regular durante seis meses, para que pueda solicitar su inscripción como miembro permanente de nuestra Iglesia.**

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Third Sunday  
“Why Christians Tithe?”  
**Building a Tithing Community**

Tercer Domingo  
“¿Por qué los Cristianos damos  
Diezmo?”  
**Construyendo una Comunidad de  
Corresponsabilidad**

**“You Can Count On Me” – “Puedes Contar Conmigo”**  
**Sacred Heart Parish**  
**Stewardship Campaign Overview**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

- Why Christians Tithe?
  - “You can count on me”
  - Coordinate bulletin with homily
  - Bulletin article for 2014
  - Invite parishioners to be registered
    - Census forms in narthex
    - Boxes for collection of completed forms
    - Staff will check boxes regularly and update tabulation of registrations

Now we begin to speak about money for the first time in this sequence. However, this is not the time to “ask” for money. This is a teaching moment.

We have learned to help people understand the origins and concepts of tithing/diezmo we need to also help them see how to do it.

One way that appears to work is to speak of “First Fruits”. For example, why not consider offering the first hour of wage each week? It is a way to begin the week with “planned giving”. This appears to be more effective than asking people to do the math of percentages. If a person makes \$10 per hour, then the “First Fruit” would be \$10 for that week’s collection, at a minimum.

Then, if a person is working 40 or 50 hours each week, then a full tithe would be 4 to 5 hours worth of wages. People are invited to grow in their tithing by increasing the equivalent of their wage hours for weekly contribution.

Nevertheless, we do not specifically ask for more money this week. We ask them to talk and pray with their family about their commitment. How much do they want to commit when they say,

**“You Can Count On Me” – “Puedes Contar Conmigo”**



## Why Christians Tithe

Everything we have is a gift from God. Nothing that we have or enjoy came from any other source but God. God has provided for all our needs.

In return, we offer to God our praise and thanksgiving. We should constantly ask ourselves if we are truly thankful to Him for his many blessings. In the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer of the Church at Mass we say,

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right and just.

How should we give thanks? We give thanks by our prayer and by our offerings at Mass. As members of the Church, where we receive the sacraments that give eternal life, we participate in the Church's offering by giving our gift to the Church. We call it our "Tithe".

Generally defined as "the tenth part of the increase arising from the profits of land and stock" (A tenth of our income). A tithe is "the tenth part of all fruits and profits justly acquired, owed to God in recognition of his supreme dominion over man, and to be paid to the ministers of the church".

The custom of giving tithes reaches back into unknown antiquity. It is mentioned in Genesis 14. Just as Abraham is there represented as offering tithes of the spoils of the enemy to the royal priest, Melchisedech, so in Genesis 28, Jacob is recorded as giving a tithe of all his possessions to the Lord. Under the Mosaic Law the payment of tithes was made obligatory.

Consider your own tithe. We think of our tithes as "first fruits". We give to God from the beginning of our income, not from what is left over at the end of the week. One way to do this is to offer to God, at a minimum, the equivalent of the first hour of each week's salary or income. If you make \$10 per hour, consider that you should at least give in tithe your first \$10 in the Sunday collection. That is a starting point. If you already give your first hour, can you increase it? Each of us can give to God 10% of our income. Each of us should be praying thankfully, seeking ways to increase our gift.

One guideline is to give 5% of our income to the parish, 3% to the Diocese and 2% to other charities. Our parish depends upon the support of our parishioners for all the works we undertake.

If you give \$10 per week, could you give \$11 or \$15? If you give \$25 per week, could you give \$30 or \$40? We should be challenging ourselves constantly to examine our thankfulness for God's blessings. God will bless our gifts and do good work with it.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right and just.

Fr. Mark Hamlet

## Por que los Cristianos damos el Diezmo

Cada cosa que tenemos es un regalo de Dios. Todo lo que tenemos o disfrutamos viene de Dios. Dios nos ha proveído de todas nuestras necesidades.

Nosotros le regresamos a Dios nuestra alabanza y agradecimiento. Debemos preguntarnos constantemente a nosotros mismos, si de verdad estamos agradecidos con Dios por tantas bendiciones que nos ha dado. En el prefacio de la Oración Eucarística de la iglesia en Misa decimos,

*Sacerdote:* Demos gracias a nuestro Dios.

*Gente:* Es justo y necesario.

Como debemos de dar gracias? Damos gracias con nuestra oración y nuestras ofrendas en Misa. Como miembros de la Iglesia, donde recibimos los sacramentos que dan la vida eterna, participamos en las ofrendas de la Iglesia dándole nuestro regalo. Le llamamos nuestro Diezmo.

Generalmente definido como "la décima parte del ingreso derivado de los beneficios de la tierra y la existencia" (Un diez por ciento de nuestros ingresos). El diezmo es "la décima parte de todos los frutos y ganancias adquiridas pertenecientes a Dios en reconocimiento de su dominio supremo sobre el hombre, y para ser pagado a los ministros de la Iglesia".

La costumbre de dar el diezmo viene desde la antigüedad. Se menciona en el Génesis 14. Al igual que Abraham se presentó a ofrecer el diezmo de los despojos del enemigo al sacerdote real, Melquisedec, por lo que en el Génesis 28, Jacob es recordado por dar el diezmo de todas sus posesiones al Señor. Bajo el mosaico de la ley el pago del diezmo era obligatorio.

Considere su propio diezmo. En realidad pensamos que nuestro diezmo es como "los primeros frutos". Le damos a Dios desde el inicio de nuestro ingreso, o lo que nos queda al final de la semana. Una manera de hacer esto es ofrecer a Dios, en un mínimo o equivalente a una hora de salario por semana. Si usted gana \$10 dólares por hora, considere que al menos debe dar \$10 dólares en la colecta del domingo. Esta es una manera de comenzar. Ahora, si usted ya da una hora por semana, puede usted aumentar la cantidad que da? Cada uno de nosotros puede dar a Dios el 10% de su ingreso. Cada uno de nosotros debe orar agradeciendo, y buscando la manera de aumentar su regalo. Cada uno debería dar 5% del ingreso a su parroquia, 3% a la Diócesis y 2% a otras caridades. Nuestra parroquia depende del apoyo de nuestros parroquianos para todas las obras que realizamos.

Si usted da \$10 dólares por semana, podría dar \$11 o \$15? Si usted da \$25 por semana, podría dar \$30 o \$40? Debemos retornar constantemente para examinar nuestro agradecimiento a Dios por todas sus bendiciones. Dios bendecirá nuestros regalos y hará un buen trabajo con el.

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Miembro inscrito en la iglesia

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No estoy inscrito en la Iglesia

Nombre y Apellido del papá o adulto responsable de casa

Fecha nacimiento

Nombre y Apellido de la mamá o adulto responsable de casa

Fecha nacimiento

Dirección

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Número de Teléfono

Nombre de los hijos o miembros de la familia que viven en la casa

Fecha de nacimiento

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Fourth Sunday  
Pledge Sunday  
**Building a Tithing Community**

Cuarto Domingo  
Domingo de Promesas  
**Construyendo una Comunidad de  
Corresponsabilidad**

**“You Can Count On Me” – “Puedes Contar Conmigo”**  
**Sacred Heart Parish**  
**Stewardship Campaign Overview**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**Pledge Sunday**

- Parishioners Pledge for year
  - Short homily on tithing: Today we ask for financial commitment
  - Pledge cards after homily: Pledge in pews
  - Ushers distribute Pledge Cards and pencils
  - Presider fills out his own Pledge Card at Mass
    - In front of the people
    - Provide time to fill out cards before continuing Mass
    - Remind people of tithing lessons:
      - God’s generosity
      - Importance of planned giving
        - Danger of “One Dollar Disease”, change in the pocket, leftovers, etc.
        - Important that all participate
      - If parishioner not tithing, begin with at least first hour of work each week
      - Example: If work week is 40 hours, then full tithe would be equivalent to 4 hours contribution each Sunday
    - Pledge Cards and pencils are collected prior to first collection
    - Ushers place cards in Envelope labeled for each Mass
  - Invite parishioners to return their pledge if they did not participate at this Mass
    - Pledge Cards (Extras) available in narthex
    - Boxes for collection of completed Pledge Cards
    - Staff check boxes regularly and update tabulation
  - Bulletin article for 2014 enclosed





## STEWARDSHIP

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

We have been contemplating as a parish, "What is a parishioner"? And what is our responsibility as Christian disciples? As we grow in spiritual maturity, we also grow in stewardship. In fact, our stewardship is the best way to measure our spiritual maturity and growth in our prayer life.

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly provide one answer; so is generous giving

of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

### Disciples as Stewards

Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.

Christian disciples experience conversion—life shaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.

Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live.

Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

Please consider your own stewardship. How are you participating in the life of our community? How are you maturing in your faith? Can you increase your gift of time, talent and treasure? God bless you,

Fr. Mark

## CORRESPONSABILIDAD:

"Como cada uno han recibido un regalo, úsenlo para servirse unos a otros como buenos administradores de la gracia de Dios" (1 Pt 4:10).

Hemos estado contemplando como parroquia, lo que es Ser un parroquiano? Y cual es nuestra responsabilidad como discípulos Cristianos? Al crecer en madurez espiritual, también crecemos en corresponsabilidad. De hecho, nuestra corresponsabilidad es la mejor manera de medir nuestra madurez espiritual y crecer en nuestra vida de oración.

Que identifica a un mayordomo cristiano? Salvaguarda los recursos materiales y humanos utilizándolos responsablemente es una respuesta; por lo que la generosa respuesta de dar su Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro. Pero ser Mayordomo Cristiano significa mucho mas. Como Mayordomos Cristianos, recibimos los regalos de Dios con gratitud, y los cultivamos responsablemente, los compartimos amorosamente en justicia con otros y se los regresamos a Dios multiplicados.

### Discípulos como Mayordomos Cristianos

Comencemos con ser discípulos – un seguidor de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Como miembros de la Iglesia, Jesús nos llama a ser sus discípulos. Esto tiene implicaciones asombrosas: Discípulos maduros hacen una decisión consciente de seguir al Señor, sin importar a que precio.

Los discípulos Cristianos experimentan conversión – confrontación de cambios en su mente y corazón – y se comprometen ellos mismos con el Señor.

Mayordomos Cristianos responden de una manera particular al llamado de ser discípulos. La corresponsabilidad tiene el poder de formar y moldear nuestro entendimiento y la forma en que vemos la vida.

Los discípulos de Jesús y los Mayordomos Cristianos reconocen que Dios es el origen de la vida, dador de libertad y fuente de todas las cosas. Estamos agradecidos por los regalos que hemos recibido y estamos ansiosos para usarlos para demostrarle a Dios nuestro amor por El y por nuestros hermanos. Miramos la vida y las enseñanzas de Jesús como una guía para vivir como Mayordomos Cristianos? Como estas participando en la vida de nuestra comunidad? Como estas madurando en tu fe? Puedes incrementar tu regalo de Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro? La verdadera respuesta está entre tu y Dios.

Dios les bendiga,

Padre Marcos Hamlet

### Mass Intentional Intenciones de Misa

**Monday/Lunes January 17<sup>th</sup>,**  
6:30 pm – English-Mass  
**Tuesday/Martes January 18<sup>th</sup>,**  
6:30 pm – Por las animas del purgatorio.  
**Wednesday/Miércoles January 18<sup>th</sup>,**  
6:30 pm – English-Mass  
**Thursday/Jueves January 20<sup>th</sup>,**  
6:30 pm – Por las animas del purgatorio.  
**Friday/Viernes January 21<sup>st</sup>, Saint Peter**  
**Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the**  
**Church**  
6:30 pm – Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingüe.  
**Saturday/Sábado January 22<sup>nd</sup>, The**  
**Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**  
5:00 pm – Israel Silva by Norma Silva-  
Quinn, Patricia Whited by Rita Webster.  
7:00 pm – Spanish-Mass.  
**Sunday/Domingo January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Seventh**  
**Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 am –  
9:30 am –  
11:30 am – Por las animas del  
purgatorio.  
1:30 pm – Bernardino Goetzke, Cruz por  
sus hijos. Cipriano Bastida por sus hijos,  
Por la salud de Cipriano, Esteves por su  
familia.  
5:00 pm – Por las animas del purgatorio.

### This Week in our parish

**Sunday/Domingo January 16<sup>th</sup>,**  
8:00 am – All classes – All facilities  
7:00 pm Rosary for peace – Sanctuary  
**Monday/Lunes January 17<sup>th</sup>,**  
7:00 pm SINE – PAC #2  
7:00 pm Coro – Coro  
7:00 pm Legion de Maria – St. John Bosco  
7:00 pm RCIA – Church reception Room, PAC  
**Tuesday/Martes January 18<sup>th</sup>,**  
9:00 am Bible Study English – Church Reception  
6:00 pm Boy Scouts – all facilities  
7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm rehearsal – St. Cecilia  
7:00 pm ESL – St. Cecilia, Coro, CHRS,  
Music.  
**Wednesday/Miércoles January 19<sup>th</sup>,**  
6:00 pm CRSP – PAC, y #2  
6:30 pm Confirmation Class – Deacon's office,  
PAC # 8  
6:30 pm MFCC – Cafeteria  
7:30 pm Pastoral Council meeting – St. Dominic  
**Thursday/Jueves January 20<sup>th</sup>,**  
6:00 pm Choir Barn – St. Cecilia  
7:00 pm Boy scout committee – St. Dominic  
7:00 pm CRSP junta coro, PAC #6  
7:00 pm Coro de Coro – St. John Bosco  
7:00 pm EBL – St. Cecilia, Coro, CHRS,  
Music.  
**Friday/Viernes January 21<sup>st</sup>,**  
8:00 am Coro – PAC  
6:00 pm Grupo de Coro – Coro  
7:00 pm Coro – St. Cecilia  
7:00 pm Coro 1:30 am – PAC # 3  
7:00 pm Coro de Coro – St. John Bosco  
7:30 pm Coro de Coro – St. John Bosco (CHRS)  
**Saturday/Sábado January 22<sup>nd</sup>,**  
8:00 am Sine – CCD reception  
8:00 am Confirmation retreat – PAC  
8:00 am Summer Youth Group – Cafeteria  
8:30 am Sanctuary Altar Clean – Sanctuary  
6:00 pm Coro de Coro – CCD Reception  
7:00 pm Coro – St. Cecilia  
7:00 pm CRSP homages – PAC  
**Readings for the Week of February**  
**16, 2014**  
**Sun.** Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119; 1 Cor 2:6-  
10; Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a,  
37  
**Mon.** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119; Mk 8:11-13  
**Tue.** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94; Mk 8:14-21  
**Wed.** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15; Mk 8:22-26  
**Thu.** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34; Mk 8:27-33  
**Fri.** Jas 2:14-24, 28-30; 112; Mk 8:34-9:1  
**Sat.** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19  
**Sun.** Lu 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103; 1 Cor  
3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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<http://fathermarkhamlet.com>

o en Español

<http://padremarcoshamlet.com>

## MY PROMISE WITH MY CHURCH

My weekly gift to my Church in thanksgiving for all the blessings that the Lord gives me every day. You can count on me!

First and last name (Father or household)

First and last name (Mother or household)

Address

Apt.

City

Zip code

Phone number ( )

Mark with a circle the "First Fruits" of your weekly promise:

\$10   \$15   \$20   \$25   \$30   \$35   \$40

Another generous amount \$

Your information is confidential and is not shared with any government agency.

## MI PROMESA CON MI IGLESIA

Cual será mi compromiso semanal con mi Iglesia como agradecimiento a Dios por todas las bendiciones que Él me da cada día. ¡Pueden contar conmigo!

Nombre y Apellido (Papá o adulto responsable de familia)

Nombre y Apellido (Mamá o adulto responsable de familia)

Dirección

Apt.

Ciudad

Código Postal

Número de Teléfono ( )

Favor de poner un círculo en los "Primeros Frutos" de su promesa semanal:

\$10   \$15   \$20   \$25   \$30   \$35   \$40

otra cantidad generosa \$

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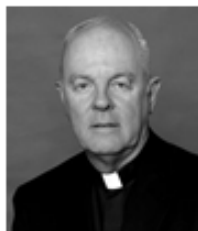
Fifth Sunday  
Follow-up  
**Building a Tithing Community**

Quinto Domingo  
Seguimiento  
**Construyendo una Comunidad de  
Corresponsabilidad**

**“You Can Count On Me” – “Puedes Contar Conmigo”**  
**Sacred Heart Parish**  
**Stewardship Campaign Overview**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

- Follow-up 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday
  - Homily does not need to be on stewardship or tithing
  - Utilize announcements, bulletin for messages
  - Repetition: Importance of Parish census and pledges
  - Invitation to those who did not participate
  - Emphasize importance of keeping our pledges
  - “Thank you” for all who participated
    - Prayer, gratitude to God for His Blessings
    - Prayer for those whose hearts are still being formed in discipleship
  - Extra pledge cards and collection boxes in narthex
  - Pledge cards may be placed in collection or in boxes
- Latest Parish Finance Statements in Bulletin
  - Brief review during Announcements after Communion



## LATEST FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the past few weeks we have been talking about being a parishioner and stewardship. As parishioners, we all need to be assured that our resources are being managed effectively. This week we present the financial statements for the last six months of 2013, compared to the prior year. As you recall, our parish fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 each year.

Our parish is on a strong financial foundation. We collect more funds than we spend. This is good news. Our total parish income increased over 5%.

Parish collections (First collection) increased over 6% versus the same period in 2012. First collections represent about two thirds of all income. Surprisingly, there was no drop in collections due to the recent

changes in Mass times in November. The annual Fiesta is the largest source of other income, followed by parish fees and fund-raising activities like the breakfast sales. These were slightly less than last year.

Our focus in parish administration is to strengthen religious education and update our facilities. Total parish expenses increased 16%, with the biggest increase being in salaries. We have added a Parish Administrator and a Director of Religious Education to our parish payroll. We have also added a full-time maintenance person to care for our facilities in a professional manner. Our Religious Education program has been acquiring new books and educational resources for the 1,250 students we have in our parish catechism program. We now have the 5<sup>th</sup> largest RE program in the entire Diocese. We must provide the best religious and spiritual formation possible for our children. They are the future of our parish.

With only a 5% increase in total income we still do not have sufficient funds to adequately maintain and update our facilities. We still face deteriorating facilities, but we are slowly making progress in needed repairs. Our current stewardship program should help us to do even more for our parish.

We have been able to save enough to pay down our debts. By December 31<sup>st</sup> we had only \$112,743 left to pay on our mortgage for the church renovation in 2009. This month, February, we have managed to pay off more, and now owe only about \$92,000.

Our parish finances are healthy and continuing to improve. With significantly lower debt and increased savings in reserve, we should be in a stronger position in the future to borrow the funds needed to update some of our facilities.

If you have any questions about these reports please do not hesitate to ask me, or Nick Macik, the head of our parish Finance Council. Thank you for all of your support for Sacred Heart Parish. ~~God bless you.~~

Fr. Mark, Pastor

## ULTIMOS REPORTES FINANCIEROS

Durante las últimas semanas hemos estado hablando acerca de que es ser un parroquiano y nuestra corresponsabilidad. Como parroquianos, debemos de asegurarnos que nuestros recursos se estén manejando con nuestra eficacia. Esta semana les presentamos los estados financieros de los últimos seis meses del año 2013, comparado con el año anterior. Como ustedes recuerdan, nuestro año fiscal de nuestra parroquia corre desde el 1 de Julio hasta el 30 de Junio cada año.

Nuestra parroquia está en una fuerte fundación financiera. Recopilamos más recursos de los que gastamos. Estas son buenas noticias. Nuestros ingresos parroquiales aumentaron en total un poco más de 5%.

Colectas parroquiales (Primera colecta) aumento arriba del 6% con respecto al mismo periodo en el 2012. Las primeras colectas representan dos tercios de todo el ingreso. Sorprendentemente, no hubo caída de la recaudación debido a los recientes cambios de Misas en el mes de noviembre. La Fiesta anual es la mayor fuente de otros ingresos, seguido por honorarios parroquiales y actividades de recaudación de fondos como las ventas de desayuno. Estas fueron un poco menos que las del año pasado.

Nuestro enfoque en la administración de la parroquia es fortalecer la educación religiosa y actualizar nuestras instalaciones.

Los gastos de la parroquia aumentaron un 16% con el mayor incremento siendo en el sueldo. Hemos agregado un Administrador Parroquial y un Director de la Educación Religiosa a nuestra nomina parroquial. También añadimos una persona de mantenimiento de tiempo completo para que cuide de nuestras instalaciones de manera profesional. Nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa ha adquirido nuevos libros y recursos para los 1250 estudiantes que tenemos en nuestro programa de catecismo. Ahora tenemos el 5o. programa más grande de catecismo en nuestra ~~Diocesis~~. Debemos proporcionar el mejor programa de formación espiritual y religiosa posible para nuestros niños. Ellos son el futuro de nuestra Iglesia.

Con solo un 5% de incremento en el total de ingreso, no tenemos suficientes fondos para el mantenimiento adecuado de nuestros edificios. Aún tenemos edificios deteriorados, pero estamos poco a poco progresando en las reparaciones necesarias. Nuestro programa de corresponsabilidad debería ayudarnos a hacer más por nuestra parroquia.

Hemos ahorrado suficiente para bajar el saldo de nuestras deudas. En Diciembre 31, 2013 teníamos \$112,743 de saldo en el préstamo de nuestra deuda de renovación del 2009. Este mes de Febrero, hemos pagado más y ahora debemos \$92,000.

Nuestras Finanzas parroquiales están saludables y continuamos mejorando. Con bajar la deuda significativamente e incrementando las reservas de ahorro, estaremos en una posición mas fuerte en el futuro para pedir un préstamo que nos ayude a actualizar nuestros edificios.

Si usted tiene una pregunta con respecto a estos reportes, no dude en preguntarme o preguntarle a Nick Macik, presidente del Concilio Financiero. Gracias a todos por su apoyo a la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón. Dios les bendiga.

Padre Marcos, Pastor



**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
**Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison**  
 January through December 2017

	Jan - Dec 17	Jan - Dec 16	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
40000 - Offertory Collections	843,479.79	803,759.21	39,720.58	4.9%
40500 - Second Collection for Parish	55,503.00	51,757.00	3,746.00	7.2%
41000 - Fundraising Revenue	104,805.10	87,875.48	16,929.62	19.3%
41500 - Interest, Dividends and Royalti	49,639.87	50,694.78	-1,054.91	-2.1%
42000 - Fees	55,607.00	60,146.00	-4,539.00	-7.6%
42500 - Rental Income	0.00	800.00	-800.00	-100.0%
43000 - Gifts, donations, bequests	194,979.20	120,196.66	74,782.54	62.2%
45000 - Non-Assessable Income	46,411.00	148,179.70	-101,768.70	-68.7%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,350,424.96</b>	<b>1,323,408.83</b>	<b>27,016.13</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
50000 - Salaries & WagesPayroll Expense	264,293.88	271,927.12	-7,633.24	-2.8%
50200 - Employee benefits	96,203.90	105,693.95	-9,490.05	-9.0%
50300 - Payroll Tax	16,798.95	16,683.61	115.34	0.7%
51000 - Professional Services	116,785.96	94,678.82	22,107.14	23.4%
52000 - Insurance	43,018.00	41,006.00	2,012.00	4.9%
53000 - Supplies and other services	124,596.23	91,397.86	33,198.37	36.3%
53200 - Purchased Furniture, Equipment	14,274.57	18,190.59	-3,916.02	-21.5%
53300 - Repairs and Maintenance	56,907.20	49,623.93	7,283.27	14.7%
53400 - Utilities	82,209.54	73,660.95	8,548.59	11.6%
54000 - Subsidies and Charitable contri	250,395.61	141,406.98	108,988.63	77.1%
55000 - Parish assesment	94,215.00	84,477.00	9,738.00	11.5%
56000 - Interest Expense	12,819.55	1,719.51	11,100.04	645.5%
58000 - General and Adminstrative	21,711.01	15,358.84	6,352.17	41.4%
62400 - Other (Reconciliation Discrep.)	4,188.00	0.00	4,188.00	100.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,198,417.40</b>	<b>1,005,825.16</b>	<b>192,592.24</b>	<b>19.2%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>152,007.56</b>	<b>317,583.67</b>	<b>-165,576.11</b>	<b>-52.1%</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Other Income</b>				
61000 - Other Income	2,970.73	300.00	2,670.73	890.2%
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>2,970.73</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>2,670.73</b>	<b>890.2%</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>				
62000 - Other Expense				
62300 - Major Capital & Renovation	176,698.62	403,888.49	-227,189.87	-56.3%
<b>Total 62000 - Other Expense</b>	<b>176,698.62</b>	<b>403,888.49</b>	<b>-227,189.87</b>	<b>-56.3%</b>
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>176,698.62</b>	<b>403,888.49</b>	<b>-227,189.87</b>	<b>-56.3%</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-173,727.89</b>	<b>-403,588.49</b>	<b>229,860.60</b>	<b>57.0%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-21,720.33</b>	<b>-86,004.82</b>	<b>64,284.49</b>	<b>74.8%</b>

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
**As of December 31, 2017**

	Dec 31, 17	Dec 31, 16	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
11000 · Cash and cash equivalents				
11100 · Operations - Checking	28,100.71	-6,749.69	34,850.40	516.3%
11200 · Dial - long Term				
11203 · DIAL Fiesta 2012	54,381.15	52,391.79	1,989.36	3.8%
11204 · DIAL Fiesta 2013	48,173.19	48,028.95	144.24	0.3%
11205 · DIAL Fiesta 2014	53,710.69	53,000.00	710.69	1.3%
11206 · DIAL Fiesta 2015	61,458.54	61,000.00	458.54	0.8%
11207 · DIAL Fiesta 2016	61,612.00	61,000.00	612.00	1.0%
11208 · DIAL Fiesta 2017	82,000.00	0.00	82,000.00	100.0%
Total 11200 · Dial - long Term	361,335.57	275,420.74	85,914.83	31.2%
11300 · Savings accounts				
11301 · Savings - overflow	19,983.12	66,597.62	-46,614.50	-70.0%
11302 · Building Fund Saving	8,808.72	14,961.74	-6,153.02	-41.1%
11306 · School Tuition Fund	71,166.27	92,343.02	-21,176.75	-22.9%
11307 · Fiesta 2017	1,923.08	2,151.98	-228.90	-10.6%
Total 11300 · Savings accounts	101,881.19	176,054.36	-74,173.17	-42.1%
Total 11000 · Cash and cash equivalents	491,317.47	444,725.41	46,592.06	10.5%
Total Checking/Savings	491,317.47	444,725.41	46,592.06	10.5%
Total Current Assets	491,317.47	444,725.41	46,592.06	10.5%
Fixed Assets				
14000 · Property & Equip. (Fixed Assets				
14120 · Plant Assets	3,141,500.00	3,141,500.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 14000 · Property & Equip. (Fixed Assets	3,141,500.00	3,141,500.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Fixed Assets	3,141,500.00	3,141,500.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,632,817.47</b>	<b>3,586,225.41</b>	<b>46,592.06</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	13,848.57	11,909.61	1,938.96	16.3%
Long Term Liabilities				
27000 · LONG TERM LIABS Notes Payable				
27100 · Dial Loans				
27104 · Dial Loan # 4	273,790.52	207,417.09	66,373.43	32.0%
Total 27100 · Dial Loans	273,790.52	207,417.09	66,373.43	32.0%
Total 27000 · LONG TERM LIABS Notes Payable	273,790.52	207,417.09	66,373.43	32.0%
Total Long Term Liabilities	273,790.52	207,417.09	66,373.43	32.0%
Total Liabilities	287,639.09	219,326.70	68,312.39	31.2%
Equity				
30100 · Opening Bal Equity	18,923.01	18,923.01	0.00	0.0%
30110 · Retained Earnings	3,224,132.82	3,478,862.66	-254,729.84	-7.3%
Net Income	102,122.55	-130,886.96	233,009.51	178.0%
Total Equity	3,345,178.38	3,366,898.71	-21,720.33	-0.7%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>3,632,817.47</b>	<b>3,586,225.41</b>	<b>46,592.06</b>	<b>1.3%</b>

# Sixth Sunday

## Wrap-up

# Sexto Domingo

## Conclusión



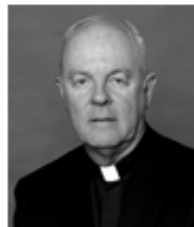
**You Can Count On Me” – “Puedes Contar Conmigo”  
Sacred Heart Parish  
Stewardship Campaign Overview**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

- Wrap-up: “Thank you” 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday
  - Tabulate results as new census and pledges arrive
  - Share Results in Announcements and bulletin:
    - Participation, Census and Pledges
  - Emphasize importance of keeping our pledges and promises
  - “Thank you” for all who participated
    - Prayer, gratitude to God for His Blessings
    - Prayer for those whose hearts are still being formed in discipleship
  - Invitation to those who did not participate

Not everyone participates right away. Many have been challenged to understand tithing as a consequence of their faith. This process takes patience and perseverance. Cards and pledges will continue to arrive for a few weeks after the campaign. We are forming new ways of thinking and new habits in our new citizens, residents and parishioners.

During the month after beginning the process, the pledge cards are placed on the Altar in a basket as a reminder of the promises. Parishioners pray in thanksgiving for the pledges and for faithful completion of the promises.



Dear Fellow parishioners. During the Month of February we initiated a campaign to promote parish membership and stewardship. We spoke about what it means to be a parishioner, and the importance of letting the parish know you are here and that the community can count on you. We received 408 census reports, showing 408 families and 1447 total parishioners. We received 775 Pledge cards and you can see these

shown by Masses:

Mass	Cards	Mass Attendance	Pledge	Actual Avg. Collection
5 pm	48	107	2639	2932
7 pm	83	234	1141	680
8:00 am	65	99	1556	1457
9:30 am	190	549	2393	1609
11:30 am	123	483	1534	1193
1:30 pm	178	560	2150	1348
5:00 pm	88	284	1362	857
Total	775	2,316	12,775	10,076

Of course the future will tell the results of our stewardship efforts. We should all pray that all parishioners will keep their pledges and constantly challenge themselves to support our community. This is how we maturely support our Church, by keeping our promise, and telling our parish, and Our Lord, "You can count on me."

Fr. Mark

Queridos parroquianos.

Durante el mes de Febrero iniciamos una campaña para promover la membrecia y corresponsabilidad. Hablamos de lo que significa ser parroquiano, y la importancia de hacerle saber a la parroquia que tu estas aquí y que pueden contar contigo.

Recibimos 408 reportes de censo, mostrando 408 familias y 1447 total de parroquianos.

Recibimos 775 tarjetas de Promesas y aquí puede verlas por Misas:

Misas	Tarjetas	Asistencia Promedio	Promesas	Promedio actual de Colecta
5 pm	48	107	2639	2932
7 pm	83	234	1141	680
8:00 am	65	99	1556	1457
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Por supuesto el futuro nos dirá los resultados de nuestros esfuerzos de corresponsabilidad. Todos debemos orar para que todos los parroquianos cumplan con sus promesas y estén en constante desafío con ellos mismos para apoyar a su comunidad. Así es como maduramente apoyamos a nuestra Iglesia, al cumplir nuestra promesa y decirle a nuestra parroquia y nuestro Señor, "Pueden contar conmigo."

Padre Marcos

**Mass Intention/ Intenciones de Misa**

Monday/Lunes March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

6:30 pm - English Mass

Tuesday/Martes March 4<sup>th</sup>, Saint Casimir

6:30 pm - Spanish Mass

Asc Wednesday/Miércoles de Cenizas, March 6<sup>th</sup>,

6:00 am ~~Service~~ de Cenizas

7:00 am Ash Services

8:00 am English Mass

9:00 am ~~Service~~ de Cenizas

10:30 am Walnut Hills Mass

12:00 pm ~~Ash Service~~

1:00 pm ~~Service~~ de Cenizas

5:00 pm ~~English Mass~~

7:30 pm Misa Español en la Iglesia

7:30 pm Misa Español en la Cafetería

Thursday/Jueves March 6<sup>th</sup>,

6:30 pm - Misa y Hora Santa

Friday/Viernes March 7<sup>th</sup>, Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

5:30 pm - Stations of the Cross English

6:30 pm - Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingüe, Holy Hour

Saturday/Sábado March 8<sup>th</sup>, Saint John of God, Religious

5:00 pm - ~~Walter Garvey Sr and Walter Garvey Jr. by their family.~~

Ema Garvey, ~~August 1900-81~~ by KCC Council 8141.

7:00 pm - ~~Chavez por sus hijos Ana, Ana María y Lucia Chavez.~~

Sunday/Domingo March 9<sup>th</sup>, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am - ~~Esteban & Maria Martinez by their family.~~

9:30 am - ~~Vladimir Rodriguez por sus hijos.~~ Vera a 2 años de fallecidos por su hija.

11:30 am - ~~Coccolotto Gorostieta por su familia.~~

1:30 pm - ~~Coccolotto Gorostieta por su familia.~~

5:00 pm -

**This Week in our parish**

Sunday/Domingo March 2<sup>nd</sup>,

8:00 am ~~Education classes- All facilities~~

7:00 pm Rosary for peace- Sanctuary

Monday/Lunes March 3<sup>rd</sup>,

7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm rehearsal - St. Cecilia

7:00 pm SINE - PAC #2

7:00 pm Coro - ~~Catholics~~

7:00 pm Legion de Maria- St. John Bosco

7:00 pm RCIA - Church reception Room, PAC

Tuesday/Martes March 4<sup>th</sup>,

9:00 am Bible Study English- Church Reception room

6:00 pm Boy Scouts- all facilities

7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm rehearsal - St. Cecilia

7:00 pm ESL - ~~Catholics~~ Library

7:00 pm Girl Scout - ~~Catholics~~

Wednesday/Miércoles March 5<sup>th</sup>,

No meetings at the facilities.

No hay juntas en las instalaciones.

Thursday/Jueves March 6<sup>th</sup>,

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia

6:40 pm ~~Catholics~~ - St. Catherine

7:00 pm CRSP junta ~~Catholics~~ PAC #6

7:00 pm ~~Catholics~~ Matrimonial- PAC #2, #3

7:00 pm ESL - ~~Catholics~~ Library

Friday/Viernes March 7<sup>th</sup>,

8:00 am ~~Catholics~~ - PAC

8:00 pm Grupo de ~~Catholics~~ ~~Catholics~~

7:00 pm Coro ~~Catholics~~ - St. Catherine

7:00 pm Coro 1:30 am - PAC #3

7:00 pm ~~Catholics~~ de Cristo - St. John Bosco

7:30 pm ~~Catholics~~ (CHOIRS ONLY)

Saturday/Sábado March 8<sup>th</sup>,

8:00 am MFC ~~Catholics~~ - Cafeteria, Bakery, music room

8:30 am Sanctuary Altar Cloth - Sanctuary

6:00 pm CRSP - PAC

6:00 pm ~~Catholics~~ Homines- CCD Reception Room

7:00 pm ~~Catholics~~ - St. Catherine

Readings for the Week of March 2, 2014

Sun. Is 49:14-15; Ps 62; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Mon. 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111; Mk 10:17-27

Tue. 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98; Mk 10:28-31

Wed. J. 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thu. Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25

Fri. Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15

Sat. Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 9:27-32

Sun. Ga 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

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<http://padremarcoshamlet.com>

# Giving is Worship

**"Honor the Lord  
with your wealth  
and with the first  
fruits of all your  
produce"**

Proverbs 3:9



In the Bible, the scripture says that the people offered their "First Fruits" or "Tithe" to God from everything they had.

How much of my "First Fruits" am I called to offer to God?

Ask God to bless your tithe. Tithe = 10% of income. If you work 40 hours per week, your tithe should be the earnings received for 4 hours of work every week.

## Example:

Worked Hours	Weekly "First Fruits"	Hourly Wage	Your weekly "First Fruits" to God
40	4 hours	\$10.00	\$40.00
30	3 hours	\$10.00	\$30.00
20	2 hours	\$10.00	\$20.00
10	1 hour	\$10.00	\$10.00

## **THIS WILL BE YOUR COMPLETE TITHE**

*"You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully. <sup>8</sup> And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8*



# Ofrece tus primeros frutos a Dios

**"Dale Honor al  
Señor con todas  
tus riquezas y  
con los primeros  
frutos de todos  
tus productos"**  
Proverbios 3:9



En la Biblia está escrito que la gente daba sus "Primeros Frutos" o "Diezmo" de todo lo que recibían de Dios.

¿Y cómo se cuáles son los "Primeros Frutos" que debo dar?

Pídale a Dios que bendiga su "Diezmo". El "Diezmo" = 10% de sus ingresos. Si usted trabaja 40 horas en una semana, su diezmo debería ser el pago que usted recibe por 4 horas de trabajo por cada semana.

**Aquí está un ejemplo:**

<u>Horas Trabajadas</u>	<u>"Primeros Frutos" por semana</u>	<u>Pago por Hora</u>	<u>Tus "Primeros Frutos" a Dios por semana</u>
40	4 horas	\$10.00	\$40.00
30	3 horas	\$10.00	\$30.00
20	2 horas	\$10.00	\$20.00
10	1 hora	\$10.00	\$10.00

## **ESTO SERÍA TU DIEZMO COMPLETO**

*"Cada uno debería de dar según lo que decidió en su corazón, y no de mala gana o a la fuerza, pues Dios ama al que da con corazón alegre. Y Dios es poderoso para bendecirles de mil maneras, de modo que nunca les falte nada y puedan al mismo tiempo compartir con otros."* **2 Corintios 9:7-8**

# ¿Que hace el sacerdote con nuestro diezmo?

**En que lo gasta?**



Nuestra Iglesia Sagrado Corazón publica los estados financieros dos veces por año. Ahí puedes ver cuánto dinero recibe la iglesia por el diezmo y cuanto se gasta.

¿Y de dónde pagan las inscripciones de las escuelas Católicas? De las ventas de desayuno que hacen los papas de los estudiantes. Donaciones de personas que no son de nuestra iglesia. También recibimos los intereses del fondo de escuelas, y cada tercer domingo del mes se hace una segunda colecta para ayudar a pagar las escuelas Católicas.

No utilizamos el diezmo que das en las primeras colectas para pago de escuelas!

## ¿ Que hicieron con nuestro diezmo en este año 2017?



**\$56,907** nuevas luces exteriores de los estacionamientos, pintar todas las puertas del pasillo de los santos y puertas nuevas para iglesia, reemplazar condensador y motor del AC en la iglesia, reemplazar panel del sistema de Alarma, plomería, pinturas, etc. Mantenimiento a las instalaciones en general.

**Muchísimas gracias a todos los VOLUNTARIOS que han DONADO su tiempo, materiales y su trabajo a nuestra iglesia, esto nos ayuda a ahorrar gastos. ¡Dios les bendiga abundantemente!**



**\$124,596** Libros y materiales para catecismo, compra de hostias, vino, velas y todos los artículos para las celebraciones de las misas, artículos de limpieza para las instalaciones, café y pan para los catequistas voluntarios los domingos, y artículos para oficinas



**\$273,790** aun nos falta pagar por la instalación del aire acondicionado en los salones de la escuela y cafetería



Pagamos **\$82,210** de servicios de electricidad, gas, agua, drenaje, basura, cable, teléfono e internet.

**Y \$50,968 son solo electricidad**

Las luces y aire acondicionado en los salones para reuniones con ministerios, grupos, retiros, mini-retiros, clases de catecismo, Grupo de oración, etc.



**\$264,294** que sirve para pagar a todos los empleados, directora de ~~catecismo~~ ~~diacono~~ Cortez, sacerdotes, sobres que enviamos por correo del diezmo a sus domicilios, sacerdotes visitantes, organistas, etc.



**\$42,654** para mantener el Convento y las hermanas Discípulas de Jesús que ayudan en catecismo, liturgia, con los ministerios y coros.



## **Wow! ¡Cuántas cosas hace el padre con nuestro diezmo!**

y ¡todo es para que tengamos una Iglesia agradable, cómoda, limpia y segura en donde podamos venir a aprender y fortalecer nuestra fe!

**Cuando das tu diezmo ayudas a que todo esto sea posible.  
Por favor, sigue apoyando a la iglesia con tus primeros frutos.**



## ¿What does the priest do with the tithing we give to the church?

Sacred Heart Church publishes the fiscal reports twice per year. These reports show us how much money the church receives and spends.

And what about the payments made to the Catholic schools?

We receive donations from the parents of Catholic students who donate all proceeds of their breakfast taco sales. We receive donations from people who don't belong to our church. We receive the interest from the school endowment, and the second collection on the third weekend is dedicated to pay tuitions to the Catholic schools.

We don't use our first collections for tuition!

What does he spend it on?



## In this year 2017, what did the priest do with our tithe?



**\$56,907** new outdoor lights in the parking lots, paint the saints hallway and doors, new doors for the church, replace condensator and y motor AC in the church, alarm panel in church plumbing, etc. General maintenance in property.

**Thank you so much to all the VOLUNTEERS who have DONATED their time, materials, and their work to our church, this helps us a lot to save money. God bless you abundantly!**



**\$124,596** books and materials for catechism, coffee and rolls for all catechist volunteers, liturgical items like host, wine candles, vessels and all supplies for Masses cleaning supplies for facilities, office supplies, etc.



**\$273,790** we still owe the AC installa-tion in the school building classrooms and cafeteria



Paid **\$82,210** for electricity, gas, water, drainage, waste, cable, phone and internet.

**\$50,968** paid just for electricity

When we have meetings for ministries, groups, retreats, mini-retreats, religious education classes, masses, and turn on the lights, and AC.



**\$264,294** for employees salaries, religious education director, cleaning people, maintenance, Deacon Cortez stipend, mailing tithe envelopes, stipend's for visiting priests, organist, etc.



**\$42,654** maintenance of the Convent and sisters Discípulas de Jesús who Help with catechism, liturgy, Ministries and choirs.



## Wow! I never thought the church had so many expenses.

The priest does a lot of things with our tithes! and this is so we can have a nice church where we can meet in a clean, comfortable, and secure space to worship!

***When you tithe, you help all these things become possible.  
Please, continue supporting your church with your first fruits.***