



Saint Andrew Parish

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November 7, 2019

Dear Parishioner,

Thank you for being part of our family at Saint Andrew now celebrating its 125th anniversary as a parish! Fast approaching is the holiday season of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. Before we start down these special times, we take time at Saint Andrew to celebrate another season, our annual *Season of Stewardship*.

Our theme for this year's season is "Connect to Community." The Stewardship Commission has chosen this theme to remind us why the stewardship of our gifts is important. Its about community.

God has given us many gifts. We frequently speak about them in terms of Time, Talent, and Treasure. In addition, Saint Andrew Parish is itself a dynamic gift which calls forth all of our gifts and amplifies them so that we can extend God's love to the world. I would challenge you to connect more fully to our community in the months to come. By doing so, I guarantee that you will be transformed, and our community will be as well.

In particular, I would ask that you take a moment to reflect on the impact your previous commitment has made. By already contributing your Time, Talent and Treasure, you have helped ensure that Saint Andrew has remained vibrant. Thank you! At the same time, we ask for you to strengthen your time spent in prayer, especially by attending Mass regularly. We ask for you to share your talents as we have many openings to fill in our liturgical ministries and parish committees. And finally, in looking at the year ahead, we are anticipating expenditures that will require a 4.7% increase in our income. I would ask that you examine your own gift of treasure and determine if you can increase what you currently give to help us meet our anticipated expenses.

If you are willing to join me in this call to Connect to Community, I would ask that you complete the Stewardship Commitment Form included in this letter. You can also complete the form online at www.standrew.org/commitment. We will collect these forms at Mass as part of our Stewardship Commitment Weekend on November 16 & 17, 2019. It will be good to see you at Mass as we do this together! You may also return your form to the parish office by mail or in person. I thank you in advance for making your commitment to help advance our mission.

As always, if there is any way that we can support you and serve you better, please let us know by contacting us at 773-525-3016 or info@standrew.org

In Christ,

Rev. Sergio Romo
Pastor