

Dear Members and Friends of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish,

After the difficult year of 2020, it is so great to see everyone back in 2021, especially for the celebration of Sunday Mass! Thank you for all you have done to support the parish over this past year. From the humble beginnings of our parish just over 50 years ago, we have grown into a vibrant parish community full of life and love for God.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that all we are and have are gifts from God. Our financial giving is a faithful response to our Lord's giving of His life for us and providing for our deepest needs. Like our founding mothers and fathers who looked to the future to provide for us, it is our responsibility to lay a firm foundation of faith, generous giving, and community outreach for those who will come after us.

And so we move **Forward in Faith**, confident in the Lord's care for us and mindful of the necessity of our generous response back to Him.

Our financial gifts to the parish go directly to support the work of spreading the Gospel – the education of youth in Religious Education and our Parish School, the formation of our youth through youth ministry programs, outreach to the sick and shut-in, the facilitation of adult education and formation, the care of the poor, the beautification of our Church, the education and formation of those who wish to become Catholic in RCIA, music ministry, and most especially the provision of the Sacraments and the preaching of the Word of God. And the list goes on and on of the ways in which God blesses our parish to cooperate with Him in the spreading of the Kingdom.

This work cannot be done without our commitment to be stewards of Jesus' gifts. We offer our very selves – our time, talent, and financial resources – to further the mission and ministry of our generous Savior.

I invite you to recommit yourselves to go **Forward in Faith** in offering your regular financial gift to the parish. Please review the contents of this brochure and consider how you and your family can help our parish to continue the work of Jesus Christ. On our upcoming Commitment Weekend, August 21/22, you as parishioners will be asked to consider a sustained increase in regular offertory giving.

The weekly increase in offertory giving will enable us to continue to serve God and the salvation and sanctification of souls through worship, faith formation, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, and providing caring community outreach. We want to assure that our parish will continue to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ for decades to come.

With great appreciation,

Father Mark Gurtner  
Pastor