

Intentional Offertory Initiative

Pastor Letter

Dear St. Martin de Porres Family,

As our parish moves forward on the journey of renewal, we are called, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to draw others into an encounter with the Risen Lord through the very life of our community. To this end, our parish must be, at all times, vibrant and life-giving; it must be strong and mission-oriented; and, it must have the support of everyone within the St. Martin de Porres family.

Walking with our Lord as His disciples, He asks us to be good and faithful stewards of our time, talent and treasure knowing that all come from God and are, ultimately, intended for His glory. By giving our time and talent, we foster moments of grace for those God places before us and it is by sharing our treasure that we provide needed financial support for vital ministries, staff, and the operations of our parish.

In this spirit of discipleship and stewardship, I am asking everyone to prayerfully re-assess their financial commitments to the parish. Over the next several weeks, we will embark on an intentional parish offertory initiative and look at the ways in which regular contributions from each parishioner or family can support and strengthen the mission of our parish. It is my hope that through prayer, reflection and discernment each of us will identify how we might share the blessings God has given us for the benefit of our St. Martin de Porres family.

Jesus teaches us, "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." (LK6:38). Whatever we provide will be returned to us.

I pray every day for you, the parishioners of our St. Martin de Porres family, as well as those who, through our abundant generosity, may one day join us at the Eucharistic table. Please join me in praying for [Parish] that we may be known by our love for God and one another.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thadeo Mgimba