

A Message from Fr. Roger

My dear parishioners,

Herewith I am giving you the financial statement for 2009 – 2010. It is important that you be aware of the financial position of our parish. I thank Our Lord for the blessings he has given us during these hard times.

I thank our Finance Council members who helped me to manage the finances of our parish and my Business Manager for the good work done last year. I asked him to make a brief explanation of the financial report. Let me quote his statement:

“The parish performed well in most areas of revenue this past fiscal year, with the exception of our finishing below budget in offertory donations by about \$26,000.00. We were very fortunate, though, to have received two large bequests last fiscal year totaling over \$62,000.00 (one from Mike McMorrow’s estate and one from George August’s estate). This more than made up for the declining offertory. On the expense side, we performed very well, keeping expenses at or below budget in almost every case. As the report shows, we made a modest net income for the year, overall doing better than budget by about \$42,000.00. Due to declining offertory revenues, we have worked very hard to cut expenses in order to keep the parish operating at least at breakeven during this difficult economy. Through payroll cuts and many other operating expense cuts, our operating expenses were over \$74,000.00 lower in 2009-10 than they were in 2008-09, and we will continue to look for ways to save money and operate within our means.”

I want to thank you who contributed last year for your generosity during these difficult times. If you read the weekly financial statement in the bulletin you find we are behind the budget. We thank Mike McMorrow and George August for keeping our parish in their wills. I also appeal to those who can afford to increase your contributions to be more generous as we go through difficult times.

In order to save a bit more the parish office will be closed on Fridays during the year. The only service asked was to get the keys for the facilities. Keys can be obtained on Thursdays, or our maintenance person will be available on Fridays. You may call the school for any help needed in this regard on Fridays.

I am also available on Fridays. I may not be in the office but I am always in the parish. If you have any need to be attended to on Fridays, you may also call me on my home phone number, 503-278-7749.

May God bless you.

Fr. Roger

August 18, 2010