

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Registration forms are in the brochure racks by the doors to the church. Fill one out and drop it in the collection basket or bring it in person to the Parish Office.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT POP?

Brochures are available at the entrances to the church explaining the Pre-Authorized Offering Plan. Pick one up and decide if this is the method for you. Many parishioners have found this a very convenient method to follow through on their financial commitment to the Parish.

I NEED MORE INFORMATION. WHO DO I CALL?

Please call our Parish Office at 780-463-8646.

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Cor 9:6-7

PRAYERFUL GIVING



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WHAT IS PRAYERFUL GIVING?

Prayerful Giving is a spiritual examination of your financial commitment to your church community, your spiritual home. Jesus, during his ministry on earth, continually taught that all that we have is a result of God's blessings upon us and that we are to willingly share of our blessings.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Each parish in the Archdiocese of Edmonton is self-funded. This means we need to pay our own lighting and heating bill, our own staff salaries, our dues to support the Archdiocese and our Parish Building fund.

If St. Theresa's Parish is to continue to offer and expand the many ministerial activities that serve the needs of our community, everyone needs to be generous, consistent and dedicated in their financial support. Just as your own mortgage or rent payments must be paid, even while you are away, so too must the bills for St. Theresa's Parish.

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT IS ENOUGH?

Everyone must prayerfully consider his or her own financial commitment to St. Theresa's Parish. Are you giving according to God's will for you? Ask God! God knows your needs and what you can

afford to give. Test your faith and be generous in giving because **God will not be outdone when it comes to giving.**

YES, BUT ARE THERE GUIDELINES?

In many Christian churches parishioners are expected to tithe, that is to give 10% of their household income to the church. If any of our parishioners make the decision to tithe, they will certainly be blessed in their giving; but St. Theresa's Parish is not suggesting 10% as a guideline.

After much careful consideration, the Finance Committee of St. Theresa's Parish asks that each parishioner consider sanctifying their work by dedicating one hour of work per week to their parish community. This means each person should try to set aside one hour's wage per week as a suggested minimum weekly donation. This is roughly equivalent to 2.5% of a 40-hour per week salary.

CAN YOU GIVE ME AN EXAMPLE?

Here is one way you can determine your family's level of giving. First, calculate your family's annual income, and then determine what is a fair percentage of your family's income that you wish to donate to your parish community.

If your family income is \$14 per hour and

your family earns income for 40 hours a week for 52 weeks a year, the total annual income would be \$29,120.

One hour's wages per week, or 2.5% of that total works out to:

\$728 per year

\$61 per month (\$728 divided by 12), or

\$14 per week (\$728 divided by 52).

HOW DO I GET AN INCOME TAX RECEIPT?

It is important that you register with the parish in order to receive an income tax receipt. When you register, you will be asked if you wish to have envelopes or if you wish to sign up for the automatic bank withdrawal program, the Pre-Authorized Offering Plan (POP). Choose the method which is best for you and/or your family.

Office staff will keep track of your donations throughout the year. Receipts are issued in January or February each year for the previous year's donations.

