



December 14, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

A blessed Advent to you all!

What an eventful 2024-2025! One look at the bottom lines of our annual P& L shows that we had an excellent year. Your generosity demonstrated in the general collections as well as charitable collections has been overwhelming. We experienced 1.11% increase in our offertory collections compared to the FY 2023-2024. Moreover, the FY 2024-2025 actual offertory collection is 2.4% higher than what we budgeted! So, thank you very much!

The expenditure also tells us a similar story. We have spent much less than we projected in the budget. This happened even after some unbudgeted expenses such as the HVAC update at the Convent (#623) and continuing some contracts that went beyond our planned engagement (#604). You will notice that our maintenance expenses in the church (Church – #610) and Other Expenditures (#669) have been much lower due to the reevaluation of many of our vendors and the streamlining of our purchasing process.

One significant item you may notice is our Property Taxes and Assessment (#640). The duplex has been reclassified so that it is included as part of the Holy Spirit entity, and therefore, included in the same category as the rest of the church property. This resulted to large credit to us!

A major credit has to be given to our parish office team. Margaret, Sharon, Ross, Suzann, and volunteers have been very conscientious in making sure that we are being good stewards of the gifts that you have entrusted to us. I also would like to thank the members of our Finance Council. They have expertly guided me and our staff as we navigate our financial affairs.

Moving forward, you will notice that we are progressing with some deferred maintenance and improvements in our facilities. We hope to finish the stained glass windows and the automated door opener soon so that our community will continue to enjoy the beauty of our church safely. We also pray that our CalOES grant application will be approved so that we can address some of the security concerns in our facility.

May the intercession of our loving Mother, our Lady of Guadalupe, be upon us so that we will continue to be good stewards of our church family.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Bong Rojas