

**From the Desk of Father Ed:**

Dear Parishioners,

Every once in a while we hear a Gospel that stops us in our tracks and makes us question or ponder. This weekend Jesus points out a poor widow, a woman who has no means of support and yet she gives everything (even though it is only two small coins) that she has to her house of worship, the Temple. Jesus claimed that she gave more than those who were depositing large amounts of money because she gave from her poverty, her whole livelihood.

When we love something or someone we give generously. The poor widow loved her Temple and freely gave all that she had. The Gospel challenges us: Are we willing to be so generous with our money and trust that God will provide for us and reward us? Our Heavenly Father is generous with us and gives us so much. He wants us to be generous but also prudent. We have to make sure that we provide for those in our care and our own needs yet also to be generous, especially in caring for His Temple, the Church.

**Parish Life:**

Included in our bulletin this week is an overview of our year ending June 2018 profit and loss financial report. This year we showed a profit of \$23,030. Thank you for your continuous support of the parish and for the numerous private donors that continue to help our parish and enable us to report a profit.

I announced at all the Masses last weekend that we have received permission from the Diocese to proceed with our Parish Pavilion Enclosure Project. Work has begun on the project and will continue throughout the winter months. Thankfully, we will not have to run a campaign for funding the project. We were able to restructure some of our finances mainly by selling some stocks that the parish owned dating back as early as the 1970s. However, as you know it is not uncommon for a project of this type to have additional unforeseen costs and additional items to arise. Therefore we are accepting contributions towards this project; thank you in advance for your support and generosity. My hope is that this project will provide us with much needed additional year round hall space and help our growing parish.

The members of our Parish Finance Council have graciously agreed to be present after all the Masses on the weekend of November 17 & 18 to take any questions that you may have regarding the pavilion project and finances of the parish. They will be available in the parish hall.

Looking ahead at Thanksgiving Day, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am on Thursday, Nov. 22. Please consider joining us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day to give thanks to our Lord. There will be no 8:00 am Mass that day.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us,

Father Ed,

Pastor