



November 6, 2020

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary,

It is hard for me to express how happy I am to once again be a part of the St. Mary's family! It is really very special to return to my home parish to serve as your pastor. I look forward to many years of working alongside you doing the Lord's work.

I write to you with tremendous gratitude for your generosity to our parish. We count on your support to provide an environment where faith can thrive in the hearts of young and old and everyone in between.

I am writing to invite you once again to make a pledge to support our parish. I was raised with the understanding that God was due the first and best of everything that I have and everything that I am. Even as a child, whenever I earned money doing odd jobs or working for my dad, I gave a tithe of that income to St. Mary's because it was my parish. I am grateful for this lesson taught to me by my parents, and now that I have returned as pastor, I find myself doing the same thing once again.

A full tithe of 10% may seem impossible for you to give, but I want you to consider making a pledge of a percentage of your income for the coming year. 10% of one's gross income is the biblical number for us all to strive for, but 5%, or even something smaller goes a long way. Basing our pledge off of a percentage guarantees that we are letting nothing else come before our duty to God and the church.

I invite you to step out in trust. If you bless God, he will in turn bless you, and he will not be outdone in generosity.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Stephen Vrazel", written over a horizontal line.

Very Rev. Stephen Vrazel
Pastor, St. Mary Parish

Stewardship Notes: We have many options for pledges and payments for the 2021 year. Enclosed is a pledge card listing those options including online giving, and auto checking and savings debit options.

Please return your pledge envelope by December 15, 2020. You may place it in the collection basket at Mass, mail or drop off to parish office, or email to mrganan@stmarymobile.org Pledges allow us to budget for the 2021 fiscal year. You can also pledge and make payments online at www.stmarymobile.org

