

My Cup Overflows

Psalm 23:5

The Annual Stewardship Campaign

Treasure in Heaven

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Jesus said, *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.* Matthew 6:19-21 ESV

Outside of our annual campaigns, we don't talk or teach very much specifically about the stewardship of money or giving to the church. That doesn't mean that money isn't important to us. Holy Trinity literally lives off of our offerings. This is the income the parish uses to meet its everyday household and business expenses and to provide decently for our rector and his family. Beyond that, tithes and offerings are the fuel that powers the ministry of Holy Trinity here and beyond.

On another level, God cares deeply about our relationship with money, wealth, and possessions. St. Paul writes, *the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.* 1 Timothy 6:10 And Jesus said, *No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.* Matthew 6:24

The love of money is idolatry which destroys the relationship between man and God. One of the best cures is to give some (or a lot) of it away in godly ways to help the dispossessed and the work of the church. *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

At this stage of our annual stewardship campaign, we are not seeking offerings. We aren't even seeking a promise for offerings in the future. Instead, we ask every household to prayerfully make a best guess, good-faith estimate of their 2016 tithes and offerings, and to turn that in on a 2016 Estimated Tithes and Offerings card. Your faithfulness in doing that will bless us more than you can imagine.

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