

# Finances

<u>Last Sunday's Collection</u>	
Envelopes	9
Income	\$ 546.25

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## Please Pray for:

Harry Coppernoll Sr.  
Harry Hawkins  
Anna Gunnell  
Timothy McLin  
Dean Lind

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

There is much going on in our country, much of which is not good. While in some ways we can see new hope, there are also many things that still need our prayers.

One of our resolutions for this new year needs to be to pray more. Prayer is so powerful, especially when it is from the heart (that is to say it is an act of love), with the right intention and while in the state of grace.

Love, intention and the state of grace are essential to effective prayer. This places heavy burdens on us. The world is counting on us, even if they do not know it. All grace comes through the Catholic Church. The only way the world is going to get over itself, have a change of heart and do what is right before God and man is if we do what is necessary to bear that grace to the world like a woman bearing a child into the world. It is only done with much pain and suffering.

We must be willing to suffer more, especially in time and effort. Some will even be called to suffer in other ways. Certainly we all suffer from the many evil things going on in the world that have an impact on our life. This is where we are called to embrace the suffering for love of God and neighbor and to offer it in union with Jesus on the Cross. No greater spiritual experience can we have (save the beatific vision) than to suffer with Christ on the Cross. In this way we exercise patience out of love for our neighbor.

Patience does not mean that we just lay there like a beaten pup

with our bellies to the air as if saying "I'll be good, please do not hurt me." Along with virtue of patience God also blesses us with the virtue of magnanimity. That is the virtue to aspire to greatness. This greatness can only be found in humility though, for we know that we can do nothing except for the grace of God. This is how we give glory to God, by always reminding the world that it is God who makes us great.

From this virtue we aspire not only for our own greatness, but also for the greatness of the Faith, of the Church and of each other. By becoming great in our prayer, in our faith and in the way we live it, we can inspire others to want to follow in our ways, which is to say in the ways of God.

God calls us to be great and humble at the same time the same as He calls us to be patient and active at the same time. Though these things may seem diametrically apposed to each other, that is only because the world wants us to see them that way. Then they can say we need to be humble, patient, tolerant and so many other one sided concepts with out balancing them with their counter part.

Remember - Virtue walks the middle, not only on one side. So do not let the world slow you down, exercise all the virtues guided by prudence and the gift of counsel.

And have a wonderful year doing it. I will be here to help you in any way I can.

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## January 1, 2017

Octave Day of Christmas

### Mass Times:

Sunday:	10 am	+ Ron Lundy
Monday:	6:30 pm	Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday:	6:30 pm	
Wednesday:	8 am	
Thursday:		
Friday:	6:30 pm	Epiphany
Saturday:	9 am	First Saturday

Next Sunday: The Holy Family  
Maraloy Thomas

### First Sunday of each month:

Social Hour after Mass. All are welcome and encouraged.

### Sacraments:

Confession –	Sunday	9-9:30 am
	Tuesday	6 pm

For marriage prep, and sacramental preparation for your child's baptism, first confession, first Holy Communion or confirmation, please call Fr. Robideau for further details.