

## Office of Development & Evangelization



### Did You Remember Your Gift?

It is only natural when you are invited to a party – whether it is birthday, anniversary, homecoming or any other celebration – to think about the gift that you will bring. Even when the invitation says, **“No gifts, please,”** most of us still show up with a bottle of wine or a box of candy or some other token of our affection. We bring gifts to show our gratitude for being invited and to show our love for the one being honored and celebrated. So, when God Himself invites you to the greatest celebration of all – the celebration of the Eucharist – do you bring a gift? Do you take time to wrap it in an envelope? Do you select a gift that truly reflects your gratitude for being invited to be a part of God’s family? Do you bring a gift that shows your love for the crucified Jesus, who we remember at every Mass? The invitation to the Mass does not say **“No gifts, please.”** In fact, since God first called the Israelites to be His people He taught them, “No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God has bestowed on you.”- Deuteronomy 16:16-17

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### Once again - Five Good reasons to Make your Gifts Online

**Online giving can guard against forgetfulness.** Most of us have been there one time or another. The offering basket comes your way, and you realize that you left the check on the kitchen table. Most online giving systems allow you to set up a recurring gift. So, on the date you specify, money is taken from your account and given to the parish. It’s automatic so you don’t forget.

**Online giving helps the parish’s budgeting.** Recurring gifts help us bring consistency to our parish’s weekly giving. This consistency allows the parish to steward the parish’s financial resources better. There is less guessing about when expenditures should or can take place.

**Online giving lessens the parish administrative work.** When you place a check in an offertory plate, it creates greater administrative work than online giving. From the counting, to the recording, to the bank delivery, checks launch administrative tasks that are not needed for online giving.

**Online giving is safe.** Not that giving to your church through the offertory plate is unsafe. But there is still some hesitancy for some that relates to the perceived lack of security with online giving. In order to accept online gifts, the system must comply to rigorous security standards. Is it 100% safe? No. Nothing is. We can proudly say we have not had any issues to date.

**Online giving is convenient.** Many discover this once they start giving online. It is the same reason why we now shop online, order food online, and watch movies online. The convenience is hard to beat.

The most important reason to give online is because you are **supporting the mission of Jesus**

There are many ways to support the **Mission of Jesus** here in our parish. We do the work every day. Your gifts allow us to continue this incredibly important **mission** work to be carried out by our parish staff and volunteers.



**Thank you in advance for your signing up for online giving**