

Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

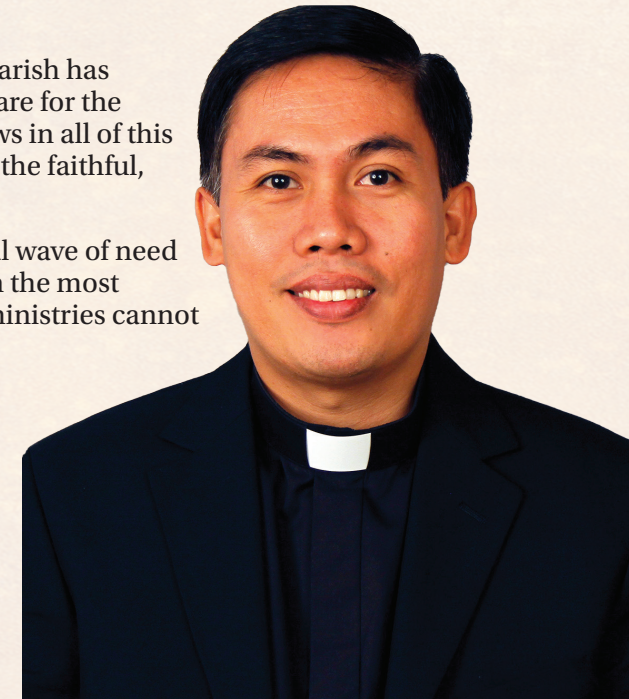
The safety and health of every member of our parish have been in my daily prayers as together we continue to face the ups and downs of the pandemic. Many of you, I know, have endured great pain and personal loss, not to mention the numerous concerns that have developed as the pandemic has imposed an ongoing struggle with fear and isolation in many people's lives. Still today, there is the ongoing uncertainty of what is next.

I hope you have been comforted by our parish and Diocesan outreach through streaming Masses, phone calls, special mailings and, special COVID-19 ministries like online prayer chains and other opportunities for prayer. There were also special collections to support mission work at home and around the world, food drives to help the hungry, volunteers who cleaned and sanitized our churches to protect our at-risk parishioners, and outreach coordinators who made a crucial connection with the elderly and homebound. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society continues its outreach to individuals and families with emergency situations and offers assistance. These are just a few examples of the outpouring of love we saw in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the pandemic.

I want you to know that through it all, Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish has continued to nourish the seeds of faith that have been planted, seeking to care for the spiritual and material needs of our entire parish community. The good news in all of this is that the harvest has been bountiful! In fact, the support provided by you, the faithful, has been just remarkable.

As excited as I am about the impact of our outreach, I also realize that a tidal wave of need is still on the horizon. Economic uncertainty and continued isolation mean the most vulnerable among us will need us now more than ever. Our missions and ministries cannot continue to meet that need without your help.

I want to sincerely thank you for all that you have given to our parish. Remember, your contributions keep this parish vibrant and impactful. Please remember your parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so we can continue God's work.



Yours in Christ,
Father Ron

Growing Support for our
FAITH
Community



Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Annual Report 2021

Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

- Altar Servers
- Adult Altar Servers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ministers to Sick and Homebound
- Lectors
- Ministers of Hospitality
- Music Ministries
- Greeters
- Ushers
- Sunday Rosary Ministry
- Arts and Environment Ministry
- Church Cleaning Team Ministry
- Saint Mary Parish Hall Events Ministry



Cultivate the Garden Within: Capital Improvements



Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community.

Over the last three years, we completed the installation of a heating and cooling boiler at the rectory and replacement of carpet in the conference room of the parish center. Most recently we undertook much needed

church roof repairs and insulation of air handlers piping in the upper part of the church.

With the parish hall bathrooms, which we identified as a DLA project, we are still awaiting completion of a structural investigation to give us direction before we begin the repairs and enhancement.

Parish Financials

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Offertory	\$ 309,689	\$ 306,658	\$ 330,471
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	5,282	2,954	4,928
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	121,078	159,362	202,836
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	34,115	4,772	10,011
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	51,780	62,648	12,248
Special Collections	49,795	26,707	30,820
Total Income	\$ 571,739	\$ 563,101	\$ 591,314
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 128,989	\$ 173,462	\$ 160,934
Church	55,952	80,234	151,036
Rectory	8,782	46,046	21,340
Education and Ministry	57,883	71,836	78,091
General Expenses	169,600	200,841	180,943
Special Collections	49,528	26,443	30,780
Extraordinary Expenses	36,810	8,233	4,869
Total Expenditures	507,544	607,095	627,993
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 64,195	\$ (43,994)	\$ (36,679)

Our Garden



Registered Households

2021: 678
2020: 695
2019: 716

Single Member Households

247



Baptisms

2021: 7
2020: 4
2019: 8

Weddings

2021: 4
2020: 4
2019: 5



Funerals

2021: 19
2020: 10
2019: 26

Weathering COVID-19

Just as God has provided for you, you have provided for our parish. Your investment is like the tilling of the soil, helping us to grow stronger. Despite the pandemic, our parish offertory remained strong, primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners, but it was greatly assisted by online giving and a successful Diocesan Lenten Appeal.

As I am sure you can imagine, our parish, and particularly our societies, suffered from the loss of fundraising monies. This past year, our parish hall lost some revenues due to cancellations of several rental events. Our annual Lenten fish dinners had to be modified to takeout only due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, we never stopped finding ways to be connected with each and every one of you. This past August, we participated in the Fort Armstrong Folk Festival again, and it was a great success.

We do have some events on the calendar, including the Holly Berry Fair in early December and the Wish Tree Project, to fulfill wishes of local children in need, during the Advent season. Please consider participating. Help us grow the flowers of tomorrow by planting the seeds today.

I would like to call your attention to two new initiatives. As part of our parish patronal feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration, we will have a Ministry Fair and Ministry Appreciation Day Dec. 12. This will give us an opportunity to assess our God-given gifts and talents and share them through the different ministries in our parish, and thank those who already have been serving. Also, we plan to revitalize our youth ministry to make it more vibrant by providing resources and occasional speakers. One of their projects will be a monument for the unborn on our parish grounds. This year our faith formation program plans to offer an activity each month that will center on building family faith.

These efforts will go a long way in planting the seeds of faith in the next generation of our parish.

Ways You Can Give



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9:00AM - Noon
1:00PM - 4:00PM
Friday - 9:00AM - Noon



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