



# Catholic Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Celebrating Our 50th Anniversary • 1960 - 2010

## 2008-2009 Parish Stewardship Report



Some times it seems that I don't know how to adequately express to the Lord all the gratitude I feel for being given the blessing to serve as the pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament. I have been showered with an abundant grace: so many cherished moments - so many people I have come to know who have greatly enriched my life. I suppose I'll just have to express this moment with the words, *THANK YOU, LORD*.

After God, I express my gratitude to the members of this parish. I thank each and every member from the bottom of my heart for your generosity and stewardship. All around us we have witnessed both financial and emotional turbulence as people have had to cope with the economic crisis. These times have not been easy for many of our families. Yet underneath all the surface chaos we carry our faith in Jesus Christ as the ultimate source of strength, hope, and guide to the future. Our members have made this faith visible at our parish in so many ways over the past year.

This Stewardship report seeks to share some of the highlights we have achieved in our parish during this year's spiritual and financial journey. The parish's Finance Council, the parish's Pastoral Advisory Council and I hope this information helps inform you about our parish's direction and health.

If you have any further questions than what this brief report offers please do not hesitate to contact any member of the the parish's advisory bodies.

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## SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Completed the "Pew Cushion Project" for the church building - Major Donor Name Plates produced and installed on pews;
- Introduced Children's Liturgy of the Word celebrations at both Masses;
- Social Committee established and implemented 1st Sunday Coffee Hour for the parish to enhance parish fellowship during the year;
- Implemented 2nd Sunday socials during the year hosted by the various parish ministries;
- Vacation Bible School celebrated it's 2nd year, increasing its out-reach and youth participation;
- Enlarged the Adult Spiritual Formation and Discipleship program with increased opportunities for adults to learn and share faith;
- Parish Handyman Committee fully established and they began to work on projects around parish, including church roof repairs, parking re-stripping, and pew repairs;
- Remodeled space in the church to better able celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation;
- 78% of parish membership involved in active stewardship of time & talent in one or more of the parish ministries, committees, or organizations;
- External audit conducted by the Archdiocese of Atlanta in February 2009 found that the parish membership records and financial records were in good order and accurate; and
- Parish Membership continued to grow at a slow and steady pace throughout the year.



## PARISH OUTREACH AND CHARITY

- Parish Lenten Charity Tithe and Stewardship donated \$200.00 each to the following charities and organizations: *Doctors Without Borders, American Diabetes Association, Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia, Resurrection Ministries in Alabama, and Hosea Feed the Hungry;*
- Parish voluntarily collected and donated almost \$400.00 to the *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial* being built in Washington, D.C.;
- Parish distributed \$1,200.00 in scholarship awards to graduating high school seniors of the parish (\$400.00 to each graduate);
- Parish collected and distributed nearly \$1,000.00 of donations to help feed and clothe the needy during the parish's annual Christmas "Angel Tree" ministry via gift cards and direct cash donations to the program;
- Parish collected and donated over 800 pounds of food to the *Atlanta Community Food Bank* during the annual November Food Drive;
- In conjunction with the *Red Cross* our parish hosted a successful community Blood Drive;
- Through the parish's "Service for Christ" Saturday Ministry our young people made donations of paint to Habitat for Humanity, coats and sweaters for the needy, recycled news paper, aluminum cans, and bottle glass. Thanks for your support, donations and help.



## CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS

July 1 thru June 30	# OF CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM	# OF RECEPTIONS INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH CHURCH	# OF CELEBRATIONS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	# OF CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION	# OF CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE	# OF FUNERALS
<b>Children</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>		
<b>Adults</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

## PARISH DEMOGRAPHICS

	NUMBER OF REGISTERED PARISH FAMILIES	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS	NUMBER OF FAMILIES NEWLY ADDED	NUMBER LOST THRU MOVING, TRANSFER, OR DEATH
<b>JUNE 2009</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>

<b>Average Weekly Mass Attendance</b>	<b>9:00a.m. 119</b>	<b>11:30a.m. 158</b>
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