

Dear Parishioners,

One of the most beautiful moments to witness is when someone takes a **first step**—whether it is a child learning to walk or, as we have just celebrated at Easter and will celebrate with First Communion and Confirmations, those taking their steps into a **deeper life of faith**. Their journey reminds us that every life in Christ begins with a step, and then continues with many more.

Our parish, diverse and Catholic, is **united as one family in Christ**—through our worship, our commitment to education, our service to those in need, and the call to be a community of communities. We do not walk this journey alone. The steps we take today are only possible because others have gone before us—faithful parishioners, priests, and families who built and sustained this community through their generosity and sacrifice.

Because of you, our parish continues to grow in faith and mission. You have supported our liturgies, our religious education, our outreach to those in need, and the daily life of our parish. Your generosity also helps create and care for the spaces where so many gather—to pray, to celebrate the sacraments, and to encounter the Lord and each other. For this, I am deeply grateful.

Today, I invite you to ***Take the Next Step*** with me. As disciples, one of the ways we respond to God's blessings is through generous stewardship. I ask you to prayerfully consider renewing and, if possible, increasing your financial commitment to our parish. Even a small step can make a meaningful difference. For example, if you are currently giving 2%, perhaps consider 2.5% or 3% as your next step.

On Sunday, May 3, I will be preaching at all the Masses to reflect on stewardship, and all will have the opportunity to offer our commitments together to God—grateful for what He has done, and trusting in the steps where He is leading us next.

In Christ,

Fr. Regan