

## FAQ

*Q: Does the weekly bulletin finance report show all the income of the Parish?*

**A: No, it only reports on the income of our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Collections. Some other sources of income, which vary from week to week are not included, i.e. Quinceañeras, weddings, baptisms, and funerals.**

*Q: How are we doing with Together in Mission?*

**A: Not as well as in years past. Our goal was \$33,454.00 this year. So far parishioners have pledged only \$24,056.00 and of those pledges we have received a total payment, so far, of \$15,649.00. Last year at this time our pledged amount already exceeded our goal and the payments were coming in very quickly. This year, if the pledged amount does not increase to meet our goal, then we will have to pay the difference of over \$9,000.00 from existing parish funds.**

*Q: Financially speaking, how is the Parish holding up?*

**A: Normally the parish has been able to meet its expenses using money from our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Collection. Recently, we have experienced more and more occasions where we have had to rely on our Parish's reserve fund. If each family was able to give just \$2.50 more per week the Parish would be in a much better financial position.**

*Q: What exactly is the money from the weekly collection used for?*

**A: The 1<sup>st</sup> collection at each Mass is used to cover the ordinary expenses of the Parish, i.e. salaries, insurance, utilities, church and office supplies, etc. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Collections considered ordinary income and is subject to a 10% annual tax imposed by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Collection is for the Parish Building, Maintenance, and Repair Fund, which is exclusively used for major and minor improvements and repairs to the parish Plant and facilities. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Collection is a "restricted fund" which means it is not taxed by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as ordinary income because it is collected for a specific purpose.**

*Q: If I would like to help the Parish out financially, apart from my Sunday donation, whom should I get in contact with?*

**A: To make a special monetary donation you can contact the Rectory Office and speak directly to the Parish Secretary Gloria Romero, 818-782-7180.**

*Q: I would like to give a tangible gift to the Parish. What is needed?*

**A: If you wish to donate a special gift in your own name or in the name or memory of someone, please visit our website, [www.SBOS.org](http://www.SBOS.org) where you can view a "Parish Wish List" of items that are needed by the Parish.**

*Q: I have a special skill that maybe of service to the Parish. Can I donate my time?*

**A: Absolutely! The Parish is in need of many services that can be donated. The “Wish List” on the Parish website also has some suggestions of skills that can be donated to the Parish.**

*Q: Can I make a monetary donation through the Parish Website?*

**A: At this time we do not have the capability to accept payments through the website. Please check back periodically as we are working on making that a possibility in the near future.**

As mentioned in one of the questions above, here is a list of items/services needed by the church. If you would like to donate any items below or donate your services please contact Gloria Romero in the rectory.