

From the Administrative Manager's Desk...

I write to you today in the spirit of hope and also of need. The summer, while being a time of rest and relaxation and, this year perhaps, long-awaited vacations instead of the "staycations" we all had while in the height of the pandemic, is also a very challenging time for the parish financially. This is generally the case each summer. For the month of May we had to transfer \$34,000.00 from savings just to cover our operating expenses. We hold the money that we have received from the AMA in past years (this year our AMA funds will go towards our special project of painting the exterior of the church and other maintenance issues) in reserve and then transfer it into our operating account as needed. We will probably have to transfer monies for the remainder of the fiscal year (June, July & August) and I'm hoping that we will have enough funds available to do so, but if we have to transfer as much as we did in May we don't have it and we will be unable to pay our operating costs (see chart below).

As you well know, the cost of everything has gone up, and this has affected the parish as well. While we are very cost conscious and watch our expenditures carefully, there are some monthly expenses that are non-negotiable and can't just wait until we have more funds. The recurring fixed monthly costs are listed below. This doesn't include maintenance costs, office supplies, cleaning supplies, liturgical supplies, youth ministry supplies, and the money that we give away for outreach (which is money that has been given specifically for that purpose) to name just a few.

Recurring Fixed Monthly Costs

Utilities (PG&E, water, phone, internet, trash, gardener)	4,695.00
Rectory Expense (utilities)	385.00
Good Shepherd	600.00
Payroll	32,613.00
Insurance (health, life, Master Insurance: workers compensation, property)	8,077.00
Diocesan Assessment	5,739.00
Office Expense (software fees, copier)	1,009.00
Total	\$53,118.00

Our plate collection is budgeted to cover 70% of our operating costs and for the month of May our plate collection brought in a total of \$36,132.00 which as you can see didn't even cover our fixed monthly costs. Our parish runs on donations from all those who gather here

on the weekends and donate money in the collection basket or that are mailed into the parish or received electronically.

I hope that you will be able to help us financially. I know that many of you are on fixed incomes and cannot give more than you already do. We have over 1200 registered families and only about 1/4 of these are regular givers.

I ask everyone to pray for the parish and pray about how you can assist the parish during this time. Don't forget us this summer! I give to the parish electronically so even if I'm not at mass on the weekend I know that my donation is still received and is supporting the life and ministry of Resurrection. If you'd like to sign up for electronic giving you can set this up yourself through our website (<https://resurrection-aptos.org>, Click on Donate Now) or I can assist you with this. Please call me at 831-688-4300 x10 or email me at kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net

Our new budget year begins in September and with that will also come increased costs in our fixed monthly costs as well as everything that we purchase just like it will in your home.

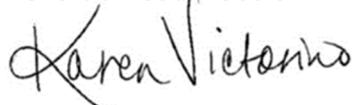
This parish is very generous and you always step up when there is a need – whether it is providing a well for a village in Uganda, providing assistance through our Parish Assistance Ministry to help those with rent assistance, or in providing assistance for our teens when they go on Mission Trips, to name just a few. I believe and have faith that this parish will step up when the need is close to home. While our monthly needs aren't glamorous, they do help us to maintain our facilities and staff so that we can be a beacon of hope to serve the larger community of which we are a part.

I will be providing a third quarter financial report in the next few weeks with more detail but this message couldn't wait as we need your assistance now.

I leave you with one of my favorite scriptures from Jeremiah that always reminds me to have hope and to remind myself to trust that God is in charge. We just have to do our part.

“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! plans to give you a future full of hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

Thank you and God bless you for your faithfulness, your generosity, and your trust in the staff here at Resurrection.



Karen Victorino