

Income

The plate collections for St. Clement parish in 2011 were \$461,106. Your contributions decreased from 2010 by \$42,350.

The average regular weekly plate collection was \$8,867, including the Christmas collection. This decreased from 2010 from an average of \$9,500, a decrease of over \$600 per week! Christmas collection was \$3,413, a decrease of \$10,869 from 2010!

The plate collections from Sunday Masses and Christmas represents about 64% of the parish income. Other sources of income include donations, program fees, candle sales and interest from investments.

St. Clement parish has funds from a bequest of \$324,514. This is on deposit at the diocese and collects interest. However, use of this fund is restricted to capital expenditures.

The parish also has a debt of over \$325,000 from past and current debts to the assessment of the Oakland Diocese that is being retired by special second collections.

Expenses

Total expenditures for the parish in 2011 were \$724,393. From 2010, expenditures increased by \$112,153.

These expenditures supported two clergy; provided service to the parish in faith formation, youth ministries, music and liturgical ministry and others; maintained and operated the church and parish facilities.

The largest expenditure, 39%, was for administration, which included insurance for the parish and grounds as well as benefits for the staff.

The paid staff is small and one part time position was added last year.

St. Clement School is entirely financially self-sufficient. None of the funds were directly contributed from the operating budget to the school.

Needs

Members of the parish have continued to increase financial donations to the parish. A second collection has continued to retire a debt from the diocesan assessment. A successful festival and other efforts from parishioners have greatly helped the finances of the parish. In addition, contributions to the 2012 Bishop's Appeal are over 162 % of goal; excess funds will be returned to the parish.

However, the budget remains very tight and there has been no room for growth. The plate collection for the first quarter of 2012 is short of the budget goal by almost \$1,000.

Our pastor, Father Ramon Gomez, has been working with the Parish Finance Council for advice on financial matters. Members are: Bill Ford, Andy Wilson and Rosanna Villanueva.

Our greatest need is for every parishioner to give prayerful thought and discernment to support our parish. Together, let us all increase our efforts by volunteering our time and expertise or by sharing more of what God has given to us all.

