

Week 6: November 6-7

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Pulpit Announcement

Sample Lay Witness Presentation

Talking Points

- Good morning/afternoon everyone. I stand before you to speak to you about (Parish Name) and *Beyond Sunday Morning*.
- First, I would like to begin with my personal story – I have been a parishioner at (Parish Name) for _____ years. For these years, I have gathered here with all of you to worship, celebrate, and mark the most important moments of my life.
- Consider a personal story here:
 - Your past involvement in the Parish, perhaps family history at the parish, or a particular memory with certain parishioners.
 - Your involvement in specific ministries or groups at the Parish.
- (Parish Name) is my second home and I want to ensure my children, family, and future generations can also call this Parish their spiritual home.
- (Parish Name) has many current and ongoing needs: (need 1, need 2, etc.)
- *Beyond Sunday Morning* is a chance to address our parish's needs *before* they become emergencies, ~~just~~ as you would your own home.
- I have prayed extensively about my weekly offertory increase.
- In gratitude for the blessings God has bestowed on me and my family, I have promised to increase my current level of support and prioritize (Parish Name) in my monthly expenses. (Articulate here why this is good not only for the parish, but also for the individual as sacrificial giving can be spiritually fruitful.)
- I ask that all of you here consider an increase. For some, this may be the price of a (whatever is relevant to speaker, such as coffee, streaming service, metro ticket).
- For others, slightly more. It is whatever you are willing and able to give, but as we hear about in this week's Gospel, our Lord invites us to give as the poor widow did, not out of our surplus, but out of our need.
- If we all take the time to pray and discern a renewed commitment, we will, as we have done in the past, continue to fortify this iconic parish's XXX-year legacy.

Online Messaging

E-Giving Message

For bulletin and Flocknote

In this weekend's Gospel, we hear of the widow who gave her whole livelihood to the temple. Although all of us may be inclined to give to the Church from our surplus, I wholeheartedly thank you for taking these past few weeks to pray about what a truly *sacrificial* offertory contribution is for you and for your family.

As of last weekend, more than XX families have renewed or increased their annual offertory commitments. Thank you!

If you haven't yet signed up for online giving, please join us! Simply enroll online at <<ONLINE GIVING SITE>>. Please contact the parish office at «PHONE» to receive more information.

I thank you for your trust and generosity in this great mission and look forward to sharing our success in the weeks ahead.

Social Media Samples

Variations on the samples can be used for Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

Thank you to the XX households who have renewed or increased their weekly offertory commitments to [Parish Name]. However, to [describe parish needs], we need 100% participation. Make your commitment today at [online giving link].

Thank you to the XX households who have renewed or increased their weekly offertory commitments to [Parish Name]. However, in order to keep our ministries thriving for generations to come, we need 100% participation. Make your commitment today at [online giving link].

Jesus praises the widow who gave two small coins to the temple more than the rich who gave from their surplus wealth, not because her gift was larger but because her sacrifice was greater. We, too, are called to make what loving sacrifices we are able to for love of His Church. Make your commitment today at [online giving link].

Prayer of the Faithful

That our financial giving be a source of spiritual growth, as we reflect on and express gratitude for the many blessings God has bestowed upon our parish family. Lord, hear our prayer.