

I have been a part of St. Priscilla for four years now as bookkeeper. I remember my first impression was this scrappy little parish getting it done with 750 families. I was *naïve* four years ago...

Since then, whenever I joined you for Mass, I was warmly welcomed at the front door and in the pew. Recently I came and observed three very skilled altar servers in an awesome liturgy with brilliant music. During the pandemic, I tuned in to your livestreamed stations of the cross and Alyssa gave me the idea of using a cart to livestream. For weeks, at the other parishes I had been livestreaming with a tripod that I stumbled over at least twice every Mass, and occasionally knocking the camera to the ground.

When I am here during the week, there is a tremendous flow of activity. People are here to serve in so many ministries. I don't know who they all are, but they are not on the payroll. When I joined you at the recent anniversary dinner, I learned some of the rich history from our founding days at what was a stellar party. Last year, we created some reports for everyone to see on our website called "Around the Parish" under the "News" Tab. I encourage you to check this out. It showed the impact of your generosity over just one year. There were 59 other years!

Four years later, my impression is that St. Priscillas has always been a parish filled with heart and persistent like the Moses in the first reading and the widow in the Gospel. Saint Paul invites us to proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient.

This week you will receive a special brochure introducing our stewardship program. Next weekend I invite each of you to join together and participate in securing our parish's future. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Priscilla Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

- It may be a simple increase in your regular offertory gift.
- It maybe you finally sign up for online giving from the parish website
- It may be that you remember to support parish with a gift to the annual CSA appeal
- or it may be that you remember to leave a legacy in your will or trust that shows your loved ones how important St. Priscilla, and your faith was to you in your final act on earth.

I have learned a lot about our community in four years. I know you will not only respond with your hearts, but will encourage others to do so next week at our commitment weekend.