



## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN

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Earlier this week, I met with one of our parishioners and asked him for a significant donation for the interior restoration of our church, which, as you know will begin in the coming weeks. He was very kind and told me, with significant sadness in his voice, that he would love to help but that he was on a fixed income. I told him not to worry in the least....that God will provide. “All of us”, I continued, “will do what we can—and nothing more—and God will take care of the rest.”

The next day I received a “thank you” note, with a beautiful expression from this parishioner of how grateful he is to God for our church and for the time I spent with him. He included in the envelope a check made out to the church, with a promise that, beginning on March 1, he will send at least this amount every month for the rest of his life. I was floored! What goodness! What generosity! What love!

There are different ways to show God our love, and certainly money is only one, small aspect. What God most wants from us is our heart. He asks us in this Lenten season for a contrite heart, a repentant heart, a heart that he can fashion, according to his own.

**God Bless,  
Father Jonathan**

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