

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**In a few moments you'll hear Bishop Johnston's message for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. I'd like to ask your support of the annual appeal for the cathedral parish as well.**

**If you're a member of our parish, you are receiving two pledge cards in the mail this week. If you're a member of another parish in our diocese, you receive just the ACA pledge card. We have extras in the pews today.**

**Regarding the cathedral parish, thank you for your generosity to us. Your gifts to our regular collection have produced amazing improvements to the parish. With the new Bishop Hogan Center, we are better positioned now to enhance our ministry, membership and revenue.**

**However, we are deep in debt. The water department says we have a leak somewhere that has cost us about \$10,000. Our competent staff works hard to provide faith formation to children and adults, to prepare beautiful celebrations of the Mass, to minister to the unhoused, to prepare couples for marriage, to forgive the sinner, and to keep our facilities clean and inviting.**

**My appeal this weekend is for contributions to the weekly collection. We don't receive enough to pay all our bills, so if you can increase your gift, it will help us through this fiscal year. We welcome every gift to the basket, but we especially appreciate those who are making regular electronic gifts. If you're age 70 and a half, consult with a tax advisor to see if a Qualified Charitable Distribution is right for you; if you're age 73, then consider including us in your Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA.**

**Above all, I ask you to make your gift a spiritual exercise. Think about your blessings and show your generosity. The Letter to the Hebrews today says that the Word of God is "sharper than any two-edged sword... able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." In your prayer, discern what is the right gift for you to make. And thank you for supporting the cathedral.**

**Now, here's an audio message from Bishop Johnston.**