

***"First fruits"***  
of God's blessings  
in action...

*"Due to the faith, joy, generosity, love, and loyalty of the people of Saint Gabriel Parish, we build with hope on all that was done by those who went before us to enhance ministries for adults, children, and youth. We also hope to maintain our church facilities in good working order and beauty, but given the astronomical cost of repairs, we aim to explore possibilities for the future."*

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***For Prayerful Reflection***

- ◆ "first fruits" means that I give the first, best or choice portion gratefully to the Lord.
- ◆ We pray that all Christians everywhere be good stewards to give united witness with love to the world by their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- ◆ This requires of me that I meet my normal life obligations to myself, to my family, Parish, work, and all my other circles of belonging and responsibility.
- ◆ Jesus asks if I am willing to begin to place God first in my life by the way I spend money.
- ◆ Am I willing to make a pledge with trust in the Lord?
- ◆ When was the last step I took in my giving (for example: from 1% to 2%, or 2% to 3%, or 3% to 5%, or 5% to 10%)?

**Giving God the**  
***"First fruits"***  
**of our**  
**Income**  
**(Treasure)**



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