

Good News is for Sharing!

We have some good news to share! Thanks to your incredible generosity and sacrifices throughout the past year, we have met all the conditions of the **2014** Challenge Grant (first announced about 14 months ago) and have actually received and deposited the \$300,000 grant. **Every** person and **every** gift made a difference in making this possible, no matter how large or small – because we know they were **all** sacrificial gifts relative to the personal situation of each family.

Although we **never** lost hope or stopped praying, we witnessed how the good people of our parish, once again, came together and made remarkable personal sacrifices for **our** beloved parish of St. Mary Magdalen. People were coming out of the woodwork to help us get over the top -- even people from other states who were relatives and friends who heard of our situation and wanted to help us receive the challenge grant. We are so grateful for all your goodness and generosity. The preliminary count shows **1,503** households turned-in Sacrificial Giving commitment cards for 2014 (we needed 1,500 and that represents nearly 100% of our active registered households). Counting visitors and people from outside the parish -- including Christmas and Easter, a preliminary grand total of **3,087** households made donations to the Sunday and Holyday offertory sometime during the last calendar year – **all of them** making it possible for us to surpass all the requirements in the final hours of the year.

Once again, we thank **all** of you a hundred-fold, **including** the parishioner family who anonymously donated the \$300,000 grant. **Together**, we are doing something beautiful for God. God Bless you all -- both today and throughout 2015!

All Sacrificial Giving donations made during the 2015 calendar year will help us toward meeting the newest \$100,000 Challenge Grant for the period ending 12/31/2015. If you have any questions, please call Lois Locey in the Parish Office at 407.265.2317.

[Newest 2015 Challenge Grant information at our parish website:](http://www.StMaryMagdalen.org/Stewardship/Challenge.htm)

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