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## A time of accounting

Thank you all for your very generous Christmas gifts to our parish! I am always amazed at the generosity of people – especially at Christmas time. So many people contributed to our beautiful celebrations – but I want to express a special word of gratitude to our Liturgical Team with all its various ministries: our musicians, art and environment folks, usher/greeters and so many many more. We are all part of making our parish a place of welcome and hospitality – a place where the presence of God is abundantly clear.

As we come to the end on one year and prepare to begin a new one, it's always good to ask ourselves how we are doing? How we do stand before God. Here's a few reflections to help us in this process:

*When the day comes and we are called before the judgment seat of the Most High:*

*God won't ask what kind of car we drove, but **will** ask how many people we helped others get where they needed to go.*

*God won't ask the square footage of our houses, but **will** ask how many people we welcomed into our home.*

*God won't ask about the clothes we had in your closet, but **will** ask how many people we helped to clothe.*

*God won't ask how many friends we had, but **will** ask how many people to whom we were a friend.*

*God won't ask in what neighborhood we lived, but **will** ask how we treated our neighbors.*

*God won't ask about the color of our skin, but God **will** ask about the content of our character.*

*God won't ask why it took us so long to seek Salvation, God **will** look at us lovingly take you to the place reserved for us in Heaven.*

In this New Year act as if every single moment counts because...it does!

Thank you for taking the faith that we share so seriously and for passing on the values that we hold dear! Have a great celebration of the New Year and enjoy your family on this Holy Family Sunday.

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