



THE SCROLL

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A GRATEFUL HEART WITH A GENEROUS HAND: OUR COMMITMENT TO GIVING TITHE

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We give our tithe because everything we have is ultimately a gift from God, and our giving is a grateful expression of faith, trust and thanksgiving for His unfailing providence.

We give our tithe because our Parish is our spiritual family, and through our collective generosity we sustain the Gospel, nurture our spiritual growth and strengthen apostolate that bring Christ's love. We give our tithe because when every family contributes according to its ability, our small sacrifices become a powerful force for building and creating a stronger future for St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Parish, Ntinda. Therefore, give your tithe with gratitude because God provides, give with love because the Parish is our family, and give with faith because together our little becomes much for God's mission.

With hearts filled with gratitude, we thank the Almighty God for His abundant goodness and we also thank each one of you for your continued generosity and faithful support of St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Parish, Ntinda through your commitment to giving Tithe.

Together, we give; together, we grow and together, we rejoice. There is immense joy in knowing that your giving and my giving are leading to the positive progress of our Parish. Together, we are building, developing, supporting and creating a Parish that we can all proudly call home.

What makes this journey truly unforgettable is that nobody walks alone: we give together,

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.

**A reading from the prophet
Jeremiah 20:7-9**

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim; 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones,

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it,

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 62:2-6. 8-9. R' v.2

**Response: For you my soul is
thirsting, O Lord my God.**

SECOND READING

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.

**A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Romans 12:1-2**

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover



the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

"If anyone, wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself."

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 16:21-27**

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find

it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

ESSOMOI

"Ekgambo kya Katonda bakifuulira ekivumo."

Bye tusoma mu kitabo kya Yeremiya Omulanzi. (20, 7-9)

Ayi Mukama, wansendasenda, ayi Mukama ne nzikiriza; wampitirira n'onsinza amaanyi: nfuuse ekisekererwa okuzibya obudde; buli muntu ankudaalira, Buli lwe njogera, nneetaaga kubogola, nti: Okunyaga, okumenya! Ekgambo ky'Oumukama kinvumisa buvumisa na kusekererwa okuzibya obudde. Ne njamba, nti: Kale sikyamulowooza-

ko, ndekedde n'awo okwogera mu linnaye! Naye, owa, mu mutima gwange nga muli ng'omuliro ogubuubuuka ogusibiddwa mu magumba gange. Okuguzibiikiriza kwankooyesa, nga sikyas-

obola kugugumiikiriza. Ebyo Omukama y'abyogera.

OLUYIMBA OLW'OKWEBULIRIRA

Zab 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9.

EKIDIBWAMU: Ayi Mukama, omwoyo gwange gukulumirwa ennyonta.

ESSOMO II

"Emibiri gyammwe mugiveereze ng'ekyonziira ekitukuvu."

Bye tusoma mu bbaluwa eya Paulo Omutume gye yawandiikirira ab'e Roma. (12:1-2)

Ab'oluganda, mbeegayiridde, olw'ekisa kya Katonda, emibiri gyammwe mugiveemu, mugiveereze ng'ekyonziira ekiramu, ekitukuvu, Katonda ky'asiiima. Mumuwe ekitiibwa ng'okutegeera bwe kusaba. Muleme kuyisa ng'ensi eno bw'eyisa; munda muteekwa okufuuka, emitima gidde buto, lwe munaamanya nga Katonda ky'ayagala kirungi, kisana, kituufu. *Ebyo Omukama y'abyogera.*

EVANGIRI

"Oba waliwo ayagala okungoberera, yeeveemu yekka."

Ebigambo by'Evanjiri ya Mukama waffe Yezu Kristu ebivudde mu Matayo. (16, 21-27)

Mu budde buli, Yezu n'asooka okutegeezababagira be nti: Talema kugenda Yeruzalemu, abakadde, n'abawandiisi, n'abakulu b'abasosorooti, bamubonyeebonye, bamutte, azuukire ku lunaku olwokusatu. Petro n'amuddira n'asooka okumukomako, ng'amugamba nti: Nedda, Ssebo, ekyo tikigenda kukutuukirira. Ye n'akyuka n'agamba Petro nti: Nzira emabega, ggwe sitaani: onfuukidde kyesittazo; kuba ebya Katonda tobitegeera, eby'abantu by'otegeera!

Awo Yezu n'agamba abayigirizwa be nti: Obanga waliwo ayagala okungoberera, yeeveemu yekka, yeetikke omusaalaba gwe, angoberere. Kubanga ayagala okuwonya obulamu bwe, abuza bubuze; naye alibuza obulamu bwe okubeera nze, oyo y'alibuzuula. Kale omuntu kimugasa ki okulya ensi yonna, sso ng'omwoyo gwe agufiriddwa. Ye abaffe omuntu aliwaayo ki okununula omwoyo gwe? Kubanga Omwana w'omuntu agenda kujjira mu kitiibwa kya kitaawe wamu ne bamalayika be aweere buli muntu kinn'omu ng'alabira ku bikolwa bye.

Ebigambo by'Evanjiri eno bikomye awo..

we dream together, we build together, and we celebrate together! Our shared giving is more than a contribution; it is a joyful investment in the Parish we are building together."

In this regard our little becomes much when we give with Faith. Therefore, let's honestly give what we can and Trust God for what we need. Faith gives before it sees, because trust in God is greater than the fear of scarcity. The hand that gives in faith never becomes empty, for God is the source of every blessing.

As we reflect on our commitment to giving tithe let's talk about the miracle of trust. We are told in the personal life experience of the generous widow, "The jar of flour was not spent, and the jug of oil did not run dry, according to the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah." (1 Kings 17:16). This story offers us the miracle of trust which is indeed a profound lesson about faith and generosity.

The widow of Zarephath was facing severe scarcity. She had only a handful of

flour and a little oil, barely enough to prepare one final meal for herself and her son. when Elijah invited her to trust in God's word, she responded with faith.

The remarkable lesson is not simply that God multiplied flour and oil. The deeper miracle was the renewal of her faith, the turning of fear into faith, scarcity into generosity, and uncertainty into trust.

The widow did not give because she had plenty. She gave because she trusted God.

This is at the heart of Christian generosity. We do not give merely because we have enough; we give because we believe that everything we have ultimately comes from God. Our possessions, opportunities, abilities and resources are gifts entrusted to us, and generous giving becomes our grateful response to the Giver.

A closed hand cannot receive what an open hand is willing to share. When we

give to God, therefore, we are not impoverishing ourselves. We are acknowledging the One from whom every blessing flows. The practice of tithing invites us to see giving not as a financial obligation but as an expression of faith, gratitude, obedience and love.

Our tithe says: Lord, all I have comes from You. Lord, I trust that You will continue to provide." "Lord, I desire to participate in Your work in the world."

We do not give to purchase God's blessings; we give because we have already received His grace. Every tithe and offering placed before God is therefore more than money. It is a prayer made tangible, gratitude given a form, and faith translated into action.

What is small in our hands can become significant in God's hands. The widow had only a handful of flour. Yet, in God's providence, it was enough.

This is the mystery of Christian generosity: God does not ask us to give what we

Mon 17 - Sun 23/08/2026		Amount
Tithe	9,611,300	
Sunday Offertory	9,421,600	
Week Day Offertory	4,506,000	
Marriage Stole Fees	1,870,000	
Baptism Stole Fees	10,000	
Thanksgiving	110,000	
Donations	10,000	
Scroll Sales	183,000	
Choirs	1,600,000	
Mother of the Word Devotion	97,000	
St. Athanasi Bazekuketa	280,000	
Women's Guild	1,360,000	
Radio Maria	2,017,000	\$100
Youth	1,060,000	
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do not have; He asks us to entrust to Him what we do have.

Possessions can become masters when we forget that they are gifts. Generous giving helps us remember that we are recipients of God's blessings and responsible users of what He has entrusted to us.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." A person may have little in material terms and yet possess a heart overflowing with generosity. Conversely, one may have much and still live with a heart imprisoned by fear of scarcity.

Let us not wait until we have abundance before we become generous. Like the widow of Zarephath, let us learn to trust God even when what we have appears insufficient. Let us therefore give with confidence, remembering that God's economy is not governed by scarcity but by providence. The question is not simply:

"How much can I afford to give?" but also:

"How much good can God do through what I am willing to entrust to Him?"

Blessings are not diminished when they are shared; they are multiplied.

The flour and oil of the widow remind us that God's providence often works through the generosity of ordinary people who are willing to place what they have in His hands.

Perhaps our contribution may seem small.

But the Gospel reminds us that God can take our little and make it sufficient for His purpose.

May the God who sustained the widow of Zarephath sustain you and your families.

May He bless the work of your hands.

May He multiply the fruits of your generosity. May He strengthen you in times of difficulty.

- We have celebrated the 22nd Sunday in ordinary time year A.
- Next Sunday 6th September 2026 will be our tithe Sunday. We are requested to take the tithe envelopes, enclose you tithe and return them on Sunday for the second collection. Let us listen to the parish executive representative.
- The Sacred Heart of Jesus devotees will have their devotional prayers, confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 4th Sept, 2026 starting at 5pm and end with Mass at 6pm.
- We thank the Youth for leading adoration last Thursday. This Thursday 3rd Sept 2026 Adoration will be led by the Blessed Women of Faith choir at 5pm.
- The Good Samaritan and Prisons ministry has prepared a workshop on 5th Sept 2026 starting at 10am here at church. All Heads of Department are requested to register participants from their departments.
- We shall have baptism of infants on 13th Sept 2026. Parents are requested to register your babies with the office.
- The Association of Friends of Mother Mary Kevin & the Little Sisters of St. Francis invite you for the 4th Memorial lecture on 11th September 2026 at 4pm at a fee of ugx. 100,000/=. For more information please contact the chairperson Mr. Ssenoga (For more details please check the notice board).
- Kampala Entebbe Jinja Fort Portal Diocese Association (KEJI FODA) invites all Catholic faithful from Fort Portal Diocese residing in Kampala, Jinja, Entebbe, Wakiso, and surrounding areas for your annual Mass on Sunday, 20th September 2026, at 2:30 PM, at St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Parish, Ntinda. Main celebrant: Rev. Fr. Fred Tusingire.
- The Parish calls on young people aged 15 to 35 to participate in an anonymous survey to determine how best we the Church can walk with you spiritually, economically and socially. Scan the QR code in the Scroll, on our WhatsApp Channel or find the code on the notice boards to participate. We thank you for your cooperation and support in improving how the Parish serves the youth

- **Mwaniki Paul Mwangi** of Mutungo son of John Mwaniki Mwangi and Jane Margaret Njeri of Nairobi- Kenya wishes to marry **Adoch Mary Clare** of Mutungo daughter of Ochira Andrew Henry and Among Lillian Catherine of Ntinda
- **James Nsohya** of Kabaga son of Late Nsohya James and Florence Kayiira Namala of Nkumba wishes to marry **Jacinta Haguma** of Kabaga daughter of Haguma John Baptist and Ndyagumamu Jovanith of Mbuya
- **Okumu Benon** of Kyaliwajjala son of Opar Alex and Angelina Acanda of Angal Olyeko-nebbi wishes to marry **Okumu Stella** of Kyaliwajjala daughter of George. B. Okumu and Akello Pamela of Entebbe
- **Patrick Muhumuza** of Kitikifumba son of Ruzindana Anthony and Robinah. N. Ruzindana of Kawanda, Nkokonjeru wishes to

marry **Uwera Lilian** of Kitikifumba daughter of Mugisha John Bosco and Roza Beyatiresi Kamashazi of Zzana

- **Mukasa Herbert Karl** of Nsasa son of Majwala Lawrence and Jesca Kiwanuka of Kisagazi-mukungwe-masakawishes to marry **Nabifo Barbara** of Nsasa daughter of Kuloba James and Nantaba Harriet of Banda-b 11
- **Mutyaba Goerges William** of Naalya son of Late Charles Katende Kaija and Nnayiga Grace of Naalya wishes to marry **Sandra Joyce Nakibuuka** of Kasangati daughter of Katula William Kibuuka and Late Namuli Joyce of Kasangati
- **Rwagasore Bernard** of Ntinda son of Bigirimana Robert and Late Ingabire Frazia of St.mary Mutolere Parish wishes to marry **Dinah Aijuka** of Najeera daughter of Thomas Tibaijuka and Joan Bainomugisha of Namugongo
- **Moses Seema** of Makoma Buwuni Tic Bugiri District son of Peter Mwafu and Naome Logose of Makoma Buwuni Tic Bugiri District wishes to marry Agnes Joyce Naggita of Makoma A Buwuni Tic Bugiri District daughter of Late Augustine Lugolobi and Christine Nankabirwa of Kibiri Village

JOIN THE PARISH IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF YOUTH MINISTRY.



Are you aged between 15 to 35?
The Parish wishes to support
your holistic development.

Scan the QR code to fill in a short,
anonymous survey on your spiritual,
social, and economic needs, so the
parish can walk with you better.



Your voice
is the foundation for a long
lasting impact on youth in the Parish.

Scan the QR Code
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Anonymous A few minutes



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Prepare your tithe
and offering for
1st Sunday - 6th Sept. 2026

In faith, obedience
and trust in God



1st Kings 17:16

"The jar of flour and jug of oil
never ran dry for Shunamite
widow who chose to trust God
first with the little she had"



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WALK & TALK

Connecting Hearts • Building Friendships • Growing in Faith

Calling all Church Singles!

Join us for a fun, faith-filled
opportunity to connect and build
genuine friendships.



Date:
Saturday,
19th September 2026



Time:
8:00 AM



Meeting Point:
St Charles Lwanga
Catholic Parish Ntinda



Registration Fee:
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Come ready to walk, talk, laugh,
connect and make new friends!
**LET'S WALK. LET'S TALK.
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What to Expect

- ✓ Guided Walk & Talk
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