

‘The Sunday Collection’

Catholics are not under obligation to tithe (in Middle English, literally meaning to give ten percent) a certain percentage of their income to the Church. However, the Church does require the following:

- The fifth precept of the Catholic Church (“You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church”) means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2043)
- “The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for apostolic works and works of charity, and for the decent sustenance of ministers. They are also obliged to promote social justice and, mindful of the precept of the Lord, to assist the poor from their own resources.” (Canon Law: CIC 222)

Though everyone's contribution will be different, the Catholic Church does recognize tithing as a sort of scriptural benchmark while various New Testament Scriptures are seen as teaching the concept of "freewill offerings" as a means of supporting the church (cf [1 Corinthians 16:2](#), [2 Corinthians 9:7](#)). Some Catholic parishes recommend that parishioners give 5% to the Church and 5% to other charities. As one parish website states, “It often takes serious re-prioritizing to give to God before spending on self.”

How much is 5% ?

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>5% Weekly Gift</u>
\$10,000	\$10
\$50,000	\$48
\$100,000	\$96
\$150,000	\$144