

2021 PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT



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PARISH LIFE – MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings!

Managing and maintaining God's house is as important as ensuring that the message of God reaches out to all. With COVID restrictions being lifted we need our community back to church and together.

The past two years have been decidedly difficult for all of us. Although we have tried to reduce costs where possible and practicable the increases in fossil fuels combined with a particularly harsh winter and increases in snow removal costs have more than erased those efforts. Our hope is, that with the loosening of restrictions, we will achieve an increase in our summer attendance with a corresponding increase in financial support.

On a more positive note, we have replaced the roof and eavestroughs on the rectory. This was funded by both parishes through a capital appeal which commenced well in advance of the work and prior to the dramatic increases in product costs. I thank the parishioners of both parishes for their financial support.

Also, we were able to purchase a new office computer and monitor, which facilitated the migration to a much-needed replacement of our donor software. The office also updated the printer which can now interface with new computer. It is important to emphasize that this is the first upgrade to the office equipment in more than ten years. Some of the acquisitions have had individual sponsors to defray all or part the costs. We appreciate everyone's effort to help our parishes.

Our regular weekly expenses include wages and overhead costs with an average weekly cost of about \$600. When our collection decreases in the winter months we are not able to maintain a healthy bank balance and requires our summer months to recoup costs. The past two years have consumed the cushion in our bank accounts and we now run a smaller balance and continue to monitor the situation with the Diocese. We continue to cut costs where reasonable, but many expenses are set and staff are required to run daily duties.

For those parishioners who have continued to use their envelopes or used the diocesan Pre-Authorized Payment program or online at CanadaHelp.org, I offer my gratitude.

These challenging times require our united efforts to support our churches and each other.

God Bless,
Fr. Luis

PLEASE CONSIDER PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS

Preauthorized Offering Plan (POP)

Regular Planned Giving annual increase in offertory based on Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Canada Help Charitable Donation Website

Contact the Parish office for more information.