



2020 PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT ST. PETER-IN-CHAINS

Fr. Tom Lynch, Rector
Bishop Daniel Meihm, Pastor

TRANSFORMING OUR LIVES; BUILDING OUR CHURCH

“You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 2:5

PARISH LIFE - YEAR IN REVIEW

Thanks to you and God’s grace, the parish responded to the challenges of living through the covid-19 pandemic. By utilizing technology, parishioners remained connected to their faith through online Masses. Communication through emails, seniors’ newsletters and social media continually improved. Sacrament preparation continued thanks to digital platforms. Parish groups and ministries continued to do their valuable work. Extra cleaning protocols kept the church safe and open as much as possible.

Your generous support ensures that our parish is able to pay its bills. The graphs in this report are somewhat deceiving since there were some one time impacts on the budget due to the pandemic. The reduction in the cost of wages, the government wage supplement (CRA CEWS) and the reduction in the Diocesan Levy will end. We received a generous bequest from the Lorna Lynch estate. The result is that the parish entered 2021 with funds much needed for re-opening and reconnecting. We will not have access to the above revenue and reduced expenses again this year and we need to continue to be fiscally responsible.

MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR

First, continue to pray for one another. We recognize that the length of the pandemic and resulting shutdowns has caused hardships. Let us turn to God for support.

Second, please keep connected. If you have not already joined the parish email list, please consider doing so. Let us know if you would like to receive *Cathedral Connections*, our newsletter for seniors.

Finally, if you are financially able, consider how you might continue to give to the parish.

Please join me and the members of the Finance Committee for a **CHURCH HALL ZOOM MEETING** on Tuesday, May 18th, at 7:00pm. Please e-mail the office to receive the Zoom link.

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THE FRUIT OF YOUR GIVING: NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH EASTER 2021



THE FRUIT OF YOUR GIVING: CONNECTION

“Each email that you send feels like another thread of connection between St. Peter’s and its congregation. Thank you.” Susan Cruickshank

THE FRUIT OF YOUR GIVING: ONLINE MASS

Each week, Masses are live-streamed or pre-recorded and broadcast from the Cathedral. The Masses reach an audience of approximately 500 screens and during the Masses for the Easter Triduum, the numbers reached well over 1000.

THE FRUIT OF YOUR GIVING: MADONNA PAINTING BY MICHEL ST-JEAN



PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING - UPDATE

Your Parish is planning for a vibrant future - be a part of it! In 2020 several important stages were reached: formation of the Today for Tomorrow Committee (Jan.), the parish survey (June), the engineering building report (Aug.) and hiring a project manager (Dec.).

In 2021 we are completing a Missional Plan for St. Peter-in-Chains to enable and encourage clergy and lay people to lead a mission-driven congregation and align and inform financial decisions of the parish through a five-year plan.

2020 capital revenue of \$71,998.19 for the restoration project has been deferred for future use. This included a very generous donation of stocks valued at \$59,233 and several donations from individual donors.

PLEASE CONSIDER PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS

If you are not currently using our Preauthorized Offering Plan (POP) please consider doing so. This allows us to have a reliable income stream and you to know that your donation is safely received on a regular basis. Contact Catherine Ward at the office to start using this option.

You may choose to leave legacy gifts to our Parish through a bequest made in your Will, a Donation of Securities, assigning Life Insurance or in lieu of flowers as a Remembrance for a loved one.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mike Magnus
Lynda Bolton
Matt Temple

THANK YOU

Thank you for continuing to support St. Peter-in-Chains through your generous donations. You have ensured that the parish can continue throughout the pandemic. Together, we look forward to fulfilling our mission to know Christ, and to give glory to God and to achieving our goal of restoring our Cathedral.

