

MARCH 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

As we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, our readings today remind us of the goodness that our God has to offer us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus announces that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." All that He came to do on this earth was soon to be fulfilled. When we reflect on what Jesus says in this passage, He tells us a great deal about how we should be living as disciples of Christ. He clearly states, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."



We are called to detach from our own desires and entrust our lives to all that God has in store for us. Without self-denial, we might miss occasions God has given us to produce good fruit. We have been practicing this throughout our Lenten season through fasting. One way to continue this effort after Lent is by taking advantage of the countless opportunities God presents to us to sacrifice our desires for something much greater — whether waking earlier to spend time in prayer, fasting from a favorite comfort on a weekly basis or taking the time to check in on a friend or family member instead of turning on the TV, just to name a few. It is important that we continue to make room for God and the good things He wants to produce in us all year long.

As our Lenten journey soon concludes, may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, March 22

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Maria Albanese †
Special Intention

Tuesday, March 23

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - James Emonds †
Special Intention
7:00 p.m. - RCIA (Virtual)

Wednesday, March 24

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Mass
6:30 p.m. - Lenten Penance Service
7:00 p.m. - Holy Hour

Thursday, March 25 *The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:30 a.m. - Mass

Friday, March 26

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Steve Bak †
9:00 a.m. - Livestream - Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. - Mass

Saturday, March 27

5:00 p.m. - Livestream
Josette Saunderson † | John Richard Whitmire †

Sunday, March 28

9:00 a.m. - Alice Ward † | Maria & John Bak †
Rosanna Bak Davis †
11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

*"He became the source of eternal salvation
for all who obey Him"*

The gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is discerned through prayer and grace. Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS



Interested in joining our RCIA session at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 23, 2021 for *"The Meaning of Holy Week"*? Please contact the parish office to join the Google Meet.

1st Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation



The Angel Gabriel announces: "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with thee." Mary wonders at this salutation. The Angel assures her: "Fear not . . . you shall conceive in your womb, and give birth to a Son." Mary is troubled for she has made a vow of virginity. The Angel answers that she will conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit, and her Son will be called the Son of God. The Incarnation awaits Mary's consent. Mary answers: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to your word." The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

“Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity: pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice and peace.” The source of this prayer is Pope Francis’s new encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* (“all brothers and sisters”). The encyclical emphasizes human dignity and reiterates the message of interconnectedness at the heart of *Laudato Si’* (“Praise be to you” – On Care For Our Common Home). As Pope Francis stated before the release of *Fratelli Tutti*, “The signs of the times clearly show that human fraternity and care of creation form the sole way towards integral development and peace.”

Development and Peace – the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada – was established by the Catholic Bishops over 50 years ago to advance social action through the exercise of charity and justice. Inspired by the message of Pope Francis, Development and Peace and Share Lent summon us to solidarity – “a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance” so that we might acknowledge, appreciate and love each person. The funds raised during Lent, especially on Solidarity Sunday but also throughout the year, honour the Holy Father’s message to support the global community in order that “every person can live with dignity and might have sufficient opportunities for integral development.” We can exercise our faith – our greatest gift – and our Church’s preferential option for the poor by aiding Development and Peace - Caritas Canada, which works through fully accredited partner organizations in the Developing World to address injustices, alleviate suffering, and restore hope.

Please support our campaign “Share Love, Share Lent.” If you become a monthly donor, your contributions will be matched and your impact doubled, thanks to the generosity of religious communities across Canada. Please use the envelopes available this weekend and place your offering in the collection, or donate online at devp.org. You may also phone to donate: 1888 234-8533. Mailing address: Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor Montréal, Québec Canada, H3G 1T7; Charity Number: 1 1882 9902 RR 0001.

SHARE SHARE
LOVE LENT

Thank you for your generosity and especially for your prayers that profess your faith, solidarity, and love as members of God’s family.

SHARE LOVE, SHARE LENT: KEEPING CANADIANS COMMITTED

Did you know that advocacy by Development and Peace members resulted in several schools, parishes and municipal offices across Canada giving up bottled water?

Join our Share Love, Share Lent campaign to celebrate the many ways in which Canadian Catholics show that they care for social, economic and environmental justice. To help make a difference, get your MP to commit to building back better from the pandemic.

Visit devp.org/lent to learn more.



Spring Clean Up

Holy Cross Cemetery’s Annual Spring Cleanup will commence on April 6, 2021. All wreaths, tin cans, glass jars, flower pots and similar articles not removed will be disposed of on April 6, 2021. If you are unable to pick up your wreaths, etc., by this date you can call the cemetery at 905-734-4172 and make arrangements for the staff to hold these articles for a short period of time until you are able to retrieve these items.



Dear Parish Family,

March 2021

I once again begin this note by first and foremost thanking each one of you. **Thank you** for your **support and generosity** to our parish of St. Julia in 2020 and I thank you in advance for your generosity in 2021.

What a difference a year makes. To think that we presented this report last year the weekend of March 7/8. Little did we know that one week later the doors of our church would be closed as we began journeying through the COVID-19 pandemic together. To say that **God provides** is an understatement. Without missing a beat, the Live Streaming of our Masses began, and our parish family continued to be connected for the celebration of the Mass via our **YouTube Channel** and newly launched social media. The financial support to our community continued with donations being mailed in. Many embraced electronic giving, signing up for monthly Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD), *Interac* e-Transfers, and donations through CanadaHelps.org. For your generosity to our parish, I cannot thank you enough. Our parish also reaped the benefit of the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (\$25,518) in 2020.

The expense reductions that we put in place in 2019 provided us with a sound foundation in which to enter the pandemic. We continued to review our expenses in 2020, with the continuous goal and desire to ensure that every dollar that you so generously give is used wisely.

Amid the pandemic, **God put good people in our path** allowing some **major projects** to be undertaken. A **new sound system** greatly transformed the worship experience in our church. This was undertaken at 1/3 of the estimated expense. Nine **new windows** were installed. In our 2020 budget we had estimated \$50,000, and the project came in at \$31,877.67 for more windows than we had envisioned. In 2021, we look forward to the completion of the **repainting of the exterior bricks** using the funds from our yellow Renovation & Repair envelopes. Thank you for embracing these envelopes as we continue our preventative maintenance initiatives.

As we look to the future and emerge from this pandemic, I look forward to taking our efforts to make **St. Julia a welcoming place** to come and worship to new levels. We began last year with new interior banners and updates to our lower entrance with greenery, fresh paint, and new carpets. Curb appeal will continue as we reap the benefits of our newly planted gardens that will continue in 2021. One of our major projects will be an appealing St. Julia Church **electronic sign** on Glenridge Avenue. This will be a powerful means of evangelization to all passing by. Additionally, updates will be made to our parish hall in anticipation of the return of our parish socials, as well as the relaunching of our parish events including our very successful pasta nights.

In keeping with our theme of being **"A Caring Roman Catholic Community"** we will continue to look for opportunities to care for those in our midst as well as those that God guides to our community.

Again, thank you for your continued support of our parish. I look forward to when our **entire parish family** will be able to **gather** once again for the **celebration of Mass**. The best truly is yet to come!

As always, should you have any questions or comments, I am always here to listen.

May God continue to keep safe and bless each of you and those that you love, Fr. Greg.

St. Julia Church Financial Report Year Ending December 31, 2020

	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
REVENUES					
Sunday Collections	\$ 279,670	\$ 281,243	\$ 328,586	\$ 324,504	\$ 324,500
Easter & Christmas Collection	24,192	27,170	24,336	8,245	24,400
Special Collections	23,759	14,682	33,686	10,999	11,000
Total Collections	327,621	323,095	386,608	343,748	359,900
Donations, Legacies	183,752	12,072	12,492	10,097	3,000
Heating & A/C	5,946	6,782	4,681	3,610	5,000
Investment Interest	9,774	9,035	6,608	7,121	7,100
Building Maintenance/Capital Project	-	126,519	17,071	6,820	10,400
Fund Raising	-	-	1,854	891	3,000
Sundry Revenue (intentions, other)	12,654	6,905	11,659	3,078	3,000
Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy	-	-	-	25,518	-
Total Other Revenue	212,126	161,313	54,365	57,135	31,500
TOTAL REVENUE	539,747	484,408	440,973	400,883	391,400
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries					
Salaries	149,599	173,642	150,413	109,293	109,200
Assisting Clergy	3,990	6,835	6,638	570	1,300
Total Salaries	153,589	180,477	157,051	109,863	110,500
Church Expenses					
Church Expenses (CPP & EI)	42,267	14,153	9,053	7,277	7,300
Hall	199	3,757	345	741	-
Education & Training (Clergy & Laity)	2,795	2,659	1,270	120	1,200
Insurance	8,791	6,929	8,794	7,213	7,200
Utilities	27,735	26,717	17,513	13,799	14,000
Security & Elevator	9,156	11,184	1,595	6,961	7,100
Repair & Maintenance	42,807	32,243	34,667	14,871	17,200
Liturgical & Sacramental	14,002	16,511	4,601	5,647	5,800
Mass Intentions	12,374	1,080	3,385	3,500	3,000
Ministry: Youth, Music, etc.	12,545	4,210	5,606	8,499	2,000
Total Church Expenses	172,670	119,444	86,827	68,628	64,800
Office Expenses					
Telephone & Internet	8,147	9,989	4,630	2,439	2,300
Photocopy, postage, printing	4,748	5,204	2,416	2,106	1,800
Other Office Expenses	3,801	7,001	2,584	2,437	2,500
Total Office Expenses	16,696	22,194	9,631	6,982	6,600
Rectory Expenses					
Rectory Utilities	4,637	6,754	2,640	1,992	2,000
Rectory Expenses (supplies, food, etc)	25,269	21,064	10,925	3,025	3,100
Rectory Repairs & Maintenance	8,444	5,156	13,287	4,798	5,000
Taxes/Insurance	5,211	5,302	5,492	6,281	6,400
Total Rectory Expenses	43,561	38,276	32,343	16,096	16,500
Other Expenses					
Marketing	655	935	2,658	1,435	2,500
Projects	-	-	1,854	891	10,000
Bank Charges	1,949	1,558	1,190	965	500
Miscellaneous Expenses	13,298	2,534	14,716	1,956	2,500
Total Other Expenses	15,902	5,027	20,418	5,247	15,500
Chancery Assessments					
Cathedraticum	-	-	-	29,023	31,000
Clergy Aid	-	-	-	11,542	10,600
Special Collections	-	-	-	10,999	11,000
Health Insurance and Hospital Ministry	-	-	-	9,489	11,300
Total Assessments	114,412	76,368	87,479	61,053	63,900
Total "Capital" Expenses	12,202	117,546	13,281	42,694	75,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	529,031	559,331	407,030	310,563	352,800
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures	\$ 10,716	\$ (74,923)	\$ 33,943	\$ 90,320	\$ 38,600

Cash balance at December 31, 2019

Bank	75,356
On deposit with the Diocese	337,477
Deferred Revenue	(9,149)
	<u>403,684</u>

Cash balance at December 31, 2020

Bank	90,464
On deposit with the Diocese	444,598
Deferred Revenue	(41,058)
	<u>494,004</u>

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