



Annual Report

St. James Cathedral Parish, 2020-2021

Dear Friends,
Each year at this time, we publish a report on the financial condition of the parish. As you reflect on how you will support the Cathedral parish in 2022, I hope that the information contained in this report will help inform your decision. The report details not only the dollars and cents, but also some of the ministries and activities which are made possible through your support.

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, our total parish income was \$5,352,944.

- Sunday and holy day collections (46%)
- Various gifts, grants, and bequests (25%)
- Business income (including land lease, fundraisers, Cathedral Bookstore) (21%)
- Paycheck Protection Plan loan forgiveness (8%)

Total expenses for the year were \$4,765,015.

- Salaries, benefits and other personnel-related expenses (50%)
- Parish assessment by the Archdiocese (4%)
- Our annual support of six central area Catholic schools and parish scholarships for Rainbow Schools and high schools (5%)
- Supplies, operating costs for the maintenance and improvement of the Cathedral, other parish buildings, and grounds, etc. (41%)

This left us with a surplus in 2020-2021 of \$587,929.

You will notice that last year at this time, we projected a modest surplus of \$77,676. The forgiveness of our PPP loan accounts for much of the surplus, but the financial health of the parish—extraordinary during this year of all years—is, more than anything, a remarkable testimonial to your generosity and to the careful stewardship of our Finance Council and Cathedral staff.

It's worth noting that because of the ongoing pandemic, our expenses continue to be significantly down from past years. Several staff positions remain unfilled, and the suspension of our on-campus programming has resulted in substantial savings in supplies and other expenses. We know that as life gradually returns to normal, our expenses will increase.

It's good for you to know, too, that our Finance Council meets every month to monitor the finances of the parish and to advise me and my team on financial matters. I am immensely grateful to them for the way they share their time and expertise with me and the parish. **As you will see from the projected income and expense for 2021-2022, we are being cautious in our budgeting for the coming year.** It's impossible, of course, to know what the future holds, but we are assuming we will continue to experience reduced operations throughout the coming Fiscal Year, including some restrictions on in-person gatherings and, alas, on choral music-making. We also anticipate the continued suspension of ministries like coffee hour and babysitting, until it is safe once again to resume them.

Income and Expense	Projected 2020-2021	Actual 2020-2021	Projected 2021-2022
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	\$ 2,315,000	\$ 2,472,827	\$ 2,624,000
Bequests	176,000	179,821	188,000
Other gifts, grants, ACA rebate	751,086	1,200,597	1,096,990
Called to Serve Rebate (<i>designated for Columbarium</i>)		112,883	
Business income (<i>land lease, bookstore, fundraisers</i>)	891,346	977,863	1,049,492
Paycheck Protection Plan* loan forgiveness		408,953	
Total Income	\$4,133,432	\$5,352,944	\$4,958,482
Staff salaries & benefits	2,394,884	2,394,224	2,707,040
Supplies (<i>including postage & printing</i>)	230,900	231,666	339,996
Operations & Maintenance	210,000	250,161	228,500
Capital Expense**	13,000	101,956	70,000
Columbarium construction (<i>covered by Called to Serve Rebate and restricted donations in FY 19-20 and 20-21</i>)		549,901	
Contracted Services (<i>includes insurance premiums, police officers, service contracts, & contract musicians</i>)	369,271	341,888	498,575
Business Expenses (<i>including bookstore and fundraising expense, hospitality, donations to others</i>)	109,600	117,232	195,998
Utilities, vehicles	288,500	342,786	329,414
Archdiocesan assessment	191,848	191,848	178,460
Rainbow Schools and Scholarships	247,753	243,353	341,795
Total Expense	4,055,756	4,765,015	4,882,279
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 77,676	\$ 587,929	\$ 76,203

* The Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) was established by the Federal Government in March 2020 to incentivize small businesses to keep workers on payroll and/or to rehire laid-off workers that lost wages. The Cathedral received the loan in FY19-20 and it was forgiven FY20-21.

**Includes new livestream system, crypt project, security cameras, and sprinkler system.

PARISH SNAPSHOT

- 2,384 registered households
- 5,348 individual members
- 946 Sacrificial Giving pledges
- 1,391 contributors
- 5 Masses celebrated each weekend
- 9 daily Masses celebrated each week
- 417 livestreamed liturgies, not including weddings, funerals, and special events

OUTREACH

- 19,500 meals served in the Cathedral Kitchen
- 2,600 meals served at the Sunday Breakfast
- 273 immigrants helped
- 732 persons helped by St. Vincent de Paul
- 1,553 pounds of produce from the Cathedral Kitchen Garden
- 4 pop-up vaccine clinics sponsored

LITURGY AND MUSIC

It has been a year like no other. Last July 1, we were still limited to just 100 people in the Cathedral. In September 2020, we installed a new livestream system which was a huge step up from the iPhone which served us so faithfully during the first months of lockdown. Slowly, we resumed our pre-pandemic Mass schedule, first opening the 5:30pm Saturday Mass to the public, followed by the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses; the Sunday Noon Mass was added in November 2020; and the Sunday 5:30pm returned in March 2021.

While an average of around 1,100-1,200 come to Mass in person each weekend, still there are hundreds who connect with the parish via the Sunday morning livestream Masses. I continue to receive letters each week from people near and far who find the livestream Mass a lifeline during this difficult time.

Our music program has faced special challenges due to the impossibility of safely gathering our choirs. However, our Youth Music Program has continued to meet by Zoom and were able to create a truly wonderful Advent Service of Readings and Carols for all of us to join in from our homes, as well as an extraordinary "Virtual Choir" performance to round out the school year. Our Cathedral Choir has been able to connect by Zoom as well, and we look forward, as they do, to the day when we will once again be able to enjoy the splendid gift of those 70 voices.

OUTREACH TO THE POOR

Apart from a break of several weeks during the first part of the lockdown, Cathedral outreach ministries have continued to thrive, always putting the safety of our guests and volunteers first. The Sunday Early Breakfast started up first, on May 31, 2020, followed in short order by the Cathedral Kitchen, in June 2020. And it hasn't been closed a day since! It has been wonderful to see our guests come back—only a handful at first, but as the word got around, they made their way back to the Cathedral in ever greater numbers. For the safety of all, we are still doing primarily takeaway meals. Our guests (averaging

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

- 38 infant baptisms
- 13 youth and adult baptisms
- 13 Professions of Faith
- 30 First Holy Communions
- 92 Confirmations
- 38 Funerals
- 20 Weddings

FAITH FORMATION AND MUSIC

- 54 "Musical Prayer" events livestreamed from the Cathedral
- 52 episodes of "Poem of the Week"
- 132 kids shared in Children's Faith Formation via Zoom
- Zoom Bible Study offered in October and Lent

around 80 a night) get a hot entrée, as well as a sack lunch with sandwich, dessert, fruit, and beverage.

And our Cathedral Kitchen Garden is thriving. An extraordinary all-volunteer crew has turned what was once a vacant lot into something truly beautiful. Special thanks are owing to Sue Williams, designer, whose vision and hard work have really made the garden what it is. The garden produces hundreds of pounds of vegetables and fruit for the Cathedral Kitchen and St. Mary Foodbank.

LIFE AT THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

The colorful boxes above give you a snapshot of life at the Cathedral parish in the past year. In addition to all these programs and sacramental celebrations which make up the life of the parish, a few special events stand out in the past year. On July 16, 2020, Archbishop Etienne received the Pallium in a solemn Mass in the Cathedral. On September 27, 2020, we celebrated the Centennial of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Seattle/King County. On November 1, we hosted an extraordinarily moving and powerful interfaith prayer in the Cathedral on the eve of the Election. And we marked the anniversary of George Floyd's murder with a special prayer and commitment to justice in the Cathedral on May 25, 2021.

In addition, the Cathedral Columbarium, a dream of mine for many years, finally became a reality. It is a wonderful addition to the Cathedral campus and a beautiful repurposing of a neglected space.

ALL OF THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS. Your support of the parish during these difficult times fills me with gratitude and even awe! We don't know what the future holds, but if there's one thing we've learned in the past year, it is that we *can* carry on, even in circumstances we could never have imagined. You're the ones who make that possible. Thank you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Father Michael G. Ryan, Pastor