



Annual Report

St. James Cathedral Parish, July 2021-June 2022

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 2023, 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, 2022, our total parish income was \$6,046,661.**

- Sunday and holy day collections (50%)
- Various gifts, grants, and bequests (28%)
- Business income (including land lease, fundraisers, Cathedral Bookstore) (22%)

Total expenses for the year were \$5,529,233.

- Salaries, benefits and other personnel-related expenses (56%)
- 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. (35%)

This left us with a surplus in 2021-2022 of \$517,428.

You will notice that this surplus is significantly higher than what we projected at this time last year. The extraordinary surplus is owing to your incredible,

ongoing and sustained generosity, which has kept the Cathedral going full steam through some challenging times. The surplus is also owing to the fact that several key staff positions were vacant for many months in the past fiscal year. We have recently filled these positions, thanks be to God!

It's good for you to know 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. It's impossible, of course, to know what the future holds, but we prefer to err on the side of caution when it comes to budgeting.

LITURGY AND MUSIC

IT HAS BEEN A YEAR OF HEALING AND RECOVERY. In July, 2021, state restrictions on the size of gatherings lifted, allowing us to eliminate registration for weekend Masses (a happy day!). Nevertheless, we still experienced major disruptions to our operations due to Covid. The massive omicron surge in December 2021 led to the cancellation of our New Year's Eve Gala, and to the postponement of our Holy Land Pilgrimage (now scheduled for January 2023).

In spite of these hiccups, the number of you attending Mass in person has continued to grow. An average of around 1,500 come to Mass in person each weekend, and hundreds more connect with the parish via the Sunday morning livestream Masses.

Income and Expense	Projected 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Projected 2022-2023
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	\$ 2,624,000	\$ 3,038,945	\$ 3,120,000
Bequests	188,000	124,117	194,000
Other gifts, grants, ACA rebate	1,031,990	1,026,420	952,250
Restricted donations*	140,000	534,150	0
Columbarium income	200,000	226,165	100,000
Business income (land lease, bookstore, fundraisers)	1,049,492	1,096,863	1,096,284
Total Income	\$5,233,482	\$6,046,661	\$5,462,534
Staff salaries & benefits	2,707,040	2,581,168	2,835,946
Supplies (including postage & printing)	324,996	403,209	405,974
Operations & Maintenance	228,500	308,446	240,000
Capital Expense*	70,000	654,222	50,000
Contracted Services (includes insurance premiums, police officers, service contracts, & contract musicians)	503,532	481,180	580,830
Business Expenses (including bookstore and fundraising expense, hospitality, donations to others)	195,998	203,684	213,250
Utilities, vehicles	329,414	362,339	340,800
Archdiocesan assessment	178,460	195,291	190,100
Rainbow Schools and Scholarships	341,795	336,695	244,597
Total Expense	4,872,236	5,529,233	5,101,497
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 361,246	\$ 517,428	\$ 361,036

*Capital expenses in 2021-22 relate to ongoing work on the Columbarium, Cathedral Crypt, and the Fire Suppression system, and are offset by restricted donations (funds raised and set aside specifically for that purpose over the last several years).

PARISH SNAPSHOT

- 2,966 households
- 5,690 individual members
- 913 Sacrificial Giving pledges
- 1,395 individual contributors

WORSHIP AND LITURGY

- 5 Masses celebrated each weekend
- 9 daily Masses celebrated each week
- 417 livestreamed liturgies, not including weddings, funerals, and special events
- 390 average joining by livestream on Sundays

OUTREACH

- 26,000 meals served in the Cathedral Kitchen
- 4,160 meals served at the Sunday Breakfast
- 358 immigrants served
- 23 new US citizens
- \$194,437 distributed to people in need by St. Vincent de Paul Society

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

- 47 infant baptisms
- 10 youth and adult baptisms
- 10 Professions of Faith
- 136 Confirmations
- 26 Funerals
- 29 Weddings

Some liturgical highlights of the past year include the return of our parish picnic on the Feast of St. James, complete with hot dogs, hamburgers, and live music. Some special events included the inauguration of Seattle University's first lay president, Dr. Eduardo Peñalver, in September; a special Mass with Archbishop Etienne marking the 20th anniversary of 9/11; and in November, a Mass remembering all those who had died of Covid-19, in our country and in our world. Another highlight was the blessing and dedication of our new Cathedral Columbarium in December, 2021.

In February, we hosted an interfaith prayer for peace in Ukraine on the very night of the outbreak of the war. On May 3, the ordination of Father Frank Schuster as auxiliary bishop was a special moment of joy for the local Church.

Our music program has faced special challenges throughout the pandemic. However, our Youth Music Program has continued to gather, connecting by Zoom when necessary, and this summer the Choir Camp returned at last, in a safe, sane, and wonderful way. It was a delight to hear the voices of our children resonating in the Cathedral again. Meanwhile, our Cathedral Choir has returned, and what a gift it has been, especially these last few weeks, to enjoy the splendid sound of those 60+ voices.

OUTREACH TO THE POOR

Our Cathedral outreach ministries have continued to thrive, always putting the safety of our guests and volunteers first. A great group of volunteers prepares and serves breakfast early on Sunday mornings, while the Cathedral Kitchen continues to serve a hot meal every weeknight, with a different chef planning the meal each evening. While many now eat in Cathedral Hall, the kitchen continues to offer a takeaway option.

The Racial Solidarity Team has done extraordinary work this year, reaching out on behalf of the Cathedral Parish to the Native American community in the wake of revelations about atrocities committed in the name of the Church at Native American boarding schools in Canada and the United States.

The St. James Immigrant Assistance program has also responded in a powerful way to the needs of the moment, by sponsoring two Afghan refugee families. A team of Cathedral parishioners pitched in to create homes for these families and to help them navigate their first weeks and months in the United States. The team is now working on assisting a family uprooted by the war in Ukraine.

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.

Chief among them is, of course, the Synod, in which so many of you participated during Lent and Easter of 2022. This was an extraordinary, watershed moment not only for our parish, but also for the Church worldwide. We went all out on this effort here at the Cathedral, hosting some sixty-nine small groups in which more than 400 of you participated. The Cathedral's work was called out in a remarkable way at a Vatican press conference on August 26, when Cardinal Hollerich quoted at length from the Cathedral's synodal report published in *In Your Midst*.

Another blessing has been the return of our Cathedral coffee hour after the 10:00am Mass. The revamped Sunday hospitality has been a resounding success, and the new round tables in Cathedral Hall are a striking improvement!

ALL OF THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS. Your support of the parish during these difficult past two years 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 couple of years, 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