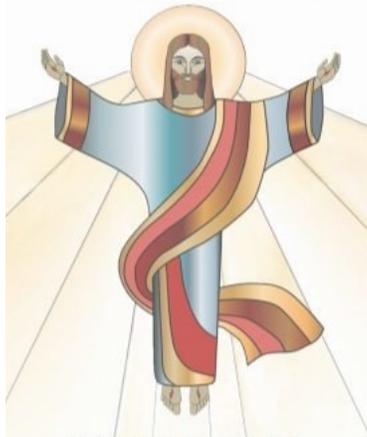


ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH



NOVEMBER 2021

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Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We are fast approaching the season of Advent and the beginning of a new Liturgical year. With that in mind, we will be returning to our weekly bulletins to keep our Parishioners better informed on what is happening in the Parish and the Diocese. This will be the last monthly newsletter and we hope you have enjoyed the different pieces of information it has provided. We thank all of our Ministry Leaders and the Lay Associations for their contributions to this newsletter over the course of the last few months. Our focus will now turn to highlighting the weekly events that are taking place in the Parish and in the Diocese as we begin to open up and continue with more in-person events over time.

We are always in need of volunteers. If you have not already signed up to assist us in the many different opportunities available, let me take this moment to personally invite you. As Advent is a sign of new beginnings and a promise of hope and love, I call on you to use this time as a new beginning in your own lives. Our lives are given to us by the Lord, how are we responding to that gift and the gift of love we have been blessed with? Are we doing all that we can to serve Him? There are many ways that we can be the hands and feet of our Lord. The multitude of ministries at our Parish provide the ability for those various gifts to be utilized allowing us to shine. Let us share that same hope and love that the Lord promises us, by offering ourselves to His service.

As Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, 'Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service.' We are welcoming you personally to join us! Please reach out to us and we will assist you in finding the best way that your gifts and talents can be shared with our Parish. You won't be disappointed with the results you will see in your life when you give your time back to Him in service.

Peace,
Fr. Avi

TOGETHER IN ACTION

We have achieved our goal for the year and are so grateful and blessed for the amazing support and generosity of our Parishioners! For those of you who haven't had a chance to donate to the campaign, but still want to show your support, please consider directing your donations to our Building Fund or General Operations.

Thank you for your support of our Together in Action Campaign for 2021!

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you!

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION



Confirmation Registration is open for children in Grade 6 or higher and the information is available on our website. Our classes will begin in January 2022. The classes will be in-person and held in the Church Sanctuary and is offered twice a week to accommodate families' schedules.

SACRAMENTS FOR TEENS

Teens, if have you missed one or more of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation, our Parish has a program just for you. Come and join us as you prepare to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. **Registration is open with classes beginning in November.**

To register or for further information, call the office at 403-275-2240 EXT 6 or email sacraments@ascensionparish.ca

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Thank you for your continued support of the K of C Charities Appeal 50/50 Raffle.

Thanks to your contribution, the Ascension Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will receive \$254.36 from Raffle One and \$212.91 from Raffle Two. That is approximately \$0.19 cents for every dollar spent on ticket purchases.

Raffle Three is underway and the draw will be on December 17th. Here is the unique and shareable link to purchase tickets: <https://click.pstmrk.it/2s/rafflebox.ca%2Faffle%2Fkocab%2F107/9LAFISYN/lydV/PldQ-ubt-g>

Please select "In support of Ascension 10065" to ensure the proceeds go to our SSVP.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

*We're in need of drivers to help deliver
Christmas Hampers!*

Delivery will take place on Saturday Dec 18,
with staggered arrival times beginning at 10:00am.

Please contact us at ssvp.ascension@gmail.com

for more information and pick up times.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

*The 2nd Annual
Ascension Catholic Parish*

*Coming
Soon!*

ONLINE AUCTION



APRIL 29 – MAY 14, 2022

Stay tuned for more details.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Advent is a beautiful season of preparation. With that in mind, we complete our theme of *Service* and begin our theme of *Worship* for this coming Liturgical year. We have already started planning ways to celebrate the theme of **WORSHIP** and we look forward to these two upcoming events. On **Saturday December 11, 2021, at 7:00am**, we will celebrate a **Rorate Mass**, which is an early morning Mass to honour the Blessed Mother in Advent, and this Mass is celebrated in candlelight. Our **Advent Mission** will be on **Tuesday December 14, 2021, it will begin with Mass at 6:30pm, a talk with Ian Mahood at 7:00pm and a Reconciliation service** will complete this evening. Please check our website for more information.



PPC would like to thank all our volunteers for taking time out of your busy schedules to come and help us. We are also very grateful to the Building Fund committee for all their efforts and are happy to see the positive response to Parishioners signing up for Pre-Authorized Deposit (PAD).

We are so thankful that we can come to Mass while staying safe. Please continue, to adhere the guidelines set by AHS and by our Diocese.

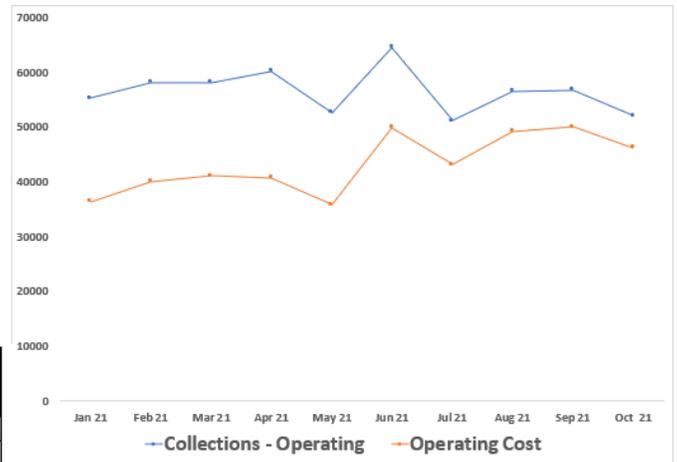
We are pleased to note we had several families register in the PAD program following the Building Fund Committee announcements over the five weeks in September – October.

The 2022 envelopes will be arriving soon, and PAD donor cards will be available for those using this donation option. If you would like to receive a new supply of PAD cards, please email finance@ascensionparish.ca and we will contact you for picking up your PAD card supply with instructions for use in the collection basket and with other donations you choose to make.

With the return to increased Mass participation, we need additional volunteers to join our collection counting teams. Please contact the office for more information on how to volunteer for the collection counting ministry.

You will note from the Building Fund graph that we had a sharp increase in collections in September and October as several major donations were made to our Donor Wall. This is very good news. All funds collected are sent to the Diocese to apply directly to our Central Fund Loan principal balance.

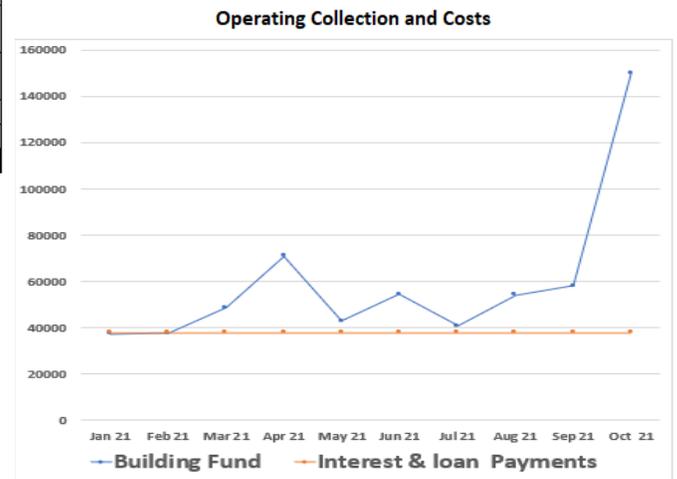
The monthly financial reports confirm that we are on track to meet our financial needs for this year and are working on completing the 2022 budget.



MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Up to: October 31, 2021	October Collections	Current Total Year - to - Date	2021 Total Parish Fundraising Goal	+Over/-(Under)
Total Collection	\$42,663	\$473,400	\$442,836	\$30,564
Other Revenue (Programs, candles,	\$9,314	\$91,199	\$11,863	\$79,336
Old Rectory	\$20,108	\$185,121		
Sub-Total Operations		\$749,720	\$454,699	\$295,021
Building Fund	\$149,664	\$592,999	\$451,702	\$141,297
Together in Action	\$3,393	\$39,131	\$35,244	\$3,887
Total Parish Fundraising Goal		\$1,381,850	\$941,645	

Other Special Collections		
Needs of the Church (Holy Land)		\$2,270
Good Shepherd Sunday (Apr 25)		\$552
Pope's Pastoral Works (May 16)	\$20	\$210
World Mission Sunday (Oct 24)	\$3,088	\$3,488
Catholic Education Sunday (Nov 07)	\$10	\$65
Mission Mexico (Dec 12)		
Holy Childhood	\$50	\$500



Building Fund Collections and Payments

BUILDING FUND

With the approach of Advent our thoughts turn to the gift of Christ in our lives. While nothing can compare to His gift to us, we often include special gifts for our loved ones in our celebration of Christmas.

Instead of the usual, here is an idea for a very special gift. How about giving the gift of a permanent sign of your love and prayers by gifting a plaque on the Parish Donor Wall in someone else's name? Or as a family, work together to buy a plaque as a way to show your appreciation for our Parish. What a beautiful way to show that you care for someone completely, while at the same time supporting Ascension Catholic Parish. It's easy to do – all the information is on the Parish website's 'Giving' page.

Donor Wall - Plaque Sales Report

Plaque Size	Sold	Potential Sales
\$100,000	2 of 6	\$200,000
\$50,000	0 of 10	\$500,000
\$25,000	0 of 18	\$450,000
\$20,000	0 of 24	\$480,000
\$15,000	3 of 48	\$45,000
\$10,000	2 of 60	\$20,000
\$7,500	0 of 112	\$0
\$5,000	8 of 108	\$40,000
\$2,500	36 of 120	\$90,000
Total Sold:	51 of 506, \$395,000	\$5,030,000

MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am; 12:00pm & 4:00pm

Please Note:

*Registration is no longer required for Mass in person.
Dispensation from the Bishop to participate in person for the Holy Mass is still in place.*

Live Stream Mass

Sunday: 10:00am

MINISTRY CONTACTS

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CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday: 8:15am - 8:40am

Saturdays: 4:00pm - 4:40pm

Sundays: 7:00am - 7:40am

Or by appointment

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Please call the office @ 403.275.2240.
When prompted, press 2 for
Fr. Avinash, press 3 for Fr. Naveed.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Store Card Program

To purchase store cards contact Philip
Fitzgerald, Grand Knight at
403.827.3110, email:

kofcascension@gmail.com

SACRAMENTS AT THE PARISH

For all the latest information
please check our website.

<https://www.ascensionparish.ca/sacraments.html>



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