

April 2023

Dear Parishioners,

We seem to be well on the road to recovery from the pandemic. Thanks to all of you for your continued generosity. Your financial support, mass offerings and other donations have helped us to continue to provide for the needs of our Church.

Here is the Statement of Receipts and Payments for 2022.

Highlights

We received the final government wage subsidy (CEWS) in January 2022. A one-time Ontario Energy rebate and a Health Benefits rebate were also received. Without these one-time grants, our actual net deficit would be more. Please refer to note in the attached statement.

We also applied for and received the government's Anti-Hate grant, and this covered for the expenses related to enhancing our security monitoring system, i.e. more surveillance cameras and improving our boundary fences.

The insurance claims receipt was for the repair of the St. Theresa's statue and the broken window due to the vandalism that happened in December 2021.

Through the efforts of our tireless volunteers, we were able to raise a good amount from the St. Theresa's T-shirt sales. Also, many thanks to parishioners, we now have a bigger and beautiful statue of our Blessed Virgin Mary and a new digital piano. We are also grateful for the many initiatives of our Knights of Columbus and the Women's Group in raising funds for the benefit of our parish. Also, thanks to the volunteers in the gift shop for their work in contributing income of the parish. They are very much appreciated.

As part of our cost-saving measures, your parish staff have had to suffer their work hours being reduced since the middle of last year. Hopefully, our finances will stabilize and they will be able to receive more hours.

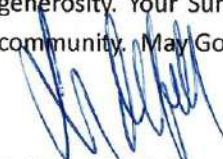
Boiler Replacement Project

The project commenced in June of last year and the initial expenses was related to asbestos abatement. This also caused a delay in the implementation of the actual boiler replacement. We are hoping that in May or June, 2023, the project will be completed and we will have a working heating system by the Fall of this year.

Pre-Authorized Giving

I would like to take this opportunity to invite parishioners to please sign-up for the Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). Your participation will help the parish in times of reduced offertory during bad weather days and when you are away on holidays. The steady flow of income through PAG gives us stability to prepare and plan ahead.

Once again, my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your continuing support and generosity. Your Sunday offering helps us to continue to serve and minister to our parish community. May God bless you abundantly!


Fr Simon de Gale
Pastor