



**ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE
PARISH**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MARCH 2021





Dear Parish Community,

For all of us, the past twelve months have been challenging. In the beginning, there was uncertainty, real changes and for many, worry, loss and sadness. We are writing now as we want to re-connect, check in and share some updates from St. Paul the Apostle Parish. We pray that you are well and in this season of Lent, we are all reminded that “You are not alone”. This summary Financial update is the first step in ongoing communication to keep our parish community well informed. It builds upon the recent parish planning forums “Together we Grow” where parishioners underlined the importance of communication and planning.



Early in March 2020, we learned that we could not gather together as a community and in the following weeks, the parish team worked hard to find ways to reach out and to develop an on-line presence, liturgy and prayer events. Many volunteers have been working hard to provide a safe and distanced “in person” liturgy at our church. The parish has invested in upgrades to the video, lighting and technology so that we can have an effective on line presence and reach as many current and new parishioners as possible. We anticipate that we will need to support both an on line and in person parish community for the next few months and into the future.

This update provides a financial overview of 2020.

2020 INCOME

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Regular Offertory contributions (envelopes, PAD) were 30% lower in 2020 than the previous year. We are grateful that many envelope holders made an effort to mail or drop off their contributions. The parish received **\$231,875** in regular contributions, down \$101,463 from the same period in 2019.

Our parish, with assistance from the Archdiocese of Kingston, received grants of **\$41,516** from the federal government through the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy program. Funds are continuing to be received and we are hopeful that this program will continue for several additional months in 2021. These dollars contributed towards the salaries for those who support our parish: our Pastor, our Associate Pastor, our Office Manager, our Family & Youth Ministry Coordinator and our Caretaker and Property Manager.

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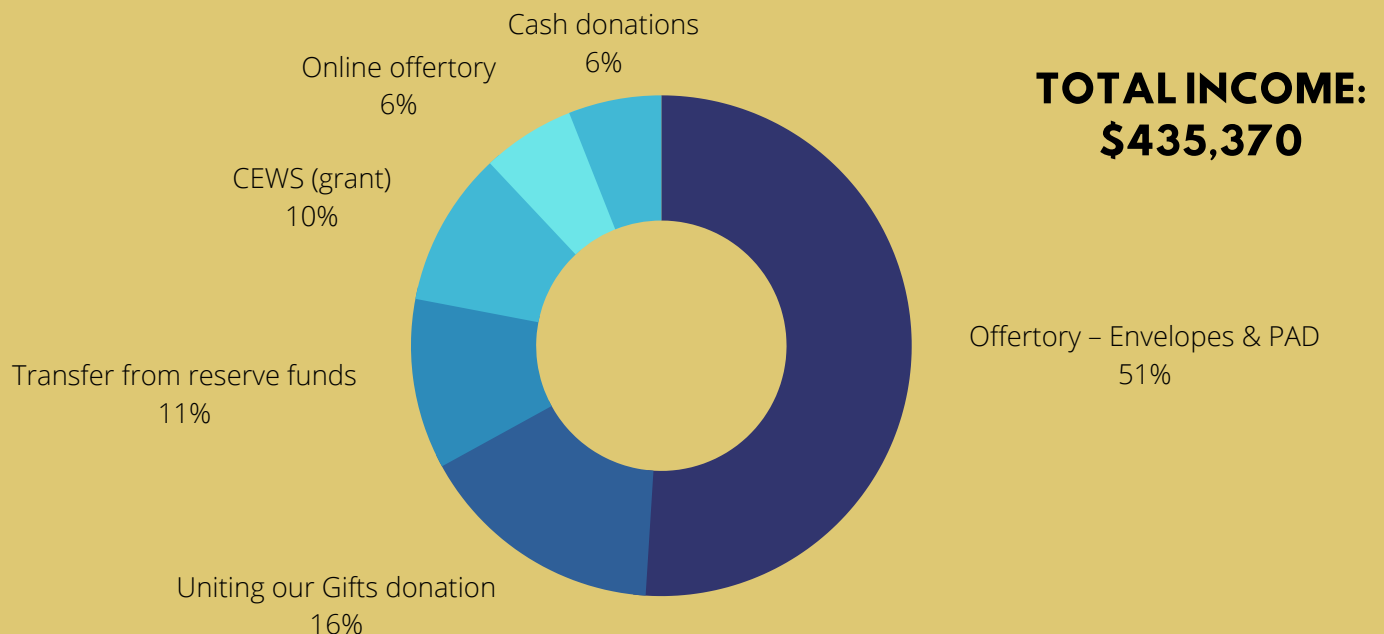
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Parishioners continued to financially support long term and capital renewal of the parish property, through Extraordinary contributions via the “Uniting our Gifts” fund. Parishioners contributed **\$69,513** to this fund in 2020. These funds are targeted for significant projects that protect the investment of the building and property. The 2018 roofing upgrade is an example of how these funds are used as they are not part of the Regular income which supports the many monthly operating expenses.

Parishioners and friends of the parish also contributed through online donation strategies, in particular “Canada Helps”, in the amount of **\$24,185**.

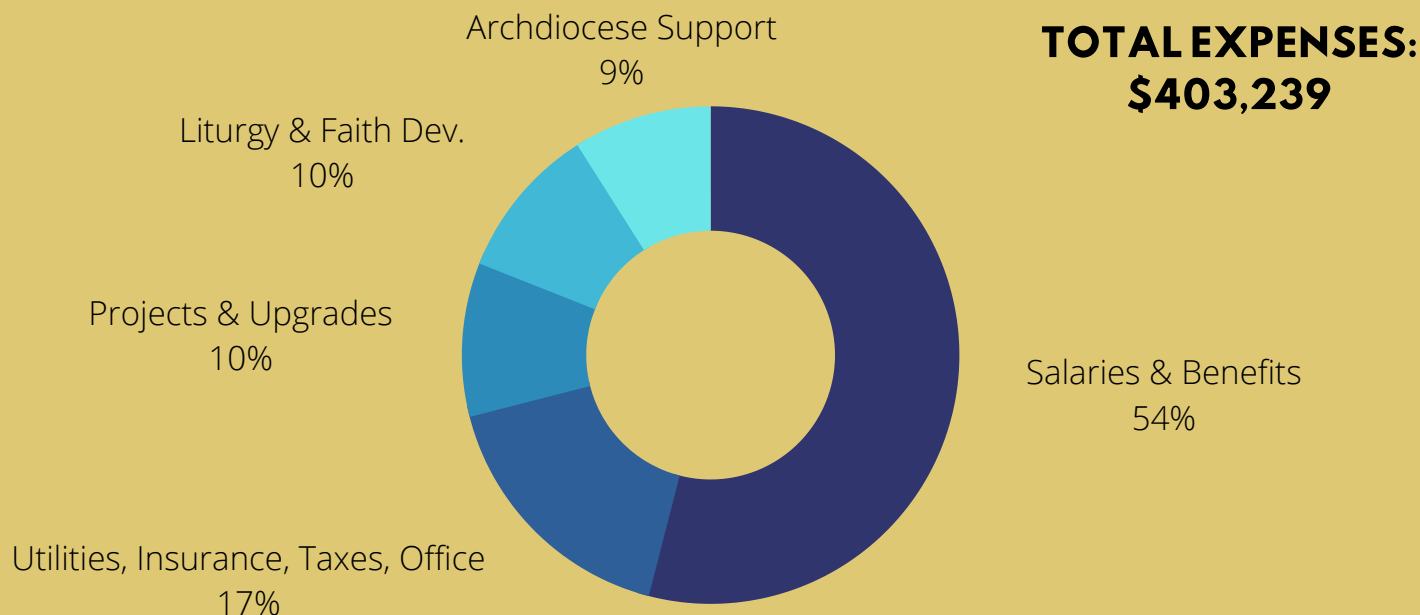
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Regular individual and family contributions are the financial backbone of our parish. When you have an envelope number and you are a regular contributor, it really does make a difference. You may use the envelopes on a regular basis or the PAD (Pre-authorized Debit).



2020 EXPENSES

The distribution categories of 2020 parish expenses are shown in the chart below. The five categories include salaries & benefits; building related costs such as utilities, insurance, taxes & office supplies; projects and upgrades; funding to support liturgy and faith development and financial support to the programs of the Archdiocese of Kingston. We finished the fiscal year with a modest balance on hand as we entered 2021.



Like any family, our parish has regular ongoing expenses. Just like in your own home, we must plan carefully for both the income and expenses, so that our parish thrives. The financial support of our parishioners and visitors is essential. We are now in the first quarter of 2021. There is hope, based upon God's faithfulness, as we all look towards a post pandemic time, when our faith community will continue to grow and nourish.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Our **Livestream Mass** typically has **170 households** watching **live** & over **1000 views** a week.
- **300 households** tuned-in **live** for **Christmas Eve Mass** - now almost **3000 total views**.
- Over the past three months, we've had **3000 unique visitors** to our parish website.
- Last year, our number of **Facebook page followers** increased by **220%**.
- In 2020, **80 guests** joined in our **Alpha Online** program.

NEXT STEPS

In the pandemic, we have all learned the importance of connection. Connections to our family, our friends and our faith community and parish. We suggest that in this Lenten time, together with your family, you might prayerfully reflect upon how you can connect with St. Paul the Apostle. This might be through the online ministry and liturgy events, attending in person liturgy and planning to financially and consistently support the parish.

How can you and your family help support the parish?



Time



Talent



Treasure

Like all families, our parish has regular and ongoing expenses and when you include St. Paul's in your monthly budget, you are demonstrating your support for the church.



How can I be a regular financial supporter of the parish?



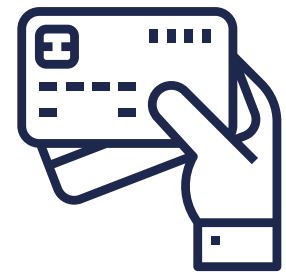
Envelopes

Continue, or become an envelope user. You are assigned a unique number so that contributions are recorded and you will receive a charitable donation receipt.

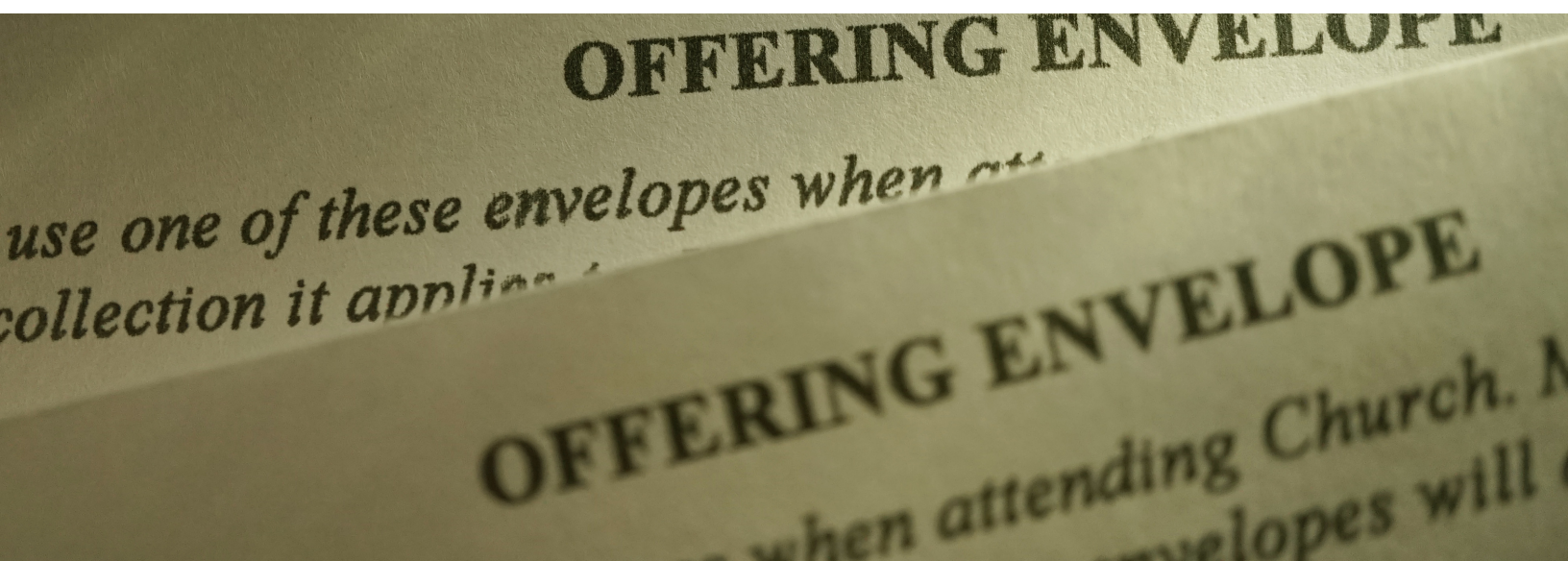
If you are using the envelopes, they can be dropped off in the collection basket in the gathering space of the church. You may know that the envelope box also includes additional envelopes for special collections over the liturgical year, if you would like to support those requests.

Signing up for Pre-Authorized Debit or PAD ensures that your regular contribution is there for the parish, whether you are participating on line or in person at the church. It works the same way as when you set up rent or mortgage payments, insurance or other regular monthly expenses.

The PAD form is attached. We ask that you complete this and return it to the parish office via drop off at the church or via Canada Post. As the document includes financial information we do not suggest sending this via email.



Pre-Authorized Debit



Are there other ways that I can financially support the parish?

Yes! Cash donations are always received in the Offertory collection basket in the gathering space at the church. You can also donate online, via our parish account with Canada Helps, which is a secure option and your donation is deposited directly to the parish bank account. This may be a good option for you. You will receive a charitable donation receipt directly from Canada Helps. However, the parish is charged a fee for this service, so if possible the PAD is the most efficient way to financially support the parish.

Imagine what we can do together.

It would be easy to imagine that no special individual action was needed – that my participation is not needed. Remember, we are together in these next steps and everyone matters. If you have any questions about our financial plans, please contact either the parish office or Peter Coughlin, chair of the Finance Committee, at finance@stpaulkingston.com.

Thank you for your support of our parish.

Sincerely,



Peter Coughlin
Chair of the Finance Committee



Fr. Sebastian Amato
Pastor



ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)



I/We have reflected upon the important value that our parish has in our lives and am/are making this commitment to support St. Paul the Apostle Parish. I/we understand that within the Offertory Renewal Program I/we may contribute to the regular operating costs and/or the long term capital maintenance of our parish.

First name & Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred phone number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

I/we wish to make direct debit payments from my/our bank, as listed below:

Financial Institution: _____

Account #: _____ Branch and Institution #: _____

Direct debit payments should be made on the: ☐ 1st of the month **OR** ☐ 15th of the month

Please attach a void cheque to this authorization.

☐ This is my/our first time signing up for PAD. **OR** ☐ This is a revised PAD agreement for 2021.

My/our contribution should be allocated in the following way:

Regular Offertory: _____

Uniting our Gifts capital contribution: _____

Total: _____

I/we as the account holder(s) authorize St. Paul the Apostle Church (the payee) to debit my/our account at the above indicated branch of the financial institution, under the terms and conditions agreed to be me/us with the Payee until such time as written notice to the contrary is given by me/us to the Payee. The branch of the financial institution at which I/we maintain the account is not required to verify that the payment(s) are drawn in accordance with this authorization. There will be no top ups or adjustments permissible unless specifically approved by me.

A debit, in paper, electronic or other form shall be fixed in the amount of:

\$ _____ beginning on _____ (dd/mm/yy)

in the frequency agreed to by me/us with the Payee. I/we will notify the Payee in writing of any changes in the account information provided herein prior to the next due date of the pre-authorized debit. Items charged in error will be reimbursed subject to notification by me/us to the branch of account within 90 days under the following conditions:

1. I/we never provided the authorization to the Payee;
2. The pre-authorization debit was not drawn in accordance with this authorization;
3. My/our authorization was revoked.

I/we understand that a written declaration to this effect must be given to my/our financial institution.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit your completed PAD form to the parish office by mail (1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd, Kingston ON, K7M 8G8), in-person, or deposit in the weekend offertory basket!