



# Annual Report

## St. James Cathedral Parish, 2019-2020

**D**ear Friends,  
Each year at this time, we publish a report on the financial condition of the parish. As you reflect on your how you will support the Cathedral parish in 2021, 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.

### DOLLARS AND CENTS

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. **For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, our total parish income was \$4,790,129.**

This came from:

- Sunday and holy day collections (60%)
- Various gifts, grants, and bequests (22%)
- Fundraisers (4%)
- Business income (including land lease, Cathedral Bookstore, rental of reception rooms, etc.) (14%)

**Total expenses for the year were \$4,670,218.**

They included:

- Salaries, benefits and other personnel-related expenses (58%)
- Parish assessment by the Archdiocese (4%)
- Our annual support of six central area Catholic schools and parish scholarships for Rainbow Schools and high schools (9%)
- Supplies, operating costs for the maintenance and improvement of the Cathedral, other parish buildings, and grounds, etc. (29%)

**This left us with a surplus in 2019-2020 of \$152,027.** You will notice that last year at this time, we projected a major deficit of \$613,090. The fact that we have been able—during this year of all years—to turn that

situation around is nothing short of miraculous and is a remarkable testimonial to your generosity and to the careful stewardship of our Finance Council and Cathedral staff. There are multiple factors which have allowed us to end the year in a much healthier position, financially, than we started:

- At the recommendation of the Finance Council, we implemented a hiring freeze and restructured our staff to eliminate three full-time positions.
- Even though the suspension of Masses has resulted in a drastic drop in Sunday income, a huge number of you switched over to online giving so that we have now made up the losses we experienced in the first months of the pandemic.
- The suspension of our on-campus programs at the beginning of March has resulted in substantial savings in supplies and other expenses.

It's good for you to know that our Finance Council met frequently throughout the lockdown to monitor the situation and make recommendations. They continue to monitor the changing situation carefully. 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 2020-2021, we are being very 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 the number of people who can be at Masses, restrictions on in-person gatherings of all kinds, and the elimination of some of our ministries, like coffee hour and babysitting. We anticipate substantially reduced Sunday and Holy Day collections, but with substantially reduced expenses as well, we are prayerfully hopeful that we will end the year with a modest surplus.

Income and Expense	Projected 2019-2020	Actual 2019-2020	Projected 2020-2021
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	\$ 2,868,800	\$ 2,872,909	\$ 2,315,000
Bequests	189,000	192,157	176,000
Other gifts, grants & Appeal Rebate	786,442	852,535	751,086
Business income ( <i>land lease, bookstore, fundraisers</i> )	884,284	872,528	891,346
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,728,526</b>	<b>\$4,790,129</b>	<b>\$4,133,432</b>
Staff salaries & benefits	3,032,020	2,702,640	2,394,884
Supplies ( <i>including postage &amp; printing</i> )	446,850	321,831	230,900
Operations & Maintenance	195,000	133,631	210,000
Capital Expense	0	39,453	13,000
Contracted Services ( <i>includes insurance premiums, police officers, service contracts, &amp; contract musicians</i> )	523,047	378,522	369,271
Business Expenses ( <i>including bookstore and fundraising expense, hospitality, donations to others</i> )	241,850	203,418	109,600
Utilities, vehicles	280,100	271,974	288,500
Archdiocesan assessment	202,243	202,243	191,848
Rainbow Schools and Scholarships	420,506	416,506	247,753
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>5,341,615</b>	<b>4,670,218</b>	<b>4,055,756</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (613,090)</b>	<b>\$ 152,027</b>	<b>\$ 77,676</b>

## OUR LIFE AS A PARISH, 2019-2020

We are a vibrant and diverse parish with 2,601 registered households, comprising 5,772 individual members. Our parishioners come from across Western Washington, from as far south as Olympia and as far north as Mount Vernon, with more than 180 ZIP codes on our roster. Nearly 1,000 volunteers are involved in dozens of parish ministries.

During the past fiscal year, hundreds of Sunday and daily liturgies were celebrated, not counting Masses for Holy Days and special occasions. In the months prior to lockdown, 1 adult and 45 children were baptized; 6 people were received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church; 47 weddings and 25 funerals were celebrated. Our liturgical life was in full swing until March 11, when all public celebrations of Mass were suspended at the outbreak of the pandemic. We changed gears quickly and livestreamed Masses from the Cathedral daily beginning on Sunday, March 15.

## LITURGY, MUSIC, & SPECIAL EVENTS

As the Cathedral Church, we are privileged to host special events which gather Catholics from across Western Washington, including Rites of Election, the Chrism Mass, Ordinations to the Priesthood, Madre de las Americas, and Simbang Gabi, though some of these events happened without the presence of the faithful this year.

In August, 2019, our annual Schola Cantorum Choir Camp gathered more than fifty kids for a week of prayer, service, and music. On September 1, we hosted a special Mass of farewell for Archbishop Sartain as he prepared for his retirement. On September 3, word came from the Vatican that Pope Francis had accepted Archbishop Sartain's resignation; our coadjutor Archbishop, Paul Etienne, automatically succeeded.

On September 27, 2019, it was a privilege to host a special ecumenical prayer, welcoming Brother John and Brother Emile from the ecumenical community of Taizé in France. In October, the second annual Celebration of All Our Saints brought together representatives of cultural communities from around the world. On All Souls Day, our Cathedral Choir sang Mozart's sublime *Requiem* under the direction of Joseph Adam. On February 11 and 12, 2020, it was a privilege to host the Funeral Rites of Archbishop Emeritus Alexander J. Brunett.

From March 11 through May 31, all public Masses were suspended in the Archdiocese of Seattle as the coronavirus outbreak caused disruption and upheaval worldwide. Tens of thousands of people viewed our liturgies online, including 31,867 views of our three Easter Masses alone! Viewers from as far away as Nepal and the UK have commented on how much they have appreciated sharing in the online prayer.



## OUTREACH AND PASTORAL CARE

Apart from a break of several weeks during the first part of the lockdown, the Cathedral Kitchen has continued to thrive, with an average of 175 people of all ages and races sharing a hot, nutritious meal, lovingly prepared and served out of Cathedral Hall each weeknight. In recent months, we have been unable to host sit-down meals but have

distributed takeaway meals to hundreds of needy people in our First Hill and downtown Seattle neighborhoods. Our Sunday Early Breakfast has also continued to serve each Sunday morning, transitioning to takeaway meals in May.

Our Cathedral Kitchen Garden is thriving in its location at Madison and Terry. An extraordinary all-volunteer crew has turned that vacant lot into a luxurious garden that is a gift to the whole community while producing hundreds of pounds of vegetables and fruit for the Cathedral Kitchen and St. Mary Foodbank.

The St. James Immigrant Assistance Program, Mental Health and Wellness Ministry, Solanus Casey Center, and so many other outreach ministries have sought creative ways to continue in the midst of the ongoing restrictions brought about as a result of the pandemic.

## FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

More than 150 Cathedral children participated in Sunday School classes, offered September through June (via Zoom beginning in March!). Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) continues to grow, welcoming those interested in becoming Catholic each Wednesday and guiding them on the path of faith. The Welcome Back program invites those who have fallen away from the practice of their faith to return to the Church. In addition, special events and presentations for adults included bible study, retreats, and many other offerings. Finally, our Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry continue to offer retreats, service activities, and social events.

**ALL THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.** Your commitment to the support of the parish during these difficult times fills me with gratitude and even amazement! We don't know what the future holds, but with your support and with the help of God's grace, I am confident we will accomplish even more in the coming year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Michael G. Ryan, Pastor