

### CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH 2021 ANNUAL REPORT















## NOTE FROM The pastor

Water in the Desert!

This annual report is not the place for me to promote Water in the Desert; I've done that often enough when preaching. I want to talk here about our parish itself as an oasis, a haven, a safe place where tired and weary travellers can be renewed with living water.

The central focus and reality of Christ the Redeemer Parish is and will always be the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. Nothing can replace it. Christ himself gathers us at the altar and feeds us with his Body and Blood. But we also want the experience of Sunday to be as warm and welcoming, as restorative and refreshing, as humanly possible.

In his letter *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis speaks about a "painful kind of desert" when societies seek to exist without God and eliminate their Christian roots. Even families and workplaces can be "parched places" where faith needs to be preserved and communicated.

Pope Francis says "we are called to be living sources of water from which others can drink." Christ the Redeemer Parish is offering living water to the thirsty, whether through our newest program—the Alpha Marriage Course—or the return of Alpha and Faith Studies. And we have a brand-new look with a brand-new purpose. Lost & Found Coffeehouse is a place of welcome in a welcoming space.

Your generosity has made it possible for important changes to our meetings rooms, renewed in purpose and in spirit. They are inviting places for faithful parishioners but equally for those wanting to "come apart and rest a while" (cf. Mark 6:31) but who might not yet be comfortable inside the church.

Every member of our parish is being called both to journey as a member of God's people and to invite others to walk with us. As we ourselves are restored at the oasis that is the Church we offer living water to other thirsty souls.

With every blessing to each of you and your families,

Msgr. Gregory Smith

## WHAT'S COMING UP?



#### ALPHA

Alpha is a 10-week video series that creates space for discussion about life's big questions. Whether you're a lifelong Catholic or someone exploring the faith, Alpha has something for you.

ctrwestvan.ca/alpha



#### **FAITH STUDIES**

Grow in faith and community in a small group environment. Covering topics like the Holy Spirit, trusting God, and how we navigate the world as Catholics, the Faith Studies provide a solid foundation of faith and challenge us to go deeper.

ctrwestvan.ca/faithstudies



#### LOST & FOUND COFFEEHOUSE

The lost sheep. The misplaced coin. The prodigal son. We've all felt lost, and deep down we all want to be seen and known. There is joy in being cared for and in being found. Lost & Found Coffeehouse is a space where we can gather with our friends and family. Our desire is that it would be a place of genuine connection and community. Stop by for a coffee during open hours, found on our website.

ctrwestvan.ca/lostandfound



#### THE MARRIAGE COURSE

The Alpha Marriage Course is designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a vibrant and strong marriage. Through videos and private exercises for couples, you'll delve deeper into topics like communication, conflict resolution, and intimacy.

ctrwestvan.ca/marriagecourse



#### WATER IN THE DESERT

Water in the Desert is a monthly adoration event. Attendees are invited to come spend a peaceful and reflective hour in the church accompanied by music and testimony from a parishioner. **ctrwestvan.ca/waterinthedesert** 

## Parish Life in 2021

## 350+ PRAYER REQUESTS

were prayed for by the parish's Prayer Ministry, a team that prays with and for people.



1,045 NUTRITIOUS MEALS

were provided to men at risk in Vancouver, thanks to the Men's Shelter Ministry and your generous donations every month.



42 parishioners

gathered at the parish to participate in Upper Room, a conference intended to raise up missionary disciples, hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

### WATER IN THE DESERT

an evening of adoration, music, and testimony, debuted during Advent 2021. It has since become a monthly event.



#### **5+ HOURS OF CONFESSIONS**

were heard at the Day of Mercy, an opportunity to go to confession during Lent in preparation for Easter.

## SACRAMENTS







36 people participated in Alpha 48 people took at least one Faith Study 33 PREP students

PARISH Engagement

27 couples participated in the Alpha Marriage Course 107 parish families registered at St. Anthony's School

643 registered households



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RCIA participants

> 61 parish families registered at St. Thomas Aquinas High School

85 new parishioners from 27 families

## FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

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Revenue		ember 31, 2021	•	
Collections - Holy Days of Obligation	\$	627,857	\$ 593,358	
Project Advance		108,485	142,402	
Bequests		1,000	82,784	
Other Income		331,227	278,836	Note 1
Collections - Charitable Works		16,983	7,067	
Collections - Archdiocesan/National		44,961	23,570	
Special Donations		21,597	15,345	
Religious Education		7,682	1,165	Note 2
SAS School Fundraising		37,261	13,033	
Fundraising - Parish		-	-	
Total Revenue	\$	1,197,054	\$ 1,157,560	
Expense				
Salaries & Benefits	\$	480,445	\$ 375,812	Note 3
Operating		336,049	255,570	Note 4
Non-Recurring		46,574	116,204	Note 5
Administration		34,723	178,148	Note 6
Collections		43,280	23,528	
School Subsidies		37,868	54,160	
Repairs & Maintenance		89 <i>,</i> 865	70,646	
Religious Education		7,777	8,336	
SAS School Fundraising		36,516	8,283	Note 7
Charitable Works		38,850	90,416	Note 8
Total Expense:		1,151,947	1,181,103	
Net Income (Los	s) \$	45,106	\$ (23,543)	Note 9
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#### Notes to Financial Highlights

Note 1 - Includes Canada Employment Wage Subsidy (\$49,934 in 2021 and \$83,194 in 2020) income, preschool income and interest.

Note 2 - PREP fees were suspended in 2020 and reinstated in 2021.

Note 3 - Additional Salary for preschool teacher, seminarian and parish staff member.

Note 4 - Operating Expense includes Diocesan Assessment, Insurance, Parish Organization Activities, Publications, Rectory Expenses, and Utilities.

Note 5 - 2020 includes Extraordinary Expenditures from 2019 Project Advance Funds.

Note 6 - Administration includes BC Catholic, Bank Charges, Office Supplies, GST expense, Professional Fees (associated with parish renewal) and COVID-19 expenses.

Note 7 - 2020 \$4,750 : 2021 \$595 placed in reserve for future school project.

Note 8 - Charitable Works includes donations to St. Vincent de Paul, Refugee Sponsorship expenditures, and donations to other charities.

Note 9 - The 2021 surplus includes \$31,277 to complete 2021 Project Advance and \$10,000 for Eritrean Refugees.

## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: JAN. - JUNE 2022

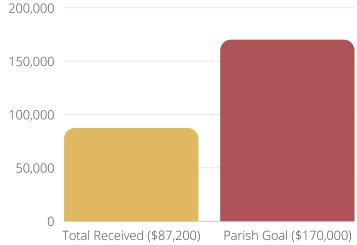
Revenue		June 30, 2022	Budget
Collections - Holy Days of Obligation	\$	276,656	\$ 268,971
Project Advance		15,369	-
Bequests		-	-
Other Income		139,896	129,680
Collections - Charitable Works		30,400	1,750
Collections - Archdiocesan/National		16,093	11,800
Special Donations		12,495	7,500
Religious Education		872	1,000
SAS School Fundraising		22,511	36,000
Fundraising - Parish		-	-
Total Revenue	\$	514,292	\$ 456,701
Expense			
Salaries & Benefits	\$	246,846	\$ 233,644
Operating		139,211	127,700
Non-Recurring		34,270	-
Administration		30,981	33,925
Remittance - Archdiocesan/National Collections		16,068	11,800
School Subsidies		17,197	29,800
Repairs & Maintenance		51,131	46,050
Religious Education		8,121	4,820
SAS School Fundraising		22,511	25,000
Charitable Works		13,648	9,300
Total Expense:		579,984	522,039
Net Income (I	oss) \$	(65,692)	\$ (65,338)



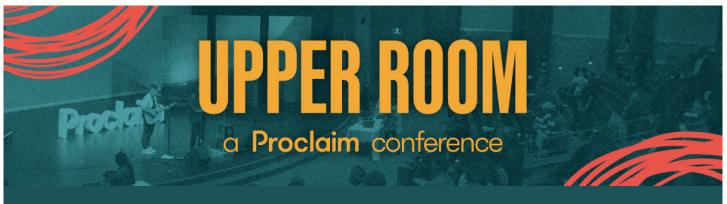


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