



2025

Life in our Parish

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Patrick's Parish

WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION

We exist to call and form missionary disciples. (Matthew 28:16-20)

WHAT IS A MISSIONARY DISCIPLE?

The Gospel, radiant with the glory of Christ's cross, constantly invites us to rejoice. Wherever the disciples went, "there was great joy"; even amid persecution they continued to be "filled with joy". Why should we not also enter into this great stream of joy? Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are "disciples" and "missionaries", but rather that we are always "missionary disciples". In virtue of [our] baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples. All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization. The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized.

Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. If we are not convinced, let us look at those first missionary disciples, who, immediately after encountering the gaze of Jesus, went forth to proclaim him joyfully: "We have found the Messiah!"

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium



OUR TEAM



FATHER MATTHEW TO
Pastor



VANESSA CHOW
Parish Manager &
Pastoral Assistant



LORNA D'MELLO
Finance



MARIA FONSECA
Elementary School
Principal



ERIC CHOW
Discipleship Formation



HANNAH JAKUS
Faith Formation



MARGARET JAKUS
Community Engagement



MARGARET ZOCHOWSKI
Catechesis of the
Good Shepherd



JEN BOYER
Music & Office Admin



EMMA STEELE
Events



BRIAN MCGUCKIN
Sacristan



JOSHUA VALOUCHE
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God's Abundant Grace

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This year we are about to celebrate the 100th year anniversary of our parish, and that gives us an opportunity to reflect on God's abundant grace and healing presence throughout the generations of our parish. For one hundred years, St. Patrick's has been a spiritual home to countless souls. We have celebrated Sacred Sacraments and life's precious milestones. Together, we have held one another in prayer through times of sorrow and rejoiced in the blessing of new life.

Over the past year, we have been privileged to witness God's healing power actively at work within our community – in the quiet mending of hearts, the lifting of weary spirits, and the easing of burdens, both visible and unseen. We continue to be a sanctuary and refuge of healing, and a source of comfort for all who seek God's embrace. For these graces, our hearts overflow with gratitude.

My deepest thanks to every one of you who have so generously offered your time, talent, and treasure. Your selfless contributions have been a clear expression of our mission: to Call and Form Missionary Disciples.

With hearts full of gratitude for our parish family, let us look ahead with renewed vigor. May we offer ourselves generously to our mission, extending God's healing love to the world around us.

With heartfelt blessings,
Father Matthew To

Fr. Matthew To

Our Mission Lived Out

2024 PARISH LIFE HIGHLIGHTS

**\$4,450
DONATED TO
FAMILIES THROUGH
THE GIVING TREE**

**OVER \$65,000 OF
FOOD SERVED &
ALMOST 7,000
MEALS PROVIDED
THROUGH OUR FOOD
RESCUE PROGRAM**

**53
BAPTIZED INTO
THE FAMILY OF
GOD**

**864
SERVED AT
THE PARISH
FESTIVAL**

**600
SERVED IN OUR
HEALING
MISSION**

**260
ALPHA &
RESCUE
PARTICIPANTS**

**7
NEW
SACRAMENTAL
MARRIAGES**

**10,560
CUPS OF COFFEE
SERVED IN HOLY
GOUNDS
COFFEEHOUSE**

**48
DISCERNED
THEIR CHARISMS IN
CALLED & GIFTED**



In this space, I can freely share my faith; others simply listen. Hearing others' testimonies with Christ inspires me. I am grateful I can use my gifts for the Lord in this parish. I will forever love my second home!

JULIA ZOCHOWSKI

Serving at St. Patrick's brings me joy in connecting with others and fostering a sense of community. I feel I make a meaningful impact in people's lives through faith, love and kindness.

BARRIE HEROD

Drinking with the Saints provides me a space to learn, laugh, and grow in faith. The combination of prayer, discussion, and good company makes it a highlight of my month.

KURT THIELE

2024 Ministry & Mission Highlights

NUMBER OF FAMILIES REGISTERED

1270

NEW FAMILIES IN 2024

201

NEW SCHOOL FAMILIES IN 2024/2025

20

MEN'S MINISTRY: DRINKING WITH THE SAINTS

Come and enjoy fellowship, good conversation, and prayer, all while learning a little bit about the Saints that built up our Holy Church. It is open to any man who needs support, wants to learn about the Saints, or who just wants to enjoy the company of good men in our church.

FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM

This program helps to reduce food waste and provide nutritious food to those in need. This program partners with local grocery stores to redistribute surplus food. It is an interesting intersection of parish life; those who are not involved in our other parish ministries feel welcome with a tangible need being met.



HOLY GROUNDS COFFEEHOUSE & SUNDAY SOCIALS

Our parish hall turned coffeehouse is busier than ever! Whether its a Tuesday or Sunday following Mass, one the greatest joys is seeing community gathered. In 2024, we served over 10,500 cups of coffee.

ALPHA

You are invited! Questions about life, faith and God? Come join Alpha on Wednesday evenings. Alpha is an open space to meet new people and unpack some lifes biggest questions, together. Anyone who is curious is invited.

RCIA & MYSTAGOGIA

Each year people desire to become a part of the universal Catholic church. Here, we will journey with people in this intentional process where the mysteries of the faith are revealed and individual stories are held tenderly.

RESCUE PROJECT

We live our lives according to the stories we believe...what if there is another story? Rescue tells the story of the gospel that offers people a way of seeing beyond rules and disciplines of the faith. It helps to make sense of this turbulent world.

SMALL GROUP FAITH STUDIES

For those who are wondering and would like to learn more about Christianity and bring the value and principles into their daily lives, we offer groups of intentional accompaniment. Come and join genuine connection in a safe space over a cup of coffee!

HEALING MINISTRY

Healing is central to the Christian Faith and our redemption. Through a deep encounter with our Lord, the Healing Ministry accompanies one towards restoring wholeness and communion with Him, ourselves and each other.

2024 SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS



BAPTISM

53



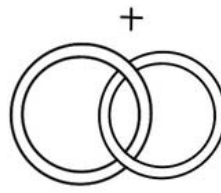
**FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION**

56



CONFIRMATION

62



**HOLY
MATRIMONY**

7



**ANOINTING
OF THE SICK**

421



FUNERALS

21

Doing Alpha was like group therapy. It helped me feel a sense of security and safety to talk and share more about myself. I opened my trauma to God and showed Him my wounds. Now, after doing the Rescue Project and attending a small group with other ladies, it feels like I am constantly going to the spiritual hospital.

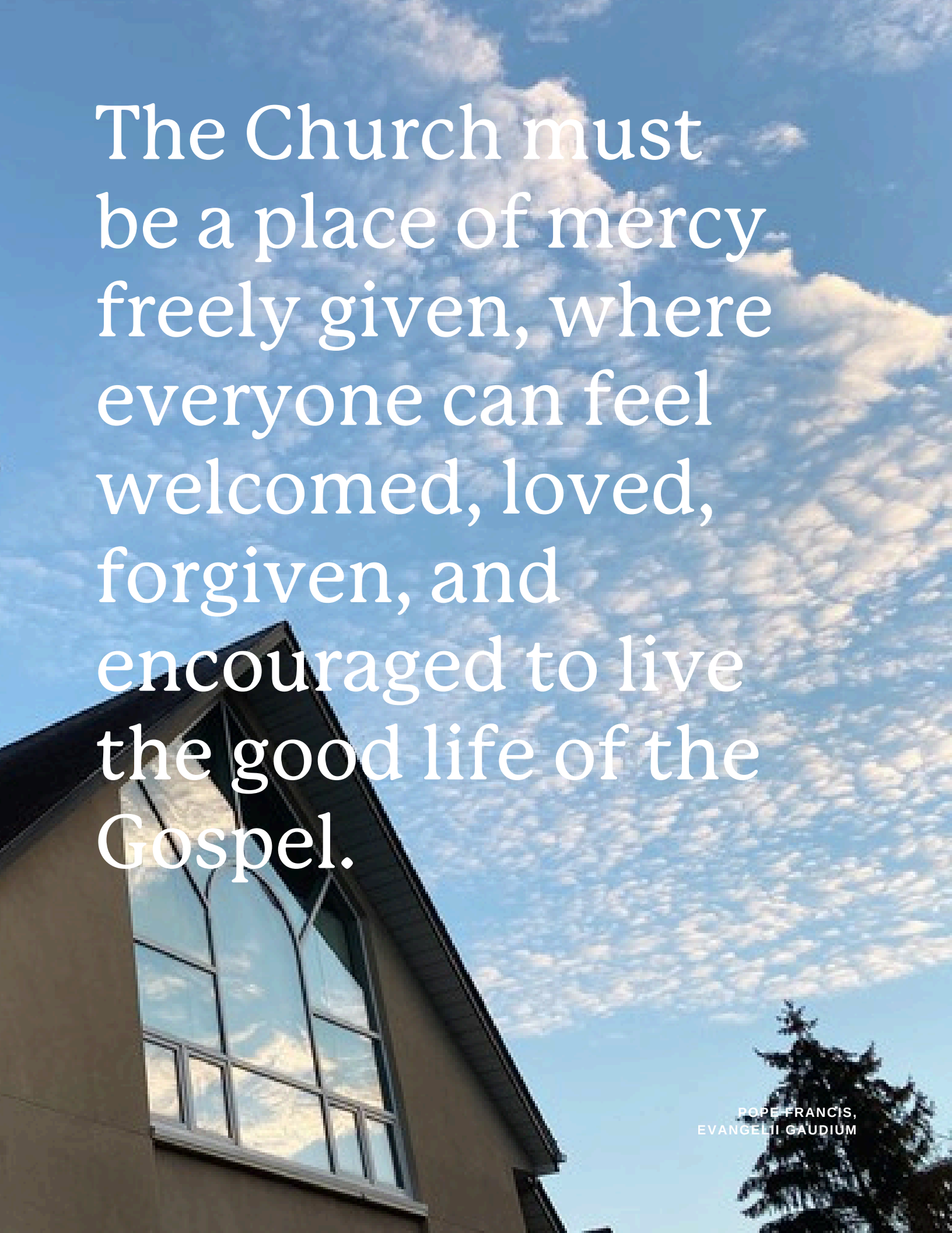
ESTHER SHAN

When my daughter was born seven years ago, we decided to go back to church. When we moved back to Maple Ridge in 2023, we were drawn to St. Patrick's Church. We have experienced a profound sense of peace and belonging. We have come to appreciate the richness of the sacraments and the unwavering support of the community.

MAE TENGCO

Coming to St. Patrick's gives me purpose and friendships. I lost my husband a year and a half ago and a dear friend suggested I join an Alpha course. I felt belonging and I did not feel judged. I always walked away feeling better about myself and wanting to be a better person.

GLORIA LATHAM



The Church must
be a place of mercy
freely given, where
everyone can feel
welcomed, loved,
forgiven, and
encouraged to live
the good life of the
Gospel.

POPE FRANCIS,
EVANGELII GAUDIUM



The Lord provides a safe haven

JEN CASTLE

In my youth, my idea of 'church' was a Baptist Sunday School that I attended. However, the experience was poisoned after the community's expectations did not fit with me and my family personally.

When I was ready, I felt the weight of our Lord's presence on a hike where I was pondering many questions that my small group was raising in my heart. I visited our parish office after inquiring about Baptism. Being baptized, I felt a physical washing of my soul like a golden rain from the crown of my head. It was intense, physical, personal, very quiet.

Among the many gifts I was blessed with after receiving the Sacraments, I found courage to walk away from a toxic and abusive situation, rebuilding a life of peace with my children where God is central to our lives. I could not have managed the challenges without the loving support of my family and the parish community. I had complete acceptance and knowledge of our Lord's absolute love. I understand now that healing and conversion are ongoing.

I will forever be grateful to God for guiding me to a safe haven where I am free to learn, grow and support others in their own journeys with the gifts He has given me.

Baptism is God's most beautiful and powerful gift. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and adopted into His family, and given real grace through the power of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to be Baptized, please contact the office.



Experiencing God's goodness and love through the gift of community

RAFFAELE MISCEO

I know we all feel the busyness of the world, running from one thing to the next, trying to fit everything in. Sometimes, it seems like the little free time we have gets consumed just figuring out how to manage it all. But our parish has become a true sanctuary for my family and for me. A place where we can slow down, connect authentically, and share something real. It's more than just attending Sunday Mass; it's about building genuine friendships and experiencing Christ's love in a tangible way.

Being part of this community has truly transformed us. We've discovered joy here, and my greatest hope is that more people will have the chance to experience this gift. When you find a parish that feels like family, it changes how you live your faith and how you move through the world - more rooted, more hopeful, more connected.

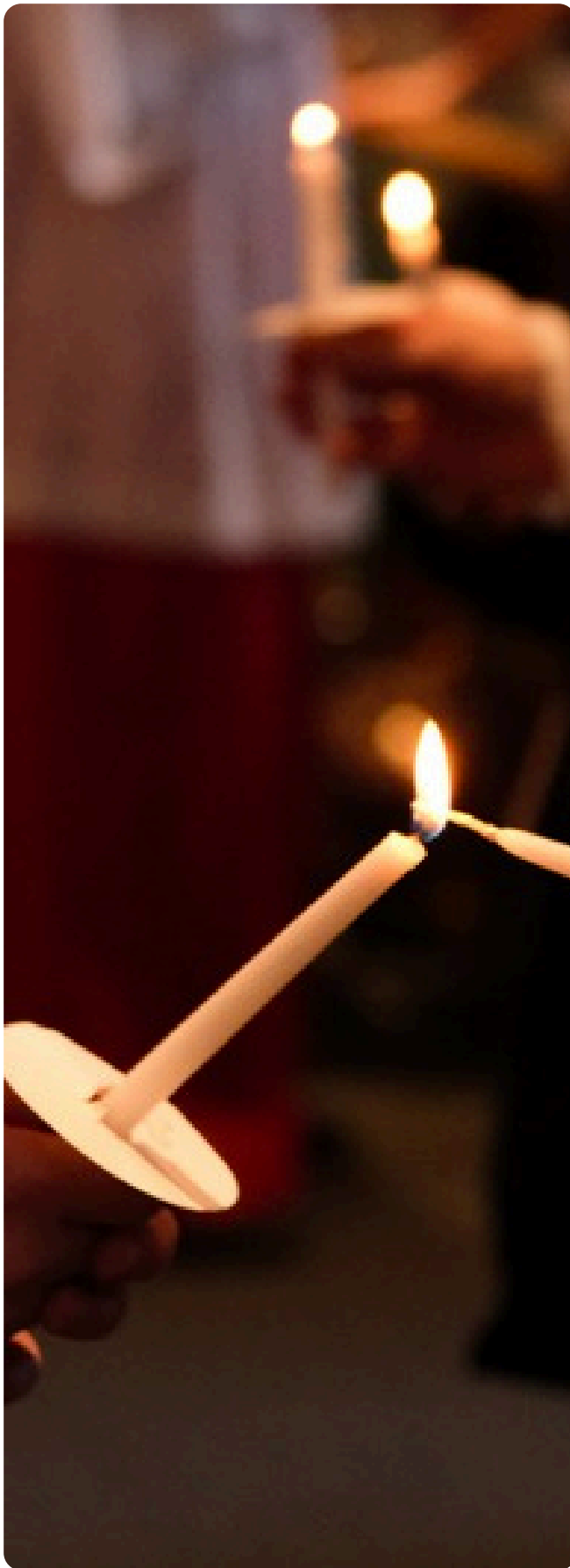
In today's polarized world, I see our parish as a haven; a place where differences are acknowledged but love and respect are what truly matter. Yes, we are human, and we have our disagreements, but there's something powerful about walking through those doors and knowing that what unites us is our shared dignity and worth as children of God. When relationships are prioritized, beautiful things happen.

I believe people are longing for authentic community, especially now. I pray our parish continues to be a welcoming home for everyone, a place where people can engage with others who might see the world differently but still share a commitment to putting people first. Our community stands as a powerful witness to what it means to bring people together in love and respect. My hope is that more folks will walk through our doors and feel that they truly matter, that they belong, regardless of their story. I pray they experience God's goodness and love through the warmth and openness of this community. Let's continue to be a beacon of hope and a place where everyone can encounter Christ's joy and grace.



Mary, help us to
be missionaries
like you, bearing
Christ in our
community and in
our conversations.

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER OF
CONSECRATION TO MARY



From the Finance Committee

Dear St. Patrick's parishioners,

We would like to express our gratitude for your financial support in 2024. Your generosity and support over the past year has helped us progress in our Mission "To call and form Missionary Disciples" and deepen the bonds of community and belonging in our parish.

Because of your generosity we were able to offer programs aligned to our vision and mission – ALPHA, Catechesis of the Good Shephard (CGS), Holy Grounds Coffee House, the Rescue Project, Faith Studies, Healing and Prayer Ministries, Ministry for Mothers, Men's Ministry, Called and Gifted, Rite to Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). In addition to supporting our elementary school and high school, we also supported other initiatives geared towards our youth.

All this is possible because of the dedication of our staff and volunteers and your generous financial support.

Included in this report are some charts summarizing the 2024 financial year and some key highlights.

Thank you and God Bless,

Lorna D'Mello
On Behalf of the Finance Committee

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure your get back.

Luke 6:38

How we Steward

OUR 2024 FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

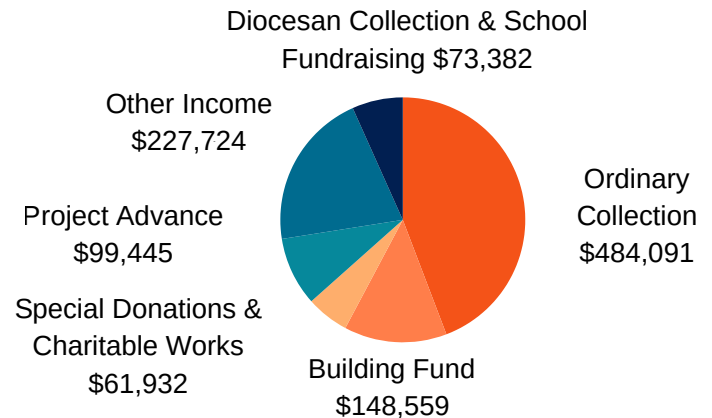
AS OF DECEMBER 31ST, 2024

TOTAL REVENUE TOTAL EXPENSES
\$1,095,133 **\$870,579**

NET INCOME

\$224,553

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



KEY EXPENSES IN 2024

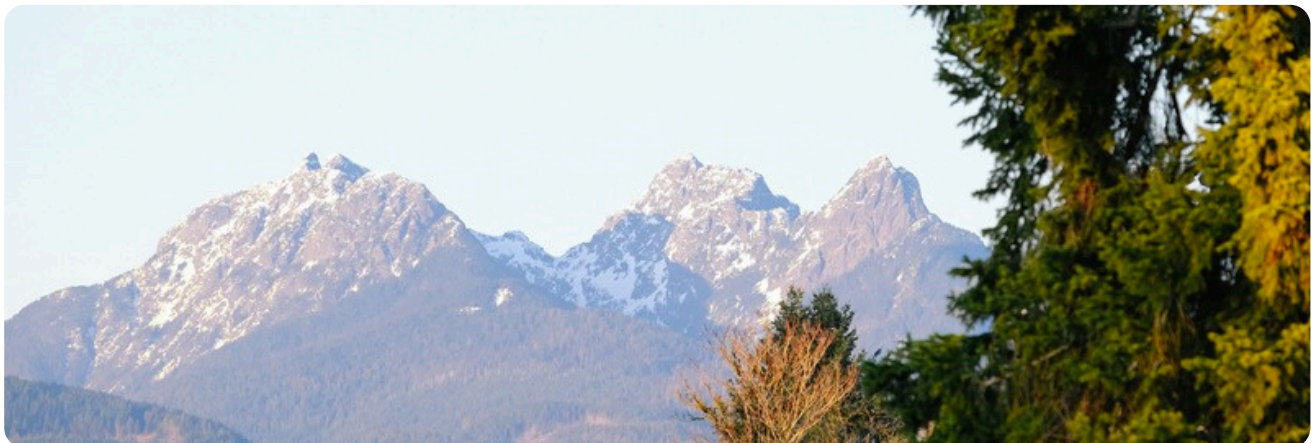
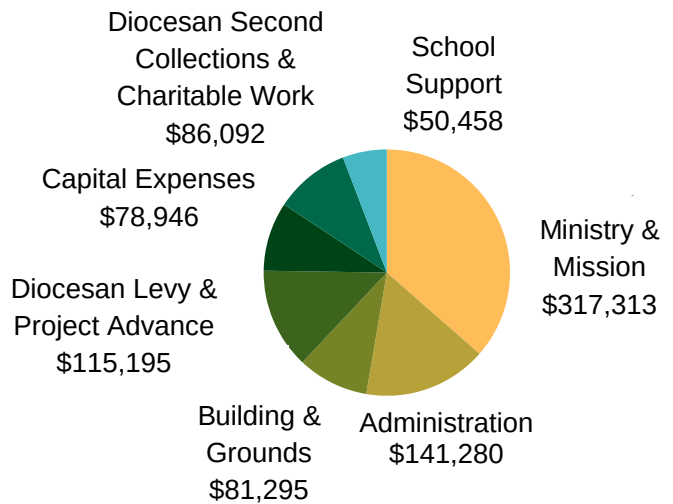
\$41,351 CHURCH & PARISH HALL RENOVATION

\$43,703 STAFF DEVELOPMENT & FAITH FORMATION

\$17,592 HEATING & COOLING SYSTEM

\$13,157 OTHER REPAIRS

WHERE THE MONEY GOES



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2024

REVENUE - HIGHLIGHTS

Total revenue for 2024 was \$1,095,133.

- Collections in the amount of \$484,091 accounted for almost half of the revenue.
- Building Fund donations were \$148,559.
- Project Advance donations amounted to \$99,445.
- Other income included revenue received through rentals, interest income, sale of goods. We also received a parish enhancement grant of \$6,000 from the Archdiocese towards our evangelization efforts.



EXPENSES - HIGHLIGHTS

Total Expenses for 2024 amounted to \$870,579.

- Our parish spent \$317,313 on Ministry and Mission – inclusive of the amount spent on religious education, staff development and faith formation - all aligned to our vision and mission.
- Holy Grounds Renovation included: costs associated with drywalling, painting, floors, electrical work, sound system, washroom renovation; that were required to be done.
- Heating and Cooling included: work done in the Rectory and the Church.
- Building and grounds (Repairs and Maintenance) included: costs associated with the Rectory garage doors and roof replacement and installation of the security gates in the Rectory and the church.
- We are very grateful for the generous donations of labor for some of the work done which greatly reduced expenses.
- In 2024 our parish contributed \$50,548 towards elementary and high school support.

NET INCOME

In summary, Net Income for 2024 was \$224,553.

It is important that we continue to grow our contingency fund for future projects and/or unforeseen costs.

We do foresee some added expenses in the coming year related to the upkeep of our facilities and the necessity of growing our programs and services.

Thank you all in advance for your support.

St. Patrick's Finance Council

Elementary School Financial Highlights

AS OF JUNE 31ST, 2025

TOTAL REVENUE

\$ 2,562,030

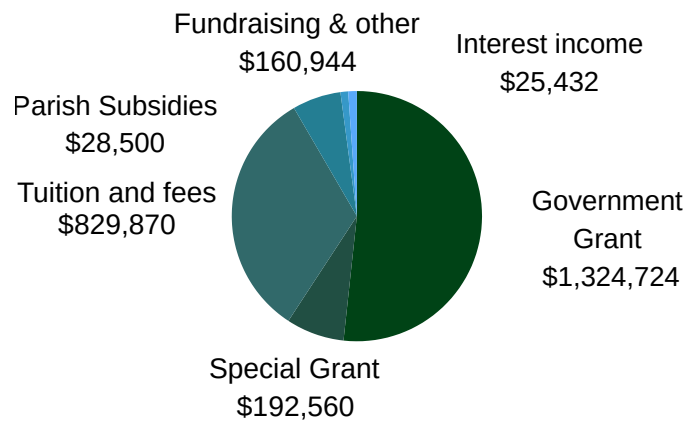
TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 2,582,104

NET INCOME

-\$ 20,074

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REVENUE



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXPENSES

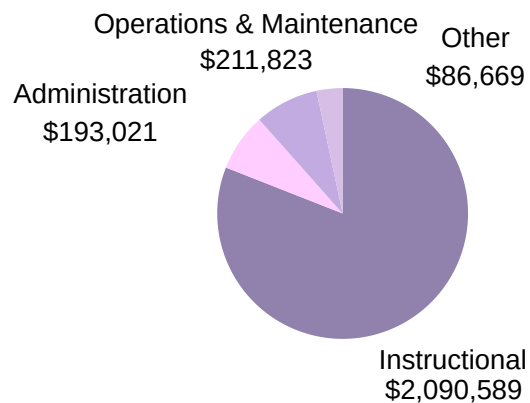
EXPENSE BREAKDOWN

81.0% INSTRUCTIONAL

8.2% OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

7.5% ADMINISTRATION

3.3% OTHERS



Investing in Our Youth

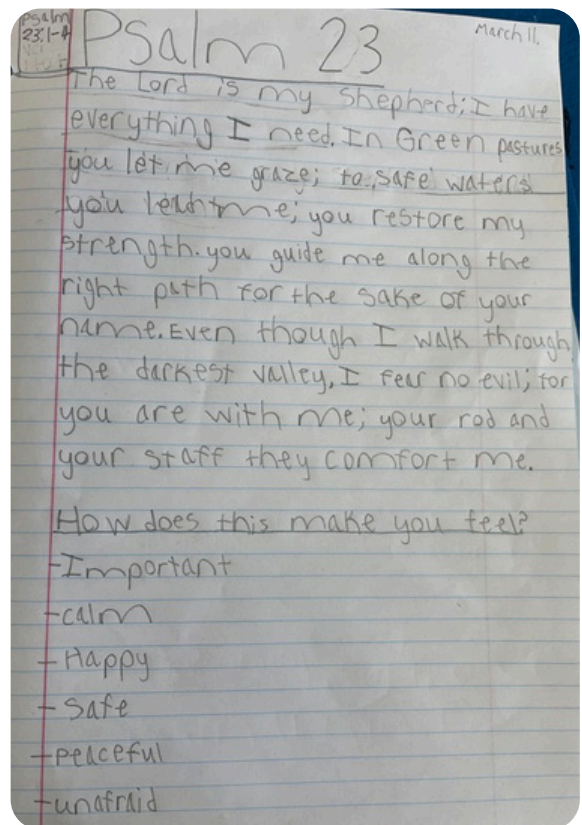
CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

CGS IN OUR PARISH

- 11 new preschool children enrolled in CGS
- 92 children enrolled in PREP; grades K-7
- 19 received First Holy Communion
- 13 received Confirmation

CGS IN OUR PARISH SCHOOL

- 206 children; grades K-6
- 28 children received First Holy Communion
- 40 children received Confirmation





From our Elementary School Principal

Dear Parishioners,


On behalf of the school, I wish to thank you for your continued support of our Parish school. The important work that our educators do can only be possible with your financial support and prayers.

St. Patrick's School is committed to providing each student with an education rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit and Catholic teaching, in partnership with home and parish, our schools foster the growth of responsible citizens who will live, celebrate, and proclaim their faith (CISVA, 2022).

Our staff aims to support families in raising the children to be missionaries in today's society. We strive to develop Christian leaders, responsible citizens and life-long learners. Our students are offered many opportunities to grow together through liturgical celebrations, acts of service, and co-curricular activities. Under the leadership of our pastor, Father Matthew To, we continue to strive to put God in the heart of all we do and share in the mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel and build the Kingdom of God.

On behalf of the school community, I want to share our gratitude for your prayers and support. Through hard work and dedication, we can help our students become the best they can be. We are CELTICS!

Yours In Christ,
Mrs. Maria Fonseca
Principal



The Gospel,
radiant with the
glory of Christ's
cross, constantly
invites us to
rejoice.

POPE FRANCIS, EVANGELII GAUDIUM

The Mission Ahead

BE A PART OF PARISH LIFE



PRAY

Did you know St. Therese of Lisieux, doctor of the Church, is the co-patron of the mission of the Church? It was because of her heart for lost souls and endless prayers. She proclaimed the Gospel out of a deep desire for people who did not know Jesus to encounter him.

We're asking that everyone please pray that all people would come to know and love the Lord.

VISIT OUR CHAPEL

For security of the Most Holy Eucharist, the entrance to our chapel is locked with a keypad. But you are not locked out! Call 604-463-7148 during office hours for the code.



JUMP IN

If you've yet to get involved at St. Patrick's but have seen the work of the Lord here and been inspired by our mission, we wholeheartedly invite you to join us! There are never too many players on the field. We all have such unique gifts and a unique call in this mission. To get involved, let's get to know each other.

COFFEE WITH MARGARET

Have a coffee with Margaret Jakus to discuss where you feel called, and ways to get involved.

Call 604-463-7148 during office hours to arrange a time.



DONATE

Not all of us have tons of time, but we all have talents. If you have been encouraged by the work done here at St. Patrick's and want to see our parish vision come to life, we need your financial support. Giving is necessary for our parish to live out this mission of evangelization and we're greatly appreciative of any support you can give.

ONLINE GIVING



WORSHIP

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday

// Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

// Confession 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm

// No Daily Mass

Sunday

// 9 am, 11:15 am, 4:30 pm

Weekly Schedule & Confessions

See our parish website for updated

Daily Mass times

stpatricksmapleridge.ca/mass

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Thursday // Exposition 5:30 pm

// Benediction 6:20 pm

Adoration Chapel

St. Thomas Chapel is located in the parish office, with an outdoor entrance.

For passcode to the chapel, please call
604 - 463 - 7148

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?

Ever wondered, *is there more to life than this?* Do you have questions about Christianity or who Jesus is?

Try Alpha! See:

stpatricksmapleridge.ca/alpha



CONNECT

stpatricksmapleridge.ca

Our Office

22561 121 Ave, Maple Ridge

604 - 463 - 7148

See our parish website for
updated office hours



Holy Grounds Coffeehouse
is in the parish office building

Tuesdays

// 8:30 am - 4 pm

Come have a coffee with us!



Join our private group to connect
with people in our community!
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