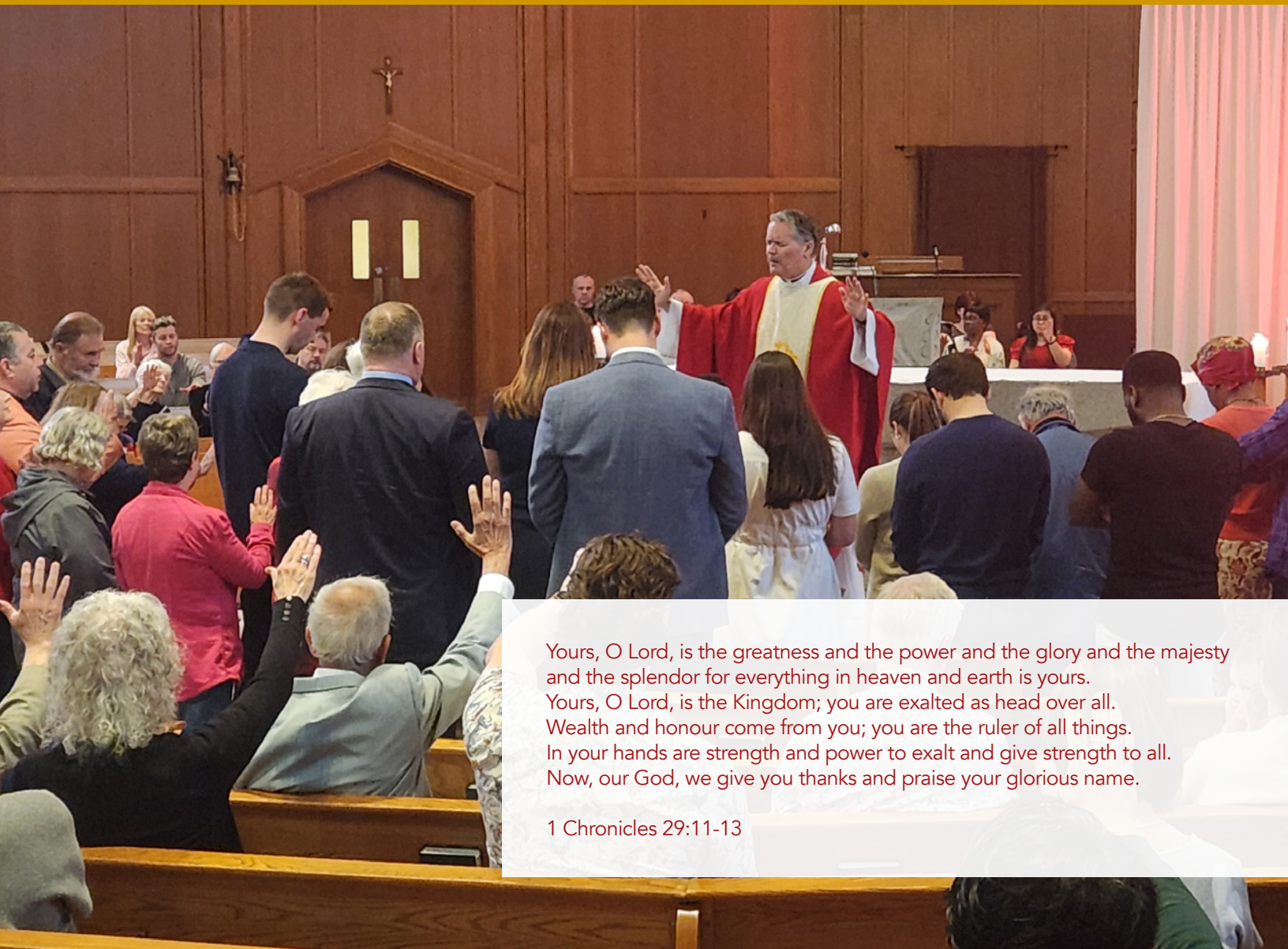


STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE 2026



Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
Yours, O Lord, is the Kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.
Wealth and honour come from you; you are the ruler of all things.
In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.
Now, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name.

1 Chronicles 29:11-13

PARISH PURPOSE:
**To make joyful disciples of Jesus who form a community
that overflows in faith and charity.**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

ST. PETER'S AND ST. ANTHONY'S LOCATIONS

A Letter From Our Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

I am delighted to introduce the 2026 Stewardship Report for Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. It is our earnest desire that every person who considers themselves to be a parishioner will take time with this report so that you can be informed and, hopefully, inspired.

This is far more than an annual financial report as it outlines many of the activities, ministries and spiritual fruitfulness that our giving makes possible. Most memorable for me were the nine adult baptisms that took place at the Easter Vigil this year. In addition to these, eleven other adults have come into the Church this past year. Last year at Pentecost, 128 people came forward at our Masses to testify to the fact that Jesus Christ had transformed their lives over the past several years. Before Christmas this past year, during our Stewardship of Talent event, we received more than 300 new commitments to explore serving in ministry with over 80 of these from parishioners who had never served before. During our Lenten day of reconciliation this year we had the highest number of parishioners celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At one point we had four priests ministering the sacrament at the same time with twenty-eight people waiting. All of these testify to the fact that the Lord is working and moving in our midst, and all of this is tied to the financial offering we make every Sunday, an offering that enables the mission of Jesus to continue in our parish.

So thank you, and let us continue on the path of spiritual renewal so that we can be a truly missionary parish, fulfilling the Great Commission given to us by the Lord, right here in Dartmouth, to “go and make disciples of every nation.” (Mat 28:19)

In Christ,

Fr. James Mallon, Pastor

Fruit of Our Giving - Alpha

We are called to shine light into darkness. That “darkness” can just as easily be parts of myself I’ve ignored.

God reached me powerfully through the Alpha course. It revived my faith and surrounded me with people I hope will remain lifelong friends and my first exposure to the kind of genuine community I could never have seen if I had not shown up at Alpha and made myself available to this new experience.

What I experienced in Alpha made the next step feel obvious. Continuing into OCIA revealed itself as the natural way to let those beginnings take root. That OCIA wasn’t simply a qualifying credential to gain. That I had been too preoccupied with where I didn’t belong I had blinded myself to the place He was making for me here.

Along the way, I discovered a rhythm of “on-site” involvement in the church that I genuinely value: Volunteering with Alpha has become a meaningful way to give back, and participating in OCIA is shaping my future Catholic life.

These two commitments have created a healthy social balance that continues to widen my circle and reveal new ways to serve. Recently, that’s meant joining the hospitality ministry and attending my first JAM sessions.

To see God’s plan for me, I had to move from contemplation into action. Even if that meant trying something new. What I never expected—until I saw it unfold in my own life—is that His plan isn’t just a final destination. It includes the patience and compassion to lead me from where I was to where He is guiding me.

- CHRIS

Pastoral Priorities and Goals for 2026

In the Fall of 2023 our parish pastoral council completed a two-year process of pastoral planning. This process led us to identify four priorities per year of a five-year period. In 2025, we took stock and refreshed our pastoral plan. Our 2026 priorities are:

Ministry Onboarding:

Have a clear process by which people are onboarded to serve meaningfully in our parish.

Hospitality:

Effectively welcome and invite people to participate more fully in parish life, including follow up which does not allow anyone to slip through the cracks.

Forming Small Groups:

Create and develop small groups within the parish so that participation is the norm and people are known and cared for by name.

Fruit of Our Giving

Before Alpha, I never stopped to think about my own faith, it is just a part of who I am. If asked about my religion I always reply I'm a Catholic. It seemed simple and natural to me. So when I heard about Alpha I thought it might be interesting, it was only one night a week, so I signed up.

What I enjoyed most about Alpha was the small group discussions. I met people with different backgrounds and levels of faith. Together we created a safe space to talk about all things regarding faith.

There were many questions asked about faith that I took for granted, things I assumed people just knew. There was something heartwarming about discussing these things with them. It made me more devoted to my own beliefs.

Some people spend their entire lives looking for answers. Through Alpha, I learned that I needed to find questions.

Leadership Development:

Ensure leaders are well-equipped and informed, and supported in their leadership.

How this aligns with the pastoral priorities of the Archdiocese:

- **Evangelization:** By effectively welcoming and inviting people to participate more fully in parish life, we seek to bring more people into a relationship with Jesus. This will primarily be accomplished by inviting people to Alpha, which is our primary evangelization tool. We also aim to have small groups which are outward facing and invitational, seeking to invite others to experience Jesus in Christian community.
- **Catechesis:** By ensuring our ministry leaders are well-equipped and informed, we seek to help guide people deeper into intentional discipleship. We also aim to have catechetical small groups where committed disciples are able to grow in Christ. By effectively welcoming and inviting people to go deeper, we allow each parishioner the opportunity to grow in discipleship.
- **Social Justice:** Ensuring a robust onboarding process and informed leadership are paramount to the success of our social justice ministries. We celebrated a meaningful Jubilee of Social Justice and our ministry fair attracted 56 commitments to serve in outreach ministries. We want to ensure that every one of those commitments are honoured with an invitation to meaningfully serve the poor and marginalized in our community.
- **Liturgy:** This Advent, we celebrated a meaningful Jubilee of Liturgy and have been preaching a four week series on the Liturgy. Our hospitality ministry centers around our Sunday liturgies, where we have been averaging over 800 people per weekend. We had 150 people volunteer for different liturgical ministries and we want to ensure that every one of those commitments are honoured with an invitation to meaningfully serve on Sundays. We also want to create more opportunities for people to encounter Jesus at our second location at Saint Anthony by offering more chances to worship.

- KRISTA GALIC

2025 Year-end Report

	2025	2024
REVENUE		
Sunday collections	\$544,067	\$511,978
Other collections	\$36,408	\$21,785
Bequests, grants, donations, fundraising	\$156,865	\$254,826
Interest	\$133,797	\$205,158
Ministry	\$22,173	\$15,495
Rental income and room & board	\$188,789	\$153,328
Other revenue	\$12,558	\$16,812
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,094,657	\$1,179,382

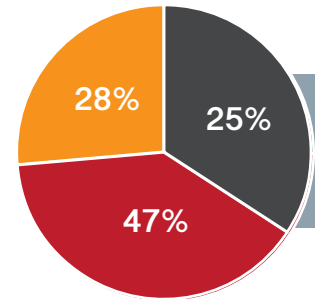
EXPENSES		
Pastoral	\$277,338	\$353,683
Building*	\$506,767	\$479,964
Administration	\$300,078	\$299,061
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,084,183	\$1,132,708

NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$10,474	\$46,674
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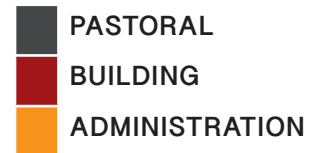
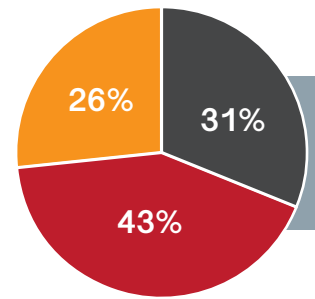
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PARISH EXPENSES

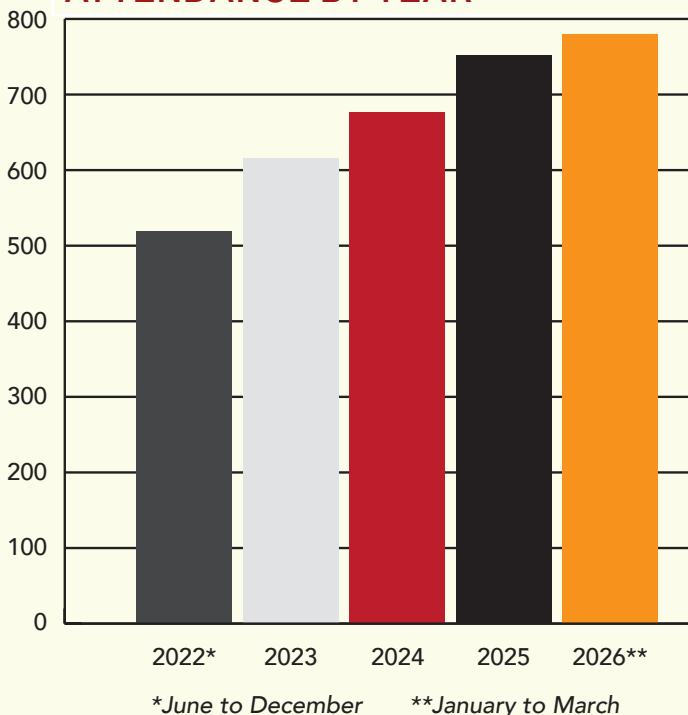
2025 ACTUAL



2024 ACTUAL



AVERAGE WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE BY YEAR



EXTRAORDINARY FUNDS RECEIVED

Grants

Community Housing	\$35,000	Pre-development work at St. Anthony's
Federal/Provincial Gov't	\$8,600	Student funding

Stock Donations

Parishioner	\$25,000	2025 Outreach
Parishioner	\$50,000	2025 Outreach
Parishioner	\$54,743	2025 Bldg for Future

Other

Divine Renovation	\$50,000	
Other	\$25,000	2025 Bldg for Future
Other	\$25,000	2025 Bldg for Future

TOTAL	\$273,343	
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Sunday Collections

Month	2025	2024	Variance
January	\$40,130	\$41,445	-\$1,315
February	\$35,629	\$36,403	-\$774
March	\$46,432	\$41,532	\$4,900
April	\$44,279	\$40,512	\$3,767
May	\$41,688	\$36,566	\$5,122
June	\$48,296	\$39,575	\$8,721
July	\$42,308	\$45,106	-\$2,798
August	\$45,513	\$41,605	\$3,908
September	\$43,810	\$40,696	\$3,114
October	\$41,035	\$38,721	\$2,314
November	\$49,009	\$44,107	\$4,902
December	\$65,938	\$65,710	\$228
Total	\$544,067	\$511,978	\$32,089

Special Collections

AMOUNTS COLLECTED IN 2025

Our Lady Food Pantry	\$11,566
Good Friday/Holy Lands	\$1,140
Pro-Life	\$2,316
Development & Peace	\$2,362
Papal Charities	\$2,349
TOTAL	\$19,733

Note: All funds received are given to the respective charities or remitted to the Archdiocese

2025 Program Participants

Programming	Leaders	Served
Catechetical	8	59
Adult Faith Formation	39	175
OCIA	3	5
Marriage Prep	2	12
Youth	7	45

Regular Giving

The chart below may assist you, along with your prayerful consideration, as to the amount of your regular Sunday offering:

To calculate what you would like to give based on your annual household income, please complete the chart below:

Annual Household Income	Percentage You Wish to Give	/52	Weekly Offering
\$	%	\$	\$

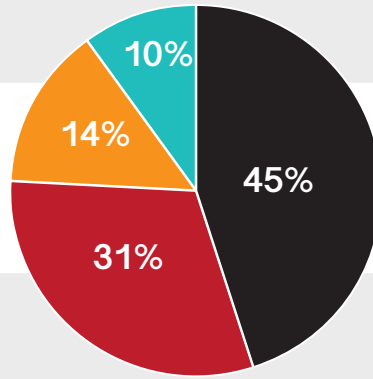
INCOME VS. PROPORTIONAL GIVING

Suggested Weekly Gift to Parish (rounded nearest \$ amount)

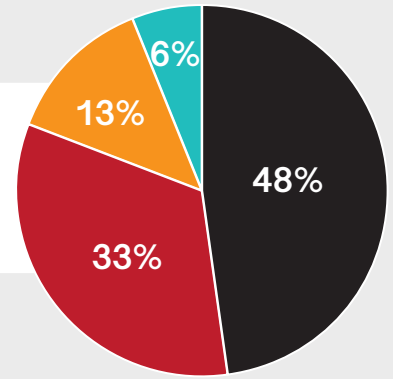
Annual Household Income	1%	5%	10%
\$20,000	\$4	\$20	\$40
\$25,000	\$5	\$25	\$50
\$30,000	\$6	\$30	\$60
\$35,000	\$7	\$35	\$70
\$40,000	\$8	\$40	\$80
\$50,000	\$10	\$50	\$100
\$60,000	\$12	\$60	\$120
\$70,000	\$14	\$70	\$140
\$80,000	\$16	\$80	\$160
\$90,000	\$18	\$90	\$180
\$100,000	\$20	\$100	\$200
\$120,000	\$23	\$115	\$230
\$150,000	\$29	\$145	\$290



Ways to Share Your Treasure



2025 ACTUAL



2026 GOAL

LOOSE CASH

No matter how you give to our parish, we are so grateful for your contributions. If you give to our parish with loose change, though, did you know that you could get a tax receipt at the end of the year? That means that by simply giving with Pre-authorized Giving (P.A.G.) or envelopes instead of loose change, you can get deductions on your income tax at the end of the year, which puts more money back in your pocket, even if you give the same amount. This year may be the right time to change how you give!

If you are currently giving using e-Transfers, it's worth considering a move to P.A.G. Unlike e-Transfers, which have to be manually processed by our finance team each week, P.A.G. allows for a recurring donation to be automatically deducted from your bank account each month. This saves time and reduces administrative costs for the church, allowing the finance team to focus on other important tasks. So if you regularly give with e-Transfers, consider making the switch to P.A.G. to simplify your donations and continue to support our mission.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

There is no wrong way to give to the parish, but there is one way that might be the best: Pre-authorized Giving (P.A.G.). It is a safe, secure process for automatic withdrawals from your bank, and it gives you the flexibility of choosing weekly, bi-weekly or monthly donations. The consistency of P.A.G. is incredibly helpful when it comes to budgeting for the parish; just like your personal budget, it's much easier to manage your finances when you know how much is coming into your account on a consistent basis.

Setting it up is simple: you fill out the P.A.G. form, send it in with a void cheque, and it's all done. You can change the amount you give at any time by emailing finance@ourladyofguadalupe.ca, no questions asked.

All of our P.A.G. transactions are managed by RBC, which means we're protected by their security features, and the system we use greatly reduces the amount of time spent handling transactions, especially compared to giving with envelopes or e-Transfers. There's also less room for error with year-end tax receipts, as P.A.G. transactions are automatically posted to your account, whereas other forms of giving require manual posting.

If you move from giving with an envelope to P.A.G., you can help reduce the cost of printing envelopes, not to mention the environmental cost of printing that many envelopes.

Unlike giving online with a credit card, with P.A.G. there are much lower transaction fees. We currently pay 3% on all online credit card transactions. 3% may not sound like much, but over the course of a year, it makes a real difference in what we can invest in our mission.

Please consider using P.A.G. for your regular Sunday offering, with the form attached, or via our website below.



To sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) visit:
www.ourladyofguadalupe.ca/donate



LEGACY GIVING

To set up a Legacy Gift, simply name Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish as your beneficiary. Please contact our office for additional information if you would like to arrange for Legacy Giving.

NON-CASH GIFTS

Did you know that you can donate non-cash gifts? You can donate marketable securities such as stocks, bonds or mutual funds. You can also give other non-cash gifts or include Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in your estate planning.

MARKETABLE SECURITIES – TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF STOCKS, BONDS, OR MUTUAL FUND SHARES

You receive a tax deduction for the full market value of the securities you transfer. In addition you pay no capital gains tax which is a win-win for everyone.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM

Matching gifts are when companies match donations that their employees make to charities. When an employee makes a charitable donation, they'll request a matching gift from their employer, who then makes their own donation. Companies usually make a donation on a 1:1 ratio, but some will double, triple, or even quadruple your donation.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of these ways to give please contact Chris Yetman directly at finance@ourladyofguadalupe.ca.

E-TRANSFERS

Giving by e-transfer is a safe, convenient, and easy way to share your treasure. You can do an e-transfer without the need for either a credit or debit card. The parish bank account is set up to automatically deposit all e-transfers received from major financial institutions which means no security question is necessary. You can also set up recurring transfers which means you do it once and then don't have to worry about it after that. To use e-transfers please use the following email address: finance@ourladyofguadalupe.ca

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For more information on any form of Giving mentioned here please call the parish office or contact Chris Yetman at: finance@ourladyofguadalupe.ca

ONLINE GIVING

Three Reasons to Consider Giving Your Treasure Online

1. It's a good back-up for forgetting. Most of us have been there one time or another: The collection basket comes your way, and you realize that you left your envelope on the kitchen table. Our online giving system allows you to give on our website, which you can pull up on your phone right where you're sitting. Just like giving with Automatic Giving or envelopes, you will receive a tax receipt at year end.

2. It's safe. Just like you trust P.A.G., or the collection basket, you can trust our online giving system. The system we use to accept online gifts is run by Stripe, who also handles transactions for Amazon, Google, and Expedia. Stripe is regularly audited and currently has the most stringent level of certification available in the payments industry.

3. It's convenient. Giving online is hard to beat for convenience, for the same reason why millions and millions of people now shop, order food, and watch movies online.





First Parish Ministry Fair

In the Fall of last year the parish held what is likely the largest call to ministry in its history, with the launch of our ministry booklet and fair. To help familiarize parishioners with the campaign we had a 4 week preaching series focused on ministry. We launched the ministry booklet on the weekend of November 1st-2nd, and held our ministry fair (with over 35 booths) after each Mass on November 8th & 9th. Commitment Sunday was the final weekend of the preaching series (November 15-16). We invited every parishioner to fill out a commitment card, offering to try up to 3 different ministries that might interest them. We had 300 people fill out commitment cards, including over 80 people who had never served in any time of ministry before, whether at this parish or a previous parish. That is amazing!! The percentage of parishioners involved in ministry is a sign of the health of a parish, and we consider this first effort a huge success!



Vacation Bible School - July 14-18th 2025

In July 2025, OLG hosted its first Vacation Bible School (VBS), a week-long summer program for children centered on growing closer to Jesus, building friendships, and having fun. Through music, Bible lessons, games, and crafts, a dedicated team of volunteers helped children learn to trust in God and deepen their faith.

The week was filled with laughter, delicious snacks, and meaningful moments of growth as participants discovered more about Jesus' love and the good plans He has for their lives. VBS provided a wonderful opportunity for children to explore their faith while building a sense of community with their peers.

It also offered teens and adults a rewarding way to serve, making a direct and lasting impact on the lives of children in our parish and the wider community. Being part of this experience was a true joy, and we are all looking forward to this summer's program, scheduled for mid-August.

"Having younger kids see the big kids talking and singing about Jesus being a part of their lives while actually enjoying themselves made my kids so excited about Jesus and our faith. We'll definitely be signing up again next time!"

"Our kids had an amazing time at the vacation bible school! Even though it was half days, they came home every afternoon with lots of stories and completely exhausted. They loved making new friends which has helped us meet more people in the parish!"

"We're so grateful for how organized, welcoming, and caring the vacation bible school team was. The leaders kept the kids moving so it was a very active morning while at the same time creating a space where kids can grow in faith and friendship."

- Maria Worthen



Archdiocesan Assessment

The Diocesan assessment is a monthly payment by each parish to the Archdiocese which enables an equitable sharing of the resources of the Archdiocese among all of its members. It is calculated based on the parish's previous years "net assessable revenue" which is income less certain allowable deductions.

Year	Total Paid Per Year
2022	\$99,951
2023	\$105,384
2024	\$102,960
2025	\$104,571

Funds on Deposit with Diocese

It is common practice for parishes that through the years have accumulated excess funds in their operating bank account to put them on deposit with the diocese. These funds accrue interest at a very competitive rate and are accessible at any time should they be needed for parish operations. As of December 31, 2025 our funds on deposit are as follows:

PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF PROPERTY	\$3,492,102	Restricted for non-operational costs
GENERAL FUND	\$30,574	Unrestricted
TOTAL	\$3,522,676	

Building for the Future



St. Peter site

We have now subdivided the property into three lots; one with the church, rectory and parish centre on it, one with Churchill Academy on it, and the third that is vacant land along the back of the property.

Throughout the spring of 2025 we continued renewal work, drafting contract documents for hiring a design team and demolition of Crichton Centre. Pinchin carried out the hazardous material survey of Crichton Centre in the spring. Following a competitive tendering process, we were ready for Dexter Construction to do the demolition work during the summer. They carried out the work with a few minor hiccups and by early September we were able to use the newly gravelled parking lot!

Our Request for Proposal process for hiring an architectural and engineering team, resulted in a team led by ZZAP. During the fall they reviewed the parish requirements and started work on new concept design. Work continues on refining that concept to align with funding and code requirements. The bell tower is part of the scope of this contract.

Preliminary work for design support, including 3D imaging, geotechnical investigation and hazardous material study have been completed.

St. Anthony site

While we continue to work on the early preliminary renewal work at St. Anthony's we are maintaining the site and working with partners at the church, hall and House of Hope.

Grant funding was received to complete a survey, geotechnical investigation and zoning work that are required to advance redevelopment work.



Tax Benefits

Come tax time, our government recognizes the value of donating financially to a church and provides some tax relief to those who do so. Whem you give in a way that the parish can track, such as Automatic Giving, E-Transfers, or by credit card, you will receive a receipt for your annual total. You can then use this when filing your income tax return and have your tax burden reduced or perhaps receive a refund on taxes paid throughout the year. This chart shows the practical effect of this:

Donation	\$500	\$1000	\$1500	\$2000	\$3000
Tax Savings	\$198	\$448	\$698	\$948	\$1448
Tax Savings as % of Donations	39.6%	44.8%	46.5%	47.4%	48.3%
Actual Cost of Donation	\$302	\$552	\$802	\$1052	\$1552

Chapel Renewal at St. Anthony's

Following some remedial work to address moisture in the St. Anthony church building, the parish was able to get funding through Efficiency Nova Scotia that covered most costs to install nine heat pumps in the building. These units help manage humidity and air quality, as well as being more efficient and environmentally friendly than the oil heating system.

We were also able to refresh the chapel thanks to donations from parishioners. The space was updated with painting, a new (to us) crucifix, adjustment of the layout of the altar platform and pews. Finishing touches were installation of the original icons near the tabernacle and refurbishing of some of the altar chairs.

The chapel is now a welcoming, yet intimate space for worship.



New Partnership at St. Anthony's Hall and House of Hope

In 2025 we formed a new partnership with Souls Harbour Rescue Mission at St. Anthony's. The House of Hope, the former rectory, provides transition housing for men recovering from addiction. Souls Harbour Rescue Mission is now managing the house, including providing support to the residents. At the hall the kitchen SHRM envisioned running drop-in hot lunch program, like other locations they operate. In order to do this, the kitchen needed an upgrade, which was completed through the combined efforts of OLG and SHRM. The drop-in program now runs Monday, Tuesday and Friday, serving 70 hot meals with an opportunity for faith exploration and companionship.



Fruit of Our Giving - Souls Harbour at St. Anthony's site

The partnership between Souls Harbour Rescue Mission and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish has been a powerful testament to what can happen when compassion and community come together in service of others.

Through the generosity of the parish, SHRM has been able to offer a daily meal drop-in program that feeds hundreds each week. More than just meeting physical needs, this space has become a place of connection, dignity, and belonging for many who often feel unseen. It has truly become a hub where community is rebuilt one relationship at a time.

Equally impactful has been the opportunity to operate the House of Hope men's transitional program within the parish. Men graduating from recovery are given more than just a place to stay—they are welcomed into an environment of support, encouragement, and faith. Here, they are able to begin again, laying a strong foundation for a renewed and purposeful life.

This partnership has already transformed many lives. Men have found hope, stability, and a path forward, while the wider community has witnessed the tangible impact of faith in action. Together, SHRM and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish are not only meeting immediate needs but helping to restore lives and build a stronger, more compassionate community.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Year Ending December 31, 2025 Actuals vs Budget along with 2026 Budget amounts

Revenue/Expenses	2025 Actuals	2025 Budget	Variance	2026 Budget	% of Total 2026 Budget
REVENUE					
Ordinary (Sunday Collections)	\$544,067	\$533,500	\$10,567	\$553,600	47%
Extraordinary (Christmas & Easter Collections, Diocesan Rebates, Outreach Donations, Bequests, Grants, Clergy Rent, Family Faith Formation, Parish Mission donations, Programs, Alpha donations, Interest on Deposit etc)	\$550,590	\$512,200	\$38,390	\$618,175	53%
Total Revenue	\$1,094,657	\$1,045,700	\$48,957	\$1,171,775	100%
EXPENSES (Explanatory Notes Below)					
Buildings (1)	\$506,767	\$398,308	\$108,459	\$496,184	41%
Worship, Clergy, Liturgical (2)	\$144,093	\$137,660	\$6,433	\$143,600	12%
Administration (3)	\$192,379	\$153,367	\$39,012	\$252,295	21%
Diocesan Assessment	\$104,571	\$110,000	\$(5,429)	\$105,000	9%
Formation & Evangelization (4)	\$94,307	\$110,047	\$(15,740)	\$172,595	14%
Outreach (5)	\$40,502	\$72,484	\$(31,982)	\$44,725	4%
Communications (6)	\$1,564	\$52,560	\$(50,996)	\$6,495	1%
Total Expenses	\$1,084,183	\$1,034,426	\$49,757	\$1,220,894	100%
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$10,474	\$11,274	\$(800)	\$(49,119)	
Add: Capital Project Expenses	\$698,284	\$280,000	\$418,284	\$532,000	
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$(687,810)	\$(268,726)	\$(419,084)	\$(581,119)	

NOTES TO 2025 RESULTS

- Total Revenue is \$48,957 more than expected due to higher than budgeted Sunday Collections & higher lease income
- Total Expenses, before Capital Costs, are \$49,757 more than expected due mostly to increased building maintenance costs
- Expense Actuals vs Budget for Administration & Communications vary due to a reallocation of expenses to different budget categories

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON EXPENSE CATEGORIES

1. Includes all costs associated with maintenance of the churches, halls, & residences such as repairs & maintenance, equipment, snow removal, landscaping, taxes, utilities, insurance, cleaners & supplies, etc. Does not include Capital Project costs
2. Includes all costs such as clergy, respective staff salaries, candles, sacristy supplies, music, mass wine and altar breads, flowers, missals, etc
3. Includes all costs associated with the administration of the parish such as respective staff salaries, benefits for all staff, office supplies, printing & stationery supplies, photocopying, postage, offertory envelopes, office telephone & internet, police checks, banking charges, database fees, etc.
4. Includes all costs associated with Alpha, Faith Formation, Sacraments, Youth Ministry, parish mission, including respective staff salaries, etc.
5. Includes all costs related to our entire Outreach ministry supporting those in need.
6. Includes all costs such as livestream, various licensing fees etc.

Stewardship Prayer

Lord God, You alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of every human life. We praise You and thank You for Your great power and Your tender, faithful love. Everything we are and everything we have is Your gift, and after having created us, You have given us into the keeping of Your son, Jesus Christ. We pray that through the Holy Spirit we may be bonded together into a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people. Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in His Spirit we may be bonded together into a community of faithful, caring people. In the name and spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, talent and our material gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**