



I've had a few people say to me, "It's too bad your starting out your priesthood with all this COVID stuff going on." Well, yes and no. Yes, it's too bad we're all facing these challenging times and finding ourselves restricted on things we can do and people we can see. But when it comes to the priesthood, I'm actually not bothered by where I find myself as a new priest in the middle of a pandemic. I have to believe that the good Lord not only called me to be a priest but called me to be a priest here and now, in the midst of a pandemic. Sure, all these restrictions have placed some unique challenges on my priesthood so far, but there has certainly has also been some blessings.

In terms of unique challenges, I think the most difficult would be getting to know you my parishioners. It's drilled in us at seminary that as a new priest in a parish your first job is to get to know your parishioners. It makes this very difficult to get to know you when we can't have any functions like a pancake breakfast or something where we could mingle and get to know one another. That being said, I have met many of you and I am please to say that I've gotten to know a few of you fairly well. And this is important because it helps me in my ministry and in my preaching.

Another way that I would say that I've gotten to know some of you is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Of course, I don't make any use of what I hear in confession, but it does help me in getting to know some of the particular challenges we are facing in our lives. I find celebrating this sacrament opens my heart and increases my love for you and my love for my priesthood. There's certainly been some beautiful moments in the first couple months of priesthood at St. Charles. First of all, the Church building itself is beautiful! I love all the stained-glass work. Especially the 'Christ the King' window above the main doors and the windows in the confessional. As I mentioned, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is blessed area of my ministry here that I've really seen God at work in our lives and it fills me full of hope and joy. I've also had the opportunity to celebrate many first communions and be involved in the RCIA. It's so beautiful to see people coming into the Church and growing in their love for God even amongst this pandemic.

I wish to end this by expressing my hope and prayer for these times. First is, that this COVID pandemic ends soon! And that soon we'll find ourselves again with a full church, handshakes and hugs. I also pray that we be not afraid. There is a difference between taking reasonable precautions to mitigate a risk and being afraid. Fear paralyzes, it traps us, and I think I can safely say that all of us have experienced this in some way or another during these times. I just pray that we can work through these difficult times, find the hope in them, and not find ourselves paralyzed or trapped in them. May God bless you all. I'm praying for you.

Fr. JD

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

REGISTRATION . . .
for the Sacraments of
First Reconciliation and
First Eucharist will begin soon.
There will be more information
in next weeks bulletin.

Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Baptism of Adults:

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) provides an opportunity for adults thinking of joining the Church to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Meetings are held weekly from September to May. During this time, inquirers are given the opportunity to discern if they wish to become members of the Catholic Church. Interested persons are asked to contact Linda at the Parish office, 456-5399, to schedule an appointment before starting the process.

DONATION OPTIONS: **E-TRANSFER**

Parishioners can set up an e-transfer using the Parish office email:
office@saint-charles.com
 Please include your name, address, donation amount and instructions as to where you are directing the funds.

DONATE BUTTON

On our website,
www.saint-charles.com
 we have a donate button should you wish to make your Sunday contribution this way.
 In this case, your tax receipt will be issued from Canada Helps.

Ministry Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer for any of the ministries listed below, please call the Parish office:

- ◇ Lector
- ◇ Point of Entry (prior to Mass)
- ◇ Usher
- ◇ Cleaning Team (after Mass is finished)

Sacrament of the Sick

If you required the Sacrament of the Sick after regular office hours, please contact Fr. Marc or Fr. JD at our emergency number 780-907-7964

UPDATED MASK INFORMATION

It is now necessary to wear a mask as soon as you enter the Church and also throughout Mass.

Register for Mass

It is still necessary to register for Saturday/Sunday Masses every week. Please call or email the office during office hours: Tuesday-Friday before 4pm to register. Phone: 780-456-5399
 Email: Pat.Palichuk@caedm.ca

Taking Care of Our Spiritual Home **During Covid-19**

Thank You for your continued financial support during these unprecedented times. Financial Summary from April-August end:

Total Donations: Down 31.5% or approximately 81,000 vs same period last year.

Total Expenses: Down 4.7% vs same period last year (includes monthly loan payment to Archdiocese for roof repair)
 Bottom line: Shortfall for April to end of August is \$48,406

Please Remember To Pray For The Sick

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 Jodi Witman
 Rosalina Carandang
 Elsie Petley
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 Mary Ziska
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