



ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
144 HURON ST.
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NEWSLETTER
MAY 2019

ALL THINGS OBEY MONEY*

Dear Parishioners,

Problem

Our financial situation is not good. We borrowed approximately \$750,000 to buy our beautiful new church in 2016 and then to make the necessary repairs - especially on the new roof. We are paying this back at the rate of \$4,000 per month including interest. In addition to that we have utilities, consumables, general church upkeep, snow removal, liturgical supplies, maintenance and gas for the priests' cars, insurance and unfortunate once-off expenses such as the new water heater last month. Our situation is so tight that recently, we had to borrow money (wait for it...) from OLMC Academy - itself, hardly a land of riches! Time was that the Parish would subsidise the Academy - but since our new purchase - this has not really been possible even though it is quite normal that the parish support the school that educates our parishioners.

When we were going to buy the church, you - very generously - said that you would contribute about \$4,000 a month (on top of regular collections which covered other expenses) just to buy the new church. This - for undoubtedly good reasons - has dwindled to between \$1,500 and \$2,500 a month, and the cost of upkeep in this new property separate from the Academy has increased. I know your generosity both in time and in money and so, I am in no way suggesting any lack of generosity, but we must do more.

What to do?

Each of us must do more than just follow the law of the Church. The ☞

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PURITY OF BODY, SOUL AND HEART.

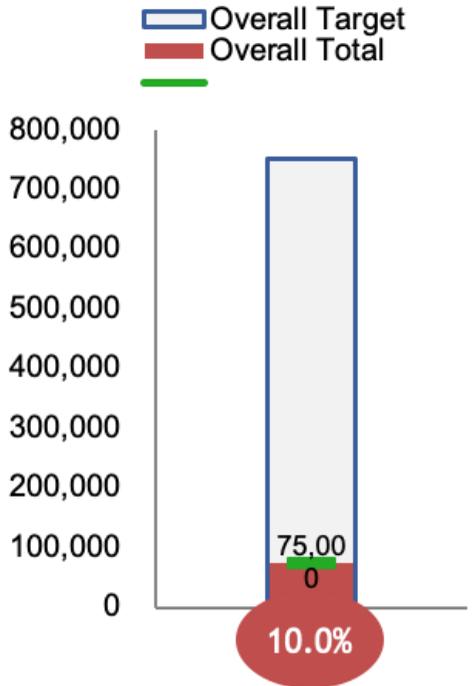
precept of the Church is “to contribute to the support of the pastors.” St. Paul justifies it by appealing to the new law “the labourer is worthy of his hire” and to the old law “thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treads the corn.” The priests should be accommodated, clothed and fed (decently - not excessively) by the parish. In our parish, we don’t really do that as the priests are housed and fed by OLMCA.

But the support of the pastors also means the material needs of the church and parish itself. Just as we are obliged to pay taxes to the civil power for the common good, so also we are obliged to pay a sort of tax to the Church. It is not an optional contribution but a duty binding in conscience. Now, whereas the State doesn’t take any chances and makes absolutely certain that it gets its first round of taxation, and its second round of taxation, and possibly comes back for a third, and we all pay these taxes under threat of punishment; the Church simply imposes the duty in conscience and threatens no punishment. But it is a duty - and one that you already acquit yourselves of.

How much should I pay? The average Canadian pays 42.5% of his income in tax. Which means that the first four and a quarter hours of your day are spent working for the government. The Church asks for a minimum of one hour a week. If you earn the minimum wage of \$15 an hour, the very minimum to contribute in conscience is \$15 in the Offertory collection. If you are not doing more than the minimum, can you - even at the cost of sacrifice - do more? The reason we have a church is because so many of you do more than the minimum already. I am appealing once again to your generosity. May God bless you for it.

Fr. David Sherry.

Loan Repayment



Repayment of Loan Capital at April 2019

Reminders for the good order around the church:

- Please do not park at TD Bank on any day of the week except Sunday.
 - Please do not block the fire route around the church. Do not park between the church and the house.
 - **Do not block the access to our neighbour's back garden.**
 - Leave the parking spaces behind the church for the aged and lame.
 - Please control your children after Mass and do not let them trespass on our neighbour's property.
 - Please leave the vestibule area during Mass for parents with very young children.
- Thank you for your understanding!

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 5th	After 10am Mass	May Crowning & Procession	St. Peter's
	After Procession	Sodality of the BVM	Downstairs
May 12th	After 10am Mass	Mothers' Day Brunch	Hall
May 19th	10am	First Holy Communion	St. Peter's
	2pm	Talent Quest!	OLMC Academy
May 26th	After 10am Mass	Adult Catechism	Church Hall
		Eucharistic Crusade	Downstairs
June 16th	2pm	Annual Academy v. Parish soccer game	OLMC Academy
June 19th	8:30am	OLMCA Graduation	St. Peter's, then OLMC Academy
June 20th	10am	Corpus Christi Mass and Procession	St. Peter's
June 23rd	11am	Corpus Christi Mass and Procession	St. Catharine's

Date	St. Peter's	OLMC	Notes
Apr 28	7:30am & 10am	-	Low Sunday
29	-	11:10am	
30	-	11:10am	
May 1	-	10:30am Sung Mass	St. Joseph the Worker
2	-	11:10am	
3	6:30pm followed by Holy Hour	-	First Friday
4	8am followed by Rosary & Benediction	-	First Saturday
5	7:30am & 10am	5pm Vespers & Benediction	II after Easter
6	8am	11:10am	
7	8am	11:10am	
8	8am	11:10am	
9	-	-	
10	6:30pm	-	
11	8am	8am	Sts. Philip & James, Apostles
12	7:30am & 10am	5pm Vespers & Benediction	III after Easter
13	8am	11:10am	
14	8am	11:10am	
15	8am	11:10am	
16	8am	11:10am	
17	-	6:30am	
18	-	-	
19	7:30am & 10am	-	IV after Easter
20	-	-	
21	8am	11:10am	
22	8am	11:10am	
23	8am	11:10am	
24	6:30pm	6:30am	
25	11am Nuptial Mass	8am	
26	7:30am & 10am	5pm Vespers & Benediction	V after Easter
27	8am	11:10am; 5:30pm Minor Litanies & Procession	Rogations
28	8am	11:10am; 5:30pm Minor Litanies & Procession	Rogations
29	8am	11:10am; 5:30pm Minor Litanies & Procession	Rogations
30	10am & 6:30pm	5pm Vespers & Benediction	Ascension
31	6:30pm	6:30am	Queenship of the BVM