

Ministries and Organizations

Without scores of dedicated volunteers, the Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater would not be able to serve our community with the following ministries:

Liturgical Ministries

Acolytes
Altar Care
Altar Servers
Church Cleaners
Floral Volunteers
Lectors
Sacristans
Ushers

Prayer

Alliance of the Two Hearts
Bible Studies
Daily Rosary
Eucharistic Adoration
Men’s Prayer Group
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
Marian Pro-Life Prayer Group

Administrative

Catechists
Cemetery Committee
Cemetery Volunteers
Facilities Volunteers
Faith Formation Volunteers
Finance Commission
Money Counters
Cemetery Sexton
Parish Commission for Vietnamese Affairs

Outreach

Communion to the Homebound
Funeral Receptions
St. Vincent de Paul

Organizations

Columbia River Serra
Historical Society
Knights of Columbus



Special Collections

Throughout the year, in addition to our Sunday Offertory, parishioners have generously supported the following special collections that minister far beyond our parish boundaries.

Annual Catholic Appeal

2023 rebate received \$xx

2022 rebate received \$23,154.77

Peter’s Pence

2024: \$1,013

2023: \$3,610 (300%+ 11.5% ↑)

Catholic Campaign/Human Development

2024: \$xx

2023: \$2,280 (18.2% ↑)

World Mission

2023: \$3268.60

2022: \$4,020 (17.5% ↑)

Catholic Communications

2024: \$xx

2023: \$308 (62.4%)

Catholic Home Missions

2024: \$xxx

2023: \$3,121

Catholic Relief Services / Rice Bowl

2024: \$xxx

2023: \$3,442 for CRS

\$xxx for Rice Bowl

St. Vincent de Paul

2023: \$xx

2022: \$23,136 (37.5% ↑)

(These amounts do not include donations sent directly to SVDP by Proto-Cathedral parishioners)

Annual Renewal of Treasure

\$424,951 pledged for 2023 (37% ↑)

\$309,943 pledged for 2022

\$325,260 collected in 2022 (several households paid more than pledged; \$31,710 pledges were not paid)

Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery, formerly known as St. James Acre, was established in 1871. It is the final resting place for Mother Joseph and over 165 Sisters of Providence, who were instrumental in the formation of the Catholic faith in the Pacific Northwest. The cemetery serves all Catholics regardless of their parish affiliation.

In fiscal year 2023/2024, XX burials took place at the cemetery: XX full body and XX burials of cremated mortal remains. In-ground (full body and cremated mortal remains) and above ground (cremated mortal remains only) options are available. Two new, above ground columbaria were installed in August, 2022. An above full body crypt dating to the early 1900’s required extensive attention in fall which totaled over \$13,000.00. Associated Catholic Cemeteries and St. Joseph Parish contributed toward this expense.

Rules and Regulations were formally adopted in June, 2005, that provide the framework for managing the cemetery. A cemetery committee comprised of representation from the Proto-Cathedral, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Joseph and Holy Redeemer parishes meets semi-annually to provide further guidance in this important ministry.

For information about Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery, please contact the parish office at 360.693.3052 or admin@protocathedral.org .

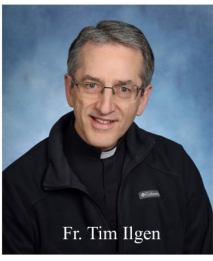


THE PROTO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. JAMES THE GREATER

Annual Report

Lord, what do you want me to do with the gifts you have given to me?

Dear Parishioners of the Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater,



Fr. Tim Ilgen

Isaiah 52:7 reads, “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!” “ God must reign in any parish and the values of heaven must prevail in all that we do. A parish is not just a business of tracking profit and loss, it must also be a place where money is used to promote the kingdom here on earth.

As with any parish there are standard upkeep items and staff to provide for day-to-day operations. This past year monthly bills have been what you might expect for a parish plant this size.

With Covid mostly in our rearview windows, we hope for a more normal way of life. People who have been away from work may get the chance to return and feel part of the labor force contributing to the wellbeing of the country.

Our big project at the Proto-Cathedral is the construction of restrooms and sidewalk improvements to ease handicapped entry. It seems as if we have moved at a snail’s pace but I do expect we will achieve our goals. My Dad used to say, “Take a step each day and before you know it, the project will come to a conclusion.”

I express gratitude for your on-going generosity and great good-will. May God be in your corner as you finish out 2023 and start 2024 strong.

Fr. Martin Bourke

Blessings - Fr. Martin Bourke

(Pictured from left, Bishop A. M. A. Blanchet, Archbishop F. Norbert Blanchet, and Bishop Modeste Demers.)



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July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

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Check out our numbers!

- 578 Registered households
- 1302 Registered souls
- newly registered households
- Infant/Youth baptisms
- Professions of Faith
- First Communicants
- Confirmations
- 8 Marriages
- 111 Anointings
- 55 Funerals and/or Burials
- Average Sunday Mass attendance per weekend
- 525+ Masses celebrated in our church each year
- Over 3400 hours devoted to Eucharistic Adoration
- 31 children in Faith Formation, Preschool-grade 5
- 14 youth in grades 6-12
- individuals volunteering in liturgical ministries
- contributors to the Sunday offertory



View from the choir loft in 1925

“If every human being possesses an inalienable dignity, if all people are my brothers and sisters, and if the world truly belongs to everyone, then it matters little whether my neighbor was born in my country or elsewhere.”

Pope Francis
Fratelli Tutti



2022/2023 Highlights

- New faces joined the parish staff in January: James Bartel took on the role of Pastoral Assistant for Music, Maria Lee stepped in as Stewardship Assistant, and Patricia Smith now mans the desk as our Administrative Assistant. Each brought a wealth of experience working in the Catholic community.
- We also bade farewell to familiar faces: Joshua Gusman left the role of Pastoral Assistant for Music/Liturgy in August and Katie Manion completed more than four years as Administrative Assistant when she departed in March.
- A new parish website with updated branding was launched on August 10, 2022.
- The Proto-Cathedral hosted a well attended women’s conference, *The Feminine Heart*, on October 15, 2022.
- Parishioners joined in the universal mourning at the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on December 31, 2022.
- In early 2023, a painting of the 117 Vietnamese Martyr Saints was rehung near the Sacred Heart status in the church.
- The Knights of Columbus hosted a weekly Fish Fry every Friday during Lent.
- Construction of handicapped accessible restrooms adjacent to the church, in the piazza, began in March, 2024.
- The Chancery launched **Partners in the Gospel** in January, a multi-year restructuring and re-envisioning initiative that will effect parish life across the entire Archdiocese. This consultative process involving all the faithful will result in multiple parishes forming one parish family in order to better utilize the resources at hand as we continue our journey of discipleship. Plans are in place to announce parish families at the end of September, 2023; families will officially form July 1, 2024.



Similar view during 2008 renovations.

Our Offertory Report

- Number of parishioners receiving envelopes XXX
- Number of parishioners giving to Sunday Offertory XXX
- Number of pledges for the 2023 Offertory 210
- Number of pledges for the 2024 Offertory XXX ↑36%
- Number of parish households who have used on-line giving XXX ↑49%

Sign up for on-line giving today at www.protocathedral.org

OUR FINANCIAL REPORT: 2022/2023

RESULTS OF OPERATING RECEIPTS/EXPENSES

	2022/23	2022/23	2023/24
Receipts	Actuals	Budget	Budget
Sunday/Holy Days	735,247.21	654,000.00	732,762.63
Faith Formation Fees	3,825.00	900.00	1,000.00
Fundraisers/Gifts	50,599.92	19,500.00	27,700.00
Other Revenue	205,064.44	131,900.00	149,167.05
Total Revenues	994,736.57	806,300.00	910,629.68
Expenses			
Salary/Benefits	458,045.43	436,316.87	457,496.24
Supplies	26,458.61	25,950.00	32,940.00
Program Expenses	93,433.65	63,415.00	77,950.00
Operations/Maint.	31,432.95	22,300.00	24,750.00
Contracted Services	133,004.77	135,627.98	128,280.00
Business Expenses	19,663.32	18,720.00	18,450.00
Utilities & Mileage	55,211.40	44,600.00	59,402.24
Assessments/	62,096.75	51,491.12	62,800.00
Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	879,346.88	798,420.97	862,068.48
Net Surplus/Loss	115,389.69	7,879.03	48,561.20

Of Special Note

- All numbers include both parish and cemetery operations. The cemetery is currently self-supporting after many years of requiring a parish subsidy to operate.
- Sunday Offertory, aka Ordinary Income, totaled \$735,247.21, an increase of 20.7% from \$609,019.13 in 2021/2022
- “Other Revenue” in 2022/2023 includes \$35,000 of Payroll Protection Program funds and all cemetery revenues. Cemetery revenue totaled \$162,413.64 received vs \$85,400.00 budgeted.
- Depreciation is a non-cash expense which does not impact the cash flow balance of parish operations. On the recommendation of the Parish Finance Council and the Chancery, the account is being phased out in 2023/2024.
- Salary and benefits were higher than budgeted due to unexpected changes in the budgeting process required by the Chancery, staff transitional assistance and extra staffing for six weeks in spring.

Fast Financial Facts

- School subsidy paid in 22/23 was \$26,968.00, representing 3.7% of Ordinary Income, down from 4.05% last year.
- The shortfall from the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal was reduced by 50% to \$14,453.69 .
- The Proto-Cathedral is exempt from property tax.
- Parish and cemetery savings are in the Parochial Revolving Fund at the Archdiocese of Seattle earning an interest rate of 3%, up from .75% last year.
- The parish does not carry any debt at this time.
- Bookkeeping services were brought back “in house” after being outsourced for about 10 years.
- The Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater executes fiduciary responsibility as outlined by Archdiocesan guidelines and governmental agencies to ensure appropriate counting and handling of all monies.