



Holy Family Parish

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Greetings Parishioners of Holy Family Parish,

I hope you are well and are keeping safe despite the tumultuous and trying year we've experienced. In spite of the challenges we have faced, Holy Family remains open to the parish faithful, continuing to provide daily and weekend masses and pastoral ministry. I wish to express my most sincere gratitude on behalf of the parish community to our dedicated team of clergy, staff and volunteers!

I would also like to thank you for your financial support of parish needs. It is with them that our parish can remain open and deliver faith ministries. As stewards of the Catholic faith, we are called to share in our gifts and we thank you for your gracious contributions.

One of Holy Family's greatest challenges at this moment is our financial situation. Had the church not had the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) in place, we would have incurred a major operating deficit of negative \$65,903. The CEWS program is scheduled to end in June of this year, leaving a significant gap in our finances. Compounding the situation, there are several urgently needed repairs to ageing church facilities, including the flat roof, furnaces, carpet and front steps. These costly repairs are in addition to the day-to-day costs of keeping the church open, leaving the parish in a grave financial situation in the upcoming year.

I would like to appeal for your continued financial support of Holy Family Parish. It's a difficult thing to ask at this time knowing the constraints many in our community are faced with. In this coming year, please consider the needs of the parish when discerning your charitable giving. You are invited to contact the office should you want to set-up monthly pre-authorized donations. We also request your prayers, that the financial prospects for the parish would improve over this coming year.

Fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, maintain optimism that by the grace of our Lord, the world will soon emerge from this global pandemic. We would love to hear from you, particularly your thoughts on how the parish can serve you better, both now and post-pandemic. I would encourage you to reach out to parish leadership with your input for the coming year.

Many Blessings,

Aaron Resler, Holy Family Parish Stewardship Chair
and Fr. Wilfred Calinawan, Parish Administrator