

# ANGLICAN CATHOLIC CHRONICLE

## Septuagesima Message

*Archbishop Shane Janzen*



THROUGH the Millennia, the Christian Church has continued to worship God the Holy Trinity, to administer the Sacraments of God's grace, and to witness in the world the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the face of the current global pandemic, this fact, this reality, has not changed. The means of communication, the ways of maintaining fellowship, the ministry to the sick and dying, our outreach to the poor and needy, our care for those struggling with mental, emotional, and spiritual challenges, have been adapted to meet present needs, present circumstances. Across the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, and throughout the global Traditional Anglican Church, clergy and laity have met the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic in unique, innovative ways.

As you will read in the pages of this edition of our Church newsletter, the ministry of our clergy has continued, the worship of the faithful has continued, and the outreach within our respective communities has gone forward unabated. Yes, the means are different in each parish and region in response to the public health orders and guidelines, but the essentials of parish ministry carry on. Certainly, with restrictions on gatherings, in-person

*A Province of the  
Traditional Anglican Church*

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Services, visitations to hospitals and seniors' residences, the challenges have been real. Creatively, faithfully, these challenges have been met. And they will continue to be met by both clergy and laity. Your bishops will continue to provide episcopal leadership, while being vigilant in ensuring there is no government overreach which would unduly, and unnecessarily, restrict our freedom of worship and belief.

By God's grace, all of us, together with our fellow Canadians, and brothers and sisters across the Traditional Anglican Church, will meet the challenges of this time, coming through this pandemic stronger, more resilient, and better equipped to carry forth the great Commission of Christ to His Church in the world.

At the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist in Victoria, BC, we moved to a virtual worship Service early in the pandemic. While for a short period of time from June to October we were able to gather together for in-person Mass, this was restricted again by order of the BC Public Health Officer in mid-November. Which meant that the faithful were not able to come together for the celebration of Lent, Easter, Advent, Christmas or Epiphany at our Cathedral.

Nevertheless, through the means of modern technology, with the able assistance of Brent Nicholson (techno genius), Sonia Nicholson (able

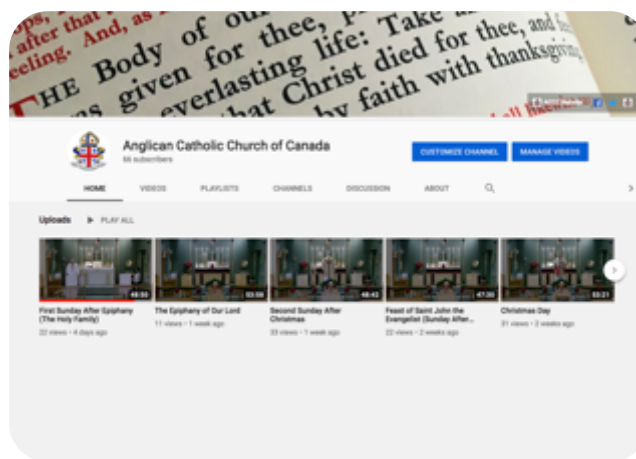
Executive Assistant) and my faithful Server (and Godson) Paul Nicholson, parishioners here at our Cathedral Church in Victoria continue to worship virtually, each Sunday and Holy Day. Through our Facebook page and Cathedral YouTube channel, we have been joined in the live streaming of Mass by faithful from across British Columbia, other parts of Canada, as well as the United States, Africa, the Philippines, and Latin America. On a positive note, the pandemic has provided greater means of evangelization, with farther outreach.

Ever mindful of those who are isolated, living alone, and those struggling through this time of pandemic, the clergy and people of our Cathedral Church have been keeping in contact with each other. Speaking on the phone, texting, video chatting, and meeting in driveways and outdoor venues, have kept us together while staying apart. In this way, the life of the

Cathedral Parish and the spiritual needs of its people remain first and foremost in our prayers and actions.

We all look forward to the day when this pandemic is over. When we are once more able to gather together in worship and fellowship. On a spiritual level, the pandemic has reminded us of our mortality; of our need for God's grace and providence in our lives; of the importance of family and friends, as well as our Church family, ministry and sacramental life. We pray for speedy, effective vaccinations; we pray too for all who are suffering from Covid-19, and those recovering. And we remember in our prayers the faithful departed who have been taken from us as a result of this virus – may they rest in peace and rise in glory. As we enter into Septuagesimatide, may our Lord Jesus Christ grant us His healing grace and saving mercy; sustaining us in His love, and in the fellowship of all our brethren.

+Shane B. Janzen



ACCC YouTube Channel

## Septuagesima Message

*Bishop Craig Botterill*



Varying Provincial regulations in the Diocese of Canada East have required different responses to the challenge of public worship during the Covid-19 pandemic. Even within each civil Province, our approach has evolved as regulations have changed.

At the Cathedral of Saint Aidan in Halifax, we were required by Nova Scotia law to suspend public services from March 15 to June 8, and again from November 23 to December 21. During those lockdown periods Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral without congregation, choir, or servers, but was video recorded and published on our Diocesan YouTube channel. Outside of those two lockdown periods we have publicly celebrated Sung Mass every Sunday morning, and Said Mass every Wednesday evening. We were able to celebrate candlelight Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and have held Confirmations. We have had to forego our usual coffee hour and luncheon after Services.

At Saint George, Ecum Secum, Nova Scotia, regular Masses were suspended during the first lockdown, resumed from June 8 until the second lockdown, and have not resumed thereafter at the request of the Parish Vestry, who are concerned that clergy from Halifax may bring the virus to their Covid-19 free region of the Province.

In Newfoundland Fr. Fabian Ollerhead celebrates Mass at his residence on Sundays and is sometimes joined by one or two Faithful. On Bell Island, Fr. Fred Highmore respected that Province's two lockdowns, but has otherwise continued to hold House Masses at his residence with six or seven Faithful each Sunday.

In Ontario our clergy at St. Thomas, Toronto, and at the Cambridge Mission have held House Masses for their immediate families. At Canadian Forces Base Trenton, Capt. the Rev. John Funelas has conducted 'virtual' services at the St. Clement Astra chapel on the R.C.A.F. 8 Wing Facebook webpage.

In Quebec, our Parish of Saint Athanasius, Montreal, has been required to suspend public services, and their rector, Canon Doug Nicholson, cannot even venture out in the evenings to visit sick and dying parishioners due to the Provincial curfew. He celebrates Mass at his apartment with his hall door open so that neighbours can hear Mass. He was also very busy last year conducting eighty-five funeral services during the pandemic.

Our New Brunswick clergy are now retired and say Mass privately for their families in their private chapels.

We have all shared sermons by email whenever possible, had parishioners without computers listen live to Masses by telephone, and some of our clergy have also been hearing Confessions by telephone. With the variety of in person, virtual, recorded, and regular public services, what we all seem to miss the most is the fellowship that normally follows our worship times. By God's grace we will return to our regular worship services and fellowship opportunities again later this year. On behalf of the Diocese of Canada East I want to thank all of you for your patience during this difficult time, and for your determination to continue the Faith once delivered to our Fathers.

*+Craig Botterill*

*Bishop Ordinary, Diocese of Canada East*

## Parish and Mission Updates

*News from Around the ACCC*

### The Mission of Saint Mary Magdalene, Calgary, AB

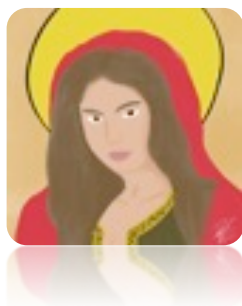
*"Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord..." St. John 20:18a*

The Mission of Saint Mary Magdalene celebrates Holy Communion on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 in the Upper Level of the Student Association (SA) Building of St. Mary's University, 14500 Bannister Road SE, Calgary Alberta. Of note, although the university itself was closed completely – from December 18, 2020 to January 4, 2021 – our Mission (the only religious group to do so and with the express permission of St. Mary's Administration) devotedly maintained a vital spiritual presence on campus with the celebration of The Lord's Supper every Sunday afternoon throughout Christmastide.

That said, we prayerfully look forward to renewing our ministry among the greater university community once the stringent COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.

In the meantime, our Mission also hosts Sunday Evensong each week – officiated by Mr. Daniel Edwardson, ACCC Licensed Lay Reader – and is available on-line at 5:00 p.m. MST on our YouTube Channel (The Mission of Saint Mary Magdalene) or Home Page:

(<https://www.missionsaintmarymagdalene.com/>).



*Altar*

Worship Service Booklets, for both the Administration of Holy Communion and each week's Sunday Evensong, are available on our Home Page for downloading and printing.

If you happen to be in South Calgary on a Sunday afternoon, please come and join us and participate in the wonder and Holy Worship of our Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You and yours would be most welcome! Or, if you would like, please send us an email:

[mission.saint.mary.magdalene@gmail.com](mailto:mission.saint.mary.magdalene@gmail.com)

We would love to see (or hear from) you!

Yours in Jesus Christ,

Father Alan Edwardson  
Priest-in-Charge and Missioner



**All Saints' Renfrew  
Calgary, AB**

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since coming to All Saints' we have been working on putting things into place to get All Saints' on a surer footing. This has included a new sign, which has been completed - we just need to organize a work detail to get it installed. We have an organist to play the music every Sunday, with a speaker system to ensure better clarity for the music.

We are working to make sure our service schedule is more consistent. On Thursdays and Sundays, services are now happening every week as opposed to previously when there was no service on certain weeks. I am helping Canon Skoyles to keep the Thursday Services consistent by filling in on the Thursdays that he is not scheduled to do a service, and also filling in on those days that he feels not up to doing the service due to illness. The result of the consistency of the Thursday and Sunday services is that the congregation can be confident that if they go to the Church, there will be a service that day.

Due to the current situation home visits are not possible, so reaching out to the members of the congregation means a lot of time on the phone, especially to those who are staying home due to Covid-19 and those who

are shut ins. Contact and outreach to those members is so important for them to feel that they are missed at the Church and that they are still members of the Church community.

Much work has been undertaken to try to get the finances of the Church in order and on a surer footing. Reports for 2018 and 2019 have now been sent into the Government, tying up loose ends for those years so that we can move on. To set our financial books in order, we have opened our doors to try and get the building to work for the congregation. This means we have more community groups renting space, and even another Church to share our sacred space. This is, of course, building on the renters that we already had here at All Saints'. We are certainly nearing capacity, but we are still entertaining a few more groups to possibly bring in more income for the Church. This move means the Church's accounts are slowly growing, which is welcome in light of the Church investing in a new sign, new computer, new printer, and a new sound system; as well as increased costs for Internet and maintaining our online presence.

Part of the rejuvenation of the parish, our online presence, has been clearer, with our website up and our security certification in place to allow

people to see the site. In the last few months of 2020, our website has seen an increase of over 260% in traffic, which is certainly encouraging. We have also been using an App called "The Next Door App" to increase our outreach to the local community here in Calgary. The Next Door App not only lets us interact with the local community but with all communities all across the city. We post our services and other activities and even words of encouragement; the response has been overly positive. Next Door has been instrumental in increasing our recycling program, bringing donations to the Church almost weekly. With that we also have an online group for Traditional Anglicans. These people are from all over the City, and they are interacting with each other - we post different services, and other events and activities that we do here at All Saints'. Words of encouragement are shared weekly with the group, as well as sermons and other information that help to get our name out into the local community. The members of the online group currently number 26 and new members join weekly. These people are not members of All Saints but it is my hope that through this group we may see some increased numbers at the Church as well, especially as the situation begins to return to normal. Also, on The Next Door App, not only do I send

words of encouragement, I also share notes of culture to really interact with the local community.

When it comes to reaching out to the people of the Church and new people that come to the Church, they are given an introductory note from myself; contact information is hopefully collected (some don't want to give that information), and after 48 hours those people are contacted thanking them for coming to the Service, as well as encouraging them to come again with an invitation back to the Church. I reach out to them at least once or twice a month, sending words of encouragement and invitations to visit the Church again.

It has certainly been a boost here at All Saints, when you hear words like:

"It felt like walking into a Church for the first time in 10 years." (Presbyterian Organist)

"The feel around the Church these days seems so alive with activity." (Parishioner)

"Singing the Eucharist feels like heaven, it is so nice." (Parishioner).

The Holy Spirit is certainly moving here at All Saints', and please God and God willing, He will continue to bless the work of our hands.

I've not said much about the Average Sunday Attendance (ASA). Because of the current situation, the ASA has been artificially depressed. I know if things were more relaxed, we would see many more in the pews who are now staying away because of concerns around COVID 19.

I would like to end on a high note. One of the new people who has been attending is not baptised and we are now scheduling her Baptism for Easter Sunday 2021! Praise the Lord!

In Deo Gratia

Fr. Robert Short

### Church of the Resurrection Edmonton, AB



*Church of the Resurrection*

Praise be to Our Lord Jesus Christ who is our refuge in times of challenges and sufferings. Our Lord who rose again after his death is our hope and strength. This report from the Church of the Resurrection is the proclamation of God's love and providence for us, especially in this year when humanity is living in fear of a global pandemic related to Covid-19. When more than 2 million people have died and 99 million people were infected globally due to the pandemic, our Little Flock, the church, was spared from losing anyone. This situation gives me the privilege of acknowledging God's blessings for protecting every one of us from major issues. Tomorrow is in the hands of God. We as a church offer all people who have lost their lives due to this disease. We remember with honour Father St.

Damien of Molokai who served lepers and died after being infected with the disease. The frontline workers of the hospitals and care centers who served people infected with Covid-19 and died during their service deserve great honour and remembrance. I offer to God those who are sacrificing their lives for the wellbeing of people during this pandemic. I also offer to God

those who are infected and struggling to recover from this dreadful disease as well as others who are suffering from other ailments.

We thank Archbishop Shane Janzen for his continuous encouragement for our church. Although the Archbishop could not make his episcopal visit to the church last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, he is continuously guiding and encouraging us to pray safely.

Despite our challenges and limitations, we are glad to acknowledge the blessings God has been showering upon the church by keeping its members and their families safe and spiritually strong. Although the Church of the Resurrection is a Little Flock due to its small membership, we still thrive by the Grace of God. Although we have not grown in numbers in the last year, we have grown in spiritual strength. The enemy could not shatter us. Every challenge we experienced edified and strengthened the church. I admire everyone for keeping the attitude of unity and Christian love in our midst.

Three of our church members including Rector Emeritus Canon Trevor are in senior homes. We do our best to connect with them although we are not permitted to visit them. Covid-19 has not prevented Eugene, Vera, and Kay to do their part as church Officers. Other church members are also sharing their services to the church in their simple way. Our gratitude goes to everyone who is doing dedicated service to keep the church vibrant and alive.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there were no opportunities to bring Holy Communion to the parishioners who were sick. There was weekly Holy Mass in the church until late March 2020. Then, to unify us, Tom Hilton prepared and distributed copies of the service each week. Shared Evensong by phone, organized by John Phoa, started in April usually with 6 to 8 participants. This was continued until the end of July. We resumed Holy Mass on August 9<sup>th</sup>,

and it was continued until August 23<sup>rd</sup> by following the rules and regulations of the Alberta Ministry of Health and Archbishop Shane Janzen. As Covid-19 infections surged, we returned to phone Evensong in September. Although we hoped to have Holy Mass every second week starting in October, due to the Covid-19 spike, we resumed phone Evensong in November. By consensus, we decided to try the Zoom platform for Evensong on December 13 with Pat Peard as administrator, learning as we worshipped. As we found that it is effective, 13 participants attended the Christmas Eve service on Zoom with Biblical Lessons and Carols. We continue to have Evensong on Zoom until this day.

As an outreach, we discussed having an online Bible Study Group for those who are interested as well as a Christian Life Enrichment Team to invite people to an educative forum to discuss different topics related to Christian values to live in harmony in the family and the community as well as to be at peace with self. Biblically-based mental health-related topics may be discussed in the team meetings online at first until there is no threat of Covid-19. These outreach plans can hopefully promote our church in the community.

May God continue to bless the Church of the Resurrection and keep us united in the love of Christ to promote His mission selflessly despite internal and external challenges we might encounter.

Thank you everyone for your sincere dedication to the church in the name of Christ. God bless us all!



Respectfully submitted,

In Christ Jesus,

Father Davis Tharayil  
Priest in Charge





*All set for Evening Prayer*

**Parish of Holy Trinity  
Medicine Hat, AB**

The Parish of Holy Trinity only recently, in August of 2020, had Internet installed in the church building and we haven't yet set up live-streaming or video recording of our services. That will come in due time. With the size of the church building, we are able to have in-person services whilst respecting all the requirements of the Public Health Orders for Alberta. While Fr. Glenn Galenkamp, Priest-in-Charge, is in the Parish, on Sundays we have Morning Prayer, Mass (sung), Evening Prayer and Compline. During weekdays there is Morning and Evening Prayer every day except Mondays. Mid-week masses are held on Red Letter Days and some Votive days as well.



*The Altar ready for the Nativity of Our Lord*

Fellowship time continues after all of our services and this has been a great benefit for our community as it provides a time for social interactions in a clean and safe environment. In Alberta, restaurants are closed to dine-in service, so the usual coffee gatherings and outings that people do on a regular basis are unable to take place at this time. The fellowship time after our many services helps make up for this lack in our lives.



*Christmas Day Mass*

Due to the closure of public buildings (libraries, schools, recreation facilities, et cetera) individuals have been experiencing a bit of "cabin fever" after 10 months of dealing with the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak. Being able to have the church building open to the public has provided much relief from the isolation that some people were starting to experience. It has given a positive boost to the mental health of people and provided opportunities to nurture their spiritual well-being and relationship with God. Recently, Mr. Bryan Schnell, Licensed Lay



Reader, has been officiating at Morning Prayer on Mondays and Tuesdays at 11:00 am.

The Parish has also created a "MeWe" (think Facebook, but without ads) account and we have begun posting there as well as on our Facebook page. For more information and to sign-up for this social media site, head to: [www.mewe.com](http://www.mewe.com)



A wonderful new resource that has become available in the past few months is the Prayer Book Society of Canada's app for Morning and Evening Prayer, as well as some of the other Services found in the BCP. Parishioners are easily able to follow along by scrolling, rather than having to flip pages in the BCP. The app has provisions for both the 30 and 60-day cycle of the Psalms, as well as the Lessons in the KJV, ESV, or NRSV of the Bible. For those that aren't able to attend Services in person, they can follow along with the services in an easy fashion.

For Android users:

<https://tinyurl.com/yxtvqc8q>

and for iOS users:

<https://tinyurl.com/yxvee5lf>



We have noticed an increase in private messaging and telephone calls for pastorally related matters from people in the larger community. We hear especially from those who are not able to attend their own church due to group gathering limits and unable to be in contact with their own pastors, due to the increased workload that they are facing. Being able to minister to the people of Medicine Hat has been a blessing for the Parish and we do look forward to further reaching out through live-streaming in the future.

As we enter the Lenten season, we pray that God will continue to give strength and comfort to those who have been affected by Covid-19 and that we will observe a good and holy Lent as we prepare to remember the suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Glenn Galenkamp  
Priest-in-Charge



Parish of St. Barnabas  
Moose Jaw, SK



*After the First Mass in The "New" Church Building  
Dn. Brian Allen, Fr. Glenn Galenkamp, Mr. Matthew Galenkamp*

It has been a rather busy and somewhat exciting past several months here at St. Barnabas in Moose Jaw. While we have had to contend with the public health orders, things have kept going. As mentioned in detail elsewhere, this past October we were able to take possession of our own church building (thanks to the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, who holds title of the building) and celebrate Mass in our own chapel space for All Saints' Day 2020.

It has also been beneficial to have the opportunity of a workspace that is accessible to use for study and church-related work. Even with restrictions on visitation and gathering sizes, there have been some opportunities to bring

communion to the sick, to have our doors open for Christmas Eve and midnight Services, and to begin live streaming our Mass and Evening Prayer.

There was a brief reprieve in visitation restrictions at the

end of the summer, and we took advantage of this opportunity to bring Communion to a nursing home resident. While I have had limited opportunities to take Communion to the sick and shut-in as a deacon, it was a particularly moving experience. As we have all experienced and lament, there currently are some serious restrictions preventing pastoral care to the sick and shut-in. In this unique health crisis, we cannot know for sure when we may be able to minister to the needy and as moving as the experience was at the time, it has since reminded me boldly how important it is to take Communion to those who for whatever array of reasons cannot come to the Mass.

As Deacon, I officiated



*Getting the books ready for Evening Prayer*

many times from October to December, with the highlights of that season being Christmas Eve, the Christmas liturgy at midnight, and the baptism of my granddaughter Anneke Lynn on the Sunday After Christmas. With health authority restrictions limiting household gatherings to immediate family, it was also our family opportunity to get together at Christmas time.

Having a dedicated workspace in our new church building has allowed me a space where I can be somewhat freer of distraction and get some more academic

did. Courses were held in person, in real time on campus. Notes were taken by hand, and my upgrade from handwritten essays was an old Olivetti manual typewriter. Please do take the time to pray for St. Bede's, and the various students from other parts of the world, and for those who teach the courses through the College.

There is not a whole lot new and ground breaking that I can share regarding digital media and virtual ministry. At present our Facebook live-stream is being presented by an iPad. Most of the basic

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI5AlmFbcm5cAaoZAgaVWeQ/playlists>

What I did find encouraging after finishing and publishing the live feed, was that we had a few viewers Christmas Eve. It takes time to get comfortable presenting and being on a video feed. I have had some practice as the tech guy, producing the live feed for the Quilt Guild in Moose Jaw, and presented some demonstrations. I know it is a bit tough, but it is worthwhile to review your own self on video. The first presentation I made, and the first live feed that I sent out, were far from stellar. Some of the constructive criticism from friends was difficult to hear, but slowly and surely, I get better with practice. Now, I just have to remember to smile a bit more.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Mr. Brian Allen,  
Assistant Curate



*Fellowship Time After Our First Mass*

work accomplished as I continue my discernment towards the priesthood. I do want to thank those of you who pray for me, and for all the students in the Traditional Anglican Church that are studying towards vocational roles within the Church. Technology has given us a great advantage towards study, as I think of the first undergraduate course that I

tools we already have can do an adequate job of live feed. If you visit our St. Barnabas Facebook page you can sample what live-stream looks like from an iPad. <https://www.facebook.com/saintbarnabasmoosejaw>

Our YouTube site will show you what an HD video format looks like from a mobile phone.



*Baptism Sunday December 27, 2020  
L to R: Lisa Allen, Dn. Brian Allen,  
Jenna Tiffin, Tanner Tiffin, Anneke  
Lynn Tiffin*



## Parish of St. Athanasius, Montreal, PQ

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Services have been discontinued at St. Athanasius, since we worship in a seniors' residence. This has made me feel badly, not only because I miss saying Mass for them, but also because I miss seeing them and it's a morale booster for us to see each other.

We have tried to keep in touch as best we can by phone calls but, with most of them not having a computer or any way to see each other, it has proven to be a very challenging time for all of us.

Two of our number were recently called home to be with the Lord:

Mrs. Alice Shedrick (affectionately called Grandma Alice) died on Christmas Eve morning, and

Mrs. Alice Howell (Rector's Warden Gordon Howell Mercer's mother) died on New Year's Day morning.

I was able to be with them shortly before they passed, give them Communion and talk with them; both were at peace and were happy and comforted that I went to see them.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of Almighty God, Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory. Amen

My morale has remained steady throughout the red zone conditions (since October 1) and subsequent lockdown (since January 1) that the province has

experienced, though challenges continue to present themselves, but I maintain my daily prayers and encourage my people to do their best to do the same.

Most important is that I tell them that they are in my prayers and I ask them to keep me in theirs.

I pray for our Bishops and all of our brethren, and ask our Lord to keep us all safe and well and hope that we can see each other sooner than we expect.

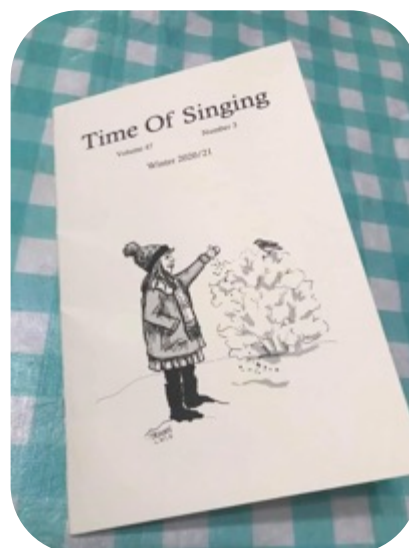
In closing: here's to the New Year. May she be a darned sight better than the old one and may we all be well and together before she's over. Amen

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Canon Doug Nicholson

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs. Sonia Nicholson, Anglican Catholic Church of Canada Executive Assistant. Her poem "Faith" has been published in *Time of Singing*, a journal of Christian Poetry based in Pennsylvania. For journal and subscription information, and to purchase a copy, visit:

[www.thebluecollarartist.com/time-of-singing](http://www.thebluecollarartist.com/time-of-singing)







## Parish of St. Barnabas, Moose Jaw, SK

### "A Building for the Future"

In the very late Spring of 2020, the Parish of St. Barnabas received notice from Central Lutheran that they would be increasing our monthly rent, as well as requiring us to pay for 50% of all utilities, maintenance, and upkeep on the church building. This would have seen an increase in our monthly offering to them above and beyond what we could afford, or what was reasonable for us, considering the limited use of the building that we would have. Archbishop Shane Janzen mandated Fr. Glenn Galenkamp to begin the process to find and recommend suitable, permanent, accommodations for the Parish. Thinking inside and outside of the box, multiple ideas and locations were explored ranging from: current church buildings with small congregations that may

wish to sell and move into smaller accommodations; commercial buildings that had been converted from a church, which could be converted back into a church; strip-mall buildings; light industrial buildings near residential areas; and residential houses that were zoned for worship spaces. All tolled, 18 different properties were scoped out during the summer months. Very serious consideration was given to a three-bedroom home that met the appropriate zoning requirements, with the idea being that the church could be accommodated on the main level and living quarters upstairs. There were 12 paved parking stalls with power at the rear of the house, which were being rented out and could continue to do so, with revenues going to the Parish to pay for ongoing operating

costs. Renovations required for this to come to fruition were extensive and gave us some pause in going forward.

In late September, on a lead from Mrs. Sonia Nicholson, the former Knights of Columbus Hall was viewed as a possibility of becoming a permanent home for the Parish. Having seen the property in person and poking around with a local realtor, empowered to act on behalf of the Province, recommendations were made by Fr. Glenn to the Archbishop that the building be purchased as a church for St. Barnabas' use. A motion to purchase the property was presented to the Provincial Council for their approval. With the unanimous vote to proceed in hand, Bishop Craig Botterill acting in his capacity as Chancellor, did all

appropriate due diligence in securing land title searches, building inspections, et cetera. An offer was made and accepted by the owner and possession date of October 20th was set, pending the lifting of conditions on the sale that were put in place. The property owner remedied some immediate issues for us, as he owns and operates a large local contracting company.

With Fr. Glenn being away on honeymoon for the month of October, Dn. Brian was instructed to act in his stead, to be there on possession date, receive the keys and take

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possession of the property. Having given notice to Central Lutheran for the Parish vacating by the end of the month, time was short. With the help of parishioners and Dn. Brian's truck, the move was completed and we celebrated our first mass in the new church on Sunday, November 1st, being the feast of All Saints'. What a fitting day we thought it was to continue our ministry to the people of Moose Jaw in a permanent location.



*All set for our first Mass, November 1, 2020*

With Autumn quickly drawing to a close and Winter rapidly approaching, some needed yard work was completed with the raking of

leaves (almost got them all removed before the snow!) and the cleaning of eaves-troughing. Indoor cleaning and setting up continues and with the arrival of a number of items from St. Peter & St. Paul, Burnaby BC in mid November, we have our work cut out for us! We are pleased that we are going to be able to put to good use the many things that were sent to us for our worship and ministry here. At the behest of the Archbishop, the Parish of Holy Trinity has provided the use of a number of kneeler-chairs that were in storage at the Parish, to St. Barnabas. Renting a U-Haul trailer, Fr. Glenn and Helen took a load of household goods to the apartment in "the Hat" and brought back the chairs, through a prairie storm that delayed their return by a day, and provided an "opportunity" for Fr. Glenn to use the snow blower at Holy Trinity to dig them out of what felt like three feet of wet snow.



*Inside the front entrance (before move in)*

The new St. Barnabas church building is a 1915 home with a more recent addition of a hall on the rear of the house. There is a second story which has been closed up, since the addition of the hall, for many decades. There is approximately 2,500 sqft on the main level as well as another 2,500 sqft available in the lower hall. The house portion of the building still retains the old oak woodwork, leaded glass, tall walls, wood floors (some now carpeted) and curved windows of the era in which it was constructed. Upon entering the church you are greeted with a large vestibule, coat rack, sitting

area, information board, table for BCP's, bulletins, and a reception desk/work area for the rector or assistant curate. There is a storage room for shovels (much needed on the prairies these days!) and yard work tools. Additionally, there is a "fireplace" room (think salon or drawing room) off to the right of the vestibule, which will serve as the rector's church study, once cleaning and minor painting has been completed.



*The Rector's Study (before move in).*

Moving further into the building, just past the vestibule there is our current chapel area for Sunday services. Washrooms are located in this area as well. There was a wet-bar between the washrooms which is now serving as a temporary storage area and will, in due time, be converted into a confessional booth. Moving towards the upper hall there is a sink, counter top, and lower cupboards which serve as our "coffee centre". Currently, food and drink services are suspended in Saskatchewan for religious organizations. There is room here for tables and chairs for our fellowship time. A full kitchen to the right of this area has generous counter top space, cupboards, two stoves, fridge, and sink, and acts as dual purpose for our sacristy. In the upper hall, which is the newer addition, there is a large open area with windows on both the North and South side of the building. This currently is being used as our vestry, storage, and sitting area. Plans will be put into place to modify this area into a proper nave and sanctuary with room for a side altar.

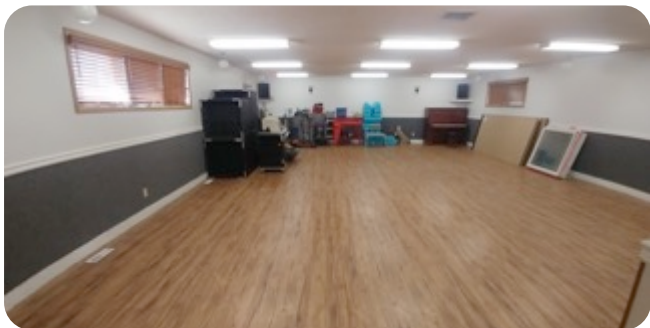


*The kitchen.*

The lower hall can be accessed through the current chapel area or from an exterior door. There are two main areas in the lower hall. The first is the old clubhouse of the Knights of Columbus which has a wet bar, storage rooms, utilities room, dual washrooms, and sitting area. The second area was the meeting room of the Knights and now is being used as a study for Dn. Brian Allen in his capacity as Assistant Curate and student at St. Bede's Anglican Catholic Theological College, church records storage, and a comfortable sitting area with plenty of room to accommodate events or groups. Through negotiations with the Knights, we were able to purchase chairs, tables, filing cabinets, shelving units, shuffleboard, and pool table that they weren't able to take with them to their new, smaller location for a very reasonable donation to them. They also left T.V.s various stereos, VCRs, piano, and other items for our use gratis to us.

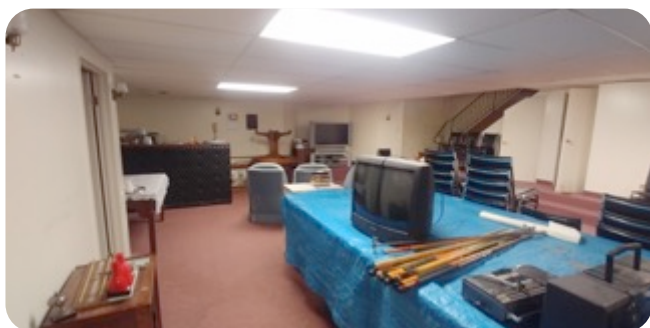
Outside, in addition to the stairs at the front entrance, there is a wheelchair accessible ramp at the front of the building. There is a large side yard as well as a nice patio area on which we can have outdoor events. We are looking forward to doing some landscaping, planting of annuals and perennials, and making the outside more inviting to passers-by. The church is located at 1102–3rd Avenue NW, Moose Jaw in a neighbourhood that is affectionately referred to as "the Avenues". We are on the corner of 3rd Avenue and Hall





*The upper hall (before move in),  
to be converted to Nave & Sanctuary.*

Street and across from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. With two schools nearby, we see a great deal of both vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the area. People like walking in the city and don't mind stopping for a chat with you here. This has provided us with many opportunities to let people know that St. Barnabas is now in the local neighbourhood. As we meet at 10:30 am, we have plenty of street parking for our parishioners and visitors, as our service is in between the morning masses at St. Joseph's.

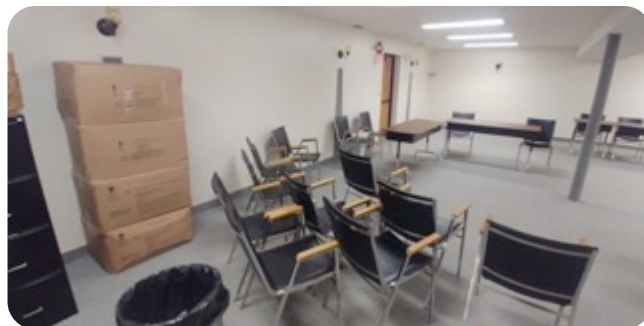


*Lower "Clubhouse" (before move in).*

Looking towards the future, we are planning on creating a proper nave and sanctuary space, as mentioned earlier, in the current upper hall. Just this week we have gotten a lead on recently refinished church pews that have come up for sale. These will fit nicely with the current "holy furniture" we have from St. Peter & St. Paul. We are excited that we have a place to be able to hold mid-week services as well as bible studies, group events, and have other groups use the lower

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hall for gatherings and functions. We have already had two groups use the space in the past month.



*Lower meeting room (before move in).*

The permanent location will provide for a stable presence in the community as we continue to minister to the people of the Parish and larger surrounding area. We have been blessed by God to have this opportunity to have this building and are appreciative of all the work that has gone into making this a reality for the Parish. We would ask for your continued prayers and invite you to join us any time you are in Moose Jaw.



*Mrs. Helen Mallette-Galenkamp and  
Rev. Glenn Galenkamp After The First Mass.*