



Dear: Beloved Parishioners of All Saints' Cathedral

October 25th, 2021

In this second year of Covid, we at All Saints' have been separated more than we would like. It has been hard to adjust to the realities of the pandemic which have brought with them a world of change. We thought the turbulent times would be over by now.

We may be tempted to think that these are unique times. They aren't. Think of the stories of separation and return, ancient stories such as the Garden of Eden, the Israelite's exile in Babylon and the parable of the Prodigal Son. Or, even more recently, the World Wars, the fires in Fort McMurray and British Columbia. These, and other similar events remind us of when we encounter dislocation, separation and isolation, we seek hope, companionship, and compassion.

That's where communities of faith, such as our own, play a critical role. It can be All Saints' where people can find God who loves them, a community who helps them set the stage for recovery, and where they can find courage and hope. For our parish to play this critical role we need to continue be a community of stewards who pray, volunteer, and give.

In past years we have celebrated thanksgiving and stewardship in October. This year we will be focusing on stewardship throughout the month of November with the theme of 'A Future with Hope,' culminating in a service of thanksgiving on the church's New Year's Day- the first Sunday of Advent.

We invite you to participate in this season by giving thanks for all the resources — spiritual, theological, physical, and financial that support the indispensable work of our parish and by asking God how you can be a steward of our parish in 2022. Enclosed you'll find a special prayer written by parishioner David Barnum. We invite you to pray this prayer daily over the coming weeks, and to bring or mail the enclosed pledge card to the parish by Sunday November 28th.

On the first Sunday of Advent, November 28th, we will give thanks as we pray over the pledges and the upcoming year, trusting in God's promise of a future with hope.

In Christ,
The All Saints Stewardship Committee

P.S Go to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/27080> to pledge or give online and to read stewardship updates. Watch for special stewardship emails and letters throughout the month!

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Stewardship Frequently Asked Questions

1.) How can I give to the church online?

You can give online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/27080> , and by preauthorized giving through filling out the PAG form that is included in this letter.

"When I started giving to the church as an adult, I quickly found myself gravitating towards the direct-transfer options. One reason is that I appreciate the convenience of it; once I've set up the transfer I don't have to give it any more thought unless I want to change the amount. Setting up a transfer was much simpler than I expected, and the biggest part was just asking the Cathedral staff for the right form. I also enjoy knowing ahead of time how much I'm going to give, as this makes it much easier to properly budget my donations. Finally, it makes me feel good to know that my donation is a small, but consistent income stream for the Cathedral, and it helps me feel as if I'm doing my part." -Ted Huck

2.) Why are you asking me to fill out a pledge card?

Praying over and submitting a pledge card facilitates an opportunity for you to be intentional in your involvement in our shared life as a parish. It also allows us to plan our budget more accurately for the coming year.

3.) If I filled out a pledge card last year do I need to fill one out again this year?

Yes, we ask that you fill out one yearly. *This year you can mail one in, drop it off or fill one out online at www.allsaintscathedral.ca/stewardship.*

4.) Who will know that I have pledged, is my information private?

The stewardship team does not know who has pledged and what amount they have pledged. Like all financial donations to the parish, our donation secretary handles all the pledges and your information confidentially.

5.) What if I need to change the amount of my pledge?

You are free to change the amount at any time. The pledge card is not a contract, it is a prayerful commitment appropriate your current financial situation. If this changes we encourage you to reach out to us and let us know.

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