



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE 2022

**ST. MARTHA'S
PARISH**

*"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21*

Financial Report Comparison: 2020-2021-2022

Revenue	2020	2021	2022
Collections	363,029	348,191	374,746
Refugee Family	14,139	2,775	11,100
Welfare/Parish Needy	2,000	1,345	1,735
Government Subsidies	23,463	26,628	5,047
Religious Education	3,354	825	3,275
Sale of Church Supplies	2,110	3,345	4,790
Stole Fees	2,600	5,310	2,060
Youth Ministry	23,400	19,288	16,894
Repair/Maintenance Fund	63,670	50,002	49,399
Other	135,946	17,987	15,370
Total Revenue	633,713	475,696	484,415
Expenses			
Salaries & Benefits	249,908	118,259	144,492
Maintenance	68,174	103,248	182,176
Rectory	8,887	8,507	10,212
Administration	19,745	17,789	17,830
Diocesan Support	37,048	55,752	63,720
Programs	29,259	31,831	50,365
Donations	550	350	200
Total Expenses	413,571	335,735	468,995
Revenue/Expense Difference	220,142	139,961	15,420
Building Fund Revenue	13,773	5,187	
Building Fund Expenses - Loan Interest Payments + Other	1,402	900	
Net Building Fund	12,371	4,287	-
Total Net Income	232,513	144,248	15,420

Refugee families

Late 2021, our parish and All Saint's parish joined in mission to co-sponsor a Syrian refugee family. George Kardoh, the son, arrived in April 2022, followed by his parents, Tamer & Mariam, and sister, Lourin in October 2022. St. Martha's raised \$11,100 in 2022 for the Kardohs. Our expenses were \$12,625. Our Lethbridge community is welcoming *two more Syrian families* and your generosity goes a long way in giving these families a better life.

Youth Ministry

The faith formation of our youth is an important part of St. Martha's parish mission. In September 2022, St. Martha's & All Saints welcomed the NET Team to spread the Gospel and re-engage our youth in their Catholic faith. Thank you for your support.

Repair & Maintenance

St. Martha's Parish Maintenance Committee has been hard at work ensuring that our church and rectory is safe and in good operation. Last year, the following has updates have been done:
Church: New carpet/flooring & paint in offices, gathering space, stairwells and washrooms; new LED lights throughout; new washroom counters, sinks, faucets; new dishwasher. *Rectory:* new stove, furnace, hot water tank.

Sanctuary Renovations | The Sanctuary is a location that is holy, sacred, and set apart. It is designed to facilitate our worship of God. St. Martha's is working with the Diocese to begin renovations in the Sanctuary this year, which will include moving the Tabernacle, which houses the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. More news will follow about this important development in the coming months.

Every October, the Financial Committee submits a budget, which is reviewed and authorized by the Diocese of Calgary.

With automatic giving (preauthorized debit), our parish has been able to plan ahead in scheduling maintenance, repairs and renovations. Thank you!

How you shared your treasure: Special Collections

Thank you.

Revenue	2020	2021	2022
Together in Action	25,424	24,446	26,023
Needs of the Holy Land/Good Friday	725	2,045	2,342
Pope's Pastoral Works	265	1,295	1,385
Holy Childhood	234		1,457
World Missions	2,610	2,030	2,445
Mission Mexico	2,047	1,988	2,167
Parish Poor/Holy Thursday	2,380	120	1,735
Good Shepherd/Seminary Fund	320	940	595
Catholic Education	970	500	550
Development & Peace		10	1,099
Needs of the Church in Canada	345	1,380	2,425
Priest's Retirement Fund			450
Total Collections	35,320	34,754	42,673

Thank you for giving generously to those in need.

These collections do not include your giving to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

(Did you know that St. Martha's gets several calls each week requesting support from St. Vincent de Paul)?

There are many people in need in our community.

Consider Your Future: Legacy Giving Corporate Matching Gift Program

Legacy Giving is when you give by leaving an amount of money in your will to the parish. It can be any amount and can have significant income tax benefit for the estate of the donor. It can also take many forms, and may be made by individuals, families, organizations, or corporations. A Legacy Gift can be directed to the parish's general giving fund, or it can be directed to a specific ministry.

To set up a Legacy Gift, simply put the name, St. Martha's Parish as your beneficiary to one of the following:

- A lump sum cash bequest or a bequest of a specific asset (shares, real estate, etc.), or a bequest of a percentage of the residue of your estate stated in your will. You may establish the gift when you make a new will, or by way of making a supplement to your existing will.
- Life Insurance Policy
- Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA)
- Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP)
- Retirement Income Fund (RRIF)
- Life Annuity or Charitable Life Annuity
- Charitable Remainder Trust, Private Charitable Foundation, or Endowment Fund

After giving your Legacy Gift prayerful reflection, please contact your financial or legal advisor to document your Legacy Gift.

Program

Matching gifts are when companies match donations that their employees make to charities. When an employee makes a charitable donation, they'll request a matching gift from their employer, who then makes their own donation. Companies usually make a donation on a 1:1 ratio, but some will double, or even triple your donation.

This is an excellent way of extending your gift to the parish, and it doesn't cost any more than what you already gave.

There are a lot of companies who offer a gift-matching program, and it includes most banks, insurance companies, and other organizations, both large and small. If you would like to see your sharing go even further, ask if your company has a gift matching program.

Thank you!

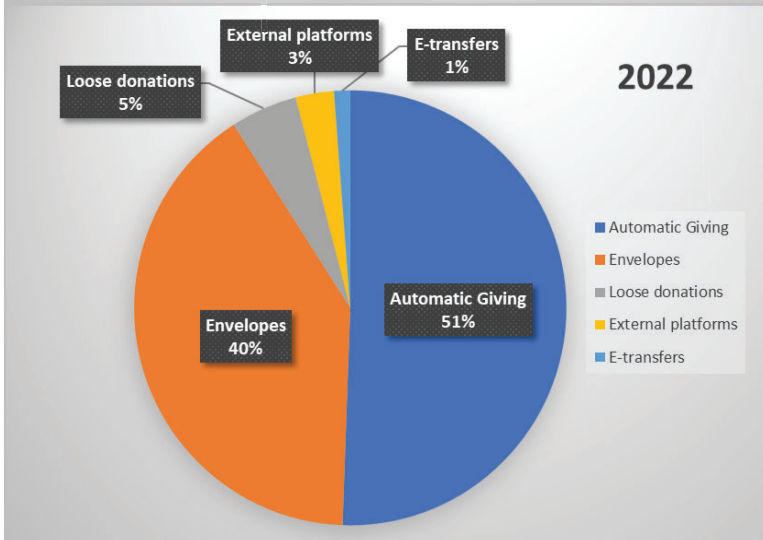
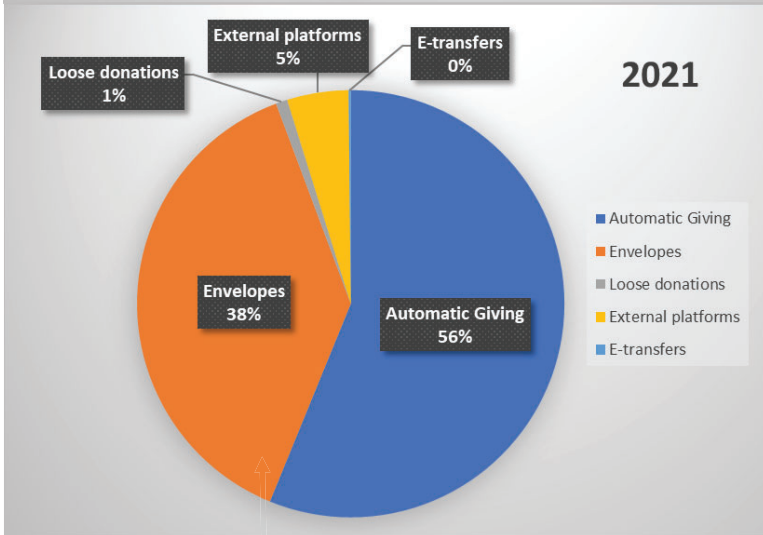
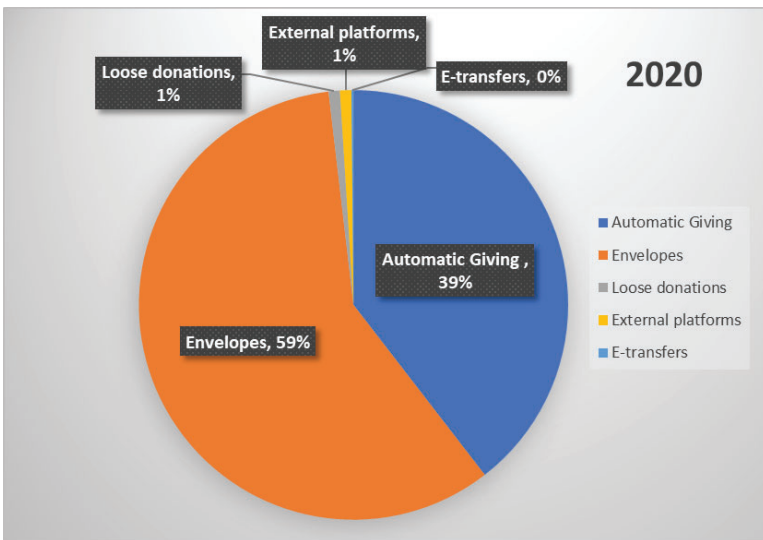
As part of our ongoing adult faith education, a very generous and anonymous donor bought 500 copies of "Holy Moments" (by Matthew Kelly) for our parishioners at Christmas.

The Ways You Gave Your Treasure: 2020/2021/2022 Comparison

There is no wrong way to give to the parish, but there is one way that might be the best: *Automatic Giving*.

Automatic Giving:

- is a safe and secure method for automatic withdrawals from your bank
- gives you the flexibility of choosing weekly or monthly donations, making it easier for your personal budgeting
- is consistent, which is incredibly helpful when it comes to budgeting for the parish; like your personal budget, it's much easier to manage your finances when you know how much is coming into your account on a consistent basis.
- set up is simple (fill out the Automatic Giving form, send it in and it's all done). If needed, ask for assistance at the office.
- you can change or stop the amount you give at any time by emailing office@stmarthasparish.ca, or visiting the parish office, no questions asked.
- transactions are managed by RBC, which means we're protected by their security features
- greatly reduces the amount of manual work & time spent handling transactions, especially compared to giving with envelopes or e-transfers; and there's less room for error with year-end tax receipts, as Automatic Giving transactions are automatically posted to your account.
- reduces the cost of printing and mailing envelopes, not to mention the environmental impact of printing envelopes.
- You choose how to distribute your donation: between General Parish Fund, Together in Action Bishop's Appeal, Repair & Maintenance and/or Youth Ministry.



Year	Envelopes (\$)	Automatic Giving (\$)
2020	212,052	142,975
2021	136,518	201,107
2022	155,404	194,662

Please consider using Automatic Giving for your regular Sunday offering.

Pick up your Automatic Giving form in the gathering space, parish office or download it from our website: <https://www.stmarthasparish.ca/>

In 2020, about 60% of donations were from envelope contributions. The COVID pandemic brought closures and significant decreases in Mass attendance, causing envelope donations to decrease to less than 40%. Despite this, the consistency of automatic giving donations helped our parish to run without a deficit or dig into our savings.

The pandemic was a challenging time for everyone and our parish is grateful for the financial support of its parish family.

STEWARDSHIP OF Treasure



2023

Stewardship

Intentional giving of our treasure.

Why do we share our treasure?

Our treasures, our talents, our possessions and our money, are all gifts from God that we are asked to care for and share generously. We share our treasures for two reasons: first, all the good things God made, including money, are meant to be shared, and second, because each of us needs to give. We are called to give our financial gift to individuals and families in need, to the Church, and other worthwhile charitable organizations because giving returns thanks to our loving God for our many blessings.

Gratitude is the fundamental reason to give.

To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything he has given us—and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love; every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him. Therefore, gratitude takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder, and is to praise the goodness of God.

The grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference.

- Thomas Merton

While our parish has many particular needs for which funds must be raised, stewardship is different from fundraising. Stewardship is rooted in gratitude. Gratitude to the Lord, the Giver of all gifts, in an expression of thanksgiving through our time, our talents, and our financial gifts.

When Jesus saw the widow putting her “two pennies” in the Temple treasury, He told His disciples, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living”. (Mk. 12:43-44). And that is what God wants from us.

How do I set a Stewardship of Treasure Goal?

We often hear the Biblical reference of tithing 10% of our income. This is a very generous goal, but, realistically, most of us start well below that. Through prayerful consideration, we can discern how much to give. We thank you for giving whatever you can afford.

What regular giving can look like... Income vs. Proportional Weekly Giving

A look at suggested weekly gift to the parish rounded to the nearest dollar.

Annual household income	1%	5%	10%
\$20,000	\$4	\$20	\$40
\$25,000	\$5	\$25	\$50
\$30,000	\$6	\$30	\$60
\$35,000	\$7	\$35	\$70
\$40,000	\$8	\$40	\$80
\$50,000	\$10	\$50	\$100
\$60,000	\$12	\$60	\$120
\$70,000	\$14	\$70	\$140
\$80,000	\$16	\$80	\$160
\$90,000	\$18	\$90	\$180
\$100,000	\$20	\$100	\$200
\$120,000	\$23	\$115	\$230
\$150,000	\$29	\$145	\$290

To calculate what you would like to give based on your annual household income, complete the chart below:

Annual household income	% you wish to give	/52	weekly
\$	%	\$	\$

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.

Luke 6:38



Average 2022 Expenses
at St. Martha's Parish:
\$39,083/month

Stewardship Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have, and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, your Son, and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary and that giving of self is the essential part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, talents, and material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us.

Amen.