



Advent/Christmas Reflections of the pastor 12.11.20



I am counting away the days till Christmas. Here are a few things on my mind as I count.

First, as promised, the Parish's Annual General Meeting (AGM) reports are now available on the website when you [click here](#). My report is very simple and heart felt: "Thanks to all of you who work so hard even in these trying pandemic times to make sure we continue to strive to give proper worship to our God and who strive to be like our God by respecting and loving our neighbour and caring for the world we have been given to live in."

Second, you might note that the Financial Report does not deal so much with our past year, but our present situation. There is good news that the assessment for our support of the Archdiocese and of Sharing of God's Gifts has been reduced by 25%. Nevertheless, we are not 'there' in either category yet, but much closer! There is still time to do something about this as mentioned in my last reflections:

"Possibilities?"

- PayPal ([To make your donation now click here](#))
- Mail or drop envelopes in the parish mailbox at the office entrance at 255 Stafford?
- Preauthorized contributions (PAC) every two weeks for Sharing God's Gifts? (Our Knights of Columbus is still offering their 'deal' of matching PAC contributions through December! [Click here to access our registration form](#))
- An extra Christmas Donation? Win the lotto Max?

Third, please drive/walk by the front of our church during these last weeks to visit the growing crèche. An angel has appeared, some sheep, shepherds, a star, and perhaps even a camel, all to culminate with the infant Jesus appearing on Christmas Eve. Chris Janes assisted by Chantel Bishop are the maestros of this wonderful project.

Lastly, I was hoping and praying that some of us would be able to gather in person to celebrate Jesus' nativity on Christmas Eve and Day but this is not to be. Nevertheless, we will stream two Christmas Eve Masses, 5 and 11 pm, and a Christmas Day Mass at 11 am. We will celebrate this great joyful event in these peculiar circumstances continuing to give thanks for our God's great love for us.



Blessings on everyone.



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