



## *Reflections of the pastor 2.27.21*

With what we hope is the last blast of winter past us, we begin to look forward to Easter and Spring. It is with joy that after three full months some are able to come in person into our beautiful church and celebrate the Eucharist together.

**THANKS.** Thanks to all who provided the November reports for the AGM (Annual General Meeting). They are posted on our parish website. Thanks to all who made our Advent and Christmas celebrations happen. Even though the church was shut down, many enabled us to worship and experience the joy of the Nativity of Jesus. Thanks to Theresa Cannon and her team for decorating and de-decorating the sanctuary for Christmas. Our lovely Advent wreath was decorated by Jan Hasiuk. Thanks to Chas Van Dyck, the virtual choir, the cantors, and to Dale Rogalsky and Lester Espiritu for their music! Continued thanks to lectors and technicians for their faithful work. Specific thanks for the benefactors who donated beautiful poinsettia. Kudos to Chris Janes, assisted by Chantal Bishop & Connie Bart Hamel, for creating and setting up our outdoor crèche. Thanks to our Knights of Columbus who provided a wonderful virtual gathering, dinner, and carol singing before Christmas!

**INFORMATION.** The following is information about projects in completed or process during our three month hiatus: the lights bulbs in the church replaced (LED) and the fixtures cleaned; new video screens have been installed; new doors on the Jessie Street side were installed (January 7); all the carpets in the church have been shampooed; the wooden decoration carved by Chris Janes has been mounted above the interior Corydon side door; the space for our media (sound board/projection/streaming) is being revamped to accommodate current demands (we do need to recruit more technicians for the streaming); the back confessionals are being remodelled to improve accessibility and to provide a space of privacy for mothers nursing their babies.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.** PPC is meeting regularly again. They are focusing on projects to engage the Parish in implementing the Synod proposals and to improve the parish presence on Social Media.

As was announced in weekly Bulletins, we were happy that the Archdiocese has reduced our financial commitments of Sharing God's Gifts and Parish Assessment by 25% for 2020. Thus we were only just a little short of those obligations by December 31, 2020.

Finally, it is wonderful that we were able to begin Lent on Ash Wednesday with a congregation present. It was a School Mass, streamed, as usual, with students joining the parish from their classrooms. A great joy.

Prepare well for Easter. Pray and keep attentive to providing random acts of kindness. Please use the lovely outdoor Stations of the Cross at the front of our church, created and erected by Chris Janes.

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**Blessings on everyone.**



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