

# Parish Pastoral Council Chair Report, AGM 2019

*Sunday, June 9, 2019*

## 1. Renew the Mission of our Church

We are a pilgrim people of diverse backgrounds united by God through the Gospels, the Teachings of the Church, and the pursuit of common goals. We strive to deepen our personal union with Jesus Christ and grow as a faith community. We seek to enrich our heritage of care and concern for all, especially those in need, by being instruments of God's love and healing to the world around us. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we pledge to pursue this mission by participation in the liturgical, educational and social ministries of the Church. We recognize that to be effective, these ministries require spiritual, physical and financial resources, and we accept our responsibility as Christian people to provide them.

## 2. Some initiatives of this past year include:

- Weekly Children's Liturgy Program
- Catechism Parent Retreat
- Catechism Grades 1 – 4 weekly from October to June
- Confirmation Family Retreat
- Youth Group – Weekly Sept to June
- Altar Server Training
- Baptism Preparation 6 sessions per year
- Parish Photo Directory
- Contemplative Prayer Group – 2 times per month
- Oct 4 – Manna Gathering Weekly Discussion Groups
- Oct 4 – Blessing of the Pets
- Oct 14 – Issues Facing the Church Today
- Nov 21 – St. Joseph the Worker “An Encounter With” Dave Frank – A Journey of Love
- Dec 13 – Parish Reconciliation
- Diocesan Appeal - \$57,926.13 – New School/Parish Sign and Support for Tahsis
- Jenny Daniels Memorial Christmas Concert with the Arbutus Singers - for the Thembalethu Children's
- Shelter in Anerley South Africa
- January 16 - St. Joseph the Worker “An Encounter With” Mona Houle – her journey with Multiple Sclerosis: Strength through Weakness
- Senior's Lunch - Monthly
- Women's Breakfast
- K of C Pancake Breakfast - Monthly
- Feb 9 – Valentine's Dinner and Barn Dance – Fundraiser for St. Joseph School and Masithuthukisane
- Feb 11 – World Day of the Sick
- Stations of the Cross all Fridays during Lent
- March 25, 26, 27 - Lenten Mission with Bishop Gary Gordon
- March 28 – Parish Reconciliation
- “40 Cans for 40 Days” – Food for the hungry
- Share Lent Campaign for Development & Peace

- Potato Garden for the Soup Kitchen
- April 6 – Pastoral Care Training Session 3 – The Grieving Process and Ministering to Families
- Golf tournament and Silent Auction (School and Parish)
- May 25 – Pastoral Care Training Session 4 – Who am I as a Pastoral Care Visitor?
- May 10-12, 2019 – Youth Retreat at Camp Imadene
- Dec 8, 2018 - Youth Retreat at St. Edward's Parish
- June 2 – Sacrament of Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion
- Pastoral Care: 1st and 3rd Friday per month: home visits to shut-in and home bound
- Visit Selkirk Place – every Wednesday except the 2nd Wednesday of each month
- Visit Gorge Hospital – Every Wednesday
- Visit Amica on the Gorge – Every Sunday
- Visit Heights at Mt. View – included in Friday home visits
- Visit Salvation Sunset Lodge – Every Wednesday
- Visit Victoria General Hospital – Every Sunday
- Repairs and Replacements to the church and hall
- Renovations to the Rectory

### 3. Parish Pastoral Council Membership

- Fr. Alfredo Monacelli
- Brian Fox
- Carmelle Whiteley
- Claudia Garcia
- Mylinh Trinh
- George Flint
- Ian Mykyte

### 4. Thank you

Thank you to our pastor and shepherd, Father Alfredo! We are witnesses to your humble and gracious spirit and your servant's heart. This coming year is surely going to be much different than any other year previous in your ministry as a priest. We want you to know that we are here for you and for this parish and for those at Sacred Heart as well. You have set an incredible example to all of us of what it means to say 'yes' to the Call of the Lord. We thank you for your leadership today and always.

Thank you to our tireless office support staff: Jennifer Smith, Sandi Duncan and Patti O'Brien! More than just helping Father Alfredo, the three of you continue to serve all of us in the parish and you do so with grace and kindness that is unceasing. Your giving spirits are a shining example to the rest of us that our Heavenly Father's love is alive and at work. We are so grateful for the invaluable ways each of you contribute to keeping our parish and its many facets operating.

Lastly, thank you to the multitude of volunteers, committees and groups at St. Joseph the Worker Parish that assist in fostering the love of Jesus Christ

throughout this parish, school and community. We are blessed to have so many giving individuals sharing their time, talents and treasures so that we are truly a Church People living our Mission in being instruments of God's love and healing to the world around us. Thank you for continuing your good work. Thank you for saying 'yes' to God's Call.

5. Sacrament of Life of our Parish

15 children received Confirmation  
15 children received First Holy Communion  
30 Baptisms during May 27, 2018 to June 7, 2019  
3 RCIA candidates – April 20, 2019  
5 RCIY candidates – April 20, 2019  
2 Marriages during May 27, 2018 to June 7, 2019

6. Funerals in Memory

At this time, we remember and continue to pray for those parishioners who passed away during the last year. Please bow your heads in silence as we listen to those names read aloud:

Halusiak, Emilia – May 15, 2018  
Mace, Fay – May 31, 2018  
Dugaro, Eugenio – Aug 20, 2018  
Lamoureux, Audrey – Aug 21, 2018  
Porco, Antonio – Sep 13, 2018  
Murr, Georges – Sep 27, 2018  
Barany, Janos – Nov 14, 2018  
Slugoski, Walter – Dec 6, 2018  
Cafferky, Blair – Dec 26, 2018  
Berube, Gerard – Jan 22, 2019  
Crawford, Janina – Jan 30, 2019  
Young, John – Feb 13, 2019  
Quagliotti, Martha – April 1, 2019  
Watteyne, Angela – April 1, 2019  
Hallam, Rosita – March 6, 2019