

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Oakville, Ontario

At St. James Parish, we are so much more than brick and mortar. We are a vibrant community that seeks to serve our diverse community on their spiritual journey. Blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit that guides us, we recognize our role and responsibility to one another as we act with compassion, mercy and love.

As we continue the quest to enrich our spiritual lives, and even as we face the challenges of COVID-19, our parish church is in need of physical rejuvenation. While our parish community has experienced significant changes in size and composition since the construction of our church in the early 1960s, the physical building has not. Our church building requires major renovations to help sustain and improve the ministries we provide to one another and to our community. We need your help!

Through the assistance of the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign, we can collectively improve the future of the parish, as well as to contribute to important diocesan ministries.



"It's time for us at St. James Parish to put our mission into action. Our leadership team has developed goals for a bright, strong future, and the One Heart, One Soul Campaign is the perfect vehicle through which to see our parish dreams become a reality. We have taken many suggestions from you and look forward to fulfilling our goals."

FR. LOUIS M. LENSSEN, C.R.S.P.,
Pastor of St. James

Special features will enable us to maximize campaign benefits:

- We keep 75 percent of what we raise up to our minimum target, which is \$300,000.
- **If we raise \$300,000, we will receive a nearly \$60,000 matching award from the campaign!**
- We will keep 85 percent of anything we raise beyond \$300,000.
- There are virtually no costs to the parish for the campaign. The diocese is covering those costs. All the money raised will be used for campaign projects.

ONE HEART, ONE SOUL

A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton

'CELEBRATION' GOAL

Parish fundraising goal: \$300,000

Matching award: \$60,000

Available for parish campaign projects: \$285,000

(See back for details)

For diocesan goals: \$75,000

'CHALLENGE' GOAL

Parish fundraising goal: \$400,000

Matching award: \$60,000

Available for parish campaign projects: \$370,000

For diocesan goals: \$90,000

'VICTORY' GOAL

Parish fundraising goal: \$500,000

Matching award: \$60,000

Available for parish campaign projects: \$455,000

For diocesan goals: \$105,000

What an opportunity! And that is why we have set a goal higher than our minimum. We want to maximize this chance to undertake a vital renewal of our parish.

PARISH CAMPAIGN PROJECTS

RENOVATE PARISH HALL

As more parish organizations have become active, space for events and meetings is at a premium. Our current space needs a new kitchen and storage area, but more important, it needs to be accessible to those with special needs. An elevator is needed to make this a reality for everyone. To accommodate this, the physical layout of the basement will need to be altered.

REDO MAIN-FLOOR WASHROOMS AND CHURCH ENTRANCE

The church entrance experiences a lot of traffic. The washrooms are not wheelchair-accessible, and their size and fixtures are no longer sufficient for the needs of the parish. This will require changes to the current layout of the sacristy and washroom areas. As well, there are plans to fill in the baptismal font area and create a new central entrance into the church. This will create more space for parishioners and a more welcoming environment for all. The candle room, chapel and crying room will also be reviewed to assess the utilization of space to serve future needs.



RECONFIGURE HALLWAY, OFFICES AND WASHROOM

The hallway that leads to the administrative offices is too narrow and needs widening to be wheelchair-accessible. Also, the offices need to be relocated to the old sacristy, where they will be accessible to all. In keeping with these changes, the washroom that is found in this hallway will be eliminated and a new lobby added with washrooms.

How will our priorities be implemented?

We have engaged an architect to assist us in our planning, and we will provide regular updates and opportunities to provide input on the plans. Our projects currently have loose cost estimates, and the exact order in which we'll undertake the projects will be determined after we have firmer estimates and know how much financial support is available from our *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign. The uncertain impact of COVID-19 also will surely play a role. We will be grateful for any contributions you can make!



PARISH CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

Deacon Patrick Crowley

John Cooke

For more details about the campaign, the allocation of funds raised, donor privacy, our gift acceptance policy and much more, please visit oneheartonesoul.ca/faq and hamiltondiocese.com.

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