

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



WELCOME

In Luke Chapter 5, the crowd around Jesus decided to make a hole in the roof to access the blessing they sought. At St Jax this year, we decided that it was time for the holes in the roof to be repaired, so that we could focus on letting people in the front door! The completion of our long-awaited roof project is a major milestone for this financial year, along with the fact that we have finished the year in operational balance. A huge congratulations and thanks is extended to all of you, to our Diocese and to God for this miraculous work.

Throughout this period, ministry at St Jax has not slowed down! Alpha, Marriage Courses, Baptisms and so many new members from around the world has once again marked our year. When we ask the question: 'how have we helped our community to know, love and follow Jesus?' I know that we have so many stories of our friends and neighbours, ringing in our ears thanks to the faith, prayer and work you have all done as God builds up St Jax. I hope you will enjoy browsing the photos, stories and figures that help us both look back - and look ahead - to all that God has in store for our church community.

Yours faithfully,



The Rev'd Graham Singh
Incumbent



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AT A GLANCE

Sunday Attendance.....	93 weekly (18 under 18s)
Regular Members.....	150 (40 under 18s)
Total Members.....	250 (60 under 18s)
Giving.....	\$226,160 yearly
Alpha*.....	120 individuals (250+ weekends)
Marriage Course*.....	60 individuals
Focus North.....	100 attendees
Community Groups.....	25+
Community Meetings.....	15 yearly
Community Contact Hours.....	100,000 yearly
Social Media Followers.....	1000+

* Cumulative 5 years

TEACHING & PASTORAL CARE

At the heart of St Jax is our teaching and study of the Bible. Our Sunday services are always full of life and teaching from a varied slate of speakers from our congregation and from guests invited from our network of ministry relationships around the world. Our Teaching team continued to watch over Sunday messages and scheduling of speakers. We have found this to work to excellent effect. Some of the highlights have been Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson visiting twice in December, with one of those Sundays featuring her answers to an awesome list of questions coming from our kids' ministry. It had great theological and entertainment (!) value.

Our pastoral care team continues to grow with a number of people naturally moving into the role of caring for others. Pastoral care also happens very naturally within the context of our weekly bagel/coffee times and our regular Alpha courses and numerous events at St Jax.





WELCOME & HOSPITALITY

The warmth and welcome of St Jax will always remain front and centre; it's who we are! Though we have had some changes in personnel, the essential character of our team still shines through. We have a great group of volunteers who show up early on Sunday mornings, put on the coffee and bagels, shovel the walks when it snows, open the doors and who are ready to greet everyone with a smile and warm handshake. We are always inviting new members and growing our team to help us host all our new guests and build our beautiful community spirit. We have been making some needed improvements and empowering our team with information so they can also train others in our systems. The Welcome and Hospitality teams are a great way for new people to get involved and get to know the community. Talk to Pastor Marney today if you'd like to be part of the team.

WORSHIP

This year was another wonderful year of growth on our team. It seems we are continually growing together, getting to know each other more and this shows in how fun and enjoyable our practice times are together. We've had more people leading worship than ever before which is greatly helping grow our team to the next level. One of our biggest successes this year was our Christmas Concert, where we spread out the responsibilities between our team which lead to such an incredible and touching show that also brought with it many different flavours. We're so proud of the people we're building this ministry with, and how we're all team players, willing to work with what God's doing in the blink of an eye. We have THE best church!



KIDS

This year, we saw a restructuring in our children's ministry, from hiring a consistent toddler leader (Claire), to splitting the children into more age-appropriate groups. We have used around 500 hours of volunteer work, from about 20 volunteers (parents included), spread across four groups - Toddlers, Kids A, Kids B, and Youth. Between these four groups, we average 40 children a week. We had some wonderful events: an innovative "First Communion" service in Montreal, several baptisms, St. Jax's first All-Ages Service with Bishop Mary presiding, Youth Alpha, and two plays written by youth and performed by the children, including our Nativity play. We have almost all of our children attending communion and praying regularly! Finally, we have launched a Mentorship program, with 2 pairs already consistently meeting for several months.



ALPHA

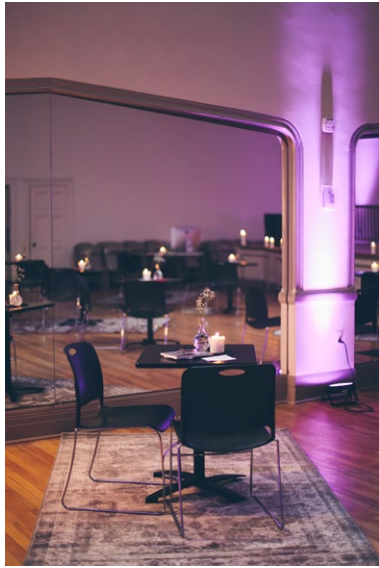
Alpha will continue to be one of the staple things we do at St Jax. It is such a great way for new people to discover Jesus and grow as a disciple. Not only great for people new to the faith, Alpha also provides a fantastic context for those who have been followers of Jesus for longer periods of time. It offers opportunity to serve in hospitality and set-up/take-down, to be part of a discussion group over 10 weeks where you can make new friends and enjoy the privilege of being with people as

A real highlight this year was the start of our first Alpha in Farsi. We're also looking forward to beginning a session in Mandarin.

We'll be doing our next session of Alpha in late September of 2020. Why not pray about who you can invite to attend?



they take their first steps of faith in Christ. Over the Holy Spirit day and in the "Does God Heal Today?" session, there are possibilities for people to learn to listen to the Holy Spirit and to pray for and with people for healing. It's so great to see new leaders develop as we do our Alpha, and we see this multiply each time.



MARRIAGE COURSE

AKA DATE NIGHTS

This past year we ran our second annual Marriage Course in February and March. The course was well-attended with a 50-50 split of couples from the church and couples from outside. We are recognizing that this is a vital ministry to offer both to the church and the wider community as its format effectively meets couples where they are at and offers them a beautiful atmosphere to invest in their relationship. We only see this ministry growing at St Jax in the years to come!



BUILDING PROGRAM

Our building had seen better days but those better days are beginning again! 2019 saw the replacement of the majority of our sanctuary roof. The excellent work was done by skilled craftsmen in both slate and copper. Large portions of the underlying structure were in better shape than we feared, which meant we only replaced approximately 35% of what we expected to replace of the roof. The masonry on Ste-Catherine, Bishop Street, and especially on our Bell Tower were assessed in a very dangerous state in late 2018. May through September of 2019 saw a program that shored up crumbling masonry. Large wood strapping currently holds the masonry in place until funds can be raised to do a complete repair within the next 5 years. Our great thanks to our contractor Greig Gribble and his team at GG Construction for helping keep our building not just standing but looking proud in its place on Ste-Catherine

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CENTRE ST JAX

2019 was a year of huge growth for our rentals program at Centre St Jax. Our aim is to open up the building as many hours as possible during any given day. We follow a Robin Hood model where we offer space at corporate rates for conferences or networking events which allows us to open our doors to more community-minded efforts, an approach we are calling "Champagne and Kombucha." Over 2019, we welcomed political events, where such people as Jagmeet Singh rallied for the NDP or David Suzuki advocated for the Green New Deal. We hosted dance classes and violin recitals, community discussion panels, memorial services and weddings. We hosted many parties and corporate networking events. We are pleased to showcase the arts, and were privileged to host Concordia's Theatre Department's term performance in the fall. Perhaps most importantly, we have partnered with Le Monastère circus company, which is a not-for-profit group committed to highlighting and keeping circus performers in Quebec. To further that goal, our basement is now rented by L'Académie du Monastère, whose goal is to offer acrobatic training to teachers of circus. We continue our work with the City of Montréal and are the home to the Peter-McGill Concert Series. We are very pleased to have met our financial goal for 2019 and are looking forward to what 2020 holds.



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SHARING OUR SPACE*

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF MONTREAL
 CITY OF MONTRÉAL
 MCGILL UNIVERSITY
 CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
 POWER TO CHANGE
 CALVARY CHAPEL
 ACTION RÉFUGIÉS MONTRÉAL
 ST JAMES LITERARY SOCIETY

GOLDEN SQUARE MILE
 LE MONASTÈRE
 CREATIVE MORNINGS
 QUARTIER DES GRANDS JARDINS
 YES MONTREAL
 FOOD SECURE CANADA
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
 CREATIVE MORNINGS

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- Women Aware
 - City of Montreal
 - Santamax (Canada) Productions
 - McDonald's
 - Gather Conference
 - St James Literary Society
 - Comité de la Fête Nationale de la Saint-Jean
 - Garnish Productions
 - Tournage Daniel Briere
 - UNHCR World Day of Refugees
 - Air Canada
 - Entraide Benevole Metro
 - Société des Transports de Montréal
 - Alpha Canada
 - Tony Santana dance class
 - Eglise La Chapellez
 - Orchestras Canada
 - McConnel Foundation
 - Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
 - Fox Quebec Productions
 - MB Mission SOAR
 - Salsa Folie Festival
 - Baptist Churches of Canada
 - Evangelical Fellowship of Canada
 - Interaction du Quartier Peter McGill
 - Wood at Work
 - Chinese Christian Mission of Canada
 - Carrefour Jeunesse-Emploi Montréal
 - Centre-Ville FACE fundraiser
 - Canadian Forces
 - Youth Employment Services Foundation
 - Montreal Community Cares Foundation
 - Food Secure Canada
 - Q Commons
 - Rita Hamel dance class
 - Vineyard Canada
 - Architects without borders
 - ClicBitz
 - IFMSA
 - Concordia Student Union
 - Institut du Nouveau Monde
 - Broken Clown (Street Legal Reboot)
 - Church Planting Canada
 - GFB Productions (Blood & Treasure)
 - LOGIFEM Inc
 - CJPME
 - Fulford Residence
 - Centre de Justice des Premiers Peuples de Montreal
 - CSU Daycare & Nursery
 - Ivanhoe Cambridge
 - TMR Rugby Football Club Captain's Dinner
 - Guitare Montreal
 - Canadian Art Therapists Association
 - La Chanterelle Catering

* cumulative 5 years

INCOME

	2018	2019	2020 Budget
OPERATIONAL INCOME	437,071	468,860	515,900
Giving	177,699	226,160	250,000
Diocesan Operations Grant	100,000		
Bequests	29,850	66,094	20,000
Interest Income	992	931	900
Rental	128,530	175,675	245,000
CAPITAL INCOME	342,774	1,464,415	100,000
Capital Fundraising	2,000		100,000
Diocesan Capital Grant (St Stephens)	312,853	264,415	
Conseil du Patrimoine	27,921		
Diocesan Loan (Shown as Income Indicative)		1,200,000	
TOTAL INCOME	779,845	1,933,275	615,900



EXPENDITURE

	2018	2019	2020 Budget
BUILDING	152,943	183,772	183,000
Cleaning	25,498	27,646	29,000
Diocesan Assessment	29,293	47,005	47,500
Gas	29,758	27,405	29,000
Insurance	31,774	32,517	32,500
Electricity	9,271	14,967	15,000
Office Expenses	9,845	16,670	13,000
Repairs and Maintenance	17,504	17,562	17,000
STAFF AND STIPENDS	195,351	141,200	195,000
MINISTRY	131,394	138,759	133,000
Worship, Alpha & Ministry Expenses	72,139	75,384	75,000
Guest Speakers	11,685	250	3,000
Media Production + AV Services	13,751	16,364	15,000
Travel, Hospitality & Fundraising	33,819	46,761	40,000
CAPITAL	386,001	1,512,137	100,000
Architectural, Engineering & Management Fees	55,328	110,279	
Exterior Restoration	111,381	909,592	
Interior Restoration	190,155	464,562	100,000
Fire Alarm / Entry System	4,073		
Audio, Video & Furniture	20,465	22,898	
Other smaller items	4,599	4,806	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	865,689	1,975,868	611,000



ANALYSIS

	2018	2019	2020 Budget
TOTAL INCOME	779,845	1,933,275	615,900
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	865,689	1,975,868	611,000
OPERATIONAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-42,617	5,129	4,900
CAPITAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-43,227	-47,722	0

Operational Income at a Glance



As diocesan start-up grants taper, giving and rental revenue catch up to close the operational deficit. Capital improvements are focused on raising rental revenue. Construction finances and lending are part of a more complex cashflow management.

- Rental
- Giving
- Diocesan Grant



CONCLUSION

What a year! As we join in celebrating all that God has done, recall what adventures we set out on: a newly re-opened historic church, many experiments in sharing our building with others, a new charity (the Trinity Centres Foundation) to help with a secular connection and an ambitious financing plan including one of the Diocese of Montreal's first loans for this kind of work. As we look to the Scriptures, we see in so many places that God's people need also to do the work of building and blessing the City. We have so many challenges ahead - but let us all pause and give thanks to God for the balance, harmony and rhythm of the journey so far. Let's pray for what comes next!



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