

St. Rose of Lima Parish  
Onoway

St. Joseph Parish  
Wabamun

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
Lac La Nonne

Dear Friends in Christ,

19 November 2021

For the last 19 months we have been struggling with the pandemic and its consequences within our society and church community. I'm very grateful to our Parish Pastoral Council members and finance, as well as all parishioners, for continued support and assistance. There are many spiritual and material needs. Your presence, reassurances, and support make me hopeful and ready to meet the challenges of the day. I invite all members of our parish communities to join us in our weekend celebration, as well as during weekdays. Let us deepen our devotional personal prayers to Our Lady of the Rosary in our homes and Rosary prayers in November for our loved ones who were summoned by God to eternal life. Let us remember that Holy Mass is the center of the church life as a Body of Christ. Let us make every effort to come and celebrate together.

At the present moment, as you noticed already, I took additional responsibility to setup for Mass and taking care after celebration. This way we reduce the number of people necessary in order to prepare for the sacred liturgy, and keep others safe for health reasons.

Our religious education (catechism) will continue as at home schooling. The program is available at each church after weekend Masses for grades 1-3 and 4-6. Sacramental preparations for baptism, First Confession, and First Communion are arranged with families on an individual basis.

Other meetings and social will be postponed until further notice. Parish Pastoral Council and financial committees will meet as need arises in parishes as long as the pandemic persists.

Financial/ Maintenance:

I am very grateful for your ongoing financial support and other forms of help in maintaining our properties in good condition. Just for your information, we did some improvements and we plan to do in the future:

Lac La Nonne - We are in the process of installing a new security system for both the interior and exterior of the church  
- We received a donation of a new organ

Wabamun UPCOMING PROJECTS:  
- Upgrade parking  
- Install security cameras

Onoway - temporary repairs to priest's residence (basement leaks and bathroom repairs)  
- New main window installed  
- Upgraded security – 2 doors  
- New security/camera system needed

As of 10 August 2021, our financial balances are as follows: (1 January – 7 November 2021 (45 weeks))

Onoway	Budgeted= \$34,500.00	Collected= \$32,992.00	Deficit= \$1,508.00
	(\$766.00 x 45 weeks)		

Wabamun	Budgeted= \$35,000.00	Collected= \$32,171.00	Deficit= \$2,824.00
	(\$777.00 x 45 weeks)		

Lac La Nonne	Budgeted= \$23,625.00	Collected= \$19,139.00	Deficit= \$4,486.00
	(\$525.00 x 45 weeks)		

As you see for yourself, our churches need urgent financial support.

Let us continue, through the grace of God, to build, improve, and to grow in grace on our spiritual journey.

In Christ,

Fr. Andrew S. Rybak, Sch.P.

Pastor