

TOWN HALL SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Question 1 – What are your thoughts about the finances of our Twinned Parishes?

WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU:

- Parishioners generally do not know enough about Parish finances.
 - Need transparency & more frequent communication
- Concerns about diocesan influence
- Need to increase revenue & manage expenses
 - Both by increasing donations & through supplementary income
- Need for education on giving & responsibility
- Demographics: Parishioners are aging & disappearing
- Facilities & appearance
 - Capital Expenditures need to be taken care of

Question 2 – Where would you like to see our Twinned Parishes in the next 5 years?

WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU:

- Financially stable & sustainable at BOTH parishes
 - Some are open to merging if it is needed
- Unity between the parishes
 - We do not 'feel truly twinned'.
 - How can we move from competition to cooperation?
- We want to feel more like a *community*.
 - To feel like we belong to the parish family.
 - Personal stakes in getting involved.
- Vibrant youth & family involvement
- Better communication within the parish & outreach outside the parish
- More opportunities for engagement through programs/groups

Question 3 – What do we need to do to get there?

WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU:

- We need to improve communication & transparency
 - More frequent & detailed financial information
 - More communication from pastoral/finance councils
 - Better use of technology (website, facebook, etc).
- We need to encourage participation & volunteering
 - Build a skills registry
 - Support & mentor people to become *leaders*
- Foster spiritual renewal in our community
 - Equip our parishioners with the knowledge & confidence to evangelize
- Fundraise & Financial planning
 - Reinstate the Building Fund
 - Be pro-active about capital expenses
- Improve our Processes
 - Better volunteer management systems
 - Use our facilities for income

TOWN HALL QUESTIONS POSED

A mistake was made during the Town Hall presentations – Our Seminarian Intern's salary is NOT being paid by the parishes, but rather by the Archdiocese of Edmonton. We are not incurring significant additional cost because of his placement with us.

When did we become Twinned Parishes?

August 14th, 2013, along with the appointment of Father Mitch Fidyka.

Did Resurrection have St. Michael's sale fund? If so, what happened to it?

As per our contact at the Archdiocese Pastoral Offices, he is unaware of a sale fund from St. Michael's parish, but stipulated that the sale preceded his time with the Archdiocese. It is likely that if there was a sale fund, it was used up quite early on, likely sometime in the 1990's.

What is the interest percentage that the St. James fund is earning?

Currently, the St. James Fund interest is calculated at 3% simple interest annually, with the previous year's interest being added to the principal.

Can we see a further breakdown of the expected building maintenance?

Yes. Copies are available alongside this handout. I have also attached a link to a PDF of the self-assessment completed by Father Roger & Trish Underwood in 2024. This is what our forecasted figures were derived from. [Click here](#)

What role does the Archdiocese play in helping struggling parishes?

There is no official diocesan policy outlining steps to support struggling parishes. Parishes who are struggling are typically reviewed & receive intervention on a case by case basis.

What is Together We Serve & how does it work?

Together We Serve is an annual appeal in the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton. Its goal is to combine the many special collections within our archdiocese into one ask. Beneficiaries are chosen by the Archdiocese annually. Each parish is given a target amount to raise, and if a parish meets their target by the end of the year it is eligible for a rebate. If a parish does not meet its target, there is no consequence.

How many parishioners are in each parish? / How many families are in each parish?

Please see the attached sheet for our Census Results!

Do we have data on giving habits?

Currently, we do not have reliable or consistent data on giving habits. We are in the process of moving over to a new database & giving tracker (Flocknote Complete) that will allow us to have better data going forward.

Is there a recommended weekly/monthly donation amount?

Each individual and family is different. Donation is not a one size fits all, but we encourage each individual to prayerfully consider a weekly, monthly, or annual donation amount that works for them.

How much do we need to increase giving per person to break even?

The answer to this question is a bit nuanced, since some people donate as a couple, while others donate individually. The calculations were completed using the number of Registered Households stated in the attached report.

Using the financial statements as at October 31, 2025:

On average, if each Registered Household in the parishes increased their donation by approximately \$10.00/month we may be able to break even in 2026.

Are Special Collections included in the 22% Cathedraticum we owe?

This answer is twofold. If we are speaking about Special Donations, a Building Fund, money collected for the sale of something, or the provision of a service, then No. If we are speaking about collections on days like Christmas or Easter, then Yes.

Are Non-Catholic Christian churches seeing the same rise in insurance?

It seems to be the case that all religious institutions are experiencing a similar rise in insurance costs.

Who ensures that we are getting the best deals on our contracted services (utilities, cleaning, etc.)?

This is the responsibility of the Parish Finance Committee, as well as the Business Manager. Contracts are reviewed semi-regularly. As far as we are aware, our current contracts are priced at or below market value.

Are our salaries being well spent?

The Financial Committee conducted an investigation in 2023 assessing whether the levels of pay were fair for each employee's qualifications & position duties. In accordance with this evaluation and current archdiocesan standards, the salaries being paid currently are deemed fair.



ASSUMPTION & RESURRECTION



PARISH CENSUS RESULTS

Assumption

240 Souls

64 Families | 125 Households | 61 Singles

Resurrection

260 Souls

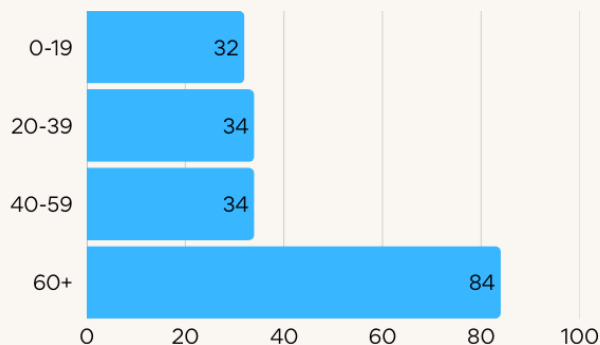
73 Families | 131 Households | 58 Singles

Combined

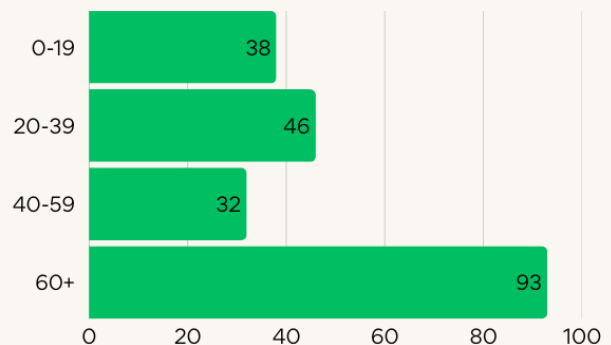
500 Souls

256 Households
137 Families
36 Families with Children
119 Singles

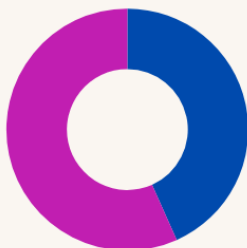
Assumption Age Breakdown



Resurrection Age Breakdown



Assumption



Male
43.3%
Female
56.7%

Resurrection



Male
44.4%
Female
55.6%



Assumption

MISSED THE CENSUS?
Don't worry - you can still participate!
Scan the QR Code or ask for a paper copy



Resurrection