

# **Santa Cruz Parish 2025 Highlights**

## **Financial**

- We have completed mandated brick repairs (as per a Property Standards Order, issued by the City of Toronto). Work has been completed. The completed work was to address only critical brick work. The cost for this completed work was \$190,000. This work increased our church debt with the Toronto archdiocese to \$207,000. NOTE: you can see from the photos in the church foyer, the poor estate of the brick work as well as before and after photos.
- Additional brick restoration will be required at the laneway (rear) and driveway (west) elevations of the church, this will be looked at in the future.

## **Annual 2025 Income Statement**

Total Revenue	\$497,256.58
Total Expenses	\$434,839.46
Net Income	\$62,417.12

## **Our Plan for 2026**

- We have retained and secured a quote for required roof replacement. Roof work has been scheduled to begin this spring at a price secured last year. Proposed roofing work will be about \$125,000.00.
- Two important revenue streams for the parish are the Rectory (house) rental and the office rental, located at the rear of the church (accessed from the Dovercourt entrance). We will be losing our tenants, AID TO WOMEN, in the end of March and we will be actively seeking a new tenant.  
NOTE: Having the rentals is critical for the parish's viability and survival, as we cannot solely rely on collections and fundraising. This is not unique to our parish and community. We are very blessed to have access to this revenue stream.
- We are getting a sign installed at the front of the church, the estimated cost will be between \$5-\$7,000. The sign will identify the parish and highlight parish activities.
- We are actively looking at areas of required preventative maintenance in the church and rectory on a regular basis, hoping to keep our maintenance cost down.
- We are also active in fundraising and we're looking for ideas and additional volunteers.
- Fundraising goes towards paying down the debt and day to day expenses that keep popping up.
- Also, we have many dedicated volunteers in our parish, but we must thank Mr. John Oliveira. John has donated his labour to complete various projects around the parish.
- Also, a special thank you to Mr. Domingos Andrade. Domingos has for many years completed all the required maintenance around the parish. We pray for his speedy recovery.
- We would also like to thank all the various volunteers who tirelessly donate their time working, volunteering and fund raising at our parish. Their dedication and hard work, help keep our costs down and our doors open. A special thank you to Anna Ledo, Lucy Silva, Helena Oliveira, Sidelia Oliveira, too many to mention, thank you all.

Message of Gratitude: Lastly, we would like to thank our beloved parish community for your continued support, prayers and generosity. May God reward you abundantly for all that you do and may HE continue to guide and strengthen our parish in love, unity and service. God Bless you all.

Lent blessing: May this holy season of Lent draw us all closer to Christ through prayer, sacrifice and love. As we walk the path of reflection and renewal, may our hearts be filled with God's grace and mercy.