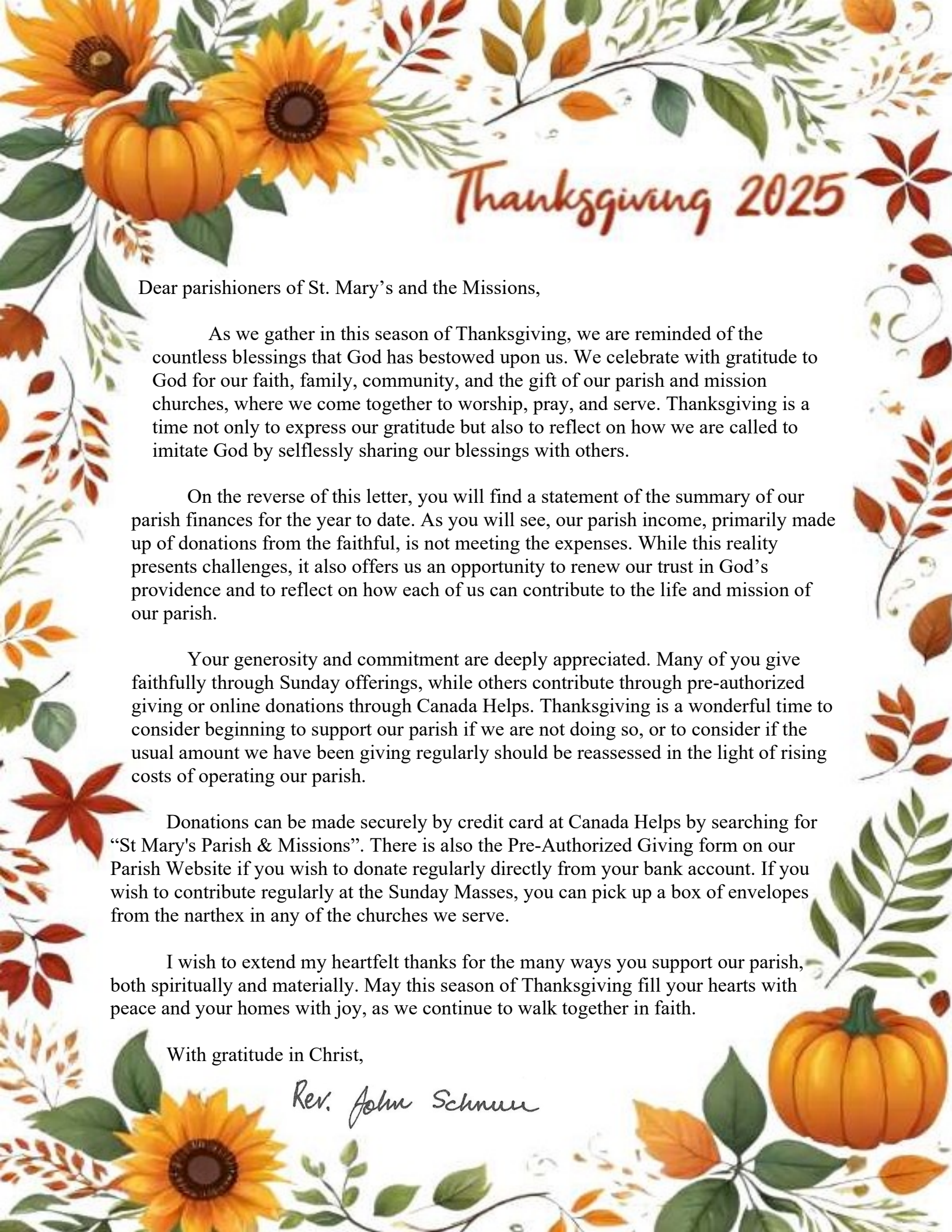




Thanksgiving 2025

Dear parishioners of St. Mary's and the Missions,

As we gather in this season of Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the countless blessings that God has bestowed upon us. We celebrate with gratitude to God for our faith, family, community, and the gift of our parish and mission churches, where we come together to worship, pray, and serve. Thanksgiving is a time not only to express our gratitude but also to reflect on how we are called to imitate God by selflessly sharing our blessings with others.

On the reverse of this letter, you will find a statement of the summary of our parish finances for the year to date. As you will see, our parish income, primarily made up of donations from the faithful, is not meeting the expenses. While this reality presents challenges, it also offers us an opportunity to renew our trust in God's providence and to reflect on how each of us can contribute to the life and mission of our parish.

Your generosity and commitment are deeply appreciated. Many of you give faithfully through Sunday offerings, while others contribute through pre-authorized giving or online donations through Canada Helps. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to consider beginning to support our parish if we are not doing so, or to consider if the usual amount we have been giving regularly should be reassessed in the light of rising costs of operating our parish.

Donations can be made securely by credit card at Canada Helps by searching for "St Mary's Parish & Missions". There is also the Pre-Authorized Giving form on our Parish Website if you wish to donate regularly directly from your bank account. If you wish to contribute regularly at the Sunday Masses, you can pick up a box of envelopes from the narthex in any of the churches we serve.

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks for the many ways you support our parish, both spiritually and materially. May this season of Thanksgiving fill your hearts with peace and your homes with joy, as we continue to walk together in faith.

With gratitude in Christ,

Rev. John Schuur

Operating Fund Income vs Expenses, 3rd Quarter: January to September 2025

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Offerings			Church Expenses	99,440.16	86,093.61
Envelope Offerings	295,285.76	286,315.60	Rectory Expenses	33,039.85	24,091.13
PAR Donations	134,310.53	134,065.53	Parish Centre Expenses	15,644.84	14,215.86
Online Donations	11,882.71	3,048.02	Office & Admin Expenses	8,186.49	9,068.65
Stock Donations	10,805.75	0.00	Salaries & Benefits	330,212.88	332,538.18
Weddings & Funerals	5,275.00	3,990.00	Cathedraticum to Diocese	29,525.68	29,363.17
Interest Earned	2,584.80	5,731.65	Mass Intentions Paid	9,520.00	9,830.00
Rental Income	22,800.00	12,693.00	Paid to Catholic Charities	439.16	370.92
Gift Shop Sales	4,959.93	4,586.76	Paid to Cemeteries	11,188.00	7,009.00
Mass Intentions Requested	14,634.00	15,304.00	Special Collections Paid	18,234.50	15,168.05
Donations Catholic Charities	912.62	495.47	Total Expense	555,431.56	527,748.57
Donations to Cemeteries	11,388.00	7,254.00			
Donations to Special Collections	20,394.50	16,111.05			
Total Income	535,233.60	489,595.08	Net Income	-20,197.96	-38,153.49

Parish Assets, as of September 2025

Operating Funds		Building Funds	
Chequing Account	29,583.21	Rectory	21,110.33
HST Rebate Receivable	9,949.05	Owen Sound	60,710.91
Investments with Diocese	142,977.45	Meaford	34,804.25
Total Operating Funds on hand	\$ 182,509.71	Sauble Beach	86,334.97
		Hepworth	22,532.53
		Warton	88,054.39
		Chatsworth	282,685.12
		Lion's Head	1,121.65
Building Fund loan owing		Tobermory	2,965.63
to the Diocese	\$ 3,788,766.87	Total Building Funds on hand	\$ 600,319.78

With the number of church buildings we have, it is important to keep sufficient savings on hand for capital expenses. In addition to donations and fundraising, we have been blessed over the years to be the grateful recipients of significant bequests, left to us by faithful parishioners, through their estate planning.

