

St Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Regina,
Saskatchewan,
Canada

Parish Profile



St. Mary's Anglican Church is a welcoming parish rooted in the Anglican tradition and shaped by a diverse and growing community. We seek a priest to walk with us in faith, support our ministries, and help lead us into the good future God is preparing for us.





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Who We Are

St. Mary's is a vibrant and faithful parish with a strong sense of family and a deep commitment to traditional Anglican worship using the Book of Common Prayer. We come from many backgrounds, ages, and cultures but are united in our desire to know and serve Christ. We are blessed with a growing number of young families, a significant refugee population, and dedicated long-standing members. We acknowledge the authority of Scripture. Our worship is centred on the Gospel of salvation by grace through faith in Christ.

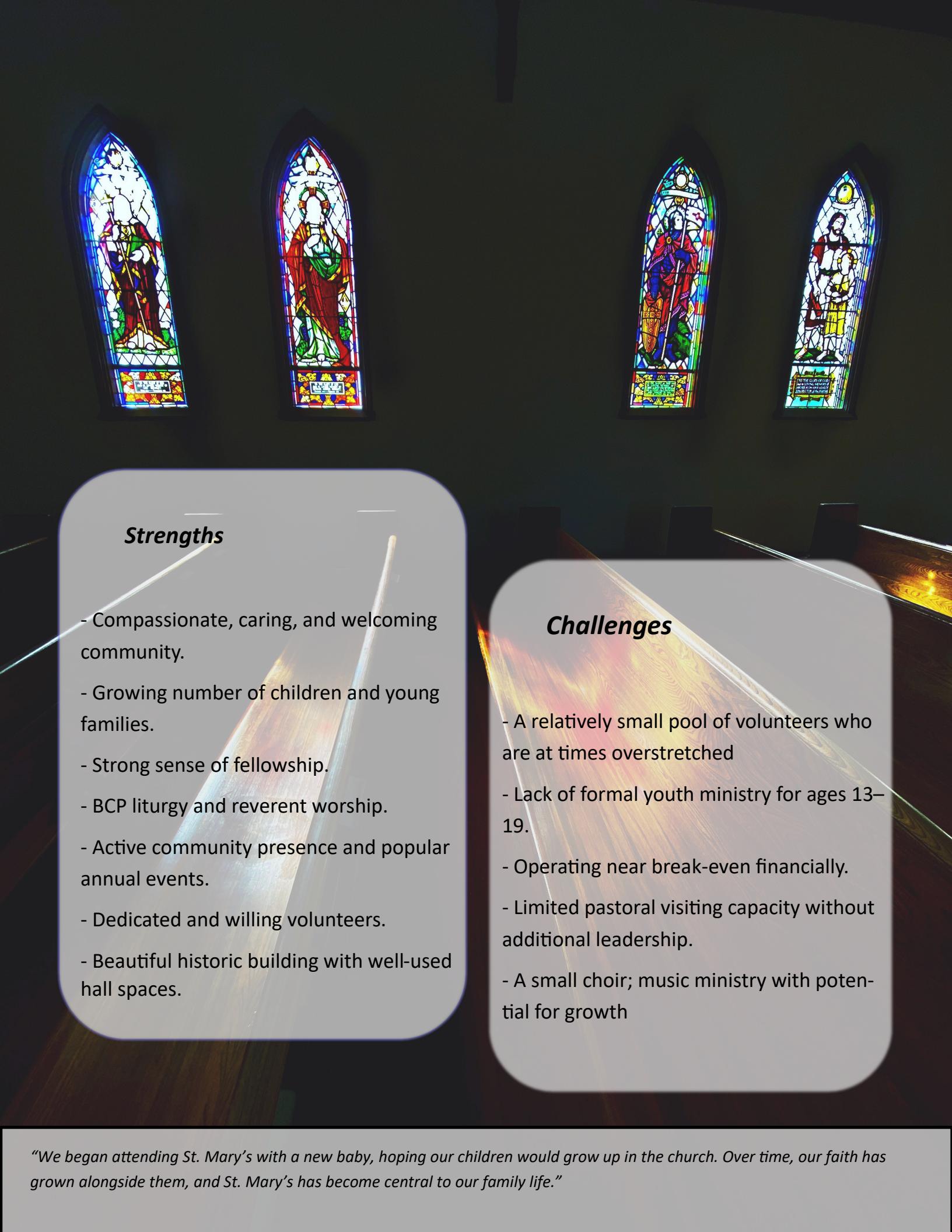
"It was the community that drew me to St. Mary's. When I moved to Regina three years ago I tried a lot of churches, but St. Mary's was so welcoming and immediately felt like home. People are down to earth and are truly trying to follow Jesus. "



On a typical Sunday we gather 60–70 parishioners, about one-third of whom are children. We cherish our after-service fellowship each Sunday. Our parish life includes a lively children's ministry, active refugee sponsorship, intergenerational events, and two major community festivals each year.

We seek a priest who is grounded in Scripture, joyful in worship, devoted to prayer, and who is committed to preaching the Gospel with clarity and conviction. We hope to grow—spiritually, numerically, and in service to our neighbourhood.

We pray that you will sense the warmth, sincerity, and hope that characterize St. Mary's, and perhaps feel a stirring of vocation: "I could see myself there."



Strengths

- Compassionate, caring, and welcoming community.
- Growing number of children and young families.
- Strong sense of fellowship.
- BCP liturgy and reverent worship.
- Active community presence and popular annual events.
- Dedicated and willing volunteers.
- Beautiful historic building with well-used hall spaces.

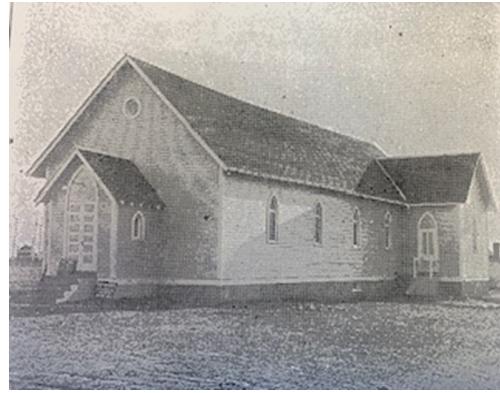
Challenges

- A relatively small pool of volunteers who are at times overstretched
- Lack of formal youth ministry for ages 13-19.
- Operating near break-even financially.
- Limited pastoral visiting capacity without additional leadership.
- A small choir; music ministry with potential for growth

"We began attending St. Mary's with a new baby, hoping our children would grow up in the church. Over time, our faith has grown alongside them, and St. Mary's has become central to our family life."

History of St Mary's

The parish of St. Mary the Virgin traces its origins to 1913, when the first St. Mary's Anglican Church opened to serve the southwest corner of Regina.



St Mary's 1927

By 1927 the original building was too small, and a new church was built with remarkable speed; the foundation stone was laid in June and the church building dedicated in October.

Through the 1950s and 1960s, St. Mary's was a bustling parish. Sunday School enrolment exceeded 200 children, and major expansions included a westward extension of the sanctuary and lower hall (1953) and a new parish hall, nursery, and kindergarten rooms (1961).

Through the 1970s attendance fell from its mid-century peak, but the parish continued to draw newcomers.

In the 1980s many Canadian Anglican parishes adopted the Book of Alternative Services, but St. Mary's remained committed to the Book of Common Prayer. This decision shaped our identity and attracted worshippers from across the city who sought traditional liturgy and biblical preaching.

In 2008, members of Holy Trinity Parish joined St. Mary's, bringing gifts of charismatic prayer and praise that remain part of our spiritual life.

Over the past 25–30 years, St. Mary's has become increasingly multicultural and intergenerational. While some parishioners live nearby, many commute from all parts of Regina and beyond. Some come from evangelical backgrounds and are drawn to the liturgy; some from Anglican churches in Africa; others come searching for God and find welcome and spiritual depth here at St. Mary's.

Worship and Ministries

Our worship is typically a sung Eucharist. Our services include:

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist
- Morning and Evening Prayer throughout the week
- Once-monthly Family Service with children joining in the full liturgy
- Special services throughout the year including Compline, Vespers, feast day services, and Lessons & Carols



We cherish the beauty, reverence, and theological depth of BCP worship. It is a steady, grounding force for our community and forms the heart of our common life.

“Tradition is not the worship of ashes, but the preservation of fire.”
Gustav Mahler



Prayer & Formation



- Weekly informal parish prayer gatherings (especially during this interim period)
- Parish prayer chain
- Small groups, historically including:
 - Women's Bible studies (2 currently active)
 - Men's breakfast group
 - Lenten small groups
 - Young family groups
 - Alpha course— we hope to run this again soon
- Ecumenical involvement such as Friends of Cursillo

" The congregation of St. Mary's has evolved through my life in the church, but though old faces fade and new ones appeared, their character is the same. A community which has embraced and cared for my family in both joyful times and sorrows, through marriage and baptisms but also through times of loss, the isolation of pandemic lockdowns, challenges to our personal faith, and through times when we felt unworthy of belonging. The church community has been there for us like family."

Fellowship is essential to our parish life; coffee time after church is an important space for welcome, connection, and pastoral care.



Children and Youth Ministries

We offer Sunday programming for children ages 0–12, including:

- Nursery care: 0-2 years.
- Worship Centre/ Godly Play: 2-6 years.
- Faith Quest: 6-12 years.

We use a variety of hands -on activities to teach the kids important Bible stories and support spiritual formation at home. We strive to help in meeting the promises made at baptism of learning the Lord's Prayer, the 10 Commandments and the Apostle's Creed.

A growing number of children (and several adults) are preparing for baptism and confirmation.

We currently have fewer teenagers than younger children and hope to build youth ministry capacity as our younger cohort grows older.

Many of our parishioners attend or support the Diocesan Summer Camp at Cypress Hills Provincial Park.



Senior's Outreach

Although we have little formal programming, we care deeply for our seniors and look to meet needs as they arise. Several parishioners help with pastoral visiting, and home communion is offered to those who are housebound.

Our past Community Kitchen program provided meals and fellowship for parishioners and neighbours; although it is not currently active, it is a ministry model we may explore again when resources allow.

Senior's outreach and pastoral care is an opportunity for growth in our parish.



Dinka language summer camp and Camp Harding

South Sudanese Ministry & Refugee Sponsorship

We are blessed by the ministry of our associate priest, himself a South Sudanese refugee, who has a heart for walking with South Sudanese families, youth, and newcomers. His vision includes forming and strengthening a South Sudanese Christian community rooted in Scripture, worship, and shared culture.

St. Mary's has sponsored several refugee families. In January 2023, we welcomed a family of six from South Sudan and continue to support them. The refugee sponsorship committee hopes to welcome more newcomers as finances and volunteer capacity allow.



Dinka language teaching at St Mary's

Community Events



St Nicholas Celebration

St. Mary's hosts two major community events each year. In December we have the St. Nicholas Celebration centred around the children. July brings the Saskatoon Berry Festival complete with berries, pie, and local musical talent. While both have an element of fundraising, they are mostly a chance to reach out to our local community and maintain a connection with neighbours who do not attend at St. Mary's.

Other events have included an annual community Ceilidh and a lecture series during the Cathedral Village Arts Festival. Our Lenten mission guest speaker has proven popular with the congregation and attracted other Christians from around the city to St. Mary's. During Advent we host a beautiful Lessons & Carols service again to invite the local community to sing carols and hear the Biblical account of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



Grilling on the lawn at the Saskatoon Berry Festival



Dancing in our upper hall at the Winter Ceilidh



Preparing for our craft market



Recreating the Sistine Chapel



Praying for baptismal candidates



A Christmas visit for parish children during the pandemic

Partner Congregations & Rentals

St. Mary's diversity extends to our friends who share our building and sanctuary. St. Mary's Ethiopian Orthodox Church meets on Saturdays. On Sunday afternoons and during the week we host a Latin Rite Roman Catholic congregation.

Our halls and kitchens are regularly rented as well. Renters include AA meetings, music and art groups, sports and wellness groups, community gatherings, and one-time events and festivals. This strengthens our finances and blesses our community.

Staff and Volunteers

Paid Staff

- Office Assistant (part-time): manages rentals, administration, communications, and currently also cleaning duties
- Music Director / Organist: leads our music ministry and small choir
- Associate Priest: preaches, officiates, and ministers especially with the South Sudanese community
- Sexton: part-time, responsible for maintenance and grounds care
- Bookkeeper



Volunteers

- Lay ministers and servers
- Vestry and wardens
- Altar guild
- Greeters
- Children's ministry volunteers
- Coffee hour hosts
- Many others



St. Mary's is sustained by generous volunteers who serve with joy.

The Church Building

The building is one of our greatest assets for ministry and mission.



We worship in a beautiful, traditional east-facing Anglican church featuring stained glass windows and one of Regina's few pipe organs.

Our facilities include:

- Upper hall with gym-style space and full kitchen (used for large events)
- Lower hall (recently renovated) with full kitchen and intimate gathering space
- Two dedicated children's ministry areas:
 - Nursery and art rooms
 - Older children's craft and story rooms
- Accessibility features including an elevator and ramp
- Well-maintained infrastructure
 - Roof replaced within ~10 years
 - Organ refurbishment within last 6 years
 - Regular boiler and building maintenance



Our Calling

We believe St Mary's has a calling. We believe in one God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God. We hold to the simple yet wondrous truth that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary and died at the hands of man for the sins of man, redeeming us from death to life. We want God to use us to proclaim this truth to the world.

We believe the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. We want to grow in grace to love the Lord, our neighbours, and each other in obedience to Christ who first loved us. St Mary's needs to continue to sustain and nourish Christians while providing welcome for anyone seeking light in the darkness. We trust in the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit.

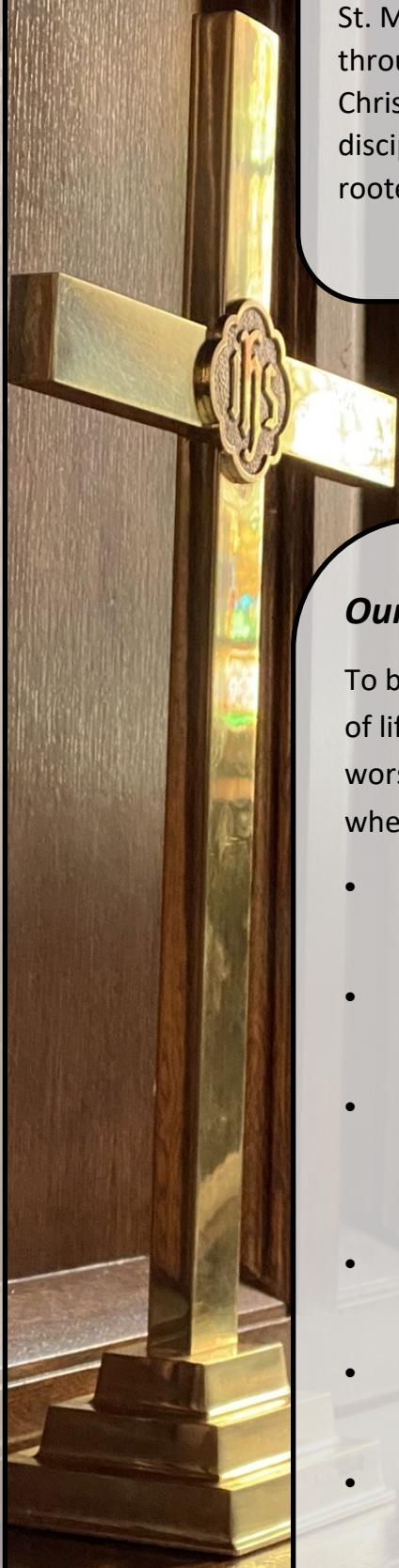
We see our calling as both timeless and timely. St. Mary's seeks to be a home where ancient faith and living hope meet — a sanctuary for those who hunger for beauty, depth, truth, and the presence of God.



"The church's mission [is] one of salvation, not just societal influence"

We seek a priest to join us in this hopeful, challenging, and Spirit-led work.

Our Mission and Vision



Mission Statement

St. Mary's Anglican Church seeks to glorify God through worship, liturgy, and service that reveals Christ's love to the world. Our mission is to form disciples who pray, learn, and serve together — rooted in faith, alive in hope, and generous in love.

Our Vision

To be a community of Christ's people from all walks of life and all ages and backgrounds who love and worship the Risen Lord and who strive to be a place where one can find:

- meaningful Christian worship in the Anglican tradition
- Christian stewardship being modeled, individually and in ministry
- a befriending and welcoming community of people, regardless of anyone's race, background or stage of faith
- transformational teaching of the Christian faith to all ages
- healing for the sick, hurting, broken, downcast and those in need
- opportunities to show Christ's love to the community through action

Our Next Rector

Essential Qualities

We hope to call a priest who:

- Loves the Book of Common Prayer and adheres to its teaching
- Is a strong and courageous preacher who proclaims the Gospel clearly
- Is committed to prayer, study, and walking closely with the Lord
- Shows integrity, compassion, and sound leadership
- Supports and strengthens pastoral visiting
- Desires to see renewal, revival, and growth in the parish

Desirable Qualities

It would be beneficial if our new priest:

- Has musical ability or interest in supporting the music ministry
- Is organized and a clear communicator
- Leads confidently while empowering others
- Is supportive of children's and youth ministry

Compensation



Compensation for the Rector of St. Mary's will be provided following the Diocese of Qu'Appelle Clergy Compensation Policy (2026) and will reflect the successful candidate's education, experience, and qualifications.

The compensation package includes:

- Stipend at or above the diocesan standard for the candidate's educational category (Bachelor, Master, or Advanced Degree), with Annual Service Grants recognizing years of ministry experience.
- Housing allowance, currently set by the Diocese at \$19,000 per year, in lieu of a rectory.
- Standard benefits: life insurance, extended health care, dental plan, long-term disability, pension plan, EI, and CPP, as provided through the General Synod Pension Plan.
- Continuing Education Plan contributions per national and diocesan policy.
- Professional expenses and travel reimbursement (currently \$0.45/km and up to \$50/day for meals).
- Annual vacation and continuing education leave as outlined by the Diocese.

St. Mary's is committed to fair and transparent compensation practices and will work with the successful candidate to ensure the package reflects both diocesan standards and personal circumstances.

The Diocese of Qu'Appelle



The Diocese of Qu'Appelle covers the southern third of Saskatchewan and includes roughly half of the province's population. The cathedral and diocesan offices are in Regina. Established in 1884, the diocese now consists of 38 congregations across 25 parishes.

The Rt. Reverend Helen Kennedy, Bishop of Qu'Appelle, provides pastoral and administrative leadership for the diocese. She supports the clergy and upholds the values and vision of the Diocese.

Diocesan Vision

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile."

— *Jeremiah 29:11–14 (NRSV)*

Our vision for the Diocese of Qu'Appelle is that we would seek God with all our hearts, trusting that He will be found.

Mission of the Synod Office

The Synod Office seeks to equip and support Anglican communities to become more Christ-like by:

- Building community through relationship and connection.
- Teaching Scripture and offering formation for clergy and laity.
- Enabling worship and ministry across the diocese.
- Administering property and resources entrusted to diocesan care.

City of Regina



Regina, the capital of Saskatchewan, is a prairie city of about 300,000. It is served by an international airport with daily connections to most major Canadian cities and to locations in the United States.

Natural Beauty & Outdoor Living

Regina is home to Wascana Centre, one of North America's largest urban parks. Walking trails, green spaces, festivals, and a year-round lakefront make it a hub for recreation. Regina is also served by several provincial and regional parks offering year-round outdoor recreation.



Snowshoeing in January

Cultural Life

The city offers:

- The Royal Saskatchewan Museum
- The MacKenzie Art Gallery
- The Regina Symphony Orchestra
- The Globe Theatre
- Many recreation facilities and events

Indigenous culture plays a profound role in the life of the city, offering meaningful opportunities for learning and relationships.



Saskatchewan Science Centre



First Nations University

Education & Innovation

Regina is home to:

- The University of Regina
- Saskatchewan Polytechnic
- A vibrant academic and research community



Mosaic Stadium

Community Spirit

The city is known for its passionate sports culture, particularly the Saskatchewan Roughriders football and the Regina Pats hockey team. Community sports thrive at all levels. Neighbourhoods are friendly, welcoming, and family-oriented. The city also hosts a popular multicultural festival and one of North America's largest agricultural shows.

Economy & Affordability

Regina has a diverse economy that includes agriculture, energy, transportation, and technology. It is relatively affordable, with lower home prices and rental costs than many Canadian cities.



Our Neighbourhood Context

St. Mary's is in the historic centrally located Cathedral neighbourhood. We believe Regina is a mission field, and we long to be part of what God is doing here—bringing truth, beauty, hope, and healing to our city.

Financial Profile

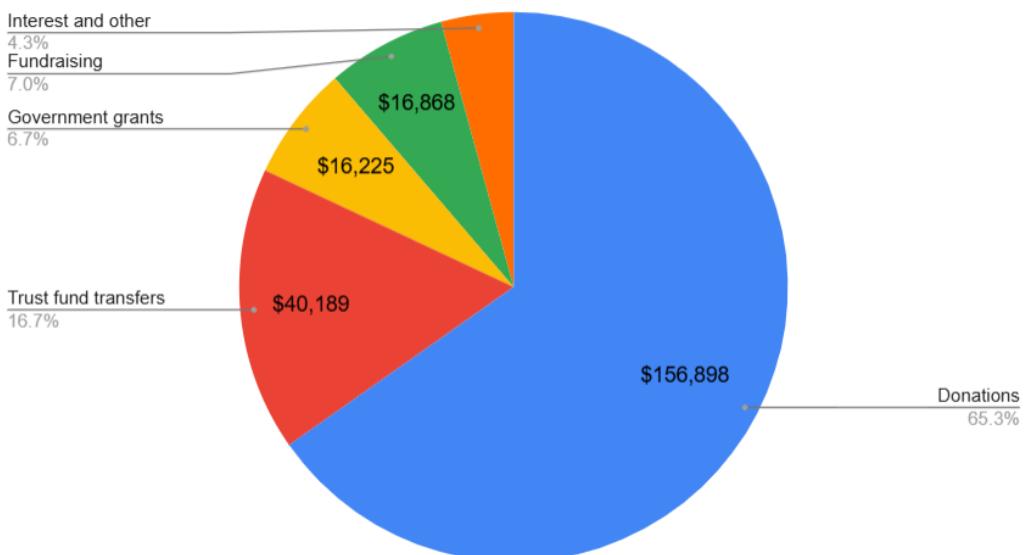
Overview

St. Mary's keeps a careful and responsible approach to finances. We work toward a balanced budget each year, though some years have included partial payment of our diocesan fair share. Throughout the pandemic and beyond, parish giving stayed relatively steady.

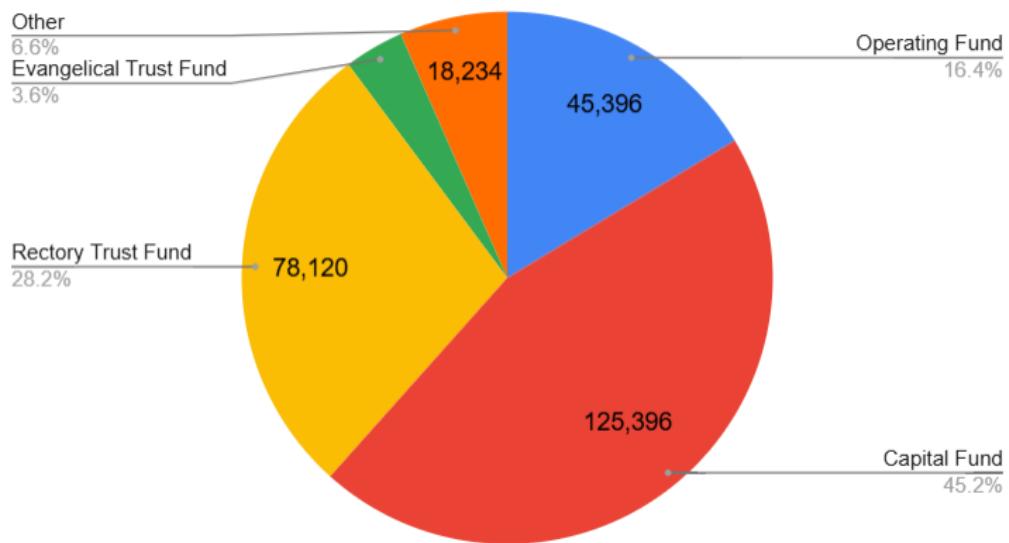
Rental income from our recently renovated lower hall and our two partner congregations provides essential supplemental revenue.

Our ongoing challenge is to increase overall income so we can meet rising insurance costs and fully support diocesan commitments.

Sources of Support (2024)



Funds & Reserves (Dec 31, 2024)



Financial Trends & Stewardship Culture

St. Mary's practices conservative budgeting while encouraging generosity and creative stewardship. Recent capital projects include a major roof replacement and a significant lower hall renovation.

Two Year Snapshot

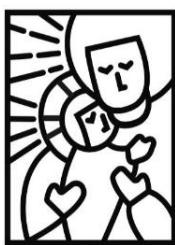
	2024	2023
Income	\$269,193	\$239,076
Expenses	\$269,897	\$236,770
Surplus/Deficit	-\$704	\$2,306
Reserves	\$45,396	\$39,719

Full financial statements available upon request.

Closing Invitation

We believe God is preparing the next shepherd for St. Mary's—someone who will love this community, uphold the richness of our Anglican tradition, and join us in proclaiming the Gospel with joy and conviction.

If you sense that God may be calling you to minister with us, we would love to meet you. We invite you to pray with us as we seek God's will for our parish.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

— Romans 15:13

Almighty God, who knowest the needs of thy Church in every place: Look graciously at this time upon the people of this parish; and give to them a faithful Pastor, who shall feed thy flock according to thy will, and make ready a people acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

— *Prayers for the Church #12, Book of Common Prayer*

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