

Welcome to St. Patrick's Church Information Meeting



Opening Prayer Father Luc Tran



St. Patrick's Modernization Project



- **Accessibility**
 - **Safety**
- **Stewardship**

Presentation Overview

- ▶ **Recent developments in the reopening of St. Patrick's**
- ▶ **Work required to complete the reopening**
- ▶ **Fundraising goal update and current progress**
- ▶ **How you can help**
- ▶ **Questions and discussion**

Very Rev. R.W. Griffin O.M.I. taken from his homily on the Opening of St. Patrick's in 1952



St. Patrick's: A Sacred Legacy

- ▶ **First Church Built In 1887 by the Oblate Fathers**
- ▶ **First Pastor - Fr. Leonard van Tighem O.M.I.**

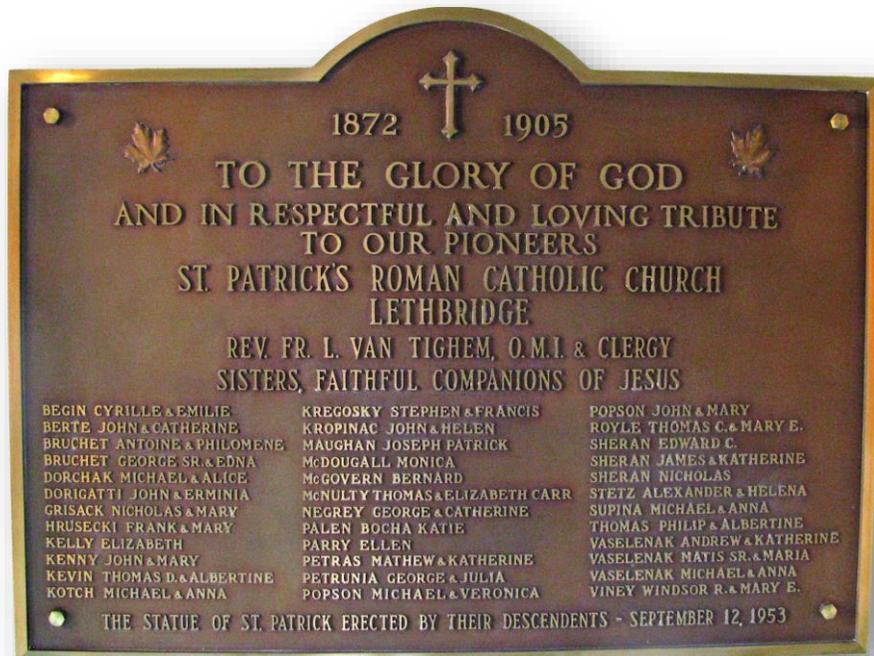


Present Day St. Patrick's

- ▶ Construction began 1913
- ▶ Upper portion completed 1952



Remembering Our Pioneers



1872 to 1905
Builders of the 1st St. Patrick's



Ron Viney and others nailing the
roof on the new St. Patrick's
1951

St. Patrick's Today

- ▶ One of three churches within **All Saints Parish**
- ▶ Only essential maintenance completed over the past **25 years**
- ▶ Renovations urgently needed for St. Pats

Why Action Is Needed Now

- ▶ Aging infrastructure requires attention
- ▶ Safety and accessibility standards must be met



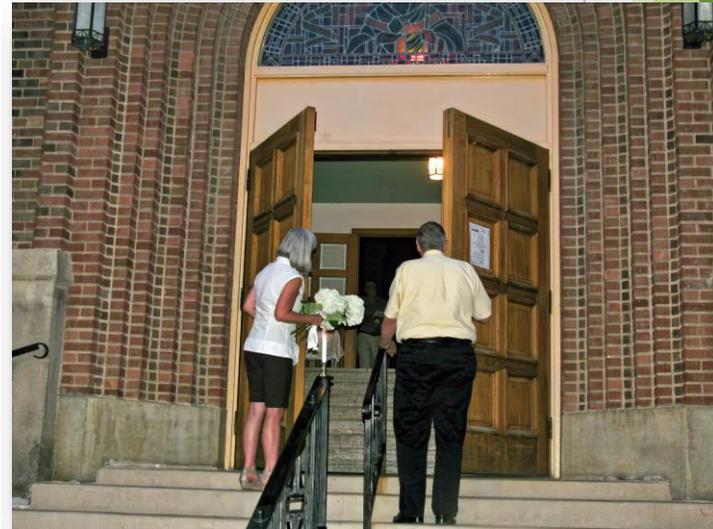
New Steps



New Elevator

Accessibility: A Clear Requirement

- ▶ To reopen St. Patrick's in a meaningful way, Bishop McGrattan requires the church to be:
 - ▶ Accessible to all parishioners
- ▶ Accessibility is:
 - ▶ a pastoral obligation
 - ▶ an expression of Christian welcome
 - ▶ essential for dignity and inclusion



Fundraising Goal

- ▶ Needed repairs to St. Patrick's Church are estimated to cost **\$3.3 million**.
- ▶ Now is the time and opportunity to put forward our support for the reopening of St. Patrick's in a concrete way
- ▶ Let us achieve our fundraising goal by September 24, 2026, the day of St. Pat's Consecration.

Required Accessibility Projects

- ▶ **New Elevator** with containment building
 - ▶ Large enough for a casket
 - ▶ Stops at basement, street level and church level
 - ▶ Projected cost - \$663,000
- ▶ **New Front Steps**
 - ▶ Remove existing stairs
 - ▶ Install new stairs, railings and sidewalk
 - ▶ Projected cost - \$295,000

Required Safety and Modernization Projects

- ▶ **Electrical Upgrades**

- ▶ New panel, lighting, sound system, fire alarm
- ▶ Projected cost \$226,000

- ▶ **Mechanical Upgrades**

- ▶ Two new boilers, radiation cabinets and air units
- ▶ Projected Cost - \$417,000

Required Safety and Modernization Projects

- ▶ **Building upgrades**

- ▶ Roof repairs
- ▶ New doors and windows (not stained glass)
- ▶ Brick repairs, gutters and downspouts
- ▶ Projected Cost - \$613,000

- ▶ **Other Repairs**

- ▶ New confessionals, wall patching, allowance for hazardous materials - \$415,000
- ▶ Management Costs - Permits, logistics - \$395,000

Progress Already Made

- ▶ The parish has already taken meaningful steps to demonstrate their commitment to reopening of St. Patrick's
 - ▶ New handicapped-accessible bathrooms completed
 - ▶ Sealing around exterior of stained glass windows
 - ▶ Stop-gap repairs to boiler heating system
 - ▶ Security Fencing and other essential maintenance

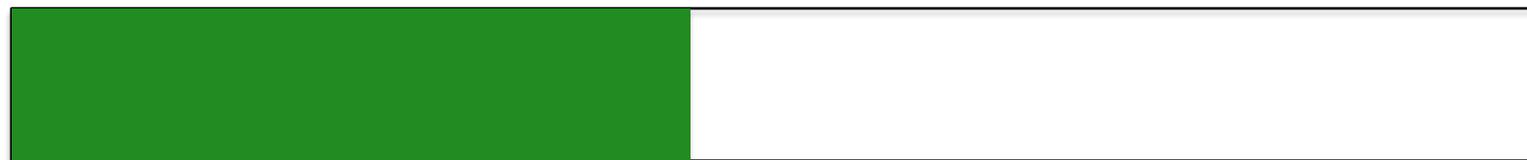
A Time of Discernment

- ▶ The Bishop has committed that:
 - ▶ St. Patrick's Church will continue to exist even if a new church is built
- ▶ The present plan is for St. Patrick's:
 - ▶ To have an extended role in the parish
 - ▶ To celebrate a weekly Mass that will fulfill a Sunday obligation
 - ▶ St. Patrick's is available for Funerals and Weddings

Where Do We Stand Today on the Modernization of St. Patrick's

- ▶ No fixed end date for fundraising
- ▶ \$3.25 million must be donated before permission to proceed with Reno's is given
- ▶ \$1.472 million has been pledged/donated to date - (44% of the goal)

St. Patrick's Campaign Progress To February 21



44.4% of Goal Reached

Goal: \$3,325,000

Total Raised (Pledges & Donations): \$1,475,450

Number of Donors - 88

\$138,720 raised in February.

How the Renewal Project Will Proceed

- ▶ Pledges and donations are being requested
- ▶ The earlier we reach our fundraising goal
 - ▶ The quicker work begins
 - ▶ Inflationary costs are lessened
 - ▶ The sooner St. Patrick's is reopened

About Conditional Gifts

- ▶ Donor intent is respected by church and tax law
- ▶ Conditional gifts may:
 - ▶ Restrict the ability to move forward on renovations
 - ▶ If you have made a pledge, please consider removing those conditions
- ▶ All donations are welcome

How You Can Help?

- ▶ **Pray** for St. Patrick's and All Saints Parish
- ▶ **Consider a pledge or donation** to St. Patrick's Renewal Project
 - ▶ Gifts of any size matter.
 - ▶ We want **everyone** who has advocated for the reopening of St. Patrick's to play a part
- ▶ **Reach out** to supportive friends and family

Donation Process

- ▶ Submit your donation with a completed *Donation/Pledge Form Modernization of St. Patrick's*
- ▶ Cheques should stipulate “*for St. Patrick's modernization*”
- ▶ Donations must be made directly to All Saints Parish.

Forward in Faith

A Campaign for the Future of All Saints Parish

DONATION/PLEDGE FORM MODERNIZATION OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Name(s): _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

I/We, _____ hereby commit to a donation of \$ _____
in the form of a cheque/e-transfer/other _____ to occur on this date: _____

OR

I/We, _____ hereby commit to a pledge of \$ _____

This pledge will be paid: monthly annually at \$ _____ per payment for a total of _____ payments.

Please note that the parish has a limit of a maximum of 5 years to complete a pledge.

My/Our pledge will begin on _____
Date

For our/my annual pledge payment, please remind us/me 1 month prior to our/my planned pledge due date.

I understand that this pledge is being used to modernize St. Patrick's Church. _____
My/our estate agrees to honour this pledge to its fulfillment. _____
Date

Signature

Date Signed

Please note: If there is an alternative preferred frequency or method of donation such as a donation of appreciated public securities, then please contact the parish office.

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A Shared Responsibility

- ▶ We are caretakers of a sacred trust
- ▶ Previous generations built and sustained this church
- ▶ Our role is to:
 - ▶ preserve it responsibly
 - ▶ ensure it remains welcoming and safe
 - ▶ pass it on to future generations

Questions/Referrals?

- ▶ **Please contact one of the following:**
 - ▶ **Barb MacLean - 403-381-0827**
 - ▶ **Brian Wright - 403-320-5041**
 - ▶ **Francis Noronha -403-328-7616**
 - ▶ **Grant Alger - 403-942-0202**
 - ▶ **Manfred Poehlmann - 403-393-6816**

Thank You!



- ▶ Thank you for:
 - ▶ your time
 - ▶ your prayerful discernment
 - ▶ your care for St. Patrick's Catholic Church
- ▶ *May God bless our efforts and guide our stewardship*

Closing Prayer

- ▶ “Lord guide our discernment and help us to be faithful stewards of the gifts entrusted to us.”

St. Patrick, St. Basil, Our Lady of the Assumption
Pray For Us

