

On September 22nd Simonne explained to you the damage to the steeple of our beautiful historical church and the price tag of \$500,000 to repair. She told you that through our MP Brian Storseth there was a possibility of receiving a \$250,000 grant. All we had to do is raise \$250,000 matching dollars. To date we have received \$133,697.00 passed the halfway mark we still have four weeks to go. We are confident we will reach our goal because you have demonstrated that we have a Community that is responding generously, there is power, there is strength and great things happen when we do things together.

Today I am here to tell you about the new St. Jean Baptiste Parish web site at www.sjbp.ca which is online and running. The website will continually be updated so check often to keep informed on parish activities, changes and additions. As you open the page you will be greeted by some beautiful inspirational music. You will find links to the Liturgical Calendar, Parish Calendar, Parish Groups and Ministries, Sacraments. You also can download PDF files for Sacraments or Parish Registrations, Baptismal Request Form and Applications for Marriage, Baptismal or Burial Certificates. There are several beautiful pictures of the interior of the church plus much more information like upcoming events, parish bulletins and mass times. Links to the Western Catholic Reporter, Salt and Light Television, Daily Gospel, Minute Meditation to name a few.

Most importantly there is a link to the restoration project. There you will find copies of our presentations and many close up photos of the damage, the missing mortar, the nail popping, the rust on the tin portions, shingle rot and moss. You will definitely see the need of the restoration to stop the water ingress. There are photos of the interior water damage.

There is information on the restoration, information on how to donate and a pledge form. So if at this point you are like me still trying to figure how you want to participate, how much you want to give the pledge form may be the answer for you. If you are not able to give an amount in one payment you can pledge payments over the next few weeks or months. Pledges assist if we were in need of borrowing money from the diocese as this shows our ability to repay that loan.

Also on this page there is a PayPal link so that donations to the project can be made online by those who wish to do so from afar or from near. Perhaps you have an uncle or aunt in Vancouver, a sibling in Europe, a parent in Edmonton, who has a desire to contribute, this is an avenue for them. It is safe, secure and easy. Donations are also accepted at the Royal Bank and Servus Credit Union.

Finally on the top left hand of the page there is a link where you can share the St Jean Baptiste Parish website on email, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and many more. If we would all do that it will spread the message to our families, friends, and colleagues across the country and around the world. Soon we also will have a Facebook page and we will be tweeting on Twitter.

Thank you for all your donations large and small that come from your hearts and continue to pray for the success of our project.