

Paroisse St-Stephen's Parish

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Campagne de dîme 2020 Tithe Campaign



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For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

This letter launches our fall drive for our 2020 Annual Tithe Campaign, and we ask that you please take a moment to consider what you can do to help St. Stephen's Parish. Thank you to everyone who has already responded with financial support towards this year's tithe campaign – we are profoundly grateful. Your support is helping with our ministries and charitable activities and also in maintaining our heritage stone church. It is a most welcome gift!

COVID-19 has created countless challenges for us all. For St. Stephen's, it has meant foregoing our usual fundraisers such as concerts in the church, raffles, as well as our spaghetti dinner – events that not only bring us together in fellowship but are substantial financial supports on which we rely. This year has been a great test for our community, our neighbours and the entire world. Please know that St. Stephen's continues to pray for the health and fortitude of everyone – in particular those whose front-line work means having to face down the coronavirus on a daily basis.

This 2020 fall tithe campaign, **'Standing together even at 2 meters apart!'**, will go a long way to support our pastoral and outreach activities, and also to maintain the church building, one of Chelsea's most visible and historic landmarks. In light of our current needs, we are experiencing a significant shortfall.

We hope you are able to renew your commitment to assisting our church and parish. Donations may be sent to us in the enclosed envelope with cheques payable to St. Stephen's Parish. Alternatively, contributions can be made through online giving via the secure link "I make an online donation" found on [our](https://www.st-stephen.ca) parish website, <https://www.st-stephen.ca>. All donations of \$25 or more will receive an income tax receipt.

On behalf of St. Stephen's Catholic community, many thanks in advance for your consideration, your generosity, and your support.

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