



PASTORAL CENTRE - COMMUNICATOR

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Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава На Віки!
Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

It is a blessing to welcome our parishioners back to our churches, returning to normal attendance, congregational singing, programs, and social gatherings. As the pandemic is still with us, we must continue to be vigilant and keep each other safe. Please have a look at this month's Communicator for more relevant information for your parish.

1. Covid Relief Grant for our districts

Bishop is appreciative of the notes of thanks from the various districts receiving the COVID Relief grant last month. They were grateful for the financial support, which will help to ease some of the hardships caused by the pandemic and allow the parishes to focus on their full reopening.

More details about these funding supports are available on **Parish Hub** (refer to Item#4).

2. Church Vandalism

There has been a spike in various acts of vandalism to numerous church properties in Western Canada. As you may know our Assumption Parish in Calgary was vandalized with graffiti and our pastoral centre had a window broken and some graffiti spray painted. Overall, the damage was minor, however it confirms the need for careful monitoring of our church buildings.

The Province of Alberta announced a grant program, available in the fall, for religious, ethnic and indigenous organizations to bolster security measures and infrastructure. As information becomes available, we will provide contact information.

The attached document, *Protect Your Church – Safety Checklist*, was prepared by Ecclesiastical Insurance. It contains practical advice on ways to keep our church properties safe. Please pay particular attention to the following requests:

- Ensure you report any and all acts of vandalism to the local police, no matter how small. The police are in the best position to aggregate this information and can assess patterns and possible culprits.

- Advise Capri CMW of any acts of vandalism and of efforts to hire security, install security cameras, etc. *A Notice of Loss form is attached.*
- Clean and remove any vandalism as quickly as possible once the police have been alerted and completed their investigation. Removing this quickly lessens the profile of the act itself.

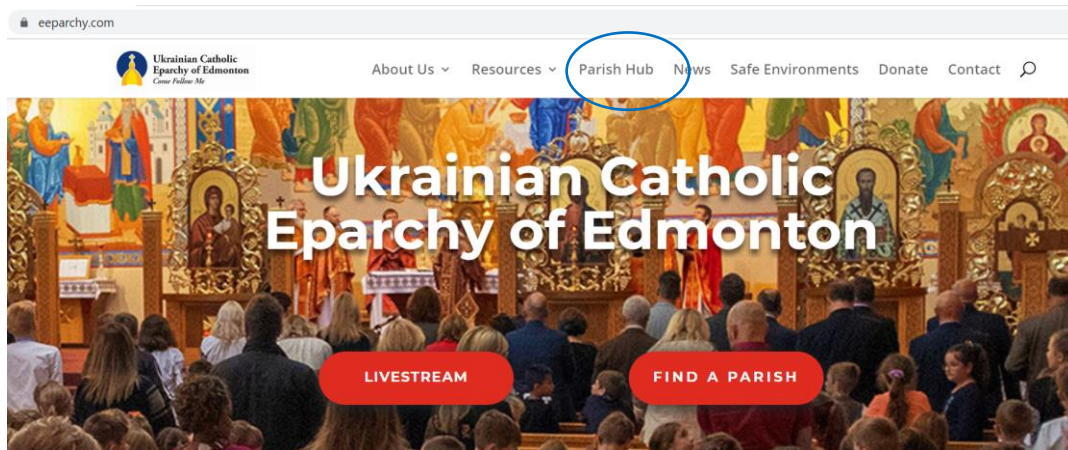
3. Parish Revenue Submissions for CEWS 2021

Thank to all parishes who submitted their revenue summaries for January, February and March 2021. We qualified in all three months and will receive approximately 10% wage subsidy for January and February and 20% for March. The Federal Government has made several changes to the CEWS calculations allowing our eparchy to qualify, even as our revenues return to pre-Covid levels.

We are asking all parishes to make an effort to submit their April, May and June revenue summaries as soon as possible, so that we can apply on a timelier basis. Remember, **all parishes** must participate and report their revenue, even if they did not have any donations/revenue in a particular month. CEWS will likely be available until September 2021.

4. Launch of Parish Hub

Parish Hub is now accessible directly from our Eparchial website!



We hope all pastors, pastoral councils and parishioners will find the information helpful in their parish ministries. To date, we received many positive responses and suggestions of additional resources that would be beneficial for the parishes.

New materials will be updated monthly, however if we have important or timely documents, these will be posted immediately.

All new articles will be listed at the bottom of the Parish Hub home page (refer to the following page):

Church in Alberta in sharing the Good News.

Parish Hub

People	Ministry	Administration
Communications Social media, websites, outreach, traditional print, and more. Learn more >>	Youth Ensure parishes have strong support for our youth. Learn more >>	Finance Bookkeeping, investments, voluntary offerings, and more. Learn more >>
Leadership Development Page Under Construction – Estimated Completion time: January 2022	Religious Education Parish Resources, Vibrant Parish, faith ministry, and more. Learn more >>	Parish Operations Insurance, maintenance, guidelines, safe environments, and more. Learn more >>
	Pastoral Care Page Under Construction – Estimated Completion time: January 2022	Fundraising Grants, fundraising, appeals, and donations options. Learn more >>

Most Recent Parish Hub Updates:

- 07/06/2021 9 Ways to Have Better Conversations with Youth added to [Youth Section](#)
- 07/05/2021 Steps to Mitigate Arson Risk added to [Operations Section](#)
- 07/05/2021 List of Eparchy of Edmonton Annual Eparchial Collections added to [Finance Section](#)

If you have any questions or comments related to Parish Hub, please contact Ben at communications@eeparchy.com

Thank you for reviewing our newsletter. May God bless you and take care of you!

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