

May 2026

Dear parishioners of JLOW,

I hope you and your loved ones are doing well.

This letter is to show you the financial situation of our parish (see at the bottom of this document) and to invite you to contribute to the tithing (annual fundraising campaign) of our parish. This fundraising campaign and the collection at the weekend masses are the main sources of income for our parish. They allow us to ensure the maintenance of our church, the payment of salaries and the support to our pastoral works. As our financial situation is fragile, if it is possible for you, we invite you to increase the donations you make to our parish.

In the last few months, we have had two Alpha sessions. Each session is a series of 12 meetings that allow adults to rediscover their relationship with God and to share with other believers. We continue to offer 'Émilie's Soup' on the last 2 Fridays of each month; we offer free soup and more in our basement to everyone. We continue our catechism program for children from 4 to 10 years old. The parent-child activity is appreciated and allows families to deepen the gospel with arts and crafts to support hands-on learning. The Efatta youth group, for 11-17 year olds, offers opportunities for group discussions, outings and workshops. We use a variety of methods to impart knowledge about faith to young people as they venture through life.

To discover our programs, we invite you to visit our website (www.jldm.ca), our parish bulletin and our newsletter. To receive it, send us an email at: administration@jldm.ca.

Over the past year we have made major repairs to our building: new epoxy flooring in the basement, changing a few windows, repairing a small section of the church's roof, painting in some areas inside and out. The total cost of this is approximately \$125,000

We sincerely thank you for your generosity. Together, we contribute the mission of Jesus Christ to make his message better known, which brings hope and light to an often difficult world.

As usual, you can donate through the envelope system. You can also make a donation using a QR code that you can find in the parish bulletin and that is displayed in our church. You will receive a tax receipt for your donation. You can also use a regular envelope by putting your donation in it and writing your name and address on it, and drop this envelope at the regular Sunday Mass collection or give it to our parish office. You will receive a tax receipt for your donation.

Together, let us continue to build a fraternal community united in Jesus Christ.

Father Bertrand Montpetit, pastor

Rapport financier / Financial Report

| | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Revenus / Revenues | | | |
| Quête / Collections | \$242,676 | \$242,838 | \$249,265 |
| Dîme et offrande annuel / Tithe & annual offering | \$3,416 | \$15,721 | \$10,625 |
| Dons / Donations | \$5,332 | \$11,889 | \$15,439 |
| Mariage, funérailles, baptême & confirmation / Marriage, funerals, baptism & confirmation | \$7,225 | \$10,964 | \$20,595 |
| Éducation de la foi et pastorale jeunesse / Faith First & youth ministry | \$11,570 | \$8,681 | \$1,159 |
| Activités et campagnes de financement / Activities & fundraisers | \$3,195 | \$200 | \$3,205 |
| Messes et lampions / Masses & vigil lights | \$22,234 | \$23,443 | \$20,524 |
| Autres (Intérêt, subvention, locations, etc..) / Other (interest, subsidy, rentals, etc..) | \$66,548 | \$68,890 | \$54,149 |
| Total | \$362,195 | \$382,626 | \$374,961 |
| Dépenses / Expenses | | | |
| Salaires / Salaries | \$181,204 | \$193,963 | \$214,620 |
| Taxes et avantages / Taxes & benefits | \$45,291 | \$42,233 | \$47,197 |
| Ministère occasionnel/intention de messes / Occasional ministry/stipends | \$1,375 | \$9,503 | \$19,745 |
| Éducation de la foi et pastorale jeunesse / Faith First & youth ministry | \$22,355 | \$11,184 | \$11,112 |
| Coûts du culte / Worship costs | \$25,215 | \$29,722 | \$22,603 |
| Frais administratifs / Administrative fees | \$25,091 | \$24,084 | \$31,724 |
| Entretien des bâtiments / Building maintenance | \$76,166 | \$114,419 | \$139,680 |
| Réparations majeur / Major repairs | \$84,602 | \$20,750 | \$43,267 |
| Activités / Activities | \$2,789 | \$3,361 | \$11,773 |
| Contribution diocésaine 9% / Diocesan 9% contribution | \$23,784 | \$30,870 | \$27,661 |
| Autres (Ex: subvention salariale) / Other (Ex: Salary subsidy) | -\$11,666 | -\$9,990 | \$160 |
| Total | \$476,204 | \$470,099 | \$569,542 |
| Surplus (Déficit / Deficit) | -\$114,009 | -\$87,474 | -\$194,581 |