



St. Martin's Parish Snapshot

After much effort, we are at the point of moving forward to finalize a building design and undertake a capital campaign. We are now a church family that is in the process "homesteading" and preparing to raise the down payment on our new parish home. A key Christian understanding is that we are brothers and sisters in Christ: we are siblings. Biblical imagery of God is deeply parental. Thus, we are a family (with all its ups and downs) on the verge of a new stage of our life.

We are a place that is first and foremost a place of worship. We are a place where people can come and attend to their hearts and souls by encountering the sacred, bring their questions and struggles about faith and life into an open place, and belong to a community. We are a place for seekers and life-long Anglicans and everything in between. We are here to nourish spiritual hunger. From this flows forth our outreach, our work for justice, our efforts to heal the pain in this world, and the creation of a community that strives to resemble God as revealed in Jesus Christ in our corporate and personal lives. From this place of rootedness in prayer, praise and thanksgiving, we are creating a space that will be open to community to offer programs, events, support groups, and more--both religious and secular in nature. We will be a "house of prayer and a house of care for all people" with those around us. The heart of our vision is being a place within which outreach and meeting needs is located and from which it flows.

Major News:

- The capital campaign assessment report has been received and it indicates that raising \$500,00-\$800,000 is a realistic goal. This was the hoped for range.
- Our architect, S2 Architecture, has created a revised building concept that meets our needs and appears to be within budget.

Useful Parish Stats:

- Number of congregation members (adults and children): 269
- Number of identified givers: 106
- Average Sunday attendance in 2017: mid-70s
- Congregation giving as percentage of revenue in 2017: 92%
- Support grant as percentage of revenue in 2017: 7%
- Operating budget deficit for 2017 was \$3,480 on a total operating budget of \$293,657. This is a deficit of 1.2%.
- The parish has established a \$250,000 reserve fund if needed to cover operational shortfalls that can occur from time to time.

New Space Specifics

Key Building Facts:

- Multiple efforts over 17 years to co-build all failed for a variety of reasons. The parish voted to subdivide and sell excess land as a result. It is also the vision that our building will be the partner, that is, it is envisioned that it will host events, groups and programs from one-time events to long-term users. Conversations and inquiries over the years have confirmed the need for such space in the community. Conversations will be entered into with a variety of potential users once we begin construction and have a reasonable timeline for occupation by utilizing existing connections and creating new dialogues.
- The Diocese agreed to “freeze” our Diocesan apportionment at 2016 levels until 2019
- The space will be flexible (no pews, etc.) and will incorporate as much as is possible in terms of wants from our Architectural Vision Statement that was crafted in 2011 with a liturgical consultant and which has guided the building design process so far. Copies available by calling the parish office.
- Options such as a columbarium have been considered. Currently, a columbarium is too expensive to incorporate though it may be a future consideration.
- A permanent space that is under our control will allow us the vital ability to offer more worship services and programs at times that work for our parish and those who live in our community. It will reduce the logistical complexity that results of having no permanent location. We will have a place to celebrate weddings and funerals, events and community programs without the extra effort of finding space. However, we will continue to offer programs outside of the new space in keeping with our way of being church. Use by outside groups of our space will generate income for the parish to offset operational costs and to build up a future maintenance fund.
- A major focus as we move forward with the design and permitting process will be local community engagement with key questions being: 1) what kinds of programs, events and use of the space are needed and wanted by the local community; and, 2) if you came to church what day and time would work best? Based on what we learn we will move to make them come to fruition.

Project Cost: **\$6,800,000** (\$4 million in building costs; \$2.8 million for utilities, landscaping, civil engineering work, permits, professional fees, furnishings, etc.). This figure continues to be refined and it is hoped that this figure will decrease as that work is done.

Capital Funding:

Capital funds on hand (to date): \$2.5 million

Diocesan Contribution: \$1 million, subject to approvals from St. Martin and Diocese

Estimated mortgage: \$1 million

Total funds on hand and anticipated: \$4.5 million

Fundraising within congregation: \$500,00-\$800,000

Total funds after fundraising (estimated): \$5 million to \$5.3 million

Shortfall: As we move further into the process, funding shortfalls can be addressed through various building and funding approaches.

Parish Presence in the larger community

Outreach to the larger community:

In keeping with our vision to be a place of partnership with the community, the parish has continued long-standing outreach and started new ones:

- Bundle Bags
- Icross dolls
- Interfaith food bank (though this is on pause at the moment as it needs someone to take on organizing)
- Various seasonal efforts at Advent and Lent
- Sponsorship of a family from Syria
- Worship at older adult residences monthly (Wentworth, Signal Pointe, Amica)
- Blessings of the Animals at the Cathedral, which always garners good local press coverage
- Two workshops in the larger community on preparing for the end of life
- Workshop in partnership with St. Peter's on preventing fraud and abuse on older adults
- Workshop in the larger community on dementia
- Workshop in the larger community on creating dementia-friendly congregations, which resulted in a front-page article in the Anglican Journal
- In-residence programs, the second of which received press coverage in the Calgary Herald and the Anglican Journal.
- ESL Café at Strathcona Community Centre
- Mom and tots program (has run off and on as possible)
- Cooking with Friends in partnership with Knox—in need of a parish volunteer to help coordinate with Knox.
- Worship in the World, including making lunches for Mustard Seed and Alpha House, taking worship to Amica, recognizing our local first responders, yearly work day at Grow Calgary, and making a Christmas brunch for the Kairos/CUPS Bankview residence

Next Steps:

In looking ahead, these will be areas of focus over the summer and into the fall in tandem with preparing the capital campaign:

- Community advertising in September (Brite Signs and community newsletters)
- Hiring a youth minister and a Sunday School teacher for fall.
- Creating a Communication Team and Fundraising Team.
- Encouraging people to join a Sunday Ministry Team (sides, greeters, chalice servers, lectors, intercessors, and counters).
- Reminding us that at this moment the most effective way for new people to come is for us to invite them personally.

Parish Timeline:

It has 19 years since the parish made the decision to sell its building in Killarney and move out to the western edge of Calgary in hopes of serving a growing City. 60,000+ people live in the area west of Sarcee Trail and north of the Tsuu T'ina reserve. Here is a brief timeline of the parish since that historic move.

1999 Historic St. Martin's is sold and parish relocates Sunday worship to Calgary Academy.

2000 First attempt to purchase land on which would be our parish, a Cancer Society development and a daycare, falls through. The Cancer Society chooses to build elsewhere.

2004 Our current land parcel at 17th Ave. SW and St. Moritz Dr. SW is purchased with a minority partner.

2005 A new partnership group comes together including office space for counseling services from Catholic Family Services, older adult residence, Hummingbird Medical and Cosmetic Institute and Amden, Inc. It is learned there will not be political support for commercial ventures on the property and Hummingbird and Amden exit the partnership.

2007 St. Martin's receives the necessary land use re-designation from the City.

2011 Proposal made to Diocese to approve parish plan for vision of space and fundraising

From 2011-2014 various conversations to co-build with older adult living facilities (an identified need within our communities all across the province) were explored. Again, a final deal agreeable to all partners (including our minority partner) could not be reached. At this point, the parish engaged in frank discussions about a new path to obtaining our own space. The result was to pursue subdivision of the land so that the parish had free and clear title to sufficient property to build the envisioned parish space.

2014 The parish votes to go ahead with subdivision and sale of excess land. Discussions began with the Diocese regarding: a contribution from the Diocese of \$1 million towards the future building, and the relocation of their offices to our building. Both of these actions are subject to the approval of both St. Martin's and Diocesan Council.

2017 In October, subdivision and sale is successfully concluded.