

## St. Anne's & St. Edmund's Hospitality Report for the Year 2020

We at St. Anne's & St. Edmund's started our year with a delicious Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper prepared by our dedicated men, women and youth of the parish. Then...COVID-19 arrived in Canada. The Province of B.C. literally shut down in order to contain the spread of the virus. Freedom of movement and physical contact was severely restricted. This was especially hard on people living alone – namely the seniors. We remained inside or close to our homes. Donning masks and using 2 metre distancing, we left our homes to shop for essentials only. With time on our hands, my husband Vic & I brought home 10 day-old baby chicks to raise. This would keep us busy.

The warm weather of summer brought fewer cases of the virus. June saw the lifting of some of the pandemic's restrictions but no events would be taking place in the parish. In August and into September, some members, missing the social aspect of parish life, met once a week outside the church under the trees in the cemetery bringing their masks, chairs, water bottles and abiding by the distancing rule. Others met with friends within their own bubble in their backyards, again using masks and distancing. You wanted to keep your friends safe. As fall approached and the weather became cooler, the virus once again became very active. November through December brought new regulations. You were now only able to associate physically with members in your immediate household. This meant no Christmas Bazaar, no Christmas Potluck, no family Christmas Dinner gatherings and no New Year's Eve gatherings. But... somehow we survived.

Since 2014, I have enjoyed being the Hospitality & Special Events Co-ordinator for our parish family. With the pandemic s-l-o-w-i-n-g things down, I found I like having a more relaxing life. While our pace of life may have slowed down, however, our birthdays, unfortunately, have not. After much thought and consideration, I feel this is the right time for me to step down from my position as Co-ordinator. I feel confident there is another parish member waiting to become active and involved in our parish life.

With heartfelt thanks, I thank every person who has helped in any way to organize, set up, clean up, work at or contribute to the very many events we have held in the last 6 years. I really appreciate your dedication and co-operation. You are the very best!

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