Kneelers Are Making a Comeback!

Through the 2022 Parish Survey, as part of the revitalization of a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), we received feedback indicating there was interest from parishioners to have the kneelers re-installed in the church pews. While the PPC was established in May 2023, the kneelers were not pursued due to other leading priorities. In January 2025, the idea was brought forward to PPC for review. At that time, one of the PPC members investigated using kneelers he had obtained from a church that was getting rid of theirs. Unfortunately, these kneelers did not match up to our pews. The matter was paused until April 2026, when after Easter, several parishioners inquired about this option again. The PPC respects that parishioners practice their faith in many ways and we support this. We want to reintroduce this practice as an option for all. As a result, PPC, with the discernment and support of Fr. Rajan, were in favour of this with the following goals:

- To support those parishioners who currently kneel during parts of the Mass as part of their faith practice, as a better option than kneeling on the floor
- To encourage all parishioners, who are able, to kneel during the most sacred part of the Mass – the consecration of the bread and wine – after the Sanctus (the Holy, Holy, Holy prayer) until the "Amen" concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

To facilitate this option, a kneeler template was made by two parishioners. The template was presented to PPC and the Parish Financial Council (PFC). With feedback, the template was adjusted and the cost was estimated. A proposal was forwarded to PFC for consideration regarding support and funding. The PFC recently approved the cost of the kneelers at an approximately value of $450 for two half kneelers per pew.

While funding is available through the Building Fund, we are inviting parishioners to donate towards the cost of the kneelers in an amount they are comfortable with and can afford. Parishioners can use either the 'Building Fund' envelopes found in their envelope box or use the blue envelopes found in the pews. Please ensure to indicate on the envelope that the donation is to be used towards the cost of the kneelers. All donations made in 2026 are exempt from the church levy.

Anyone donating $250 or more will be acknowledged through the church bulletin and other communications, unless you indicate that you wish to remain anonymous. As well, the amount does not need to be in one instalment; you can make small contributions over time. The kneelers will be phased in as they are being built with the hope of the first ones installed by September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your generosity strengthens our parish family.

