

Fr. Damian's "Summer Wish List" for 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Francis of Assisi Parish:

Our return from the pandemic lockdowns and restrictions is a time of renewal and rejuvenation for the entire community. 2021 is also the 50th anniversary of the founding of our parish community.

In order to enhance the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, I would like to propose that we obtain some new liturgical supplies for the church.

- 1. A matching set of Sunday chasubles with accompanying stoles in all of the liturgical colours: green, violet, red and white.** I have discovered beautiful vestments from an on-line source in Poland. Each chasuble and stole costs about \$300 Canadian (\$1200 for the entire set), which is surprisingly economical. The website is **polishvestment.com** and the item is **62D**. I am hoping parishioners might be willing to donate towards the cost of this new set of Sunday Mass vestments.

The chasubles I am recommending are gothic style, made of high quality Damask. The fabric is airy, stain and crease-resistant, suitable for standard washing and ironing. **IHS** ("Jesus" in Greek) embroidery is found on central columns on the front and back decorated with wheat and grapes, symbols of the Eucharist. The trim consists of golden fabric ribbon. Each stole has embroidered crosses.

- 2. The parish is urgently in need of a funeral pall and matching chasuble.** These are hard to find and very expensive items in Canada. I discovered a beautiful set called "Ivory Liberty" with an embroidered Easter lily design at R.A. Newhouse Inc. in Mineola, New York, U.S.A. The cost for both the pall and chasuble is \$1800 CAD. Actually, I already purchased these items for the parish on my personal credit card, but I am hoping parishioners will consider making a donation to cover the cost.

- 3. Altar Crucifix to match the existing altar candles and sanctuary lamps.** The current crucifix on the altar is my personal crucifix which I have been very happy to loan to St. Francis of Assisi Parish, but it is neither the correct size nor colour to match the other altar adornments. This matching altar crucifix costs just over \$1000 Canadian, but I found the best deal at Church Supply Warehouse, in Wheaton, Illinois (Item 90AC35 Altar Cross). One family in the parish has already agreed to contribute \$500 towards the cost. Perhaps another family, or group of families, would consider donating the **remaining \$500 balance**.

Thank you for your continuing support of our parish community. I extend my blessings and good wishes to all of you.

Yours sincerely,



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