

How can I help my church community?

Opportunities to serve God and our parish really come in many forms. Father Jose closely consults with all committees, and all are open to new members with fresh ideas who want to provide social, spiritual or physical sustenance to their church community. Here is a list of current committees, a brief outline of what they do, and an indication of how you can get involved. Where do your interests lie?

Opportunity	Outline of general duties	Commitment	Current state
<u>Council Secretary</u>	Record proceedings at Pastoral Council meetings.	One meeting per month Sept. to June	Vacant
<u>Deanery Rep</u>	Represent the interests of the parish at Deanery pastoral council meetings. Incumbent should have in-depth knowledge of the parish's needs. Past Council member is the ideal candidate.	Deanery meetings plus monthly Council meetings	Vacant
<u>Décor Co-ordinator for Liturgy Team</u>	Work with Fr. Jose to decorate the church for seasonal and other celebrations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - can take up to three hours for a major feast like Christmas, or one hour for minor ones like All Souls Mass - use photos from previous years as a starting point - recommend options to update and modernize décor materials as needed 	Four to six times a year, plus Liturgy team meetings	Team is in place – new members welcome
<u>Social Activities Team Co-ordinator</u>	An experienced volunteer committee is on hand to help. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - plan menus - shop for and help prepare food - organize the volunteers - Province of Sask Health Certificate is required for anyone working in the kitchen (fees paid by the parish) 	Eight to 12 activities per year; each takes several hours to plan and prepare	Team is in place – new members welcome
<u>Spiritual Enrichment Team Co-ordinator</u>	With the guidance of Fr. Jose, help parishioners develop their spiritual lives through educational programs, retreats, family life programs, suggested reading materials, guest speakers, etc.	Open, suggest one event per quarter plus monthly Council meetings	Team is in place – new members welcome
<u>Youth Co-ordinator</u>	Provide activities for youth of the parish. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work with St. Augustine school - organize clean-up after parish breakfasts and suppers - co-ordinate outings, events, etc. 	Open	Vacant

Council co-ordinators and team leads:

- attend monthly Pastoral Council meetings
- bring forward questions, concerns and recommendations from their teams
- contribute their opinions to discussion about parish issues
- help make decisions that guide our future
- keep their teams informed about challenges and opportunities

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Liturgy Team	Help co-ordinate the participation of lay parishioners to ensure meaningful liturgical celebrations. Be responsible for one of: altar servers, lectors, music, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, greeters, ushers, collection counters, sacristans or other parish ministry	Prepare schedules (two to three months at a time), four to six times a year	Volunteers welcome – to co-ordinate and/or to serve in one of the roles
Communications & Public Relations Team	Foster and maintain relationships among parishioners, between parish organizations and with other parishes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - publish parish newsletter every two months - attend liturgical celebrations and take photos for parish records - prepare photo displays for church foyer - submit material for parish website 	Prepare newsletters four times a year; attend Sacramental and special liturgies, attend parish events when possible	Team lead is in place – new members welcome
Ecumenism Team	Consult with Fr. Jose to bring forward initiatives fostering healthy ecumenical relationships with other Christian communities.	Monthly committee meetings plus monthly Council meetings	Team lead is in place – volunteers welcome
Family Life & Vocation Awareness Team	Support parishioners living a balanced family life, and foster awareness and understanding of church vocations.	Open	Team lead is in place – new members welcome
Pastoral Care Team	Visit sick and shut-in parishioners, and bring the Eucharist to those who cannot attend Sunday Mass	Weekly, or as scheduled	Team lead is in place – new members welcome
Social Justice Team	Support the social mission of the parish. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - educate parishioners about church teachings on issues of justice and peace - promote Development and Peace initiatives within the parish - support all agencies of pro-life - respond to local social needs - raise awareness of critical local and global social issues 	Monthly committee meetings plus monthly Council meetings	Team lead is in place – new members welcome
Stewardship Team	Work with Fr. Jose to create awareness in parishioners that all we have comes from God, by organizing film presentations, workshops, printed materials, etc.	Open	Team lead is in place – new members welcome
Finance Council	Work with Fr. Jose to administer the financial affairs of the parish. Includes a Buildings and Grounds subcommittee.	Monthly Finance Council meetings	Team is in place – new members welcome

Team members:

- attend team meetings as scheduled
- bring questions, concerns and recommendations to your team lead
- contribute their opinions to discussion
- help make decisions that guide our future
- support the team lead in accomplishing your goals