

Dear Parishioners:

SUBJECT: Pre-Authorised Payments for your Offerings at St. Jude Parish, Winnipeg.

On behalf of the Parish Council & Finance Committee, I would like to thank you for your regular financial support to St. Jude Parish and to invite you to consider how you might continue with your support.

What is Pre-Authorised Payments?

Pre-Authorised Payments are automatic withdrawals that you authorize St. Jude Parish to withdraw from your bank account. Instead of using cheque or cash for your parish offerings; a payment is made automatically from your bank account to St. Jude bank account (Caisse Credit Union) on a monthly basis. This does not include Easter, Christmas or other special collections (St Jude feast, Annual retreat etc.)

Why use Pre-Authorised Payments?

This greatly simplifies the process of your regular parish offering and for the Parish Finance Committee as we administer the offerings.

- Your contributions will be made regularly, even if you are away on vacation or sick or too busy or - for some of us - if we happen to forget 😊. Thus, the parish offering income is more predictable for the parish.
- It avoids the use and cost of cheques.
- It eliminates the frustration of getting halfway to church and realizing that you forgot your offering envelope and/or cheques.
- It saves time and work for those who count and administer the offerings each week.

How do you sign on?

1. Decide on the amount of the monthly pledge for a normal Sunday Offering. There is no minimum amount to sign up for PAD.
2. Complete and sign the form. The forms are distributed by the Trustees after the Sunday Qurbana and by Family Unit representatives.
3. Attach a void cheque.
4. Submit by returning it to Trustees, Family Unit representative or by placing the form in the Sunday collection basket.

When is the money withdrawn?

Your pre-authorized payment will be withdrawn automatically on the first or fifteenth of each month.

What are common concerns?

Q 1. There is no indication to my children nor other parishioners that I am putting anything in the collection basket.

We will provide offertory cards to be used during the collection as a visible sign of your electronic donations. These cards are personalized with your name or family name. You will receive a packet of cards approximately two weeks after we receive your enrollment, and again each year on the anniversary of your enrollment. If you run out of offertory cards, you can request more at any time.

Q 2. Am I losing the privacy or security of my bank account?

The Pastor, Trustees/Accountant are the only persons who has access to the bank information which is in our database that is under password protection.

What if I want to make a change/cancel to my monthly amount?

Complete and sign another form and place it in the Sunday collection basket or contact the Trustees/Family Unit Rep.

What if my payment fails to go through? Or if I change bank accounts?

For any concerns, contact the Pastor or Trustees.

Yours in Christ,

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