



## Building a People of Faith

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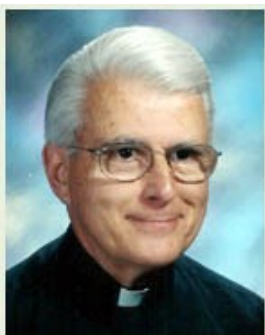
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## What is Happening in Our Church? A Letter from Monsignor Manuel Simas



"I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me shall not hunger." How many times have we heard and sung these words? Do we truly understand their awesome meaning and the role Jesus wants to play in our lives?

Bread nourishes and strengthens our physical body. Jesus, the Bread of Life, nourishes and strengthens us spiritually. Each time we come to Mass and participate in the Breaking of the Bread, we encounter Jesus present in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the gift of Jesus' saving love through which we remember and celebrate His death and resurrection. "Do this in memory of Me."

When we partake of the Eucharist, Jesus feeds us with His body and blood. We enter into communion with Him and with one another. Unlike other food which becomes a part of us, the Eucharist transforms us more fully into the Body of Christ. Referring to the Eucharist, St. Augustine tells us, "You are what you eat." Therefore, the Eucharist enables us to live more effectively as that body we are, the Body of Christ.

The church, our gathering place as God's family, is an important part of our lives as Christians. "Going to church" is a visible, tangible expression of our love for God and for one another. It is where we gather with other believers to publicly bear witness to our faith and trust in God. It is a place where we celebrate together our being the family we are in Christ.

The Eucharistic Word and Sacrament strengthen our faith and build us up spiritually. Our spiritual food gives us the strength we need to meet life's conflicts and challenges.

Our Eucharistic gatherings help us become more like Jesus in word and action in our love for one another and others. As Jesus is Eucharist for us, we are to be Eucharist for one another, especially the poor and those in need. We are sent forth to live what we have celebrated gathered around the Lord's table.

We, of course, also enjoy each other's company outside the setting of Mass during the many social activities we offer at St. Joseph. Here we build bonds and friendships that are steadfast and strong. We learn to appreciate the important role we play in each other's lives. There are over 45 ministries and organizations which witness to the viability of our parish family. We will have an opportunity to learn more about them and how we might become involved at our Ministries Fair to be held next month, September 20, 2009.

Let us continue to work diligently toward the building of our church, spiritual/physical and facilities. As good stewards, give faithfully to our plate collection. May we surpass our objective of one hour per week in treasure. May we fulfill the responsibility that belongs to each of us as members of this wonderful Eucharistic parish family.

Peace and love,

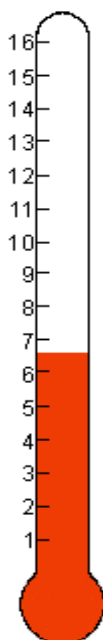
*Father Manny*

Monsignor Manuel Simas

### Capital Campaign Corner

- Shortfall \$9,486,000
- Other Income \$700,000
- Property Sales \$5,275,000
- 2nd Campaign \$2,439,000
- 1st Campaign \$4,100,000

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View of worship space from rear plaza.

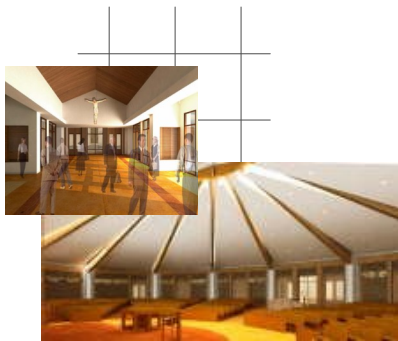
### From the Coordinating Committee

Communication is a key element in the success of any group effort.

The Coordinating Committee will be issuing this newsletter as a regular insert into the bulletin and other church mailers to keep the parish at large informed on the progress of our project.

- Monsignor Manuel Simas
- Father Joseph Nguyen
- Ashley Weerpass
- Matthew Au
- Scott Bergstrom
- Don Kaefer
- Lauri Kaefer
- Tony Mirenda
- Jim Petersen
- Cris Raimundo
- Debbie Rossetto
- Richard Sekar
- Bill Utic

Look for each issue of the TBC Times to give you the latest update on how we are doing, what we are doing, and what more is to come as we rebuild our church together.



Renderings of new church interiors:  
 Top: Narthex before entering worship space.  
 Above: Inside worship space looking from choir area.

## How Much Can I Give? Specific Guidelines for Support and Growth

Where do you fall on the chart? Our “one hour per week” suggested guidelines coincide with the **2.5% Yearly Contribution** column. For example, if your yearly gross income is \$150,000 your weekly offering would be \$72. Budgeting through the use of EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) or using your own online banking system are both easy ways to assure your offering is made consistently and not accidentally forgotten (in case you may not be attending mass at our church on a particular weekend).

The use of EFT also gives us the ability to manage our financial affairs in a balanced and more predictable manner.

Yearly	5% Yearly	Weekly	2.5% Yearly	Weekly	1% Yearly	Weekly
\$10,000	\$500	\$10	\$250	\$5	\$100	\$2
\$25,000	\$1,250	\$25	\$625	\$12	\$250	\$5
\$50,000	\$2,500	\$50	\$1,250	\$24	\$500	\$10
\$75,000	\$3,750	\$75	\$1,875	\$36	\$750	\$15
\$100,000	\$5,000	\$100	\$2,500	\$48	\$1,000	\$20
\$150,000	\$7,500	\$150	\$3,750	\$72	\$1,500	\$30
\$200,000	\$10,000	\$200	\$5,000	\$96	\$2,000	\$40
\$250,000	\$12,500	\$240	\$6,250	\$120	\$2,500	\$50
\$300,000	\$15,000	\$290	\$7,500	\$145	\$3,000	\$60
\$400,000	\$20,000	\$385	\$10,000	\$195	\$4,000	\$80
\$500,000	\$25,000	\$480	\$12,500	\$240	\$5,000	\$100
\$1,000,000	\$50,000	\$965	\$25,000	\$485	\$10,000	\$200

## Where Can I Get Involved? Stewardship of Time and Talent

Capital Campaign	Finance Committee	Fundraising/Events	Pastoral Council
Ashley Weerpass	Matt Au	Debbie Rossetto	Kathleen Rosenbaum
Altar Server Ministry	Baptismal Ministry	Eucharistic Ministry	Lectors
Irwan Nusaputra	Louis & Betsy Spicciati	Richard Bayless	Greg Bogdanoff
Linens	Liturgical Coordinator	Liturgical Environment	Mission Environment
Dolores Kuwata	Francis Rojas	Laura Turula	Shirley Fernandez
Music Ministry/Choir	Sanctuary & Sacristy	St. Joseph Players	Usher Ministry
Mark Sullivan	Estela Riemer	Laura Wells	Loren Gross
Scripture/Bible Study	Youth Ministry	SPRED	Sunday Preschool
Jo Ann Miller	Jon Manongdo	Judith Myers	Janet Mangrobang
Funeral/Sick	Funeral Music	Sr. John Marie’s Pantry	St. Vincent de Paul
Helen Campbell	Jose Albano	Arlene Dugoni	Scott Martin
Parish Welcome	Andamos Unidos	COR	Homeless Shelter
Scott Martin	William Norwalk	Miriam Keller	Christine Ho
PAX Christi	Respect Life	Chinese Catholic	Filipino Community
Faye Butler	Patricia Samuels	Rubin Wang	Nanette Lerma
Men’s Club	Women of St. Joseph	Young Adults	St. Joseph School
Skip Phair	Debi Murata	Fr. Joseph Nguyen	Jan Cooper

Just a few of our ministries and organizations...more to come next month!