



## Building a People of Faith

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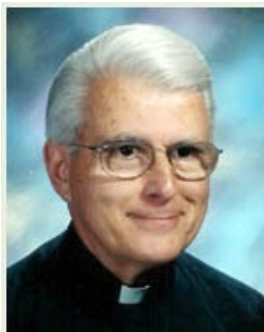
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## What is Happening in Our Church? A Letter from Monsignor Manuel Simas



Today we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology. Francis of Assisi was a poor man who amazed and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit and without even a trace of self-importance. Francis emphasized simplicity and poverty, relying on God’s providence rather than worldly goods.

Though in modern times it may seem unrealistic and impractical to lead such a literal life, we can certainly aspire to live a life filled with love and compassion for all God’s creatures and respect for all creation.

Two weekends ago our St. Joseph community came together in friendship and fellowship for our Parish Picnic and Ministry Fair. We extend special thanks to our leaders, Barbara Sanchez, Nancy Dorighi, Ron and Michele Hartmangruber for organizing and producing two successful events in tandem. The church and convent grounds were bustling with activity and it was heartwarming to see such wonderful participation and camaraderie amongst our members.

We have focused so much this past year on all aspects of stewardship—time, talent and treasure. Stewardship is not something we talk about once a year, but rather it is a way of life that reflects the teachings of Jesus Christ. It is our obligation to share our gifts with God and each other. Our lives and all that we have are given to us by God. Giving is a reflection of the heart and our priorities. Giving is a privilege and a blessing.

Our parish is overflowing with abundant talent. You show me consistently that we are capable of achieving a higher level of stewardship in all our endeavors. As we reflect upon the readings we have heard from St. James over the last few weeks, we are reminded that we need to know what is truly important in our lives and put our faith into action. We need to “do the Word” and not just hear the Word!

St. Joseph parish is blessed with so many wonderful ministries. No matter what our talents are, there is a ministry we can contribute to that needs those talents. Volunteering our time and talent is a vital aspect of stewardship that does not cost money. Each and every one of you possess special God-given abilities and they are to be utilized in our every day lives.

As we move forward and realize our To Build Church (TBC) effort, we are mindful that we must continue our spiritual growth and commitment to strengthen and heighten all facets of stewardship in our parish. We remain dedicated to increasing awareness and putting into action God’s call.

I encourage you to follow-up on our Ministry Fair by reading, completing and returning the back page of this newsletter. We offer a wide array of ministries and groups that present you with many choices. We welcome your questions and will be pleased to help you discern which group best suits you. Include your family and your friends. Help each other become more involved in our parish.

God is good....all the time. All the time...God is good.

Peace and love,

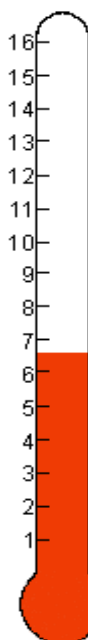
*Father Manny*

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.

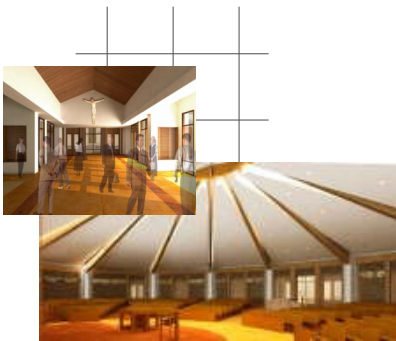
### From the Coordinating Committee

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.

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

All of us have the TALENT to deepen our life's journey with Christ. As the leaves start to turn color, we are reminded to take the TIME to STOP and listen to our hearts. The TIME is now to YIELD to our innermost thoughts. To help start your ministry journey, the Pastoral Council has listed the various ministries offered at St. Joseph. Please complete the bottom of this sheet and mail to the rectory or drop in the collection.

<b>Capital Campaign</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>Fundraising/Events</b>	<b>Pastoral Council</b>
Ashley Weerpass	Matt Au	Debbie Rossetto	Kathleen Rosenbaum
<b>Altar Server Ministry</b>	<b>Baptismal Ministry</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
Irwan Nusaputra	Louis & Betsy Spicciati	Richard Bayless	Greg Bogdanoff
<b>Linens</b>	<b>Liturgical Coordinator</b>	<b>Liturgical Environment</b>	<b>Mission Environment</b>
Dolores Kuwata	Francis Rojas	Laura Turula	Shirley Fernandez
<b>Music Ministry/Choir</b>	<b>Sanctuary &amp; Sacristy</b>	<b>St. Joseph Players</b>	<b>Usher Ministry</b>
Mark Sullivan	Estela Riener	Laura Wells	Loren Gross
<b>Faith Formation</b>	<b>Marriage Preparation</b>	<b>Parish Library</b>	<b>RCIA</b>
Sr. Mary Teresa Parker	Msgr. Manuel Simas	Geraldine Fulks	Sr. Mary Teresa Parker
<b>Scripture/Bible Study</b>	<b>Vacation Bible School</b>	<b>SPRED</b>	<b>Sunday Preschool</b>
Jo Ann Miller	Joanna Diaz Yoshioka	Judith Myers	Janet Mangrobang
<b>Wedding Coordinator</b>	<b>Wedding Music</b>	<b>Youth Ministry</b>	<b>Divorced/Separated</b>
Patricia Chesterman	Virginia Rojas	Jon Manongdo	Dee & Chit
<b>Funeral/Sick</b>	<b>Funeral Music</b>	<b>Sr. John Marie's Pantry</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>
Helen Campbell	Jose Albano	Arlene Dugoni	Scott Martin
<b>Parish Welcome</b>	<b>Andamos Unidos</b>	<b>COR</b>	<b>Homeless Shelter</b>
Scott Martin	William Norwalk	Miriam Keller	Christine Ho
<b>PAX Christi</b>	<b>Respect Life</b>	<b>Chinese Catholic</b>	<b>Filipino Community</b>
Faye Butler	Patricia Samuels	Rubin Wang	Nanette Lerma
<b>Men's Club</b>	<b>Women of St. Joseph</b>	<b>Young Adults</b>	<b>St. Joseph School</b>
Skip Phair	Nancy Dorigi	Fr. Joseph Nguyen	Jan Cooper
<b>Dominican Kinder</b>	<b>Old Mission San Jose</b>	<b>Mission Restoration</b>	<b>Mission Docent</b>
Sr. Jane Marie Estoesta	Dolores Ferenz	Andrew Galvan	Barbara Aylward
<b>Catholic Daughters</b>	<b>CYO</b>	<b>Music at the Mission</b>	<b>Vocations Advocate</b>
Regina Dennie	Mike Gaffey	Aileen Chanco	Agnes Ballecer

The Pastoral Council has grouped some of the above ministries by the time requirements of each. This will help you discern which ministries will best suit your personality and interests. Call us for more details.

My TIME is limited to weekly Mass	I can minister to others once a week	I want to minister within a group
Eucharistic Minister	Catechists (Faith Formation, RCIA)	FUNdraising/Special Events
Altar Server	Scripture/Bible Study / SPRED	Women of St. Joseph / Men's Club
Usher	Baptismal	Respect Life / Pax Christi / COR
Lector	Music Ministry	Filipino Club
Hospitality	SVDP/ Sr. John Marie's Pantry	Capital Campaign

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Time to Call: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Talent? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a fully initiated Catholic? \_\_\_\_\_

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(Baptized, Eucharist, Confirmed)