



## Building a People of Faith

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### Capital Campaign Corner

- **Total Cost** \$22,000,000
- **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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510/656-2364 x103  
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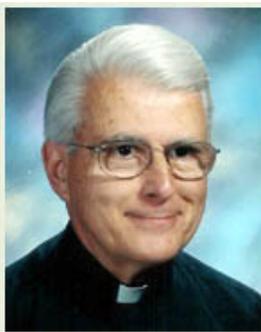
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## What is Happening in Our Church? A Letter from Monsignor Manuel Simas



This past month has flown by. Already we have celebrated the first Sunday of Advent as we prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Our hearts are filled with joy and eager anticipation.

Maintaining our Church home, an ongoing task, also involves preparation very similar to the responsibilities we face and share in our own homes. Our weekly communication to you through the bulletin addresses the current financial status of our parish. Today I will begin the first in a series showing the correlation between our ability to build and sustain our new Church and growing and strengthening our current Church. Let's review our existing needs and

how each of us plays an important and necessary role.

If you think of our Church the way you think of your own home you will quickly realize the importance of planning and budgeting for the present and the future. Remember, our contributing congregation consists of approximately 1200 families. We need to reach and exceed the **minimum** amount necessary from each family (\$15 per week) in order to sustain our current operating expenses. That is only the beginning. From there we continue.

We need to reach out and encourage our parishioners who are not giving to join with us and share the responsibility. Many of our regular attendees are not registered parishioners. We invite and encourage you to take an active role and be a committed member of St. Joseph Parish. Please call us, register online or sign up during our next registration event at Mass.

Thankfully, twenty percent of our active contributors exceed the minimum. We appreciate your generous support. We ask you to continue and invite you to increase your contribution by following the guidelines we provide through the Tip of the Week column in our bulletin, the TBC Times and through the Stewardship programs you will see in 2009.

In addition to our regular plate collection we ask for your support in our To Build Church project. We frequently have second collections at Mass. Now, more than ever, people are in need and groups look to us for financial support. I suspect each time you receive a plea to give you are asking yourself, "How can I do this? Where do I begin?" The answer is quite simple and very achievable. It just takes planning. We can and will show you what to do. Without exception, you are all generous givers. When presented with the facts, you respond.

There is a certain joy in giving. There is a certain satisfaction in knowing you are able to help others by sharing what you have. It is an honor and a privilege to know we are stewards, the ones solely responsible for the operation of our Church as we see it today and the future of our Church as we envision it tomorrow.

I have so much to share with you and I appreciate the opportunity to reach out on a very personal level each month. Knowing the facts will help all of us become better stewards.

Peace and love,

*Father Manny*

Monsignor Manuel Simas



View of worship space from rear plaza.

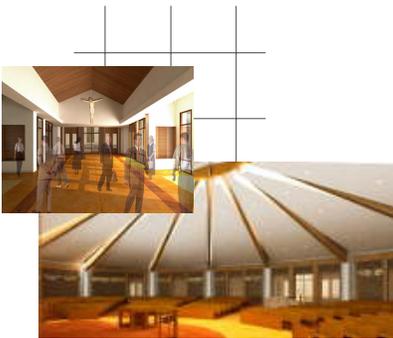
### From the Coordinating Committee

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
- Bob Ballecer
- Scott Bergstrom
- Don and 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.

## What Are the Answers to Our Questions? Responses to Important Issues

**Q:** We don't want to pledge for a 10 or 15 year term. Are there any other options available?  
**A:** Yes. Shorter pledge periods can be created to best fit individual circumstances. Other alternatives include supporting the building project through your will, a charitable remainder trust, life insurance or gifts of stock or property.

**Q:** Can we make our payments to the church electronically?  
**A:** The ability to perform Electronic Fund Transfers will be available at the beginning of 2009. Payment by credit card is available now (a good way to earn frequent flyer miles!).

**Q:** If we obtain a loan from the Diocese how will we pay the debt back? How long will it take?  
**A:** Pledge payments will be used to pay back the loan. The fifteen year pledge payment is intended to match the fifteen year term of the loan. The loan will be paid off earlier, if possible.

**Q:** When can we start building the new church? Where will we go while it is being built?  
**A:** If we achieve our \$9.5 million pledge goal in 2009, construction of the new church could begin in 2010. We will continue to worship in the existing building until construction of the new church on the former rectory site is completed.

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

The premise of tithing as we know it, suggests giving back ten percent of your gross income to God. Many of us have been taught to give five percent to the Church and distribute the remaining five percent between other charities and organizations of our choice. Our goal is to provide you with guidelines and encourage your regular participation in financial stewardship.

Yearly Income	5% Yearly Contribution	Weekly Offering	2.5% Yearly Contribution	Weekly Offering	1% Yearly Contribution	Weekly Offering
\$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

If you are already giving, we invite you to add beyond your current contribution. Begin by growing your weekly donation by one dollar per week or increasing your contribution by 1% of your gross income per year.

Knowing what your planned giving will be for the year allows you the opportunity to assign the dollars where you want them to go. In other words, knowing there are fifty-two Sunday first plate collections and having a list of second collections and holidays for the year will help you prepare your own budget for giving on a yearly basis. You will also be able to plan for and assign a portion of your contribution in support of building the new church.

Our journey continues.