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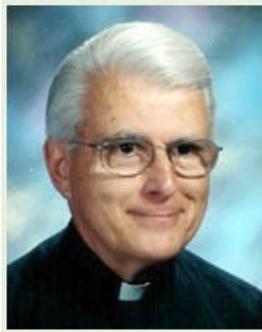
Capital Campaign Corner

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



As we welcome the New Year with a new President and a new chapter in history, let us be mindful of the challenges before President Barack Obama and ourselves. We pray that God grants our president the wisdom, grace, and compassion to lead our country in these difficult times. We pray for ourselves, too, that God will keep us safe and help us to do His will. In God's goodness He offers us opportunities each day to live out the Gospel and see Jesus in each other.

Where do we begin? We have only to look around to see opportunities right in our midst. Let's start right here at home. Why do you come to Mass at Saint Joseph? Is it because this is the closest church to where we live? Are we simply fulfilling our weekly obligation as Catholics? Or is St. Joseph more than just a place to attend Mass? I

hope your answer to this last question is "yes."

The parish needs to be more than just a place to attend Sunday Mass. Our liturgies provide spiritual nourishment and help to face the challenges of our daily lives. We have a wonderful school for our children. We are enriched with the presence of the Mission Church and by the Dominican and Holy Family sisters. Many ministries serve our needs as a parish family and also help our neighbors. I am thankful for all of you who support St. Joseph with your time, talent and treasure.

Previous editions of the TBC Times have focused on the financial aspects of Stewardship. This month I would like to focus on time and talent, which are equally important aspects of Stewardship. On the back of this newsletter you will find a list of parish ministries. I hope you will consider volunteering to participate in one or more of these ministries. Just as I am asking everyone to support our parish financially with a minimum weekly contribution of one hour's wages, I am asking everyone to donate an average of one hour per week of your time and talent to a parish ministry. Think of the great things we can accomplish together if everyone joins in!

This weekend at all Masses we are asking you to update your contact information and to indicate your interests and talents. God has given all of us individual talents. We practice good stewardship when we use our talents to carry out the mission and ministries of the Church. If you are not registered with the parish I encourage you to register using the form printed in the weekly bulletin or visit our website and register online.

Finally, to help us improve all aspects of Stewardship - time, talent and treasure - we need to communicate more with each other. The monthly TBC Times is one way to do this. There are also e-mail and other technologies that I would not have imagined when I first became a pastor (although we did have electricity back then). As we begin the New Year, it is time we adopt some of these 21st century communication technologies.

When you update your contact information, please include your e-mail address. E-mail is a cost-effective way to improve the timeliness and quality of our communications within the parish. We promise to protect the privacy of your e-mail address. We are also updating our parish website. Some of you may not have computers or email. We will still communicate with you through the weekly bulletin and US mail. No one will be left behind.

If you did not have the opportunity to update your contact information and ministry interests after Mass, please put this information in an envelope addressed to me and drop it in next week's collection.

Peace and love,

Father Manny

Monsignor Manuel Simas



View of worship space from rear plaza.

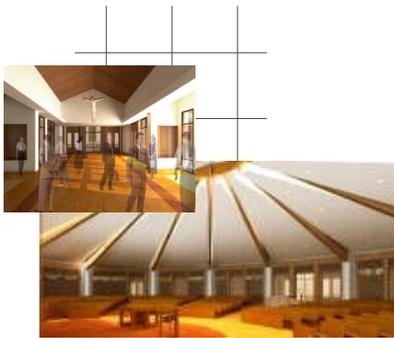
From the Coordinating Committee

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.

How Will the New Church Benefit You? We Asked and You Answered

We asked you to share your thoughts about the benefits of our new Church in your own words. In the next several issues we will reveal the responses from different members and ministries within our Parish.

Parent and coach, Tony Mirenda, speaks to us about CYO and the needs of our children and their sports programs. CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) serves the needs of all youth. It enables the gifted to excel and the less gifted to participate and improve.

“When we build the new gym, ballfield and enhanced practice space, we will have the ability to provide our children with improved facilities, host tournaments, and rent out our gym. We will save money by not having to rent practice facilities for the kids and it will be so much more convenient for parents to have their kids participate. In addition, we will make money by renting out our own facilities.”

Pastoral Councilmember, Ashley Weerpass, shares his thoughts on the benefits our new Church will provide to its members.

“Additional meeting space will allow us to provide leadership sessions to develop our ministry heads, enabling us to better execute the mission for their ministries. We currently have inadequate space and cannot advance in order to fulfill the needs of our growing Parish.”

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 & Liz 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 Rieneer	Laura Wells	Loren Gross
Faith Formation	Marriage Preparation	Parish Library	RCIA
Sr. Judith Reagan, OP	Msgr. Manuel Simas	Geraldine Fulks	Sr. Marcia Krause
Scripture/Bible Study	Vacation Bible School	SPRED	Sunday Preschool
Jo Ann Miller	Joanna Diaz Yoshioka	Judith Myers	Janet Mangrobang
Wedding Coordinator	Wedding Music	Youth Ministry	Divorced/Separated
Patricia Chesterman	Virginia Rojas	Jon Manongdo	Dee & Chit
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	Nancy Dorigi	Fr. Joseph Nguyen	Jan Cooper
Dominican Kinder	Old Mission San Jose	Mission Restoration	Mission Docent
Sr. Jane Marie Estoesta	Dolores Ferenz	Andrew Galvan	Barbara Aylward
Catholic Daughters	CYO	Music at the Mission	Vocations Advocate
Regina Dennie	Mike Gaffey	Aileen Chanco	Agnes Ballecer

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