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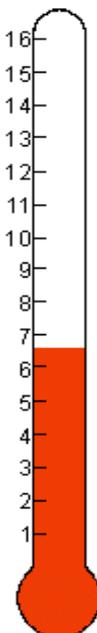
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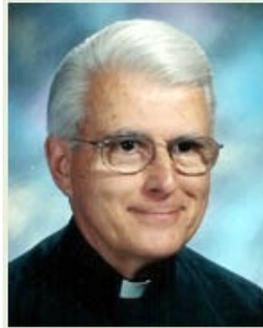
### Capital Campaign Corner

- 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



Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed Himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons.

As Jesus departed from His disciples, he shared with them the power to make disciples of all nations. He taught His followers to invite others to share in the life of the blessed Trinity by sharing the gift of Baptism.

Even though we cannot fully understand the depth of the mystery of the Holy Trinity, we are absolutely sure of God's presence among us in the three persons. We believe even without seeing. By responding to God's goodness we make His presence known by how we act.

When we are open to God's gifts and work together to develop them, the Church is strong and God's presence is felt. As followers of Jesus, we make His presence known through our actions and the ministries of our parish family.

In this newsletter and in other communications, the To Build Church (TBC) Coordinating Committee and I have addressed financial stewardship on many occasions. If we as a parish family are unable to meet our current financial responsibilities we will certainly not be able to proceed with funding the next phase of our parish master plan—building a new worship space for our parish.

For this reason, I have concentrated the TBC Committee's efforts and my teachings the first weekend of each month on the importance and essence of not just good stewardship, but exemplary stewardship. I have also decided to delay the next phase of our capital campaign while we focus first on ensuring the success of our stewardship effort.

The weekly plate collection is vital to our very existence as a parish family. With steady growth and improvement in our plate collection we will be able to meet our current financial obligations and improve our ministries here at St. Joseph for us and for our brothers and sisters in the communities we serve.

Improved plate collections will allow us to build a savings fund for emergencies. Our ability to successfully obtain a loan from the diocese for the next phase of the parish master plan also depends upon showing that parish finances are strong.

Though our current income from the plate collection has improved over last year, we are still a far cry from where we should be and where we need to be. With the number of families in our congregation our plate collection should be \$60,000 per week. Assuming an annual family income of \$65,000 (low for area), one hour per week is about \$30. Two thousand families multiplied by \$30 per week is \$60,000 compared to our average weekly plate collection of \$15,000. That is truly amazing! These figures aren't pipe dreams, they are real and we can achieve them.

Do you realize what achieving our financial stewardship goal of contributing one hour's wages per week could do for us and our community? We could build a new church and all the facilities without another campaign. We could improve our ministries, increase our support for the homeless and hungry, and truly make Jesus' presence known in Fremont.

Nothing is impossible with God. Our parish family has been gifted with so much talent. Together we can make a difference and be the disciples and followers of Jesus we are called to be.

Peace and love,

*Father Manny*

Monsignor Manuel Simas



View of worship space from rear plaza.

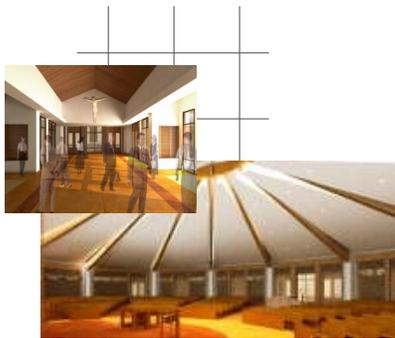
### From the Coordinating Committee

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.

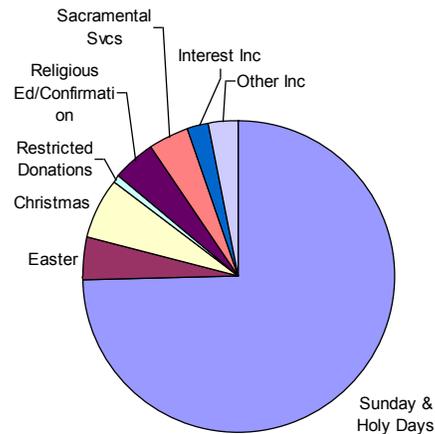
## Where Are We Now? St. Joseph Parish Statement of Activity for 01/2008 thru 12/2008

### Parish Operating Income

	Amount
Sunday & Holy Days Collection	739,966.55
Easter	46,091.00
Christmas	62,647.00
Donations (Restricted)	7,319.00
Religious Education/Confirmation	45,469.88
Sacramental Services	41,975.00
Interest Income	21,040.54
Other Income (Facilities Use Donation, Fundraisers & Rebates)	30,708.22

### TOTAL OPERATING INCOME

**995,217.19**



### Parish Operating Expenses

	Amount
Administrative Expense	249,089.59
Diocesan Assessment	66,074.39
Parish Property Maintenance	101,116.11
Rectory Living	46,146.23
Priest	104,254.20
Liturgy	14,696.00
Music	127,036.50
Religious Education	131,501.37
Adult Education & RCIA	76,184.04
Confirmation	5,444.87
Pastoral Care	14,454.35
School Subsidy	28,039.02
Other Expenses (Baptism, Cemetery, Depreciation & Other Expenses)	31,033.33

### TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES

**995,070.00**

