

St. Bernard's Parish New Church Progress



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Building the
Catholic Community
of
St. Bernard's Parish



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God sees, as we do, the need for a new place of worship so that there is space for all of us to gather together. However, he leaves it to us to guild and provide that space. When it is completed each of us will benefit if we so choose. It will not replace our existing church, but will add to the opportunities for us to better serve you.

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Blessing of the Grounds

Monsignor Rocha presided over the blessing of the grounds on October 8, 2007. Many of our parishioners were in attendance. The fertile ground will make way for another place of worship for the people of St. Bernard's Parish. The new 25,000 sq. ft. Multipurpose facility will be phase one of the construction project.



Construction Has Begun



D.M. Alegre Construction, a local General Contractor and parishioner received the bid for the construction of the first phase of the project. Grading and underground utilities are in process under the direction of Sub-Contractors, Tony Leonardo and Joe Trigo, parishioners of St. Bernard's. Our 20 acre site is located at the corners of Valpico and Corral Hollow roads. This is a wonderful site. Please take the time to pass by and see the progress taking place.

"Everyone must give according to what they inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7).

FINANCIAL CORNER

Pledge Recap:

In Pledges: \$4,631,923.43
 Amt of Pledges Paid: \$4,294,274.73
 Pledges Outstanding: \$ 337,648.70

Additional Income: \$1,571,795.32

Total Income: \$5,866.070.05

Total Expenses 1/31/08 \$1,722,111.19

Balance on Hand \$4,143.958.86
1/31/08

Project Budget:

Architecture: \$ 995,018.00
 Utilities \$ 264,541.00
 Fees: \$ 387,206.00
 Legal: \$ 20,662.00
 Misc.: \$ 87,367.00
 Inspecting: \$ 35,000.00
 Interest: \$ 260,000.00
 Furniture/Fixture/
 Equipment: \$ 100,000.00
 Construction: \$8,365,920.00
 Contingency: \$ 100,000.00

Total: \$10,115,714.00

What Goes Into a Project This Size

Our 20 acre site started out as a fertile piece of farmland. This site is located in the County of San Joaquin adjacent to the City of Tracy and had no facilities attached to it. The past 5 years involved the following items:

- ★ Architect & Master Planning
- ★ Entitlements
- ★ Permits, Studies, Approvals & Fees
- ★ Grading
- ★ Underground Utilities
- ★ Water System
- ★ Parking

These items make up about 25% of the budget and are for the development of the entire site.

The construction phase will resume once the ground dries. With this phase, we will see many sub-contractors involved in the building and completion of the 25,000 sq. foot concrete tilt-up building. This phase will last until late fall and will cost approximately \$8.4 million to complete.

Once the construction is complete, the final part of the building will be the furnishings. This includes the chairs, tables and kitchen equipment estimated at \$100 thousand. The multipurpose facility will be used for weekend worships, therefore, needing some liturgical furnishings to accommodate for masses. The goal is to be completed and into the building by December 2008.

We Build Bravely

He who builds a useful, beautiful structure builds his own soul. A Church, School or Multipurpose facility erected to the glory of God and the service of people proclaims our faith to the world.

The Tower of Babel, built in arrogance so long ago, became a "tower of babble," for men's speech there became confused.

The Psalmist perhaps had this in mind when he said, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1).

So, we shall build for God's glory and in His strength.

The experts can fashion steel and wood, stone, brick, and mortar, but our dimes and dollars are needed to provide the materials and the skills. May God give you joy in the giving as you build for Him!

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessings bestowed upon our Catholic Community of St. Bernard's.

We come before you with the needs and challenges we face together as a family.

Help us grow as a community of faith and love, inspired by our parents and grandparents, and looking ahead to serve the needs of our future generations.

Fill our hearts with enthusiasm and generosity to continue building your kingdom on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.