

A Journey Together IN BUILDING OUR FAITH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like each and every one of you to know how truly blessed I am to be part of the St. Mary Parish Community. Our community is rich in diversity and spiritual enthusiasm and has the willingness to embrace together communal spiritual growth. This diversity shows us the richness and the universality of the Catholic Church.

St. Mary Parish is our home. It plays an important role in our faith journey because it is the place where we come to pray, worship and celebrate the important events of our lives through the Mass and sacraments.

Now, it is the time for each and every one of us to support the “St. Mary Parish Building Fund Raiser” in order for us to renovate and maintain the sacredness of St. Mary Church, the Church of the Risen Lord.

I know this is a big project in our times, and for many of us it can be a heavy cross to carry, but together we will be able to make the sacrifice in order to carry on our Christian Mission for our future generations. This Mission is for the good of all and for the salvation of everyone who comes through St. Mary Catholic Church on their journey back to God. Together we can accomplish this mission. Please, in prayer, consider a generous sacrificial gift to St. Mary by providing the parish with the amount you would be prepared to donate toward this project.

Thank you for all you have done to make St. Mary Church’s past so rich and blessed, and for your great generosity in helping with our current and future goals.

Together we sacrifice, together we journey, and together we build our faith.

May Almighty God Bless you.

Yours in Christ,



Father James Narithookil, CMI, Pastor



OUR PARISH FAMILY

Father Mela was the founding Pastor of St. Mary Church. He began to look for land to purchase and also to secure money to build a church. In July 1906, he purchased land at 818 N Street for the original St. Mary Church. The first church was a small wooden building that, with various modifications, served the parish until the new church was built in East Sacramento after World War II. This building was originally a barn that was converted into a church. By the first Sunday in November 1906, Mass was being offered at St. Mary Church and parishioners were being registered. The parish began with more than two hundred families.

With the end of the war, the Oblates of St. Joseph pressed forward with the construction of the new church. The new church was located in the still developing suburbs of East Sacramento at 58th and M Street. Bishop Robert Armstrong signed the agreement for construction. The parish continued to grow. A rectory was built, a hall, a school (one classroom at a time) a convent, and gymnasium. Many years later, the convent was replaced with the Sister Cabrini Riordan Education Center, built and completed in 2005.

With over forty-five ministries supported by volunteers, St. Mary Parish has become a vital part of the community, by directing us, answering our mission to commit ourselves to our Lord Jesus Christ, instilling the beatitudes, providing us with the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and ministering to the larger communities in which we live and work. We worship together, journey together, mourn together, build our faith together, and celebrate together. We dedicate our time, talent and treasure to further the Kingdom of God in our community. It is truly amazing to work together as a faith family.

Now it is time for us to move forward, continuing the St. Mary tradition of faith sharing, ministry, and outreach in our greater community. Under the leadership of our pastor, Father James Narithookil, St. Mary Catholic Parish is moving forward with plans to renovate and repair our aging church building, grounds, equipment, and retire our Parish debt to the Diocese. We are confident that our parish family will respond with enthusiasm and generosity as we take this historic step to implement **A Journey Together in Building Our Faith**. We look to the future with hope.



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We are asking you, a member of our parish family, to participate in raising these critically important funds. Funds raised for these necessary repairs will remain in our parish Building Fund account for all of our current and future building repairs and improvements.

Remove and replace all flat roof areas that have rolled roofing materials and replace with TPO. **\$ 70,000**

Boiler for church - LARRS Brand. **\$ 60,000**

Rebuild/replace storage areas. **\$ 30,000**

Two, fifteen ton heat pumps for the Church, Carrier brand. **\$ 70,000**

Remodel the hall to include new floors, dishwasher, exterior security cameras, and dual pane windows (energy efficient). **\$ 50,000**

Refinish the church pews, and install new kneeler pads. **\$ 85,000**

Sound system for the church, including two amplifiers, sound mixer and wireless microphones. **\$ 15,000**

Remove the handicap ramp in the courtyard side of the church and replace it with an ADA compliant ramp. Install a handicap entry to include push button access to enter and exit the church. **\$ 20,000**

New California white honed granite for the church entrance platform with new steps, handicap ramp, concrete walkways, landscaping with sprinklers etc. Install a new main water line, drain lines for downspouts, and sewer lines. Add a granite monument of the Ten Commandments, pedestal for a statue, and new sidewalks. **\$300,000**

Retire the parish debt to the Diocese for the parking lot. **\$250,000**

PARISH BUILDING FUND GOAL \$950,000



HOW YOU MAY SUPPORT

St. Mary Parish would like to offer an opportunity for every parish family to participate in our Journey Together In Building Our Faith by making a monthly donation to support our Building Fund. Through the involvement and generosity of all members of our community, this parish will successfully reach its goal of \$950,000.00.

To increase our Building Fund account, every parish family will be asked to:

- Reflect on how greatly God has blessed us as individuals and as a parish community.
- Give thanks to God for these blessings.
- Prayerfully consider how your involvement can reflect your gratitude to God and His church.

Each of you are asked to consider a donation of \$1,000 or more, payable over the next three years. Payments can be made monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, or on any schedule that best fits your needs. A donation of \$1,000 is a daily sacrifice of \$0.92 per day for three years.

Please prayerfully consider your involvement in our Building Fund, as God has given us so much. We hope that, upon reflection, your generosity will mirror God’s goodness to you.

SUGGESTED GIFT PLAN

Daily Sacrifice	36 Monthly Payments	12 Quarterly Payments	6 Semi-annual Payments	3 Annual Payments	Donation
\$ 9.14	\$ 277.78	\$ 833.34	\$ 1,666.67	\$ 3,333.34	\$ 10,000.00
4.57	138.89	416.67	833.34	1,667.67	5,000.00
3.66	111.12	333.34	666.67	1,333.34	4,000.00
2.74	83.34	250.00	500.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
1.83	55.56	166.67	333.34	666.67	2,000.00
1.37	41.67	125.00	250.00	500.00	1,500.00
.92	27.78	83.34	166.67	333.34	1,000.00

Not everyone can make the same size gift, but everyone can make the same size sacrifice!

If you have been blessed financially and are able to donate \$10,000, \$15,000, 25,000, or more, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so. Your example and generosity will provide needed momentum and enthusiasm for a success in ensuring the future of this parish and of the Catholic faith.

RENOVATION COMMITTEE



Front row: Nikoli Bilandzich, Father James, Nick Clifford
Back Row: Joe Frasca, Tony Cervantes, Mike Paparella and Fernando De La Rosa



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