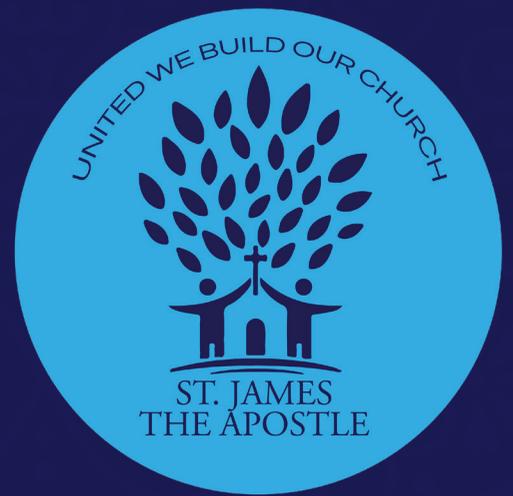




UNITED WE BUILD OUR CHURCH CASE STATEMENT



A MESSAGE FROM *FR. ANTONY*



Dear parishioners,

It is with great excitement and anticipation that we embark on the important and historic step of finally constructing a permanent church building at St. James the Apostle. This will be the culmination of more than 10 years of planning and preparation. For far longer – over four decades – pastors and lay leaders alike have envisioned moving out of our temporary worship space, the Multi-Purpose Hall, and into a permanent church. In order to do that, parish leaders and I – inspired by your feedback during a 2019 planning study – decided to embark on a capital campaign.

As we prayed over a theme for our capital campaign, we believed it would be important to choose a title that truly embodies the spirit of St. James the Apostle Catholic Church. This is why we chose *United We Build Our Church*. Because at St. James, we are united. We are a family. As brothers and sisters – united – we can accomplish great things. And *united*, we will build our church!

We anticipate the permanent church will cost roughly \$10 million, which is a staggering amount for a small parish like ours. But we can do it if we remain *united*. All we need is your participation. We are building God's house, as He deserves a better place for worship. Everyone in the St. James community will be asked to invest in our future. **I am not asking all parishioners for equal giving, but rather equal sacrifice.** Take it as an opportunity to give back to God what He has given us abundantly. I want you to see this project as an investment into our ultimate future, which is our life in eternity. We can all contribute toward building our eternal kingdom.

I want you to dream with me and think 5 to 6 years into the future. Picture in your mind a new church, which will be another monument built to recognize your generous response, dedication and commitment to the blessings you have from God. Imagine this new church where your children or children's children will receive baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or the Sacrament of Marriage.

Make this your daily prayer: Lord, help me live to see this new church. The next 5-6 years will pass in the blink of an eye, and it will become a reality for you. Nothing is impossible with God. We have already proven beyond a doubt what we can accomplish together by building our Mother Teresa Center, a \$3 million project. Once more, I am calling on you to come together as a parish and, by the glory of God, make our vision our reality. *United*, we build our church!

May God bless you,

Fr. Antony Vazhappilly
Pastor

A MESSAGE FROM *BISHOP BARBER*



To the parishioners of St. James:

“Non est hic aliud nisi domus Dei et porta caeli” (Gen 28:17)

I would like to congratulate you on your commitment to build a permanent parish church, and I am pleased to offer my personal support and prayers as you embrace this tremendous effort.

We build churches, first of all, to respond to God's love and mercy through the fitting homage of our worship and loyalty. New life comes to us with the celebration of the Sacraments: the children of God are reborn in baptism, we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, our sins are forgiven in the Sacrament of Confession, and above all, the presence of God transforms our lives when Christ Himself comes to us when we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. A parish church is, indeed, “the house of God and the gate of heaven” (Gen 28:17). Our churches are to provide an experience of the beauty and the transcendence of God as they also welcome and shelter His children.

This is a blessed opportunity for you to work together, led by the Holy Spirit, and translate your Christian identity into a material building that will be a sign of your faith, love and devotion. This will be a significant and formative experience in the life of your parish community and will carry God's unlimited love and blessings to all those involved.

I thank each one of you for your ongoing tradition of spirituality, service and commitment. Your campaign goals will certainly be a challenge, but at the same time they are an exciting opportunity to demonstrate your love and commitment to our Lord and Savior as you so generously accomplished also when you united together to build the Mother Teresa Center for Children.

I encourage you to actively support this effort to provide a firm foundation for the parish community of St. James the Apostle and to create this wonderful legacy in the community of Fremont.

May God bless all of you with the successful completion of your campaign: *United We Build Our Church!*

Yours sincerely in Christ,

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ
Bishop of Oakland

OUR *need*

We are blessed with a diverse and flourishing faith community at St. James the Apostle. Ever since our parish was established 48 years ago, we have been united as brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Multi-Purpose Hall has served our parish family well as a temporary worship home for over four decades. But the intention has always been for it to become the Parish Community Hall, and for St. James the Apostle to build a permanent church.

Parishioners have been worshipping in the Multi-Purpose Hall since 1976. Since it was designed as a hall, not a Catholic church, it has a sparse appearance with cinder block walls. The hall lacks certain furnishings and features, as well as the true atmosphere, of a permanent church.

Now in 2020, the need for a new worship space has never been greater and we've never had more to gain from finally following through on our dream. Our parish community has grown to over 1,000 families and we desire a more beautiful and fitting space to encounter Christ and celebrate the sacraments.

CHALLENGES *of current worship space*

- No pews to kneel at and pray before the Lord
- No narthex to gather for fellowship
- Metal folding chairs are situated too far from the altar and must regularly be removed for events in the hall
- No cry room for young parish families
- No prominent baptismal font for this important, life-giving sacrament
- Outdated lighting and sound systems
- Limited availability for parish events and ministries



Parish established:
1st Sunday Mass celebrated in
Patterson School
auditorium

Then-Bishop Begin dedicates the
Multi-Purpose Hall, meant to
serve as a temporary
worship space

Fr. Antony Vazhappilly
becomes pastor

Mother Teresa Center
opens

United We Build Our Church
campaign begins

Parish expected to break ground
on permanent church

Expected completion of church
construction

April 1972

1976

2007

2016

March 2020

2023

2024-25

OUR *plan*

After extensive planning, listening to parishioners and praying for guidance, we are launching the *United We Build Our Church* Capital Campaign to fund construction of a permanent church building.

We place our trust in God that our need for a permanent church will be met, and that we will one day worship in a place that gives even more glory to Him and strengthens the unity of our parish family.

CHURCH *features*

- **Pews with seating** for 452, plus overflow capacity for an additional 208 in chairs for large Masses (Christmas/Easter)
- **Large gathering area** (narthex) inside the church's main entrance
- **Large baptistery area**
- **Cry room** with large windows into the worship space
- **Stained glass windows** (extracted from our current worship space)
- **Chapel** of reconciliation
- **Choir area**
- **Attractive exterior** that will complement our other buildings and enhance our neighborhood
- **Beautiful courtyard space** for parish gatherings, fellowship and events
- **Additional parking** with easy access to the church and adjoining wing

PROJECT *details*

Chris Kelly Architects has developed a design for a church building with over 15,000 square feet in total. The design includes a large main worship area (nave) of over 10,000 square feet and an adjoining Community Support Center (approximately 5,000 square feet) providing areas for fellowship and other space that will benefit our parish family.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER *features*

- **Dedicated space** to support the needs of our community
- **Inviting gathering space** with flexible seating for 75 to 100 people
- **Large meeting room** for parish ministries (can also be used by brides and families gathering for funerals)
- **Office space** and reception lobby
- **Accessible restrooms** and ample storage
- **Sacristy** and vesting room



OUR *future*

Constructing a permanent church will produce numerous benefits for our parish community. The church will:

- Enhance our worship experience by providing pews in a reverent environment with all the signs and symbols of our faith prominently displayed.
- Pull us more deeply into the celebration of the Mass so we can experience our eternal God in the most profound way possible.
- Leave a legacy for our children and grandchildren, who are the future of our parish and our Catholic faith.
- Strengthen fellowship by providing ample space for gathering after Mass and other times.
- Make St. James an even more desirable parish for families to join and grow with us in faith.
- Support our ministries and parish outreach by providing more meeting and storage space.

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

We are still in the early stages of the design process, so specific cost breakdowns are not yet available. However, contractors indicate construction will cost about \$10 million. We expect we will be able to begin construction with \$6 million cash in hand.

Similar to how we funded the Mother Teresa Center, Fr. Antony is committed to completing this project **without taking on debt**. This may require a second capital campaign immediately following the pledge period from this effort in order to reach the \$10 million mark. We will assess our needs at that time.

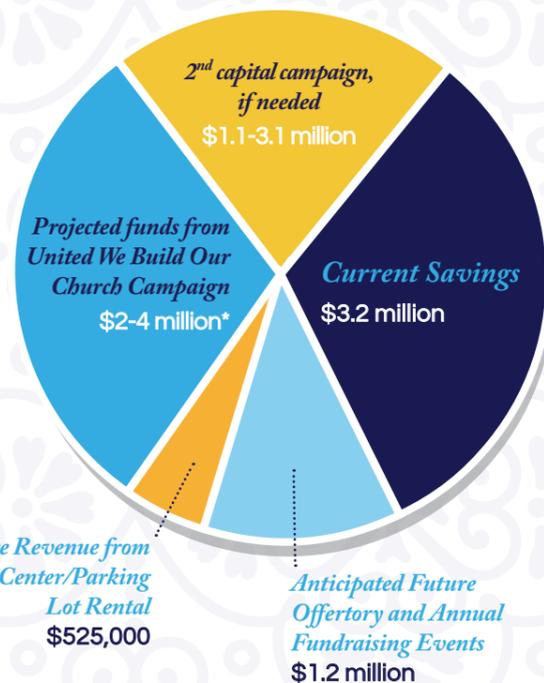
Currently, the parish has \$3.2 million in savings – funds earmarked for constructing a permanent church. Additionally, St. James saves as much revenue as possible each year. Along with funds raised through the weekly offertory and special events, St. James generates significant revenue from the Mother Teresa Center (venue rental and daycare program) and parking lot (rental).

Your support of the *United We Build Our Church* campaign will allow us to break ground in 2023, upon the completion of our pledge period!

FUNDING *sources*

Estimated cost of construction: \$10 million

Note: Future revenue totals reflect three-year aggregate during the United We Build Our Church Capital Campaign.



*Our planning study projected a campaign could raise \$2 million - \$2.7 million. By the grace of God, we seek to raise \$4 million!

YOUR *gift*

As you prayerfully consider supporting the *United We Build Our Church* Capital Campaign, we hope you reflect on what St. James means not only to you, but to our youth and growing Catholic community. To conduct a successful campaign and achieve our goal, St. James will rely heavily upon the generosity of parishioners and other community supporters. Please consider making a sacrificial gift to provide us all a permanent church and keep our parish strong and growing.

BUDGETING YOUR GIFT

St. James the Apostle is proposing a three-year pledge period, and the following chart is provided as a guide as you prayerfully consider your gift or pledge.

TOTAL GIFT	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	SEMI ANNUAL	ANNUAL
\$72,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$24,000
\$60,000	\$1,667	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
\$45,000	\$1,250	\$3,750	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$36,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$12,000
\$27,000	\$750	\$2,500	\$4,500	\$9,000
\$18,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$6,000
\$12,000	\$333	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
\$9,000	\$250	\$750	\$1,500	\$3,000
\$7,200	\$200	\$600	\$1,200	\$2,400
\$5,400	\$150	\$450	\$900	\$1,800
\$3,600	\$100	\$300	\$600	\$1,200
\$2,700	\$75	\$225	\$450	\$900
\$1,800	\$50	\$150	\$300	\$600

METHODS OF *giving*

CASH

The most common gifts received in a campaign are gifts fulfilled by cash or check. This allows St. James the Apostle to address its immediate needs.

SECURITIES

Appreciated charitable gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds offer special tax advantages and can be a great way to provide a significant gift to St. James the Apostle.

REAL ESTATE

Gifts of property entitle a donor to an income tax deduction equal to the full market value with no tax on any capital gains.

LIFE INSURANCE

Donate an old policy by simply naming St. James the Apostle as the owner and beneficiary. Or consider donating a new policy.

Note: Please do not interpret this information as legal advice. Instead, consult your own financial advisor for specific recommendations.

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL/CREDIT CARD

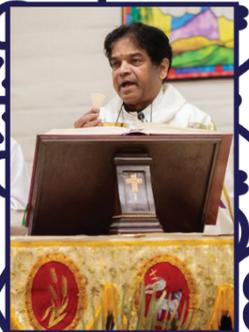
Your payments can be made automatically from your checking/savings account or placed on a credit card. If you would like to give in this manner, please ensure you provide your contact information on the pledge card so the St. James the Apostle parish office can contact you to make the necessary arrangements.

PLANNED GIFT

Planned giving is the process of carefully selecting the best method and assets for making a charitable gift. Such a gift can enable a donor take full advantage of the tax laws to accomplish their financial and charitable goals. A bequest contained in a will is the most common form of planned giving.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

A matching gift program provided through an employer or board membership may allow the donor to increase the value of their gift. Many companies match charitable gifts of employees, retirees or board members.



CAMPAIGN *leadership*

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CAMPAIGN *prayer*

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our parish,
Where we learn that without your love we shall surely perish.
Here we deepen our love for you and our souls we nourish,
And ask for your love and friendship among us to flourish.

Open our eyes, dear Lord, to see your love and care,
And count your blessings in a spirit of sincere prayer.
Sow in our hearts, our Creator, the seeds of gratitude
And create in us, your children, a loving attitude.

Make us, your candles, that burn daily in your service,
By giving, help us to experience your love and peace.
Teach us to give not out of duty, guilt or grudge,
But though a spirit of thanksgiving, guide us to pledge.

Dear Father, help us to build you a beautiful church,
Where we can gather to worship and praise you much.
We believe, with your help there is nothing impossible,
So guide us, Father, to make your temple remarkable.

We seek the intercession of St. James, our Patron Saint,
And of Mother Teresa, the modern-day saint.

This prayer we humbly bring to you, Heavenly Father,
Through Jesus Christ your Son, and Mary our loving Mother.

Amen.

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