

OUR FAITH. OUR FUTURE.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PRAYER

Loving Father, for over 125 years, St. James Church has grown through the efforts of many generations.

We have become a community rich in diversity of cultures and opened our hearts to value the uniqueness of each person.

We have become a family united by Christ.

We thank you for the opportunity we now have to expand our facilities, to create a safe environment for our families to grow and worship.

The gift you have given us is to provide for ourselves and for the generations of families who will thrive in faith through our efforts.

We ask your Spirit and guidance to create in us the overwhelming generosity we need.

Inspire in each of us generous hearts to make our vision a reality.

We ask all in the name of Jesus who is our hope and our joy.

Amen



MONSIGNOR'S MESSAGE

During the last 30 years, we moved many of our educational and formational ministries and the parish offices to the east side of Pacific Coast Highway as our elementary school moved to its new Torrance site. While we continue to make use of the emptied facilities, the very busy and dangerous Pacific Coast Highway has also fractured our community.

We now have the only opportunity we will ever have to bring most of those ministries back to a united campus surrounding the church through our Campaign, OUR FAITH. OUR FUTURE. This move to a safe environment is critical for our children and young families, youth, formation ministries, parish administration and parish life, as well as our much needed additional safe parking.

The purchase of so much land with facilities suited to our needs is a blessing for us now and for generations to come, but it is also a financial challenge that requires heroic generosity and participation by all of us. I am wholeheartedly committed to the OUR FAITH. OUR FUTURE. Campaign and ask your prayerful and generous support.

Your brother in Christ,
Monsignor Michael Meyers

OUR FUTURE

Due to sustained vitality of the parish and school, and limited adjacent commercial properties, St. James has expanded its footprint to both sides of Pacific Coast Highway and into Torrance, where the current St. James Catholic School and O’Gorman Center reside. This expansion helped to meet the needs of the time but has divided our parish campus.

As neighboring properties near St. James Church rarely come available, and chances to purchase adjoining lots were missed, we have seized the opportunity to purchase the property located at 128 N Broadway. This property is located between N Broadway and Pacific Coast Highway, abutting Vincent Street. It features a 1.24 acre lot and includes three buildings, circa 1940 and 1965, providing an estimated 20,000 sq. ft. of space. In May, we underwent all necessary inspections and closed escrow on June 7, 2019.



OUR VISION

Our community and facilities are built upon the dedication of over 125 years of parents, parishioners, volunteers, and staff. Like those who came before us, we are called upon by Christ to ensure our facilities best serve our community in the present and future. The new property will provide us the necessary room for expansion, and function as a safe place for service, celebrating life and honoring God. This campaign will allow us to make a long-term investment in future generations that will go on to uphold the traditional, faith-based values unique to St. James Catholic Church.

OUR GOAL

Seek to raise \$5 million in five-year pledges by the end of March 2020. We hope to engage every single family in our parish and school, every ministry and program that the hall will provide for and the larger community of the South Bay and St. James Catholic Church.

Our family extends beyond the South Bay and across Southern California. As such, St. James will dedicate \$857,000 of our Campaign goal to support the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Called to Renew campaign, which seeks to raise \$500 million to strengthen parishes, serve the vulnerable, support priestly vocations, and fund education and outreach.