

FAQ's



St. Helena Parish Life Center



Site Plan



Gallery

Garden Area



Main Entry



Main Hall

Is my gift tax deductible? Gifts to the St. Helena Catholic Church and School are tax deductible as to the maximum amount allowed by law. Please contact your personal accountant and/or attorney for specific questions regarding taxes. *All Mission 150 Capital Campaign* will be used exclusively for the components outlined in the Campaign Plan for support. Oversight by the Parish Finance Council, along with the Campaign Leadership Committee, will ensure the specific distribution of funds to our designated needs.

What is the difference between the Offertory and the St. Helena Catholic Church Mission 150 Capital Campaign? The weekend Offertory provides funds for the day-to-day operating costs of our parish. The *Mission 150 Capital Campaign* will address the Church building needs and the new Parish Life Center building as well as complete the needed School improvements and the installation of the new commemorative St. Helena Plaza.

What is the timeline for the Mission 150 Capital Campaign? We plan to break ground in late fall of 2015 and complete construction by June 2016, in time to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of our Parish.

If I designate my donation for a specific component of the campaign, what oversight is there to honor my intention? We will ensure that the funds raised for our *Mission 150 Capital Campaign* will be used exclusively for the components outlined in the campaign plan. Oversight by the Parish Financial Council, along with the Campaign Leadership Committee, will ensure the specific distribution of funds to our designated needs.

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ST. HELENA CATHOLIC PARISH

150 YEARS





The Mission 150 Capital Campaign Plan; **Goal \$6,000,000.00**

Dear St. Helena Parish Family Members in Christ;

In June of 2016 we will celebrate our 150th Anniversary of the founding of St. Helena Catholic Parish. Our jubilee is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us to thank God for such a remarkable blessing.

We also give thanks for our heritage and legacy founded by the *faith pioneers* that labored and gave of their time and gifts to establish the Catholic Parish in 1866. Christ has provided a faith home for us where we worship, praise, and offer prayers for needs in gratitude as we welcome the gift of one another. Our blessed rich heritage continues as we build a *faith family* of God with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We follow in the sacred footsteps of generations of families at St. Helena Catholic Church and School. Such a sacred heritage goes beyond the historical church and parish buildings—beyond the bricks and mortar. Our heritage is in the hearts and spirit of our past and present multicultural families in their love for God. Our rich diversity is a reflection of the many faces of God gathered with one another in a Faith Family. As we continue our growth and welcome new members, we also work to provide greatly needed additional space and improve our care for the buildings we have inherited. It is a sign and obligation of sacred stewardship in the Lord. Let us rejoice to be able to support and sacrifice in our **Mission 150 Capital Campaign** that we too share in what the Lord has given us today and for generations to come!

Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless us today and always,
Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us, St. Helena pray for us!

*Continued prayers and blessings for you and your loved ones,
Fr. Gordon Kalil, Pastor, and our Campaign Leadership Team*

Parish Life Center (PLC): will be a beautiful new building providing a unique environment for our church and school community to come together as a parish family. The PLC will have diverse spaces for classes, dinners, concerts, ministry and group meetings, children's Sunday worship, receptions, senior daytime activities, parties, and much more. A kitchen and various -sized meeting rooms will present numerous opportunities and venues for all parishioners to enjoy this facility. There will be a new Teen Center where they our youth can study, congregate and socialize on Church property. The PLC will also provide abundant and sorely needed storage and workspace for our Altar Society.

Church Updates will include: repairing the leaky roof in the choir loft and lower wall, updating the interior vents, replacing carpeting, installing a new sound system, and repainting the interior walls. We are also increasing our church goals for the campaign to include the addition of a hearing impaired system as well as purchasing greatly needed replacements for our sacred vessels and altar linens.

Our Catholic School: Install new fencing for the perimeter of the school, install a lighted crosswalk on Tainter Street to provide easy safe access between the Church and School, and transform the playground parking lot the parking into a welcoming student-friendly environment, including a shaded student lunch area. We are adding air conditioning to each room this summer to combat the high temperatures through October. Therefore we are increasing our school allocation from the **Mission 150 Capital Campaign** to accommodate this need for each room and out of care and concern for our students and faculty. The air conditioning will also allow us to have summer school.

The Rectory: Necessary updates include needed electrical and plumbing improvements and carpeting. The living quarters will be separated from the current public offices to accommodate privacy for a resident pastor and guest priests.

St. Helena Plaza: Our new plaza will be on the north side of the Church in front of the redwood grove and will memorialize our 150th Anniversary as a parish. Serving as a place for gathering in hospitality, integrating our outdoor areas as a beautiful part of our Church, it will also be place of respite for many who visit. Two new exterior restrooms will be added on the north east side of the Plaza, providing easy access from the Church. The Plaza is designated by anonymous donors to honor Monsignor John Brenkle's work and service for the church and community. *Renowned artist and sculptor, Walter S. Arnold:* (<http://www.stonecarver.com/carvebio.html>) has been commissioned to create a life-size statue of our patroness St. Helena and has been provided by separate anonymous donors "to honor their workers and families," and will adorn the plaza in a water feature near our beautiful red wood trees.

"Second Time Around" (formerly Thrifty Manor): Our second-hand store will be moved to the former Convent next to the School on Oak Avenue. The store will continue to benefit the school. Modifications will be made to ensure the best space for retail sales with easy access, great lighting and more!

Solar for entire campus: our goals not only include building the "greenest" Parish Life Center as possible, but all of our buildings will have solar energy. The Photovoltaic panels will be on the gym roof and a part of the south roof of the school building and accommodate more than enough electricity for all of our buildings and grounds. More details later.

Our Santa Rosa Diocese: Along with our sister parishes, our **Mission 150 Capital Campaign** will contribute to our Diocese capital campaign in order to help assist a number of less-fortunate parishes in the five counties in our Diocese that cannot afford basic ministries and services, such as youth group, religious education coordinators, and fulltime priests. The Diocesan campaign will also add ministries to help us all support the people of God.

Contingency Provision Goal: We are increasing our goals for the campaign to also include a reserve contingency fund of \$250,000.00. The reserve fund will help provide for unexpected maintenance costs for our new building and other parish facilities.