

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

New Church Construction Update

As you can see, the church building is progressing. On the outside, the steel decking over the daily Mass Chapel is done. The air-conditioning unit is scheduled to be delivered on January 18th, and then installed over the Meeting Room. Once that is done, the workers can put the steel decking on that end, and install the roofing on both ends. The stone work has begun in the upper section of the front of the Church. This must be completed before the framing and enclosure of the Narthex, or entranceway of the church. The rest of the outside masonry work will be completed when the weather permits.

On the inside, the sanctuary cement floor has been poured. As the roofing is completed, more cement will be poured. The electricians have installed most of the wiring in the main section of the church, and as soon as this is completed, insulation and inside walls will be installed.

Details such as floor tile, woodwork, and paint colors are being finalized by the architect. Within the next few weeks, he will be preparing a pallet with the different choices so it can be shown to the parish. As soon as this is completed, we will set it up downstairs in one of the classrooms so everyone will have an opportunity to see it after Masses.

The Cardinal has also granted us permission to add parish office space onto our present church building. This will allow us to have offices for the parish and clergy near our church. Plans for this are being finalized and we will show the parish these plans when the color pallet is shown.

Many of you have asked about the completion date of the new Church. I have been told it will be some time towards the end of the summer. Weather is still an issue, and bad weather can delay progress. As soon as we can get into the new church, we will, so that construction can begin on the present church. I am hopeful that the classrooms will be finished before we begin our 2008-09 Religious Education Program.