

***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK***

Looking at the new church, you notice many changes happening during the past couple of weeks. The insulation has been placed on the roof of the main church. Most of the church has been framed and the exterior sheeting is being installed. Several people have asked about the windows. The frames for the stained glass windows will be installed in December. Until that time, some of the windows will be covered by the exterior sheeting. In the next couple of weeks the exterior stone will be delivered and installation will be started. The interior concrete for the main floor will also be poured. All electrical, water, and sound equipment conduits have been installed in preparation for the pouring of the concrete floor. The builders have installed a barrel in the area under where the altar will be placed; this barrel is for our family stones. Soon after the floor is set, we will be able to place our family stones under the altar. Make sure you are ready for this, but make sure the stone you select is not too big (not larger than 3 inches in width, depth or height).

The air conditioning unit will be installed in the attic over the meeting room in the front. This will be done before they builders complete the roof over this area. Hopefully the whole front of the building, including the meeting room and daily Mass Chapel will be framed and sheeted before Christmas.

The architect, Donald Swartz, is selecting the interior floor tiles and paint colors. A pallet is being prepared so that all of us can see these choices. The light fixtures have been selected, and there was not much choice in this. Only one company makes church fixtures that provide the necessary light and the ability to lower the fixtures to change the light bulbs. Thankfully, the selected fixture is very elegant and appropriate for the new church.

I have asked the Cardinal for permission to build parish offices on the parish site. The most economical and practical way to do this is to put a small addition on the present building. I hope to have an answer shortly.

I am scheduled to go to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's burial site outside Montreal this Thursday. I am going to inquire about the possibility of obtaining a relic of Blessed Kateri to be placed in our new altar. Please pray for the success of this.

Finally, you may notice that we have paved the driveway at the present rectory. We were also able to add much needed parking in the front, for those coming to the rectory. In addition to the parking, the blacktop makes it much easier for snow removal.

I look forward to bringing more progress to you as we move ahead in this project that Our Lord has entrusted to us.