



# Strengthening Our Parishes

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## AN UPDATE ON OUR CAMPAIGN

More than \$20 million has been allocated for parish projects since *Called to Renew* was launched in 2018.

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### ***St. Joseph inspires his namesake parish in Carpinteria***

At St. Joseph's Church in Carpinteria, their mission is to "welcome all to our caring, Catholic family," and pastor Msgr. Richard Martini works hard to ensure that the parish continues to live that mission. Of course, part of living that mission is to ensure that the environment is welcoming. When the parish began planning for *Called to Renew*, they identified key projects from minor repairs to more extensive overhauls that would work towards inviting people into the parish home.

Perhaps the parishioners at St. Joseph's felt more pressure than most to be successful in their renovation plans. After all, Carpinteria means "carpenter shop," and the parish's namesake is the carpenter from Nazareth. St. Joseph's parishioners were incredibly generous and went well beyond their campaign's original goal, pledging more than \$800,000 on their enhanced goal.

St. Joseph's has already been able to use funds to accomplish several projects. Over the last year, the church parking lot has been resurfaced and improvements to the preschool building have been completed, including installing new heaters in each classroom, replacing the termite damaged siding on the preschool building, adding a new roof and new flooring, and replacing the broken HVAC system.

The parish hopes to make renovations to the interior of the church, including:

- Enhancing the position of the Tabernacle and developing an adoration chapel;
- Installing a splash Baptismal Font in the original architectural location; and
- Preparing a beautiful shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

They also want to fully renovate the women's restroom in the pastoral center.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the parish was forced to cancel their largest fundraiser of the year, endangering not only their renovation plans but all their operating expenses. Despite the cancellation, the grace of God has provided.

Msgr. Martini is confident that in time, and through St. Joseph's intercession, they will be able to continue with their projects. Congratulations to the St. Joseph's community on your successful *Called to Renew* campaign!

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