



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

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### From Your Pastor

Dear Lourdes Family and Friends:

I wish you could be with me in my daily meetings with members and donors. They are uplifting and inspiring. At first I thought that fundraising would be painful and embarrassing. Instead it has been the greatest affirmation of our parish I could imagine. Everyone wants to express how much they love the people, the worship and the plans for our new church. It is a humbling experience. Recently a woman who is not a member of the parish offered to make the largest contribution to the parish I have ever seen. It was inspiring. When the parish began planning the new church back in 2008 the good energy set in motion a kind of spiritual momentum that will carry us for all the love and support - it is working!

With the love of Christ,

*Father Jeffery*

### Q&As from Campaign Events

#### How many seats will the new church have?

Plans are for 500 - 600 seats in the new church. This doubles our current capacity.

#### When will we break ground?

When we have the building budget in pledges and cash.

#### Will the Archdiocese help?

We can apply for a bridge loan during construction however the loan is secured by pledges we have received.

#### What will happen to our current church?

It will be converted into a parish hall for education and social activities.

#### What will happen if we do not raise enough money to start building with this campaign?

After parishioners give then we will

### Prayer & Discernment Will Guide Us

**The Prayer Team** will guide us with scripture, prayer and discernment tools as each of us decide on our pledge to the capital campaign. Every family will receive a prayer calendar filled with prayers and reflections to help us along the way.

Fr. Jeffery has set two goals for the campaign:

1. That 100% of us participate in the campaign in the way that is right for us and our relationship with God.
2. That each of us pray our way through our decision to give.

**Our New Church Plans** Can you imagine the experience in our new church? The below image is a much larger Narthex — a space to gather and greet one another. The other image is a view from inside the sanctuary.



## What's next?

At the moment the parish is enjoying a burst of virtual social activities. All of the February campaign events were fun, informative, and well-attended. Now that the events have concluded, here is what will happen next:

- The Prayer Team will lead us through a time of discernment.
- The Communication Team is creating a brochure that will be mailed out to all parishioners that will include a pledge card.
- The Ambassador Team will be contacting all parishioners to answer any and all questions.
- Easter Sunday is Commitment Sunday, each person may mail in their pledge card or submit a pledge by electronic means.

If you did not get a chance to attend a campaign event, the videos are posted at [LourdesAtlanta.org/OurFuture](https://LourdesAtlanta.org/OurFuture).

## Q&As

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ask other Catholics and foundations to make donations. Other parishes have conducted more than one campaign to underwrite the construction of a new church. Lourdes has been working on a new church since 2008, so we will keep on keeping on.

### When will the new parking lot be available on Daniel Street?

The 200 spaces in the Waldo's parking structure will be ready in late 2022. Currently we have space for 75 cars in our Edgewood lot.

### How long will it take to build the church once we break ground?

It will take about 14 months to build the church.

### Why are we building a new church?

So we may expand our church ministry and serve more people in their faith journey. It is disheartening when we have to turn people away because we are constrained by our space. We want everyone to experience the joy and love of Lourdes!