



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
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Dear Parishioner;

As you are so keenly aware, in 2000 the members of the newly establish Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish embarked upon the path that has become the most ambitious undertaking in the history of our faith-community.

During the short history of our parish, we as a faith community have been challenged. Challenged by the enormity of the undertaking, challenged by the many obstacles and delays we faced, challenged by the need to sacrifice for our parish. But we have also grown in our faith and commitment as a parish; never wavering in our ultimate vision of a Church and parish facilities that we will be inspired to worship in and proud to pass along to the generations of Catholics who will follow us.

Guided by our mission, a revisiting of the vision of our parish, now is the time to move forward with ***PROCLAIMING OUR FOUNDATION IN FAITH + STIR INTO FLAME THE GIFT OF GOD CAMPAIGN*** to fund the construction of our Church, Chapel and Ministry Center. To accomplish the full scope of our plans we face a financial need in this second of three phases totaling \$7,000,000. Clearly, the success of our campaign must rely upon the sacrificial pledges over and above the current support of each of us as parishioners.

I am aware that there are many demands placed upon each of you and upon the resources that God has entrusted to your care. However, this campaign is essential and your pledge at this time will help us complete the journey begun now almost ten years ago at our founding as a parish. I also know, that when asked, the parishioners of Our Lady of Guadalupe have always responded.

By working and sacrificing together we will succeed, and exceed, in this historic endeavor.

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. Gentili  
Pastor

Our Lady of Guadalupe is a young, vibrant and inspirational center of worship and spirituality for our faith-filled community of over 1,790 families. Working together, Our Lady of Guadalupe has enjoyed strong growth in the number and variety of programs that define our life as a parish, accompanied by deepening levels of individual commitment from our parishioners.

Most recently, we celebrated the ground breaking on our long-awaited Church and parish facilities, the elevation of our pastor to Monsignor and the move of our parish offices to a location adjacent to our parish site. Building upon the many efforts of our founding pastor Rev. Joseph Quindlen and the success of our **Building on a Foundation of Faith** Campaign we must come together to achieve our vision. Now we must turn our attention to task of funding the completion of our Church and parish facilities to meet the needs of our Catholic community ensuring that we may continue to spiritually enrich parishioners of all ages and positions in life.

As we undertake our tenth year as a faith community celebrated in July of this year, we seek to build upon our identity as a welcoming place of parish life and worship. Our vision is clear. We are charged with completing the task begun ten years ago when Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish was formed. ***PROCLAIMING OUR FOUNDATION IN FAITH + STIR INTO FLAME THE GIFT OF GOD CAMPAIGN*** will provide the resources necessary to complete our facilities, providing our wonderful parish with a Church we will be proud not just to worship in, but to pass along to the generations of Catholics who will follow us.

## A MOMENTOUS OPPORTUNITY

### OUR CHALLENGE

Now is the time for us to joyously seize the opportunity to act in order to realize our cherished Church and parish facilities for

ourselves, our children and our community. We, as a faith filled community, have painstakingly assessed our needs, revisited our

vision, evaluated our options and taken stock of our resources. After consultation with architects, contractors and the Archdiocese we have developed a plan to at last construct our Church to ensure that we remain a vibrant Catholic presence in the community for future generations.

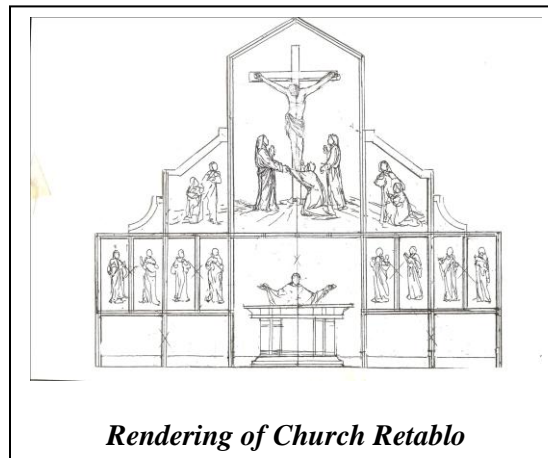
The highlights of our capital improvement project will include the following:

- Constructing our parish church
- Providing a separate Chapel for daily worship
- Providing appropriate facilities for our numerous parish ministries
- Enhancing our sense of community through the inclusion of social gathering spaces
- Fund the parish's fair share participation in the Archdiocesan *Heritage of Faith ~ Vision of Hope* Campaign.

Our current plan is to raise the funds to fully realize our original vision as well as the inclusion of several enhancements that will augment our worship and ecclesiastical spaces:

- 1,010 seat church; with 80 seat choir loft and elevator to choir loft
- A shrine devoted to Our Lady of Guadalupe ;(with the additional capability as a suitable space for viewings, small music ensembles for special liturgies or concerts and room for additional movable seating during large Masses);

- 109 seat chapel, which could be used for daily Mass as well as small weddings, funerals and other liturgical functions;
- A shrine devoted to Saint Juan Diego;
- Baptistry (between chapel and the church) positioned as a "unifying bridge" or sacramental focal point;
- Finally, better preparing the Parish to pay off its line of credit in a fiscally prudent way thus positioning the Parish for its future Education Center initiative.



**Rendering of Church Retablo**

*All images depicted in the included renderings are realized upon successfully attaining our \$6,000,000 Challenge Goal*



All that we have comes from God and God has entrusted to us all that encompasses our parish. It is for our parish that we conduct this campaign. What after all can we ever do, what sacrifice can we ever make, which will balance the love of our God for us or repay his blessings to us? Let us give thanks for his opportunity.

Join us in praying:

*"Our Lady of Guadalupe, you asked Juan Diego to help build a new Church that would serve a new people in a new land. Help us respond to God's call to build His Church in Buckingham that we may soon worship as a family from our new home. Please give us the courage of Juan Diego to persevere despite obstacles. And let us always encourage each other to follow Jesus and share our gifts in His name. Amen."*

## OUR CAMPAIGN

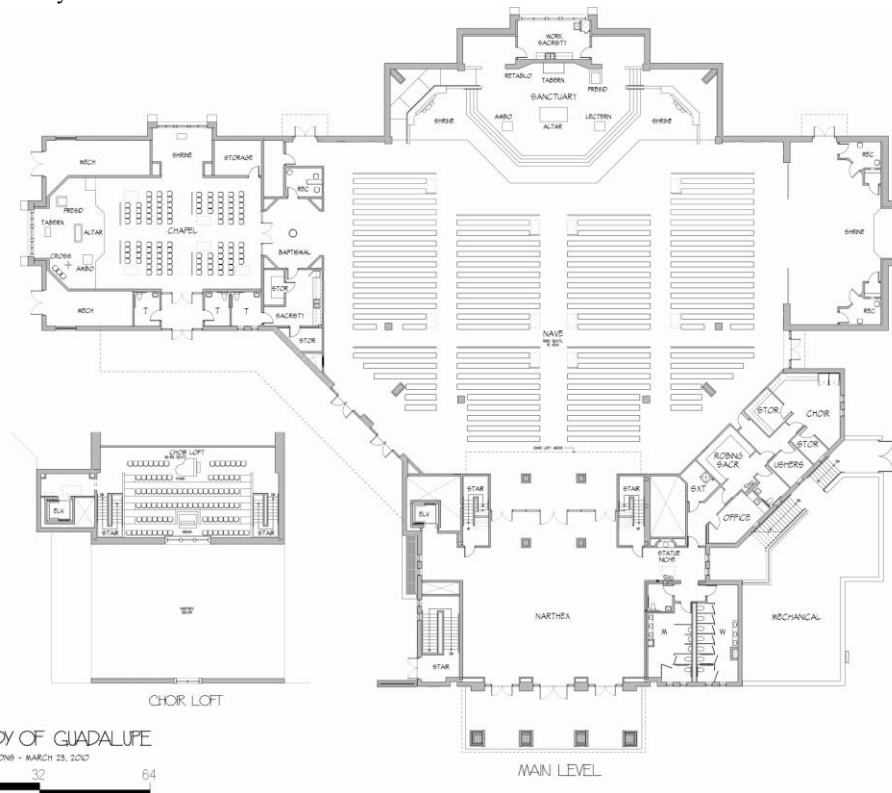
There is not a day that goes by that we do not reflect upon and marvel at the spirit of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In that spirit, we are inaugurating the *PROCLAIMING OUR FOUNDATION IN FAITH + STIR INTO FLAME THE GIFT OF GOD CAMPAIGN*. The goal for this historic endeavor is a minimum of \$6 million with a “Sacrificial Goal” of \$8 million.

This is not only an extraordinary challenge, but a tremendous opportunity. We have the opportunity to complete the vision clearly stated at the parish’s founding almost ten years ago to build a worship space for our faith filled community that meets the needs of not only today’s parishioners, but the generations of Catholics that will follow us at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We need the kind of generosity and spirit that filled the hearts of the men and women who over the years have built every Catholic Church. We need to model our effort after that of Saint Juan Diego who answered the call of Our Lady to build the church in a new land. This campaign will benefit all of us. It will bring us closer as a faith community through a fitting permanent worship space. It will enhance our ministries thereby providing us all with an enhanced spiritual and faith

community experience. In the spirit of the good steward, please consider a commitment representing your sacrifice in appreciation for all the ways God has blessed you.

Pledges to the campaign can be paid over the next three to five years through convenient monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual payments. Please keep in mind that a pledge is a goodwill intention and not a legally binding contract. The success of our efforts depends in large part on the generosity of many who pledge an amount over and above their regular support of the parish. The financial circumstances of each family are different. Not every family can make the same size gift, but everyone can make the same sacrifice.



Your decision of how much to give must be considered carefully. It is our hope that each family makes their gift prayerfully and joyfully as we work together for a successful campaign.

The sample gift plans shown are provided as suggested guidelines when considering your pledge. Individuals who are financially able to pledge larger amounts are asked to make such gifts to the campaign.

## GIFT OPTIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

**Cash Gifts:** This is the most common method of completing a financial pledge. Your gift to Our Lady of Guadalupe is tax deductible and may be paid over three to five years.

**Gifts of Securities:** A gift of appreciated securities is one way to make a significant contribution at a reduced cost to you. Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of securities on the date of your gift.

**Matching Gifts:** A way to increase the size of one’s gift, a number of companies will match the gifts of current and retired employees.

**Bequests:** Simply a provision in your will to leave a gift to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Charitable bequests are fully deductible from your estate and can significantly reduce your estate taxes on the balance of your estate. Your bequests may be specified as a gift of cash or securities, or other property or a residual amount. To be included in the Campaign, bequest intentions must be irrevocable and the donor must be at least 72 years of age.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us!**



**Saint Juan Diego pray for us!**

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***PROCLAIMING OUR FOUNDATION  
IN FAITH  
+  
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<b>Total Commitment</b>	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$15,000	<b>Sample 5 Year Gift Plans</b>
<b>Yearly Commitment</b>	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$3,000	
<b>Monthly Commitment</b>	\$50	\$84	\$125	\$165	\$250	
<b>Weekly Commitment</b>	\$11.54	\$19.25	\$28.85	\$38.50	\$48.08	
<b>Daily Commitment</b>	\$1.64	\$2.74	\$4.11	\$5.48	\$6.87	
<b>Equates to:</b>	A daily large cup of coffee	Weekly lunch out	Dinner and a movie monthly	A family of 4 Flyers or 76ers game monthly monthly	A family vacation yearly	