

100th Anniversary Work Document

Liturgical Celebrations and Prayer

- 100th Anniversary Mass with Archbishop/Bishop
- Opening Centennial Mass to begin the anniversary year
- Mass of Thanksgiving to close the anniversary year
- Anniversary Mass and luncheon in de Chantal Hall
- Bilingual Sunday Mass at noon
- Sunrise Mass on August 12, 2027, followed by breakfast
- Mass in the plaza with blessing of the church and St. Jane Frances statue
- Memorial Mass for deceased pastors, parishioners, and benefactors
- 100 Days of Prayer with a daily prayer on the website
- 100 Holy Hours or Holy Hours for different intentions
- 24-hour adoration
- Novena, parish mission, or retreat
- Procession with the Blessed Sacrament or patron saint statue
- Special blessing for longtime parishioners, families, volunteers, and ministries

Major Social Events

- Dinner Dance at Marina del Rey
- Anniversary Dinner or gala banquet
- Dinner Dance/Luncheon
- Lunch at the marina
- Marina del Rey cocktail hour
- Parish picnic or family festival
- International Food Festival
- Parking Lot Carnival
- St. Valentine Dance
- Dance in the spring
- Talent show with a Roaring 20s theme
- Dinner theater event with parish music ministry

History, Heritage, and Archives

- Collect and display historical information
- Create a timeline of pastors, priests, staff, and major parish milestones
- Display a 100 years of parish history exhibit

- Create a centennial history book or booklet with photos, stories, milestones, and parish records
- Booklet of history from the beginning
- Photo collage of sacraments, building of the new church, and before-and-after photos
- Pictures of sacraments over the years
- Old bulletins display
- Stories of lifelong parishioners
- Then-and-now stories, photos, and video
- Invite parishioners to share oral histories or written memories
- Produce a documentary video about parish history
- Highlight one decade of parish history each month
- Restore or highlight historic items such as statues, stained glass, vestments, bells, or old photographs
- Publish a list of “100 blessings” from the parish’s history

Community, Parishioners, and Alumni

- Invite former priests, former pastors, alumni, and former parishioners
- Hold a homecoming weekend for former parishioners, school alumni, and former clergy
- Outreach to former parishioners for a Family Mass
- Identify active parishioners who have lived in the parish the longest
- Celebrate generations of families
- Recognize 50 families or other long-standing parish families
- Remember past parishioners who were major contributors, volunteers, and benefactors
- Make sure all organizations are involved
- List all societies, past and present
- All societies have special celebrations
- Knights of Columbus celebrations tied to the 100th anniversary
- School celebration and tribute to the Divine Compassion Sisters
- Include parish school alumni
- Goal of 100 new parishioners
- Encourage parishioners to invite inactive Catholics or former members to return

Service, Outreach, and Mission

- Launch a 100 Actions of Faith or 100 Acts of Service campaign
- Collect 100 food baskets

- Send 100 cards to the elderly
- Donate 100 coats
- Create 100 care packages
- Offer 100 prayers for deceased parishioners
- Collect food, coats, school supplies, or baby items for those in need
- Partner with local charities for a centennial day of service
- Establish or grow a parish outreach fund in honor of the anniversary
- Visit nursing homes, hospitals, and homebound parishioners
- Outreach activities to different parish programs
- Work to commemorate the past and inspire the future
- Establish the meaning of the celebration and how the parish has served the community

Music, Arts, and Entertainment

- Concert or parish concert
- Centennial choir concert featuring favorite hymns from different decades
- Concert of 100 years of music
- Drama Club presentation on 100 years of music
- Popular songs through the decades
- Billboard Music Festival, open mic, karaoke, and songs from the 20s, 70s, 80s, and 90s
- Music entertainment by Gus Hayes
- Invite children and teens to create artwork, essays, or videos about what the parish means to them
- Centennial trivia night about the parish and Catholic faith

Fundraising, Sponsorships, and Donations

- 100th Anniversary collections and donations
- Outreach to local businesses for donations for events
- Create a commemorative journal to help pay for dinner
- Parish Journal
- Sell journal ads or sponsorships
- 100 sponsored bricks placed by plants in front of the church
- Raffle
- Cookie/cake sale
- Create a scholarship fund or parish endowment

Commemorative Items, Displays, and Facilities

- Booklet, themed shirts, banners, and other centennial items
- Banners of societies outside
- Commemorative medal or coin
- Anniversary prayer card
- Commission a centennial plaque, statue, icon, or stained-glass window
- Plant a centennial tree, garden, or memorial tree
- Create a time capsule to be opened at a future anniversary
- Renovate a meaningful parish space such as the sanctuary, hall, chapel, or entrance
- Design a centennial logo and theme

Communications, Promotion, and Publications

- General plan of events: keep simple, with each event developing more detailed items later
- Prioritize the list of events and activities
- Publication with all activities, organizations, and commemorative journal information
- Use the bulletin, website, social media, and local Catholic newspaper to promote events
- Send invitations to former parishioners, clergy, religious sisters, civic leaders, and neighboring parishes
- Share monthly “centennial moments” highlighting people, ministries, and memories
- Create a centennial prayer to recite throughout the anniversary year

Special Activities and Seasonal Events

- Blessing of the animals
- Pet contest
- Halloween costumes
- Marathon, bike, run, walk, or wheelchair event with sponsors
- Feast of St. Frances de Chantal celebration on Thursday, August 12, 2027
- St. Patrick and St. Joseph celebrations tied to the anniversary
- Bible study focused on the parish patron saint
- Guest speakers on Catholic history and evangelization
- Lecture series on the history of the Catholic Church and the parish
- Speaker series on the parish patron saint, local Catholic history, or Catholic teaching