

**Are the buildings on 301 Walnut Street and 318 Court Street sold?**

Yes. Escrow closed on December 8, 2021, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Last Masses were celebrated in the former church on the weekend of January 29, 30, 2022.

**Who bought the property?**

Parishioners who are hopeful that the purchase will help expedite the progress toward building a much needed and anticipated new church building.

**What are the plans for the former church building?**

A very tentative plan is to turn the former church building into an event center for Woodland youth and their families. And since it is a historic building (dedicated on October 2, 1949), the structure of the building remains.

**Why is the parish property sold?**

To help finance the building of a new church

**Why is there a need for a new church building?**

The parish needs more seating capacity for our current-sized parish and its anticipated growth. Current maintenance and building issues are very costly and growing.

Priest shortages have already required a reduction in the number of Masses and larger congregations will need to be accommodated in the future to allow for the fewer number of Masses. The location of our new church building on California Street will unify our parish campus with our new Church being close to our Community Center, Holy Rosary School, and our Parish offices.

**Will the parish keep the stained-glass windows, statues and other moveable religious items and artifacts?** Yes, and they will be stored and preserved for future use on Church property where and when appropriate.

**How about the chimes and the bells?** The chimes and the bells are staying in the building and will continue to ring and chime on the hour starting at 7am and ending at 8pm.

**What are the next steps for the parish community to undertake?**

A new Church design will be drafted following consultations with parishioners and architects to meet Diocesan requirements necessary for approval to move forward with building plans. Development consultants will also be identified and engaged in the process.

**Where are church services such as Masses, weddings, baptisms and funerals held?**

All Masses and sacramental celebrations are being held at the Parish Community Center, 575 California Street, Woodland, CA. This place was built with the intention to accommodate this transition until we have a new Church.

**Where can I go during the day to pray and visit the Blessed Sacrament?** Our Adoration Room is open

Monday to Friday, 9:15am – 7:00pm. Also located at 575 California Street, Woodland, CA.

**Where will the new Church be?** It will be in the corner of California and Cross Streets.

**When is the ground-breaking for the new Church?** God willing, sometime next year 2023.

**Who are the parish leaders involved in the planning and building of the new Church?** Members of the Executive Committee are Steve Basha (Chair), Deacon Jose Luis Collazo, Janet Ruggiero, Ana Gonzalez, Jimmy Lago, Juanita Mendoza (Staff) and Fr. Jonathan Molina.

Members of the Building Committee are Janet Ruggiero (Chair), Steve and Barbara Adams, Rafael and Isabel Castrajon, Julio Carillo, Louise Dumars, Mark Engstrom, Dan and Susie Giger, Pat Monley, Dave Molinaro, Gustavo Morales, Jim Niehues, Louis Ramirez, Dave Richards, Art Robles and Juan Santana

**Where are the priests going to live?** Our priests will be moving in mid-February to a residence west of Woodland. This temporary residence for our priests is kindly being provided by one of our parish families and is donated at no cost to the parish except for the cost of utilities.

**What can I do to help?** Prayers, most of all, and, of course, donations for the new Church are much needed and appreciated.

**I have comments, suggestions and more questions.** Please send them to the New Church Executive Committee at [newchurch@holynosary.com](mailto:newchurch@holynosary.com)