

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2023

Attendees: Tracy, Kendra, Jose, Mary, Fr. Charlie, and Eriko

- Opening Prayer by Tracy
- Welcome Kendra!!!
- Catching Up and praying for one another
- Business Updates from Father Charlie
 - The church renovation - praying to be done by Christmas!
 - New pipes have been installed to replace the old water pipes; the Not Today Satan fund paid for these new pipes.
 - The scaffolding alone costs \$20,000, but the insurance is paying for it.
 - We have planted six new trees. Tracy's contact gave us a great deal!
 - The Spanish ministry leaders want to move the large image of the Lady of Our Gradalupe from the Confessional Area to the Baptistry area so that they can pray in the Baptistry. The Council approves moving the image to the Baptistry. Fr. Charlie will most likely survey the parish when it's time to hang another image on the opposite side of the wall.
 - The parking lot construction has been completed, adding 40 new spots. They did not create a new entry (currently, they just have the lamp). For now, we will keep the six slots as-is without leaving it up to a new entry. The lines have also been restriped which cost \$10K..We will eventually work on leveling the surface.
 - The baptistry repairs have also been completed. No leak after the test! The electrical lines are outside of the gutter.
 - The tower light has been fixed.
 - The bell has not been ringing lately. The new converter will be here soon, and that should fix the bell.
 - The organ is broken. It was an old piece, but they are trying to survive until Christmas. After Christmas, we will try to fix the organ—someone donated specifically for the organ repairs.
 - No updates on the rectory.
 - The next phase of the construction includes the narthex (office + welcome desk), changing the entrance to the center, updating the bathroom, creating a meeting space where it is currently the A&E room, A&E going into the current ministry room, etc. We have volunteers who can provide service.
 - José asked if we ever would consider replacing the St. Jude statue with that of St. Albert. Fr. Charlie is open to re-imagining the area. The current St. Jude and Our Lady of Guadalupe are plastic; Chaplain Debbie has looked into commissioning a new statue.
 - One more thing that Fr. Charlie wants to do inside the church is to build a video wall.
 - Pastoral Council recommends that we do a survey on the St. Jude/Guadalupe with the parish.
 - The priorities are the Narthex office, welcome desk, bathroom, and cry room.
- The next leaders' meeting is Saturday, Feb 10, 2024, from 9 to 1 PM.

End of notes