

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



OUR PARISH – OUR FUTURE
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Prospectus
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**"Start by doing what's necessary;
then do what's possible; and suddenly
you are doing the impossible."
- St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1286)**

St. Francis of Assisi Mission Statement

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, united with our Bishop, is dedicated to revealing the love of Christ to our parish and beyond. Strengthened by the Word, Sacrament, and vibrant worship, we strive to be a shining light throughout our community and supportive of all on their spiritual journey. As a parish of diverse backgrounds, we vow that our faith in action and ministries will be faithful and welcoming to all.

History: Introduction and Background

After previously gathering in various locations to celebrate Mass, the community of St. Francis of Assisi held its first Mass in its new church in April, 1984, nearly 34 years ago. At that time, there were fewer than 1,000 families in the parish. Originally, the facilities consisted of the Church, Pastor's office, and a parish hall with a kitchen. In 1998, to minister to 2,200 families, an expanded hall, a new administrative office building, and a chapel were built.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi is the spiritual home to over 6,000 families. We are a dynamic and vibrant parish that serves a wonderfully growing and diverse community. The power and beauty of God's love have been made manifest through our parish family.

Our Ideal Home

We are forever grateful for the founding members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community. From the beginning we have embraced our call to build up this spiritual home and to take care of the spiritual welfare of all. To that end we accept the ongoing challenges that we face to meet the needs of our ever growing parish community. The time to develop and expand the physical parish plant is here once more.

Challenges We Face

Between 2000 and 2010, the population of the City of La Quinta increased 58.1%, from 23,694 to 37,467. This increase has affected the growth in our parish community, doubling the size of our parish's registered membership. Additionally, according to population and housing unit estimates, this growth is projected to continue for the foreseeable future. We have outgrown the current physical dimensions of our meeting spaces. Most of our meetings are held in one building using partitions to create separate meeting spaces. We are in dire need of more meeting and gathering rooms. The catechesis formation programs from kindergarten through 12th grade and sacramental formation of all age groups has flourished beyond our imaginings. The demand for Scripture Study and spiritual development opportunities continues to excite us. Our Pastoral

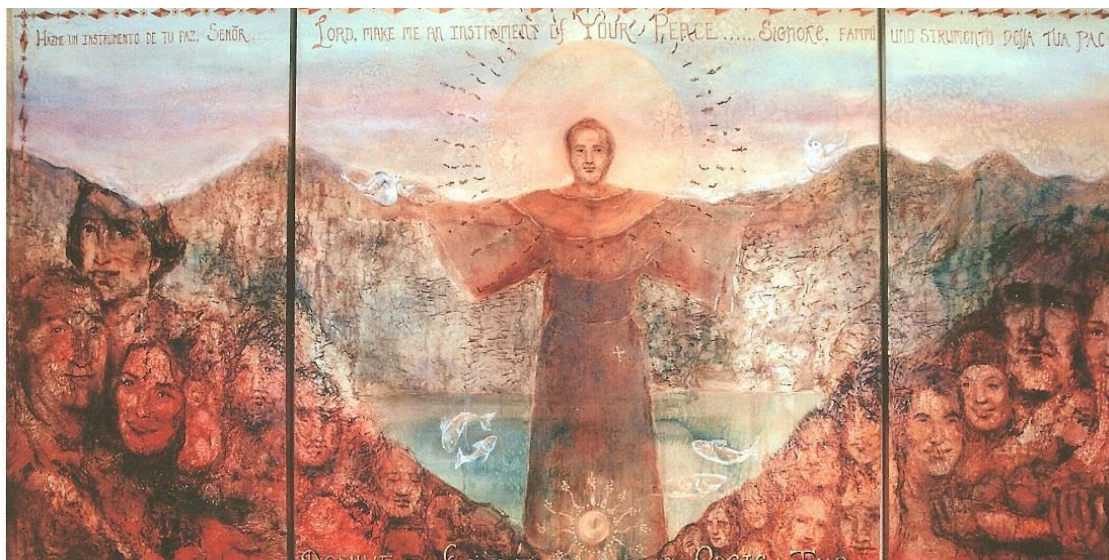
Care needs are often overwhelming. The new units will enable us to better care for the sick, the bereaved, single parents, divorced and separated, those struggling with addictions, outreach to the less fortunate, and the promotion of the dignity of life in all its aspects. The social life of the community, from toddlers to elders, will finally become a reality expressing the simple hospitality of God with dinners, concerts, and many other social activities. There is so much we can offer if we have the much needed gathering space. Together we can bring it about!

Parish Vision

Today we begin an ambitious expansion effort and ask God to bless our 2019-2024 Capital Campaign entitled "Our Parish — Our Future." With your help and God's blessing, the proposed capital campaign will fund the construction of a new 24,000 square foot facility south of the existing church on the prepared pad. This addition will house new meeting rooms and a large parish hall with a stage and seating for at least 400 people, a commercial kitchen, additional administrative offices, a choral room, plus ample and much-needed storage. We envision outdoor prayer and gathering areas, along with improved parking and access to Washington Street.

The many activities (spiritual, catechetical, social and service) combine to make St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church a place for families to grow in their faith and their commitment to one another. Those who participate fully in parish life gain a greater love and appreciation of the Catholic faith, while developing a sense of connection to their parish community. The vision the founding members had for the parish was remarkable. But, as history demonstrates, it is a work in progress. As St. Francis of Assisi continues to expand and evolve, our needs grow with it. We ask that you prayerfully contemplate what you envision for the St. Francis community, both today and in the future.

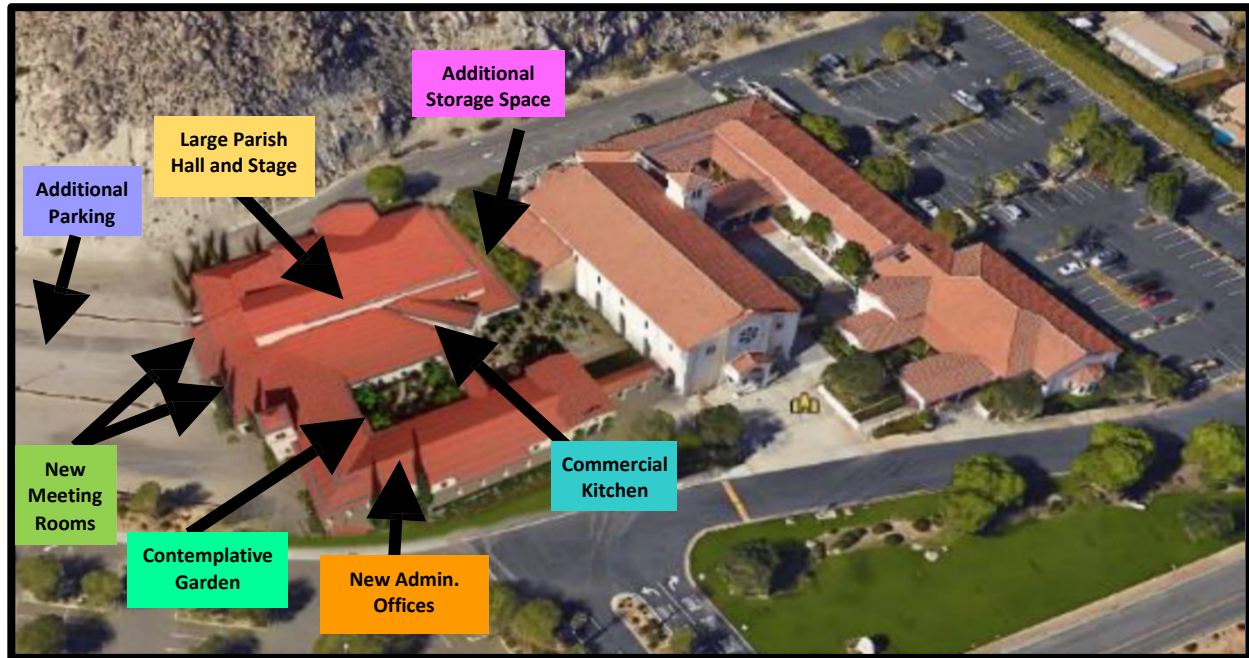
Join us on our journey to build a haven on the hill where all are welcome and safe, and that fosters all families to grow personally and spiritually!
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The Design

The Parish Building Committee has been working for several years to analyze the parish desires in collaboration with the staff and various ministries. Below please find the resulting conceptual design that incorporates all the parish necessities. Miller Architects, of Redlands, CA, was hired to prepare the schematics with the caveat of replicating the original architecture of the church.

Campus rendering. New Hall on the left.



The result is:

- 24,000 sq. ft. total new construction
- 7,000 sq. ft. hall that includes a small stage for performances
- Commercial Kitchen
- 10 meeting rooms
- 10 Administrative offices plus Conference room and Counseling space
- Multiple courtyards/Meditation spaces
- 80 Additional parking spaces



Goal 1: Build a New Parish Facility for Community-Wide Enrichment

Build a new, modern, spacious facility designed to support the growing demands of the parish community.

Objective: The addition of the new parish hall would allow St. Francis of Assisi to develop ministries to enhance the spiritual, pastoral, and outreach services to the diverse families within our parish community. Moreover, these new meeting spaces will allow St. Francis of Assisi to engage in hosting community events and continue to be the religious cornerstone in La Quinta and the east valley.

Outcomes:

- Community outreach activities to create awareness of church services and programs.
- Expand and initiate ministries especially for the Youth and Young Adults.
- Promote unity in diversity through multicultural Liturgy, Pastoral Service, and Social Activities.

Goal 2: Ensuring Long-term Financial Sustainability

To ensure our long-term financial sustainability, we must continue to prepare and anticipate for the unknown maintenance emergencies which can occur with a larger parish facility.

Objective: Construction Plan Budget

➤ The New Hall Preliminary Conceptual Cost	\$ 9,200,000.00
➤ Inflation Cost	\$ 900,000.00
➤ Incremental Operating Expenses	\$ 1,000,000.00
➤ Parish Facilities Capital Items	\$ 600,000.00
➤ Fundraising Support	<u>\$ 300,000.00</u>
Total Capital Campaign Budget	\$12,000,000.00

Program Oversight and Accountability

We will implement a comprehensive fundraising campaign with guidance and input from a steering committee comprising of: Pastor, Parish Clergy, parish staff, and parishioners. The committee will support and assist with the campaign, provide advice on implementation of the programs and initiatives, and monitor program accountability. St. Francis of Assisi will inform donors and parishioners by the following means:

- Host a series of donor information and appreciation events.
- Publish and distribute timely newsletters and other materials to all parishioners that provide updates on progress made towards achieving campaign and program goals and objectives.
- Solicit and respond to donor and parishioners feedback.
- Annually audit financials and track outcomes to report to the Pastor and steering committee.

A Transformational Investment

St. Francis of Assisi is committed to accepting our Parish Mission Statement and always striving to be the People of God. We truly believe that the construction of this new building will further who God calls us to be. The new addition will highlight even more the HOLY GROUND of St. Francis of Assisi Parish and the haven of God’s love, compassion and hospitality where God is to be found.



*Glory be to Him, whose power
working in us, can do infinitely
more than we can ask or imagine.*

Ephesians 3:20

