

Renovation

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Renovation Update – Questions Answered

What follows are answers to frequently asked questions both at our Information Sessions regarding Phase 2, the renovation of the sanctuary space, and since that time. There is also an article titled “Things Matter” inserted into this bulletin which is intended to answer some other questions that have been asked. Do not hesitate to ask further questions as time goes on. We will also keep you updated, as we did in the Phase 1 renovation, with frequent information in the bulletin and on our website www.smcrc.org. If all goes how we hope it will go, we will be ready to begin in early June 2022.

- **Where will we have weekend and daily Masses during the renovation?**

Most likely we will return to St. Joseph’s Church for those months as we did during the Phase 1 renovation. Given the fact that more people are and will be returning to full in-person participation in our Eucharistic Celebrations, we may have to add an additional Mass to accommodate everyone on the weekend.

- **Will the seating capacity be the same after renovation as it is now?**

We will have nearly the same seating capacity. We will lose a few seats near the baptistry as we need enough room to accommodate a casket coming in around the font. There may be a spot or two where we may lose another couple of seats, but we will be very close to the same seating capacity as we have now.

- **Will there be handicapped accessible seating in places other than the front flexible seating areas?**

Yes, there will be additional accessible seating near the baptistry area with chairs that can be removed to accommodate a scooter, wheelchair, or walker.

- **Will we have upgrades to the lighting, sound, projection and live-streaming systems in the Church?**

Yes, these are important to our worship, and we are working with professionals in these areas to upgrade our systems to new industry standards. We are also looking at the best way to accommodate those with hearing loss. There may be new assistive devices available to us.

- **Has any thought been put into upgrading the appearance of the parish hall?**

As originally planned, that is a Phase 4 project. However, there may be some painting and sprucing up that can be done by our “in-house” maintenance staff to begin that process especially since the parish hall has more consistently become part of our worship space since the pandemic.

- **Will the parking lot be redone?**

Yes, originally the parking lot was in Phase 5 but we see there is a need to move it up to this Phase due to its deterioration. The lot at St. Joseph's will also be redone this summer or as soon as we can find a contractor.