

NEW CHURCH CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As of Easter 2025

LETTER FROM FR. EUGENE LEE, PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters.

Thank you all so much! We continue to make significant progress in our construction planning. The principal players continue to meet frequently and regularly, ensuring that every detail is of the best quality. Our fundraising is on track, but we are still a bit tight on achieving our goals. We are earnestly seeking new pledges and that ALL will fulfill their current pledges. I cannot express how grateful I am to the people of STM. We are so close. At the heart of this campaign is LOVE: love for Jesus Christ, love for his precious gift of the Eucharist, love for his beautiful Catholic Church, love for our community, and love for our children. If all goes smoothly, we will break ground in March of next year.

In Christ,

Fr. Eugene J. Lee
Pastor

TIMELINE OF KEY CONSTRUCTION MILESTONES (APPROXIMATE)

- Complete Detailed Design: June 2025
- Complete Construction Documents: October 2025
- Obtain Building Permits: October 2025 - January 2026
- Bid & Award Construction Contract: Nov 2025 - Jan 2026
- Mobilize Contractor and Break Ground: March 2026
- Approximate completion: October 2027

(Subject to change)

TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS!



TAX ADVANTAGED GIVING

Benefit from personal tax savings by exploring strategic options for making non-cash donations, such as stocks, real estate, or retirement plans.

For more information, please contact
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CONSTRUCTION OF RECTORY PLANNED

In keeping with the long-standing tradition of the Catholic Church, we will be building the rectory (house where the priests live) on the grounds of STM.

The majority of the funding for the construction of the new rectory will come from the sale of the current house (which is in a neighborhood nearby STM) with some supplemental funding from current savings within operating funds, and from the Diocese of Orange.

Construction expected to begin: June 2026

VISION FOR THE CHURCH DESIGN - FROM FR. EUGENE LEE, PASTOR

The three driving principles for the design of the church building are:

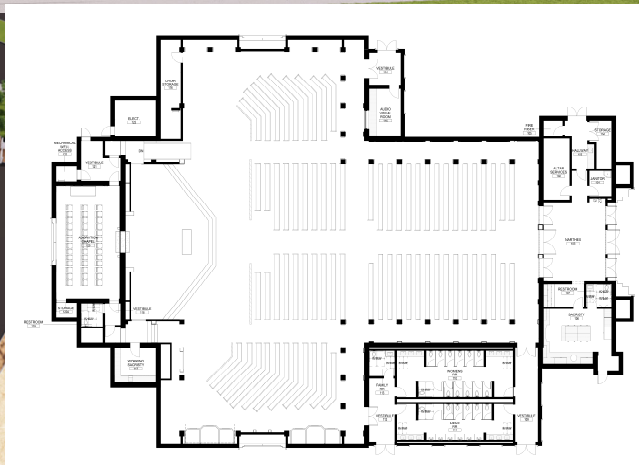
- † The Kingship of Christ
- † The sacredness and centrality of the Holy Eucharist
- † The beauty of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ

Preliminarily some highlights and features of the church interior include:

- Cruciform church, which will seat approximately 950 people
- Beautiful reredos creating the setting for the tabernacle as the true center of the church.
- Double-sided tabernacle: visible from both the main sanctuary and the enclosed Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Central mosaic mural exalting the kingship of Christ
- Holy Spirit relief in the ceiling at the intersection of the nave and transept
- Arches with ambulatory (walkway on the sides of the church)
- Decorative coffered ceiling
- Shrine to the Blessed Mother
- Confessionals with screens
- Acoustical treatment to make the spoken word easily understandable



All renderings are preliminary



PRINCIPAL PLAYERS:

Architect | LPA Design Studios
 Liturgical Design Consultants | Evergreene Architectural Arts
 Construction Manager | Eric Flynn, Flynn Construction Mgmt, LLC.
 Construction Consultant | Daniel Douglas, Douglas Construction Mgmt, LLC.
 Diocese of Orange Director of Property Operations | Deacon Javier H. Rodriguez
 (head of construction department)

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