

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Daily Mass and Sacrament Chapel and Adoration Chapel
Fact Sheet

Our Church

- St. Vincent de Paul Parish has 4337 registered families.
- Two Daily Masses Monday - Friday – 6:45 AM (75 participants) & 12:10 PM (175 participants)
- Three School Masses each week. Wednesday (90 students), Thursday (250 students) and Friday(150 students) and All School Mass once a month (510 students)
- Weekend Mass Participants - 5000 (7 total Masses including Saturday evening)
- Number of PK through 8th Grade Students Enrolled in Continuing Catholic Education – 574
- Number of 9th through 12th Grade Students Enrolled in Continuing Catholic Education – 170
- Number Adults Enrolled in RCIA – 25 - 40
- Number of Weddings Celebrated - 43-52 per year. (Most have less than 250 attendees)
- Number of Funerals - 25- 35 per year. (Most have less than 250 attendees)
- Baptismal Celebrations - Average 35 per year. (Group Baptisms are celebrated 2 times a month with 75-125 attendees plus an average of 10 private baptisms per year)
- Rosaries and Chaplets – (Most have less than 100 attendees)
- First Reconciliation Sacrament – (Most have less than 200 attendees)

Challenges

- The Church is being heated and cooled 365 days per year for Daily Masses, Adoration and School Masses.
- School Masses compete with funerals since there is only one place of worship.
- Religious Education groups compete for time in the church even for small gatherings.
- The church currently seats 1100 people. This is insufficient for the Sunday 9 and 11 AM Masses, as well as at the Easter and Christmas Masses. To accommodate everyone 100 extra chairs are set up each week and at the holidays.
- Eucharistic Adoration Chapel has a pass through to the church which creates distractions and noise for those in the Chapel. The space is long and narrow, resulting in some seats close to the altar and some relatively farther away.

History

- Part of the Capital Campaign in 2011 was to add a Chapel to the current Rectory at a cost of \$1.75 million. However, since that time, forensic consultants have advised not to add to the current Rectory foundation. In addition, subsequent to the 2011 Campaign, money was donated specifically for a new Rectory. The new Rectory has broken ground on Bradford Street giving the parish the opportunity to add facilities in the core of our space-limited site.
- As part of the modifications funded by the 2011 Campaign, the St. Jude Chapel became the St. Jude Alcove to provide additional seating in the Church. Adoration was moved to the Cry Room as a temporary solution, with the limitations noted above.
- Designated money for the Chapel from the 2011 Campaign has been held and will be used for the new project. The total amount designated and held is \$1.2 million.

- In the spring of 2016, friends and family of Jane Hebert came together to help raise funds needed for a Chapel at St. Vincent de Paul. They would like to honor Jane and name it Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel. The proposed cost of the entire scope of this building project is \$3.5 million.

Solution

- A 250 person Chapel with Baptismal Font including a small Sacristy
- Dedicated Eucharistic Adoration Chapel with a single bathroom
- Prayer Garden Space
- Expansion of East Transept (gaining 60-80 additional seats closer to the altar)
- A new Bride's Room that can also be used for spiritual direction
- Additional Restrooms per code
- Foyer/Gathering Space
- Additional parking

Spiritual Benefits

- More appropriate (smaller) space for the celebration of the majority of Masses
- Closer proximity to the altar in both the Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel and the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
- 24/7 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Religious Education Program Enrichment for Sacraments, Prayer and Adoration
- Multiple places for quiet and reflective prayer and meditation
- Bringing people together in smaller groups in a large parish
- Additional place for prayer for those temporarily in Houston being treated at the Medical Center

Practical Benefits

- Energy efficiency
- Additional seats in main church for large Masses
- Space for overflow for holidays like Easter and Christmas
- Another option for weddings, funerals, baptisms and special occasions
- Another option for Religious Education space needs
- Security and safety for Adorers

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Master Plan

Phase I – Rectory

Phase II – Chapel

Phase III – Education Building including additional church meeting space

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