



This is the second in a series of bulletins on the status of the many components of the St. Bartholomew's campus improvements. The Architectural Committee (ARCH) will issue this update as appropriate to keep the parish informed of project conditions. The goal of this bulletin is to let you know what is happening, expected timetables, and information on any changes to the plans. There will also be ongoing opportunities for your input and participation in making St. Bart's a better place for all.

Changes to the Project Schedule

Phase 2: Removal of the South Parish Hall, construction of new parking lot, and other changes to the upper area. This project is planned for the summer months to coincide with the summer recess of the preschool.

This project will be delayed until Spring 2021.

A number of factors led to this decision.

- We had expected the City of Poway to approve the project permit in January 2020. We were recently informed that the earliest city approval would not be until March 2020, reducing the planned work schedule from 21 weeks to 15 weeks. This schedule would have been difficult to meet due to the time it takes to review and approve plans, manage and conduct mitigation risks, and actually complete the work. We do not want to risk interfering with the preschool fall term.
- The \$100,000 we were awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for security improvements must be spent beginning this spring. This work was not anticipated when the original Phase 2 schedule as established. Trying to conduct both projects simultaneously would have been very difficult for the parish employees and volunteers involved in this work.
- Written comments from parishioners and comments received during the listening sessions indicated that many people thought we should slow down the changes and allow more time to adjust to the work we have already completed.

Benefits of this delay:

- Allows more time for developing construction drawings and landscape plans for Phase 2, which reduces the likelihood of expensive changes due to errors and omissions in plans.
- Allows us time to complete other work to be done this year: FEMA security work, tree removal, chapel completion, sanctuary restrooms renovation.
- Shortens, by a year, the time between removal of the South Parish Hall and the construction of the new Community Center.
- Allows more time for parish input and feedback on all plans.

FEMA Safety Construction Work

As required by the conditions of this award, we will begin work this spring on elements of this plan. This includes upgrading campus locks to an electronic card system. Installation of safety glass in some places, and installation of new security cameras.

Tree Removal

Professional arborists have determined that the majority of pine trees in the parking lot are diseased and at risk of falling. The arborists have advised that the disease cannot be cured and that the best recourse to protect public safety is to remove the trees as soon as feasible and as approved by the City of Poway. Approximately 36 trees will be removed in the next few weeks. New landscaping and trees will be installed as part of the plan for the new Community Center.

Please contact Mark Davis, davis@vmarch.net or 858-775-0132, or any of the committee members listed below if you have comments on the campus redevelopment or you would like to be more involved in the work. We always welcome new help! ARCH Committee Members: Mark Davis (Chair), Dan Crane, Costa Dillon, Christine Cowart, Connie Munoz, John Savory, Larry Salvadori, Deacon Bill Zettinger, John Savory, Jim Macemon, Nancy Peterson, Mike Jewett, and Judy Macemon.

Sanctuary Restrooms

Work will proceed to renovate the sanctuary restrooms. The new design will have three, accessibility-compliant gender-neutral restrooms. This work will be completed in 2020 or 2021.

Chapel

Design for stained glass for the west windows was approved and is being fabricated by a professional glass artist. Installation expected to be in mid-February 2020.

- Window screens to reduce the impact of the late afternoon sun have been preliminarily selected and will be reviewed and confirmed following the installation of the stained glass. These will be roll-up light-filtering screens that will not completely darken the room when the shades are lowered.
- Candle sconces, cross, and ambo were made by the same carpenter who made the tables and altar already in the chapel and have been installed.
- Chairs with arms have been delivered and are ready for use in the Chapel for those who need them.
- Coverings for the TVs when not in use and movable screening panels between the Chapel and the courtyard are being studied.

The Architectural Committee welcomes continued feedback and suggestions for making the chapel a quiet and meditative space where we also share worship together.

Youth Room/Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)

New tables and chairs for meetings and meals are now being used in this space, along with the enhanced audio/visual system. Light filtering blinds will also be installed in this room.

Additional furnishings for Youth activities have been identified and prioritized by the youth and youth leaders, including the following:

- Improve Acoustics
- Youth Specific Furnishings
- Increase opportunities for Indoor & Outdoor activities
- Youth Specific Movable Floor Coverings
- Window Coverings

Sanctuary Interior Changes

More than 100 parishioners have commented on the proposed changes to the sanctuary. Additional listening sessions are ongoing and feedback is welcome. It is expected that decisions on what changes, if any, to the sanctuary will be made by August 2020.

Some people have asked what kinds of chairs were being considered for the sanctuary as replacements for the pews. The type of chairs that are contemplated would be chairs made specifically for churches. Here are a few examples of chairs made specifically for churches:



New Parish Community Center

Construction of the new Parish Community Center is anticipated to begin in either the summer of 2022 or 2023 with timing determined by receipt of pledged campaign funds. The current design will include:

- A single-story building that includes three large meeting rooms, commercial kitchen, accessible restrooms and showers, an extended patio area for fellowship functions, and a fabric-covered roof patio.
- Construction of an elevator from the parking lot level to the sanctuary level.