



All Saints Parish RECTORY BUILD

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

OUR PARISH IS MAKING A BOLD MOVE.

The only way we can succeed is to work together. In this flyer, we hope to answer some of the foremost questions you might have regarding the rectory build.

We are also inviting all parishioners to join us at our upcoming Rectory Build Information Session, where representatives from our parish staff and finance council will answer your questions and share more detailed information about the plans for our new rectory.

RECTORY BUILD INFO SESSIONS

After all Masses
Saturday-Sunday, May 27-28

Join us on the corner of
3rd Street SW and
6th Avenue SW

WHY DO WE NEED A RECTORY AT ALL?

A rectory would enable us to help meet the spiritual and sacramental needs of All Saints by providing accommodations in a community setting for our pastor as well as a parochial vicar, seminarian, or possibly even a senior priest.

WHY NOT JUST RENT A HOUSE OR LEASE A SPACE?

Renting or leasing property would put our parish in a less favorable financial position because we would be taking on a recurring expense that fluctuates with an unpredictable real estate market. Investing in a rectory would best utilize the capital assets of our parish, while ensuring that we provide priest housing that is suited to their needs as far as its design and proximity to the church, school, and hospital.

WHY DO WE NEED TO PROVIDE COMMUNAL RECTORY LIVING FOR PRIESTS?

In sharing accommodations, a seminarian or parochial vicar can benefit from the mentorship of a more seasoned pastor or a senior priest. Clergy who live in a communal setting also benefit from the communal prayer, companionship, and support of their brother priests with whom they share living space. For these reasons and more, a rectory is an invaluable way for All Saints to invest in the future of our parish, while seeing to the development and well-being of our priests.

WHY NOT THE OLD RECTORY?

Built in 1921 and last remodeled in 1965, the old rectory requires extensive work and expense in order to meet current building regulations. The parish does envision a long-term plan to make use of the old rectory, but due to its proximity to the church building, it would be more valuable as a facility for use of the church and parish ministries.

DOES THIS GUARANTEE US A SECOND PRIEST NEXT YEAR?

A rectory does not automatically guarantee that our parish would be assigned an associate priest. However, it does make All Saints Parish a strong candidate for a parochial vicar, combined with other factors such as our location, our population, and our extensive programming. Conversely, the absence of a rectory makes us ineligible to receive a second priest – at present or at any point in the future.

WHAT FACTORS INFLUENCE THE ARCHDIOCESE IN ASSIGNING A VICAR (ASSOCIATE PRIEST) TO A PARISH?

In addition to the availability of suitable accommodations, there must be a priest available and well-suited for assignment to the prospective parish. Typically, an associate priest would be a young priest in need of mentoring prior to becoming a parish leader himself, or an older priest who may no longer be able to lead a parish but is willing to assist in a parish.

WHAT ARE WE HOPING TO ACHIEVE, SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM, BY BUILDING A RECTORY?

We hope that a rectory will put our parish in a position to better ensure that the Catholic faith continues here at All Saints for generations to come. By building a more suitable living facility for priests, we increase the likelihood that our parish will have a resident pastor as opposed to a transient or remote pastor, as is the case with many other parishes across the Archdiocese.

THIS IS A HUGE UNDERTAKING AND THE PARISH NEEDS GREAT ASSISTANCE. CAN'T WE BUILD THE RECTORY WITH VOLUNTEER LABOR?

The Archdiocese has guidelines and best practices concerning donated labor and materials in light of insurance liabilities among other things. We also have to be in compliance with contract and permitting regulations. Volunteer labor brings with it logistical complexities as well as variations in skill and experience. All of these factors make it difficult for our parish to meet its many responsibilities to the City of Puyallup as well as the Archdiocese of Seattle.

HOW ARE WE GOING TO PAY FOR THIS?

We hope to finance this project through this year's Annual Catholic Appeal rebates as well as through direct donations to the building fund. We are also seeking approval from the Archdiocese to sell an off-site parish-owned property, the proceeds of which would be applied to the rectory build.

ARE WE BEING MADE TO DO THIS BY THE ARCHDIOCESE?

Absolutely not. The recommendation to build a rectory comes from our own finance council as well as those involved in the long-term planning for All Saints Parish. The idea has been in development for several years now, and has received enthusiastic approval from our parish leadership.

IS THE PARISH PLANNING AN EVENT WHERE PARISHIONERS CAN COME AND ASK QUESTIONS OR LEARN MORE?

Yes! Please join us after any of the Masses on Memorial Day Weekend, May 27th and 28th. We will have a pop-up tent in the prospective location of the new rectory, which is the empty lot on the corner of 3rd Street SW and 6th Avenue SW. Members of our staff and finance council will be present to answer your questions and share the plans for this exciting new project.

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