

Building Our Mother's Church

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★ Capital Campaign Phase 2
Building Fund for
The Shrine of
Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Co-Patroness of the Unborn
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Dear parishioners and friends of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe:

Our Diocese is blessed with growth in the number of faithful coming to your shrine. You come to celebrate our Catholic faith, motivated by the maternal love of Our Lady. Your numbers are such that for a number of years, now our church on California Avenue has been overflowing at Sunday Masses.

Divine Providence has blessed us with a beautiful property on Brundage near Oswell. I congratulate the hard work and generosity of parishioners during the past decade, which has produced the completion of Phase I construction, so that Mass can be held each Sunday under an open-air pavilion. Now, additional religious education classes are also held at this new site. Some of the necessary infra-structure has been completed for the construction of a new church that is so needed and desired.

As Our Lady sent St. Juan Diego forth to build her Church, I encourage you all now to continue to make the sacrifices necessary during this new capital campaign that is launched for the Phase II construction of a large church to accommodate the needs of parishioners and pilgrims.

With God's grace and your collaboration, this Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Co-Patroness of the Unborn, will be one day a center of devotion and of marriage and family ministry. Pilgrims, immigrants, and devotees of Our Lady of Guadalupe from far and wide will be welcomed to come and experience the Love, Truth, and Grace that our faith offers us. My prayers accompany you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Armando X. Ochoa, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Shrine:

Greetings to all of you who worship the Lord Jesus and honor his mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our community has certainly grown since its humble beginnings in 1925. We are all grateful to the many Juan Diegos today who volunteer their service in so many ministries and groups in our parish, especially in support of marriage, family, youth, and human life.

Approaching 90 years of existence, our church remains a beautiful tribute to our faith and the maternal protection of Our Lady and our school continues to offer a priceless education in the faith. It has been clear for some time, however, that our facilities are no longer sufficient to park our cars and to gather our community for worship. Thanks to the generosity and hard work of many, we have been able to complete Phase I construction at our beautiful new property on Brundage near Oswell and to make good use of these initial facilities.

We are now ready to prepare for Phase II construction of our a large, beautiful, new shrine church. This necessitates a new capital campaign to raise an additional ten million dollars. This amount is certainly challenging and it will take prayer, perseverance, and many sacrifices to achieve. Through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe and her holy spouse, St. Joseph the carpenter, Divine Providence will bless our efforts together. Our Lady says to you also, as she said to Juan Diego, “build my sacred house here, in which I will show Him, I will exalt him upon making Him manifest, I will give Him to all people in all my personal love, Him that is my compassionate gaze, Him that is my help, Him that is my salvation.”

Please consider making a sacrificial pledge payable over the next three to four years to be part of God’s work in constructing the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Co-patroness of the Unborn.



In the Love of the Holy Family,

Larry Toschi, O.S.J.

Fr. Larry Toschi, O.S.J.
Pastor

A Brief Chronology

1923: Three classrooms of Our Lady of Lourdes school were located on our current California Ave. property.

1925: The parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe was founded to serve the growing needs of the Hispanic community in Bakersfield and the name of the school was also changed.

3/22/26: The church building was dedicated.

1989: The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament began to staff the school.

1992: The Oblates of St. Joseph began to staff the parish.

2001: Fr. Catalano buried a Holy Family medal on empty property at 4600 E. Brundage Ln. The Berchtold family donated 12 acres there for construction of a larger church, and then an adjacent 9 acre parcel was purchased.

5/2/10: Mass celebrated on Brundage property to consecrate building project to St. Joseph.

8/15/11: Parish name changed to ***Our Lady of Guadalupe, Co-patroness of the Unborn.***

10/23/11: Mass and ground-breaking celebrated at the Brundage property to officially commence Phase I construction.

9/12/12: Parish established as a Diocesan Shrine.

10/12/12: Mass of blessing celebrated at the completed Pavilion by Bishop Ochoa, also marking the completion of Phase I construction at a cost of \$3.2 million.

8/25/13: Phase II Capital Campaign begins.

Co-patroness of the Unborn

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, miraculously imprinted on the tilma of St. Juan Diego in 1531, brought hope and new life to a despairing people. Wearing the maternity band seen beneath her hands, she is the pregnant mother about to give birth. She is the woman of Apocalypse 12. As John Paul II wrote in *The Gospel of Life*, her Child under attack by the dragon “especially represents every helpless baby whose life is threatened... Mary is a living word of comfort for the Church in her struggle against death” (1995, 104-105).

God chose Joseph as husband of Mary to protect Jesus in the womb, and after birth when he had to flee with them into Egypt. In Kalisz, Poland, the same pope spoke of St. Joseph as the defender of life, “especially the life of children not yet born” (6/4/97). Together the Holy Spouses, Mary and Joseph, are *Co-patrons* of the Unborn.

What is a Shrine?

Our Shrine is to be a sacred place welcoming devotees of Our Lady of Guadalupe to come to venerate her, to adore her Son, to seek reconciliation through the Sacraments, to seek her intercession in life’s difficulties. All are welcome, particularly immigrants, those struggling with family and life issues, and those wishing to imitate the Holy Spouses in living God’s plan for Matrimony and child-bearing.

Parish Vision Statement

In the spirit of the Holy Family of Nazareth, the mission of the Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe, Co-patroness of the Unborn is to be a humble, bilingual, pro-life, pro-family Catholic community, joyfully announcing the Gospel. We welcome all to religious education in the fullness of the Truth entrusted to the Church. We invite all to celebrate with reverence and unity the real presence of Christ in the rites of our Liturgy. We call our members to the humble obedience of faith and to sacrificial service for the sake of building up the Body of Christ.

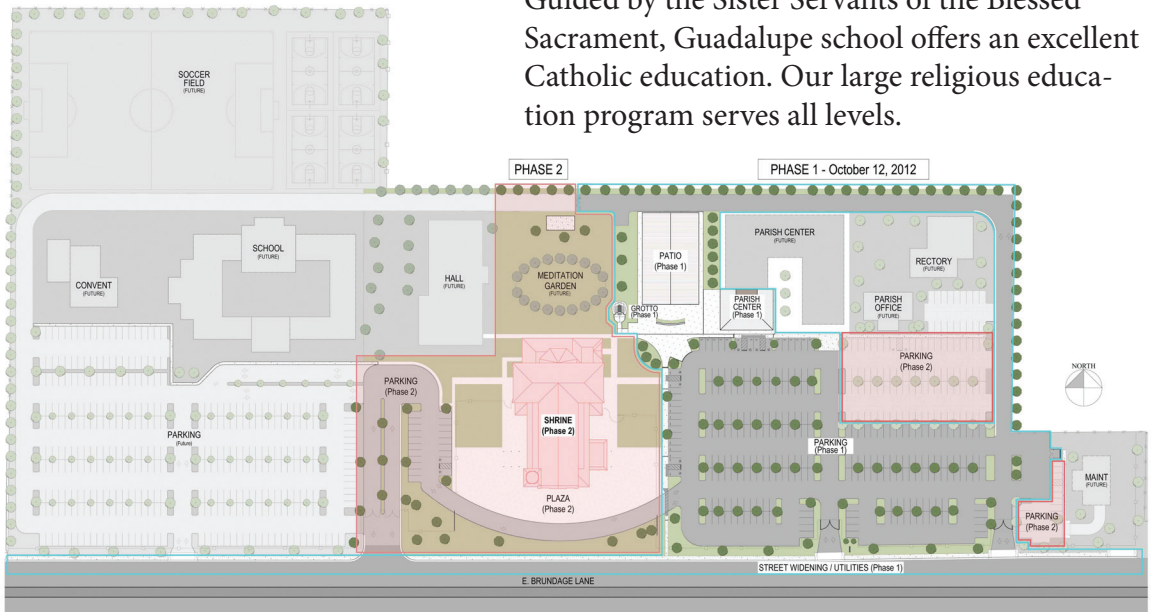
A Select Few of Our Ministries

With a majority of services in Spanish, our parish is fully bilingual, offering an opportunity to celebrate our faith in one's native culture, but also to grow in our sense of Catholicity which transcends individual cultures.

Our youth ministry consists of at least four separate youth groups, all thriving through peer-ministry, with six weekend retreats annually presented in the parish and with weekly meetings attended by approximately 150 youth. Our newest group is TOB (theology of the body). All youth leaders meet monthly in the Marelllo Youth Council.

Our marriage preparation course is most extensive, including five annual couple retreats, and 13 annual Natural Family Planning courses. All our ministries have a pro-life, pro-family focus.

Guided by the Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, Guadalupe school offers an excellent Catholic education. Our large religious education program serves all levels.



BRUNDAGE PROPERTY SITE PLAN

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When Our Lady of Guadalupe showed herself as a mother to Juan Diego and sent him to build a church, it was the signal of a new era of evangelization and the birth of a new Catholic *mestiza* civilization. After almost 90 years of being honored in our now small church facilities on California Avenue, she sends us, her beloved children, to build a church that will mark a new era in the life of our parish. In the new shrine church, up to three times as many people will be able to gather for Sunday worship. We will be able to celebrate with greater reverence and unity the presence of Christ in the Sacraments of our Catholic faith.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Copatroness of the Unborn, will be a beacon announcing the sacredness of all human life from conception to natural death. From here the Holy Spouses, Mary and Joseph, will call society to rediscover the sanctity of traditional marriage and child-rearing. Here suffering, confused, downtrodden, and alienated pilgrims will be able to seek Truth, Hope, Mercy, and Reconciliation. The Blessed Virgin sends us in our current time of need to overcome the culture of selfishness and death with a new civilization of Life and Love.

During Phase 1 construction, together with the two buildings constructed, we were able to complete the preliminary requirements for the street frontage, for bringing all the utilities onto the site, and for putting

in most of the parking required for the new church. This capital campaign is for Phase 2, which is the central building of the master plan, a large church able to seat between 1,200 and 1,500 people. As parishioners insisted during the 2010 listening sessions, we are preparing a traditional design. The church is not to be simply a gathering place for many people, but also and foremost an elevated, artistic space for the encounter with our transcendent God. The beautiful preliminary designs shown in this brochure are in Spanish Revival style.

Such a costly undertaking is not possible without persevering faith and sacrifice. Throughout the centuries the great shrines of the world took many years to construct and were possible due to great sacrifice on the part of so many faithful. In our age, when billions are spent on sports, casinos, and beverages, we can certainly raise the \$12,000,000 needed to begin construction, if together we heed our Blessed Mother's call to value faith in her Son and make sacrificial pledges for God's work.

Please pray with a generous and trusting heart to pledge sacrificial regular payments over a period of 3-4 years. Please pray frequently the prayer on the facing page, consecrating this work to St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary, carpenter, and model of trust in Divine Providence, to ***help build our Mother's Church.***



PROPOSED INTERIOR DESIGN RENDERING

Prayer for the Consecration of the Building Project

We honor you, St. Joseph, husband of Mary whom we venerate as Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of our parish. As you protected and provided for the Holy Family, so do you continue to be Patron of the Universal Church. Our parish family consecrates to your patronage the construction of new buildings for worship, religious education and community services. May these facilities help our parish celebrate more our unity as the family of God. As you fulfilled your vocation to help prepare the Child Jesus for his Mission, may we help prepare the children and youth of our parish for their roles as active Catholics. We want to follow your example of generosity and hard work to do our part in raising the necessary funds.

We also follow your example in trusting Divine Providence to give fruit to the work of our hands. St. Joseph, we consecrate this project to your powerful intercession so that it may be completed according to God's will and for his glory. Amen.

TOTAL GIFT	Initial gift (10%)	Annually (3 payments)	Semi-annually	Quarterly (12 paym.)	Monthly (36 paym.)	Weekly Sacrifice
1,000,000	100,000	300,000	150,000	75,000	25,000	6,250
500,000	50,000	150,000	75,000	37,500	12,500	3,125
250,000	25,000	75,000	37,500	18,750	6,250	1,560.50
100,000	10,000	30,000	15,000	7,500	2,500	625
50,000	5,000	15,000	7,500	3,750	1,250	312.50
40,000	4,000	12,000	6,000	3,000	1,000	250
30,000	3,000	9,000	4,500	2,250	750	187.50
25,000	2,500	7,500	3,750	1,875	625	156.25
20,000	2,000	6,000	3,000	1,500	500	125
15,000	1,500	4,500	2,250	1,125	375	93.75
10,000	1,000	3,000	1,500	750	250	62.50
7,500	750	2,250	1,125	562.50	187.50	46.87
5,000	500	1,500	750	375	125	31.25
3,000	300	900	450	225	75	18.75

