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OUR PARISH

Truth, beauty and goodness are alive and well at Assumption Catholic Church. Long a cornerstone of the Catholic community in Jacksonville, Assumption has come a long way over the past 110 years – growing from a small group of 13 families to a thriving parish of more than 1,000 households. Our ministries are widespread and committed to good works, and service to God and community is woven throughout all we do. Our school – our largest ministry – and our Early Learning Center are bustling hubs of academics and development. Our parish life center provides us with space for fellowship and family.

Our sanctuary – the church building itself – is the beating heart of our parish. So much more than a mere building, this updated Mission Style church has held us as we've worshipped, celebrated and mourned. We've gathered in its pews to find peace and serenity, answers and absolution. At 70 years old, our church building has served us well for a long time, but it's showing the effects of decades of loving use.



OUR NEEDS

The church is God's House, and maintaining it is a priority for us now. Many of the challenges that our church faces are obvious. The vestibule ceiling is in severe disrepair and must be replaced. We also need to upgrade the wiring and lighting and update much of the flooring and aesthetic aspects of our church. Several of these projects, if left unaddressed, could become safety concerns. They also take away from the spiritual reverence of our church. *(over)*

OUR PLANS

We have discussed, debated and prayed over the needs of our church, and our leaders have determined that a capital campaign might be necessary to address our needs and to ensure that Assumption thrives far into the future – for our children and their children and so on. When completed, these projects will make our church safer and more efficient, and they will enhance the spirituality and look of our church, hopefully inspiring and encouraging us to deepen our faith and spiritual lives.

SANCTUARY AND SACRISTY RENOVATIONS | \$2.4 million

- Install new marble tiles and inlays in the sanctuary.
- Restore existing reredos and add new wooden arches.
- Install marble altar with restored Last Supper.
- Install tabernacle stand.
- Restore altar rail altar to address safety concerns around the large step in front of the altar and ambo. Steps will be added all the way around the altar.
- Install new statues with pedestals.
- Install new porcelain tiles in sacristy.
- Complete ceiling and cabinet work in sacristy.

CHAPEL AND SHRINE IMPROVEMENTS | \$1.2 million

- Restore bell tower chapel while maintaining apparition statues and memorials in a new design and adding votive candles.
- Redesign the Divine Mercy Shrine area with a new custom door, new woodworking on ceiling and custom millwork, and new porcelain tiles, marble inlays and marble cladding.
- Install porcelain tiles and marble inlays near the St. Joseph Shrine.

VESTIBULE AND NAVE RENOVATIONS | \$2.2 million

- Renovate and add new porcelain tiles and marble inlays in the vestibule and nave.
- Add new aluminum front structure and impact glass.
- Upgrade doors for front entrance, side entrances and the entrance to the nave.
- Add wooden millwork for air vents and choir loft.
- Move baptismal font to the back of the nave.
- Install fire-rated sheetrock on nave ceiling.
- Design, commission and install new stained-glass windows with hurricane impact frames in the nave.
- Renovate the confessionals.
- Restore and upgrade existing pews, including adding new kneelers, and install new pews in the chapel.

LIGHTING AND MULTIMEDIA UPGRADES | \$1 million

- Replace lighting with LED throughout the church, chapel and shrine areas to provide greater clarity and vision.
- Install state-of-the-art sound system to help our community hear the Word of God and to participate more actively in the liturgy.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$6.8 million*

**Estimated costs include contingency funds and are subject to change due to market fluctuations and rising construction costs.*



YOUR VOICE

As we consider the next steps, we want to hear from you as a valued member of the Assumption family. We respectfully ask you to share your time and participate in this planning study, which will help determine strategy for a potential campaign, identify volunteers and leaders for it, and determine a realistic fundraising goal. Please participate when asked, and please pray for our Assumption family. Thank you!