

EVERYTHING IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH POINTS TO HEAVEN

As we, the parishioners of St. Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church of Magnolia, are preparing to build our new place of worship, it may be of interest to review how a Catholic Church is arranged, the Sacred Objects in it, which items are considered sacred and which are not, how each item contributes to the church environment and the history behind the arrangement.

We will publish messages on these subjects in the coming weeks. Those interested in a more thorough look into these subjects might enjoy the book "The Sacred That Surrounds Us: How Everything in a Catholic Church Points to Heaven" by Andrea Zachman which is the inspiration and primary source for the coming messages.

Next week in we will look at the 3 primary areas of the church; the Narthex, the Nave and the Sanctuary. In subsequent weeks we will examine the Sacred Objects in the Mass, the Sacred Vestments and the Sacred Environment of the church.

As we enter this endeavor, we understand that our new church building is a place to go to leave the material world behind and enter the Kingdom of God on Earth.

But we also understand that the new church building is built in the earthly material world by earthly workmen using earthly materials and that there is a cost associated with it. Our Building Committee has provided a list of additional items needed in our new church and our Capital Campaign Committee offers us the opportunity to sponsor these items. Please see this list of Additional Items Available for Sponsorship on our parish website by following this link <https://st-matthias.net/sponsorship-items>. Recognition is being planned for all those who contribute.

Contact our Capital Campaign team via Tom Condon at 281-382-8097 for more information about the campaign or Jerry Strenk at 936-449-6686 with Building Committee questions.