

A photograph of the Church of Our Saviour, featuring a prominent yellow facade with white Gothic-style architectural details. A large, ornate Gothic window is centered above the entrance, and a white cross sits atop the gable roof. The entrance is an arched doorway flanked by two smaller Gothic windows. A black metal railing is visible in the foreground. The sky is clear and blue.

**OUR FAITH,  
OUR FUTURE**

***Church of Our Saviour  
Capital Campaign  
2016***

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

For over 100 years, the Church of Our Saviour has celebrated the Eucharist, shared the Good News with children and adults, welcomed the stranger, fed the hungry, comforted the grieving and rejoiced with the joyous.

Church of Our Saviour is our spiritual home. At every stage in life, we find companionship, spiritual nurture, wise counsel and love within its walls. Our Saviour helps us to serve one another and the wider society in Christ's name. Together over the past decade, we have expanded our worship, educational, and community life. We have built our joyful Godly Play and youth programs and welcomed growth in new families with children. We have enriched our common life by offering vibrant liturgy, diverse educational programs, fellowship, and new initiatives in our outreach to provide for the less fortunate of Marin. We are growing together.



**Our call is to ensure that this vital mission thrives as we move into the future.** Our day-to-day financial position as a parish, thanks to careful planning and the generosity of our membership, is fiscally sound. However, we face an urgent need, detailed within this case statement, that must be met if Church of Our Saviour is to continue to be a beacon of hope, love, and charity. We call on you to help meet this need by giving generously to the campaign for the future of the Church of Our Saviour.

Thank you for your fellowship, prayers, and loving presence in the Our Saviour family!

With blessings in Christ,



Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer  
Rector



Colin Wong  
Campaign Committee Chair



Juliana Jensen  
Senior Warden



Our Saviour Confirmation  
2013

## WE ARE CALLED...

One of the consistent challenges for our parish has been stabilizing the housing arrangements for our rector and his family. Several vestries have explored a variety of approaches to tackle the challenge of housing in one of the world's most expensive housing markets. The rapid increase in rental costs continues to press financially not only on our rector and his family, but also on the parish operating budget. Providing affordable housing will enhance our long-term capacity to attract and retain outstanding clergy.

The vestry has concluded that the most responsible and sustainable path forward is for Church of Our Saviour to invest in a rectory that the parish will hold permanently. Not only will this stabilize the housing situation for our current rector and his family, but it will make the position much more attractive to future candidates for rector and create more room in our operating budget for our mission and ministries.

# BRINGING OUR VISION



## Planning for the Future of Church of Our Saviour

- Church of Our Saviour envisions purchasing a rectory: a three-bedroom townhouse or condominium in Southern Marin.
- Combined with our current Rector Housing Fund, raising \$800,000 in this campaign would be sufficient to purchase an attractive property in the area, and set aside funds for ongoing maintenance and upkeep.



# VISION TO LIFE

## **History of Rector Housing at Church of Our Saviour**

Until 1973, Church of Our Saviour owned a rectory in Mill Valley. At that time, the church sold the home to the rector, Fr. Murray Hammond, at fair market value, and used the proceeds to retire a mortgage on the church building. When Fr. Robert Bryant was called as rector in 1993, our parish, the diocese, and Fr. Robert co-invested in a three-bedroom, two-bath single-family house in Mill Valley. Upon Fr. Robert's departure in 2003, the house was sold for \$580,000 and the proceeds were divided proportionally among the three investors. Our share of \$73,000 was invested in our housing fund, which has been supplemented by a \$50,000 bequest and now is valued at about \$180,000. Since the sale of Fr. Robert's home, our parish has not had a stake in the real estate market.

## **Current Housing Conditions**

A three-bedroom house in Mill Valley now sells for an average of \$1.5 million. In Marin County as a whole, the median home price (including condominiums and townhomes) is about \$915,000. Although undoubtedly there will be the occasional dip in housing prices, the trend of the past 30 years has been that each recovery quickly surpasses the peak set by the previous market cycle. Based on this data, the increase in assets necessary to buy a rectory will continue to vastly outpace the growth of our rector housing fund.





Easter Sunday  
2015

## BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT COSTS

We are blessed to have addressed most of our major facility maintenance needs over the past ten years. We have a good slate roof over the sanctuary and functioning solar panels. Though the bulk of the campaign is for rector housing, with additional capital funds a wide variety of smaller projects to enhance our common parish space would be within reach.

### **Rector Housing—\$800,000**

### **Enhancements to the Parish Facilities — Up to \$700,000**

☞ **Seismic improvements.** To secure our building for the future, further improvements to its seismic stability would safeguard the investments made over so many generations in this parish.

☞ **Renovating the choir room, upstairs landing, office and robing room.** This would include creating an attractive Shackelford multi-purpose room that could be used as a revenue-generating community rental space as well as a space for our ongoing music ministry. Additional improvements include a new piano, flooring, storage space, improved temperature regulation of the second floor, and an upgraded roof over the office wing of the parish facilities.

# INVEST IN OUR FUTURE

*“How beautiful are your dwelling places O Lord of Hosts” - Psalm 84*



Keeping in mind the many blessings God has given us and recognizing that all of our abundance comes from God, we are asked in the Gospel to give back a portion of our gifts in thanksgiving for God’s generosity and goodness to us. Your gift to this campaign is an opportunity to help our parish thrive in mission and service to the greater community. Scripture tells us that Christian stewardship goes beyond giving from our surplus. Stewardship calls us to make a gift from our substance.

The campaign seeks personally significant five-year commitments. Gifts can be offered in a variety of forms, with an emphasis on those that can be used immediately. All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

## **🌀 Gift Commitments**

Commitments payable over five years allow donors to consider more substantial gifts than are possible with one-time giving. Donors who commit may determine payment schedules to meet their own charitable or tax needs. Payments can be made by check (preferred), Paypal, or bank transfer.

## **🌀 Planned Gifts**

Remembering our parish in your will is the most common form of planned giving. Allocating a percentage of your estate would be a generous way to honor the parish and could also reduce your estate taxes. Please contact your attorney for more information.

## **🌀 Matching Gifts**

If your company has a matching gift program, you may be able to enhance the impact of your gift by requesting a matching gift from your employer and including it with your campaign commitment form.

## **🌀 Securities**

Gifts of stock to the campaign can be a source of significant tax benefit to the donor by eliminating capital gains taxes. Any gift of stock will be sold as soon as it is received, and the value of the gift will be determined at the time of transfer.

A large group of people, including men, women, and children of various ages, are posed in many rows in front of a church building. The church has a prominent arched entrance and a large Gothic-style window. The scene is set outdoors on a sunny day with a clear blue sky and some greenery visible.

***Campaign Prayer***

**Gracious and loving God, we give thanks for your work among us and for providing us with a dwelling place in faith to worship and serve you and all of Creation.**

**Bless our capital campaign to strengthen our parish home, that through our generosity our relationships may be deepened, our community life may grow in grace, and, above all, our renewed trust in you may give you glory. Through Jesus Christ our Savior, and the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen**

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# COMMITMENT FORM



## OUR FAITH, OUR FUTURE

Church of Our Saviour Capital Campaign 2016

CASH GIFT	OTHER GIFT	TOTAL GIFT
(Check, Paypal, Stock, or Bank Transfer/ACH)	<b>PLANNED GIFT VALUE (IF APPLICABLE):</b>	(Cash Gift + Other Gift)
<b>TOTAL COMMITMENT:</b> _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>DOWN PAYMENT:</b> _____	<b>MATCHING GIFT VALUE (IF APPLICABLE):</b>	
<b>BALANCE:</b> _____	\$ _____	
<b>BALANCE TO BE PAID OVER 5 YEARS:</b>	<b>DONOR RECOGNITION</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> ANNUALLY \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> It is <b>OK to list my name</b> along with other donors <b>WITHOUT listing my gift amount.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> QUARTERLY \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Do not list my name.</b> I wish to remain anonymous.	
<input type="checkbox"/> MONTHLY \$ _____	<b>DONOR'S NOTES:</b>	
<b>FORM OF PAYMENT</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> PAYPAL		
<input type="checkbox"/> STOCK <input type="checkbox"/> BANK TRANSFER OR ACH		
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: <b>CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR</b> <b>*WRITE "CAPITAL FUND" IN THE MEMO LINE*</b>		

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**DONOR INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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