

Vision Committee Oral Report to Parish #12

March 1-2, 2025

Good morning/evening,

I am (your name) from the St Joseph Vision Committee. I am here to give you a brief update based on our most recent meeting.

In this Year of Jubilee we are celebrating our call to be Pilgrims of Hope. We are pilgrims travelling together, welcoming all to join us on our journey.

As you know, the Photo Journal Project is well on its way. Our project leader, Dave McGrath, is accepting your digital photos. Or, if you prefer, Dave is also arranging opportunities for you to have your photo taken here in the church. Handouts describing the process are available in the back of church and were in Fr. Jim's weekly email. We are hoping all of our parishioners, old and new, will participate. The deadline for photo submission is March 16. This is a Jubilee moment, a way to commemorate who we were travelling with in 2025! Remember, the journal will be print only and will be distributed only to the families that participate.

Fr. Jim's amazing musical introduction to our Raise the Roof Campaign was a great reminder that all of us will need to do whatever we can in order to meet our \$600,000 goal. Please give your pledge serious thought. Contact Jeanine at the rectory if you haven't received a pledge request in the mail.

Last weekend, the leaders of our various ministries at St. Joe's met to discuss ways to strengthen and broaden our welcoming outreach both within the parish and beyond. St. Joe's is a vibrant place, providing a safe place to worship and build

community. Doing that better is always top of mind. Speaking of building community, if you bake Irish Soda Bread, contact Joan Walsh.

As we enter into Lent this Wednesday, many prayer and spiritual renewal opportunities will be available. Fr. Jim already sent a flyer through his weekly email announcing upcoming events. He's arranged several speakers to join us during Lent. The first will be Sr. Donna who will speak on Ash Wednesday after the 8am Mass. Note that our Liturgical Moments series in Lent, courtesy of Mary Beth Walsh, will be devoted to women in the Church. We all look forward to those.

An additional faith sharing group is starting up on Thursday evening's at 8pm; this makes four groups available for you to join. If you are interested in joining one of our faith sharing groups, please check out the sign-up sheet in the back of the church after today's mass. And to briefly explain her experience in a faith sharing group, I invite (5 pm Lynette Jackson/ 9am Debra McGrath/ 11:30 am Kathy Parson) to say a few words.