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# St. Raymonds Church

# **Project Description**

## Purpose

The purpose of the project is to improve the usability and safety of the sanctuary outdoor areas as well as improve the connection between the inside of the chapel and the sanctuary. The entry to the chapel/sanctuary is not clearly defined. The outdoor improvements, along with a new curtainwall system, will make the entry sequence more apparent and easier to access. The improvements will also address the safety concerns of the uneven pavement at church's main entry on Santa Cruz Avenue. On each side of the sanctuary, small outdoor spaces with uneven pavement sections will be improved to provide safer space for smaller gatherings before and after services. On each side of the sanctuary, small outdoor spaces with uneven pavement sections will be improved to provide safer space for smaller gatherings before and after services. On each side of the sanctuary, small outdoor spaces will be improved for smaller gatherings before and after services. Currently, much of the paving is in disrepair

### Scope of Work

The scope of work in our submittal includes improvements to the exterior areas at the front of the chapel area and along the sides of the sanctuary. New paving, landscaped areas with shrubs and trees will be added along with new signage. There will also be new bollard and pole lights to improve the visibility at night. The main entry glazing will be replaced with the addition of two sets of exterior doors. On the inside of the chapel space, most of the work is new interior finishes along with new glazing and doors to improve the connection between the chapel and sanctuary that allow for overflow space during large church events.

### Architectural Style, Materials, Colors, and Construction Methods

The scope of the interior and exterior improvements will be in keeping with the existing architecture. The new curtain wall will match the existing windows of the sanctuary (dark brown). The interior improvements (lighting and finishes) will match the finishes in the sanctuary.

#### Basis for Site Layout

The design of the exterior site improvements has a formal arrangement to match the formality and symmetry of the chapel and sanctuary. A landscaped area with a new monument sign will be symmetrically placed in front of the chapel with two pathways flanking the entry sign. The two landscaped areas on either side of the sanctuary will also be symmetrical about the sanctuary and similar in nature. There are also two ADA accessible paths that lead to the chapel entries.

### Existing and Proposed Uses

The existing and proposed uses will be the same. The purpose of the improvements is improve their existing operations and functions as a church and chapel. The ability to meet informally outdoors is hampered currently by the lack of seating and furnishes. The new improvements will help facilitate more informal gatherings outside the church.

#### Outreach to Neighboring Properties

The church plans to have an open house to present the improvement plans to their neighbors. Though, the improvements themselves will have no impact on the neighbors, the construction process may create some noise











