



“PROPOSED” PROJECT SUMMARY

From humble beginnings to vision realized

On August 8, 1985, Archbishop Thomas A. Donnellan established St. Theresa’s Parish for western Douglas County, formed from the mother parish of St. John Vianney in Lithia Springs. The Very Reverend Edward O’Connor was the first pastor, serving a community of about 250 families.

The first Sunday Mass was celebrated at the old Whitley-Garner Funeral Home Chapel. By February 1986, the parish began using a building on Spring Street, choosing St. Theresa of the Child Jesus as its patron saint. In 1988, the Archdiocese of Atlanta approved the construction of a dedicated church, which was completed that year, with the first Mass celebrated in February.

The parish continued to grow with the area’s population, leading to a capital campaign in 1997 to build a classroom building, resulting in the dedication of the Parish Life Center in summer 1999. In 2004, a new rectory was opened for the clergy.

In 2012, approximately 40 acres of property across from the current church was purchased and dedicated on January 1, 2013. The Building Committee was formed, and plans were developed with the architectural firm of Smith Boland.

The property has since seen the erection of the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue in April 2014, the preparation of land for a new teen building/gym in 2018, and the completion of that building in 2019, which now serves as a multi-use facility for Mass, events, and community activities. A storage building was completed in summer 2022 to support parish needs.

Since 2012, the Building Committee has been diligently working on a master plan to meet the needs of the Catholic faithful in the West Metro area for years to come.

CHURCH EXPANSION PROJECT

We are excited to announce the upcoming construction of a new church building that will span 20,100 square feet. This beautiful new space will include:

- A large narthex
- Seating for 700 in the main church
- Two side chapels
- Two reconciliation rooms
- Three sacristies
- An Adoration chapel with 76 seats
- A brides' room/parlor
- An ushers/altar servers room
- A choir rehearsal suite
- A music director’s office
- A choir balcony with 30 seats
- An elevator for accessibility

PARISH HALL

The Parish Hall will be 15,400 square feet, accommodating up to 328 people with table and chair seating and a commercial kitchen.

ADMINISTRATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- A reception and waiting area
- An administration suite with five offices, a work area, a conference room, and a break room
- Seven classrooms for various parish activities

COLUMBARIUM

The Columbarium will be a gated cloister with 798 niches, providing a serene space for memorialization.

Please note: This initial layout is subject to change based on budget considerations.

Approximate cost: \$25,000,000

**FLIP TO THE
BACK FOR
PHASE 1 PLANS!**



2024 PHASE 1 PLANS

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
4285 PRESTLEY MILL ROAD, DOUGLASVILLE, GA



CHURCH & CHAPEL (PHASE 1)
ONE-STORY WITH CHOIR BALCONY (20,100 SF)

1. NARTHEX
2. NAVE (CHURCH SEATING FOR 700)
3. SANCTUARY
4. SACRISTIES (3) - WORKING & VESTING
5. SIDE CHAPELS (2)
6. RECONCILIATION ROOMS (2)
7. ADORATION CHAPEL LOBBY
8. ADORATION CHAPEL (76 SEATS)
9. BRIDES ROOM/PARLOR
10. USHERS/ALTAR SERVERS ROOM
11. CHOR REHEARSAL SUITE
12. MUSIC DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
13. CHOIR BALCONY (30 SEATS)
14. MECHANICAL PLATFORM
15. ELEVATOR



ADMINISTRATION, PARISH HALL & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PHASE 1A)
ONE STORY (15,400 SF)

- 1A. RECEPTION & WAITING
- 2A. ADMINISTRATION SUITE (5) OFFICES
- (1) WORK ROOM
- (1) CONFERENCE ROOM
- (1) BREAK ROOM
- 3A. CLASSROOMS (7)
- 4A. TABLE & CHAIR STORAGE
- 5A. PARISH HALL (328 T&C SEATING)
- 6A. COMMERCIAL KITCHEN



COLUMBARIUM (PHASE 1B)
GATED CLOISTER

- 1B. 798 NICHES (BASED ON 12X12 UNITS)



SITework (PHASE 1 & EXISTING)

- 1C. 312 TOTAL PARKING SPACES (11 H/C)
- 142 EXISTING SPACES (4 H/C)
- 170 NEW SPACES (7 H/C)
- 2C. DEDICATED DROP-OFF
- 3C. ENTRY PLAZA
- 4C. PARISH PLAZA
- 5C. DUMPSTER ENCLOSURE
- STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
- EXISTING STATUE PLAZA
- EXISTING SOCCER FIELD
- EXISTING EXISTING ACTIVITY FIELD

