

PARISH LAWN CONVERSION PROJECT APPEAL

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St. Nicholas and St. William Parish lawn conversion project for the strip of grass at the St. William campus along El Monte Avenue is underway.

The unused, yet thirsty, lawn has been removed and the whole strip will be planted with lovely, drought-tolerant, low maintenance, multi-colored plants to save money and create a waterwise, welcoming, view to our beautiful church property for many years to come.

We are inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'* (2015) and the pastoral letter of the California bishops', *God Calls Us to Care For Our Common Home* (2019). Both remind us of the beauty of the earth, our role as caretakers, the precious gift of water, and our responsibility to use it prudently.

To accomplish this project we have set out phases:

- Phase 1: Landscape design, with schematic of plant choices and placement. Completed for \$1,400.
- Phase 2: Fundraising
- Phase 3: Removal and disposal of the grass area. The existing shrubs, plants, and small trees will remain in place. Estimated costs \$3,800.
- Phase 4: Drip irrigation installed to existing watering system. Estimated cost \$4,200
- Phase 5: new trees and plants with a final layer of mulch and soil amendment, including labor.
Estimated costs – plants: \$9,150, mulch: \$4,600, soil: \$2,000

This project was conceived by the Parish Green Team and endorsed by pastor, Fr. John Poncini, and staff. The design was conducted by Furuichi Design. The contractor is Orosco Brothers Landscaping, Inc. The total cost estimate is \$25,150. The initial fundraising campaign has already raised \$19,185. We come to you for the remaining \$5,965, or two-thirds of the plants and their planting.



Donations of any amount may be made to St. Nicholas and St. William Catholic Parish earmarked for the Green Team account. Every gift is appreciated. In our initial silent campaign we suggested some stewardship giving levels:

- Steward of our Land – \$20,000
- Sustainer of our Grounds- \$10,000 - \$19,999
- Conservator of the Gift of Water - \$5,000 - \$9,999
- Planter of Beauty - \$3,000 - \$4,999
- Sower of the Garden - \$1,000 - \$2,999
- Grower of Gratitude – up to \$999

We are most grateful to one Sustainer Gift, one Conservator Gift, one Sower Gift, and eight Grower Gifts. Please consider becoming a Planter, Sower, or a Grower. If you would like to sponsor a plant, please see the chart below and make a note with your donation.

Common Name	Qty	Size	\$ each	Cost
		(in gallons)		
Trees				
Forest Pansy Easter Redbud	3	15g	\$149.50	\$448.50
Multi Trunk Dynamite Crape Myrtle	4	15g	\$139.50	\$558.00
Plants				
Kaleidoscope Abelia	9	1g	\$45.00	\$405.00
Karl Foerster Deer Grass	18	1g	\$14.99	\$269.82
Cape Rush	17	1g	\$14.99	\$254.83
Sunset Gold Dwarf False Heather	12	1g	\$12.99	\$155.88
Marble Queen Coprosma	12	1g	\$14.99	\$179.88
Tequila Sunrise Coprosma	17	1g	\$12.99	\$220.83
Electric Pink Corydiline	3	5g	\$55.00	\$165.00
Safari Sunset Leucodendron	7	5g	\$55.00	\$385.00
Dwarf Matte Breeze	49	1g	\$14.99	\$734.51
Dwarf Kohuhu Pittosporum	7	5g	\$45.00	\$315.00
Mystic Spires Blue Salvia	9	1g	\$12.99	\$116.91

The Green Team welcomes new members. Their mission is to implement the vision of Pope Francis and the California bishops to care for our common home through projects, education and prayer. They were instrumental in reducing the amount of waste going to landfill with the introduction of the organic bins and the purchase of compostable items. Every September they prepare information for the Season of Creation.

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