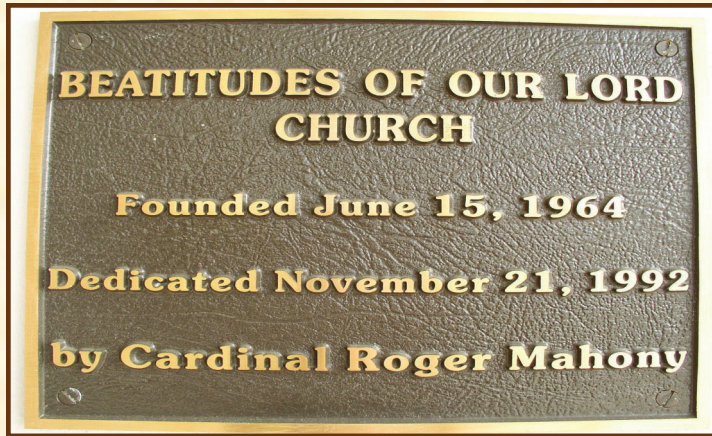


Celebrating 50 Years

1964 - 2014



Ground Blessing by Bishop Carl Fisher for new church (May 1990)





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Dear Father Page,

My heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all the parishioners of Beatitudes of Our Lord Catholic Community on the parish's Golden Jubilee! It is indeed a momentous occasion worthy of celebration!

During these 50 years, I am sure that Beatitudes of Our Lord has been like a second home for thousands of people, and that it brings wonderful memories to all of them. It has been a community of faith where many of our brothers and sisters had the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and God's abundant graces, as well as to continually nourish their faith and grow spiritually.

I pray that Beatitudes of Our Lord may continue to be a strong community of faith, leading its parishioners to a closer encounter with the Living God.

Please be assured of my prayers for the parish community of Beatitudes of Our Lord as you celebrate this special anniversary.

May Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, grant you peace and joy,

+ José H. Gomez

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Message
November 1, 2014

Dear Friends in Christ:

It is a great honor and distinct privilege to convey my special congratulations to the pastor, Reverend Anthony Page and to the faith community of Beatitudes of Our Lord Church in La Mirada on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the establishment your parish.

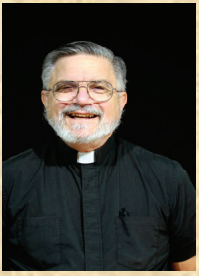
Golden Anniversary of a parish church is a milestone. It is an important moment for our Archdiocese of Los Angeles and in the life of all who have been a part of Beatitudes of Our Lord Catholic community. This very special moment has a tremendous spiritual significance. It is a great testimony of God's fidelity to His people as well as the parishioners' perseverance in their Catholic faith and their great love for Christ and their Church.

God's abiding presence and providential blessing has been truly a part of your parish church for the past fifty years. I join you in grateful jubilation and gratitude as we give thanks to God for all the dedicated clergy, religious men and women and other leaders who have been a part of this faith community for their pastoral leadership and ministry in leading and tending God's faithful in this Church. May God bless your faith community to be able to continue Christ's mission in our world.

With sentiments of fraternal esteem and wishes of a grace filled celebration, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles



Our Pastor

It is indeed a small world. My connections with Beatitudes Parish began before my priesthood. Some things in life that do not seem to be related are interconnected in the plan of God. I will speak about three things: my relationships with the first two pastors of Beatitudes of Our Lord and the Sacrament of Baptism.

Msgr. Matthew Marron was the administrator at St. Brigid Parish where I grew up. I was one of his altar servers from the mid 50's until he was assigned to Beatitudes of Our Lord in 1964 as founding Pastor. When I needed a letter of recommendation to the Seminary in 1961, Msgr. Marron gladly wrote this letter. In the summer of 1964, my third year in the Seminary, I came out to visit Msgr. Marron. The rectory at that time was directly across from what we know now as Marron Hall. As we walked across the street all I saw was a big empty lot. Msgr. Marron pointed out where the school would be and the church and the convent (which we know today as the Ministry Center).



When I was approaching my ordination date in 1969 I was wondering who would preach at my first Mass. I called on my friend Msgr. Marron and he gladly accepted. In 1992, I celebrated during Msgr. Marron's funeral mass in the new church. Another connection between Msgr. Marron and I is that we were both Pastors at Beatitudes of Our Lord and this was our



Pastor's Day



8th Grade Graduation 2014



Palm Sunday 2014



Playground Dedication 2011

Festival 2006
Water Wars



Mass of the Lord's
Supper 2014



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Birthday 2013

first and only Pastorates.

The second Pastor Father Jim Williams and I have a connection also. We were both ordained in 1969. Fr. Jim was ordained in Ireland and I was ordained in Los Angeles. We also worked together in the late 70's at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Burbank as Associate Pastors. Father Jim, while he was serving at Beatitudes of Our Lord, was my mentor in obtaining my Master's Degree in Psychology.

Furthermore, I have a baptism connection with the parish that dates back to 1965. As a fourth year seminarian, I was a godfather for one of my classmates from Loyola High School. This baptism took place in the parish rectory because there was no church. Later I returned in 1969 as a newly ordained priest. My classmate had another son, and this time I baptized his son in the parish church, which we now know as Marron Hall.

Since my appointment in 1998 here at Beatitudes of Our Lord, I have baptized many children and adults. Baptism for me is the beginning of a journey with Our Lord for the rest of our lives. My predecessors both Msgr. Mathew Marron and Father Jim Williams were men of faith. They planted the seed of faith, watered it, and called forth the baptized children of God to participate in growing the faith. The people responded and made Beatitudes of Our Lord a vibrant witness to Our Lord during these past 50 years. May we as a community of faith continue in the direction of those who have gone before us.

Thank you one and all for your generous and ongoing support in furthering our baptismal commitment of service to the Lord.

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