

**Prayer of Blessing and Groundbreaking
Holy Family Catholic Church
Saturday, September 12, 2026, 1:00 PM**

Introductory Rites

Archbishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Archbishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Archbishop: Dear friends, we gather here today on this ground where a new house of God will rise. This groundbreaking marks an important moment in the life of Holy Family Parish, our parish family under the patronage of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

For generations, the Catholic faithful of this community have worshiped God, celebrated the sacraments, handed on the faith, served their neighbors, and accompanied one another through the joys and sorrows of life. With gratitude for those who have gone before us and with hope for generations yet to come, we now begin the work of building Holy Family Church.

**Let us pray that the Lord will bless this ground,
those who will labor here, and all who will enter
the doors of Holy Family Church.**

Prayer of Blessing

Archbishop: Let us pray.

**Almighty and ever-living God,
you have made the whole world a temple of your
glory and fashioned your people as living stones
for the dwelling place of your Spirit.**

**Look with favor upon your servants
who gather here in faith and thanksgiving.**

**As we break ground
for the building of Holy Family Church,
bless this place
and the work that will take place here.**

**May this church rise as a visible sign
of your abiding presence among your people,
a house where your Word is proclaimed,
your mysteries are celebrated,
your mercy is received,
and your people are nourished
at the altar of Christ's sacrifice.**

**We give you thanks
for the generations of faithful people
who worshiped and served you
in Saint David and Immaculate Conception
parishes,
and for the faith they handed on to us.**

**Preserve all that was good in their heritage,
and may the faith they handed down
continue to bear fruit
in the life and mission of Holy Family Parish.
Unite us ever more deeply in Christ.**

**Through the intercession of the Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, make Holy Family
Parish a true family of faith:**

**a place where children are baptized and formed,
where the young discover their vocation,
where families are strengthened,
where the poor and suffering find compassion,
where sinners encounter mercy,
where the lonely find a home,
and where all are called to holiness.**

**Bless and protect all those who will build this
church
and all whose work and generosity will make its
construction possible.**

**May the church that rises from this ground serve
a greater purpose:
the building up of your Church,
whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.**

**And when this work is completed,
may Holy Family Church stand for generations
as a place of prayer and praise,
a home for the celebration of the Sacraments,
and a sign of faith, hope, and charity to all who
enter its doors.**

**May Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
watch over this parish family,
keep its members united in love,
and lead them always closer to you.**

Through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

**(The Archbishop may now sprinkle the ground with
holy water, and the ceremonial breaking of ground
may follow.)**