

# *Summer Projects 2026 FAQs*

Over seventy years ago, our founding families planted seeds of faith in Los Altos soil—literally gathering outdoors on an apricot orchard, dreaming of the church and school that would someday rise here. Those seeds became the vibrant parish and school community we cherish today. This summer, we continue what they began: building for our current community, young and old, and for children not yet born and families not yet arrived.

This June, we begin significant campus improvements that have been fully funded - a community gathering plaza, preschool expansion and an ADA-compliant ramp to Schram Field.

## ***What is the Community Gathering Plaza?***

A welcoming outdoor space connecting the Church and Parish Center for fellowship before and after Mass, and for parish and school events.

## ***What improvements will be made?***

- Landscaping, shade, seating, an outdoor kitchen and upgrade of power for lighting and sound
- Upgraded electricity and plumbing

## ***What's included in the Little Saints Preschool expansion?***

A new building located in front of the existing Little Saints preschool buildings creating a dedicated welcome/check-in area with a dedicated crosswalk. The building includes:

- Dedicated reception area to welcome families
- Beautiful new classroom designed for early childhood learning
- Administrative office space to better serve preschool staff and parents
- Enhanced safety features including improved sidewalks, crosswalk access and parking

## ***What and where is the ADA ramp project?***

An ADA-compliant ramp to Schram Field, ensuring our entire campus is safe and accessible for everyone.

## ***How are these projects funded?***

All three projects are funded through parishioner and school family donations:

- Community Gathering Plaza: Funds put aside (Church reserves) from special donations and the last two Auction Fund-A-Need proceeds (Phase 1 was the Spooner Hall sliding doors)
- ADA Ramp: Bequest to the School made over 5 years ago and put aside at that time (School bequest reserve) for future projects
- Preschool Expansion: School bequest reserve and a portion of an early anchor gift designated for this project

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**Why are you doing all three projects at once?**

We're completing all projects simultaneously during summer break to:

- Maximize construction efficiency
- Give contractors full campus access
- Minimize disruption during the school year

**When will construction take place?**

Summer 2026, weekdays, 7am-4pm.

**Will I still be able to attend Mass during construction?**

Yes! Church entrances from the front parking lot remain accessible throughout the summer. We will continue celebrating daily Mass and Sunday Mass without interruption. Our parish life goes on.

**Why are VBS and Preschool Summer Program cancelled this summer?**

After prayerful consideration, we made the difficult decision to cancel both programs for summer 2026 due to safety concerns. With multiple construction zones, heavy equipment, and contractor activity across campus Monday through Friday throughout the summer, the safety and wellbeing of our children, families, staff, and volunteers must come first.

**Will these programs return?**

Yes! Both Vacation Bible School and the Little Saints Preschool Summer Program will return in summer 2027.

**Questions?**

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**\*Please note, these are preliminary image drafts by the architect - not the final designs.**

