



# *Our Lady of Grace Church*

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Dear Parishioner,

How many of you remember January 6, 1935? That was the day the first Mass in this community was celebrated in a store on Avenue X. It was not until September 27, 1936 that the first Mass was celebrated in our church. Those dates, seventy-five years ago, are very important to our history as a parish. Throughout those 75 years, the people of Our Lady of Grace have worshipped together, formed themselves and their children in the love and the truths taught by Christ, and lived in community, sharing time talent, and treasures for the good of this church.

I'm sure you would agree that our jubilee celebration should be framed by these two important dates. Therefore, our Parish Pastoral Council and the Anniversary Committee have decided that the observance of our anniversary will run from January 2010 through September of 2011, giving us twenty-one months to celebrate.

The Council and the Anniversary Committee have already met and have had many discussions. We plan to design banners for both inside and outside the church in order to advertise our anniversary. We hope to sponsor a variety of activities both spiritual and social: a parish mission, outdoor Masses (in the grotto), concerts, a ministry fair, reunions, a journal, a dinner at Russo's on the Bay, etc. The committee welcomes any ideas you may have for the celebration.

We are looking for photographs of our history as a parish. If you have any photos of different occasions, bring them to the Rectory, mark them clearly on the back, and they will be returned to you.

My hope is that during the jubilee all of our ministries, societies, and organizations will come together and work together for the good of the parish. What a great opportunity this provides for us to increase the spirit of our parish family!

In the Good Shepherd,

Rev. Thomas F. Leach