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Holy Trinity Catholic Church



"As a pastor entrusted with a building project, I was told by many that I would be worried, my health would be broken, and that the building process was going to be one of the most difficult things I would ever do as a priest. So while I started the project by trusting in God, I soon found out that I could trust Illig too. Not to over-spiritualize it, but I credit my very positive experience to the fact that we hired Illig. They were a literal 'God send.'" - Fr. Reynold

For nearly two decades, Illig Construction Company has been serving the Diocese of Orange in building new churches and schools for a growing Catholic Community. Dedicated on November 11, 2017, Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Ladera Ranch is the latest newly constructed sanctuary to provide Orange County Catholics an inspirational place of worship.

"Our mission is to place God first in all things, to proclaim

the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to grow in holiness through prayer, sacraments, and service." This is the Mission of the Holy Trinity Catholic Community. The Parish was founded in 2005, with masses first held in a nearby park. Now, twelve years later, the Parish serves over 2,000 families. Rev. Reynold Furrell, the founding Pastor, has shepherded this growing and vibrant Parish community and led the vision for this inspirational worship space.



Illig Construction completed the Spanish Mission style 1,153 seat, 18,352 square foot church on time for Dedication and within budget. The structure is steel frame with a 24" mat slab foundation. Illig Construction provided the structural support and coordinated the hoisting and installation of a 40' millwork reredos that was commissioned from Granda and hand-crafted in Spain. The Illig Team brought their seasoned

experience to the table having installed a reredos at Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano years before.

A painting of the Crucifixion by artist, Joseph Adolphe, is incorporated into the reredos. Illig developed a platform structure at the Diocese of Orange Cultural Center to support the 10 by 25 foot canvas so that the public could witness the painting's development as the artist masterfully created his work.





A second liturgical and artistic element is the baptismal font. The Illig Team led the coordination and design assist with the Diocese, Parish, project architect and artist, Mia Tavonatti to achieve the aesthetic vision. The font incorporates stainless steel custom support beams, marble slabs, a 1 ½ inch traffic rated glass floor over the immersion font, glass mosaic tiles created by Mia, and a custom glass bowl, by Siemon and Salazar of United Glass Blowing.

Stained glass, originally from the chapel at Marywood, formerly a girl's high school and then the Diocesan Chancellery, was incorporated into the narthex. With the Illig Team's "means and methods" recommendations, Lundstrom and Associates, the project architect, was able to streamline the glazing system design to receive the stained glass panels into the new curtain wall system with considerable cost saving benefit.



The church dedication date was scheduled early in the construction process to allow for the considerable planning required. During the very wet winter in 2017, Illig Construction overcame significant rain delays with a plan for structural steel installation. The site was prepped with 6 to 8 inches of rock to allow for cranes and equipment to advance the work despite the months of rain and muddy conditions. The result? The dedication date remained as originally scheduled.

With meticulous planning for safety, path of travel and risk management, the Illig Team prepared the church for a “project walk” during construction. With anticipation building as the structure advanced, the Parish Community was invited to visit their beautiful new church first hand as they were led in small groups to view the nave. Over six hundred parishioners participated in this opportunity to witness the construction in progress!



Throughout construction, church operations and daily masses continued without interruption. The entire project team—Diocese, Pastor, Owner’s Representative, Architect and Illig pulled together to plan the work, overcome hurdles and achieve the desired design vision for this long awaited new church. The Team’s collaborative and positive approach to sharing their respective talents yielded the desired success!

“The team that was on-site, working and interacting with my team and me weekly, if not daily, kept us informed, enlightened, and amazed. From a bare patch of dirt to a beautiful church, expansive gathering space, gracefully manicured green space and a big and beautiful parking lot. (Honestly, I had never thought that a parking lot could be beautiful before this experience.) Plus it was beautiful to be part of a team - architects, engineers, all working together with the Illig team to get the job done on time and on budget. I can’t thank Illig enough.

Illig made construction so easy, that I’m already ready to start working on the next building project, God willing, without fear or trepidation.” - Fr. Reynolds



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