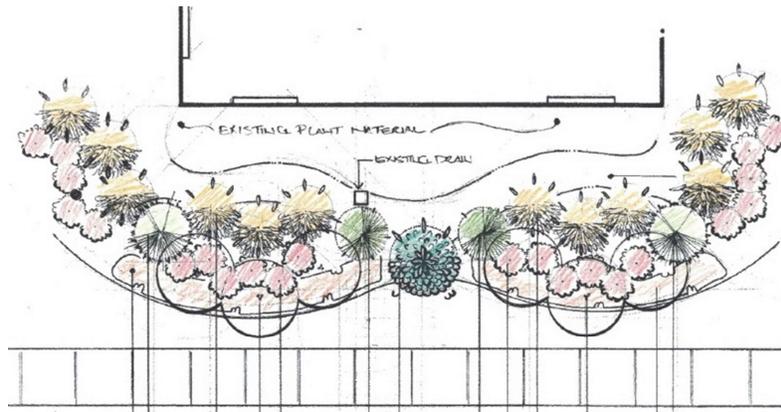


Several years ago concerns were raised about the sun glare in the Mary Chapel during different seasons. After investigation it was also found that cars and people seen through the Chapel windows during funerals cause some distraction. The preferred solution is stained glass. There are 4 sets of windows and we have 4 (Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, and Glorious) Mysteries of the Rosary. Stained glass window estimates were collected but found to be prohibitively expensive for now (+\$100,000). Curtains, blinds and window films were also studied but found to lack the aesthetic quality for a Chapel.

The 2 trees outside the windows do not screen out the parking lot because they are very tall and lose their leaves during the winter. Three landscaping contractors reviewed the project and made proposals. The desired proposal involves creating a long curving landscape bed of plants (with rocks close to the Chapel for drainage).

Cost estimate: \$6000 soil preparation & water catch basin, \$6000 plants and mulch.



A portion of the project will be done. \$1500 in donations has been received for plants in front of the windows. The 2 existing trees will be removed by volunteers on **Tues Aug 1**. Upon recommendations from Norwood Nursery and our own landscaper, Bob Walters, 2 **Cryptomeria Japonica** will be planted. The trees stay green all year long, grow quickly, are not messy, and we already have this type of tree in front of the Preschool and Rafael Hall.

SCHEDULE

Sun July 30

- bulletin & website announcement of project
- signs outside Chapel about limited parking on Tues after morning mass

Tues Aug 1

- 8am after mass place cones in parking spots in front of the trees
- 830am-5pm (if needed) remove trees and debris

A stump grinder will be hired after the trees are removed

Trees will be ordered in September.

