



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

## Mission San José, Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph

### St. Joseph Catholic School

Mission Statement: Our St. Joseph family is living the mission with Christ through the works of faith, charity and mercy.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2024



THE VIBRANT SAINT: CELEBRATING THE UPCOMING CANONIZATION OF ST. CARLO ACUTIS

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,



We rejoice at the upcoming canonization of St. Carlo Acutis, a vibrant and inspiring young saint during the jubilee year of 2025. Our Holy Father has approved the second miracle, solidifying his sainthood. To commemorate this momentous occasion, our parish has acquired a stunning stained glass image of St. Carlo Acutis.

St. Carlo Acutis embodied a profound love for the Holy Eucharist, attending daily Mass and fervently believing in the Lord's presence. His devotion to the Blessed Mother was equally remarkable, as evident in his words, "Mary is the only woman in my life." The rosary held a special place in his heart.

What sets St. Carlo Acutis apart is his relatability to our modern world. He enjoyed playing video games, designing websites, and playing soccer. His laptop was a tool for spreading the Gospel, particularly through his website showcasing Eucharistic miracles.

St. Carlo Acutis' passion for the Holy Eucharist led him to collect and share Eucharistic miracles worldwide. His website became a testament to the Lord's presence in our lives.

Here at St. Joseph Catholic Church, we have witnessed the power of St. Carlo Acutis' intercession. Two remarkable healings have occurred:

1. A young man, afflicted with schizophrenia, was healed after venerating the first-class relic of St. Carlo Acutis during our 2nd conference on March 16.
2. A woman, diagnosed with cancer and treated at Stanford Hospital, returned home cancer-free, attributing her recovery to St. Carlo Acutis' intercession.

St. Carlo Acutis' sanctity continues to inspire and heal. His life demonstrates that holiness is attainable in everyday life, even amidst modern distractions. As we honor this remarkable saint, may we emulate his devotion to the Holy Eucharist, the Blessed Mother, and our Church.

Yours in Christ,

**Fr. Anthony Huong Le, Pastor**  
St. Joseph Catholic Church/Mission San José  
Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph

# Encountering God



Welcome! Whether you are a devoted parishioner, a newcomer to our faith community, or a guest among us, we graciously welcome you into our spiritual home, where faith and fellowship unite us in Christ's love. Please contact us at 510-656-2364 or [parish@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:parish@saintjosephmsj.org) or visit us online at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org>. We look forward to connecting with you personally to meet and fulfill your spiritual needs.

## Baptism



I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Nyah Lane Ruiz

Kai Mitchell Pangelinan Twomey

Luna Luz Luevanos Gomez

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/liturgy/sacraments-2/baptism/>

## Holy Matrimony

Benjamin Lopez & Erica Moreno Oct 19

“And the two shall become one.”  
Ephesians 5:31



<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/liturgy/sacraments-2/marriage/>

## Funeral, Memorial



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

+John Mason

Sat Mar 8, 2025 12:00 PM Main Church

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/liturgy/sacraments-2/funerals/> or call 510-656-2364.

## Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30 PM	Main Church
Sunday Mass	8:00 AM	Mission
	10:00 AM	Main Church
	12:00 PM	Main Church
Mass in Vietnamese	3:00 PM	Main Church
Mass in Mandarin	5:00 PM	Main Church
First Sunday of the Month	7:00 PM	Mission (Ad Orientem)
First Wednesday of the Month St. Joseph Devotion	7:00 PM	Main Church
First Friday of the Month Sacred Heart of Jesus	8:00 AM	Mission
First Saturday of the Month Immaculate Heart of Mary (Anointing Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	8:00 AM	Mission
Rosary (Mon-Sat)	7:30 AM	Mission
Daily Mass (Mon-Sat)	8:00 AM	Mission
Divine Chaplet (Mon-Sat)	8:30 AM	Mission
Adoration (Mon-Fri)	9:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Adoration Chapel/ Main Church
Vespers (Mon-Fri) Evening Prayer, Divine Office	6:00 PM	Adoration Chapel/ Main Church
Holy Hour (Thu)	5:00 PM	Main Church
Vespers, Benediction (Thu)	6:00 PM	Main Church
Mass in Vietnamese (Thu)	7:00 PM	Main Church
Confession (Wed-Sat)	7:30 AM	Mission
Confession	By Appt.	Call 510-656-2364

# Faith Formation

## 1st Annual Fun Run Fundraiser - Thank you!

We did it! Many thanks to all our St. Joseph ministries, sponsors and participants! Our 1st Annual Faith Family Fun Run was a huge success raising more than \$12,000 to benefit our ministry! Father Anthony ran 20 laps (five miles!) accruing pledges in excess of \$4,640.00! Special thanks to the Mission San José Dominican Sisters for use of their “track,” the Men’s Ministry, the Boy Scouts, and countless volunteers who came out to support us, cheer us on and serve a delicious lunch. Visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/thank-you-fun-run/> to watch the fabulous highlights and video.



## Family of Faith - New to the Parish?

Encountering Christ as A Family. Nancy Flores [nflores@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:nflores@saintjosephmsj.org) or visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/family-of-faith/> for more information and to register.

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Adaptive Faith Formation, Rite of Christian Initiation for Children.

## Youth Ministry

Contact Aaron Loverro, Youth Coordinator, at [aloverro@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:aloverro@saintjosephmsj.org) to find out more about our special ministry, how we serve the community and make a difference in the lives of others. Visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/family-of-faith/youth-ministry/>.

## Special Religious Education - SPRED Ministry

SPRED assists parishes in the Diocese of Oakland to reach out and integrate children, teens and adults with special needs into the faith and life of the Church through their local parish. For more information, <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/family-of-faith/special-religious-education-spred-ministry/>.

## Family of Faith and Confirmation Families

Join us as we celebrate All Saints’ Day with fun games and facts highlighting the Church Triumphant (also known as the Saints)! Come to 12:00 PM Mass dressed as your favorite saint. All Saints procession and 'Trunk or Treat' directly follow the Mass, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM in the upper parking lot (school blacktop).

## Family of Faith - Thanksgiving Giveaway

Let's support St. Vincent de Paul Ministry as they prepare for the Thanksgiving Giveaway for our brothers and sisters who are in need of our assistance. We can help by providing the following:  
18 oz Jelly/Jam any flavor or Spam  
Please drop off your contributions in the church vestibule.



## Adaptive Faith Formation

Recognizing the beauty and presence of God in each person, our Family of Faith Ministry program welcomes children of ALL abilities. We have dedicated Catechists with Special Education and inclusion experience. We recognize each child’s unique talents, abilities, and special needs. For more, visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/family-of-faith/>.

## R.C.I.A. - Ignite the Fire Within!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you ever ask yourself...

What is the meaning of my life?

How can I become a part of something

bigger than myself? How can I be a better person?

Contact Deacon Dick at 510-304-4298 or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/adult-christian-initiation-classes/>.



## Dominican Friars - Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus



It normally takes 8 years of formation before a Dominican friar enters full-time ministry. Pray for the 2024-2025 Friars in Formation. Learn more about our young men in discernment at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/dominican-friars/>.

# Discipleship & Works of Mercy

## Hospitality Sunday ~ November 3, 2024

Hosted by the Homeless Outreach Ministry following the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon Masses. Visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/parish-outreach/homeless-outreach-ministry/> for info.

## The Witness Project

Sharing our personal stories in witness to God in our lives as presented in short videos. Real people, sharing real experiences. Tell us how God has called you in your life. Interested in sharing on film? Sign-up and someone from our Witness Project Team will contact you for filming your witness story. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/witness/>

## Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Wanted

Do you feel the calling to serve the Lord at Mass as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister? Discern with Deacon Dick 510-656-2364, <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/liturgy/mass/liturgy-committee/>.

## Calling All Altar Servers

The ministry of altar server is a ministry of hospitality. The altar server assists the priest at the celebration of the Mass. For more information, contact Richard Allen at [rcallen@alum.berkeley.edu](mailto:rcallen@alum.berkeley.edu) or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/liturgy/mass/altar-servers/>.

## St Vincent de Paul - The Fremont Conference

St. Vincent de Paul would like to express our sincere thanks for all the generous donations throughout the year. In addition to serving food to over 700 individuals/families per month, we had a successful backpack giveaway distributing 100 backpacks full of essential supplies to children, and a few to young parents who went back to college to further their education. We now plan for 150 to come for special Thanksgiving bags and 70 families to receive \$100 in gift cards at Christmas to buy food and gifts. We cannot do any of these works of charity and mercy without your generous support. We are grateful to be blessed with such generous parishioners! <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/service/st-vincent-de-paul/svdp-st-joseph-fremont-conference/>



## Homeless Outreach Ministry - Help Needed!

Volunteers needed to distribute grocery bags and clothes to the homeless in Fremont M/W/F mornings. Call Stan Peters 510-468-8017 or <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/homeless-outreach-help/>.

## Sister John Marie's Pantry



Sister John Marie's Pantry needs your help to maintain our ability to assist the community. To contact Sister John Marie's Pantry, please call 510-490-4171 or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/service/sister-john-maries-pantry/>.

## Bereavement Support Group

Are you dealing with the death or illness of a loved one or other life-changing loss? Sharing your story may help to heal and lighten the burden of your loss.

Oct 27	Understand Ritual and Healing
Nov 3	Memorial Service
Nov 10	Coping with the Holidays

Our grief support group meets Sundays through Nov. 3 at Holy Spirit Church, Fireside Lounge, 2:30-3:30 PM. Helen Campbell at 510-386-6019. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/grief-support/>

## Catholic Voting Guidelines

As Catholics, we integrate our faith as the moral framework in exercising our rights to vote for and support political leaders on significant issues affecting local, state, and federal levels. Passed on by the bishops of California, please read the guidelines to follow at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/parish-election-guidelines/>.



## Refugee Resettlement News

The Refugee Resettlement Ministry effects and changes lives, offering hope and a new beginning to families fleeing hardship. Please visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/parish-outreach/refugee-resettlement/> for more information.



# Prayer, Devotions, Holy Days

## Mass Intentions

Sat	10/26	5:30 PM	+Enrico De Santos, +Evaristo De Santos, +Rajesh Selvaraj
Sun	10/27	8:00 AM	+Le-Minh Pesch, +Alegria Armas, +Jason Arriola
		10:00 AM	+Baby Speranza-Camp, +Conrado Vasquez, Intentions of Dolores Metoyer
		12:00 PM	+Robert Benya, Intentions of Lorna Gomes, Intentions of Maryann Carlin
		3:00 PM	+Phong Quoc Nguyen, +Paul Tuan Quoc Nguyen
		5:00 PM	People of St. Joseph
Mon	10/28	8:00 AM	+Thoa Ngo, Intentions of Corazon Ronan, Intentions of Michael Huajardo
Tue	10/29	8:00 AM	+Douglas Barlett, Deceased Members of the Lightholder Family, Intentions of Ben Teng Tung Han
Wed	10/30	8:00 AM	+Amanda Arriola, +Arturo Arriola, Intentions of Jacklin Chang
Thu	10/31	8:00 AM	+Manolo Arriola, +Armando Arriola, +Jason Arriola
Fri	11/01	8:00 AM	+AntonVan Dinh Man, +Evan & Ruth Chong +Bruno & Caroline Siko
		12:00 PM	+Emigdio & Asuncion Cabantac, Intentions of Arakkal Family
		7:00 PM	+Geoffrey Callo, Intentions of Ramon F. Agbayani
Sat	11/02	10:00 AM	Deceased members of the Crisostomo, Infante, Fernando & Orilla Families

## Pray for the Sick

Chris Benya, Amy Benya, Gary Asher, Susan Alioto, Anna Wang, Yuk Ying Chan, Norma Neto, Janet Abriam, Maryann Carlin, Gary Whiteley, Christie Oswald, Meghan Abadacca, Dan Loverro, Sally-N Thomas, Theresa Martin, Jayson Watkins, Monique Morsette, Mary Costello, Zeny Lacey, Michael Roseman, Rey Rara, Matthew Cestaric, Kenny Zulawski, Arlene Zulawski, Catherine Martin, Teresita Lopez, Debora Modica, Pamela Randolph

Please contact the Parish Office for prayer requests at 510-656-2364. Visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/prayer-team-ministry/>.

## Solemnity of All Saints – A Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, October 31 and Friday, November 1, 2024



7:00 PM (VN) - 10/31 Vigil	Main Church
8:00 AM	Mission
9:15 AM (School)	Main Church
12:00 PM Noon	Main Church
7:00 PM (Bilingual, CN/EN)	Main Church

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/all-saints/>

## The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) - Saturday, November 2, 2024

No 8:00 AM,	10:00 AM	Mission
Prayer Service	3:00 PM	St. Joseph's Cemetery 300-400 Felipe Common

Visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/all-souls-day/> to add the names of your deceased loved ones to our online Book of Remembrance.

## Monthly Devotional Masses & Liturgies

### Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Ad Orientem, Vespers

Fri	Nov 1	8:00 AM	All Saints - Mission, No 24-Hour Adoration
Sat	Nov 2	10:00 AM	Mission, Multicultural, No 8:00 AM Mass
Sun	Nov 3	7:00 PM	Mission, Ad Orientem, Candlelight, Reception
Wed	Nov 6	7:00 PM	Main Church
Thu	Nov 7	6:00 PM	English/Vietnamese

# Spotlight Ministries: Homeless Outreach and Sister John Marie's Pantry



Nurturing relationships with God and within society are very fundamental to our Faith. We reach out to homeless people and families living on streets, encampments, RVs, and cars to provide sustenance

every week, sleeping bags, tents, warm blankets, clothes, gloves, socks, shoes as needed. Our second outreach group is Sister John Marie's Pantry. This ministry pays the bills for those who are struggling to make ends meet now.

Through these acts of compassion and mercy we live our Faith and nourish our relationships with those less fortunate in our neighborhood.

Our ministry includes:

- Provisions Procurement: Volunteers shop and procure provisions such as canned soups, meat, peanut butter, juice, noodle cups, bottled water, crackers, dried fruit, that are shelf-stable every week and store them.



- Grocery Bag Packing: On Thursday and Sunday, volunteers pack the provisions into grocery bags along with paper towel, spoon, and alcohol wipes. Each bag contains approximately 30 items.

- Grocery Bag Distribution: On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week, grocery bags are loaded into a vehicle driven by volunteers to different parts of the city. We deliver to our less fortunate brethren 80 to 90 bags every week.

- Warm Sandwiches: One week every month, we buy approximately 70 warm sandwiches from Subway and give to the Homeless along with grocery bags.

- Hot lunch: One Saturday every month, we buy from a restaurant and serve the homeless. At least 30 hot lunches are served.

- Essential Items: We procure sleeping bags, tents,

gloves when they are on sale and store them, then give to the homeless per request.

- Donated Items: We collect warm jackets, clothes, socks, etc. from the community and give to the homeless on a regular basis.

- St. Joseph Parish: Once a month, children and teenagers from Faith Formation Ministry, Confirmation Ministry, and St. Joseph School make approximately 60 Blessing Bags each – a small brown bag containing small items such as dry fruit, cookies, etc. which is then added to the larger grocery bags making the packing more efficient.



The Homeless Outreach Ministry contains many elements, most importantly many dedicated and passionate volunteers who are willing to serve the less fortunate. The expression, gratitude, and smiles of these homeless brothers and sisters are very rewarding and so worth the effort.

Please join us in reaching out to the less fortunate and living our Faith through works of mercy and charity.



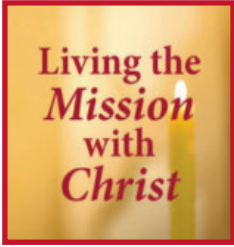
## Sister John Marie's Pantry

Sister John Marie's Pantry began in 1982. We have a 24-hour recorded hotline phone number for requests. Our reconciled figures for the first half of 2023 include the following:

- 25 Families - \$8,666 for utility bills
- 21 Families - \$10,116 for rent
- Homeless ministry support
- 50 shopping trips - \$6,350 + \$6,000 in donated food from the Parish
- 19 people - \$3,982 for temporary hotel stays

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/parish-outreach/homeless-outreach-ministry/>

# Stewardship and Finance



<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>10/13/2024</b>
Weekly Actual	\$ 16,558.20
Weekly Budget	\$ 27,647.06
Year to Date Actual	\$ 794,694.42
Year to Date Budget	\$ 1,105,882.40
No 2nd Collection	\$

**Bishop’s Ministries Appeal - 2nd Collection, October 27**  
<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/world-mission-sunday/>

## The Heart of a Happy Family

Bring home a miniaturized replica of the Holy Family, basking in the love of God. Cast in bronze, purchase this statue for \$300.00. All proceeds fund the Carriage house renovation and benefit the parish Homeless Outreach Ministry. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/statue/>.



## Wedding Feast of the Lamb - 12” x 49” Print

Our magnificent, one-of-kind original oil painting was created by artist Michael Corsini of Pennsylvania. Measuring 7’ tall by 50’ wide, the Wedding Feast of the Lamb was painted on five canvas panels and joined together during installation. Call 510-656-2364.

\$1227	Print	Framed (signed & sealed)
\$750	Print	Unframed (signed & sealed)

## Engraved Brick Sponsorships - Honor a Loved One!

Sponsor an engraved brick to adorn our outdoor Stations of the Cross path. Visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/brick/> for more information.

## Stock, Mutual Funds, IRA Required Distributions



By donating publicly traded appreciated stocks or shares of mutual funds to St. Joseph Parish or donating all or some of your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMA), you can avoid paying capital gains taxes and receive a tax deduction. For more information and specific details, contact Gina Mehta at [gmehta@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:gmehta@saintjosephmsj.org), 510-656-2364 or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/stewardship/donate/>.

## How to Give Online - OSV

Please visit <https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds> to schedule your regular weekly or monthly contribution and to donate to second and special collections. All major credit cards and electronic transfers from bank accounts are accepted. Online giving is easy to do, safe and secure, and ensures the parish receives a consistent flow of income.



Weekly Plate Collection	Bishop’s Ministries Appeal
Mission Museum Renewal	Church Renovation
Second Collection	Special Collections

## FlockNote “Text-to-Give” Option

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/text-to-give/>  
 Text GIVE and the FUND NAME to 510-647-6027.

## 2024 Bishop’s Ministries Appeal

Many Ministries, One Church – As of 10/15/24 our 2024 Appeal has raised **\$56,123.27** or 75.26% of our \$72,000 goal for the parish. The overall goal is \$3M and supports the 70+ ministries serving our diocese, and the surrounding communities. Support our efforts in the Bishop’s Ministries Appeal by praying and by giving. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/2024-bishops-ministries-appeal/>.

## Match Your Donations

Many employers have matching gift programs. Increase your financial support to our parish with matching corporate funds. Most companies will match donations to schools and to non-sectarian, non-profit corporations such as CRMSJ (Committee for the Restoration of the Mission San José). Contributions to St. Joseph School and CRMSJ help fund needed improvements and operating expenses at the school, Mission church and museum. Contact Gina Mehta at [gmehta@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:gmehta@saintjosephmsj.org) or 510-656-2364.

## Diocesan Update on Chapter 11 Proceedings

Please visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/bishops-letter> to read Bishop Michael Barber’s letter providing an update on the bankruptcy case for our Diocese.

# Parish News & Campus Facilities

## Important Phone Numbers



Parish Office	510-656-2364
Family of Faith Office	510-657-0905
St. Joseph School	510-656-6525
Mission San José	510-657-1797
Sr. John Marie's Pantry	510-490-4171
St. Vincent de Paul	510-661-9572

## St. Joseph School is Hiring - 3rd Grade Teacher

Faith-filled, Bachelor's degree (minimum), preferred valid CA Teaching Credential. 1+ year(s) teaching, intern or assistant experience. Contact Principal Laurie Lopez at 510-656-6525. Cover letter/resume to [llopez@sjsmsj.org](mailto:llopez@sjsmsj.org), <https://stjosephschoolfremont.org>.

## Dominican Sisters Annual Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Dominican Sisters Motherhouse. Online Shopping for Signature Items available October 6 through October 27. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/holiday-boutique/>



## Dominican Sisters - CES

Center for Education and Spirituality Events. Join us at the Dominican Motherhouse for Bible Study, Lectio Divina, Sacred Healing Women's Circle and our special Advent presentation, Waiting with Jesus Comes with Surprises. Visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/dominican-sisters-ces/> for registration and more info.

## Marriage Building Workshop

Married and unmarried couples are invited to join the Skills for Sacramental Marriage Building workshop on 11/16. Invest in your marriage today! <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/marriage-workshop/>.



## Rosales Opus 14 Spanish Organ Interlude

Every second Sunday of the month in the Mission at 1:30 PM performed by Director of Music Ministries, Ronald E. McKean. Register for a public tour at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/mission-public-tours/>. Don't miss this extraordinary musical experience!

## The Carriage House

We will soon have a permanent home base to carry out our volunteer work. That would be the first floor of the Carriage House as soon as renovation is completed. For several years we've been operating out of the garage of our founder, Stan Peters. Scan the "YouTube" QR CODE to view this garage operation. We are so grateful for all of you who have supported the Carriage House Project.



We are still accepting donations. You can donate online by visiting <https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds> or scan the "Donate" QR CODE now. Join us in reaching out to the less fortunate and living our Faith. We are always in need of new volunteers. We thank you!



## FORMED



Featuring the best Catholic video programs, audio talks, eBooks and movies on demand. Suitable for ALL ages. Visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/formed/>

## Dominican Sisters Peace Pilgrimage

Join us on Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM for a time of Communal Prayer, Personal Reflection and Peace. RSVP to [swalker@msjdominicans.org](mailto:swalker@msjdominicans.org) or 510-657-2468.

## 42nd Annual Las Posadas

Las Posadas, a ceremonial reenactment of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, celebrates its 42nd year at Mission San Jose. We sing Christmas carols and process from the Mission porch to a local venue for entertainment and refreshments. Don't miss the final night, December 23, featuring Christmas music performed on our magnificent Rosales organ by Director of Music Ministries, Ronald McKean. Visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/las-posadas-2024/> for more information.

## Simbang Gabi

The Filipino Community of St. Joseph invites you to our traditional 9-day Simbang Gabi celebration December 15 through December 23, 2024. More details to come. Please join us for this extraordinary cultural event!



# Mission Renewal Project

## PART ONE: THE OHLONE INDIANS:

### *The Indian Way*

The Ohlone Indians, being all hunters and gatherers, and dependent upon what nature provided, obviously had to adapt their way of life to what nature provided. So, they built and developed a way of life which was a close fit to the particular resources of the small and individual tribal territories.

Before the Spanish set foot in the San Francisco East Bay to choose the future site for Mission San Jose, numerous tribes descended from Penutian speaking migrants had settled the land for thousands of years. The landscape of the San Francisco Bay Region was comprised of tiny tribal territories, approximately eight to twelve miles in diameter and populated with about 200 to 400 individuals. The tribelets, were associations of families that worked in unison to harvest the numerous plant and animal resources that occupied a fixed territory. These tribelets have been called “independent, landholding religious congregations.” All of California was populated with these tiny tribes due to the abundant resources that were available throughout the state.

It has been determined from the Mission San Jose Baptismal Register begun in 1797 that the Fremont Plain, in the southwest corner of Alameda County, had been occupied by the Alson and Tuibun tribelets. These groups lived in numerous semi-sedentary villages year round. The boundaries of their territory are unclear, although that it may be inferred that the Alson controlled the area from the bay shoreline to an unknown ridge-line boundary in the East Bay Hills and that it extended from Scott Creek, on the modern Alameda County line, northward to an area south of Alameda Creek that may have been defined by the



historic Sanjon de los Alisos drainage, where presently the Jarvis Avenue route is located. The Tuibun seem to have been located at the mouth of Alameda Creek and in the Coyote Hills area on the eastern shore of the San Francisco Bay.

The beauty of the Ohlone culture comes from how much they were able to yield from the natural environment that immediately surrounded them. The Ohlone diet was extremely diverse and there was never any record of starvation, nor any mention of it in their oral tradition. They had never known hunger until the Spanish came, labeled their practices as “savage,” and imposed their own system of domesticated animals that ravaged the natural ecosystem and forced tribes to depend on mission livestock for food. Malcolm Margolin describes the Ohlones as a hunting and gathering society,

“One harvest followed another in a great yearly cycle. There were trips to the seashore for shellfish, to the rivers for salmon, to the marshes for ducks and geese, to the oak groves for acorns, to the hills and meadows for seeds, roots, and greens, to quarries for minerals and stones, and other trips for milkweed fiber, hemp, basket materials, tobacco, and medicine. The series of ripening and harvesting divided the year into different periods, and it gave Ohlone life its characteristic rhythm.”

- Andrew Galvan

**THERE ARE MANY  
WAYS YOU CAN  
PARTICIPATE!**

You can help out by becoming a Mission Ambassador and leading museum tours, assisting visitors in the new Pilgrim Center or Gift Shop Center, beautifying our Mission Museum grounds, lending a helping hand in events and workshops, or by supporting our project financially. Email us at [parish@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:parish@saintjosephmsj.org), call us at 510-656-2364, or visit us online at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/category/mission/>.

### **Mission Museum Ambassadors & Greeters Training**

Saturday, November 16, 2024, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the Parish Hall with Livescan onsite 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Also, November 30, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM is our Greeter Training Session. All future Mission Museum Ambassadors and Greeters are required to

attend these sessions. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/ambassadorsign-up/> or text TOURS2024 to 84576 to join/sign-up or contact Lisa Dang [ldang@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:ldang@saintjosephmsj.org) for questions and more information. Thank you for being part of our Mission Renewal Project and sharing your God-given gifts!

# Our Spiritual Leaders & Staff

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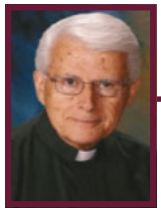
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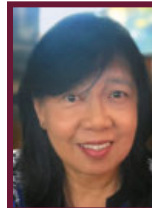
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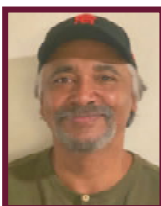
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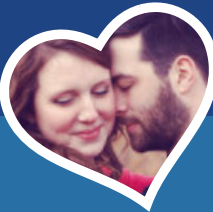
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