



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.

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024



"BEHOLD, I COME TO YOU." - MATTHEW 1:20

DEAR PEOPLE OF GOD,

As the world prepares for Christmas, we often forget the profound significance of Advent. Beyond twinkling lights and festive decorations, Advent represents the sacred moment when Jesus comes to meet His people. It's a time of divine encounter, where we welcome Jesus into our lives, and He invites us to draw closer to Him.

"In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us." - Luke 1:78

Advent is a season of encounter. In this sacred season, we're reminded that Jesus' mission is to connect with humanity, to see us, and to share His love. Similarly, our mission as followers is to facilitate encounters with Jesus for all, especially those seeking spiritual guidance.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." - Matthew 3:3

Advent is a time to recollect. You're invited to join us for an Advent Recollection Day on December 7th from 9 am-12 pm, conducted by Fr. Noel Sanvicente, Judicial Judge of the Tribunal of the Diocese of San Jose. Take time to:

- Reflect on the true meaning of Advent
- Deepen your spiritual connection with Jesus
- Prepare your heart for Christmas

"Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad." - Psalm 96:11

Advent is a time for a musical celebration. On the same day, December 7 at 7:30 pm, please come and enjoy the soul-stirring sounds of our talented orchestra!

"Come and see." - John 1:39

For St. Joseph parish, Advent is a new beginning. Our Pilgrim Center & Saint Joseph Chapel of Healing are done!

We're also thrilled to announce the transformation of the Carriage House into St. Joseph's Workshop! Once nearly ruined, now restored with love and care, this sacred space will serve as a hub for:

- Homeless Outreach Ministry
- Family of Faith
- Ministries

Please come and see. Explore our renovated Carriage House, Pilgrim Center, and Saint Joseph Chapel of Healing hidden at the heart of the Mission museum on December 14 and 15 after all Sunday masses. You are welcome to walk through an amazing and beautiful journey of faith, history, and salvation.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." - Isaiah 9:6

Here, faith, hope, and charity will flourish, marking a new beginning for Saint Joseph Parish. Thank you for your unwavering support and prayers. Together, with God's guidance, we'll achieve remarkable things for the salvation of souls.

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 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

Amy Zucker & Zachary Stuermer Apr 26

Phuong Do & Bao Nguyen May 23

“And the two shall become one.”

Ephesians 5:31

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

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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 AND SJS NEWS



Advent Recollection - Saturday, December 7, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Embrace the season with speaker, Rev. Noel Sanvicente. Through guided reflections and sacred teachings, this retreat will deepen our faith and renew our hope in Christ. Join us as we journey together toward the light of Christmas, embracing the peace and promise of His love. For more info and to register, visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/retreat>.

Family of Faith - Nativity Play



Are you interested in being part of the St. Joseph Christmas Eve Nativity Play? Visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/nativity-play-signup/>, scan the QR code or contact Nancy Flores at nflores@saintjosephmsj.org to sign up/info.

12/02	Mon	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Mission
12/05	Thurs	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Hall
12/09	Mon	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Mission
12/11	Wed	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Mission
12/16	Mon	5:00 - 6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Main Church
12/18	Wed	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Rehearsal	Main Church
12/23	Mon	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Rehearsal	Main Church
12/24	Tue	5:00 PM	Mass/Play	Main Church

Advent Reconciliation - Monday, December 2, 2024

Family of Faith and Confirmation students/parents, Monday, December 2, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM in the Main Church. Make this Advent a time of renewal and shared joy in God's love.

Youth Ministry - You Can Make A Difference!

Joining youth ministry offers a welcoming space to grow in faith, make lasting friendships, and deepen your relationship with God. Contact Youth Coordinator, Aaron Loverro, aloverro@saintjosephmsj.org, for questions and more info. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/family-of-faith/youth-ministry/>.

Adaptive Faith Formation

Recognizing the beauty and presence of God in each person. Visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/family-of-faith/>.

Deacon Formation Class

January 5, 2024 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
January 26, 2024 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Transfiguration Church Parish Hall
4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley, CA

Is God calling you? Contact Cielo Barroso-Branco, 510-267-8356 or cbranco@oakdiocese.org. Visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/deacon-formation/>.

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Interested in becoming a Catholic? Contact Deacon Dick at 510-304-4298 or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/adult-christian-initiation-classes/>.



St. Joseph School is Hiring - 3rd Grade Teacher



Bachelor's degree (minimum). 1+ year(s) teaching, intern or assistant experience.

Contact Principal Laurie Lopez at 510-656-6525. Cover letter/resume to llopez@sjsmsj.org, <https://stjosephschoolfremont.org>.

Celebrating Language, Learning and Community

St. Joseph School students from grades first through eighth recently competed in the Scripps National Spelling Bee School Competition. School champion Eva Wang, (8th grade), will represent SJS in the nation's largest and longest-running educational program, as she advances to the Regional Finals in Spring, 2025. Congratulations to all who participated!

St. Joseph School NOW Enrolling!

Contact Principal Laurie Lopez for more information 510-656-6525. Visit <https://stjosephschoolfremont.org>.

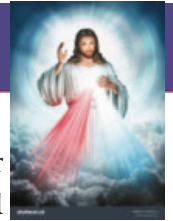
Dominican Sisters Center for Education & Spirituality

Lectio Divina, Sacred Healing and Advent presentation, Waiting with Jesus Comes with Surprises. Visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/dominican-sisters-ces/>.

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DISCIPLESHIP & WORKS OF MERCY



Hospitality Sunday - Today, December 1, 2024

The Usher Ministry hosts hospitality today in the Parish Hall directly following the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 PM Masses. We are dedicated to welcoming parishioners and visitors, ensuring a smooth and reverent flow during Mass and other parish events. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/liturgy/mass/ushers/>

Homeless Outreach Ministry

St. Joseph Homeless Outreach commences December 8th. Support this noble cause. Help the homeless in the community and live our Faith through donating your Time, Talent, and Treasure. Please call or text Lawrence Dass at 510-468-4494. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/parish-outreach/homeless-outreach-ministry/>

St Vincent de Paul - St. Joseph Conference

The SVDP fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. The following accomplishments are a direct result of your generous donations.



Large bags of food distributed	7,473
Food bags passed out to the homeless	617
Thanksgiving giveaway	120
Christmas family giveaway	58
Backpacks full of school supplies	107
Neighbors helped with rent/utility bills	7

We also distributed: 22 Solar chargers; 6 Solar lights; 233 Toiletry kits; 186 Ponchos; 11 Coats; 24 Sleeping bags; 7 Tents; 14 Tarps. St. Joseph School, along with Family of Faith and Youth Ministry/Confirmation, help tremendously throughout the year, as do our parishioners. God bless everyone! Thank you. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/service/st-vincent-de-paul/svdp-st-joseph-conference/>

Update - Sister Parish in Ghana

New photos posted! <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/sister-parish-update/#nov2024> for an update on the progress our brothers and sisters have made on their church and library. Thank you for your support!



Sister John Marie's Pantry

We need your help to maintain our ability to assist the community. Call 510-490-4171 or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/service/sister-john-maries-pantry/>.

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/>.

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. Please visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/witness/> for more information and filming interview.



Refugee Resettlement News

A Blanket for Jesus? While our last family is settling into schools and looking for a job, our Resettlement Shed is almost out of basic bedding. Our greatest needs are twin sheets and comforters, queen blankets and comforters and pillows! All donations can be dropped at the Parish Office. Think how grateful the Holy Family would have been for a warm blanket for Jesus! Thank you! For more information, visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/a-blanket-for-jesus/>

St. Joseph Garden and Flower Group

Join us in nurturing God's Garden! We gather on Wednesdays 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM to water and maintain this beautiful space. You may also donate to our ministry to support our efforts. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/garden-group/>. Text 510-468-0968 for more information.



Calling All Altar Servers

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

PRAYER, DEVOTIONS, HOLY DAYS



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	11/30	5:30 PM	+Enrico De Santos, +Alvin Lim, Intentions of Arisha Bhattacharya
Sun	12/01	8:00 AM	+Arsenio Capulong, +Amiel Brian Capulon, +Leonardo Velasquez
		10:00 AM	+Felisberto & Thalia Da Cruz, +Carmen Prata
		12:00 PM	+Baby Speranza-Camp, +Paul Bu Phuoc Nguyen, +Adriana Nunes
		3:00 PM	People of Saint Joseph
		5:00 PM	People of Saint Joseph
		7:00PM	People of Saint Joseph
Mon	12/02	8:00 AM	+Peter Nam, +Anne Yen, +Yaw-Wen Wang
Tue	12/03	8:00 AM	+Felix Wang, +Anne Phuong, +Gen-Hua Chow
Wed	12/04	8:00 AM	+Anna Nguyen Chau, +Theresa Anh-Quyen, +Agnes Black
Thu	12/05	8:00 AM	+Diep-Tai, +Dorothy Wiley, +Helen Hennacy
Fri	12/06	8:00 AM	+Joseph Quynh, +Helen Janson, +Virginia Hays
Sat	12/07	8:00 AM	+C.J. Joseph, +K.O. Peter, Intentions of the Arakkal Family

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation



Immaculate Conception	December 9
8:00 AM	Mission
9:15 AM (School)	Main Church
5:00 PM (Vietnamese)	Main Church
7:00 PM (Bilingual, CN/EN)	Main Church

Pray for the Sick

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

Advent Reconciliation - Month of December 2024

December marks the beginning of our new liturgical year. As we enter the sacred season of Advent, we invite you to experience the grace of reconciliation. Let us renew our hearts and journey together in faith as we prepare to welcome the Lord with joy and peace. Confession will be heard 30 minutes before every Sunday Mass and every morning Mass, Wednesday through Saturday, while the rosary is being prayed. Experience God's healing grace and obtain His abundant mercy.

Pray the Rosary, Observe Reverent Silence

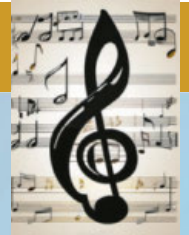
Pray the Holy Rosary before every Mass as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Draw closer to Mary and Jesus, and reflect on the mysteries of our faith. We encourage reverent silence within the church before Mass to allow for quiet reflection and peaceful preparation for the Eucharistic celebration.

Monthly Devotional Masses & Liturgies

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Ad Orientem, Vespers

Sun	Dec 1	7:00 PM	Mission, Ad Orientem, Candlelight, Reception
Wed	Dec 4	7:00 PM	Main Church
Thu	ALL	6:00 PM	English/Vietnamese Vespers/Mass
Fri	Dec 6	8:00 AM	Mission, 24-hour Adoration, Main Church
Sat	Dec 7	8:00 AM	Mission

SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY ~ MUSIC



Part II: Your support of the music ministry makes a profound impact by nurturing a vibrant and inclusive worship environment, empowering musicians to elevate the liturgical experience and unite the congregation in faith and song.



Ronald E. McKean
Director of Music Ministries
St. Joseph Catholic Church/
Mission San José
Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph
Organist, Choirmaster

Our Lady of Vailankanni Mass, offering heartfelt hymns to honor



our Blessed Mother with devotion and grace.

Family of Faith choir members taught theory and technique by Mr. McKean. Practice, practice, practice!



Family of Faith Children's Choir rehearsing for the upcoming Christmas Concert, El Niño Divino.



Guest choir of Ronald McKean from San Francisco, rehearsing in the Mission loft.

Orchestra members preparing for the Mission Museum re-opening and concert.



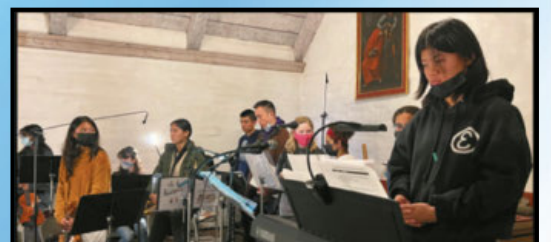
Filipino choir preparing for a liturgy in Tagalog. Our Chinese and Vietnamese choirs have dedicated Masses on Sunday.



The Adult Multicultural choir uplifts the liturgy with sacred hymns, drawing hearts closer to God in song.



Schola and orchestra ensemble preparing for evening Mass in the Mission. Our choirs and musicians play all Masses in both the Mission and the Main Church.



STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE



Gift Giving Options and Ideas for the Holidays!

This holiday season, give a gift that inspires faith and supports our church's mission. Choose from the "*Heart of a Happy Family*" statue, "*Wedding Feast of the Lamb*" print, or sponsor an "*Engraved Brick*" for our outdoor Stations of the Cross. Each gift enriches our campus and outreach ministries making your gift go further with purpose and love.



The Heart of a Happy Family

For a limited time, available for only \$200 (original price \$300). Cast in bronze, this statue stands at 9.5"x 4". The original, conceptualized and commissioned by Fr. Anthony Huong Le and sculpted by Debra McLaughlin, InDweller Artistic, Canada, was installed May 1, 2024. Proceeds benefit the renovation of the Carriage House. Call 510-656-2364 or go to <https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds/>.

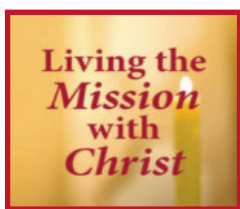
Engraved Brick Sponsorships - Honor a Loved One!

Sponsor an engraved brick to adorn our outdoor Stations of the Cross. Brick paths and embellishments are installed on the path and at each station. Sponsor an engraved brick for \$250. Each red brick measures 9"x4.5" high and 3"deep. Engraving includes up to two lines, 15 spaces per line. Call 510-656-2364 or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/brick/> and sponsor your brick today. Thank you!



Wedding Feast of the Lamb, 12" x 49" Print ~ \$1,000 Framed, \$500 Unframed (all prints signed and sealed)

Our magnificent, one-of-kind original oil painting was created by artist Michael Corsini, Pennsylvania. He believes in the transformative power of sacred art. His mantra, "the spiritual healing and renewal needed in our time, begins through an encounter with beauty; the kind of beauty that reveals Christ, and allows for Him to do His Work," encapsulates his mission. Measuring 7' tall by 50' wide, the Wedding Feast of the Lamb was painted on five canvas panels and joined together during installation. We are offering 12"x 49" limited edition signed prints for purchase. Call 510-656-2364 to reserve your print today. To watch the installation and the in-depth interview with Michael, visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/facilities/church-renovation-project/wedding-feast-of-the-lamb/>.



12/01/2024
No 2nd Collection
Please help the poor and homeless.

Sunday Offertory	11/10/2024
Weekly Actual	\$ To come
Weekly Budget	\$ 27,647.06
Year to Date Actual	\$
Year to Date Budget	\$ 1,188,823.58
Bishop's Appeal YTD	\$ 56,123.27
No 2nd Collection	\$

How to Give Online - OSV

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds> to schedule your regular weekly or monthly contribution and to donate to second and special collections, Bishop's Ministries Appeal, Mission Museum Renewal and the Church Renovation. Thank you for your support.



FlockNote "Text-to-Give" Option

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

Match Your Donations ~ Most companies will match donations to schools and to non-sectarian, non-profit corporations. Contact gmehta@saintjosephmsj.org.

Stock, Mutual Funds, IRA Required Distributions

Donate publicly traded appreciated stocks or shares of mutual funds and all/some of your IRA RMD. Gina Mehta at gmehta@saintjosephmsj.org or 510-656-2364.

PARISH NEWS AND 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 Men's Ministry Fellowship Meeting

Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 PM in our Parish Hall. The Men of Saint Joseph are a diverse, active group who are passionate about their spiritual development, service to the community and fellowship with each other. We invite you to join us. <https://saintjosephmen.org/>



Grand Re-Opening ~ Mission Museum, Gift Shop and Carriage House - You Are Cordially Invited!

Saturday, December 14, - tour after the 5:30 PM Mass
Sunday, December 15 - guided tours after every Mass
Tour the Mission Museum, Gift Shop, and Carriage House. Discover relics of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saints, the inspiring stories of the Holy Family, Franciscans, and Ohlone, and the sacred serenity of the St. Joseph Chapel of Healing. Celebrate the rich history of Mission San José and its enduring mission today. Visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/open-house/> for more information.

Simbang Gabi - December 15 through 23

The Filipino Community of St. Joseph invites you to our cherished Filipino Christmas tradition, Simbang Gabi. Visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/simbang-gabi> for additional information and the 9-day Mass schedule.



42nd Annual Las Posadas - December 15 through 23

Las Posadas, a ceremonial reenactment of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, celebrates its 42nd year at Mission San José. Please visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/las-posadas-2024/> to view the events planned each evening.



El Niño Divino ~ A Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 7:30 PM

Director of Music Ministries, Ronald McKean, invites you to join us Saturday, December 7 at 7:30 PM in the Main church for this spectacular, all-campus event. This holiday treat features our orchestra, adult multicultural choirs, children/youth choirs, and St. Joseph Laudate Ringers (bell choir). Free-will offering.

Exciting Job Opportunity - Gift Shop Associate

Join our vibrant team at the Mission San Jose Museum. Every other weekend, 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM, beginning mid-December. For job description and more information, visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/gift-shop-opportunity/>. For questions and to submit resume, contact Gina Mehta at gmehta@saintjosephmsj.org.



Missio Dei - Coming Soon!

The latest addition to our Mission San José Renewal Project: *Missio Dei* is a publication filled with historical insights, sacred and cultural stories, and fascinating facts about Mission San José. Through reverent articles, updates, and reflections, Missio Dei invites you to engage with this sacred space, connecting hearts and minds to the enduring spirit of faith and resilience that defines Mission San José. Explore the Mission's past and discover how its legacy continues to inspire and enrich our lives today.

A New Home for the Mission's Silver

The processional silver crucifix and candlestick holders dating back to the original 1809 Adobe Church have been a beautiful sight to behold at each year's Founder's Mass celebration. A big "Thank You" to Tobias Lee, BSA Troop 120, for building the display case housing our precious silver, as his Eagle Scout project with the support of his family and fellow scouts. You can see Tobias' superb workmanship at the Mission Museum re-opening on December 14 and 15 after every Mass.



MISSION RENEWAL PROJECT

The Life and Miracles of Saint Joseph

You are invited to Mission San José, the Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph. Come and join us in celebrating the Life and Miracles of Saint Joseph.

As we journey through the pages of history in the Mission San José Museum, a quiet hero emerges, inviting us to reflect on our own path. Saint Joseph, a man of unwavering faith, steadfast love, and courageous protection, whispers to us, sharing his story.

Who is Saint Joseph? The Bible reveals glimpses of his life, portraying a holy man, a faithful husband, and a fearless guardian of salvation. His selflessness and righteousness shine brightly, inspiring us to follow in his footsteps.

Saint Joseph is a good man. When he discovered Mary's pregnancy, he chose compassion over concern for himself. He wanted to quietly withdraw from the proposed marriage with Mary. However, in his vision, he was told that the child was conceived by the power of God and he would name him "Jesus." With humility, Saint Joseph embraced his new role, as the angel urged him to "take Mary home" (Matthew 1:20). This act of trust and obedience sets the stage for his remarkable journey.

Now, as a faithful and compassionate husband, Saint Joseph walked alongside Mary through life's joys and hardships. Together, they visited Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56). They traveled to Bethlehem and gave birth to Jesus in a manger (Luke 2:4-7). Saint Joseph guarded Mary and Jesus in the manger. When in his dream he was informed of Herod's wrath and deadly intention, he decisively rooms Mary and Jesus, fleeing to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15). There, he protected and raised his family, until he was told again to bring his family back to their homeland. Here, their family became a sanctuary of love and devotion for Jesus to grow in knowledge and obedience. Saint Joseph, while is seen as husband and protector, he also served as a "father" to Jesus from whom He learned the art of being a man with virtues and wisdom. Together with Blessed Mary, Saint Joseph provided the first domestic church for the Lord.

As we reflect on Saint Joseph's life, we're reminded that faithfulness is measured by our love and devotion to God.



The Life and Miracles of Saint Joseph

Fidelity to God unlocks for those who believe strength and courage to stand up and live out a holy life. As God intended from the beginning, family is a sanctuary of devotion, love and life. At the end, the Lord has made known that he wants to save humanity through and with the human family.

As you journey to the Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph, Mission San José Parish, take a moment to encounter this extraordinary saint. Witness also the miracles he had worked throughout history such as Saint Joseph's Staircase (Loretto Chapel, New Mexico, 1878): A mysterious staircase, built without visible support, attributed to his intervention. In addition, you are invited to revisit approved apparitions, and let their messages resonate in your prayers and meditations:

- 1. Our Lady of America (1950s, Ohio):** Saint Joseph appeared alongside Mary, emphasizing family unity and prayer.
- 2. Knock Apparition (1879, Ireland):** Saint Joseph stood alongside Mary and Saint John, reinforcing devotion to the Holy Family.
- 3. Fatima Apparitions (1917, Portugal):** Saint Joseph appeared alongside Mary, emphasizing prayer and reparation.

May Saint Joseph's story and miracles inspire you to emulate his faith and love, deepen your devotion to God, and build strong, loving relationships with the holy family and those you love.

As you reflect on Saint Joseph's life and miracles, may his example guide you on your own pilgrimage in life.

- Fr. Anthony Huong Le

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, call us at 510-656-2364, or visit us online at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/category/mission/>.

OUR SPIRITUAL LEADERS AND STAFF



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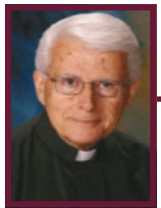
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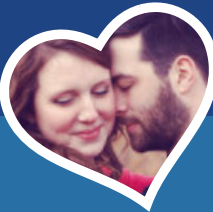
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