



# 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.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2024



“DO NOT BE AFRAID”

### DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

Fear is a basic instinctual emotion we all share. It allows us to react to something scary or difficult. As a child, I was fearful of the cemetery. Every time I walked by, I looked away and ran as fast as I could! Reflecting on our lives, we may identify things that cause us fear.

In 1 Kings, a widow faced famine and starvation. Prophet Elijah asked her to give her last meal to him as an offering to God's prophet. How could she give away the only thing securing her family's life? Doesn't it sound like an unfair request? "Do not be afraid," Elijah reassured her.

She feared impending death, worried about food and tomorrow, and prioritized her family's well-being. Legitimate concerns! Yet Elijah asked her to trust God's promise. She was invited to surrender fear, control and offer obedience and trust.

The Lord is a good God, always giving more than we deserve. He delivered His people from slavery and brought them to the Promised Land. Generous and merciful, He's ready to help His children. Elijah asked the widow to believe and demonstrate trust through action. She received more than she needed! Sometimes, fear becomes our guiding force, paralyzing us. We treat fears as gods, living life through that lens.

Jesus teaches the value of sincere and generous giving. Rich contributors like the Pharisees gave abundantly to the Temple, seeking praise from others. A poor widow only offered mere coins, but surpassed others in value (Mark 12:41-44). For God, it's not the amount that matters, but trust and faith.

At Saint Joseph and many other parishes in the diocese, only 10-20% of the faithful actually participate and contribute to the church and ministries. The Lord asks

for a fraction of our time, talents, and treasure in order to further God's kingdom. As Catholics, sharing burdens and contributing to this mission is a moral and religious responsibility. It does not seem morally and ethically right when others come, receive, and enjoy what the church has to offer and do not contribute accordingly.

Don't let fear hold you back. Trust God's generosity and mercy. Give an hour to God, not just Netflix. Allocate a portion of your income to God's work as he has given us everything. Let's respond to God's invitation to generosity and gratitude. Don't be afraid to trust and contribute. The Lord will multiply our efforts, making His abundance available to all.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6) May we surrender our fears, embracing God's promise: "Do not be afraid."

#### Reflection Questions

1. What fears hold me back from trusting God?
2. How can I surrender control and trust God's promise?
3. What small step can I take today to overcome fear?
4. How can I contribute to God's work in my parish?
5. What blessings have I received from trusting God?

#### Prayer

*Lord, help me overcome fear and trust Your promise. Grant me courage to surrender control and give generously. May Your abundance flow through me, touching lives around me.*

Sincerely 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



## Family of Faith - Christmas Nativity Play

Interested in being part of the Christmas Eve Nativity Play this year? Please contact [nflores@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:nflores@saintjosephmsj.org) for more information.

## Giving Tree Ornaments - St. Francis Xavier Parish

This year our Family of Faith will remember the children in our sister parish in a special way by providing a gift for them for Christmas. Pick your 'ornament' today to make Christmas extra special for our brothers and sisters in Ghana! <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/family-of-faith-events/>

## Family of Faith Assists St. Vincent de Paul



Family of Faith is partnering with the Vincentians as they begin to make Thanksgiving bags for our



neighbors in need. Your contribution of a 16 oz. jar of jam or jelly and/or Spam is greatly appreciated. Please drop off your donations in the church vestibule by Sunday, 11/10. Thank you for your support!

## 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/>.

## 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

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/>.



## 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/>



## Catholic Schools Week is Right Around the Corner.

Help us find our next Distinguished Graduate!

Each school year the National Catholic Education's Distinguished Graduate Award is given to a graduate who has made a contribution to American life and/or the Catholic Church. This year's St. Joseph School recipient was Katie Fauria, Class of 2008. We are currently seeking nominations for next year's award. The candidate must have graduated at least 10 years ago from St. Joseph School. To nominate a deserving alum for this honor, please email detailed information to [stjosephalumni@sjsmsj.org](mailto:stjosephalumni@sjsmsj.org).

# Discipleship & Works of Mercy

## School Bake Sale ~ Sunday, November 10, 2024

St. Joseph 8th grade class will be holding a bake sale to raise funds for their retreat at Caritas Camp. Come by and enjoy baked goods while supporting the 8th grade class. Thank you for your support!

## 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 at 510-468-8017 or <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/homeless-outreach-help/>.

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## 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 - St. Joseph Conference

Thank you for your generous donations. We served food to over 700 individuals/families every month and distributed 100 backpacks full of essential supplies to children and parents. We plan now for 150 Thanksgiving bags and 70 families to receive gift cards to buy food and Christmas gifts. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/service/st-vincent-de-paul/svdp-st-joseph-conference/>



## 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. Sign-up and our Witness Project Team will contact you for filming your witness story. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/witness/>.



## 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 call 510-490-4171 or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/service/sister-john-maries-pantry/>.

## Bereavement Support Group

Our grief support group meets Sundays through Nov. 10 at Holy Spirit Church, Fireside Lounge, 2:30-3:30 PM. Call Helen Campbell at 510-386-6019 or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/grief-support/>

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Coping with the Holidays

## Refugee Resettlement News

The Refugee Resettlement Ministry affects 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. We are grateful to all parishioners for your generous support.



## 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.



## Return of the Grand Piano!

Our grand piano has been beautifully refurbished, restoring its elegance and enhancing the richness of our liturgies and celebrations. This cherished instrument brings new depth to our worship and strengthens our music ministry, uniting us all in faith and joy. Thank you to our private donor for furthering our mission and the power of sacred music, allowing us to continue making music that moves hearts and souls! <https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds>

# Prayer, Devotions, Holy Days

## Mass Intentions

Sat	11/09	5:30 PM	+Clarence Rose, +Alvin Lim, +Enrico De Santos
Sun	11/10	8:00 AM	+Josefina Velasquez, Deceased Members of the Delaney Family, Intentions of Maryann Carlin
		10:00 AM	+Baby Speranza-Camp, +Dr. Will Wyman, Intentions of the Siko Family
		12:00 PM	+James, Evelyn & James II Deiso, Intentions of Cynthia Gomes
		3:00 PM	+Peter Tinh & Eugenie Lisa Nguyen, +Dominico Chuyen & Maria Kim Trinh
		5:00 PM	People of St. Joseph
Mon	11/11	8:00 AM	+Peter Nam, +Anne Yen, +She-Kua Yeh
Tue	11/12	8:00 AM	+Diep-Tai, +Fr. Cherry Kuge, +Wu-Qure Yeh
Wed	11/13	8:00 AM	+Joseph Quynh, +Pu-De Yeh, +Kuo-Lin Yeh
Thu	11/14	8:00 AM	+Anne Thuy, +Kuo-Chun Yeh, +Yung-Cheo-Yen Yeh
Fri	11/15	8:00 AM	+Basant Gill, +Ham Huong, +Kua-May Lin
Sat	11/16	8:00 AM	Deceased of the Hotovec Family, Intentions of Gerald & Catherine Martin



### Obtaining Indulgences in the Month of November

November is dedicated to praying for the deceased, and the Church offers indulgences to help souls in purgatory. Visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/book-of-remembrance/> to learn more about this profound gift of grace offered through the divine mercy of God.

### 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/>.

### November Memorial Table

During the month of November, the Main Church and Mission will have memorial tables set up for you to display framed pictures of your departed loved ones (5"x7" or smaller). Please put your name/phone number on the back of the pictures. No candles. Please pick up pictures at the end of November.

### Online Book of Remembrance

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/book-of-remembrance/> to add the names of your deceased loved ones to our online Book of Remembrance.

### Dearly Departed Special Slideshow Presentation

Honor the memory of your loved ones by sharing their digital photos. This tribute is displayed in our church vestibule and on our website throughout the month of November. This is a beautiful way for our community to remember and pray for those who have gone before us. Send photo, name, date of birth and date of death to [drossetto@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:drossetto@saintjosephmsj.org).

### 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: Confirmation



At St. Joseph Parish, our Confirmation Ministry is more than just a program; it's a transformative journey that connects our youth with their faith, community, and each other. It is sacramental preparation, affirming the personal commitment to the life in faith that our parents chose for us long ago at Baptism. Through Confirmation we agree with their initial decision to raise us in the faith. It is also an opportunity for the candidates to grow with each other and learn what it means to be a Catholic in the modern world. Confirmation is a journey over two years, between 8th grade and high school, that brings students closer to the self, others, nature, (and especially) God.

In addition to catechesis, the program emphasizes the importance of community and service. Candidates participate in various service projects that allow them to put their faith into action. These experiences help them recognize their role in the church and the broader community, fostering a sense of responsibility and compassion. In the past we have made blessing bags for the homeless, collected food for the pantry, cleaned up trash at Lake Elizabeth, and even filled the Easter eggs for the yearly egg hunt.



The growth of our group was most notable this past spring, when our confirmation candidates embarked on a retreat to Caritas Creek and immersed themselves in the theme "Harden Not Your Hearts." The experience left a lasting mark on many participants, creating bonds and profound reflections.

One unforgettable moment occurred during a beautiful rainstorm that swept through the retreat. As the skies darkened, thunder rumbled and rain poured down, shaking the building with intensity. Rather

than feeling fear, the candidates gathered in the common area, feeling an unexpected sense of awe.

As the weather raged outside, the group sat together, sharing their thoughts and feelings. Their hearts were open to God in that moment, knowing that it is not always so obvious when the Lord reveals himself to us. One candidate spoke up, expressing how the storm made him feel closer to God. He shared that in the midst of the chaos, he sensed a profound presence, a reminder of God's power and love enveloping them all. Moved by his words, the candidates began to reflect on their own experiences of God in the midst of life's storms, both literal and metaphorical.

Returning to St. Joseph Parish, the impact of that stormy night and hikes around the forest lingered in their hearts. The experience deepened their faith and fostered connections among them that would last well beyond the

retreat. Through moments like these, the Confirmation Ministry nurtures

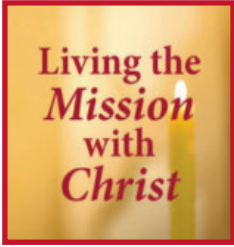


belonging, faith, and compassion, reminding us all to "harden not our hearts" in the face of life's challenges.

None of this would be possible without the support of all the parents and volunteers that show immense love and give so much of themselves to make each event happen, whether it's being a greeter at Sunday Mass or chaperoning the weekend retreat, we have a strong community with so many important moving pieces. Thank you all. Here's to another wonderful year!

~ Aaron Loverro, Youth Coordinator. Mr. Loverro also serves on the faculty at St. Joseph School and teaches 8th Grade Science. He can be reached at [aloverro@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:aloverro@saintjosephmsj.org).

# Stewardship and Finance



Sunday Offertory	10/27/2024
Weekly Actual	\$ 21,123.25
Weekly Budget	\$ 27,647.06
Year to Date Actual	\$ 832,102.77
Year to Date Budget	\$ 1,161,176.52
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 2,465.00

## 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/>.

## FlockNote "Text-to-Give" Option

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/text-to-give/>

Text GIVE and the FUND NAME to 510-647-6027. A new age way to manage your church giving. Try it!

## 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

## 2024 Bishop's Ministries Appeal

Many Ministries, One Church – As of 10/31/24 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.

## St. Joseph's Cemetery

In honor of our faithful departed, please contribute to help maintain our cemetery. Visit <https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds>.

# 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



**Veteran's Day - Monday, November 11,**  
In observance of Veterans Day, the parish offices will be closed. We thank all our veterans for their service. Thank you for your sacrifices and courage, for keeping us safe, and for defending our human rights.

## 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](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. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/holiday-boutique/>

## Dominican Sisters - CES

Center for Education and Spirituality Events. Lectio Divina, Sacred Healing Women's Circle and special Advent presentation, Waiting with Jesus Comes with Surprises. More info at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/dominican-sisters-ces>.



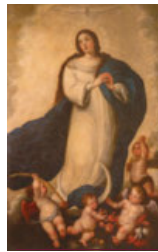
## Marriage Building Workshop - November 16

Married and unmarried couples invited. Skills for Sacramental Marriage Building workshop <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/marriage-workshop/>.

## Rosales Opus 14 Spanish Organ Demonstration and Talk - Today, November 10

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!

## 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

## 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.



## 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.



## Discover Catholic Schools - Fall Open House

Thursday, November 21, 2024 - 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Explore our campus, learn about our TK through 8th Grade offerings, and discover what makes our school special. Visit us at <https://www.stjosephschoolfremont.org/>.



## St. Michael Hymnal and St. Ignatius Pew Missal

We are delighted to share the recent addition of the St. Michael Hymnals and St. Ignatius Pew Missals to our pews. A gift to our community, these resources allow us to engage more deeply with the tradition of sacred music and liturgy. They bring timeless hymns and chant that elevate our worship, and offer readings, prayers, and reflections that unite us in the Church's universal rhythm. Together, these sacred books enrich our Mass experience, helping us lift our voices and hearts in reverent song and prayer. May these new additions inspire each of us to celebrate the mysteries of our faith.





# Mission Renewal Project

## PART ONE: 21 CALIFORNIA MISSIONS:

### *The Missionary Path*

Although the Spanish occupation of California did not begin until 1769 forces were at work the year after the first voyage of Columbus, which ultimately brought Spanish missionaries to the Golden State of today. In 1493 Pope Alexander VI drew an arbitrary line on the map, which was to divide the spheres of interest of Spain and Portugal, and declared that all colonizers should be accompanied by “worthy God-fearing, learned, skilled, and experienced men to instruct the inhabitants in the Catholic faith.” Controversy arose immediately. The religious element held that all men and women were brothers and sisters, and that the newly discovered territories belonged first to the King, and then to the original inhabitants. Colonists thought of the natives as sub-human beings with no right of private ownership. The King of Spain used both of the opposing forces, first one, then the other, to advance the expansion of the Spanish Empire.

Then Charles V issued a code of “New Laws” which eventually became the foundation of the California mission system. It stated that the Indians should be permitted to live in communities of their own; they should be permitted to choose their own leaders and councilors; no Indian to be held as a slave; no Indian to live outside his own village; no Spaniard to

stay in an Indian village for more than three days, and then only if he were a merchant or ill; and the Indians to be instructed in the Catholic faith.

Under the protection of these new laws, religious communities begin to spring up in Mexico, and Central America. Although strenuously opposed by Spanish plantation owners, and not given any great favor by the



King and his viceroys, even so the missionaries were self-supporting and provided an inexpensive means of securing frontiers against other European ambitions.

The court of King Philip II became the richest in Europe after Spanish conquest of islands of the Pacific such as the Philippines, Spanish galleon ships plying the vast Pacific, bringing treasures of the Orient, needed safe harbors on the western Mexican coast. It was Vizcaino in 1602 who first discovered Monterey Bay and first described upper California as the land of “milk and honey” - the best port that could be sheltered from all winds, much wood and water, settlements of friendly Indians; springs of good water; beautiful lakes covered with ducks and many other birds; good meadows for cattle; fertile fields for growing crops. Yet the discovery gave Spain no immediate advantage. A hundred years later, their influence extended only up the barren coast of Lower California, where the Jesuits had established a chain of missions.

The Jesuits had made their own rules and commanded their own security forces. This was not to be tolerated by secular elements. Eventually, the Jesuits were replaced in Mexico by the Franciscans, who were to extend the mission system into upper California—but under the control of and in cooperation with Spanish authorities.

- 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/ambassador-sign-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!

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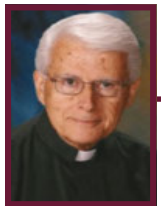
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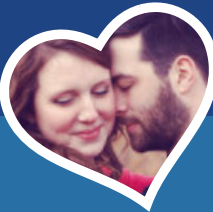
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