



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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024



"HEAVEN AND EARTH SHALL PASS AWAY,
BUT MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY"

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

In the midst of life's transient nature, where elections, wars and trials come and go, we find solace in God's enduring truth. The Lord, creator of time, transcends human limitations, and His words are unwavering and reliable.

As we journey through life, we are reminded of Christ's return, unpredictable and unannounced. This truth beckons us to remain vigilant, living our lives purposefully, preparing for our final encounter with God – Judgment Day. In His goodness, however, God allows us to practice this encounter already here and now through these ways:

- 1. Prayer: A conversation with the Divine God.** When we gather in His name, He is among us (Matthew 18:20). Our prayers are vital, bearing witness to His presence.
- 2. The Word of God: God speaks to us.** Through Scripture, inspired by the Holy Spirit, Christ's words and deeds are revealed (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The Gospels proclaim His truth, guiding us toward our final encounter with Him. As we listen to the Word of God, we listen to Him speaking directly to us.
- 3. The Holy Eucharist: Sacramental Union with the Lord.** In the Mass, bread and wine become Christ's Body and Blood thanks to his Words and the power of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 26:26-30). In the Holy Eucharist, we receive His life and presence, nourished for our journey. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life. It is paramount and important that we receive him as frequently as possible.

- 4. The Ordained are visible signs of God's Love.** They serve as constant reminders of God's shepherding, empowered to celebrate the mysteries of faith (CCC 1551-1553). They are imperfect men and yet the Lord uses them to communicate the perfect truth that He loves us and won't abandon us.
- 5. The poor and God's Mercy.** In serving the least among us, we serve Christ Himself (Matthew 25:40). Our compassion mirrors God's mercy. Failing to share our blessings with others will ultimately make us unfit for the heavenly kingdom. In encountering the poor and the needy, we face the reality of God's presence and command to share our blessings.

As Christ comes to us in these ways, it depends on us to welcome and encounter him. This preparation requires us to surrender fears, embracing God's promise, prioritize our relationship with Him, encounter Him daily through prayer, Scripture and the Eucharist, and finally demonstrate compassion to those in need. The Lord has said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words will not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

Reflection Questions

1. How do I prioritize my relationship with God?
2. How do I encounter the Lord daily?
3. How do I demonstrate compassion?

Prayer

*Lord, keep me vigilant, preparing for Your return.
May Your Word guide me. Amen.*

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 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



Catholic Schools Week ~ November 17 -23, 2024 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. Email detailed information to stjosephalumni@sjsmsj.org and nominate a deserving alum for this honor.

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, 11/17.



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 Thanksgiving Potluck

Family of Faith, join us Sunday, November 17, 2024 after the 12:00 PM Mass in the Parish Hall.

Family of Faith Senior Buddy Program

Please remember to bring your Senior Buddy card by November 17, 2024. Enrich your lives and those of our precious seniors.

Giving Tree Ornaments - St. Francis Xavier Parish

Family of Faith remembers the children in our Ghana sister parish at Christmas. Please bring in your card and sponsor check Sunday, November 17. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/family-of-faith-events/>.

Family of Faith - Nativity Play

Are you interested in being part of the St. Joseph Christmas Eve Nativity Play? Scan the QR code or contact Nancy Flores at nflores@saintjosephmsj.org or 510-656-2364 for more information.



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

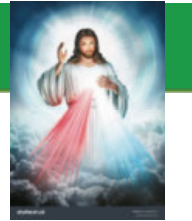
Recognizing the beauty and presence of God in each person, our Family of Faith Ministry program welcomes children of ALL abilities. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/family-of-faith/>.

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/>.



R.C.I.A. - Interested in becoming a Catholic? Contact Deacon Dick Bayless at 510-304-4298 .

DISCIPLESHIP & WORKS OF MERCY



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/>.

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/>

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. Truly remarkable! Thank you for your generous support!

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/>.



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.



Mission Greeters Training

Saturday, November 30, 2024
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Parish Hall

All Mission Museum Greeters are required to attend this session. To join and/or sign up, please visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/ambassador-sign-up/> or text TOURS2024 to 84576. Contact Lisa Dang ldang@saintjosephmsj.org for questions and 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/>.

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.



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 to the Main Church!

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 transformative power of sacred music, allowing us to continue serving our Lord with artistry that moves hearts and souls! <https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds>



PRAYER, DEVOTIONS, HOLY DAYS



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	11/16	5:30 PM	+Rene & Esperanza Solorio, +Neilan Mehta, +Alvin Lim
Sun	11/17	8:00 AM	+Deolinda Correa, Deceased members of the Sauer Family, Intentions of Alyssa Wang & Sam Lai
		10:00 AM	+Emilia Barros, +Daniel Barros, +Alice Francisco
		12:00 PM	+Baby Speranza-Camp, Deceased members of the Fernandes, Mascarenhas & Menezes Families
		3:00 PM	People of Saint Joseph
		5:00 PM	People of Saint Joseph
Mon	11/18	8:00 AM	+Jess Barajas, +Neville Lacey, +Papanna Selvaraj
Tue	11/19	8:00 AM	+Felicidade Fernandes, +Quy Khac Do, +Jen-Hue Yeh
Wed	11/20	8:00 AM	+Jan-Den Wang, +Uen-Nen Wang, Deceased members of Khoa My Vien Do Family
Thu	11/21	8:00 AM	+Virginia Mary Whitman, +Kuen-Ho Wang, Deceased members of the Khanh Family
Fri	11/22	8:00 AM	+Jesus Barajas, +Walter Sommer, +Kon-May-Ne Wang
Sat	11/23	8:00 AM	+Belia Silva, +Dzung Quach, Intentions of Ernest Dykes



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.

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

November Memorial Table

During the month of November, the Main Church and Mission have memorial tables set up 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 lighted candles. Please pick up pictures at the end of November.

Online Book of Remembrance

Visit us at <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. Remember and pray for our faithful departed. Send photo, name, date of birth and date of death to 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



Part II: How YOU Make a Difference in Support of Our St. Joseph Parish Confirmation Students.

**Golfland Social Trip.
Arcade and games all day!**



Our group at the Confirmation Retreat at Caritas Creek Camp.



Making blessing bags for the homeless in our community.



Father Anthony talking to the students about his own teenage years.



Parents volunteering their time and eating lots of candy too!



Easter eggs filled with sweets for the little ones.



Hanging out and having fun with our friends.

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/>.

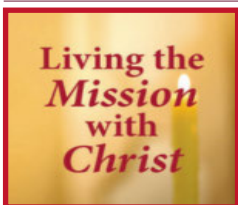
Engraved Brick Sponsorships - Honor a Loved One!

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/>.



11/17/2024
Second Collection
for Campaign for
Human
Development

Sunday Offertory	11/03/2024
Weekly Actual	\$ 21,206.30
Weekly Budget	\$ 27,647.06
Year to Date Actual	\$ 853,309.07
Year to Date Budget	\$ 1,188,823.58
Bishop's Appeal YTD	\$ 56,123.27
All Saints	\$ 2,731.00

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.

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.

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

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 School Bake Sale ~ A Note of Thanks

Thank you to all who supported St. Joseph School's Bake Sale last weekend. The 8th Grade Class is grateful for your help in reaching their goal so they could attend their Caritas Creek retreat--- an 8th grade tradition!

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.



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>.

Dominican Sisters Annual Holiday Boutique

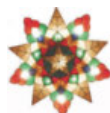
Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Dominican Sisters Motherhouse. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/holiday-boutique/>

Dominican Sisters Center for Education & Spirituality

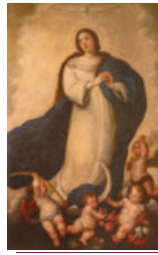
Lectio Divina, Sacred Healing and Advent presentation, Waiting with Jesus Comes with Surprises. Visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/dominican-sisters-ces/>.

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.



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.



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. Discover what makes our school special. Visit us at <https://www.stjosephschoolfremont.org/>.



Christmas Concert - Saturday, December 7, 2024

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.

St. Michael Hymnal and St. Ignatius Pew Missal

A gift to our community, these resources allow us to engage more deeply with the tradition of sacred music and liturgy. Timeless hymns and chant elevate our worship, and the readings, prayers, and reflections 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 we each be further inspired to celebrate the mysteries of our faith.



MISSION RENEWAL PROJECT

PART TWO: 21 CALIFORNIA MISSIONS:

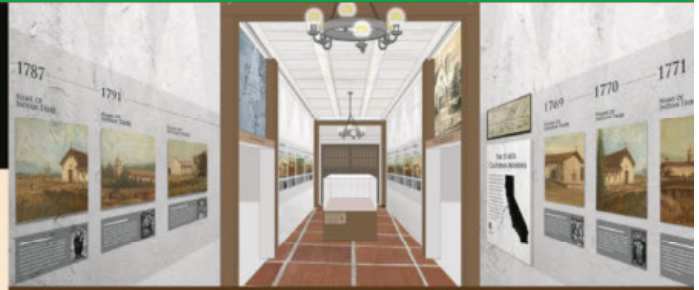
The Missionary Path

Miguel Jose Serra was born on November 24, 1713, the son of a farmer at Petra, Majorca, in Spain's Balloric Isles. He was baptized at the parish church of Saint Peter's, and received his first education at the Franciscan Friary of San Bernardino. Both of these buildings, as well as the rough stone birth dwelling, may still be seen at Petra. On taking his religious vows in 1730 Serra took the name Junipero, after a beloved disciple of Saint Francis of Assisi. Later, the little padre, scarcely over 5 feet tall, who was to become the "Apostle of California" arrived in Mexico. There he and governor Portola planned, how to expand Spanish domain into Upper California by extending the chains of Missions northward.

Due to the uncertainties of the times, the soldier and the priest decided that their first effort, up to present San Diego, would be divided into five segments: three ships and two expeditions by land, all to leave at separate times. Padre Junipero Serra, and the governor riding on mules, were in the second land party. After many hardships crossing the virtual desert, both land parties reached San Diego to find only two of the ships in the harbor, with the crews and soldiers, who were passengers, badly decimated by scurvy. The third ship was never heard from.

Thus began he founding of the famous 21 missions of the California chain along "El Camino Real," the Kings Highway.

This famous California roadway runs the length of the state from San Diego to Sonoma, linking the "jewels" of the mission chain. Later, the name was often translated as the "public highway" purposely ignoring the term "royal" as California became a republic, and then a state.



21 California Missions

It was once just a foot trail. But as settlements and missions were established and the population grew, the trail became the main inland route for travelers. It was a stage line and eventually a highway, U.S. 101. With only a few detours, the present U.S. 101 is identical to the route the padres used. Its official historic marking is a mission bell the color of tarnished copper, arched over a single sign post with the words "El Camino Real."

The 21 missions that dot the California landscape from San Diego to Sonoma are the relics of an ambitious plan in the European conquest of the New World. The program used by the Spaniards to colonize California was unique among the methods tried in North America. The Spanish monarchy charged the Franciscan Order of the Catholic Church, in tandem with the Spanish military, to secure the western shores of what was called New Spain, establishing missions to convert the native Indian population to Christianity. Each mission would be the beginning of a civilian town, and they would be located at regular intervals upon the entire stretch of the colony. The missions' brief history is one of remarkable achievement and swift decline.

The missions were the primary centers of religious, cultural and agricultural activity. Spanish soldiers in nearby presidios were available for protection. For both the missionaries and the Indians, adaptability to new ways, was essential to survival.

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

Missio Dei - Coming Soon!

Introducing 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. Each issue deepens the reader's understanding of the Mission's holy heritage and the countless lives that have been

shaped here over centuries. Through reverent articles, event 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. We welcome you to join us in exploring the Mission's past and discovering how its legacy continues to inspire and enrich our lives today.

OUR SPIRITUAL LEADERS AND STAFF



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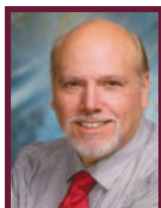
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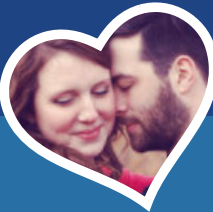
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