



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.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD: CONQUERING THE VALLEYS, MOUNTAINS, AND CROOKED PATHS

DEAR ALL IN CHRIST,

As we journey through the second week of Advent, we are reminded of the importance of preparing ourselves for the coming of the Lord. John the Baptist's powerful message echoes through the centuries, urging us to take concrete actions to make straight the paths, fill the valleys, and make low the mountains that separate us from God (Matthew 3:3, Isaiah 40:3-5).

In this reflection, we have explored the traditional seven deadly sins that can be seen as the valleys, mountains, and crooked paths that hinder our relationship with the Lord. By acknowledging and confronting these obstacles, we can begin to prepare the way for the Lord's arrival in our hearts. The Seven Deadly Sins: Valleys, Mountains, and Crooked Paths.

- 1. Pride (Superbia):** The valley of pride is characterized by an excessive love for oneself, one's accomplishments, and one's status. This sin can lead to arrogance, disdain for others, and a lack of humility. As Proverbs 16:18 reminds us, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." To overcome pride, we must cultivate humility, recognize our limitations, and acknowledge our dependence on God (1 Corinthians 4:7).
- 2. Envy (Invidia):** The mountain of envy is marked by resentment and jealousy towards others' successes, possessions, or qualities. This sin can lead to bitterness, gossip, and a lack of charity. As Galatians 5:26 warns us, "Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another." To conquer envy, we must practice gratitude, rejoice in others' successes, and cultivate a sense of contentment (1 Timothy 6:6-8).
- 3. Wrath (Ira):** The crooked path of wrath is characterized by intense anger, hatred, or resentment

towards others. This sin can lead to violence, hurtful words, and damaged relationships. As Ephesians 4:26-27 cautions us, "Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil." To overcome wrath, we must practice forgiveness, patience, and understanding, and seek to resolve conflicts in a peaceful and constructive manner (Matthew 5:23-24).

- 4. Sloth (Acedia):** The valley of sloth is marked by a lack of motivation, energy, or interest in spiritual or worldly pursuits. This sin can lead to apathy, neglect of duties, and a lack of purpose. As 2 Thessalonians 3:10 reminds us, "If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat." To conquer sloth, we must cultivate a sense of responsibility, set meaningful goals, and engage in activities that promote spiritual and personal growth (Proverbs 6:6-11).
- 5. Greed (Avaritia):** The mountain of greed is characterized by an excessive love for material possessions, wealth, or power. This sin can lead to exploitation, corruption, and a lack of generosity. As 1 Timothy 6:10 warns us, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith." To overcome greed, we must practice detachment, cultivate a sense of generosity, and recognize that true wealth lies in our relationships with God and others (Matthew 6:19-21).
- 6. Gluttony (Gula):** The crooked path of gluttony is marked by excessive indulgence in food, drink, or other sensual pleasures. This sin can lead to addiction, waste, and a lack of self-control. As Proverbs 23:20-21

cautions us, “Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, for drunkards and gluttons become poor.” To conquer gluttony, we must practice moderation, cultivate a sense of self-discipline, and recognize the importance of caring for our bodily temples (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

7. **Lust (Luxuria):** The valley of lust is characterized by an excessive or disordered desire for sexual pleasure. This sin can lead to objectification, exploitation, and a lack of respect for the dignity of others. As 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 reminds us, “Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit?” To overcome lust, we must cultivate a sense of chastity, respect the dignity of others, and recognize the importance of integrating our sexuality within a broader context of love, commitment, and responsibility (Ephesians 5:3).

As we reflect on the seven deadly sins and their impact on our relationship with God, we are reminded of the importance of preparing ourselves for the coming of the Lord. By acknowledging and confronting these obstacles, we can begin to make straight the paths, fill the valleys, and make low the mountains that separate us from God.

May this Advent season be a time of reflection, conversion, and growth, as we strive to prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts. If you need Confession, we are in the Confessional 30 minutes before all Sunday Masses.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Huong Le, Pastor

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Reflection Questions

1. Which of the seven deadly sins do you struggle with the most? What steps can you take to overcome it?
2. How can you cultivate a sense of humility, gratitude, and self-discipline in your daily life?
3. What are some ways you can practice detachment, generosity, and moderation in your relationships with material possessions and worldly desires?
4. How can you integrate your sexuality within a broader context of love, commitment, and responsibility?
5. What are some concrete actions you can take to prepare the way of the Lord in your heart and in your community?

FAITH FORMATION

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	Mission
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

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The Rescue Project

We live our lives according to the stories we believe...

What if there is a different story?

The Story is the Gospel.

We invite you to join us for The Rescue Project. Together we can discover The Story.

Saturdays, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM beginning 1/11/25

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/the-rescue-project/>

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! Exploring Catholicism? Contact Deacon Dick at 510-304-4298.



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.

+Richard Kendrick

Thu Dec 5, 2024 3:00 PM Mission

<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

DISCIPLESHIP & WORKS OF MERCY



Hospitality Sunday - Today, December 8, 2024

The Neighborhood Outreach Project Ministry is hosting hospitality today in the Parish Hall following the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 PM Masses. Please ask someone serving how you can become involved. We are dedicated to connecting with parishioners through events and visiting those who are at home alone or new to St. Joseph. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/service/neighborhood-outreach-program/>

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	12/07	5:30 PM	+Enrico De Santos, +Alvin Lim, Intentions of Mario Zuniga & Family
Sun	12/08	8:00 AM	+Les Mensinger, +Flower Clement, Intentions of Mary Ann Carlin
		10:00 AM	+Baby Speranza-Camp, +Clara Villafuerte, Intentions of the Siko Family
		12:00 PM	+James, Evelyn & James II Deiso, Intentions of Champion Moonwind Rivada Avecilla
		3:00 PM	+Peter Tinh & Eugenie Lisa Nguyen, +Dominico Chuyen & Maria Kim Trinh
		5:00 PM	People of Saint Joseph
Mon	12/09	8:00 AM	+Arockia Mary Stella, +Anne Thuy, +John Bellamy
Tue	12/10	8:00 AM	+Josefina Velasquez, +Ham-Huong, +Wen-Chung Chang
Wed	12/11	8:00 AM	+Lien Nguyen, +Aleyamma Thuruthiyil, +Elizenda Dimacali
Thu	12/12	8:00 AM	Lorna Gomes, +Quy Khac Do, +James Michael Delaney
Fri	12/13	8:00 AM	+Barbara B. Delaney, Deceased of Khoa My Vien Do Family
Sat	12/14	10:00 AM	+Dzung Quach, Intentions of Jose Coronel, Intentions of Richard Bayless II

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

Wed	Jan 1		No 7:00 PM Mass
Thu	ALL	6:00 PM	English/Vietnamese Vespers/Holy Mass
Fri	Jan 3	8:00 AM	Mission, 24-hour Adoration, Main Church
Sat	Jan 4	8:00 AM	Mission, Anointing
Sun	Jan 5	7:00 PM	Mission, Ad Orientem, Candlelight, Reception

AT A GLANCE

December

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Dec 7	Sat	Advent Recollection, Fr. Noel Sanvincente	9:00 AM	Mission
Dec 7	Sat	Legion of Mary General Reunion	1:00 PM	Parish Hall
Dec 7	Sat	El Niño Divino, A Christmas Concert Featuring St. Joseph Orchestra and Choirs (dress rehearsal same day 9 AM - 12 PM)	7:30 PM	Main Church
Dec 7-8	Sat/ Sun	Second Sunday of Advent	All Masses	Main Church, Mission
Dec 9	Mon	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation <i>9:15 AM School; 5:00 PM VN; 7:00 PM EN/CN</i>	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Mission Main Church Main Church Main Church
Dec 14- 15	Sat/ Sun	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) Reopening of the Mission Museum and Carriage House (tours after every Mass) Blessing of St. Joseph Chapel of Healing <i>Procession to Chapel after 12:00 PM Mass</i>	All Masses	Main Church, Mission Mission Museum Carriage House Chapel of Healing
Dec 15- 23	Sun- Mon	Las Posadas <i>12/23 Closing Night ~ Caroling/Organ Concert</i> Simbang Gabi 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, 12/21	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Mission Museum Main Church
Dec 19	Thu	St. Joseph Healing Mass <i>No 8:00 AM Mass in the Mission</i>	8:00 AM	St. Joseph Chapel of Healing
Dec 22	Sat/ Sun	Fourth Sunday of Advent	All Masses	Main Church, Mission
Dec 23	Mon	Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church <i>No 8:00 AM Mass in the Mission</i> Las Posadas Closing Night (<i>Caroling, Organ</i>) Simbang Gabi Closing Night (<i>Reception, Hall</i>)	8:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Main Church Mission Main Church
Dec 24	Tue	Holy Mass (daily Mass) Family of Faith Mass, Nativity Play Christmas Eve Mass (<i>Adult Choir</i>)	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 9:00 PM	Mission Main Church Main Church
Dec 25	Wed	Midnight Mass (<i>Strings Prelude 11:30 PM, 12/24</i>) Christmas Day Holy Mass Christmas Day Holy Mass (<i>Brass, Adult Choir</i>) Christmas Day Holy Mass (<i>Brass, Family of Faith</i>) Christmas Day Holy Mass (<i>in Vietnamese</i>) Christmas Day Holy Mass (<i>in Mandarin</i>)	12:00 AM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 3:00 PM 5:00 PM	Mission Mission Main Church Main Church Main Church Main Church
Dec 31	Tue	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God <i>Reception to follow in the Parish Hall</i>	7:00 PM	Main Church
Jan 1	Wed	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God ~ Holy Day of Obligation	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Main Church Main Church (VN)



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/>.

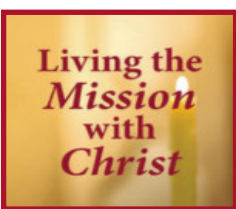
Engraved Brick Sponsorships - Honor a Loved One!

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/>.



12/08/2024
2nd Collection
Religious
Retirement

Sunday Offertory	11/17/2024
Weekly Actual	\$ 20,994.50
Weekly Budget	\$ 27,647.06
Year to Date Actual	\$ 895,769.82
Year to Date Budget	\$ 1,244,117.70
Bishop's Appeal YTD	\$ 56,708.27
Human Development	\$ 3,352.00

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

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.



Bishop Emeritus John S. Cummins - Rest in Peace

Bishop John Cummins entered into eternity peacefully the morning of December 3, 2024. Bishop Cummins was 96 years old and leaves a legacy to the people of God through his priesthood and episcopacy as the longest serving bishop of Oakland. To read more about the life of Bishop Cummins, please visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/bishop-cummins/>

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.

St. Joseph Healing Mass Devotion

In March 1770, there was a shortage of food that nearly canceled the establishment of the first Alta California Mission dedicated to San Diego. Vowing to stay with the local people, Padre Junipero Serra and another friar began a novena in preparation for St. Joseph's day, March 19, the scheduled day of departure. On that day, the relief ship arrived. This event was so significant for St. Junipero that he ordered a High Mass to be celebrated on the 19th of every month in honor of St. Joseph. Join us at 8:00 AM on the 19th of every month as we continue the tradition started by St. Junipero to honor Saint Joseph in our Chapel of Healing.

The Saints are Back!

We are pleased to announce the restored paintings of Saints Francis, Margaret, and Anthony, along with the Holy Family, the Carmelite Scene, and our beautiful Baptismal Font, have been returned to the parish, just in time for Christmas. St. James will return following additional conservation treatment. Visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/restored-paintings/> for more information and to support these worthy restoration and preservation projects.

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>.



St. Joseph School NOW Enrolling!

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

MISSION RENEWAL PROJECT

Sacristy and Sacred Vestments

What is the Significance of Sacred Vestments?

In Scripture, we find the roots of sacred vestments in Exodus 28:2-5, where God instructs Moses to create sacred garments for Aaron and his sons. Similarly, Catholic priests don vestments to consecrate themselves for the sacred act of worship. These vestments are not merely decorative; they represent the colors of the liturgical seasons:

1. **Green:** Ordinary Time
2. **Purple:** Advent and Lent
3. **White:** Christmas and Easter
4. **Red:** Jesus' Passion or martyrdom of saints and apostles
5. **Gold:** High feast days honoring the Lord



Sacristy and Sacred Vestments

Sacristy. Holy sanctuary.

1. Necessary items for the Holy Mass.
 - table, adorned with sacred vessels
 - original cross and candleholders, used in processions for over 200 years.
 - reminds us of Christ's entry into the sanctuary, offering Himself as a ransom for many

Silver Cross and Candle Holder Display Case

1. 103 inches high, and 48 inches wide with a depth of 18 inches.
2. Built/constructed by Boy Scout, Tobias Lee.



1. **18th or 19th century chasuble.** Green Spanish fiddleback design, the most prevalent style in the Mission era. This piece displays silver pomegranates, a symbol of sanctity, fertility and abundance.
2. **Late 19th century chasuble.** Silk satin damask displaying wheat, grapes, and flowers. Wheat symbolizes spiritual nourishment through Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.
3. **Mid 20th century.** Red chasuble with center back display of host, wheat, chalice, grapes and leaves. Worn on Pentecost Sunday and martyrs' feast days.

4. **Early 20th century chasuble.** Gold & red brocade, center panel with figured crucifix on back. Thin edge of gold and red braid.
5. **20th century.** Violet chasuble is worn during Lent and Advent.
6. **Early 20th century.** Dalmatic and humeral veil. Gold metallic and red silk brocade in thistle pattern. Humeral used to carry a monstrance in procession.

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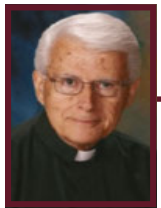
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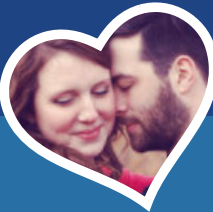
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