



# 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.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024



#### DEAR PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS, AND BENEFACTORS OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH,

As we come to the end of another year, we take a moment to reflect on the many blessings we have received. We are grateful to God for His love, guidance, and provision. As Psalm 100:4-5 reminds us, “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

We also express our heartfelt appreciation to all our volunteers and staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to serve our parish community. Your dedication, passion, and commitment to our mission are truly inspiring. As 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 reminds us, “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.”

To all our parishioners and friends of St. Joseph, we offer our sincerest gratitude for your support, encouragement, and generosity. Your presence in our community is a blessing, and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve you. As Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” As we look back on the past year, we are proud of the many accomplishments we have achieved together. Some of the highlights include:

- Designation of the Mission church as the Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph
- Renovation of the most historic building, the Convento (Mission Museum and Pilgrim Center)
- Reimagining the museum according to the Pilgrimage Theme
- Dedication of the Saint Joseph Chapel of Healing
- Renovation of the Carriage House/St. Joseph’s Workshop and official establishment of the Homeless Ministry Outreach

- Working with CRMSJ and the California Mission Foundations to preserve the original baptismal font and 6 original paintings in the Mission Church
- Completion of the new heating and air conditioning system for the main church and hall
- Hosting of the Eucharistic Rosary Congress, which brought together the faithful to pray and honor our Blessed Mother and Our Lord
- Successful implementation of the Alpha program, which has helped many to deepen their faith and relationship with Jesus
- St. Joseph Conference, which featured inspiring talks and workshops on various aspects of our faith and especially St. Joseph
- And many other spiritual programs, events, and charitable efforts that have touched the lives of thousands of people.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, we are reminded of the words of Saint Paul in Philippians 4:13, “I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” We recognize that all our achievements are made possible by the grace and strength of God and your contribution of time, talents, and treasures.” As we look forward to the new year, we ask for your continued support, prayers, and generosity. May we remain faithful to our mission and committed to serving our community with love, compassion, and kindness. You are invited to come and join us for the New Year’s Mass on January 1, 2025, so we can begin another wonderful year of grace. Let us come together to give thanks, to pray, and to celebrate the gift of new life and new beginnings.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Christmas season and a happy new year.

Sincerely,

**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.

**Hunter Michael Hobson**

**Colton Ryan Hobson**

**Nyah Lane Ruiz**

<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.

**+Marie D. Smith**

**Fri Dec 6, 2024 3:00 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 & SJS NEWS



## 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](mailto:nflores@saintjosephmsj.org) to sign up/info.

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

## 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](mailto:cbranco@oakdiocese.org). Visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/deacon-formation/>.

**FORMED** - 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. - 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/>.



## Adaptive Faith Formation

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

## St. Joseph School NOW Enrolling!

Contact Principal Laurie Lopez for more information 510-656-6525.

Visit <https://stjosephschoolfremont.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](mailto:llopez@sjsmsj.org), <https://stjosephschoolfremont.org>.

## 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](mailto:aloverro@saintjosephmsj.org), for questions and more info. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/family-of-faith/youth-ministry/>.

## Giving Tree Project Helps Our Sister Parish

It was Christmas in November as we embarked on the Giving Tree project, a Work of Mercy benefiting St. Francis Xavier Sunday School Students. Thanks to all those who sponsored the children

in our sister parish!

This Christmas will be extra memorable



for them through your generosity. 102 families participated in the Giving Tree project. Total donations: \$6,020. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/giving-tree-thanks/> for photos and more information.

## What Families Are Saying About St. Joseph School

"St. Joseph School (SJS) is an awesome school. We have two boys and they have been attending SJS since kindergarten. We had looked at the other Catholic Schools in Fremont and we felt that SJS had to most to offer: a challenging education, a friendly family atmosphere, and a safe school environment."

"They have made lifelong friends here, and I feel that will definitely help them set the foundation for their future." Visit <https://www.stjosephschoolfremont.org/> for more testimonials and enrollment information.

# DISCIPLESHIP & WORKS OF MERCY



## Neighborhood Outreach Project Ministry

The Neighborhood Outreach Project Ministry reaches out through initiatives such as community events, personal visits, and collaborative projects. We serve as a bridge to bring neighbors together, cultivate a spirit of unity and service and visit those who are at home alone or new to our St. Joseph community. <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



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

direct result of your generous donations.

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

Just a little more than a year ago, we provided Fraidoon's family with the basics they needed to set up their new home in Fremont. Aziza and Amina are busy with school, and working at Ross and Kuman. Their father, Fraidoon, works for Amazon while their mom continues to look after her family and improve her English. Please keep all our refugee families in your Christmas prayers. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/refugee-family-updates/>



## 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](mailto:rcallen@alum.berkeley.edu).

# PRAYER, DEVOTIONS, HOLY DAYS



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	12/14	5:30 PM	+Enrico De Santos, Intentions of the Dangea Family, Intentions of Aarav Bhattacharya
Sun	12/15	8:00 AM	+Francisco Lagrimas, +Edwin Lagrimas, +Renerio Dancel
		10:00 AM	+Emilia Barros, +Daniel Barros, +Alice Francisco
		12:00 PM	+Baby Speranza-Camp, +Luciana Andres, +Arsenia Villafuerte
		3:00 PM	+Joseph Vu Minh Tran
		5:00 PM	People of Saint Joseph
Mon	12/16	8:00 AM	+Louise Olcott, Deceased of the Khanh Family, Intentions of Yong Beh
Tue	12/17	8:00 AM	+Wendell Wallace, +Adrienne Farrell, Deceased members of the Quang Family
Wed	12/18	8:00 AM	+Neville Lacey, +Judith Barber, Deceased member of Vui Khac Do Family
Thu	12/19	8:00 AM	+Julie Lawson, +Felicidade Fernandes, +Karen Whitson
Fri	12/20	8:00 AM	+James Edward Delaney, Intentions of Arnold & Carmen Agcaoili
Sat	12/21	10:00 AM	+Harold Schwanz, Deceased of the Hotovec Family, Intentions of Gerald & Catherine Martin

### Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation - 12/31/24 & 1/1/25



Tue, 7:00 PM Vigil	Main Church
Wed, 10:00 AM	Main Church
Wed, 5:00 PM (Vietnamese)	Main Church
No 7:00 PM Mass	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

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 15	Sun	Baptism - Hunter Michael Hobson, Colton Ryan Hobson	1:30 PM	Mission
Dec 16	Mon	Decorate Christmas Trees - <i>Chinese, Family of Faith, Filipino, Indian, Indonesian, Parish Community, Vietnamese</i>	per event schedule	Main Church, Mission
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 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 28-29	Sat/Sun	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Anniversary Blessings	All Masses	Main Church/ Mission
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)
Jan 2	Thu	Vespers/Evening Prayer, Benediction (English) Mass in Vietnamese	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Main Church Main Church
Jan 3	Fri	First Friday, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 24-hr Adoration	8:00 AM	Mission/Church
Jan 4	Sat	First Saturday, Immaculate Heart of Mary	8:00 AM	Mission
Jan 5	Sun	First Sunday, Ad Orientem	7:00 PM	Mission
Jan 4-5	Sat/Sun	The Epiphany of the Lord	All Masses	Main Church/ Mission

# 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/>.

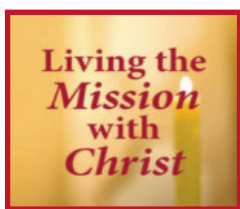
### Engraved Brick Sponsorships - Honor a Loved One!

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](mailto: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](mailto: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. For information on services for Bishop Cummins, visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/bishop-cummins/>.

## El Niño Divino ~ A Christmas Concert

Thank you for joining us for Saturday's Christmas concert! The orchestra, adult choir, children, youth, and bells all delivered outstanding performances, filling the night with beauty and joy. Each group brought their best, and the result was nothing short of extraordinary. We are so grateful for your support, which helps sustain and grow our music ministry.

## 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.

510-656-6525. Visit <https://stjosephschoolfremont.org>.

## Refugee Resettlement Ministry

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





# 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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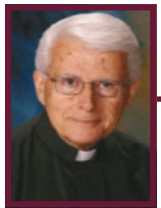
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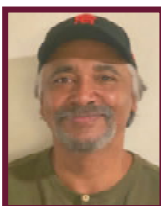
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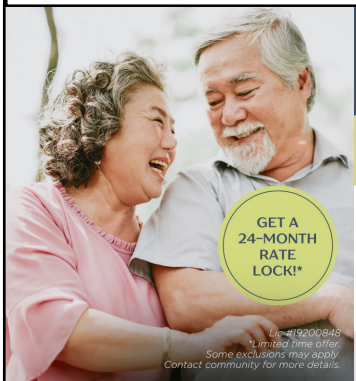
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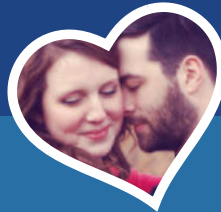
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