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Women of St. Joseph

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President's Message

Ladies,

I miss seeing all of you, with or without masks. We are waiting on the Parish to let us know when we can meet in person. We have cancelled our June Installation potluck and our July Ice Cream Social.

On June 16 at 7 pm, we'll have a Zoom Meeting, hosted by Kaye Tierney. Please see the meeting announcement below. I will be sending out the Zoom connection information on June 14 and June 15.

We have a Facebook page, Women of Saint Joseph, Old Mission San Jose with 35 members contributing. This is a private group, just for us. Email or call me if you have trouble accessing it. kcuwj@yahoo.com or 510-299-4624.

How do we move on to the new normal? What is the new normal? How fast do we do it? There will still be risks of infection. The good news is that we know much more about what is safe or not and we are still learning about it. I'm more confident that hospitals are better prepared to treat those that get sick. We need to balance care and risk. I'm meeting my Mom for the first time, with my Aunt and niece and nephew tomorrow to make Nicaraguan tamales. Could be risky, but small steps, small risks. Masses will be held very soon, and some may still stay away. Our faith and fellowship with each other will guide us on our journey to the new normal. Our faith is our strength.

Like I said in the beginning, I miss you.

God Bless you and see you soon.

Judy Huckabay

WOSJ President

How was Shelter in Place?

By Judy Huckabay

I've talked to a few people about Shelter in Place. Hopefully, each of you has done the same. I learned that Shelter in Place was different for each of us. A few were very vigilant, stayed in their homes or yards, had groceries delivered, and little or no contact with other people. Some still visited a few family members, traveled out of the county to take care of vacation homes, met with friends outside in their backyards, went grocery shopping, made face masks, donated blood, visited local parks, and walked their dogs. Transitioning to the new normal will be different for each of us. Some of us are back at their jobs (not working from home) and their kids are now finished with their "on-line" classes. Some of us felt isolated and lonely. My parents had my niece (home from Sonoma State), my nephew (laid off from his restaurant job), my brother (furloughed from The Gap) living with them. My 83-year-old Mom did lots of cooking.

June Celebrates the 223rd Anniversary of Old Mission San Jose

By Nancy Dorigi

St. Joseph's very own "La Mision del Gloriosissimo Patriarca San Jose" was founded on June 11, 1797, the 14th of 21 California Missions established by the Spanish from 1769 to 1823. And while an anniversary Mass and Reception is the norm, our shelter-in-place orders call for a more creative celebration of this important occasion.

On June 7th at 11 a.m., a special celebration of Mass will be streamed from the Old Mission that includes ringing the 200-year-old Mission Bells and a special musical selection featuring the historic Rosales Opus 14 Spanish Organ played by Ronald McKean. All this will be streamed live via the St. Joseph Parish website at www.saintjosephmsj.org.

Newly added to Old Mission San Jose's website at www.missionsanjose.org is an account of this day in 1797 from the book "The History of Mission San Jose" by Francis Florence McCarthy, quoting passages from our Founder, Father Fermin Francisco de Lasuen. And while on the website, view amazing videos and photographs in the Gallery.

*****NOTE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

We usually ask for dues at the WOSJ installation dinner, but this year is different. The board will not plan activities that risk our members' health. Because WOSJ finances are solid, please don't pay your dues until we ask for them; it might be in the autumn. We are doing our best to figure out how to proceed during the pandemic.

God bless you and your loved ones.

Canice McLaughlin

*****NOTE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL CHAIR**

Dear Friends, Keep God in your hearts and pray that our country heals the profound wounds that manifested themselves this week. Black lives matter! All men are equal in the eyes of God and we need to live that in our lives. "Love one another as I have loved you", was the command of Our Lord. Let us share that with all. Pray also for all those affected by the demonstrations; especially those who were wounded or lost property, that God will help them to recover.

Please let us know about those in your lives who are challenged in these confusing times. I will let the group know. Our prayers can make a difference. You all are loved and missed. I send prayers and hugs out to all and yes, we have prayer shawls sanitized and sealed in plastic ready to deliver. I would love an excuse to see any of you! From a distance of course! Please call Donna at 510-703-8141.

Donna Phair

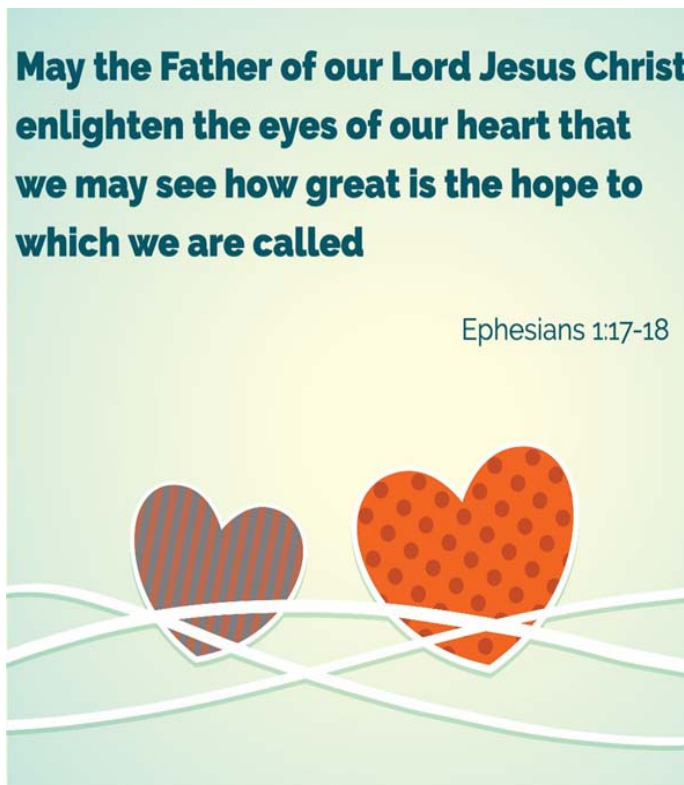
The Intention of The Pope for this month is:

The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart that
we may see how great is the hope to
which we are called**

Ephesians 1:17-18



*****NOTE FROM THE ZOOM MEETING on June 16th** - by Kay Tierney. Last month Dr. Dianne Martin shared scientific, medical information about the highly contagious coronavirus pandemic. The coronavirus is not the only contagious thing around.

Also, highly contagious are Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm, and a Positive Attitude. Don't wait to catch it from others. Be the carrier.

This is our topic for our June WOSJ meeting. We will share one program that is helping the poorest of the poor in the world. Unbound, which was scheduled to make a presentation to our parish in April, was started by a former Jesuit priest and a former Christian Brother.

Learn more as you journey through Uganda, Kenya, and Madagascar on an Unbound Awareness Trip. This photo shows a portion of the 3000-4000 people who greeted us in Madagascar. Catch the contagious spirit of these joyful, spirited, and extremely poor but welcoming people.



*****NOTE FROM OUR PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Dear Women of St. Joseph Angels, thank you for attending our wonderful zoom meeting with outstanding Dr. Diane Martin. It was set up by Krista Phair and Pat Samuels. Thanks so much for sharing your expertise for a very successful meeting. We all appreciated it very much. I took a thank you card and small plant to Dr. Martin's office as a token of our gratitude.

Here is something I saw at my daughter's home and had to copy it for my front door.

*Also, highly contagious is love, enthusiasm, kindness, patience, and a positive attitude.
Don't wait to catch it from others, be the carrier.*

Stay safe dear W.O.S.J. angels!

Love, peace, prayers, and blessings,

Madefyn Rudy



*Happy Birthday to those born
in June*

Bea Taus	6/3	Margherita McIntosh	6/5
Monica Wong	6/12	Joan Rendon	6/13
Theresa Nguyen	6/16	Shan Varaitch	6/19
Judy Huckabay	6/19	Irene Andersen	6/23
Norma Neto	6/26	Kay Tierney	6/26
Joanna Diaz-Yoshioka	6/27	Nancy Dorigi	6/28