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President's Message

Dear WOSJ,

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend the May 17, potluck and contribute your thoughts and ideas as to how we the WOSJ can move forward in the future. It was agreed by all that we will need to re-invent ourselves if we wish to stay a viable, contributing group for our parish.

We have some valid concerns to work around as we move forward:

- Covid is still with us, we will need to function with this in mind.
- We have an aging membership that is vulnerable to Covid and not able to perform all the service activities that we did in the past.

With these thoughts in mind we will go on hiatus for the summer and reconvene in the fall (September). At that time we will revisit what we can and can't do and maybe change our purpose to be better aligned with the makeup of our group.

Until then:

- We will only hold meetings for the membership when there is an activity to organize. Anyone can organize an activity and send out an invitation to the group at large for participation. While we will continue with some of our cherished service activities anything new will have to be championed by a member willing to organize or chair the event.
- It was agreed that many would still like to attend 8AM Mass on the first Saturday of the month as the WOSJ group. Mass will be followed by fellowship either at Mission Coffee or in the Plaza of the Mission. Pat Samuels will send out the reminders.
- None of the members present wanted to dissolve our group but have agreed that we revisit our future at the fall meeting. Until then the existing board will remain in place. It was suggested that we may want to change our elections to a calendar year date (January) along with our collection of the dues.
- Pray for insight and discernment so that we as the WOSJ may continue to exist providing Service, Fellowship, Education and Spiritual Enrichment to our members and to our Parish.

Thank you all for your support and encouragement during this past year, it has been an honor and privilege to work with you.

Here is praying that we each become our best selves in the year to come. Have a safe and wonderful summer, hope to see you all this fall!

Eileen Juan

WOSJ President

Mark Your Calendars!

Founder's Weekend Festival is Coming ON JUNE 11th AND 12th

Our parish joins with the local community June 11th and 12th in a two-day Festival to commemorate the Mission's 225th Anniversary on the Dominican lawn behind the Mission Museum. Bring your families. There will be hands-on activities and entertainment for the grandkids, international foods, live music dancing, arts & crafts, beer & wine, water, and sodas. Many WOSJ members are contributing time, talent, and goodies to make our Sweet Shop a success. Shop for everything from olive oil and olive wood products to religious gifts, apparel, and souvenirs.

Saturday Evening at 5:30 we will have a special Mass of celebration with Bishop Barber in the Mission Church that will also be livestreamed to the St. Joseph Church. And Sunday evening at 4:00pm there will be an exceptional choir concert of a cappella sacred music from the past 500 years performed in the Mission Church.

Many volunteers are still needed for the Sweet Shop, Festival Greeters, Merchandise Booth, Ticket Sales, Kids Activities and more. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c48aeaa2bab9-225> anniversary for a 2-hours slot, then relax and enjoy lunch, shopping and entertainment. See the complete Schedule of Events at mission225.org/founders-weekend-festival.

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

Please keep our members in your prayers there are many who wish to remain anonymous in need of prayers. If you know someone who needs our prayers or if one of the WOSJ needs a prayer shawl to remind her she is wrapped in prayers from the women of St Joseph. Please contact Donna Phair at 510-703-8141 (leave a message) or email at phair_math@yahoo.com. We deliver sanitized and sealed!

JUNE is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, we renew our pledge of love and loyalty to you. Keep us always close to your loving heart and to the most pure Heart of your Mother.

May we love one another more and more each day, forgiving each other's faults as you forgive our sins. Teach us how to see you in those we meet outside our home.

Please help us keep our love for you always strong by frequent Mass and Communion. Thank you, dear Jesus, King and Friend of our family, for all the blessings of today. Protect us during this night. Help us all to get to heaven! Amen.



*Happy Birthday to those born
on June*

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	Elaine Johnson Martinez	6/26
Norma Neto	6/26	Kay Tierney	6/26
Joanna Diaz-Yoshioka	6/27	Nancy Dorigi	6/28