June 22, 2024 Saint Joseph Parish Update





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By Father Anthony, Parish Staff, and the Pastoral Leadership Team

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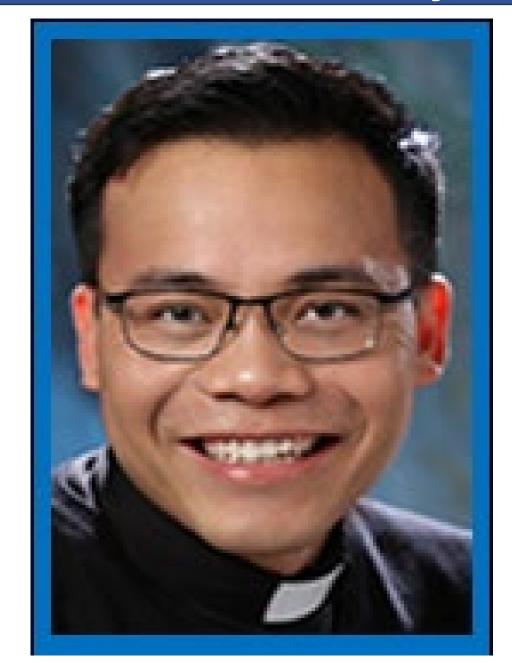


Reports July 2023 - June 2024

- Amazing Worship Experiences Father Anthony Le
- Works of Charity, Mercy, and Justice Deacon Dick Bayless
- Forming Missionary Disciples Nancy Flores
- St. Joseph School Laurie Lopez
- Stewardship
 - Facilities Bill Utic
 - Financial Gina Mehta

Father Anthony





Amazing Worship Experiences

Father Anthony Le



Sacraments:

- Sunday Masses (English, Mandarin, Vietnamese)
- First Sunday ad orientem Mass in Mission church
- Confession (Wed-Sat before daily Mass and by appointment)
- Mass and Anointing of the Sick (quarterly)
- Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, Weddings, Funerals
- Deacon Ordination at Mission church (annual)



Amazing Encounters with God

Devotions:

- First Wednesday St Joseph (7 PM, St Joseph Church)
- First Friday Sacred Heart of Jesus (8 AM, Mission)
- First Saturday Immaculate Heart of Mary (8 AM, Mission)
- Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Mon-Sat before and after 8 AM daily Mass, Mission church)
- Adoration (Mon-Fri, 9 AM-8 PM, Adoration Chapel)
- Vespers (Mon-Fri, 6 PM, Adoration Chapel)
- Vespers with Benediction (Thursdays, 6 PM, St. Joseph church)



St Joseph Church Dedication - December 23, 2023



Diocesan Shrine of Saint Joseph, March 16, 2024

SAT | MARCH 16, 2024 ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE **ST. JOSEPH &** THE HOLY EUCHARIST

"Whereas Adam and Eve were the source of evil which was unleashed on the world, Joseph and Mary are the summit from which holiness spreads all over the earth."

Pope St. John Paul II





BISHOP MICHAEL C. BARBER, S.J.

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MRS. ANTONIA FR. DANIEL SALZANO ACUTIS WILLIAMSON, C.F.R. MOTHER OF (ENGLISH) **BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS**





FR. THI HOANG

(VIETNAMESE)





FR. LUIS LOPEZ (SPANISH)

FR. GREGORY LIU, O.P. (MANDARIN)



Conferences

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Easter Vigil – March 30, 2024

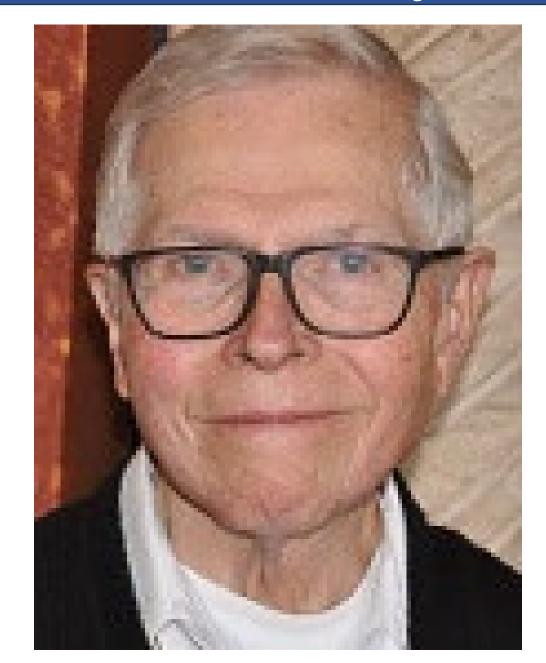


227th Anniversary – June 8-9, 2024



Deacon Dick Bayless





Works of Mercy, Charity, and Justice: Bringing the Love of God to our Neighbors

Deacon Dick Bayless

\$123,000 **Contributed** to special collections

\$12,000 for Sister Parish in Ghana

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\$10,606 donated to Hawaii Relief







115 families and more than 1000 individuals received utilities, rental, food, and motel assistance

- SVdP began in January 1959 at our parish with 11 volunteers
- Today 45 volunteers distribute 100,000-120,000 pounds of food each year
- Pre-Covid, we helped 120 singles/homeless/families every month; Now over 700 per month
- We need more volunteers to help us with this growth





John Marie's 20

Sister John Marie's Pantry - 2023

Sister John Marie's Pantry began in 1982 24 hour recorded phone number for requests

- 25 Families \$8,666 for utility bills
- 21 Families \$10,116 for rent
- Homeless ministry support >50 shopping trips - \$6,350 and another \$6,000 in donated food from the Parish
- 19 people \$3,982 for temporary hotel stays



- We have grown from 2 volunteers in 2019 to 21 now, plus many other parishioners that help:
- Making bags of food and supplies on Thursdays and Sundays - 70 to 95 bags every week
- 6 shoppers to keep us supplied
- 7 people distribute bags on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday serving a different area each day
- Blessing Bags inserted in our bags of groceries are made by Faith Formation once a month, and by the school once a month



8 Refugee families resettled here in Fremont in 2023 4 Refugee families resettled here in Fremont so far in 2024

Nancy Flores-Mai





Forming Missionary Disciples Family of Faith Adult Faith Formation

Nancy Flores-Mai



2023 - 2024	Total Number of Students	Catechists / Volunteers
Family of Faith	80	31
Sacramental Prep	28	8
RCIC	2	1



FFM Stewardship 2023-2024:

- St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Drive
- Children's Christmas Nativity Play
- Created 100 Valentine cards for the elderly/homebound
- Lenten soup supper & student-led Stations of the Cross





Family of
 Faith
 Valentine
 Card project

Forming Missionary Disciples





Blessing bags for the St. Joseph homeless outreach ministry

Forming Missionary Disciples



Lenten Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross





FFM Stewardship 2023-2024:

- Children's choir
- Altar Servers
- Families (parents and children) serving as lectors, ushers, greeters
- Family Bonding Sundays

Over 400 parishioners are participating in our Family of Faith programs



End of Year/Youth Appreciation Picnic (Family of Faith catechists and support teams)





Sacrament of the Eucharist: 26 Sacrament of Confirmation: 15





Annual Easter egg hunt - over 6,000 eggs for parish





Program	Participants
Assumption Novena	32
Consecration to Jesus through Mary	52
Diocesan Eucharistic Congress	30
The Mass study series	28
Advent Retreat	138



Program	Participants
Consecration to St. Joseph	22
Jesus and the Eucharist	41
Lenten Recollection	272
Bible Study	60 email list/14 Zoom
Lectio Divina	60 email list/12 Zoom

Forming Missionary Disciples





Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

Forming Missionary Disciples



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Forming Missionary Disciples



Alpha: 44 Participants (cont.)



Faith in Action



2024 Walk for Life: 85 Participants



Faith in Action



2024 Walk for Life: 85 Participants (cont.)



Laurie Lopez





Saint Joseph School

Laurie Lopez

School Enrollment

2023 – 2024 Student Enrollment of 201 2024 – 2025 Student Enrollment of 219







School Enrollment



- Graduated 28 Eighth Graders
- Approximate 60 new applicants this Spring
- 12 students from Our Lady of Guadalupe due to the school closure
- Our capacity is 316 students



School Accreditations



- We completed our accreditation process through the Western Catholic Education Association
- We just received our new certificate of full accreditation through June 2023





- Welcome back Luau to celebrate our return to school
- A fun family dance at the beginning of May allowing all our families to celebrate their cultural heritage together





We installed a video marquee sign to share information from the school and parish with the community





- Mission Helper Projects continue to be an important piece of our school program
- This year we also began helping the Parish Homeless ministry





- Providing a balanced approach between home and school
- Including a new Spanish Program this year La Escuelita





CYO teams in Girls Volleyball and Basketball, Boys Basketball and Track and Field attended the Diocesan Championships this year.



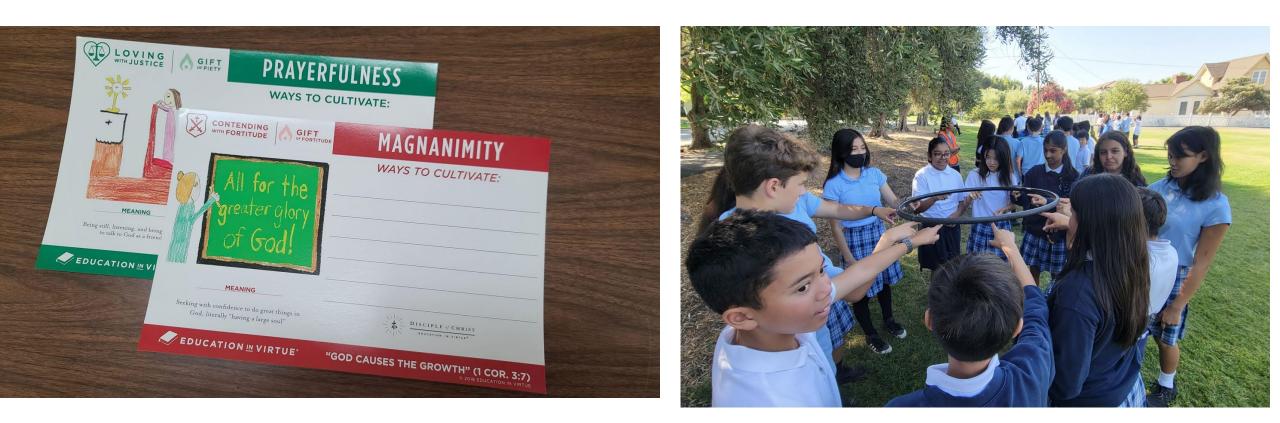


- Our students
 participated in the
 Diocesan Science
 Bowl
- Students also participated in the Catholic Math League where they placed well in their division





Emphasis on student social and emotional wellbeing
 Introducing *Education in Virtue* in 2024 -2025 school year





The school continues to look for ways to blend the school and church communities for a greater participation in the faith experience on Saturdays/Sundays



- The school welcomes all parish ministries to make connections with our students during the school day as well as with our families during ongoing events and activities



Stewardship

- Facilities Bill Utic
- Finance Gina Mehta

Bill Utic







Since last year's State of the Parish Update, we have:

Completed

 our backlog of
 tree trimming
 and brush
 removal





 Made pavement repairs and added missing curbs on St. Joseph Terrace









✓ Created and paved a new Gathering Area for events and parking



 Repaired water damage to the school and made improvements to prevent future water damage





Completed our new outdoor Stations of the Cross





Installed new parish signage on Mission Blvd and a video display sign at the school









 Landscaped the Mission Blvd sidewalk area in front of the church with an inspirational message: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph Pray for Us"



 Renovated our church, parish hall, and kitchen and built new restrooms with full accessibility







 Repaired the damaged foundation under our historic 1809 adobe brick museum building





 Welcomed our bronze life-sized, original sculpture of Joseph, Jesus, and Mary: "The Heart of the Family"







✓ Celebrated the completion of our 50 x 7 ft oil painting "The Wedding Feast of the Lamb"

2023 maintenance and operation:

(includes utilities, janitorial and repairs)

Gathering Space project:

Museum foundation repair:

- Parish ullet
- 225th Anniversary
- CRMSJ
- Alameda County
- CA Missions Foundation Total \$758,000

\$507,000 \$100,000 \$100,000 \$25,000 \$6,500





\$133,000

\$355,000



Church Renovation:



- Repurposed funds \$2,532,000
- Donated items* \$ 476,000
 - * new stained-glass windows, altar, tabernacle, sound system, pews, votive candle stands, piano, Sleeping Saint Joseph, Heart of the Family statue, and Wedding Feast of the Lamb painting

Outdoor Stations of the Cross:

100% donated



2024 Facilities Projects:

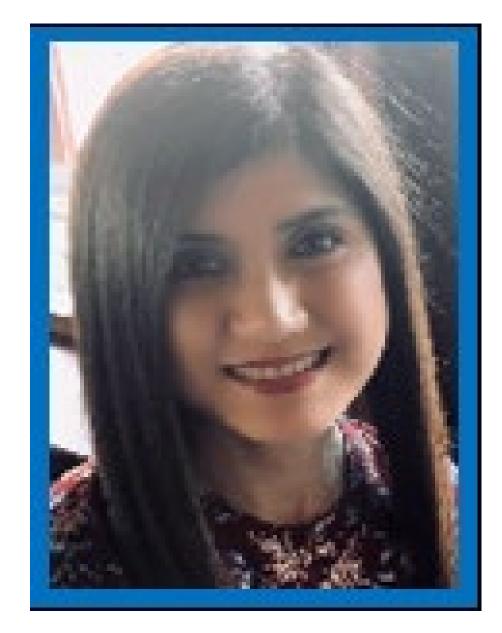
- Air conditioning the church
- Museum renewal



- Solar panels on Kindergarten and storage building roofs (self-financing from PG&E savings)
- Church parking lot maintenance and re-striping
- Kindergarten window replacement
- Carriage House exterior repairs

Gina Mehta









Parish cash and savings at the end of April 2024:

- Parish checking accounts
- Savings account at Diocese
- Building fund at Diocese (restricted)
- \$370,000 \$1,239,000 <u>\$1,800,000</u> \$3,409,000

In addition, there is \$2.7 million at the Diocese from our closed capital campaigns that have not yet been repurposed or reclaimed by donors

Does not include St Joseph School



Parish 2023 Operating Income and Expense:

	Budget	Actual	Favorable / (Unfavorable)
Plate Collection	\$1,585,000	\$1,051,000	(\$533,318)
Other Income	96,946	112,648	15,702
Total Income	1,681,946	1,164,330	(\$517,616)
Operating Expenses	<u>\$1,676,140</u>	<u>\$1,508,140</u>	<u>\$198,830</u>
SURPLUS / <mark>(DEFICIT)</mark>	\$5 <i>,</i> 806	(\$343,810)	(\$318,786)



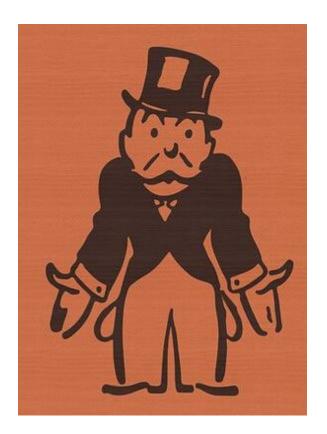
Parish operating expenses include:

- Administration
- Priests and Rectory
- Liturgies and Music
- Ministries
- Diocesan Support
- Facilities (utilities, janitorial, repairs)
- Museum subsidy (if needed)

The school's operating budget is separate and is funded by student tuition



- Before 2023, one family contributed 8-10% of our plate collection, but they have moved away
- Our 2023 plate collection was 35% below budget! – much more than what that generous family used to contribute
- We made up the shortfall from our savings, but this is not sustainable



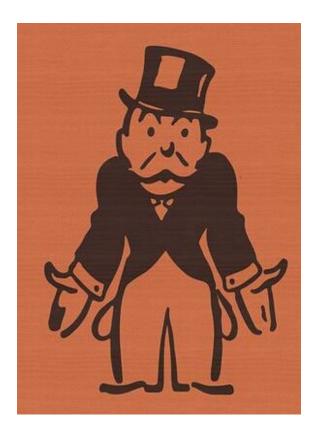
Gifts

Offertory

- 2023 gifts to the church renovation project and the special collections Deacon Dick reported on earlier totaled \$599,000
- But our 2023 plate collection and contributions to the Bishop's Appeal were \$541,000 lower
- Our 2024 budget assumed with the church renovation complete our plate collection would return to normal

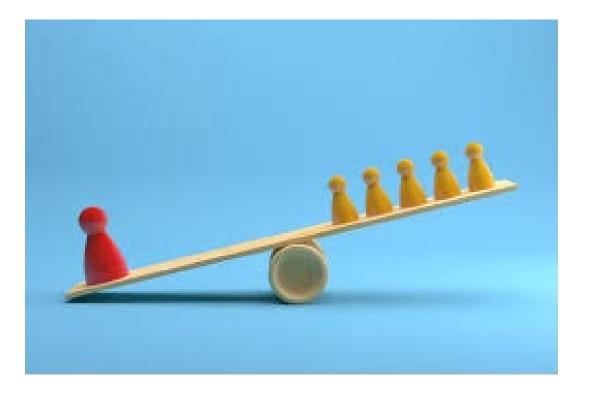


- Our 2024 budget has lower expenses than 2023
- Plate collection income through March 2024 continues to fall short and is \$123,000 (32%) less than budget
- The 2024 Bishop's Appeal is only 32% of our \$72,000 goal





- We depend on the plate collection to pay for 94% of our operating expenses
- 20% of our parishioners pay 80-90% of our annual plate collection
- That means 80% of our parishioners are providing just 10-20%



- 900 of our 1557 registered families do not donate online, by check, or with an offertory envelope
- We need everyone to financially support our parish with regular and generous offertory contributions





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Questions and Answers







Break Time

TIME FOR A BREAK!



Please Return in 15 minutes

Part II

Parish Mission Statement Our Pastoral Vision and Plan Mission Museum Renewal Plan

The Great Mission of the Church



- The Church is rooted in the Great Commission of our Lord "to go forth and make disciples."
- Jesus chose us to be His disciples and He wants us to go forth to love and serve others like He did.
- Guided by the Mission of the Church, Bishop Barber has asked all parishes to:
 - 1. Provide amazing encounters with God in our worship experiences
 - 2. Form and empower missionary disciples
 - 3. Perform works of charity, mercy, and justice



Our Saint Joseph Parish family is living the Mission with Christ by worshiping God, sharing our faith, and carrying out works of mercy and charity.





Living the Mission with Christ, our parish will be a faithfilled community where:

- The Eucharist is the source and summit of all we are and do
- The needs of the poor in body and Spirit are addressed
- Life-long faith formation is a priority
- Diversity is celebrated
- Family is supported
- Sharing of time, talent, and treasure is a way of life



In our first State of the Parish meeting in 2021, the Parish Pastoral Leadership Team and I shared our plan for the parish:

- 1. Providing amazing worship experiences, including worship opportunities for many faith traditions
- Changing to family-centered based religious formation: Family of Faith
- 3. Moving towards Holistic Pastoral Care
- 4. Providing excellent, faith-based education for all parish families who want their children to attend our school



Reviewing Our Pastoral Plan

- 5. Increasing works of charity, mercy, and justice
- 6. Hospitality and Outreach
- 7. Creating a culture of gratitude and stewardship
- 8. Mission San José as both an historic and evangelical resource
- 9. Buildings and grounds that reflect God's glory

We've made progress on most of these goals. This year we will focus more on financial stewardship and Mission San José.



Priorities for This Year

1. Improving Financial Stewardship

Living the Mission with Christ

Financial Stewardship



Last month's *"Living the Mission with Christ"* campaign asked parishioners to:

- Prayerfully reflect upon our parish's important mission, ministries, and financial needs
- Give thanks for the many gifts we've received from God
- Make a renewed commitment of financial support to the parish

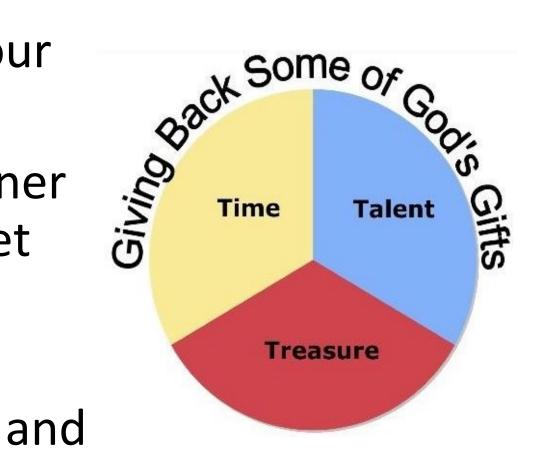
Living the Mission with Christ

Financial Stewardship

- Commitment cards were mailed to all 1557 registered parishioners
- Only 225 members responded
- <u>The good news</u>: Overall these 225 responders made commitments to increase their annual giving
- <u>The not-so-good news</u>: 1332 members did not respond
- We need to change this!



- Saint Joseph Parish is our Spiritual home and needs our financial support
- If every registered parishioner contributed, we would meet our financial needs
- We are asking for an equal level of financial sacrifice – and not equal gifts – from everyone







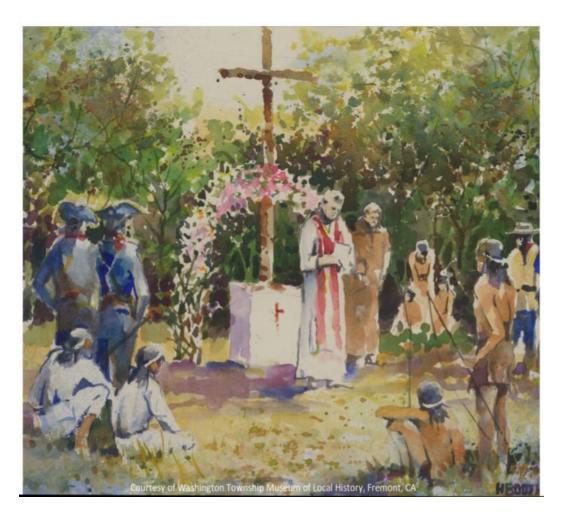
2. Mission San José as both an historic and evangelical resource

Our History



Mission San José was established on June 11, 1797, by Franciscan Father Fermin Francisco de Lasuen

Its purpose was to convert the native people to Christianity, continuing the Church's Great Mission



"to spread the Good News to all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:16-20).



Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph

- Mission San José is the birthplace of the Catholic faith in the East Bay.
- On the Feast Day of Saint Joseph, March 19, 2024, Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J., designated our Mission church as the Diocesan Shrine of Saint Joseph.



Becoming a Pilgrimage Destination

- Since its beginning, the Mission has been a center of faith, a refuge for travelers, and a sacred place of healing, intercession, and renewal
- We want to make our Diocesan Shrine of Saint Joseph a pilgrimage destination known to all Catholics and Christian believers









- Increased visitors
- Reinforcing the Mission's spiritual importance as the shrine of St. Joseph
- New opportunities for evangelization
- Promote interest in preserving the Mission's historical and cultural resources
- Create a shared experience that transcends individual backgrounds



Museum Renewal Vision

- We will refresh the museum to highlight the role of Catholic spirituality in the history of the Mission
- Refreshed exhibits will enhance how history is brought to life about the Ohlone people, the Spanish missionaries, and the early settlers







- Provide resources for pilgrims, including a new welcome center in the museum
- Reimagine the flow and cohesiveness of the museum's exhibits, including new exhibits about St. Joseph and for our historic vestment collection
- New lighting, fresh paint, and state-of-the-art sound and video technology
- Create a chapel within the museum dedicated to Saint Joseph as Patron of the Sick
- Updated museum gift shop



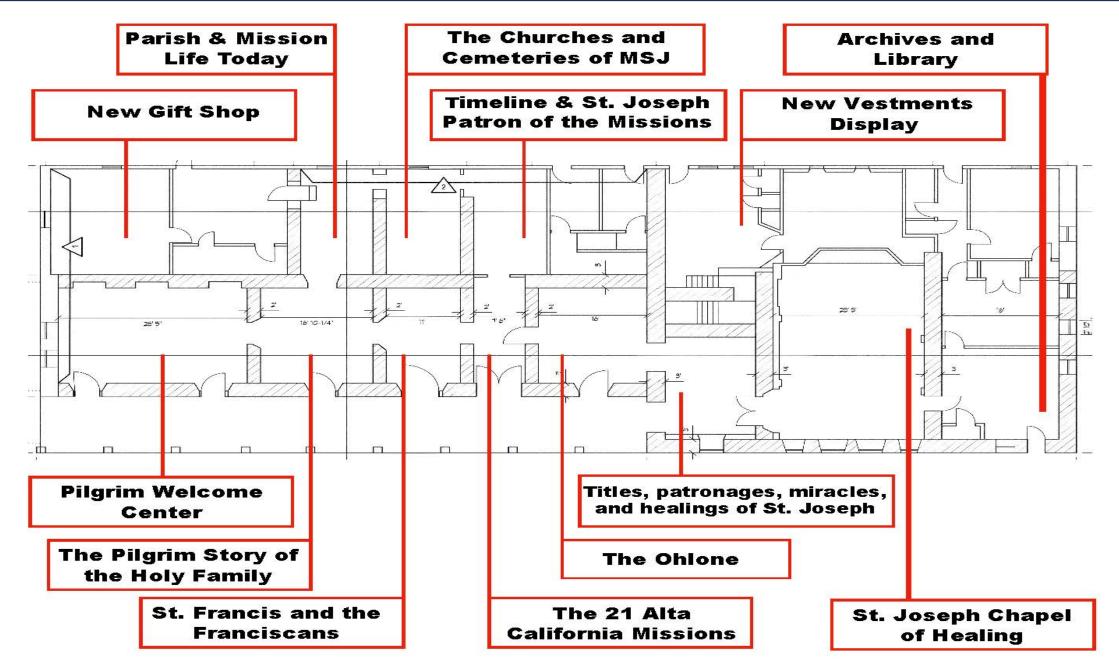


We will highlight the pilgrim characteristics of:

- The Holy Family's journeys from Nazareth to Bethlehem to Egypt to Nazareth to Jerusalem to...
- The Franciscan charism that inspired missionaries to travel to California
- The pre-contact travels of the Ohlone Indians throughout the region, and their movement in and out of the mission system, including the joys and sorrows of the mission period for the Ohlone people
- The many people and cultures from around the world that enrich the Bay Area and our parish

Reimagined Museum Exhibits





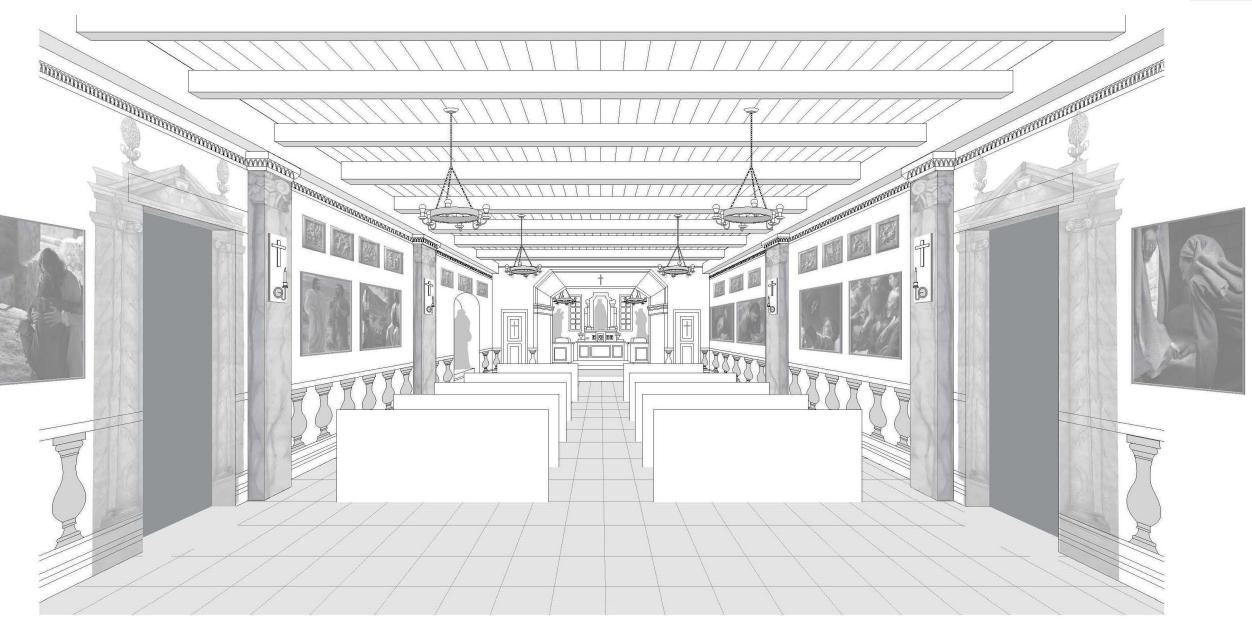
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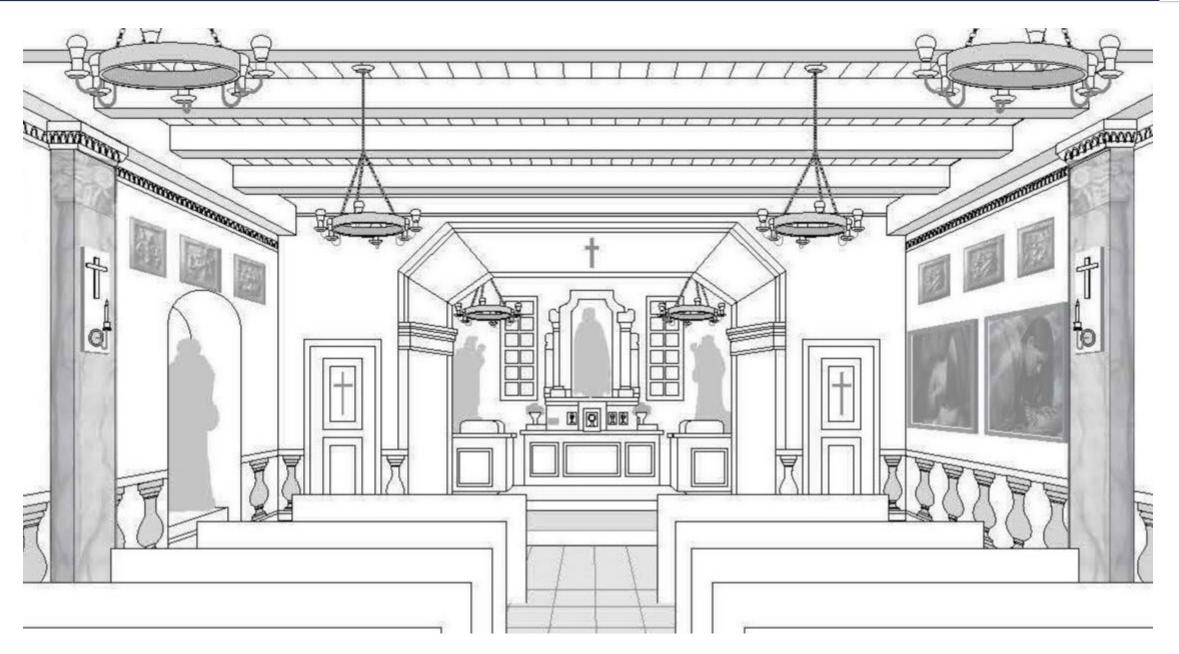
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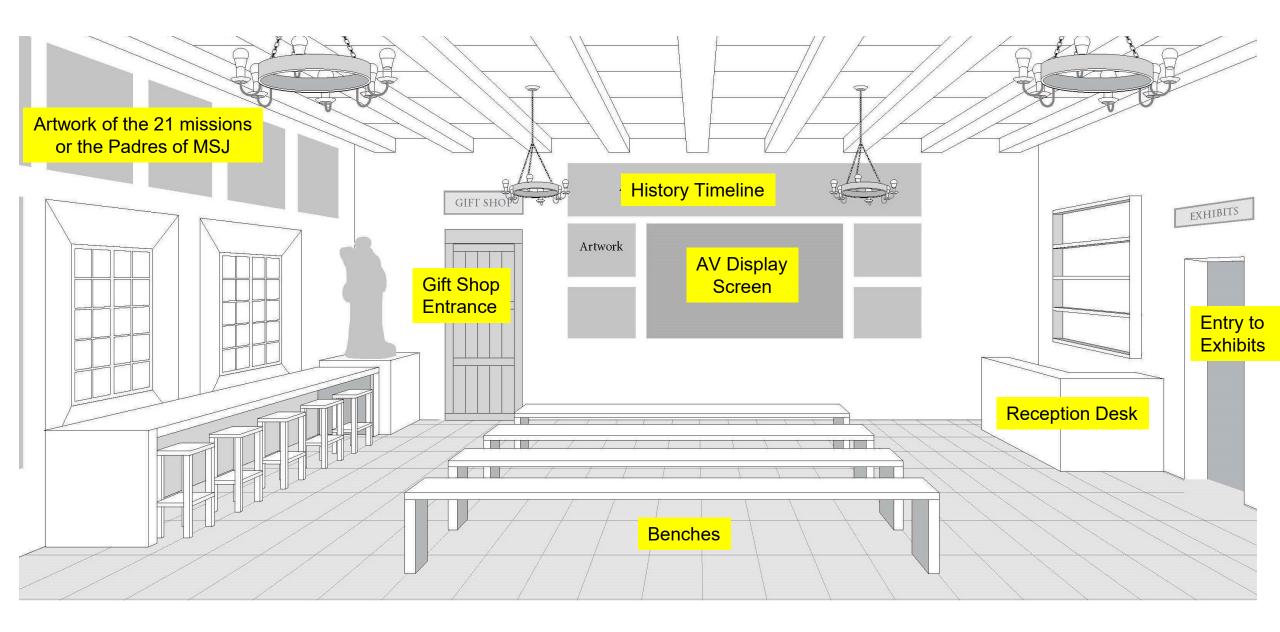
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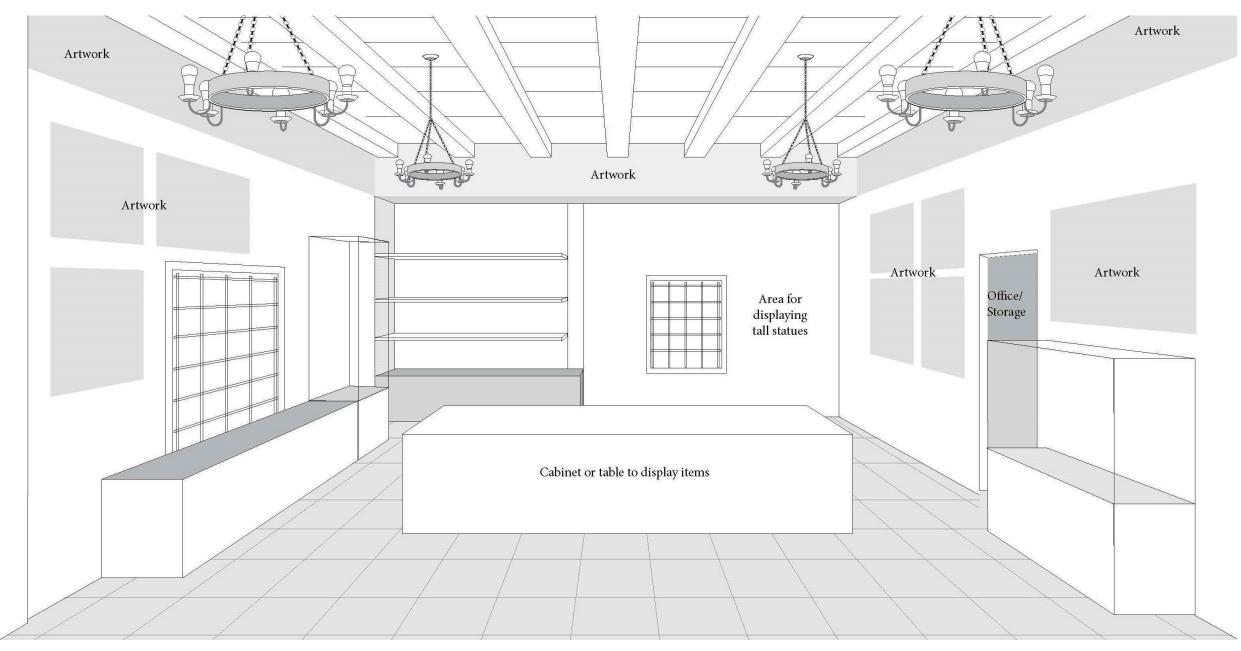
New Welcome Center





New Gift Shop







- ✓ We will complete work over the next six months
- We are moving non-museum related items out of the building and have assembled a team of volunteers and experts
- ✓ The museum's exhibit spaces will be closed for renovation later this summer
- Tours will continue outdoors and in the Mission church while the exhibit spaces are closed
- The gift shop will remain open except for a short time near the end of the project



Museum Renewal Funding

- Sponsorship Donations
- Purchases of Wedding Feast of the Lamb prints
- 227th Anniversary raffle and share of vendor merchandise sales
- Donated labor
- Grant Requests to Catholic Foundations
- Repurposed capital campaign funds
- Plate collection funds and the parish operating budget will NOT be used for this project

Sponsorship Opportunities



Wedding Feast of the Lamb Print – Framed	\$1,227
Wedding Feast of the Lamb Print - Unframed	\$750
Stations of the Cross for the Healing Chapel side walls	\$15,000
4x4 ft framed paintings of Jesus's Healing Miracles for the	
new Healing Chapel (8 @ \$5,000 each)	\$40,000
Welcome Center Construction	\$25 <i>,</i> 000
Museum Technology Upgrades	\$25,000
Hymnal Racks for the Mission Church pews	\$10,000
Refurbish the Historic Organ for the new Healing Chapel	\$10,000
Refurbish the Grand Piano	\$15,000
Benches for the Welcome Center (5 @ \$3,000 each)	\$15,000
St. Joseph Healing Chapel Construction	\$50 <i>,</i> 000

Sponsorship Donations

Project

Donations

Offertory

- We hope you will generously contribute to this project to establish our Diocesan Shrine of Saint Joseph at Mission San José and the renewed Mission museum as a pilgrimage center.
- But please...Sponsorships should be *In Addition* to your regular offertory plate collection donations.



- Volunteer as a "Mission ambassador" for visitor tours we'll provide training and support, including a written script for reference
- Become a member of the Committee for the Restoration of Mission San José
- Contribute financially to the renewal project
- Tell your friends and families about Mission San José and the exciting changes coming for the museum
- Pray for the success of our museum renewal project

Questions and Answers





Thank You for You Attention!







Please join us now for lunch in the Holy Family Picnic Area Lunch is sponsored by a generous donor