



# 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.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2024



"YOU ARE NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

### DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

In these tumultuous times, marked by elections, conflicts in Israel and Ukraine and widespread suffering, it is easy to feel lost and despondent. Amidst the chaos, we are reminded of the most essential priorities: loving God and our neighbors. Today, let us reflect on Jesus' conversation with a lawyer in Luke 10:25-37.

The lawyer, well-versed in Scripture, asked Jesus how to inherit eternal life. Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself." The lawyer acknowledged this, and Jesus said, "You are not far from the kingdom of God" (Luke 10:25-28).

However, knowing what to do is only the first step. Faith without works is dead, as Saint James teaches (James 2:26). We must put our faith into action. How can we concretely live out this love? Jesus guides us:

- 1. Worship with the community.** Attend church on Sundays, offering ourselves as spiritual sacrifices to God (Romans 12:1). Faith is communal; within the community, love is fully realized.
- 2. Works of mercy.** As listed in Matthew 25:31-46, feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned. Failing to do these works excludes us from the kingdom of heaven.

When our hearts are filled with God, our hands must serve and give. Merely attending church isn't enough; our hearts must be aligned with our actions.

In the midst of turmoil, let's refocus on the essentials:

- Prioritize worship and community
- Engage in works of mercy
- Love God and neighbor concretely

Remember, knowing the truth brings us closer to the kingdom, but only living it out will bring us inside.

May we heed Jesus' words and draw near to the kingdom of God.

#### Reflection Questions:

- How do I prioritize worship and community in my life?
- What works of mercy can I engage in this week?
- How can I demonstrate love for God and neighbor in practical ways?

#### Prayer

*Lord, amidst the chaos, help us focus on what truly matters: loving You and our neighbors. Guide us to put our faith into action, that we may draw near to Your kingdom. Amen.*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Fr. Anthony Huong Le, Pastor**

St. Joseph Catholic Church/Mission San José

# 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.

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

"And the two shall become one."

Ephesians 5:31



<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/liturgy/sacraments-2/marriage/>

## 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.

+John Mason

Sat Mar 8, 2025 12:00 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

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org>



# Faith Formation



## Family of Faith

We meet today after 12:00 PM Mass. Drop by the church hall for a light snack, then meet with your faith family from 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM.

### Giving Tree Ornaments - St. Francis Xavier Parish

This year our Family of Faith will remember the children in our sister parish in a special way by providing a gift for them for Christmas. Pick your 'ornament' today to make Christmas extra special for our brothers and sisters in Ghana! <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/family-of-faith-events/>

### Family of Faith Assists St. Vincent de Paul



Family of Faith is partnering with the Vincentians as they begin to make Thanksgiving bags for our



neighbors in need. Your contribution of a 16 oz. jar of jam or jelly and/or Spam is greatly appreciated. Please drop off your donations in the church vestibule by Sunday, 11/10. Thank you for your support!

### Family of Faith - New to the Parish?

Encountering Christ as A Family. Nancy Flores [nflores@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:nflores@saintjosephmsj.org) or visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/family-of-faith/> for more information and to register.

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Adaptive Faith Formation, Rite of Christian Initiation for Children.

### Youth Ministry

Contact Aaron Loverro, Youth Coordinator, at [aloverro@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:aloverro@saintjosephmsj.org) to



find out more about our special ministry, how we serve the community and make a difference in the lives of others. Visit us at

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/family-of-faith/youth-ministry/>.

### Special Religious Education - SPRED Ministry

SPRED assists parishes in the Diocese of Oakland to reach out and integrate children, teens and adults with special needs into the faith and life of the Church through their local parish. For more information, <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/family-of-faith/special-religious-education-spred-ministry/>.

## Adaptive Faith Formation

Recognizing the beauty and presence of God in each person, our Family of Faith Ministry program welcomes children of ALL abilities. We have dedicated Catechists with Special Education and inclusion experience. We recognize each child's unique talents, abilities, and special needs. For more, visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/family-of-faith/>.

### R.C.I.A. - Ignite the Fire Within!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

What is the meaning of my life?

How can I become a part of something bigger than myself? How can I be a better person?

Contact Deacon Dick at 510-304-4298 or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/adult-christian-initiation-classes/>.



### Dominican Friars - Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

It normally takes 8 years of formation before a Dominican friar enters full-time ministry. Pray for the 2024-2025 Friars in Formation. Learn more about our young men in discernment at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/dominican-friars/>.



### FORMED

Featuring the best Catholic video programs, audio talks, eBooks and movies on demand. Suitable for ALL ages. Visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/formed/>



### Catholic Schools Week is Right Around the Corner.

Help us find our next Distinguished Graduate!

Each school year the National Catholic Education's Distinguished Graduate Award is given to a graduate who has made a contribution to American life and/or the Catholic Church. This year's St. Joseph School recipient was Katie Fauria, Class of 2008. We are currently seeking nominations for next year's award. The candidate must have graduated at least 10 years ago from St. Joseph School. To nominate a deserving alum for this honor, please email detailed information to [stjosephalumni@sjsmsj.org](mailto:stjosephalumni@sjsmsj.org).

# Discipleship & Works of Mercy

## Hospitality Sunday ~ November 3, 2024

Hosted by the Homeless Outreach Ministry following the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon Masses. Learn more about our vital ministry. Visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/parish-outreach/homeless-outreach-ministry/>.

## Homeless Outreach Ministry - Help Needed!



Volunteers needed to distribute grocery bags and clothes to the homeless in Fremont M/W/F mornings. Call Stan Peters at 510-468-8017 or <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/homeless-outreach-help/>.

## 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/>.

## Calling All Altar Servers

The ministry of altar server is a ministry of hospitality. 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) or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/liturgy/mass/altar-servers/>.

## St. Joseph Men's Ministry Fellowship Meeting

Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 PM in our Parish Hall.



The presentation and discussion will be on our our Men's Thanksgiving Retreat November 22-24, 2024 at the St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista.

Please join us Tuesday. <https://saintjosephmen.org/>

## St Vincent de Paul - St. Joseph Conference

We express our sincere thanks for your generous donations throughout the year. We served food to over 700 individuals/families every month and distributed 100 backpacks full of essential supplies to children and parents. We are now planning for 150 Thanksgiving bags and 70 families to receive gift cards to buy food and gifts at Christmas. We cannot do this without you! Thank you so much! <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/service/st-vincent-de-paul/svdp-st-joseph-conference/>



## Sister John Marie's Pantry



Sister John Marie's Pantry needs your help to maintain our ability to assist the community. To contact Sister John Marie's Pantry call 510-490-4171 or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/service/sister-john-maries-pantry/>.

## Bereavement Support Group

Our grief support group meets Sundays through Nov. 10 at Holy Spirit Church, Fireside Lounge, 2:30-3:30 PM. Call Helen Campbell at 510-386-6019 or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/grief-support/>.

Nov 3

Memorial Service

Nov 10

Coping with the Holidays

## Catholic Voting Guidelines

As Catholics, we integrate our faith as the moral framework in exercising our rights to vote for and support political leaders on significant issues affecting local, state, and federal levels. Passed on by the bishops of California, read the guidelines to follow at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/parish-election-guidelines/>.



## 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. Sign-up and our Witness Project Team will contact you for filming your witness story. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/witness/>

## Refugee Resettlement News

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



We are grateful to all parishioners for your generous support. You change the direction of lives on a daily basis. Thank you for making a difference.

# Prayer, Devotions, Holy Days

## Mass Intentions

Sat	11/02	5:30 PM	+Lorna & Joachim Gomes, +Ernest Rodriguez, +Erliza Evaristo
Sun	11/03	8:00 AM	+Jo & Clarence Garcia, +Jason Arriola, +Mike Mannix
		10:00 AM	+Felisberto & Thalia Da Cruz, +Carmen Prata
		12:00 PM	Baby Speranza-Camp, +Maria Vo Thi Thanh Ha
		3:00 PM	People of St. Joseph
		5:00 PM	People of St. Joseph
		7:00 PM	+Arsenio Capulong, +Fernando Capulong
Mon	11/04	8:00 AM	+Carlos Santoyo, +Nancy Cabantac, Intentions of Richard & Desha Bayless
Tue	11/05	8:00 AM	+Felix Wang, +Lionel Hernandez, +Isabel & Pedro Crisostomo
Wed	11/06	8:00 AM	+Cam Uyen Ngo, +Leonardo Velasquez, Deceased members of the Chennat & Arakkal Families
Thu	11/07	8:00 AM	+Eugene Duffy, +Anne Phuong, Intentions of Taylor Nguyen
Fri	11/08	8:00 AM	+Basant Gill, +Flower Clement, +Theresa Anh-Quyen
Sat	11/09	8:00 AM	+Arockia Mary Stella, +C.J. Joseph, +K.O. Peter

Visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/all-souls-day/> to add the names of your deceased loved ones to our online Book of Remembrance.

## Pray for the Sick

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  
Please contact the Parish Office for prayer requests at 510-656-2364. Visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/prayer-team-ministry/>.

## The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) - Saturday, November 2, 2024

On this solemn day, we gather to pray for those who have returned to the Lord, honoring their memory and legacy. We also reflect on our own mortality, remembering that we are all on a journey toward eternal life. May our prayers and remembrance bring comfort and hope, as we look forward to reunification with the Lord and our loved ones in heaven.

No 8:00 AM,	10:00 AM	Mission
Prayer Service	3:00 PM	St. Joseph's Cemetery 300-400 Felipe Common

## November Memorial Table

During the month of November, the Main Church and Mission will have memorial tables set up for you to display framed pictures of your departed loved ones (5"x7" or smaller). Please put your name/phone number on the back of the pictures. No candles. Please pick up pictures at the end of November.

## Monthly Devotional Masses & Liturgies

### Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Ad Orientem, Vespers

Sun	Nov 3	7:00 PM	Mission, Ad Orientem, Candlelight, Reception
Wed	Nov 6	7:00 PM	Main Church
Thu	Nov 7	6:00 PM	English/Vietnamese Vespers/Mass
Fri	Dec 6	8:00 AM	Mission, 24-hour Adoration, Main Church
Sat	Dec 7	8:00 AM	Mission



# Spotlight Ministries: Homeless Outreach and Sister John Marie's Pantry

## Part II: How YOU Make a Difference in Support of Our St. Joseph Parish Homeless Outreach Ministry

### Packed Grocery Bags Loaded

Packed grocery bags and fresh fruit are loaded in the back of a Scion ready for delivery to the Homeless.



### Delivering to the Homeless

Grocery bags are then carried out and personally delivered. This day we delivered to the Washington

Boulevard underpass encampment.



### Warm Sandwiches Once a Month!



Stan Peters transfers tasty, warm sandwiches into his Scion with the help of his trusty walker.



### Visit us at:

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/parish-outreach/homeless-outreach-ministry/>

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/service/sister-john-maries-pantry/>

### Hot Lunches, too, Once a Month!

At least thirty to-go hot lunches are purchased, loaded into a cooler, and



carried to the homeless encampment.

### Thank you to all our Volunteers and Supporters!



Our young volunteers, after the hot lunch delivery.

We couldn't have done it without your helping hands and donations,

helping us pack grocery bags and delivering to our homeless brothers and sisters every week.



Thank you, too, to our Family of Faith, for partnering with us and helping us pack blessing bags. Many hands make light work!

If you find it in your heart to join us, please call Stan Peters, 510-468-8017, for more information.

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org>

# Stewardship and Finance

**Living the  
Mission  
with  
Christ**

Sunday Offertory	10/20/2024
Weekly Actual	\$ 16,285.10
Weekly Budget	\$ 27,647.06
Year to Date Actual	\$ 810,979.52
Year to Date Budget	\$ 1,133,529.46
World Mission	\$ 3,584.00

## The Heart of a Happy Family

Bring home a miniaturized replica of the Holy Family, basking in the love of God. Cast in bronze, purchase this statue for \$300.00. All proceeds fund the Carriage house renovation and benefit the parish Homeless Outreach Ministry.

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/statue/>.



## Wedding Feast of the Lamb - 12" x 49" Print

Our magnificent, one-of-kind original oil painting was created by artist Michael Corsini of Pennsylvania. Measuring 7' tall by 50' wide, the Wedding Feast of the Lamb was painted on five canvas panels and joined together during installation. Call 510-656-2364.

\$1227	Print	Framed (signed & sealed)
\$750	Print	Unframed (signed & sealed)

## Engraved Brick Sponsorships - Honor a Loved One!

Sponsor an engraved brick to adorn our outdoor Stations of the Cross path. Visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/brick/> for more information.

## Stock, Mutual Funds, IRA Required Distributions



By donating publicly traded appreciated stocks or shares of mutual funds to St. Joseph Parish or donating all or some of your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMA), you can avoid paying capital gains taxes and receive a tax deduction. For more information and specific details, contact Gina Mehta at [gmehta@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:gmehta@saintjosephmsj.org), 510-656-2364 or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/stewardship/donate/>.

## FlockNote "Text-to-Give" Option

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/text-to-give/>

Text GIVE and the FUND NAME to 510-647-6027.

A new age way to manage your church giving. Try it!

## How to Give Online - OSV

Please visit <https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds> to schedule your regular weekly or monthly contribution and to donate to second and special collections. All major credit cards and electronic transfers from bank accounts are accepted. Online giving is easy to do, safe and secure, and ensures the parish receives a consistent flow of income.



Weekly Plate Collection	Bishop's Ministries Appeal
Mission Museum Renewal	Church Renovation
Second Collection	Special Collections

## 2024 Bishop's Ministries Appeal

Many Ministries, One Church – As of 10/15/24 our 2024 Appeal has raised **\$56,123.27** or 75.26% of our \$72,000 goal for the parish. The overall goal is \$3M and supports the 70+ ministries serving our diocese, and the surrounding communities. Support our efforts in the Bishop's Ministries Appeal by praying and by giving. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/2024-bishops-ministries-appeal/>.

## Match Your Donations

Many employers have matching gift programs. Increase your financial support to our parish with matching corporate funds. Most companies will match donations to schools and to non-sectarian, non-profit corporations such as CRMSJ (Committee for the Restoration of the Mission San José). Contributions to St. Joseph School and CRMSJ help fund needed improvements and operating expenses at the school, Mission church and museum. Contact Gina Mehta at [gmehta@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:gmehta@saintjosephmsj.org) or 510-656-2364.



## Diocesan Update on Chapter 11 Proceedings

Please visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/bishops-letter> to read Bishop Michael Barber's letter providing an update on the bankruptcy case for our Diocese.

## St. Joseph's Cemetery

In honor of our faithful departed, please contribute to help maintain our cemetery. Visit <https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds>.



# Parish News & 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

## St. Joseph School is Hiring - 3rd Grade Teacher

Faith-filled, Bachelor's degree (minimum), preferred valid CA Teaching Credential. 1+ year(s) teaching, intern or assistant experience. Contact Principal Laurie Lopez at 510-656-6525. Cover letter/resume to [llopez@sjmsj.org](mailto:llopez@sjmsj.org), <https://stjosephschoolfremont.org>.

## Dominican Sisters Annual Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Dominican Sisters Motherhouse. Online Shopping for Signature Items available October 6 through October 27. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/holiday-boutique/>



## Dominican Sisters - CES

Center for Education and Spirituality Events. Join us at the Dominican Motherhouse for Bible Study, Lectio Divina, Sacred Healing Women's Circle and our special Advent presentation, Waiting with Jesus Comes with Surprises. Visit us at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/dominican-sisters-ces/> for registration and more info.

## Marriage Building Workshop

Married and unmarried couples are invited to join the Skills for Sacramental Marriage Building workshop on 11/16. Invest in your marriage today! <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/marriage-workshop/>.



## Rosales Opus 14 Spanish Organ Interlude

Every second Sunday of the month in the Mission at 1:30 PM performed by Director of Music Ministries, Ronald E. McKean. Register for a public tour at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/mission-public-tours/>. Don't miss this extraordinary musical experience!

## The Carriage House

As soon as renovation is complete, the first floor of the Carriage House will serve as a permanent home base to carry out our volunteer work. For several years we have been operating out of the garage of our founder, Stan Peters. Scan the "YouTube" QR CODE to view this 'garage' operation. We are so grateful for all of you who have supported the Carriage House Project. You can donate online by visiting <https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds> or scan the "Donate" QR CODE now. Join us in reaching out to the less fortunate. Live our Faith!



## 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.

Christmas caroling, entertainment and refreshments. Don't miss the final night, December 23, featuring Christmas music performed on our magnificent Rosales organ by Director of Music Ministries, Ronald McKean. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/las-posadas-2024/> for more information.

## Simbang Gabi

The Filipino Community of St. Joseph invites you to our traditional 9-day Simbang Gabi celebration December 15 through December 23, 2024. More details to come. Please join us for this extraordinary cultural event!

## Discover Catholic Schools - Fall Open House

Thursday, November 21, 2024

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM



Explore our campus, learn about our TK through 8th Grade offerings, and discover what makes our school special. St. Joseph Catholic School, serving the community for more than 60 years! Visit <https://www.stjosephschoolfremont.org/>.





# Mission Renewal Project

## PART TWO: THE OHLONE INDIANS:

### *The Indian Way*

The primary focus of the California Missions were the Indians. When the Franciscans selected the Ohlone village of Oroysom as the site of Mission San Jose, they chose an area occupied by the Alson and Tuibun tribelets who spoke a dialect of the Ohlonean language called Chochenyo. The villagers were dependent on complex interrelationships with other tribelets in the Bay Area that helped ensure their survival.

Central to the efforts of the Franciscan Padres at all of the California Missions was to gather the native peoples into villages surrounding the location of a Mission establishment. At these transitional villages, the native peoples underwent a process called *reducción*. There they were reduced into the Missions by being taught Christian doctrine and morality, as well as European cultural values. Spanish laws and government were further established by the creation of townships (*pueblos*) of Hispanicized farmers and artisans out of the indigenous population. Spanish law provided that Indian tribes entering the mission system would have their lands preserved intact under the management of the mission padres. The intention was to have self-governing *pueblos* in place within 10 years of the foundation of a given mission.

The Spanish philosophy of colonization has been termed Hispanization “the assimilation of a conquered people into Spanish society by absorption of their own culture.” The Spaniard firmly believed that the greatest gift that he could give the Indian was to remake him in a Spanish mold, which included, of course, the Catholic religion. Since Church and State were united, the missionaries were expected to be the principal agents of colonization, and as loyal Spaniards they willingly served as such, although motivated by the higher aim of winning souls



The Ohlone Indians

for Christ. The Indians of a locality were gathered into a mission to be taught Christianity and the rudiments of European civilization. A mission was much more than a church, though the sacred place of worship was surely the heart of the mission. In addition there were quarters for the padres, soldiers and guests, homes for the Indians, workshops, storehouses, and acres and acres of land devoted to agriculture and livestock.

The ultimate purpose of the Spanish Church and the Spanish government was to embody the converted Indians into Spanish society as “useful vassals of the Crown.” But, if the Church and the government were to attain their purpose, then the converted Indians had to undergo at least three fundamental changes in their social life. First, they had to abandon their custom of avenging injury with death and accept Spanish laws. Secondly, they had to change their marriage customs. They cohabited, pairing off with various partners in succession, trying each other out, and finally arriving at a marital decision to which they would normally adhere more or less permanently unless or until a more attractive or advantageous partner entered their lives; whereupon a divorce and remarriage would take place, which meant that the new partners would simply begin to live with one another in a more acceptable pattern of housekeeping. It is quite clear from the above that the “Mission Indians” did not easily adjust to life in the Spanish world.

- Andrew Galvan

#### THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE!

You can help out by becoming a Mission Ambassador and leading museum tours, assisting visitors in the new Pilgrim Center or Gift Shop Center, beautifying our Mission Museum grounds, lending a helping hand in events and workshops, or by supporting our project financially. Email us at [parish@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:parish@saintjosephmsj.org), call us at 510-656-2364, or visit us online at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/category/mission/>.

#### Mission Museum Ambassadors & Greeters Training

Saturday, November 16, 2024, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the Parish Hall with Livescan onsite 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Also, November 30, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM is our Greeter Training Session. All future Mission Museum Ambassadors and Greeters are required to

attend these sessions. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/ambassador-sign-up/> or text TOURS2024 to 84576 to join/sign-up or contact Lisa Dang [ldang@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:ldang@saintjosephmsj.org) for questions and more information. Thank you for being part of our Mission Renewal Project and sharing your God-given gifts!

# Our Spiritual Leaders & Staff



## Pastor

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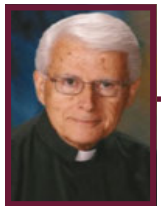


## Principal, St. Joseph School

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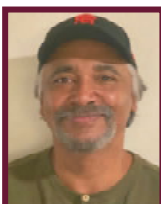


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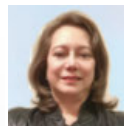
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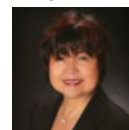
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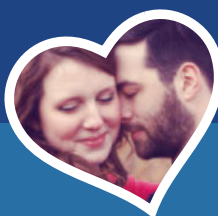
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