



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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024



**"I COME TO DO YOUR WILL":
REFLECTING ON THE VIRTUES OF SAINT JOSEPH**

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

As we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent, our attention is drawn to the silent yet pivotal figure of Saint Joseph. Though often overlooked during the Advent season, Joseph's presence is palpable, and his virtues offer valuable lessons for us as we prepare to commemorate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In today's Gospel, we witness Mary's selfless journey to aid her cousin Elizabeth, a trek fraught with danger for a pregnant woman (Luke 1:39-56). It is inconceivable that Joseph would not have accompanied Mary on this perilous path, given his knowledge of her divine pregnancy. This subtle yet significant detail speaks to Joseph's unwavering dedication and presence in the life of Mary and Jesus.

As we reflect on the virtues that make Saint Joseph an exemplary guide for us, we are struck by his unshakeable faithfulness. Joseph's initial plans were set aside when the angel revealed Mary's extraordinary situation (Matthew 1:20-24). This righteous man prioritized God's will and Mary's needs above his own, demonstrating a selflessness that would become a hallmark of his character.

It is likely that our Lord Jesus, growing up under Joseph's mentorship, learned the value of faithfulness and obedience to God's will. Jesus' own journey, from incarnation to crucifixion and resurrection, was a testament to his unwavering commitment to fulfilling the Father's will (Hebrews 10:9).

Saint Joseph's presence is a recurring theme throughout the Gospel narratives. Though often unseen, his influence is palpable, a reminder that our actions and decisions can have a profound impact on those around us.

Reflection Questions:

1. How can we, like Saint Joseph, prioritize God's will and the needs of others above our own plans and desires?
2. In what ways can we, like Mary, trust in God's providence and provision, even when faced with uncertainty and challenge?
3. How can we, like Jesus, commit ourselves to doing God's will, even when it requires sacrifice and obedience?

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us draw inspiration from Saint Joseph's exemplary virtues. May his faithfulness, presence, and commitment to doing God's will guide us as we strive to follow in the footsteps of our Lord.

We warmly invite you to join us for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Holy Masses as we come together to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Let us rejoice in His coming and share the joy of this holy season with one another.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

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 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/>



FUNERAL, MEMORIAL



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

+Danielle Sanchez

Sat Jan 18, 2025 11:00 AM Mission

+Cora Alameda

Fri Jan 24, 2025 11:00 AM 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



Don't miss the last rehearsal for the Nativity Play. Thank you for your hard work and practice all month! Visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/christmas-eve-christmas-day-mass/> for more information and our complete Christmas Mass schedule. For more information, contact Nancy Flores at nflores@saintjosephmsj.org.

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. 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, <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 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 and donations exceeded \$6,020. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/giving-tree-thanks/>.



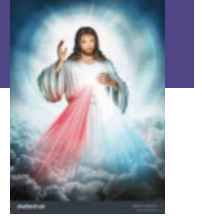
What Families Are Saying About St. Joseph School

"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 commenced 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 direct result of your generous donations.



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

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.

PRAYER, DEVOTIONS, HOLY DAYS



Sat	12/21	5:30 PM	+Enrico De Santos, +Dzung Quach, Intentions of Arisha Bhattacharya
Sun	12/22	8:00 AM	+Karline Patricia Estrada- Serrano, +Orlando Pineda, +Edilberto Pineda
		10:00 AM	+Baby Speranza-Camp, +Dr. Will Wyman, +Clara Villafuerte
		12:00 PM	+Robert Benya, +Maria Vo Thi Thanh Ha
		3:00 PM	People of Saint Joseph
		5:00 PM	People of Saint Joseph
Mon	12/23	8:00 AM	+Eugene Duffy, Deceased of the Bau Family, Intentions of Ernest Dykes
Tue	12/24	8:00 AM	+Dzung Quach, +Lorenzo Martinez, +Deolinda Correa
		5:00 PM	+Nestor Basuel, +Valeriano Alfaro, Intentions of Csikesz & Santoyo Families
		9:00 PM	+Arturo Arriola, +Jason Arriola, Intentions of Paul Toan
		12:00 AM	People of Saint Joseph
Wed	12/25	8:00 AM	+Dr. Will Wyman, +Valeriano Alfaro, Intentions of the Arriola Family
		10:00 AM	+Richard Thiede, Intentions of Enriquez/Del Rosario Family
		12:00 PM	+Joseph Virzi, +Herbert Png, +Sharon Johnson
		3:00 PM	People of Saint Joseph
		5:00 PM	People of Saint Joseph
Thu	12/26	8:00 AM	+Frank I. Torres, +Clara Villafuerte, +Brenda D. Elwell
Fri	12/27	8:00 AM	+Kristen Matthews, Deceased of the Thong Family, Intentions of McKinley Bayless
Sat	12/28	8:00 AM	+Helen Guinn, +Teresita Singh, Intentions of Joseph Do Family

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/>.



**Living the
Mission
with
Christ**

12/22/2024

**No 2nd Collection
Please visit and
give to the poor.**

Sunday Offertory

12/01/2024

Weekly Actual	\$ 40,854.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 27,647.06
Year to Date Actual	\$ 953,307.97
Year to Date Budget	\$ 1,299,411.82
Bishop's Appeal YTD	\$ 58,078.27
No 2nd Collection	\$

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.

Match Your Donations ~ Most companies will match donations to schools and to non-sectarian, non-profit corporations. Contact gmehta@saintjosephmsj.org.

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 or 510-656-2364.

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.

Catholic Bishops' Letter on Immigration

"The Lord hears the cry of the poor" (Psalm 34:7), and we, the Catholic bishops of California, as shepherds of the flock of Christ, have seen and heard the growing distress among you, our migrant brothers and sisters. We assure you that we, and our mother, the Church, stand with you in these days of anxiety. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/immigration-letter/>

Christmas Wish List

The Carriage House, a.k.a. St. Joseph's Workshop is nearly complete! This beautiful space will serve as a hub for our parish community, a place where wonderful things happen, guided by the inspiration of St. Joseph and the Holy Family.

The second floor will be utilized for Family of Faith, Youth Ministry, and Confirmation preparation, while the main hall will be the home for all our ministries.

We created a "shopping list" of items that can be donated or sponsored as Christmas gifts to St. Joseph's Workshop. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish family and contribute to the vibrancy of this special project.

Kitchen, 1st Floor	Large, well-crafted refrigerator
	Microwave
	Slim table
	Food warmer (sponsored)
Second Floor	Big round table
	Comfortable set of couches
	Microwave
	Medium-sized refrigerator
	Book shelf
Main Hall	14 frames of St. Joseph's Sorrows and Joys (\$1000/frame)
General Needs	4 new doors (\$2000/door)
	Two 98' TVs (\$3000 each)
	New sound system for events and karaoke (\$3000)
	Coffee-maker set (machines, cups, coffee, supplies)
	Water heater for hot tea

Please consider sponsoring or donating. Contributions can also be made toward partially covering the cost of larger items. Every gift will help us make this space truly welcoming and functional for everyone. Make St. Joseph's Workshop a place of joy, community, and faith. Call 510-656-2364 or visit <https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds>.

MISSION RENEWAL PROJECT

History and People of Mission San José

Mission San José lasted for 37 years. It became the second-largest mission after San Luis Rey. Mission San José and Mission Santa Clara exported the most cattle hides. About 1,900 Indians lived here in 1831.

1. **Many people lived or worked here.** The Spanish Fathers, the native Indians and the Spanish soldiers were most important.

- a. **Date Founded:** June 11, 1797
- b. **Order:** Fourteenth
- c. **Founded By:** Padre Fermin Francisco de Lasuen
- d. **Official Name:** La Mision del Gloriosisimo Patriarch Señor San José
- e. **Other Names:** Saint Joseph's
- f. **Named For:** Saint Joseph (José in Spanish)
Patron Saint of the Catholic church
- g. **Location:** Fremont, CA

2. **Finding a Place for the Mission**

- a. By 1796, thirteen Spanish missions stood in what is now Alta California.
- b. Mission Presidente Padre Lasuen and the Spanish Governor got together to fill in the gaps and build five more missions.
- c. Mission San José was the first one. It was the only Spanish mission east of San Francisco Bay.

Founding the Mission

The First Year, May-December, 1797

1. **Within 3 weeks**, seven buildings were laid out, arranged in a rectangle, not a square like other missions.

- a. Wood with thatched roofs.
- b. Other missions gave cattle and supplies to help Mission San José get started.

2. **June, 1797**

- a. Fathers Isidoro Barcenilla and Augustin Merino arrived.
 - i. new missionaries from Mexico City
 - ii. came to run the mission
- b. Seventy Indians moved to Mission San José. They came from Mission Santa Clara. Some had relatives living nearby. Others used to live in the area.



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c. Rumors claimed runaway Indians would attack people working at Mission San José. Raymundo led the runaways. On July 3 and July 6, there were more rumors. They said that Indians planned to attack the nearby town of San José, too.

3. **July 7, 1797**

- a. Spanish soldiers came from San Francisco led by Sergeant Pedro Amador.
- b. Caught 20 runaway Indians.

4. **Sept. 2, 1797**

- a. First baptism, 24-year-old woman, Gilpae.
- b. The Fathers changed her name to Josefa.
- c. Father Catala from Mission Santa Clara baptized her because Barcenilla and Merino did not know the Ohlone language yet.

5. **Sept. 18, 1797** - First burial of a mission Indian was held.

6. **Sept. 24, 1797** - First marriage of an Indian couple took place.

7. **End of 1797** - Total baptisms: 33 Indian people in 6 months.

1798-1820: Mission Growth

1. **Spring, 1798**

- a. Fathers tried to convert Taunan Indians who lived nearby.
 - i. Indians got upset. Said they would attack.
- b. Sergeant Pedro Amador went to the Indian village on April 13.
 - i. Brought 26 Indians back.
 - ii. Indians said they wanted to be Christians.
 - iii. The Fathers baptized them on April 17.
 - iv. Baptized 12 more Taunan Indian adults in the next two weeks.

**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, call us at 510-656-2364, or visit us online at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/category/mission/>.

OUR SPIRITUAL LEADERS AND STAFF



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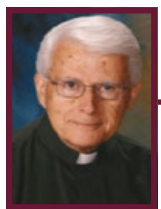


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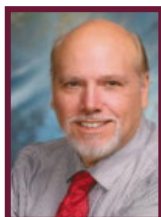


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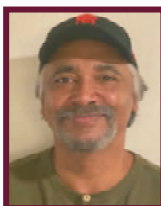


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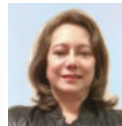
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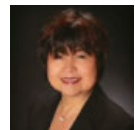


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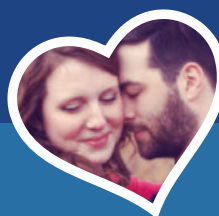
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