

# 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.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025



## GAUDETE SUNDAY – REJOICE!



*Today we enter the Third Sunday of Advent, and we notice a beautiful shift in our spiritual journey. From hope, repentance, and preparation for the final coming of Christ, we now move toward joy as Christmas draws near. That is why this Sunday*

*is called Gaudete—Rejoice Sunday. We light the rose-colored candle to remind us that our salvation is close at hand.*

The readings today repeat the same theme: *rejoice!* The prophet Isaiah preached hope to a people in exile—people who had lost their land, their temple, their dignity. In their despair, Isaiah lifted their hearts with the promise of the Messiah: “Let the wasteland rejoice... your God is coming to save you.”

In the Gospel, Jesus gives another reason for joy. He says that among those born of women, *no one is greater than John the Baptist—yet the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he.* Jesus is not diminishing John. Rather, He is reminding us that we are blessed, because we live in the light of the Messiah John only announced. Where Christ is present, the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor. Yes, we truly are children of the Light—and therefore, we should rejoice!

But joy is not always easy. Some days are naturally joyful—weddings, graduations, birthdays. And some days feel heavy: flat tires, computer crashes, final exams, surgeries, tax season, pandemics. What do we do with those days? Do we give away our peace? Every day, life gives us a choice: live with joy or walk around

frustrated. We cannot control traffic, the economy, or how others treat us. But we *can* choose our response. That is why each morning we must decide: *Today I will not let anything steal my joy.* If someone hurts us, we should pause and ask: *Is this worth losing my peace?* The event already happened—being upset only worsens it. So do not surrender your joy. Life’s troubles are temporary; as a Vietnamese saying goes: “Sau cơn mưa, trời lại sáng.” After the rain, the sky clears again.

How can we rejoice in difficult times—like inflation, financial stress, or uncertainty? Because true joy does not depend on money, the economy, or circumstances. Joy comes from living close to the Lord. JOY can be spelled this way: J – Jesus. O – Others. Y – You.

Put Jesus first, others second, yourself last—and you will find a joy the world cannot give. We have so much to celebrate. As another proverb says: “Ở hiền gặp lành.” Those who live in God’s grace will find blessing. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery, today is a gift—that is why it is called *the present*. So let us rejoice, for this is the day the Lord has made. Let us be glad in it.

I want to end this reflection with the quote from our late Pope Francis who once said: *“I cannot imagine a Christian who does not know how to smile. May we joyfully witness to our faith. Like Mother Mary, may we say my soul rejoices in God my Savior!”*

Advent Blessings!

**Fr. Thi Văn Hoàng, Pastor**

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# WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH

## WELCOME

TO ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH/  
MISSION SAN JOSÉ, DIOCESAN SHRINE OF ST. JOSEPH.

As a devoted parishioner, new to our community, or cherished guest, we warmly receive you into our sacred home, where faith and fellowship unite us in the infinite love of Christ. We are privileged to connect with you personally for support and guidance on your spiritual journey.

### HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

*Please observe reverent silence and pray the Rosary before Mass.*

SATURDAY VIGIL HOLY MASS	5:30 PM	Main Church
	8:00 AM	Mission
	10:00 AM	Main Church
SUNDAY HOLY MASS	12:00 PM	Main Church
	3:00 PM	Main Church, Vietnamese
	5:00 PM	Main Church, Mandarin
AD ORIENTEM	7:00 PM	Mission <i>First Sunday of the Month</i>
ST. JOSEPH DEVOTION	7:00 PM	Main Church <i>First Wednesday of the Month</i>
SACRED HEART OF JESUS	8:00 AM	Main Church <i>First Friday of the Month</i> <i>24-hour Adoration</i>
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	8:00 AM	Main Church <i>First Saturday of the Month</i> <i>(Mission: Nov 2025 &amp; Aug 2026)</i> <i>Anointing Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct</i>
HOLY MASS IN SPANISH	7:00 PM	Mission <i>Second Sunday of the Month</i>
ST. JOSEPH DAY	8:00 AM	St. Joseph Chapel of Healing <i>The 19th of Every Month</i>
Rosary	7:30 AM	Mission
Daily Mass	8:00 AM	Monday–Saturday Main Church
Divine Chaplet	8:30 AM	First Friday & subsequent Saturday
Adoration Monday–Friday *Wednesday	8:00 AM–8:00 PM 10:30 AM–8:00 PM	Adoration Chapel
Vespers, Evening Prayer, Divine Office	6:00 PM	Adoration Chapel Monday–Friday
Holy Hour	5:00 PM	Main Church
Vespers, Benediction	6:00 PM	Thursday
Mass in Vietnamese	7:00 PM	
CONFESSION By appointment, call 510-656-2364	7:30 AM 4:00 PM –5:00 PM	Mission Wednesday–Friday Main Church Saturday

### CLERGY

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday–Thursday** | **Friday**  
9:00 AM–4:00 PM | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM





# SACRED MOMENTS, JOYFUL GATHERINGS

## NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA 2026

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025  
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MAIN CHURCH & PARISH HALL

THEME: BLACK & GOLD ELEGANCE  
BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH NEW YORK AT 9:00 PM (PST)  
Celebrate the joy of a new beginning surrounded by friends, family, and faith. Enjoy multicultural cuisine, live DJ, and an evening filled with laughter and elegance. Raise a glass to new beginnings, cherished friendships, and the promise of a year filled with grace and joy. *For more information, scan the QR code or visit: [www.saintjosephmsj.org/new-years-eve-gala](http://www.saintjosephmsj.org/new-years-eve-gala)*

### SCHEDULE OF THE EVENING

5:30 PM	Holy Mass in the Main Church
6:30 PM	Doors Open Cocktails and Fellowship
7:30 PM	Dinner and Celebration
9:00 PM	Ring in the New Year (with New York!)
9:15 PM	Raffle Drawing
9:30 – 11:00 PM	Dancing and Delight

### TICKETS

\$100 /Person

### RAFFLE TICKETS

\$5 each or \$25 for six

### RAFFLE PRIZES

1st Prize: \$1,000

2nd Prize: \$500

3rd Prize: *Wedding Feast of the Lamb* Print

4th Prize: Holy Family Bronze Statue

Proceeds benefit the Mission San José Ohlone Memorial Garden and the Parish Hall floor replacement.



**New Year's Eve | December 31, 2025**  
**5:30 PM – New Year's Eve Multilingual Vigil Mass**

**6:30 PM – New Year's Eve Gala · Dinner Dance**

**New Year's Day | Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God | January 1, 2026**

**Holy Masses: 8:00 AM (English)**  
· **10:00 AM (English/Mandarin)**  
· **12:00 PM (Vietnamese)**

### New Year's Eve Gala Sponsorship

Reaching out to those who value the beauty, history, and life of our parish to help bring two important projects to completion: the Mission San José Ohlone Memorial Garden and the replacement of the Parish Hall floor. Scan the QR code above or visit our website.

Midnight Circle	\$10,000	10 dinner tickets
Champagne Gold	\$5,000	5 dinner tickets
Countdown Patron	\$2,500	2 dinner tickets
Celebration Sponsor	\$1,000	**
Sparkler Circle	Up to \$ 999	**

\*\*All sponsorships include tiered digital and/or printed recognition. Midnight and Champagne include engraving.  
<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/new-years-eve-gala/>



# LEARNING, LIVING, CELEBRATING

## ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST

YOUR JOURNEY, OUR FAITH  
DISCOVER · BELONG · GROW



### A FAMILY OF FAITH

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*Transitional Kindergarten (TK) – 8th Grade*  
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**Baptism**  
*Infants, Children, and Adults*  
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**Early Childhood Faith Formation**  
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**Children's Faith Formation**  
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**Confirmation**  
*8th & 9th Grades*  
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*10th Grade – Age 20*  
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**O.C.I.C. (Order of Christian Initiation for Children)**  
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**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**  
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LECTIO DIVINA**  
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## Hospitality Sunday Today December 14

Hosted by the Mission Museum Ambassadors. Mission Gift Shop Sale in the Parish Hall. All Christmas items 25% off. Shop for all your Christmas presents and finish up Santa's shopping list!

**News Flash:** The 2026 Hospitality Sunday Calendar was sent to all ministry and community leaders last week. January will be hosted by the Neighborhood Outreach Project team and the Men's Ministry. When your ministry reaches out for donations or help before or after a Mass, please say YES. Contact your ministry or community leader to learn your hosting date & how you can help.

"Open your door with kindness—angels often walk in quietly." Inspired by Hebrews 13:2



**HOSPITALITY for Deacon Dick**  
Following the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 28, a reception will be held in honor of our Deacon in the Parish Hall. Donations of breads, donuts, and pastries are greatly appreciated. To offer a donation or for coordination, please contact Lauri Kaefer at 510-552-7431. Thank you for your generosity.



**DOMINICAN SISTERS ZOOM RETREAT—**  
Single Catholic Women 18-39  
"Response to the Call" - December 14  
Contact Sr. Dulce at 209-406-8111 or  
[dulce@msjdominicans.org](mailto:dulce@msjdominicans.org)



# PRAYER, DEVOTIONS, HOLY DAYS

## Mass Intentions

Sat	12/13	5:30 PM	+Enrico De Santos, +Virgil Rentoria, +Adoración Cruz
Sun	12/14	8:00 AM	+James M. Delaney, +James & Diana Skokan, Intentions of Richard Bayless II
		10:00 AM	+Daniel Barros, +Emilia Barros, +Alice Francisco
		12:00 PM	+Robert Benya, Intentions of Aarav Aiden & Arisha Anne Bhattacharya
		3:00 PM	+Maria Tran Thi Kim Yen
		5:00 PM	People of St. Joseph
		7:00 PM	People of St Joseph
Mon	12/15	8:00 AM	+Yeh, Pu-De, +Yeh, Kuo-Lin, Deceased of Khoa My Vien Do Family
Tue	12/16	8:00 AM	+Arturo Arriola, +Yeh, Kuo-Chun, Intentions of Yong Beh
Wed	12/17	8:00 AM	+Wendell Wallace, +Lin, Kua-May +Yeh, Yung-Cheo-Yen
Thu	12/18	8:00 AM	+Neville Lacey, +Yeh, Jen-Hue, +Wang, Jan-Den
Fri	12/19	8:00 AM	+Felicidade Fernandes, +Catherine Martin, +Wang, Uen-Nen
Sat	12/20	8:00 AM	+Catherine Martin, +Deceased of the Khanh Family, Intentions of Arnold & Carmen Agcaoili

### MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL MASSES & LITURGIES JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, AD ORIENTEM, VESPERS

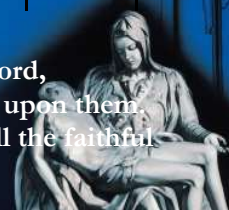
Thu	ALL	6:00 PM	English/Vietnamese Vespers/Holy Mass
Fri	Jan 2	8:00 AM	Main Church, 24-hour Adoration (Main Church)
Sat	Jan 3	8:00 AM	Main Church/Retreat
Sun	Jan 4	7:00 PM	Mission, Ad Orientem, Candlelight, Reception
Wed	Jan 7	7:00 PM	Main Church

**Pray for the Sick**—Mary Rossetto, Pamela Randolph, Pete De Lisi, Axel Briskin, Gerry Fulks, Marla Molina, Todd and Dianne Goings, JoAnn Miller, Alda Petersen, Marilyn Perry, Tom Truong, Angie Heywood, Luisa Del Rosario, Luis Eduardo Castiblanco, Shirley Nolan, Carolina Reyes, Jessica Fluent, Ruth Perkins, Barbara Schaub, Art Noeth, Mariam Wyman, Chris Benya, Gary Asher, Susan Alioto, Anna Wang, Yuk Ying Chan, Norma Neto, Theresa Martin, Maryann Carlin, Gary Whiteley, Jayson Watkins, Monique Morsette, Mary Costello, Zeny Lacey, Michael Roseman, Kenny Zulawski, Arlene Zulawski, Rey Rara. Prayer requests call 510-656-2364 or <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/prayer-team-ministry/>.

### FUNERAL MEMORIAL

Fri, Dec 19	Ninfa Villescaz	9:30 AM	Church
Mon, Dec 22	Rosemarie Lafferty	TBD	Mission

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let Your perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful  
departed rest in peace. Amen.



### Christmas Holy Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve | December 24, 2025**

**5:00 PM – Holy Mass & Nativity Play**

**9:00 PM – Holy Mass**

**(Adult Multilingual Choir)**

**12:00 AM – Midnight Mass in the Mission**

**11:30 PM Prelude · Multilingual readings**

**Christmas Day | December 25, 2025**

**8:00 AM (Mission) · 10:00 AM · 12:00 PM**

**3:00 PM (Vietnamese) · 5:00 PM (Mandarin)**

**Closing Mass of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025**

**December 27, 2025**

**5:30 PM (Mission) | Presided by**

**Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J.**



# FAITH, HOPE, SERVICE & EVENTS

## Christmas Eve Nativity Play

### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Be a part of bringing the Nativity of our Lord to life by signing up for the 2025 Nativity play.  
<https://saintjosephmsj.org/nativity-play-2025>  
 Nancy Flores-Mai  
[nflores@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:nflores@saintjosephmsj.org)

Mon	12/1	6:00—7:30 PM	Main Church
Thu	12/4	6:00—7:30 PM	Mission
Tue	12/9	6:00—7:30 PM	Mission
Thu	12/11	6:00—7:30 PM	Mission
Wed	12/17	6:00—7:30 PM	Mission
Mon	12/22	5:00—6:30 PM	Main Church



**St. Vincent de Paul**—St. Vincent de Paul joyfully served 150 families with large bags of food for Thanksgiving. We extend our thanks to St. Joseph School and Family of Faith for their generous donations, which helped make this outreach possible. Please visit us during Hospitality Sunday on Dec 7 to learn more about our pantry and ministry. In mid-December, we will assist 70 families with Target and Lucky Christmas gift cards. We are deeply grateful for your continued generosity.



Have you ever asked the following questions? Why is there something rather than nothing? Why is everything so messed up? What, if anything, has God done about it? What is my role in this? Join us Mondays in St. Joseph's Workshop for dinner at 6:30 PM followed by the program. Scan the QR code for more information or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/the-rescue-project-winter-2026/>. Registration closes 1/14/26.



### Refugee Update: Good Condition Soccer Shoes & Winter Jackets Needed—

Last weekend we visited Rohullah's family. Needs: boys' soccer shoes (sizes 5 & 6) and winter jackets. Their existing blankets are threadbare, and additional blankets and comforters are welcome. Contact Don Kaefer at 510-427-3007 or [donaldkaefer@gmail.com](mailto:donaldkaefer@gmail.com) if you are able to help.



### Join Our Neighborhood Outreach Project

As we welcome 2026, we invite you to serve our parish in simple yet meaningful ways while getting to know and work alongside fellow parishioners. In the new year, we are seeking volunteers to assist at the Registration Table during Hospitality Sundays, provide baked goods for parish events, and visit fellow parishioners in their homes. Opportunities are flexible and based on your availability. For more info or to sign up for a Hospitality Sunday, please contact Lauri Kaefer at 510-552-7431 or [lkaefer@comcast.net](mailto:lkaefer@comcast.net).



**HOM! A Gift That Keeps Giving Back**—Volunteers use your generous gifts to purchase groceries, prepare bags each Sunday after the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph's Workshop, and distribute them to the unhoused in Fremont three days each week. The gratitude and dignity shared by those we serve remind us that feeding the hungry is a

true work of mercy—made possible through your continued support. As we welcome Christ into our hearts this Christmas and gather with family and friends, please remember our unhoused neighbors in your prayers and generosity. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/a-gift-that-keeps-giving-back-hom/> to read the whole story. Learn more about us.





# FAITH, COMMUNITY, STEWARDSHIP



## O HOLY NIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, December 13, 2025 | 7:30 PM  
Main Church

A union of every St. Joseph Choir—adult, children, youth, bell, and cultural choirs—joined by the Mission San José Orchestra, directed and conducted by Ronald McKean, Director of Music Ministries.

Freewill offering

**Farewell Mass Honoring Deacon Dick Bayless**—Sunday, December 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM. We thank Deacon Dick for his many years of devoted and faithful service to our parish as he enters retirement. Please join us. Reception to follow in Hall.

**Vietnam/Philippines Typhoon Disaster Relief**—December 28, 2025 Special Second Collection for our brothers and sisters who are suffering and in need. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/disaster-relief/>.



**A Sacred Offering for His Altar**—We are purchasing new embroidered altar cloths to enrich the beauty and dignity of our sanctuaries. These cloths will honor the sacred space where we celebrate the Holy Eucharist. We are seeking \$2,500 to complete this offering for the Lord's altar. To contribute to this effort, please visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/altar-cloths/> or scan the QR code. Please call the Parish Office for additional giving opportunities. Thank you for your generous support!



With deep gratitude, Father Thi thanks all who have so generously contributed toward our altar cloths and Nativity set. Your sacrificial giving reflects great love for the Lord and His Church. May God reward your kindness abundantly.



**Rosales Opus 14 Spanish Organ Presentation**—Sunday, December 14 in the Mission at 1:30 PM, performed by Director of Music Ministries, Ronald McKean. Register for a public tour or drop in for a self-guided tour. Visit <https://saintjosephmsj.org/mission-organ-demonstration/>. Please join us.

### How to Give Online—OSV

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds>. Help us maintain our campus and daily operations. Thank you.



ST. JOSEPH - MISSION SAN JOSÉ  
**YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SATURDAY 12/20** — **START 4:30 PM**

**GAMES**  
**KARAOKE**  
**DANCING**

**POTLUCK**  
BRING A DISH OR DRINK  
**WHITE ELEPHANT**  
\$15 - \$25 GIFT TO PARTICIPATE

Need help finding the workshop?

St. Joseph's Workshop  
43148 Mission Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94539  
For questions: [youngadults@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:youngadults@saintjosephmsj.org)

Living the Mission with  
*Christ:*  
Hope Does Not Disappoint

### 12/14 Religious Retirement

	12/7/2025	11/30/2025
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 26,734.81	\$ 12,446.10
Archdiocese of Military	\$ 2,237.00	\$ 3,019.00
Bishop's Appeal 2025	\$ 51,648.40	



# MISSION SAN JOSÉ, HERITAGE & HOPE

## THE APPEALS OF OUR LADY

APPARITIONS AND MARIAN SHRINES  
IN THE WORLD

& HOLY YEAR CLOSING MASS OF  
THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

DECEMBER 27 & 28, 2025

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH/MISSION SAN JOSÉ  
DIOCESAN SHRINE OF ST. JOSEPH  
43300 MISSION BOULEVARD, FREMONT, CA, 94539



*The Most Reverend  
Michael C. Barber, S.J.  
Bishop of Oakland*



*Father Jim Sullivan  
Chaplain for Bishop  
O'Dowd High School*



*Saint Carlo Acutis  
Canonized on  
September 7, 2025*

*Father Jim Sullivan* is a priest of the Diocese of Oakland, ordained in 2006 after a rich early career in writing and youth ministry. A prolific author of eighteen books, he is known for his clear, engaging teaching on Scripture and prayer. He serves as chaplain at Bishop O'Dowd High School, gives retreats and parish missions across the country, and is the co-founder of San Gabriel Media.

*Saint Carlo Acutis* designed *The Appeals of Our Lady—Apparitions and Marian Shrines in the World*, a Marian exhibition featuring beautiful panels of Our Lady and well-documented facts about Her apparitions and shrines throughout the world.

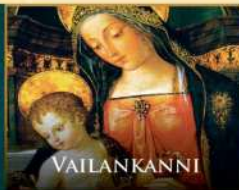
### DECEMBER 27, 2025

- 8:00 AM Holy Mass, Mission Church
- 8:45 AM – 9:30 AM Hospitality, St. Joseph's Workshop
- 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM "Mary – Why and How We Venerate Her"  
By Father Jim Sullivan, Parish Hall  
Mary in the Scripture  
Mary in the Magisterial Teaching  
Mary in the Mystical Tradition
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch, St. Joseph's Workshop
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Exhibitions and Museum Tours  
Mission Museum, Mission Church  
Main Church, Parish Hall  
St. Joseph's Workshop
- 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Individual Confession, Main Church
- 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Jubilee 2025 Closing Mass  
Presided by Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J.  
Mission Church

### DECEMBER 28, 2025

- 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM Exhibitions and Museum Tours  
Mission Museum, Mission Church  
Main Church, Parish Hall  
St. Joseph's Workshop

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AND MARIAN  
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REGISTRATION: \$10 per person, includes hospitality and lunch

Visit our website: [www.saintjosephmsj.org/appeals-of-our-lady](http://www.saintjosephmsj.org/appeals-of-our-lady)

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# AT A GLANCE: DATES TO REMEMBER

## Simbang Gabi Holy Mass Schedule

### Mass Intentions

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/simbang-gabi-2025/>

Dec 15	7:00 PM	Church	Opening Reception, Parish Hall
Dec 16	7:00 PM	Mission	Hospitality, SJ Workshop
Dec 17	7:00 PM	Church	Hospitality, Parish Hall
Dec 18	7:00 PM	Church (VN, EN)	Hospitality, Parish Hall
Dec 19	7:00 PM	Church	Hospitality, Parish Hall
Dec 20	5:30 PM	Church Advent II	Hospitality, Parish Hall
Dec 21	7:00 PM	Church	Hospitality, Parish Hall
Dec 22	7:00 PM	Church	Hospitality, Parish Hall
Dec 23	7:00 PM	Church	Closing Reception, Parish Hall

## Las Posadas

Gather nightly at 6:00 PM on the  
Mission San José Museum porch.

Dec 15	Mission Church	Soprano Kristen Del Rio
Dec 16	BHG Realty	Palm Hill Bell Choir
Dec 17	Dominican Center	Dominican School of Music
Dec 18	St. Joseph School	SjS Children's Choir
Dec 19	Washinton Township Museum, Local History	Santa's Tallest Elves
Dec 20	Mission Barber	Dixie by the Bay
Dec 21	Olive Hyde Gallery	Jim Burris and Ahhhz!
Dec 22	Holy Family Sisters	The Peak Performers Choir
Dec 23	Mission Church Closing Night	Organist Ronald McKean, Vocalist Debbie Rossetto



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check our parish website closer to the dates for times and full event details: [www.saintjosephmsj.org](http://www.saintjosephmsj.org)

#### 2025

DEC. 1-25	Mission Gift Shop Sale
DEC. 13	Christmas Concert – 7:30 PM, Main Church
DEC. 14	Rosales Opus 14 Organ Demo – 1:30 PM, Mission
	Las Posadas
DEC. 15-23	Simbang Gabi Holy Mass: 7:00 PM, except Saturday, 5:30 PM
DEC. 20	Young Adult Christmas Party 5:00 PM, St. Joseph's Workshop
	Christmas Eve Holy Mass and Nativity Play: 5:00 PM Adult Multilingual Choir, Holy Mass: 9:00 PM Midnight Mass in the Mission Prelude: 11:30 PM   Multilingual readings: 12:00 AM
DEC. 24	
	Nativity of the Lord Holy Mass: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM 3:00 PM (Vietnamese), 5:00 PM (Mandarin)
DEC. 25	
	Appeals of Our Lady – Marian Apparitions Holy Mass: 8:00 AM Hospitality Guest speaker Fr. Jim Sullivan: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 PM Exhibitions and Mission Museum Tours Confession: 3:00 – 5:00 PM Jubilee Closing Mass, Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J. Holy Mass: 5:30 PM, Mission
DEC. 27	
	Appeals of Our Lady – Marian Apparitions Exhibitions and Mission Museum Tours
DEC. 28	
	Farewell Mass for Deacon Dick – 10:00 AM
DEC. 31	Multilingual Vigil Holy Mass: 5:30 PM New Year's Eve Gala: 6:30 – 11:00 PM

#### 2026

JAN. 1	Solemnity of The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother Of God Holy Mass: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (English/Mandarin), 12:00 PM (Vietnamese)
JAN. 22	Day of Prayer, Legal Protection of Unborn Children
JAN. 24	Walk for Life West Coast Santo Niño – Holy Mass: 5:30 PM
JAN. 26	Catholic Schools Week
MAR. 20-21	4th Annual St. Joseph Conference
MAY 1-2	2nd Annual Vietnamese St. Joseph Conference
MAY 24	Dominican Sisters Jubilee
JUNE 13	Meet Me at the Mission Benefit – Committee for Restoration of the Mission San José
OCT. 10-11	Octoberfest



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