

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.

The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026



WARM GREETINGS FROM VIETNAM



Thank you everyone for your prayers for my safe travel home. By God's grace, I arrived safely. I will spend time with my parents and my family. I will return to the US on Jan 23. See you in three weeks.

We conclude the Christmas season with the solemn feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This celebration invites us to reflect deeply on what this moment in Jesus' life means for our faith. A few years ago, while teaching an RCIA class, a student asked me a very practical question: *"Why would Jesus need to be baptized? If baptism is for the forgiveness of sins, does that mean Jesus was a sinner?"* It is a good and honest question. The simple answer is no—Jesus did not need baptism. So why did He choose to be baptized?

Jesus submitted Himself to baptism to show His profound solidarity with the human race. By standing in line with sinners and allowing John to baptize Him, Jesus set aside every privilege and fully identified Himself with humanity. He became one with us in everything except sin. The people of Israel came to John for baptism, and Jesus came too. They paid taxes to Caesar, and Jesus did the same. His baptism was not about cleansing from sin, but about unity—about entering fully into the human condition.

The second reason flows from God's boundless love for humanity. When Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan, He was not sanctified by the water; rather, the water was sanctified by Him. By His presence, Jesus transformed water into a source of grace, making it the instrument of salvation for generations to come. As He entered the Jordan, He symbolically entered a world filled with sin, suffering, fear, and brokenness—and returned it

transformed by love and forgiveness. As St. Anselm beautifully expressed, humanity is like a diamond covered in mud. God descended into that mud, lifted the diamond, and restored its beauty.

What does the Baptism of the Lord mean for us today? Each time we enter a church and bless ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our own baptism—the moment we became sons and daughters of God. Being Catholic is more than being kind or moral; it means being united to Christ and sharing in His threefold mission as priest, prophet, and king.

- ***As priests***, we are called to lives of prayer and sacrifice.
- ***As prophets***, we are called to speak God's word through our words and our lives.
- ***As kings***, we are called to lead others to God through loving service.

We do not simply observe Jesus' baptism as a historical event—we participate in it by living out our baptismal mission each day.

In short, the Baptism of the Lord reveals God's unconditional love. God comes to us, enters our brokenness, and sets us free. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, listen to his voice, and seriously carry on his threefold mission as priest, prophet, and king.

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.

At Christmas, many come home—to family, to faith, and to the places that have shaped their lives. During this holy season, we welcome you and invite you to share in the peace, prayer, and sense of belonging found within our parish family. Thank you for sharing this sacred season with us.

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> 24-hour Adoration
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	8:00 AM	Main Church <i>First Saturday of the Month</i> (Mission: Nov 2025 & Aug 2026) Anointing Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
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	8:00 AM–8:00 PM	Adoration Chapel
*Wednesday	10:30 AM–8:00 PM	
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	7:30 AM	Mission
By appointment, call 510-656-2364	4:00 PM	Wednesday–Friday Main Church
	–5:00 PM	Saturday

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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



FAITH, COMMUNITY, COMPASSION

Be Our Guest! Class of 2028 Spaghetti Dinner



Saturday & Sunday
February 7–8, 2026

- ✓ Dine-In
- ✓ Take-Out Available



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser February 7–8, 2026 | Parish Hall

Join us for a family-friendly spaghetti dinner hosted by the 6th Grade Class of St. Joseph School. Dine-in and take-out options

All proceeds benefit Science Camp.



Pre-order your spaghetti or learn more at:

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/save-the-date/>

You may also visit student and parent representatives outside the church after Mass.



ST. JOSEPH CYO BASKETBALL & TRACK AND FIELD 2026 *Spring Season Registrations Now Open!*

St. Joseph CYO invites boys and girls grades 3–8 to participate in our 2026 Spring Sports Programs, which include Basketball and Track & Field. Our programs promote physical fitness, skill development, and teamwork in a faith-centered environment and are open to eligible CYO athletes of all skill and experience levels.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Basketball: January 26, 2026

Track & Field: February 16, 2026

**All registration and payment must be completed by the applicable deadline.*



Register online:

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/cyo-track/>

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8th & 9th Grades

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Schola Cantorum & Orchestra

Ages 5+

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With Grateful Thanks

We extend our sincere thanks to all who helped make our New Year's Eve Gala a joyful and memorable celebration. We are deeply grateful to the many individuals, ministries, and friends, of the parish who so generously shared their time, talent, food, desserts, beverages, and financial support. The outpouring of generosity—both within and beyond our parish—was truly inspiring and a beautiful reflection of the spirit of St. Joseph.

Gala Raffle Winners

- First Prize: Yan Nguyen
- Second Prize: Thuy Cao
- Third Prize: Lisa Laus
- Fourth Prize: Helen Yeung

Match Your Donations—Many companies match contributions made to schools and to non-sectarian, non-profit organizations. Contact Gina Mehta at 510-656-2364 or gmehta@saintjosephmsj.org for more information. Multiply the impact of your generosity and help our parish ministries flourish. Thank you.

Charitable Bequests

A charitable bequest is a lasting expression of faith and stewardship. By remembering the Church or its ministries in your estate plans, you help sustain Christ's mission for generations to come.

How to Give Online—OSV <https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds>. Help us maintain our campus and daily operations.

Second Collection | Diocesan Seminarians

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	12/21/2025	12/14/2025
	\$ 16,146.96	\$ 18,015.00
Religious Retirement	\$	6,190.00
Bishop's Appeal 2025	\$	57,741.85

PRAYER, DEVOTIONS, HOLY DAYS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	01/10	5:30 PM	+Titus Thalupadath, Intentions of Elizabeth Pierotte
Sun	01/11	8:00 AM	Deceased members of the Sauer Family
		10:00 AM	+Daniel Barros, +Emilia Barros, +Alice Francisco
		12:00 PM	+James & Diana Skokan, +Loreto Estrada Balcita, +Dennis Trimble
		3:00 PM	+Maria Tran Thi Kim Yen
		5:00 PM	People of St. Joseph
		7:00 PM	People of St. Joseph
Mon	01/12	8:00 AM	+Maria Tran Thi Kim Yen
Tue	01/13	8:00 AM	+Maria Tran Thi Kim Yen, +Peter Nam, +Anne Yen
Wed	01/14	8:00 AM	+Hilario & Lucina Crisostomo, +Maria Tran Thi Kim Yen, Deceased members of the Lightholder Family
Thu	01/15	8:00 AM	+Teresa Anh-Quyen, +Diep-Tai, +Maria Tran Thi Kim Yen
Fri	01/16	8:00 AM	+Mary C. Schmidt, +Maria Tran Thi Kim Yen, +Joseph Quynh
Sat	01/17	8:00 AM	+Maria Tran Thi Kim Yen +Anne Thuy, Deceased of the Hotovec Family

January 11 | **Second Sunday**

Misa en Español

7:00 PM | Mission

February 1 | **First Sunday**

Ad Orientem

7:00 PM | Mission

Candlelight | Reception

February 4 | **First Wednesday**

St. Joseph Devotion

7:00 PM | Main Church

Vespers | Thursdays | 6:00 PM

Main Church | EN/VN Mass 7:00 PM

February 6 | **First Friday**

Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 AM | Main Church

February 7 | **First Saturday**

Immaculate Heart of Mary

8:00 AM | Main Church

Vietnam/Philippines Typhoon Disaster Relief

A special collection was taken on 12/28/2025 to assist our brothers and sisters affected by the recent typhoons in Vietnam and the Philippines. Giving will remain open through 1/31/2026. To contribute online, please visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/disaster-relief/>. Your generosity provides essential relief, hope, and support to families as they recover and rebuild. Thank you for your compassion and continued care.



FUNERAL | MEMORIAL

+ James Kane ~ January 5, 2026

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.

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

Call 510-656-2364 to schedule.



Pray for the Sick—Liam Park, Dorijan Ilijic, Gary Bozaich, 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/>.

FAITH, HOPE, SERVICE & EVENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY • FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Holy Mass & Ash Service Schedule

6:45 AM — *Ash Service Only* Main Church

8:00 AM — *Holy Mass* Mission Church

9:15 AM — School Liturgy

12:00 PM — *Holy Mass* Main Church

6:00 PM — *Holy Mass* in Vietnamese Main Church

7:30 PM — *Holy Mass* (English/Mandarin) Main Church



St. Vincent de Paul—As we begin 2026, we give thanks for the past year. We served over 9,600 individuals and families, providing more than 19,000 meals, and assisted 10 neighbors with utility or partial rent support. We also distributed over \$350,000 in donated food from grocery partners and the Alameda County Community Food Bank, all while keeping overhead costs under one-half of one percent. There will be two official collections in 2026—January 25 and August 30; donations may also be made at any time online or by check. We are grateful for our dedicated volunteers and for your continued generosity, which make this ministry possible. <https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds/st-vincent-de-paul>.



Refugee Family Friends Needed—During a recent visit with Rahim's family, we were reminded of their resilience and hopes for

the future. His children are committed to studying and working as they pursue their dream of becoming

doctors. Rahim, a former war correspondent with AP in Afghanistan, works in a warehouse to support his family and his children's education. The family expresses deep gratitude for the friendship and support they have received from our parish. We seek parishioners who can offer friendship & accompaniment to refugee families. Our team hosts Hospitality Sunday on 2/15. Please stop by and help. For more info or to get involved, contact Don Kaefer at donaldkaefer@gmail.com or 510-427-3007.

NOP—"Registration Station" Volunteers Needed



Men's Ministry will host Hospitality Sunday next weekend and seeks volunteers to assist at our new Registration Station after the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 PM Masses. Many parishioners who have attended St. Joseph for years have never formally registered. This station offers a simple way to help them take that step. Volunteering requires no preparation, no follow-up, and no more than 30 minutes. Contact Lauri Kaefer at 510-552-7431 or lkaefer@comcast.net for more information.



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. During the Christmas season, this outreach was especially meaningful, as volunteers

ensured that our unhoused neighbors were remembered, fed, and treated with dignity during a time of increased need. The gratitude and respect shared through this ministry continue to remind us that feeding the hungry is a true work of mercy. <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/a-gift-that-keeps-giving-back-hom/> Read the whole story and learn more about us..



SACRED MOMENTS, JOYFUL GATHERINGS



Catholic Schools Week

January 25–31

Join us in celebrating

St. Joseph School

on **Sunday, January 25** at the
10:00 AM Mass,

followed by an **Open House until 12:30 PM.**

Come learn about your parish school and
discover how Catholic education forms minds,
nurtures faith, and builds community.

United in Faith and Community



Hospitality Sunday — January 18

Come See the “Registration Station” — Next week, January 18, Men’s Ministry will host Hospitality following the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 noon Masses. Meet the men of the parish who serve behind the BBQ grill, assist with traffic at parish events, and support our community throughout the year, and learn how you can become involved. Please stop by the new Registration Station if you are not yet registered in the parish or if you need to update your contact information. Looking ahead to February, Hospitality will be hosted by the Eucharistic Ministers and the Refugee Resettlement Ministry. If you would like to donate, volunteer, or learn more about this outreach, contact Lauri Kaefer at 510-552-7431 or lkaefer@comcast.net. Your time and generosity help strengthen our parish community and ensure that all feel welcomed and connected. We offer our sincere thanks to the many volunteers whose service and presence quietly sustain the life and mission of our parish.



Discover Salvation History like never before as Jesus Christ comes down from Heaven on a rescue mission to save us. In this engaging series, learn how God accomplishes His plan of

salvation. Join us Mondays from 6:30–8:30 PM in the St. Joseph’s Workshop beginning January 26. Registration is required and closes January 14. Please register early. Scan the QR code for more information or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/the-rescue-project-winter-2026/>.



Sister John Marie’s Pantry—Please help us continue serving those in need within our community. Call 510-490-4171 or visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/service/sister-john-maries-pantry/>. Thank you!

Bible Study & Lectio Divina—ZOOM

Bible Study—Tuesdays, 9:30–11:00 AM

Lectio Divina (Gospel)—Thursdays, 9:30–11:00 AM

(Resources sent Mondays prior to ZOOM sessions)

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



24-HOUR ADORATION SIGN-UP

[www.saintjosephmsj.org/
24-hour-eucharistic-adoration](https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/24-hour-eucharistic-adoration)



MISSION SAN JOSÉ, HERITAGE & HOPE

Events at Mission San José

MIDNIGHT MASS
DECEMBER 25, 2025

**JUBILEE 2025
CLOSING MASS**
DECEMBER 27, 2025



Rosales Opus 14 Spanish Organ Presentation—Sunday, January 11, in the Mission at 1:30 PM, performed by our esteemed and distinguished Director of Music Ministries, Ronald McKean.

Register for a public tour at <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/mission-public-tours/> or drop in for a self-guided tour. Experience the beauty and majesty of this remarkable instrument. Please be our guest and join us.

Docent Led Tours—January 10 and 11, Sat & Sun

Rosales Opus 14 Demonstration & Mini-Concert

♦ Sunday, January 11 at 1:30 PM with Ronald McKean

Spanish Mass (2nd Sunday)—January 11, 7:00 PM

♦ **Presider:** Father Ken Sales, Holy Spirit

Pilgrimage Tour

♦ January 16, Friday at 10:00 AM

♦ OLLI History Group, Santa Clara University

Chapel of Healing

♦ Holy Mass 8:00 AM, January 19, Monday

First Sunday, Ad Orientem, Candlelight Mass

♦ February 1 at 7:00 PM, Reception in the Parish Hall

♦ **Presider**—TBD

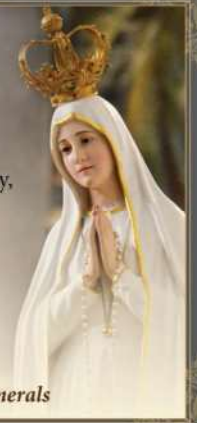
FUNERAL, MEMORIAL

Hail, Holy Queen

(Salve Regina)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

www.saintjosephmsj.org/liturgy/sacraments-2/funerals



SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS ONLINE RESERVATIONS

www.saintjosephmsj.org/mission-field-trips



AT A GLANCE: DATES TO REMEMBER

— Santo Niño —



The Filipino Community of Saint Joseph cordially invites our parish community to the
Saturday, January 24, 2026

5:30 PM Vigil Mass • Main Church

All are welcome to join this *joyful celebration* honoring the Holy Child Jesus.

— About Santo Niño —

Santo Niño, meaning “Holy Child,” is a beloved devotion honoring Jesus Christ as a child.

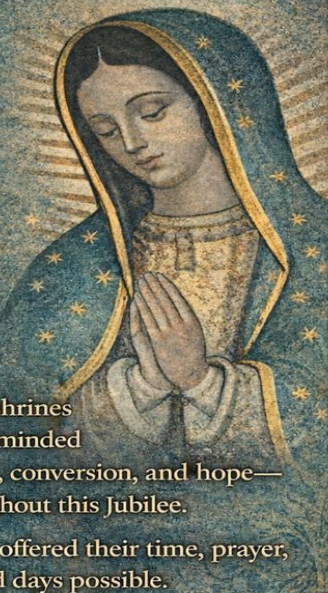
Brought to the Philippines in 1521, the image of Santo Niño became a powerful sign of God’s nearness, humility, and abiding presence among His people.

WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

As we conclude the Holy Year of Jubilee and reflect on *The Appeals of Our Lady*, we give thanks to God for the many graces bestowed upon our parish and all who journeyed with us this year.

Through Mary’s apparitions and shrines throughout the world, we were reminded of her constant invitation to prayer, conversion, and hope—an invitation that guided us throughout this Jubilee.

We are deeply grateful to all who offered their time, prayer, and presence to make these sacred days possible.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check our parish website closer to the dates for times and full event details: www.saintjosephmsj.org

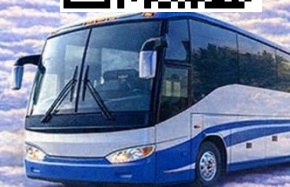
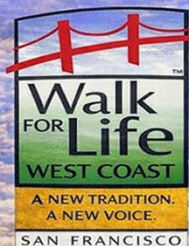
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JAN. 11	Adoration for Children–Family of Faith, Father Anthony Mary
JAN. 22	Day of Prayer, Legal Protection of Unborn Children
JAN. 24	Walk for Life West Coast Santo Niño – Holy Mass: 5:30 PM
JAN. 26	Catholic Schools Week
FEB. 21	Vietnamese Lunar New Year Mass & Reception
FEB. 22	Chinese Lunar New Year Mass & Reception
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
NOV. 21	Dominican Sisters Holiday Boutique

Don’t Be Left Behind — Seats Are Filling Quickly!

Join us on **Saturday, January 24, 2026**, as we travel together by bus to the **22nd Annual Walk for Life West Coast** in San Francisco.

More than **23 seats** are already reserved on our 55-passenger bus, and availability is limited. Reserve your seat now and stand with thousands as we **walk for HOPE,** **walk for LOVE,** **walk for LIFE.**



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