



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, mercy and charity.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026



**A RIVER CUTS THROUGH THE ROCK, NOT BECAUSE OF ITS POWER,
BUT BECAUSE OF ITS PERSISTENCE.**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Gospel of this 20th Sunday presents us with a persistent Canaanite woman who, despite rejection and insult, never gave up asking Jesus for help. This Gospel

passage has become one of the most puzzling stories in the New Testament. Bible scholars have debated its meaning for centuries. Why would Jesus seem so rude to a poor and needy woman?

The Canaanite woman cried out to Jesus, “*Lord, Son of David, my daughter is tormented by a demon.*” But Jesus’ response was silence. How could Jesus, the God of love and compassion, remain silent before such a sincere request? Yet the woman did not give up. She kept calling for help. Then Jesus spoke, but His words seemed even more painful than His silence: “*I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*” How heartbreaking those words must have been. It was not simply indifference; it sounded like rejection—not because of something she had done, but because of who she was: a pagan. Yet surprisingly, the rejection could not stop her. She became even more humble and persistent in her pleading.

Then Jesus responded with words that sounded even more offensive: “*It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.*” Jesus had gone from silence, to indirect rebuke, and now to what sounded like a direct insult. Calling someone a dog in Jesus’ time was extremely offensive. How much could this woman take?

But she was not put off. From her mouth came one of the greatest responses of faith: “*Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.*”

This Canaanite woman did not argue with Jesus. She did not become resentful or walk away. She was humble enough to accept even the crumbs, because she believed that even a crumb of Jesus’ mercy was enough to save her daughter. And Jesus praised her: “*O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.*” And her daughter was healed.

What do we make of this puzzling story? Three times she seemed to be rejected, and finally she received what she asked for. We know Jesus did not truly intend to reject or insult her. In fact, He had deliberately gone into the pagan territory of Tyre and Sidon, showing that His mission was for all people. Perhaps Jesus was testing and strengthening her faith, preparing her heart to receive the gift He wanted to give.

Someone once asked St. Augustine, “Why does God sometimes delay in answering our prayers?” Augustine answered, “God delays so that your heart may expand enough to receive the gift He wants to give you.” Isn’t that beautiful? Sometimes God makes us wait—not because He does not hear us, but because He is preparing us. Through silence, disappointment, and even apparent rejection, our faith grows deeper.

Like the Canaanite woman, we too are sometimes tested. When God seems silent, do we become resentful and walk away? Or do we keep praying and trusting? May our response be like hers: **persistent in prayer, humble in faith, and persevering in hope**, until one day we too hear Jesus say, “O child, great is your faith!” Amen!

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 PM	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 & Aug 2026)</i> <i>Anointing of the Sick</i> <i>January, April, July, October</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> <i>If the 19th falls on a Sunday or March 19th</i> <i>(Feast of St. Joseph), Mass will be held in</i> <i>the Mission Church for space reasons.</i>
Rosary	7:30 AM	Mission
Daily Mass	8:00 AM	Monday–Saturday
Divine Chaplet	8:30 AM	Main Church <i>First Friday & subsequent Saturday</i>
Adoration		
Monday–Friday	8:00 AM–8:00 PM	Adoration Chapel
*Wednesday	10:30 AM–8:00 PM	
St. Joseph for Life Holy Hour	1:30 PM	Adoration Chapel, Monday
Holy Hour	5:00 PM	Main Church, Thursday
Vespers, Benediction	6:00 PM	
Mass in Vietnamese	7:00 PM	<i>Anointing of the Sick, First Thursday</i>
CONFESSION	7:30 AM	Mission, Wednesday–Friday
By appointment, call 510-656-2364	4:00 PM –5:00 PM	Main Church, Saturday

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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



LEARNING, BELONGING, SERVING

ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST

YOUR JOURNEY, OUR FAITH
DISCOVER · BELONG · GROW



A FAMILY OF FAITH

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8th & 9th Grades

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Ages 18+

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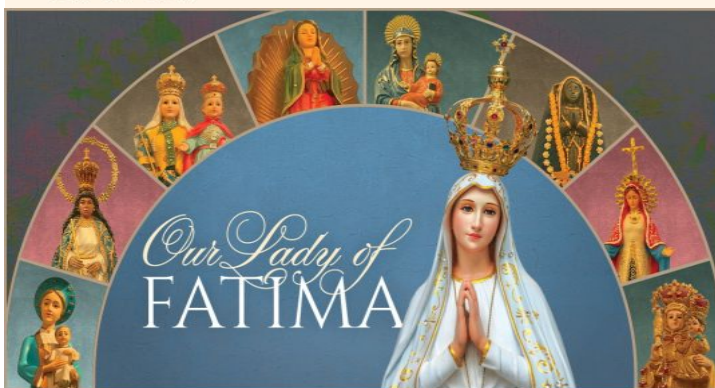
BIBLE STUDY, LECTIO DIVINA

Ages 18+

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OBSERVED ON THE 13TH OF EACH MONTH
FROM MAY THROUGH OCTOBER

MONDAY JULY 13	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Rosary Procession Holy Mass
THURSDAY AUGUST 13	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Rosary Procession Bilingual Mass (Vietnamese/English) <i>There will be light hospitality following the Mass.</i>
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13	11:30 AM 12:00 PM	Rosary Procession Family of Faith Mass
TUESDAY OCTOBER 13	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Rosary Procession Closing Mass <i>There will be light hospitality following the Mass.</i>

TO HELP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Greta Lazaro: 510-304-3900, gretalaz@gmail.com

Visit our website: www.saintjosephmsj.org/lady-of-fatima/



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PRAYER, DEVOTIONS, HOLY DAYS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	08/15	5:30 PM	+Emilio Tadeo, +James Nelson
Sun	08/16	8:00 AM	+Angelina Narciso, Intentions of the Delaney Family
		10:00 AM	+James & Diana Skokan +Phong Quoc Nguyen, +Tuan Quoc Nguyen
		12:00 PM	+James, Evelyn & James II Deiso, +Loreto Estrada Balcita
		3:00 PM	+Phaolo Nguyen Van Phuoc, +Maria Vo Thi Thanh Ha
		5:00 PM	People of St. Joseph
Mon	08/17	8:00 AM	Deceased of the Quang Family
Tue	08/18	8:00 AM	+Neville Lacey, Deceased of the Vui Khac Do Family, Intentions of Rich Underwood
Wed	08/19	8:00 AM	+Selma Schwanz
Thu	08/20	8:00 AM	Intentions of Kennedy Bayless, Intentions of Taylor Bayless, Intentions of Stephanie Nacion
Fri	08/21	8:00 AM	+Roberta Wallace, +Emma Gutierrez, +Christie Oswald
Sat	08/22	8:00 AM	Intentions of Bruce & Zolita Hedlund

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mass | 8:00 AM Mission, 10:00 AM Main Church

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Young Adults Group—Thursdays
7 PM | St. Joseph's Workshop

For young adults in their 20s and 30s seeking Catholic community. Join us for prayer, fellowship, dinner, and opportunities to grow in faith and friendship. Contact Jeff de Jesus at youngadults@saintjosephmsj.org or visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/young-adult-group/. Join us and bring a friend!



Sep 2 | First Wednesday

St. Joseph Devotion
7:00 PM | Main Church

Vespers | Thursdays | 6:00 PM

Main Church | EN/VN Mass 7:00 PM

Sep 4 | First Friday

Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:00 AM | Main Church
24-Hour Adoration

Sep 5 | First Saturday

Immaculate Heart of Mary
8:00 AM | Main Church

Sep 6 | First Sunday

Ad Orientem
7:00 PM | Mission Church
Candlelight | Reception, Hall

Sep 13 | Second Sunday

Misa en Español
7:00 PM | Mission | Recepción

FUNERAL | MEMORIAL

Kenneth Zulawski | Aug 29 | 12 PM

Miriam O. Keller | Sep 19 | 10 AM

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—Devin Heinze, Becky Skokan, Linda Raimundo, Fiona Hong, Roseanne Marra, Brian Hawks, Hernan Jamir, Maryann Carlin, Pete & Cece DeLisi, Iu Ming Thomas Ho, George Hernandez, Yolanda Paulson, Hang Le, Lourdes Verosa, Dorijan Ilijic, Gary Bozaich, Gerry Fulks, Todd & Dianne Goings, Alda Petersen, Marilyn Perry, Tom Truong, Angie Heywood, Luisa Del Rosario, Luis Eduardo Castiblanco, Shirley Nolan, Axel Briskens, Carolina Reyes, Jessica Fluent, Barbara Schaub, Art Noeth, Mariam Wyman, Chris Benya, Gary Asher, Susan Alioto, Anna Wang, Yuk Ying Chan, Theresa Martin, Gary Whiteley, Jayson Watkins, Monique Morsette, Mary Costello, Zeny Lacey, Michael Roseman, Arlene Zulawski, Rey Rara. Requests: 510-656-2364 or www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/prayer-team-ministry/.

WALK WITH ST. FRANCIS AND BEYOND

WALK WITH ST. FRANCIS!

Sunday, October 4, 2026

| Feast of St. Francis |

DAY PILGRIMAGE IN THE FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR

In response to Pope Leo's call to solemnly commemorate the 800th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, the Diocese of Oakland invites you on a spirit-filled journey to five official Jubilee pilgrimage sites.



**EXPERIENCE FAITH.
HONOR ST. FRANCIS.
BE PILGRIMS OF HOPE.**

A day of grace, reflection, and community in the Franciscan spirit.

Join us for a
**DAY OF FAITH, PRAYER &
FRANCISCAN HERITAGE!**

Our day begins with
8:00 AM MASS AT MISSION SAN JOSÉ,
the Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph.

Then we visit four additional Jubilee pilgrimage sites throughout the Diocese of Oakland.

YOUR PILGRIMAGE INCLUDES:



**DELUXE
MOTORCOACH
TRANSPORTATION**



**SNACKS,
LUNCH &
DINNER**



**MASS &
SPIRITUAL
ACTIVITIES**



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**PRICING
(PER PERSON)**

\$175

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE VISIT:
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2026

AUG. 13	Rosary Procession, Holy Mass, Our Lady of Fatima
AUG. 15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Group Marriage Convalidation Ceremony
AUG. 19	St. Joseph School resumes
AUG. 22	Jubilee Year of St. Francis Holy Mass with Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J., 8:00 AM, Mission Dedication of the Ohlone Memorial Garden
SEPT. 12	Committee for Restoration of the Mission San José Potluck Mixer
SEPT. 13	Rosary Procession, Holy Mass, Our Lady of Fatima
SEPT. 20	Our Lady of Vailankanni
SEPT. 26	Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
OCT. 4	Franciscan Day Pilgrimage Blessing of the Animals
OCT. 11	St. Joseph Festival
OCT. 13	Rosary Procession, Holy Mass, Our Lady of Fatima
NOV. 1	All Saints
NOV. 2	All Souls
NOV. 13	Senior Luncheon
NOV. 22	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
NOV. 26	Thanksgiving Day
NOV. 29	New Liturgical Year B First Sunday of Advent
DEC. 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
DEC. 15-23	Las Posadas Simbang Gabi

2027

JAN. 9	Jubilee Year of St. Francis closing Mass
MARCH 12-13	Fifth Annual St. Joseph Conference, Keynote speaker: Father Donald H. Calloway, MIC
APR. 30 -MAY 1	Third Annual Vietnamese St. Joseph Conference

Magnifica Humanitas — Pope Leo XIV

www.saintjosephmsj.org/magnifica-humanitas/

See page 8 of today's bulletin.



**SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS
ONLINE RESERVATIONS**
[www.saintjosephmsj.org/
mission-field-trips](http://www.saintjosephmsj.org/mission-field-trips)



SERVING, GATHERING, GROWING



Refugee Resettlement Ministry—Double Stroller Donated!

Thank you to everyone who helped answer this need. Laila is especially grateful that she no longer has to carry her baby while Osman rides in their single stroller whenever they go out. The generosity of our parish community never ceases to amaze us. Your

thoughtful donations—often from items tucked away in closets or shared as families downsize or move—continue to bless our newly arrived refugee families in practical and meaningful ways. Our storage shed is now well stocked and ready to serve the next family. To view our current list of needs, visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/refugee/. Thank you for your generosity and support.



St. Vincent de Paul—We are busy planning our remaining projects for the year. Our final scheduled collection of 2026 is August 29–30. Checks may be placed in the collection basket, or donations may be made by visiting www.saintjosephmsj.org/svdp-second-collection/. Planning is underway to provide 150 families with special bags of groceries for Thanksgiving, and at Christmas, we hope to serve 70 families with food and gift cards. We are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners who make this outreach possible. To learn more and support our vital ministry, visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/st-vincent-de-paul/.



HOM Grateful!—You wholeheartedly responded to our HOM Sunday Second Collection on May 30–31, contributing \$18,510.00. Every member of HOM is deeply grateful for your generosity.

Your support makes it possible to purchase groceries, assemble, and deliver approximately 125 bags each week to families in Fremont. Thank you for your continued generosity, kindness, and compassion! Visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/hom-gratitude/ or scan the QR code for more information. Help us take care of those in need.



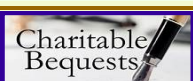
Festival Volunteers Needed

NOP—Planning is well underway for our October 11 Parish Festival, and we need your help to make it a success! We are looking for Silent Auction donations,



Meet Our Family of Faith on Hospitality Sunday, August 16—

Stop by Hospitality today and meet Nancy Flores, who leads this important ministry for our children, youth, and families. The Registration Station will be open for Festival volunteer opportunities, baked goods donations, and Festival Raffle Tickets—purchase yours or pick up tickets to sell. You can also register with the parish or update your contact information while you're there. Contact Lauri Kaefer at lkaefer@comcast.net or 510-552-7431 to let her know how you would like to help. Find your place, lend a hand, and be part of our St. Joseph community!



Charitable bequest: a lasting expression of faith and stewardship. Remember the Church and its ministries in your estate plans. Help sustain Christ's mission. Call Gina Mehta 510-656-2364.

How to Give Online—OSV <https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds>. Charitable giving = tax benefits, parish support. Set up your EFT or ACH today.



24-HOUR ADORATION SIGN-UP

www.saintjosephmsj.org/24-hour-eucharistic-adoration



Living the Mission with Christ: Through Works of Mercy	2nd Collection: Diocesan Assessment	
	8/2/2026	8/9/2026
Maintenance Fund 8/2	\$ 21,019.06	\$ 34,738.26
Mission Cooperation 8/9	\$ 3,064.00	\$ 8,749.00

MISSION SAN JOSÉ, HERITAGE, FAITH

St. Francis JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATION

www.saintjosephmsj.org/st-francis-jubilee-year



SAT | AUG 22
8AM - 12PM



Bishop Michael C.
Barber, S.J.



Father Jack Clark
Robinson, OFM



Andy Galvan

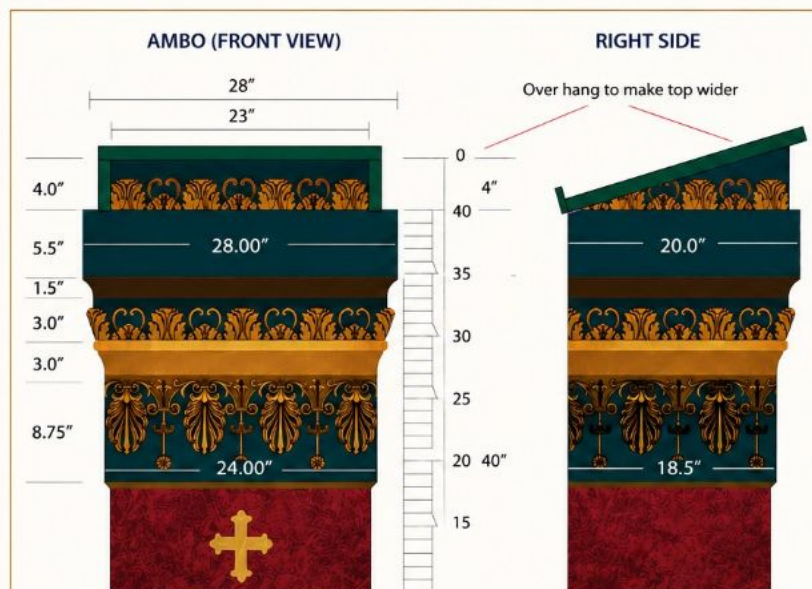


Father Thi
Hoang

Join us for a Jubilee Year celebration featuring a special talk by Father Jack Clark Robinson, OFM on Franciscan spirituality and its role in shaping the Catholic faith in our diocese. Andy Galvan, a native Ohlone, will also share the history of his heritage and Mission San José. On this special occasion, we will unveil and dedicate the Ohlone Memorial Garden as a sign of unity between the Ohlone people and the Franciscans.

WHERE THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED

Help Provide a Sacred Place from Which God's Word Will Be Heard for Generations to Come



Architect's rendering of the proposed handcrafted ambo, designed in harmony with our historic Mission altar.

For more than two centuries, Mission San José has been a place where the Word of God has been faithfully proclaimed. From the ambo, Sacred Scripture is read, the Gospel is announced, and Christ continues to speak to His people. It is one of the most prominent and sacred places within the sanctuary, drawing our hearts and minds to the living Word at every Mass.

Today, we have the privilege of continuing that sacred legacy through the creation of this beautifully handcrafted ambo, designed to complement and honor our historic altar and the timeless beauty of our Mission. Inspired by the artistry and architectural details of the existing sanctuary, it will become a lasting part of the sacred life of Mission San José for generations to come.

We invite you to share in this special offering by making a gift toward our

\$15,000 GOAL.

Together, we can provide a beautiful and enduring place from which God's Word will continue to be heard, inspiring the hearts of all who gather in this sacred place for generations to come.



PLEASE GIVE TODAY AND HELP PROVIDE A SACRED PLACE
FROM WHICH THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED.

TO DONATE:

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YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

ENCYCLICAL LETTER **MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS** OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Two biblical images. In order to answer these questions and discern how to navigate responsibly the era of AI, I would like to bring to mind two scenes from the Bible: the construction of the Tower of Babel (cf. Gen 11:1-9) and the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem (cf. Neh 2-6). The story of Babel appears in the Book of Genesis, at the origins of humanity, immediately after the genealogies of Noah's sons. After settling in a plain in the land of Shinar, the people decided to build a city and a tower "with its top in the heavens" (Gen 11:4). Fearing being scattered across the earth, they sought to guarantee stability and power for themselves, and above all to "make a name" for themselves. It was an impressive feat: a single language, a single technology, a single direction. However, the project concealed a profound danger. It was a project conceived without reference to God, supported by a uniformity that eliminated diversity and that chose homogenization over communion. When a city is built on pride and the claim to self-sufficiency, communication breaks down, languages are confused and people no longer understand each other. The result is not unity, but dispersion. Babel thus reveals the limits of any effort that, however grandiose, arises from self-affirmation, sacrifices human dignity for efficiency and aspires to reach heaven without God's blessing.

www.saintjosephmsj.org/magnifica-humanitas/



St. Martha Guild—Preparing Our Parish Home for the Lord

We are beginning a new ministry of simple service—the St. Martha Guild—to help care for and prepare our Main Church for weekend liturgies.

Following St. Martha's example of caring for the Lord, the Guild gathers each Saturday after the 8:00 AM Mass to give the floor a quick mopping, check the restrooms, straighten hymnals and tend to the little

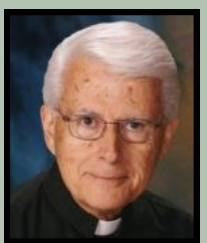
things that need attention.

Those attending Saturday morning Mass are especially invited to stay, but you do not need to attend that Mass to participate. Come when you can and help where you can. With several hands, the work takes less than an hour, and all supplies are provided.

See a need? Lend a hand.

St. Martha, pray for us—and put us to work!

For more information, visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/st-martha-guild/ or email liturgy@saintjosephmsj.org.



Father Manny Turns 93!

Celebrate Father Manny's 93rd birthday at a luncheon Wednesday, August 19, at 12 PM at Spin-A-Yarn Steakhouse. Tickets are \$70 per person. For more information, contact Becky Fabella at 510-299-4638 or visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/father-manny-93/.



Faith Formation Registration

Registration for 2026–2027 Family of Faith programs is open: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Family of Faith,



First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/family-of-faith-registration-2026 or Nancy Flores 510-657-0905.



2026 Bishop's Ministries Appeal:

Help support our diocesan ministries. Our parish goal is \$72,000. We raised \$51,835 as of July 31. We are at 72% of goal! To learn more or make a gift: www.saintjosephmsj.org/2026-bishops-ministries-appeal. We can do this. Let's finish strong. Thank you for your generous support.



2026–2027 St. Joseph CYO Fall Sports

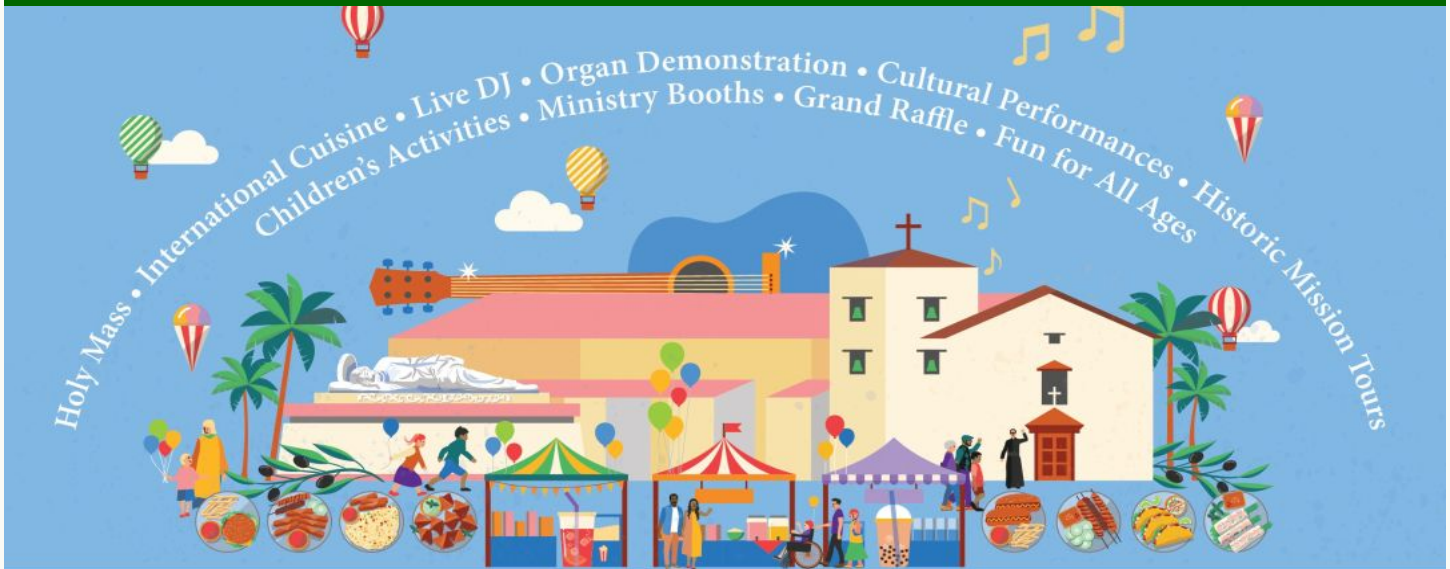
Register now www.saintjosephmsj.org/cyo-2026/. **Boys Basketball, Girls Volleyball & Cheerleading**—Practices

begin in early September. Registration due August 31. Payment collected after teams are formed.

Cross Country—Practice begins late August. Registration and payment due September 5.

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10:00 AM	Holy Mass, Main Church
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2:00 PM	Holy Mass in Vietnamese, Main Church
4:00 PM	Holy Mass in Mandarin, Main Church
7:00 PM	Santa Misa en Español, Mission Church
8:00 AM -6:00 PM	International Food Court, Live DJ, Cultural Performances, Clergy Dunking, Bird Show, Silent Auction, Holy Family Picnic Area
8:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast and International Favorites, Holy Family Picnic Area
1:30 PM	Organ Demonstration, Mission Church
5:30 PM	Raffle Drawing, Holy Family Picnic Area
6:00 PM	Closing

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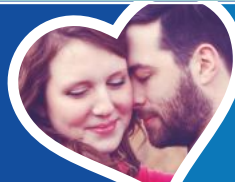
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