



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.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026



THE KEYS GOD ENTRUSTS TO US



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The three readings today have a beautiful connection. They speak about God's wisdom, His call, and the responsibility He entrusts to those He chooses. They remind us that God

does not simply call people to believe in Him; He calls them to become instruments through which His love and grace reach others.

In the first reading, God removes Shebna from his position and chooses Eliakim to serve in his place. God says, "I will place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; what he opens, no one shall shut, and what he shuts, no one shall open." The key is a symbol of authority, but also of responsibility. Eliakim receives the key not for his own prestige, but to serve and care for God's people.

This prepares us beautifully for today's Gospel. Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answers, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus praises Peter and then gives him the keys of the Kingdom of heaven: "I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven."

The connection between the first reading and the Gospel is striking. Eliakim receives the key of David; Peter receives the keys of the Kingdom. In both cases, God entrusts authority to a human being for the good of His people.

But Peter was hardly a perfect choice! He would later misunderstand Jesus, deny Him three times, and make plenty of mistakes. Yet Jesus still chose him. Why? Because God does not call perfect people; He calls willing people and makes them capable through His grace.

That is exactly what St. Paul reminds us in the second reading: "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" God's wisdom is far beyond ours. His plans are often mysterious, and His choices do not always make sense from a human point of view. Yet we can trust Him because His wisdom and love are greater than our understanding.

This is an important lesson for all of us. God has placed different "keys" into our hands. Priests are given the keys shepherd their flock. Parents have the keys to guide and shape their children. Teachers have the keys to influence young minds. Grandparents have the keys of wisdom and example. Parishioners have the keys to welcome, encourage, forgive, and serve one another. Every Christian has received some responsibility for building up God's Kingdom.

The question is not whether we are perfect enough to receive these responsibilities. None of us is. The question is whether we are willing to use what God has entrusted to us faithfully. Sometimes we may ask, "Why me?" But perhaps God is asking us a different question: "What will you do with what I have placed in your hands?"

And it all begins with Jesus' question: "Who do you say that I am?" If Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, then He cannot be merely a Sunday acquaintance. He must be the foundation of our decisions, our families, our relationships, and our lives.

May we have Peter's faith, Paul's humility, and Eliakim's willingness to serve. And may we use whatever "keys" God has entrusted to us—not to control others, but to open doors to faith, hope, forgiveness, and love.

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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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



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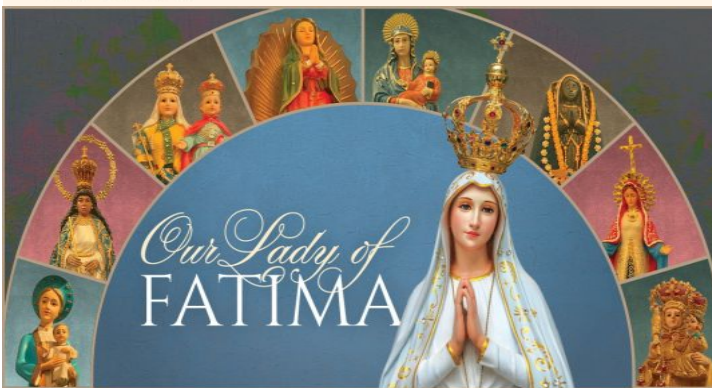
BIBLE STUDY, LECTIO DIVINA

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	08/22	5:30 PM	+Maria Felix, +Elvira & Arcadio Robles
Sun	08/23	8:00 AM	+Mercedes Eustagio Rin
		10:00 AM	+James & Diana Skokan +Conchita Abarquez, +Jorge Agcaoili
		12:00 PM	+Loreto Estrada Balcita, Intentions of Nivedh Antony Joseph, Intentions of Domnic & Vimala Susaiarul
		3:00 PM	+Anna Vu Thi Tinh Tam, +Anton Vu Manh Nhut
		5:00 PM	People of St. Joseph
Mon	08/24	8:00 AM	Deceased of the Bau Family, +Penny Tan
Tue	08/25	8:00 AM	+Esperanza Barajas, Deceased of the Thong Family
Wed	08/26	8:00 AM	+Julian Santoyo, Intentions of the Lightholder Family, Intentions of Dorothy Canio
Thu	08/27	8:00 AM	People of St. Joseph
Fri	08/28	8:00 AM	Intentions of Mary Vattavayalil
Sat	08/29	8:00 AM	+Mike Mannix, +Jack Cole



Bible Study & Lectio Divina—ZOOM Bible Study
Beginning September 8 and 10, 2026
Tuesdays, 9:15–11:00 AM—Lectio Divina (Gospel)
Thursdays, 9:15–11:00 AM. Sister Marcia
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www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/scripture-study

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!



Pray for the Sick—Devin Heinze, Darwin Erfe, 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 Briskin, 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/.

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.

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.



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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
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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. 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 Indian Community on Hospitality Sunday, September 6

—Stop by Hospitality and meet members of our Indian community as we celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our parish. 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 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	No Second Collection	
	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.



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. Register today and help your family begin a new year of growing together in faith.



Have questions or need more information?

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- ☎ Family of Faith Ministry Phone: (510) 657-0905



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd | 2026-2027 School Year

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children grounded in Sacred Scripture, Catholic Doctrine, Liturgy, Prayer and the educational philosophy of Maria Montessori. Themes are presented in such a way as to develop the religious potential present in every child: the capacity to love and be loved and be in a deep relationship with God.

At the heart of Level I is the Parable of the Good Shepherd, which speaks directly to the young child's soul. Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Giobbi found that children are especially drawn to this image of Jesus – the Shepherd who knows each one by name and loves them completely. This parable is shared often, inviting the children to rest in the quiet joy of being known and loved by God. For the 2026/27 school year, Level I will be offered on Sundays 10:00am – 11:30am in the St. Joseph Workshop. Visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/family-of-faith/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd or call 510-657-0905 for more information.

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

8. The Book of Nehemiah, in turn, opens at a time of great vulnerability in the history of ancient Israel. After the Babylonian exile, a portion of the people returned to Jerusalem, but the city was still in ruins, the walls collapsed and the gates burned (cf. Neh 1–2). Nehemiah, a Jew in the service of the Persian King Artaxerxes, received news of the disastrous state of his ancestral city. Before taking action, he fasted, prayed and interceded for the people. He then asked the king for permission to return to Jerusalem and, upon arriving, examined the destroyed areas in silence. He did not impose solutions from above. He convened the families, assigned each of them a section of the wall to rebuild, listened to their concerns, coordinated their efforts and addressed any opposition. The narrative shows how the city is reborn, not through the initiative of one man, but through the shared responsibility of all: men, women, priests, artisans, heads of households and young people all play a part. It is an undertaking with God at the center, which rebuilds relationships before rebuilding with stones. Thus, ancient Jerusalem rediscovers a common language — not one of uniformity, but one of communion, namely the harmony that arises when all persons assume their own role and recognize that their strength comes from the Lord.

9. In light of these two images, the Holy Spirit challenges us today regarding our relationship with technology and the ongoing digital revolution. Scientific discoveries are talents entrusted to humanity so that they may bear fruit (cf. Mt 25:14-30). Technology has the power to heal, connect, educate and protect our common home; but it can also divide, exclude and generate new forms of injustice. In the abstract, technology in and of itself is not a solution to humanity's problems, just as it is not inherently evil. In practice, however, technology is never neutral, because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate and use it. Therefore, the primary choice is not between a “yes” or “no” to technology, but rather between constructing Babel or rebuilding Jerusalem; between a power that claims to dominate the heavens and a people who work together in the presence of God to rebuild the walls of fraternal coexistence.

<https://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.



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.

FAITH, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY



2026 ST. JOSEPH FESTIVAL OCT. 11 | 8AM - 6PM

**CELEBRATE
FAITH.
CULTURE.
COMMUNITY.**

SCHEDULE

8:00 AM	Holy Mass, Mission Church
10:00 AM	Holy Mass, Main Church
12:00 NOON	Holy Mass, Main Church
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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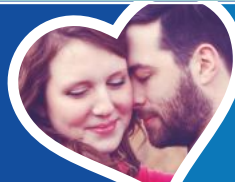
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