



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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2026



WHICH OF THE TWO DID HIS FATHER'S WILL?



Dear St. Joseph Family,

In today's Gospel, a father asks his two sons to go and work in his vineyard. The first says, "No," but later changes his mind and goes. The second says, "Yes, sir," but never goes.

Jesus asks, "Which of the two did his father's will?" The answer is obvious: the first one. The message is simple: God is more interested in what we do than merely in what we say. Our faith must become action.

This message is already found in the First Reading from the prophet Ezekiel. God says that if a wicked person turns away from sin and begins to do what is right, that person will live. At the same time, a righteous person who turns away from goodness and chooses evil will not be saved by his past righteousness. In other words, God does not judge us only by our past. He looks at the direction of our life today. It is never too late to change.

Sometimes we may be like the first son. We have made mistakes, wandered away from God, or said "no" to Him. But through God's grace, we can change our hearts and return to Him. Our past failures do not have to become our future. The Second Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians shows us what this change of heart looks like. Paul tells us to have the same attitude as Christ Jesus: "Humble yourselves, looking out not for your own interests, but also for the interests of others."

Jesus did not merely say that He loved the Father. He showed His love through obedience. He humbled Himself and became obedient even to death on a cross.

Therefore, the three readings give us one powerful message: Faith is not simply what we say; faith is what we live. Conversion means changing our hearts, our attitudes, and our actions. We can easily be like the second son. We say, "Yes, Lord, I believe in you." But do we forgive? We say, "Yes, Lord, I love my family." But do we make time for them? We say, "Yes, Lord, I trust you." But do we surrender our worries to Him? Our "yes" to God must be visible in our daily lives.

The vineyard is right in front of us: our family, our marriage, our workplace, our parish, our neighbors, and the people God places in our lives. God invites us to work there every day. Sometimes the work is very ordinary: forgiving someone who hurt us, being patient with a difficult person, helping someone in need, encouraging a discouraged family member, or simply choosing kindness instead of anger. St. Paul reminds us that the Christian life is not about putting ourselves first. It is about learning to live with the humility of Christ.

The good news is that it is never too late to change. If yesterday we said "no," today we can say "yes." If we have failed, God gives us another opportunity. If we have wandered away, God welcomes us home. In the end, God will not ask only, "What did you say?" He will ask, "What did you do with the grace and love I gave you?" May our words and actions become one, so that our "yes" to God is not merely spoken, but truly lived. 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
SUNDAY HOLY MASS	10:00 AM	Main Church
	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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or scan the QR code below

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



FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRY

O.C.I.C.
(Order of Christian Initiation for Children)

Faith Formation

Sacramental Preparation
First Reconciliation
First Holy Communion
Confirmation

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SAVE THE DATE

HARVEST of HOPE Gala

BENEFITING THE
**NEEDS BASED
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AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, FREMONT



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026



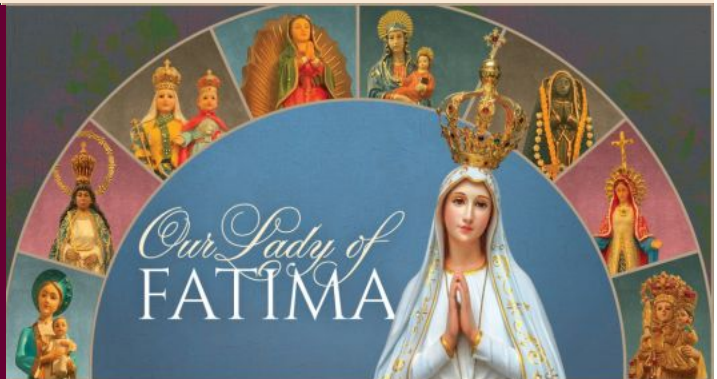
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Together, we harvest hope and change lives.



St. Joseph School
The School with a Mission

COMMUNITY • FAITH • EDUCATION • SERVICE



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/

PRAYER, DEVOTIONS, HOLY DAYS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	09/26	5:30 PM	+Larry Whitman, +Loreto Estrada Balcita, +Christopher Lawrence Lacson Ramos
Sun	09/27	8:00 AM	+Joseph Yeung, +Andrew Monro, Living & Deceased of the Lightholder Family
		10:00 AM	+James & Diana Skokan, +Phong Quoc Nguyen, +Tuan Quoc Nguyen
		12:00 PM	+Ignatius Mascarenhas, +Theodoro Coronel, +Benigno Gutierrez
		3:00 PM	+Anna Vu Thi Tinh Tam, +Anton Vu Manh Nhut Maria Tran Thi Kim Yen
		5:00 PM	People of St. Joseph
Mon	09/28	8:00 AM	+Loreto Estrada Balcita, +Maria Ching, Intentions of the Joseph do Family
Tue	09/29	8:00 AM	+Mary Daniels, +Maria Ching, +Sylvia Wong
Wed	09/30	8:00 AM	+Sofia Enriquez, +Maria Ching, Intentions of Anthony Balcita
Thu	10/01	8:00 AM	+ Clare Vogel, +Peter Nam & Anne Yen, Intentions Dr. William & Mariam Wyman
Fri	10/02	8:00 AM	+Evangeline Gabriel, +Noby Rajan, +Bill Prevost
Sat	10/03	8:00 AM	+Maria Ching, +Souls in Purgatory, Intentions of the Arakkal Family

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 Thursday and bring a friend!



Oct 2 | **First Friday**

Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 AM | Main Church

24-Hour Adoration

Oct 3 | **First Saturday**

Immaculate Heart of Mary

8:00 AM | Main Church

Oct 4 | **First Sunday**

Ad Orientem

7:00 PM | Mission Church

Candlelight | Reception, Hall

Oct 7 | **First Wednesday**

St. Joseph Devotion

7:00 PM | Main Church

Vespers | Thursdays | 6:00 PM

Main Church | EN/VN Mass 7:00 PM

Oct 11 | **Second Sunday**

Misa en Español

7:00 PM | Mission | Recepción

FUNERAL | MEMORIAL

Helen Mineau | Sep 25 | 10:30 AM

Baby Joseph | Sep 26 | 9 AM

Dolores Newbern | Oct 3 | 10 AM

Shirley Fernandez | Oct 23 | 12 PM

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/>



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/.

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



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:



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\$175

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE VISIT:
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OF MISSION SAN JOSE

Have you ever thought of being a Religious Sister?

Are you interested in "the call?"
Get on board and explore your vocation.

ZOOM Retreat
September 26, 2026 11:00 am - 3:00 pm PT



for single Catholic women. Ages 18-40

If you are interested in the retreat
or an individual visit,
Send an email to S. Dulce at:
dulce@msjdominicans.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2026

SEPT. 25	Vietnamese Festival Celebration
SEPT. 26	Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz
SEPT. 26-27	September Anniversary Blessings
SEPT. 27	Feast of St. Vincent de Paul - Ministry Blessing 10 AM Mass
	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 St. Joseph School Harvest of Hope Gala
NOV. 22	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Bà Mẹ Công Giáo
NOV. 24	Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
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. 14	Parish Advent Reconciliation
DEC. 15-23	Las Posadas Simbang Gabi
DEC. 24	Christmas Eve, Nativity Play, Midnight Mass
DEC. 25	Nativity of the Lord

2027

JAN. 1	Solemnity of The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
JAN. 9	Jubilee Year of St. Francis Closing Mass
MARCH 12-13	Fifth Annual St. Joseph Conference
APR. 30 -MAY 1	Third Annual Vietnamese St. Joseph Conference
JUNE 12	230th Anniversary of the Mission San José and Gala Dinner

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 Ministry Update— Fathers Moving Up

Our Afghan fathers share the same goal: a good education and future for their children. Many were doctors, journalists, and lab technicians in Afghanistan, but now work in warehouses or drive for Uber. Mir has worked at Tesla in Fremont for three years, but in

Afghanistan he was a graphic designer for Sesame Street. He is taking classes to return to the field he loves. Mohammady is taking mechanic training after work, hoping for a better position at Tesla when he finishes in October. **Please pray for them.** To help, contact Don at donaIdkaefer@gmail.com. For information about this ministry, visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/refugee.



St. Vincent de Paul—For the first time in seven years, St. Vincent de Paul will hold a “Friends of the Poor” Walk on October 17 at Lake Elizabeth. Funds raised will help provide 150 families with large bags of groceries for Thanksgiving and Christmas gift cards for 60 families with children. As food costs continue to rise, we also remain committed to helping our neighbors with essential needs, including partial rent and utility assistance. Watch for more info on how to sponsor a walker. Thank you for your generous support of our recent 2nd collection! Visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/st-vincent-de-paul/. Contact Barb Fuhs at eabmom@comcast.net.

brownies, cakes, or pies—homemade or store-bought! 3. Return raffle tickets in the Collection Basket at Mass or to the Parish Office. 4. Help with setup & cleanup of pop-ups, tables, and chairs. Contact Lauri at lkaefer@comcast.net. Bring baked-goods donations to the Baked Goods Booth after 8:00 a.m. Visit us at www.saintjosephmsj.org/festival-2026/ to help.



HOM Urgently Needs Donations—

Modess and Yardley toiletries, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, women’s underwear sizes 8-12; used men’s jeans sizes 30–40; used women’s jeans sizes 6-12; T-shirts M–XXL; belts and socks. Drop donations in the yellow bins outside the HOM Office on Sundays from 11:00 AM–12:00 PM or Thursdays from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM. Contact Debra Meinecke at 510-378-0753 or Joanne Kemp at 510-386-5470. Visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/homeless-urgent-needs. Thank you for your generous support.



NOP Only Two Weeks to FESTIVAL!

Help make it a success. 1. Volunteer at the NOP Baked Goods or Raffle Ticket Booths. 2. Donate donuts, muffins, Rice Krispie Treats, cookies,



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.



Hospitality Sunday, Respect Life Month

Join us next Sunday, October 4, 2026, after the 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 PM Masses in the Parish Hall to reflect on the dignity of every human life and how each baptized person is called to honor and protect it. Stop by the Registration Station to update your parish information, purchase Festival Raffle Tickets, or sign up to volunteer. Contact Lauri Kaefer at lkaefer@comcast.net.



24-HOUR ADORATION SIGN-UP

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



The St. Joseph Men’s Ministry invites all men of the parish to a fellowship night on October 6 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Pastor Father Thi Văn Hoàng will discuss parish news and upcoming events. Light food and beverages will be provided. Join us!

Living the Mission
with Christ:
Through Works of
Mercy

2nd Collection: Family of Faith

	9/20/2026	9/13/2026
Maintenance Fund 9/13	\$ 21,097.51	\$ 18,931.61
	\$	\$ 3,482.00

MISSION SAN JOSÉ, HERITAGE, FAITH

From the Finance Council

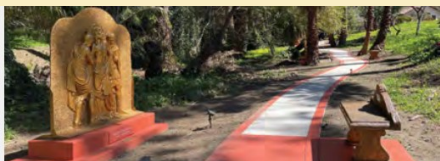


**Second Quarter
2026 Financial
Statement** is now

available. It provides a clear overview of parish finances, including income, expenses, ministry support, and operating needs. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful stewardship in support of St. Joseph Catholic Church/Mission San José, Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph. Visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/q2-2026-finance/.



Leave Your Mark at St. Joseph



Engraved bricks are half price at the St. Joseph Festival—only \$125, regularly \$250! Add your

family's story to our parish grounds with a brick along the paths surrounding the Outdoor Stations of the Cross. Honor a loved one, remember someone special or celebrate your family with up to two lines of engraving, 15 spaces per line. Order at www.saintjosephmsj.org/brick. Please join us at the Festival on October 11, 2026.



GAMES ARE BACK AT THE ST. JOSEPH FESTIVAL!

Game winners will earn tickets to redeem at our prize booth. Help us stock it with toys, stickers, stuffed animals, notebooks, keychains, candles and other fun prizes.

Donations may be brought to the Parish Office during business hours. Visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/festival-games to donate or sign up to work in a game booth. Questions?

Contact Nancy Flores-Mai at
nflores@saintjosephmsj.org
or 510-656-2364.



ST. JEROME LIBRARY

FAITH ON THE MOVE



Sunday, September 20



Parish Hall

Discover a traveling selection of faith-centered, family-friendly books from our new Faith Formation Campus library.

www.saintjosephmsj.org/st-jerome-library



Contact Nancy Flores
nflores@saintjosephmsj.org



FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ

*The Filipino Community
invites you to celebrate*

Saturday, September 26, 2026

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Main Church



*Light reception to follow
in the Parish Hall.*



www.saintjosephmsj.org/san-lorenzo-ruiz-2026



Contact Cecilia Weng | cecillejw@yahoo.com

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

21. Recognizing that God upholds the freedom of men and women in the unfolding of history, the Second Vatican Council affirmed the distinction between the ecclesial community and the political community, emphasizing that each must operate with full autonomy. The Church's presence in the world is also expressed through her relationship with civil society and public institutions. By engaging with these entities, the Church acknowledges the value of social and political realities and honors their specific responsibilities, supporting everything that fosters the wellbeing of individuals and strengthens the fabric of society. The Church does not claim to assume the functions belonging to the State. On the contrary, she esteems those who serve the common good, and she firmly acknowledges the responsibility that civil institutions hold within society. At the same time, the mission entrusted to the Church prompts her to address the real suffering of the men and women of our time. This closeness does not stem from an intent to supplant civil institutions, much less from an implicit criticism of their work. Rather, it stems from evangelical charity, which impels the Church to draw near to the wounds of humanity whenever they surface with greater severity. When the Church intervenes, she does so following the example of the Good Samaritan, with discretion and closeness, aware that what arises from urgent necessity cannot become the norm, nor replace the institutional responsibilities proper to the civil community.

22. Starting from this twofold acknowledgment — the autonomy of earthly realities and the distinction between ecclesiastical and political spheres of competence — allows for a clearer understanding of the direction that the Second Vatican Council set for the Church in her relationship with the world. *Gaudium et Spes* reminds us that “it is the task of the whole People of God, particularly of its pastors and theologians, to listen to and distinguish the many voices of our times and to interpret them in the light of God’s word, in order that the revealed Truth may be more deeply penetrated, better understood and more suitably presented.” [11] Listening to the “many voices” is no mere sociological exercise, but instead requires spiritual discernment. Guided by the Spirit, the People of God come to recognize in cultural and social transformations both the signs of the presence of Christ, who comes and guides history toward its fulfilment, and those aberrations that obscure his face. In this way, the essential core of revealed Truth is not altered, but made explicit and adopted as a living standard for guiding concrete choices, inspiring paths of personal and communal conversion, promoting structural reforms and supporting new forms of evangelical witness in public life. History is thus understood as one of the places in which the Church allows herself to be taught by the Spirit about the humanizing power of the Gospel; and she learns to develop her own teaching at the service of the dignity of every person and the good of all peoples.

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/magnifica-humanitas/>



FAITH FORMATION 2026–2027

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



www.saintjosephmsj.org/family-of-faith-registration-2026

or 510-657-0905.

2026 ST. JOSEPH FESTIVAL Festival Volunteers Needed! Have you found a volunteer spot for our St. Joseph Festival on October 11? Help organize/display Silent Auction items, announce winners, work in a booth, or assist with set-up and clean-up. Donate items to the Silent Auction or Baked Foods Booth. Don Kaefer at donaiddkaefer@gmail.com or Jeffrey DeJesus at deJesus.y.Jeffrey@gmail.com. Don't forget to return your raffle tickets!



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—

Sundays, 10:00–11:30 AM

St. Joseph's Workshop—Level I is rooted in Scripture, Catholic teaching

and the Montessori method, helping young children deepen their relationship with God.

Questions? Contact Nancy Flores at nflores@saintjosephmsj.org or Grace Lichauco at glichauco@saintjosephmsj.org.



2026 Diocesan Bishop's Appeal \$72,000 (Goal)

Actual of as of 8/31/2026: \$62,769.00 ~ 87% of Goal!

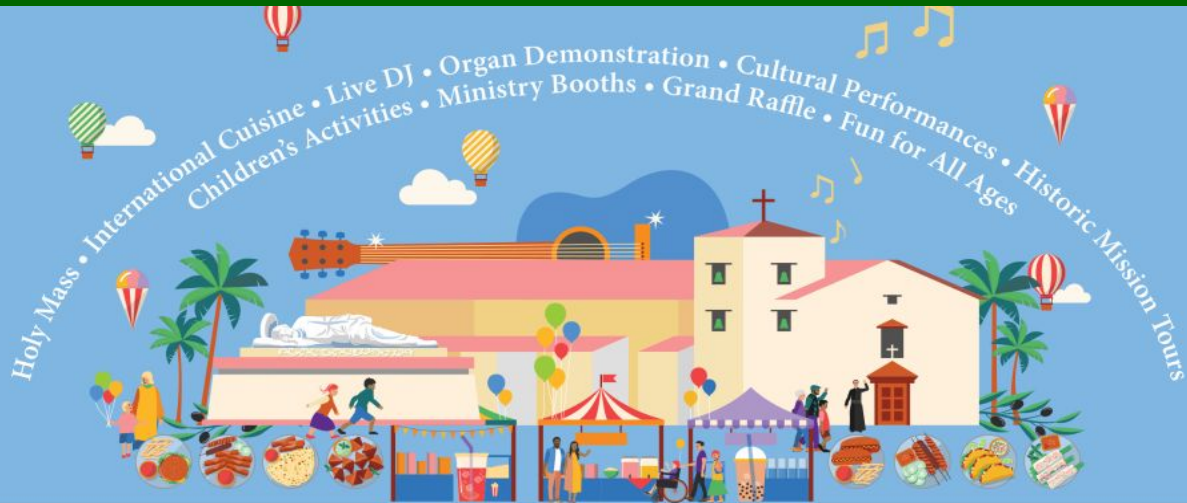
Thank you for your generous support!

www.saintjosephmsj.org/2026-bishops-ministries-appeal/



<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org>

FAITH, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY



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

**CELEBRATE
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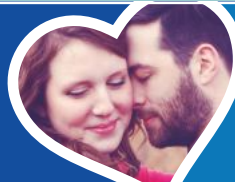
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