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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time — **October 18, 2026**

Give to God what belongs to Him



Dear St. Joseph Family,

The Pharisees asked Jesus: *"Is it lawful to pay taxes to the Romans or not?"* If Jesus said no, the Romans would come and arrest Him for being rebellious. If He said yes, the Jews and Pharisees would accuse Him of insulting God, for they were called to worship the one and only God. Whatever answer He gave, Jesus would be accused of something. Knowing their trap, Jesus came up with a smart answer: *"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."* This statement, short as it is, spells out a guiding principle for all of us. We cannot deny the fact that we are still in this world. At the same time, we should not forget that we do not belong to this world. In other words, we are in the world but not of the world.

While we are in this world, we have duties and obligations as members of society: being loyal to our country, paying taxes, and obeying the laws. We seem to do well in fulfilling these responsibilities. But when it comes to *"giving to God what belongs to Him,"* we seem to have a little problem. There is a common tendency to claim ownership of the things we have. We pledge allegiance to one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all. When God hears us say this, He would laugh at us, asking: "If your nation is under God, what place do I have in your nation?" Why are religious symbolsremoved from public places? Why are prayers often unwelcome in public schools? God said, "Thou shall not kill." Why, then, does our nation legalize abortion? Is it truly a nation under God when some of its laws and practices go against His teachings?

The first reading from the book of Isaiah reminds us that God is the Lord of all nations and that there is no other God besides Him. Even when people do not know Him, God can work through them to fulfill His plan. This reminds us that everything we have, including our lives, talents, and opportunities, ultimately comes from God. We should also consider how ungrateful we can be when we exploit God's creation. We come to God's vineyard, use His soil and His resources, yet we sometimes return nothing to Him. We use God's name for our own benefit while forgetting to give Him the worship, love, and service that belong to Him. We can see this problem in many ways. Some people are so busy making money that they have no time for God or their families. Some spend hours on their phones and social media but cannot spare a few minutes for prayer. Others care more about their careers, possessions, and personal success than about helping the poor, protecting the environment, or caring for those who are suffering.

Today's readings remind us of our dual citizenship: our duty to our country and our duty to God. We must be responsible citizens, obey the law, contribute to society, and work for the common good. At the same time, we must never forget that our highest loyalty belongs to God. When our duties to the country conflict with God's commandments, our duty to God takes priority, for heaven is our true home. It is worth every sacrifice to invest in the Kingdom of God.

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
Sunday Holy Mass	8:00 AM	Mission
	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 *First Sunday of the Month*
St. Joseph Devotion	7:00 PM	Main Church *First Wednesday of the Month*
Sacred Heart of Jesus	8:00 AM	Main Church *First Friday of the Month* ***24-hour Adoration***
Immaculate Heart of Mary	8:00 AM	Main Church *First Saturday of the Month* *(Mission: May 2027)* ***Anointing of the Sick*** *January, April, July, October*
Holy Mass in Spanish	7:00 PM	Mission *Second Sunday of the Month*
St. Joseph Day	8:00 AM	St. Joseph Chapel of Healing *The 19th of Every Month* ***If the 19th falls on a Sunday or March 19th (Feast of St. Joseph), Mass will be held in the Mission Church for space reasons.***
Rosary	7:30 AM	Mission *Monday–Saturday*
Daily Mass	8:00 AM	
Divine Chaplet	8:30 AM	Main Church *First Friday & subsequent Saturday*
Adoration *Monday–Friday* **Wednesday*	8:00 AM–8:00 PM 10:30 AM–8:00 PM	Adoration Chapel
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	***Anointing of the Sick,*** *First Thursday*
Confession *For private appointment, call 510-656-2364*	7:30 AM	Mission, *Wednesday–Friday*
	4:00 PM –5:00 PM	Main Church, *Saturday*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday–Thursday 9:00 AM–4:00 PM | **Friday** 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)

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Prayer, Devotions, Holy Days



Mass Intentions

Sat	10/17	5:30 PM	+Clarence Rose
Sun	10/18	8:00 AM	+Loreto Estrada Balcita, +Shirley Fernandez
		10:00 AM	+James & Diana Skokan, +Neville Lacey, Intentions of Janice Gau
		12:00 PM	+James, Evelyn & James II Deiso, Intentions of the Unborn
		3:00 PM	+Phaolo Nguyen Van Phuoc, +Maria Vu Thi Thanh Ha
		5:00 PM	People of St. Joseph
Mon	10/19	8:00 AM	+Steve Lazuk, +Lillian Yeung, Deceased of Vui Khac Do Family
Tue	10/20	8:00 AM	+Shirley Fernandez, Deceased of the Bau Family
Wed	10/21	8:00 AM	+Chat Dzu Pham
Thu	10/22	8:00 AM	Deceased of the Thong Family
Fri	10/23	8:00 AM	+Shirley Fernandez
Sat	10/24	8:00 AM	+Mary Daniels, Intentions of the Joseph Do Family

Nov 1 | **First Sunday**
Ad Orientem
7:00 PM | Mission Church
Candlelight Mass

Nov 4 | **First Wednesday**
St. Joseph Devotion
7:00 PM | Main Church

Vespers | Thursdays | EN 6:00 PM

VN Mass 7:00 PM | Anointing
Main Church

Nov 6 | **First Friday**
Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:00 AM | Main Church
24-Hour Adoration

Nov 7 | **First Saturday**
Immaculate Heart of Mary
8:00 AM | Main Church, Anointing

Nov 8 | **Second Sunday**
Misa en Español | 7:00 PM | Mission

2026 Diocesan Bishop's Appeal $72,000 (Goal)
Actual of as of 9/30/2026: $69,111.00 ~ 96% of Goal!
Thank you for your generous support!
www.saintjosephmsj.org/2026-bishops-ministries-appeal/

Funeral | Memorial

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.

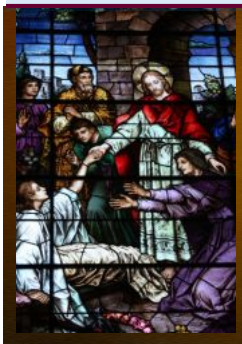
https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/liturgy/sacraments-2/funerals/

Call 510-656-2364 to schedule.

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!



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 Brisken, 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/.

Precious Life, Great and Small

October is Respect Life Month



Do not lose hope

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. …But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. …The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, no. 99.
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Pray for the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

Pray the Respect Life Month Novena with thousands of Catholics nationwide, **Thursday, October 22–Friday, October 30.**

Sign up or download at **www.respectlife.org**



Spiritual Art *from the* Heart

Sister Rebecca J. Shinas, OP
Dominican Sister of Mission San Jose

50+ original paintings & live music

November 14–15, 2026
Saturday 1–7 PM • Sunday 9 AM–3 PM

St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall
1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore

Seniors

Friday, November 13, 2026
Holy Mass • 11:00 AM
Main Church

Luncheon • 12:00 PM
Parish Hall

Entertainment
With help and special touches from our St. Joseph School students.

RSVP online or call the Parish Office: 510-656-2364

www.saintjosephmsj.org/senior-luncheon

ST. JEROME LIBRARY

FAITH ON THE MOVE

Sunday, October 18, 2026 • Parish Hall

Discover faith-centered, family-friendly books from our Faith Formation Campus Library.



Contact Nancy Flores-Mai
nflores@saintjosephmsj.org

www.saintjosephmsj.org/st-jerome-library

Upcoming Events

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

2026

Nov. 1	All Saints (Sunday) *All regularly scheduled Masses*
Nov. 2	All Souls, *St. Joseph Cemetery Prayer Service; VN Mass 6:00 PM; EN/CN Mass 7:30 PM*
Nov. 13	Senior Luncheon *Mass 11:00 AM, Luncheon 12:00 PM*
	St. Joseph School Harvest of Hope Gala
Nov. 22	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
	Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs, *9:30 AM Procession begins at Mission steps;* *10:00 AM Mass Multicultural, Main Church*
Nov. 26	*Thanksgiving Day, 10:00 AM Multicultural*
Nov. 29	New Liturgical Year B | First Sunday of Advent
Dec. 5	Advent Retreat, *8:00 AM Mass,* *9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Program*
Dec. 7	Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass *in Vietnamese 7:00 PM, Main Church*
Dec. 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary *Masses 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 6:45 PM Tree Lighting; 7:00 PM Multicultural Mass*
Dec. 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe *Misa en Español 10:00 AM, Mission Church*
	Christmas Concert *7:30 PM All Choirs, Multicultural, Mission San José Orchestra*
Dec. 14	Parish Advent Reconciliation
Dec. 15–23	Las Posadas
	Simbang Gabi
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve *5:00 PM Mass and Nativity Play* *7:00 PM Mass, Adult Multicultural Choir* *9:00 PM Mass in Vietnamese* *12:00 PM Midnight Mass in the Mission (11:30 PM prelude)*
Dec. 25	Nativity of the Lord
Dec. 27	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve *5:30 PM Multilingual Vigil Mass, Main Church*

2027

Jan. 1	New Year's Day | Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
Jan. 3	Epiphany of the Lord
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

Serving, Gathering, Growing



Refugee Ministry Update—Educated Moms Educating Exciting news for two of our refugee moms who were educators in Afghanistan! With help from our new team member, Cathy Keebaugh, Mrs. Kho has begun working as a school aide, and Mrs. Zalai has started the application process. Their knowledge of Farsi, Dari, and Urdu can support young students learning English who also need help in their native languages. We've also learned of a new family and will share more after we meet them. Keep all these families in your prayers. Thank you! To help, contact Don at donaldkaefer@gmail.com. For more information about this ministry, visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/refugee.

St. Vincent de Paul– Friends of the Poor Walk—Support our walkers at the Friends of the Poor Walk on October 17 at Lake Elizabeth: Ceina Thomas, Leslie Rice, Yvonne Siko, Mary Marcellus, Dianne Martin, Tina Do, Brian Nguyen, Annie Thottungal, and Barb Fuhs. To donate, place a check payable to SVDP in the collection basket with "FOPW" in the memo, give through Zelle at svdpmission4@gmail.com, or visit www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds/st-vincent-de-paul. Questions? Contact Barb Fuhs at eabmom@comcast.net. Visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/st-vincent-de-paul/.



NOP Hosting Hospitality Today—Do you know who lives in your parish neighborhood? You might be surprised! Stop by the Registration Station during Hospitality today to update your contact information or confirm it is correct. Learn more about volunteer opportunities. Neighborhood Outreach Project (NOP) brings St. Joseph parishioners together to visit elderly and homebound parishioners and help at parish events and functions. Join us—we'd love to get to know you! Contact Lauri at lkaefer@comcast.net for more information.

HOM Urgently Needs Donations—New city requirements have created an urgent need for four 4-person tents, three 6-person tents, air beds, and canopies for the homeless people we serve at the Ardenwood site. 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. www.saintjosephmsj.org/homeless-urgent-needs. Thank you for your generous support.



NOP Hospitality—October 18, 2026 Stop by after Mass to find your parish neighborhood and check that your contact information is current so we can keep you informed about volunteer opportunities that may be of interest to you. Neighborhood Outreach Project (NOP) brings St. Joseph parishioners together across more than 30 neighborhoods, from Warm Springs to Northgate and over the hill to Livermore and Dublin. In November, the Vietnamese Community will host Sunday Hospitality. Will there be something besides donuts to try? Come find out! Contact Lauri Kaefer at lkaefer@comcast.net. Bring a friend and get to know your neighbors. Thank you for making everyone feel welcome and at home!



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: Maintenance Fund

	10/4/2026	10/11/2026
Maintenance 10/11	$ 26,413.54	$ 20,945.64
Catholic Voice 10/4	$ 3,209.00	$ 3,018.00

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

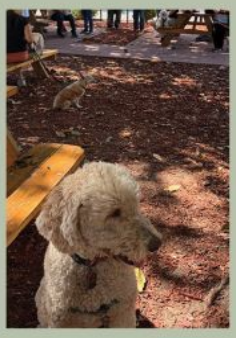
27. In light of what has been said so far, the Church's Social Doctrine can be seen more authentically. It is not a handbook of principles and norms to be applied, but a process of shared discernment. It is born from the encounter between the eternal truth of the Gospel and the questions of history. It allows itself to be challenged by the signs of the times, and draws nourishment from the contributions of science, culture and human experience. Therefore, when the dignity of our brothers and sisters is violated, when politics fails to address the tragedies of humanity, when the economy turns against the person or science oversteps the limits of its competence, [22] the Church — together with other Christian denominations and believers of other religions — must make her voice heard, not in order to dominate, but to promote communion. Understood in this way, Social Doctrine becomes a theology of communion in history, a history in which the Word made flesh continues to be present through dialogue, memory and prophecy.

The development of Social Doctrine from Leo XIII to the present

28. Having outlined the way in which the Church is present in history and engages in dialogue with the world, I would now like to consider the development of Social Doctrine in the Magisterium, which has responded to the major social transformations from the nineteenth century to the present day. Naturally, I cannot do justice to the full richness of this teaching, whose fundamental principles are presented in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church and have been further examined by recent Magisterial teaching. Nor can I systematically explore everything that has been developed in the Encyclicals of my late venerable predecessors, especially in Laudato Si'and Fratelli Tutti. Nevertheless, I will emphasize some essential points in order to show how the present text stands in continuity with that tradition. I would also like to stress how, within this tradition, the unchanging core of revealed truths regarding the human person and society is constantly intertwined with a renewed capacity for listening to historical situations and for responding to contemporary issues. I will now review some of the significant stages of this development, beginning with the period inaugurated by the Encyclical Rerum Novarum. https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/magnifica-humanitas/




Eagle Scout Evan Trang
September 27, 2026





Blessing of the Animals
October 4, 2026




Vespers, Evening Prayer
October 1, 2026




Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Joseph School
October 2026




OCIA Dismissal
October 4, 2026





First Saturday Hospitality
October 3, 2026

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow



GRACIAS – TERIMA KASIH – DHANYAVAAD – CẢM ƠN – SALAMAT – XIÈXIE – THANK YOU!

We begin the month of October with the Feast of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (October 1), who said, ***"Even a little thing you do, like sweeping the house or washing the dishes, becomes extraordinary when you do it with great love."*** As I reflect on these words, I think of everyone who prepared for and served at our St. Joseph Festival last Sunday. The tasks may have seemed small, but the love behind them was enormous. That love made this year's festival a tremendous success!

I saw so many people from different communities and ministries generously sharing their time, talents, and treasures. From selling raffle tickets and setting up booths to cooking, entertaining, taking everything down, and cleaning up afterward, everyone contributed in one way or another. What a labor of love! Through this festival, I witnessed the true spirit of our parish family. People came together, worked side by side, and offered their gifts for the good of our parish and the glory of God.

God blessed us with beautiful weather, and so many people came to enjoy delicious food from different cultures. There was dancing, singing, games, a bird show, and even the pastor getting dunked! I was dunked five times! I will see those who dunked me in the confessional. LOL! All the performances were wonderful, and everyone seemed to have a great time. What a blessed Sunday it was as we shared food, laughter, and fellowship!

Behind this successful event was the dedication and hard work of many people. It would be impossible for me to mention everyone by name. First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our two co-chairmen, Don Kaefer and Jeffrey De Jesus, whose leadership and commitment helped make this festival possible. I also sincerely thank the Festival Committee and our parish staff for their tireless work and preparation.

A special thank-you goes to our Hispanic, Filipino, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Indian, and Chinese communities, as well as our Young Adult Ministry, Neighborhood Outreach, and Men's Club, for providing such wonderful food booths and drinks. Thank you for sharing your delicious food and drinks and, more importantly, your love and generosity with our parish family.

I am also grateful to everyone who helped coordinate the entertainment and games, as well as to all the singers and dancers who delighted us with their performances. Thank you to those who donated gift baskets and vacation vouchers for the silent auction and to donors who generously contributed prizes for the raffle. Your generosity helped make the festival even more exciting and enjoyable.

Last but not least, thank you to everyone who attended and supported the festival. Your presence, participation, and loving support mean so much to our parish. We could not have done it without you!

What impressed me most was the way we came together as one community. We are truly one family, united in diversity. We set aside differences in skin color, language, and culture to gather as one flock, living and sharing the love of Christ. This unity is precisely what Jesus prayed for: *"That they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you"* (John 17:21). Thank you for being living witnesses of faith, love, generosity, and unity. May God continue to bless our St. Joseph parish family and strengthen the bonds that unite us. I am already looking forward to our next festival in October 2027!

With my deepest gratitude and blessings,

Fr. Thi Văn Hoàng, *Pastor*
St. Joseph Catholic Church / Mission San José
Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph

All Saints & All Souls

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Solemnity of All Saints

Vigil • Saturday, October 31, 2026
5:30 PM — Main Church

Sunday, November 1, 2026
8:00 AM — Mission
10:00 AM & 12:00 PM — Main Church
3:00 PM Vietnamese • Main Church
5:00 PM Mandarin • Main Church
7:00 PM Candlelight Mass Ad Orientem • Mission

All Souls

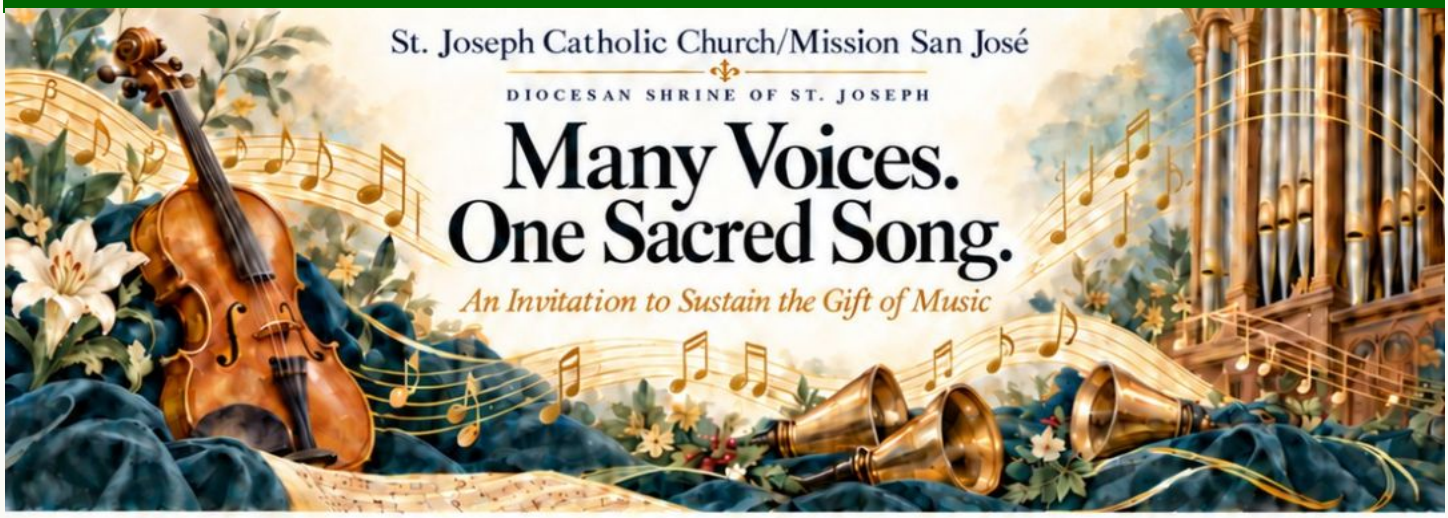
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Monday, November 2, 2026
8:00 AM — Mission
12:00 PM — Prayer Service
St. Joseph's Cemetery
300–400 Felipe Common
6:00 PM Vietnamese • Main Church
7:30 PM English and Mandarin

Remembering Our Departed Loved Ones

Throughout November, we pray for our beloved departed. Submit names with a freewill offering using All Souls envelopes from the pews, placed in the collection basket at any Mass, or participate online. All names received will be placed on the altar throughout November.

www.saintjosephmsj.org/we-remember-2026



For a child, music begins with a first lesson, a few tentative notes, and the discovery that practice makes something once difficult possible. Through lessons and rehearsals, children develop confidence, discipline, and responsibility—and offer their gifts in the prayer of our parish.

For adults, a familiar hymn may recall a parent's voice, Christmas in another country, or someone dearly missed. Sacred music carries our memories and traditions, giving expression to love, gratitude, sorrow, and hope.

A ministry for every generation

Our Music Ministries serve nearly every Mass and sacramental celebration, accompanying our parish in everyday prayer and life's most significant moments.

Our adult, children's, bell, and cultural choirs join the Mission San José Orchestra and chamber ensembles in this work. The musical traditions of our Chinese, Vietnamese, Filipino, Indian, and Spanish communities enrich our worship, while children begin creating traditions of their own.

With the Director of Music Ministries as its only paid position, this ministry depends on volunteers who give thousands of hours each year. Your generosity sustains their work.

Carols of Christmastide

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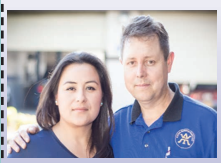
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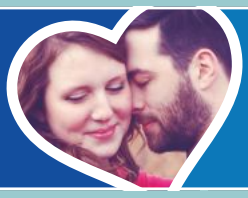
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