



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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026



TO LOVE IS TO WILL THE GOOD OF OTHERS. NO LOVE WITHOUT SACRIFICE.



Dear St. Joseph Family,

A young lady came to church and asked me a question that still has me thinking. She said, “I grew up in the Church, but I have been away for many years. I really don’t know

much about it, and now I am coming back. I would just like to know, what is expected of me if I join this church?” What would you tell her? Some might suggest going to Mass every Sunday. Others might tell her to pray the Rosary or go to confession. The Pharisees seem to have a similar question when they ask Jesus in today’s Gospel, “Which is the greatest commandment in the law?” The Jews had 613 laws: 365 prohibitions and 248 positive commandments. Jesus summarizes them into two: “*You shall love the Lord your God. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*”

Now we know the heart of our faith: Love God and love your neighbor. Everything else is an explanation of these two commandments. But what kind of love is Jesus talking about? Love is one of the most frequently used words in our daily conversations, yet it is also one of the most confusing. We say, “I love hot dogs,” and then, “I love Fr. Thi.” Does that mean we love Fr. Thi the same way we love hot dogs? We even use love to excuse our behavior. A husband has an affair and says he does it because he loves her. A parent gives a child everything the child wants and calls it love. But is that really love? *A mother asked her son, “What does your girlfriend love about you?” “She thinks I’m handsome, talented, and a good dancer!” “And what do you love about her?” “She thinks I’m handsome, talented, and a good dancer!” Is that love?*

In Greek, there are different words for love. Eros is romantic love, often based on physical attraction and personal happiness. It says, “I love you because you make ME happy.” The key word is “me.” Phileo is the love of friendship, where people care for one another and share a mutual relationship. But the highest kind of love is Agape, unconditional and selfless love. It gives without asking what it will receive in return. This is the love Jesus teaches us. St. Paul describes it beautifully in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8: “*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.*”

Beautiful words! I recommend putting this passage in a frame and hanging it in the center of your home. Let it remind you that when you say, “I love you,” you should mean what you say and live what you mean. We can summarize true love in one word: Sacrifice. There is no love without sacrifice! When we say we love God, we sacrifice our time and set aside our work to worship Him and serve Him. When we say we love our neighbors, we sacrifice our ego and pride to forgive those who have hurt us. There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for the beloved. That is true love. That is the love Jesus calls us to live when He says, “Love God and love your neighbor.”

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 AM	Main Church
SUNDAY HOLY MASS	12:00 PM	Main Church
	3:00 PM	Main Church, Vietnamese
	5:00 PM	Main Church, Mandarin
AD ORIENTEM	7:00 PM	Mission <i>First Sunday of the Month</i>
ST. JOSEPH DEVOTION	7:00 PM	Main Church <i>First Wednesday of the Month</i>
SACRED HEART OF JESUS	8:00 AM	Main Church <i>First Friday of the Month</i> <i>24-hour Adoration</i>
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	8:00 AM	Main Church <i>First Saturday of the Month</i> <i>(Mission: May 2027)</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
For private 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



FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRY

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

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First Reconciliation
First Holy Communion
Confirmation

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Christmas Eve Nativity Play



Be a part of bringing the Nativity of our Lord to life by signing up for the 2026 Nativity play.
saintjosephmsj.org/nativity-play-2026

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Tue	11/10	6:00–7:30 PM	Main Church
Tue	11/17	6:00–7:30 PM	Main Church
Tue	11/24	6:00–7:30 PM	Main Church
Tue	12/1	6:00–7:30 PM	Main Church
Mon	12/7	4:00–5:30 PM	Main Church
Mon	12/14	4:00–5:30 PM	Main Church
Mon	12/21	4:00–5:30 PM	Main Church

Nancy Flores-Mai
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HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

IS BACK!

Friday, October 30
4–7 PM • Parish Hall

Food for Sale • Games • Crafts

All Are Welcome!

\$5 FAMILY FEE
Unlimited Games!

SJS Trunk or Treat & Carnival
www.saintjosephmsj.org/halloween-carnival



Men's Ministry Fellowship Night, Nov 3rd, 7:00 PM—All men of the parish are invited! Steve Radigan shares highlights from Portugal and Santiago de Compostela. Light food and beverages provided. Fellowship and parish news.

RAFFLE WINNERS
Miguel Dela Cruz, Jr. — \$5,000
Trinh Nguyen — \$2,500
Danee Hoang — \$1,000

PRAYER, DEVOTIONS, HOLY DAYS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	10/24	5:30 PM	+Steven Bucol, +Rajesh Selvaraj, Intentions of Axel Briskén
Sun	10/25	8:00 AM	+Ida Fouche, +Jacques Fidelia, +Gladys Fidelia
		10:00 AM	+James & Diana Skokan, +Phong Quoc Nguyen, +Tuan Quoc Nguyen
		12:00 PM	+Loreto Estrada Balcita, +Baby Joseph, Intentions of the unborn
		3:00 PM	+Teresa Phan Thi Kim Dung, +Maria Nguyen Lieu Jennifer
		5:00 PM	People of St. Joseph
Mon	10/26	8:00 AM	Intentions of Ben Jeng Tung Hau
Tue	10/27	8:00 AM	+Conrado Vasquez
Wed	10/28	8:00 AM	+Thoa Duy Ngo, Intentions of Michael Huajardo, Intentions of Mikayla Teopaco
Thu	10/29	8:00 AM	+Mary Daniels
Fri	10/30	8:00 AM	People of St. Joseph
Sat	10/31	8:00 AM	+Francisco Guillermo Lagrimas, +Teresita Vicente Lagrimas, +Edwin Vicente Lagrimas

Nov 1 | **All Saints**, 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 ~ almost there!

Thank you for your generous support! We can do it!



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/.

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

Call 510-656-2364 to schedule.



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 Briskén, 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

"The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. ...Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.
Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need.
respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection.

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

St. Joseph Parish
Celebrates the Seniors in our Community!

SENIOR LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026 • 11 AM–3 PM

11:00 AM Mass • Main Church
Luncheon & Entertainment follow in the Parish Hall

RSVP:
Grace Lichauco (510) 657-0905
Donna Yap (510) 656-2364 ext. 205
www.saintjosephmsj.org/senior-luncheon

Dominican Sisters of Mission San José

Response to the Call • Zoom Retreat
October 31, 2026 • 10 AM–2 PM
www.saintjosephmsj.org/retreat/

Come and See!
Explore religious life with a live-in experience.
www.saintjosephmsj.org/dominican-sisters-vocation/

Discover St. Catherine's Academy
Catholic boys' school • TK–8 • Day & boarding
www.saintjosephmsj.org/discover-catherines-academy/

ALL SOULS' DAY
DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

Monday, November 2, 2026 at 12:00pm
St. Joseph Cemetery
300-400 Felipe Common, Fremont, CA 94539

On this solemn day, we gather with Father Thi Hoàng to pray for those who have returned to the Lord. Join us at the cemetery to remember our dearly departed, and honor their memory and legacy.

Visit www.saintjosephmsj.org for Mass schedules and more.
Use the QR code to support St. Joseph Cemetery.



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) <i>All regularly scheduled Masses</i>
NOV. 2	All Souls, St. Joseph Cemetery Prayer Service, 12:00 PM; 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. 21	Dominican Sisters Holiday Boutique
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, Main Church 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Program, Mission
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. 10	St. Joseph School Christmas Pageant
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 AM 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 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM VN
JAN. 2	Fr. Thi's 50th Birthday ~ Happy Birthday!
JAN. 3	Epiphany of the Lord
JAN. 9	Jubilee Year of St. Francis Closing Mass
FEB. 10	Ash Wednesday

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—

Nine walkers raised funds for Thanksgiving food and Christmas gift cards for our neighbors in need. You can still help! 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. Contact Barb Fuhs at cabmom@comcast.net. Visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/st-vincent-de-paul/.

NOP Visitors—Our volunteers visit homebound and older parishioners with limited family support three or four times a year, bringing a friendly hello and a card or treat prepared by our core team. Know someone who would welcome a visit? Contact Lauri at lkaefer@comcast.net for more information.



HOM Urgently Needs Donations—

New city requirements create 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. Debra Meinecke at 510-378-0753 or Joanne Kemp at 510-386-5470. www.saintjosephmsj.org/homeless-urgent-needs.



3RD ANNUAL
HARVEST of Gala
SUPPORTING NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS
St. Joseph School, Fremont
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026
Embassy Suites by Hilton
Milpitas – Silicon Valley
510-656-6525



November 1 Hospitality—

The Hospitality Team thanks everyone who served refreshments last Sunday and baked or donated donuts and sweet treats for the Festival. November is almost here! Stop by the Parish Hall next Sunday to enjoy treats from our Vietnamese community and learn how they support our parish. Visit the Registration Station to volunteer for a future project or update your parish information. Contact Lauri Kaefer at lkaefer@comcast.net. Bring a friend and get to know your neighbors.



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	
	10/18/2026	10/11/2026
Maintenance 10/11	\$ 17,469.01	\$ 20,945.64
World Mission 10/18	\$ 4,006.00	\$ 3,018.00



SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS ONLINE RESERVATIONS

www.saintjosephmsj.org/mission-field-trips



MISSION SAN JOSÉ, HERITAGE, FAITH

November 8, 2026 | 1:30 PM, Mission | Rosales Opus 14 Organ Demonstration | Ronald McKean, Organist

BAPTISM AT THE MISSION CHURCH

OCTOBER 18, 2026



MORNING MASS, CHAPEL OF HEALING

OCTOBER 19, 2026



UC DAVIS - DESIGN STUDIO STUDENTS

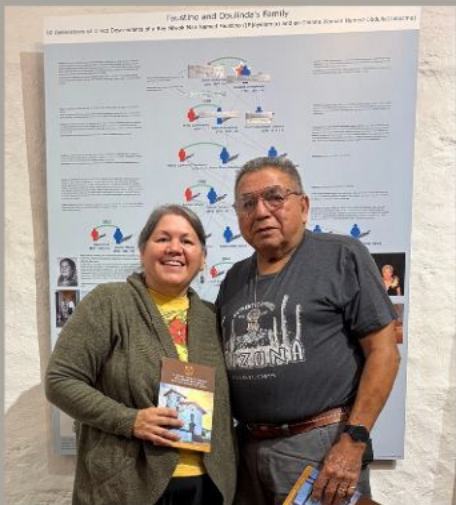
OCTOBER 7, 2026



FRANK RUANO AND JANE SYMONDS

1ST COUSINS OF ANDY GALVAN

OCTOBER 9, 2026



SANTA MISA EN ESPAÑOL

FATHER MICHAEL SANCHEZ

OCTOBER 11, 2026



DOCENT GUIDED TOUR

OCTOBER 10, 2026



YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

FESTIVAL NET INCOME: \$65,000 | THANK YOU SO MUCH!!



**GRACIAS – TERIMA KASIH
– DHANYAVAAD –
CÀM Ơ'N – 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

St. Joseph Catholic Church / Mission San José • Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph

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

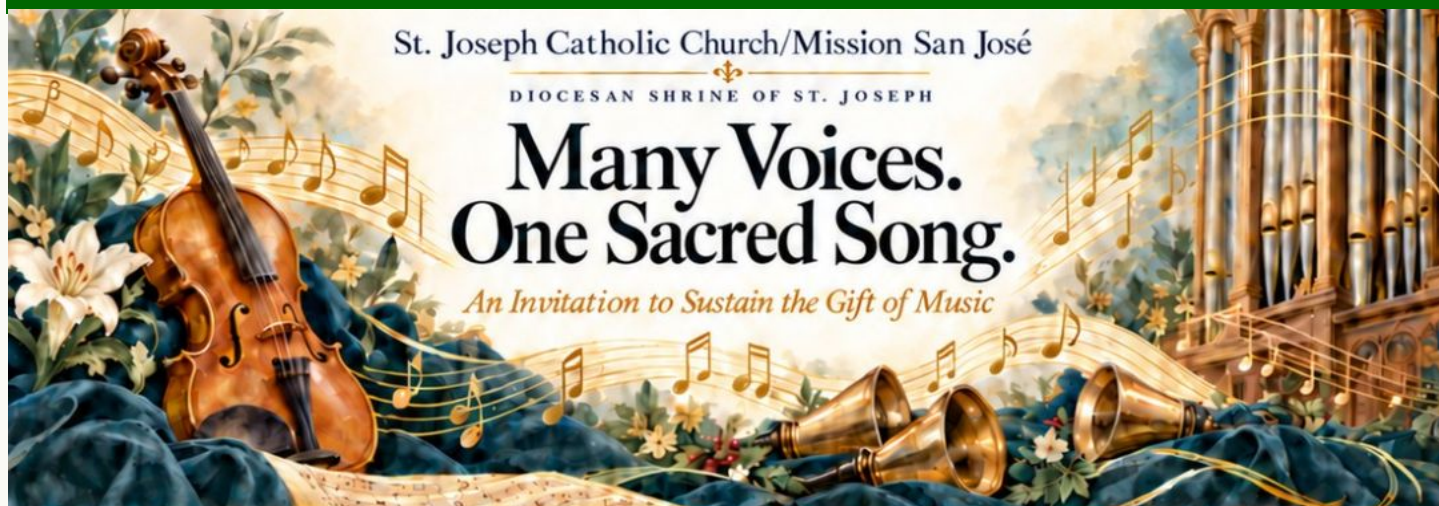
7:30 PM English and Mandarin

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](http://www.saintjosephmsj.org/we-remember-2026)**

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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.

Our 2026 Goal

\$25,000

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- Free musical training and sacred music formation
- Our choirs, ensembles, and orchestra
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Carols of Christmastide

PARISHWIDE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, December 12, 2026 | 7:30 PM

Adult, children, youth, bell, and cultural choirs, joined by the Mission San José Orchestra, Freely offered to our parish, families, neighbors, and friends.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY
December 24 & 25, 2026

Our orchestra and choirs offer sacred music for the Nativity of Our Lord.

Help preserve the music that holds our memories—and help the next generation discover the gifts they can offer to God.

GIVE ONLINE www.saintjosephmsj.org/music-ministries-support/

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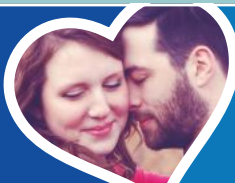
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