



October 9, 2022
Twenty Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Newsletter

Mass Times

Saturday-Sunday

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

6:30 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30
pm, and 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass in Courtyard—

8:30 am 9:30 am and 10:30 am



Daily Mass: Mon-Fri—9:00 am

Monday-Thursday — 6:30 pm.



1st Saturday of the Month

9:00am Mass with the anointing of the sick



Holy Days

6:30 am 9:00 am 12:noon and 7:00 pm



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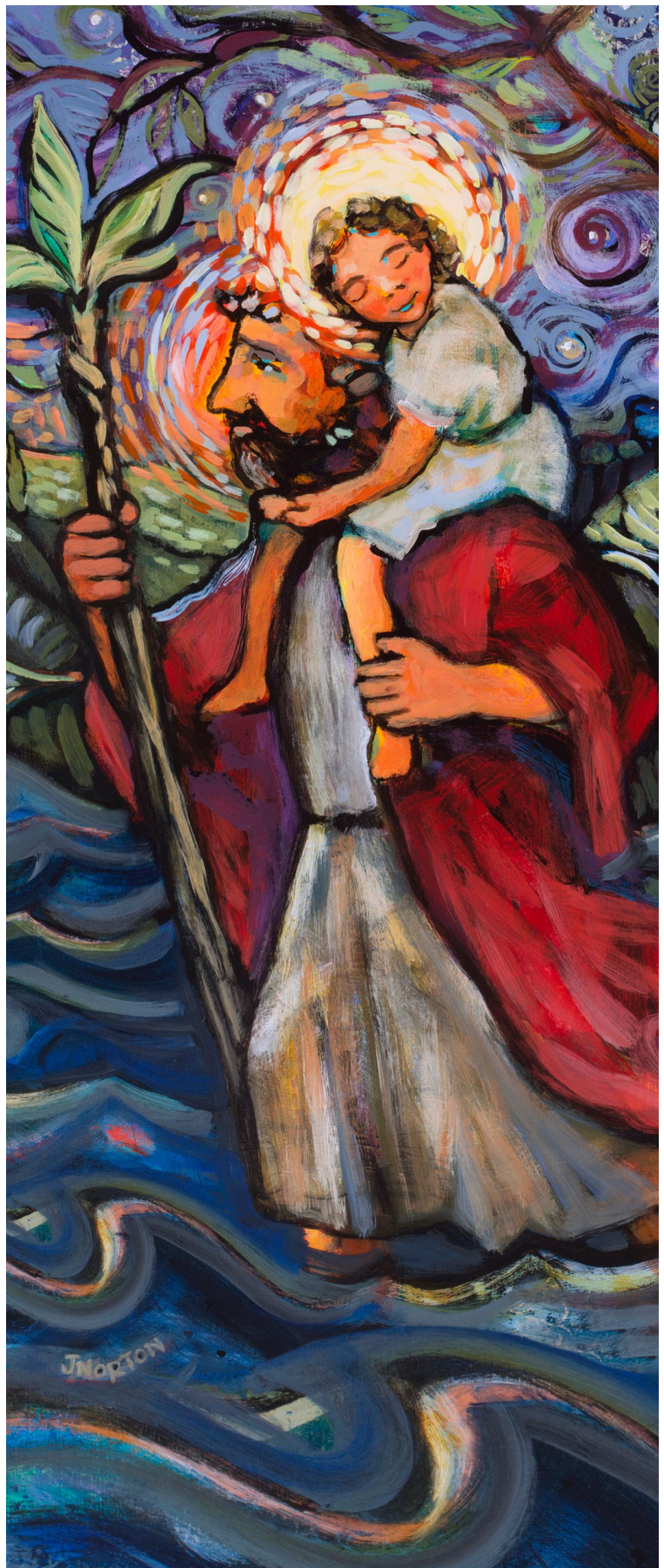
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DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023



DIocese OF SAN JOSE

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On December 6, 2021, the Diocese of San José, following the call of Pope Francis to be a “listening Church,” I called on our diocese to begin a yearlong process of prayer, listening, and discernment in preparation for our first Diocesan Synod to be held on January 27 – 29, 2023. I invited us all – laity, religious, and clergy – to call upon the Holy Spirit to prepare ourselves for a process of listening, discernment, and pastoral planning. Implementing a new pastoral plan will prepare us for our 50th Jubilee of the Diocese of San José in 2031, which happily coincides with the 500th anniversary of Mary’s appearance and message to St. Juan Diego in 1531. We will look to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Star of the New Evangelization, as our guide as we seek to evangelize anew Silicon Valley.

This post-pandemic time is a time of tremendous opportunity. This is a time to renew our faith in Christ and to strike out “into the deep water” (Luke 5:4) with trust that the Lord is with us in the boat, the Church, battered as it may be by many headwinds, yet continuing toward the destiny to which he calls us, the fullness of the Kingdom of God.

The upcoming Diocesan Synod 2023 mirrors what Pope Francis has done for the global Church through the Universal Synod, but with a local focus.

The synodal process involves encountering each other, listening to one another, and discerning where and how the Holy Spirit calls us to proclaim and live the Gospel. Pope Francis has spoken of the “infinite creativity” of the Holy Spirit (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 278) and the need for us not to sit “on the sidelines of this march of living hope” and let things pass us by. Instead, we should be engaged actively in life and the world. Our mission as a Church in this world demands new initiatives and creativity in teaching the truth and living the faith.

Therefore, with the Diocesan Synod 2023, *we seek to renew the Diocese of San José in depth (spiritually for laity, religious, clergy) and in width (organizationally for parishes, schools, chancery) to fulfill the mission of renewing all things in Christ.* I have appointed a Synod Steering Committee of laity and clergy to help plan and implement the synod process. Taking into consideration the feedback from the diocesan report on the universal synod, the Synod Steering Committee recommendations, and initial consultations with priests, deacons, and diocesan leaders this spring and summer, we will use the four marks of the Church to guide our consultations with our parish and school communities in the upcoming months: *One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.*

- One: To embrace and tangibly demonstrate the unity of our Church across the Diocese
- Holy: To inspire and form the Catholics in truly becoming disciples of Jesus Christ
- Catholic: To increase the faithful’s encounter of Santa Clara County’s unique diversity and to leverage such diversity (ethnic, age, social-economic, etc.) to enrich our local Church
- Apostolic: To become outward-looking in order to evangelize individuals, families, and our culture

DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023 CONT.....

In our synod process, we will listen to the wisdom and insights of the faithful throughout the diocese to surface various creative ideas and discern pastoral needs and priorities in our diocese for the coming years. I invite you to learn more about the process and how you can participate by visiting the Diocesan Synod 2023 webpage.

Our Lady's appearance to St. Juan Diego set in motion an unimaginable, unforeseen, dynamic evangelization of the Americas where the response to the Gospel message had previously been rather limited. Through Mary's presence, words, and intercession, the Gospel message spread deeply and broadly. We pray that Our Lady of Guadalupe will guide us in our diocesan synod.

I asked that all Catholics in the diocese join me in praying for the success of our diocesan synod and for the growth and deepening of the Catholic faith in our diocese. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, let us ask the Lord to guide us and accompany us, to give us renewed strength and determination in facing the challenges ahead as we proclaim and live the Gospel.

Most Rev. Oscar Cantú
Bishop of San José



Heavenly Father,
In your loving mercy,
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ,
anointed by the Spirit,
to redeem the world through his Paschal Mystery.
The disciples on the road to Emmaus
pleaded with the Lord, "Stay with us."



Promising to remain with his church,
and to nourish us as the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation, Jesus left us
the Sacrament of Salvation in the Eucharist. Stir up in our hearts a lively faith
in Jesus' real, loving, and saving presence, and may the Eucharist become
the pattern of our lives.

As a pilgrim church
may we be nourished and strengthened
at the Eucharistic table,
and so "do unto others" in love
as you have loved us.

Through the intercession of St. Joseph and St. Clare, may we remain in your love
through the Sacrament of your Love. **Amen.**

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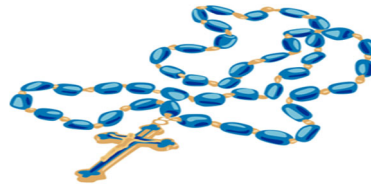


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October Our Lady of the Rosary



On October 7, we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. This title attributed to Mary has been traced to an apparition held by pious tradition to have occurred to St. Dominic in 1214. In the 16th century, Pope Pius V placed the feast of Our Lady of Victory on October 7 in the General Roman Calendar, associating it with the Rosary, for which we honor Mary today.

Not too far from the ruins of Pompeii, Italy, the great Roman city destroyed by the volcano of Mt. Vesuvius, there is an area called Valle di Pompeii where the town of Campania is located. In the shadow of the ancient volcano, a Marian Shrine was erected in the latter half of the 1800s. The shrine is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, named for the Marian image elevated on its high altar.

Our Lady of Pompei is also known as Our Lady of Victory, with the rosary seen as a spiritual weapon in the battle against sin and evil in the world. As Cardinal Angelo Sodano reminds us, "Gathered round the gentle person of Our Lady of Pompei, let us resolve to call on her every day for our needs and the needs of the world. We are surrounded by a society that needs more than ever the light of the Gospel. Our world is seeking peace. There are so many sufferings that cry out for help. There is such a great longing for justice and charity! We wish to entrust our hopes to Mary's motherly intercession."

The image of Our Lady of the Rosary represents the long tradition of the faithful who turn to Mary for refuge and hope in their needs. Mary is the throne for her small Son, Jesus. He found his first home on earth within her womb and on her lap. Mary is seated on a throne. It is the throne of the Church. Mary with her divine son reigns in the Church and from the Church, sign of heaven's continuation on earth. As members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we know -we do not merely believe, we know, that the rosary is the most powerful recitation we can make when we desire a miracle or some other grace from God. By reflecting on Our Most Holy Mother's experiences and the life of Jesus, we become more like the woman who bore all things for the sake of obedience to God's will. With the repetition of the prayers of the Rosary, we will turn to Mary with the insistent, trusting prayer of a child to his mother.

Let us pray for each other, for our parishes, and the world. Allow the rosary to become a tool of intercession in your prayer life and you will begin to see the power of this prayer in your life.

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Novena to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary to Defeat Proposition 1

1. Daily Novena Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our dearest Mother Mary,
behold us, your children, as we humbly come in
prayer before you.

In you, the Author of Life assumed the fullness of
human nature, redeeming us by sacrificing his
life for our salvation, obtaining for us participa-
tion in eternal life through the Holy Spirit.

With you, we treasure every human life created in
God's image, and we grieve for any action or so-
cial structure that undermines that dignity.

We come before you today, led by the Holy Spirit
and united as one family in your Son, to offer this
Novena as a spiritual bouquet, with confidence in
the power of your intercession before our Al-
mighty God and Father.

May he hear and grant our earnest request that
the hearts of voters in our state be moved to reject
and defeat Proposition 1, and may we be guided
by the Holy Spirit to rebuild and strengthen a cul-
ture of life in the hearts and minds of all we en-
counter. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Conclude by reciting a decade of the Rosary





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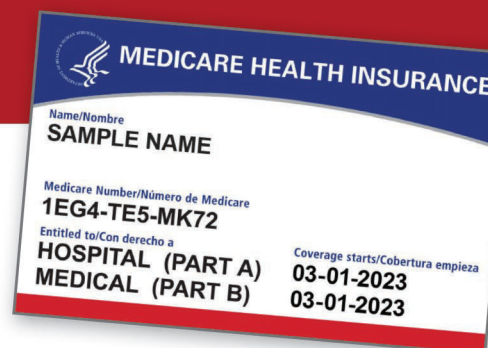
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