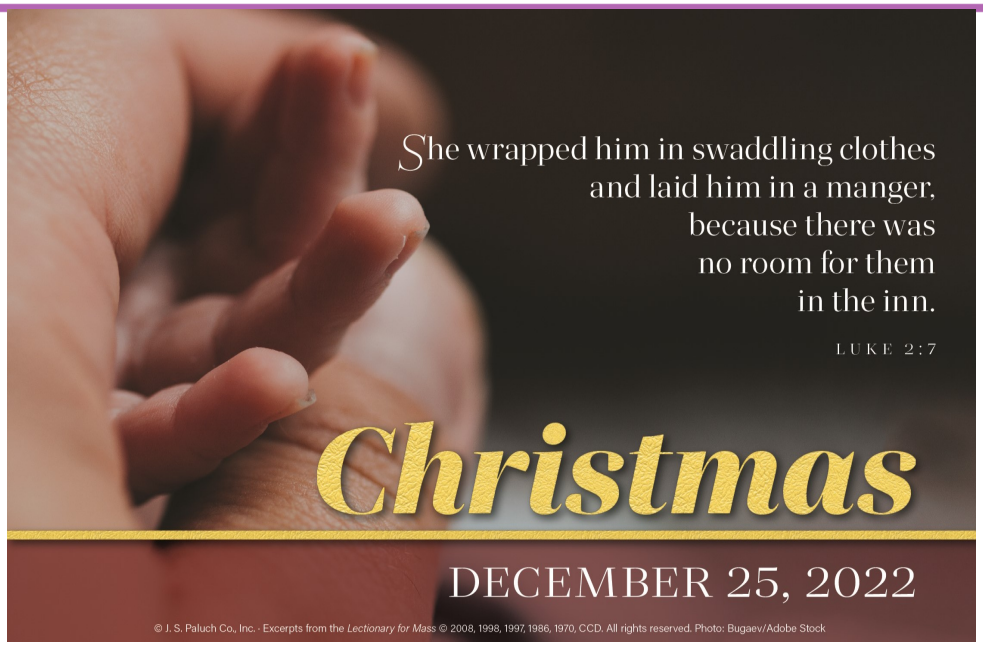
Mission San José y San Miguel de Aguayo

*A Franciscan Mission Founded February 20, 1720 * Established September 23, 1932.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. **Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6**



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MASS SCHEDULE, ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS

Saturday Mass—5 pm indoor (English) -
Except Christmas Eve. Mass is at 7pm
Sunday Mass—9 am outdoor
(English—bring your chair)

Sunday Mass—12 pm indoor Mariachi Choir (Spanish)

Weekday Mass: Monday, Wednesday & Friday—9 am in the San Juan Diego Chapel

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Every 1st Friday at 7:00pm in the San Juan Diego Chapel Saturdays—Confessions at 3:30 pm in San Juan Diego Chapel

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Mission Statement

Mission San Jose Catholic Church was founded and established to proclaim the Gospel mission of Jesus for our time and place by becoming a faith community of God's people. Through a commitment to prayer, study, fellowship and ministry, we strive to become a community of hope to all around us and a living mission to the many who choose to come to Mission San Jose.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 24

7:00 pm †Johnnie & † Dorotea Diaz, †Lee Winkler †Luis & Ines Resendiz, †Kevin Ryan Cepeda & †Bryan Christopher Cepeda, †Aaron Nathaniel Cepeda, †Susie B. Chavez

Sunday, December 25

9:00 am †German Gonzalez, †Charles S. Adame, †Luz Maria Marty Gonzalez,†Kathy Guia,†Jesus Lopez-(birthday), †Bernardo & †Margarita Galindo,† Senida Garcia,†Sammuel Mermella,†Leo Lopez, †Virginia Rendon; †Lorenzo Valdillez and Blessings for Tyler Miles & Platoon

12:00 pm †Romualdo Marty,†JoseAngel Ledesma, †Alejandro Roberto Flores,†Rosa Maria Montero,†Elvira Casas,†Jimmie Aranda,†Maria Luisa Vogt,†Lydia & †Gilbert Delgado,†Delia & †MiguelVera Cruz, Jr.,†Edward & †Janie Vera Cruz,†Anita & †Sylvia Vera Cruz, †Terry & †Art Vidaurri,†Manuel L. & †Abel H. Sanchez,†Edward Vera Cruz,Jr.

Monday, December 26

9:00 Carol Summers—healing

Wednesday, December 28

9:00 am

Saturday, December 31

5:00 pm †Luis & †Ines Resendis

Sunday, January 1

9:00 am †German Gonzalez, †Charles Adame, †Virginia Rendon; and for the health of Ellen Lopez

12:00 pm †Alejandro Roberto Flores, †Rosa Maria Montero, †Elvira Casas

Prayers Please

For: Dorothy Narendorf, Susie Huizar, Aurora Castro, Noelia Rodriguez, Frances Bustos, Ila Hutzler, Mary Molina, Barbara Winn, Carmen Martinez, Kerwin McClain, Emma Ortiz, Thelma Frias, Annie Lawson; Thomas Kelly, Evelyn and Newton Meyer, Liza Aguirre, Adam Gutierrez, Edward De Leon, Maria Cantu, M.A.Cardenas, Janie Dominguez, Vanessa Borrego, Elisa Bautista, Rose Estrada, Jame

s Fortune, Jesse Castro, Estella Laurel, Tony Roman, Bill Saldana, Juan Guajardo, Victoria Gujardo, Victor Ortiz, Clifton Bowbrem, Helen Lopez, Sixta Hernandez, Pat Humphry, Alicia Marty

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 25-Christmas Day

9:00 am Mass (English) Outdoors- weather permitting

12:00 pm Mass (Spanish) w/ Mariachi Choir-Indoors

Monday, December 26– Office Holiday

9:00 am Mass—Saint Juan Diego Chapel

Tuesday, December 27

Wednesday, December 28

9:00 am Mass—-Saint Juan Diego Chape

5:00 pm ACTS Core (Core Room)

Thursday, December 29

Friday, December 30

9:00 am Communion Service-San Juan Diego Chapel

5pm—Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday, December 31—NewYears Eve

3:00 pm - Wedding (Church)

5:00 pm Mass (English) Indoors

Sunday, January 1, 2023

9:00 am Mass (English) Outdoors- weather permitting

12:00 pm Mass (Spanish) w/ Mariachi Choir-Indoors

Monday, January 2
Office Holiday

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

12/17-12/18 – 1st Coll. $ 2,900.36

12/17-12/18—2nd Coll. $ 197.00—Parking lot

This Weekend 2nd Collection is for: Assumption Seminary

To donate via MSJ website: Click on donate button, and use your bank card. It does not ask for envelope number, so use the name on your weekly envelopes so we can identify you. You can also use your "Bill Pay" option through your bank to schedule payments to Mission San Jose. Use your envelope number as the account number. Thank you for your support.

Schedule of Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Mission San Jose

Saturday, Dec. 24th—7:00 pm Mass
(No 5pm Mass on this Saturday)

Sunday, Dec. 25th
9:00 am—English
12:00 pm—Spanish /Mariachi Mass

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Mission San Juan Capistrano

Saturday, Dec. 24th—7:00 pm Mass

Sunday, Dec. 25th
9:00 am-English Mass
11:00 am-Spanish Mass

We will have Regular Mass Schedule on Sunday, January 1, 2023, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023.

Holy Water

Holy Water is now available in the Church.

The Holy water fonts are located at both entrances of the Church. Thank you!

To everyone who helped clean the church last week to get it ready for our beautiful Christmas Masses. May the Lord bless you for your time and efforts. And also to all our Choirs members that came out to sing and make beautiful music on this special Day.
Thank You!

Join the Mission San Jose Parish Flocknote community to get parish news as a text message. We will send you updates about Mass times, activities and other important parish news as needed. To Join: Send a text to 84576 using the word MSJ.

Faith Formation/ Religious Education Classes at Mission San Jose

We will not have Religious Education Classes from Dec. 18—Jan. 1/2023. CCD classes will resume on Sunday. January 8, 2023.

As we continue in the Christmas season, lets us remind our children that Christmas is a time to rejoice in the glad tidings of Christ.

May you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a Holy New Year. Peace & Blessings

MANY THANKS TOEVERY-ONE WHO DONATED TO OUR FLOWER FUND AND FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER
Prayer for Generosity
Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will.
— Saint Ignatius of Loyola

First Friday Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every First Friday of the Month At 7pm

In the San Juan Diego Chapel

NEXT Service: Fri., January 6, 2023

"Indeed, this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in Him, shall have eternal life. Him will I raise up on the last day." John 6:40

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer at the Manger: With the Shepherds

Your Good News was sung by angels to these lowly ones in the night.

Look on us in our lowliness. Let us rejoice in the glad tidings of Christ,

now and forever. Amen.

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Mission San Jose Gift Shop

Come by our Gift Shop to get your religious items or do gift shopping for any special event.

Open: Monday,

Wednesday,

Thursday. and Friday

From 10am—3pm

and on Saturday and Sunday from 9:30am -4:30pm

New inventory has been stocked!

Your Support is appreciated!

Brothers and Sisters,

We will gather this weekend to celebrate with great joy the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We will come together at Mission San Jose as people of faith have done for over 300 years to commemorate with praise and thanksgiving the birth of Jesus. We stand on Holy Ground as a Holy people to acknowledge with thanksgiving God's great love for us.

I am sure you have heard this saying before but it needs to be a reminder to us all. "Christmas isn't a onetime event" The birth of Christ is an incredible act of Love that God has for each of us every day of our lives. That love needs to be celebrated and shared 365 days of the year.

I have been your pastor for almost 8 years and I can tell you that I have experienced Christ's love through you. When I am at the altar and look out into the congregation, I see a community of faith. A community who celebrates Christ's coming everyday by their devotion to Him.

I am ever so grateful to ***all*** of you for your dedication and service to our parish. The various ministries, groups, councils, and support staff and to all our parishioners, I am so appreciative of all you do for me and more importantly for Mission San Jose.

I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring you ever so close to the love and care of our Lord Jesus Christ. May His light guide you, protect you and inspire you to do great things.

Fr. Rogelio

Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed as follows:

Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 . We will re-open on Tuesday, December 27, 2022

We will also close on Monday, January 2, 2023, in observance of the solemnity of Mary the Mother of God.

Church Roof Repairs

Starting on January 9, 2023, work will begin to replace the roof on our church. The work is very extensive and hopefully should be completed by June 2023.

This work will not impede any of the services that are held in church.

We will keep you posted as the project gets closer.

LEARNED AT HOME

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home. —Henry Drummond

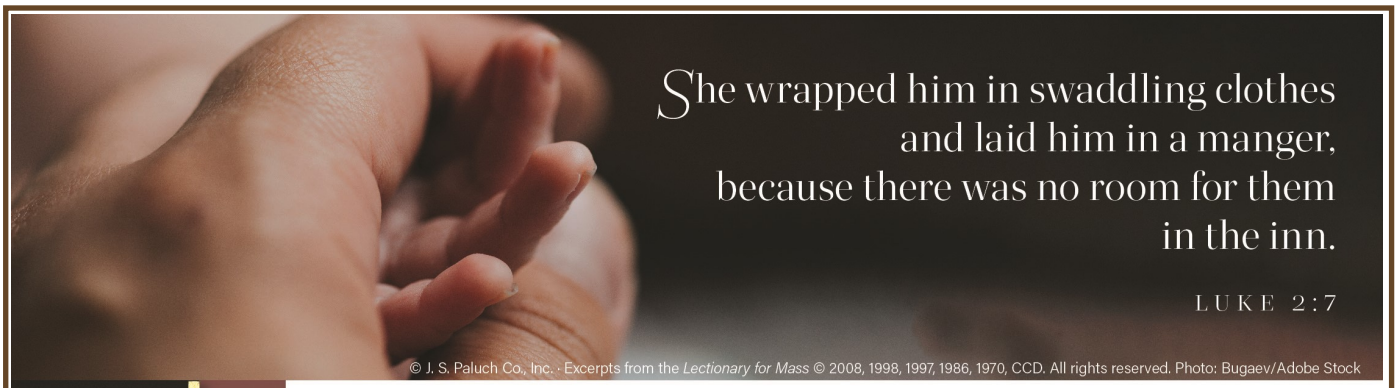
Christmas Time

The feasts that make up Christmas Time all illuminate in their own way the fundamental mystery of the Incarnation that stands at the heart of this sacred season. Each celebration sheds its own distinct light on our conviction that, in the birth of Jesus, earth and heaven have been wedded together for the sake of our salvation. The feasts of the Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord all have their own particular histories. But they have been joined together in a single seasonal flow that invites us to trace the unfolding meanings of the Incarnation from myriad perspectives. As we follow the successive meanings of Jesus' birth, his participation in family life, the meaning of Mary's motherhood, the significance of the Magi's visit, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, we are invited to explore in deeper and deeper fashion the staggering truth that Jesus has shared completely in our human experience, has truly become one with us, fully human while remaining fully divine. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Ukriane Cold Emergency: One Thousand Thermal Shirt Gift

People in Ukraine are facing freezing weather without electricity, heat, or water, as January, the country's coldest month of the year, approaches. In response, the Vatican's charity office is holding a drive to collect thermal shirts for men, women, or children with an average cost of $25 US. Help us reach the goal of one thousand thermal shirts for Ukraine. To donate, visit https://tinyurl.com/Ukraine-Gift or text 'UKRAINE' to 210-750-6712.

For more information about Life, Justice, Peace & Outreach initiatives in the Archdiocese, contact Aaron Castillo, *Director*, at aaron.castillo@archsa.org or call 210-734-1655.



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Christmas

DECEMBER 25, 2022

LIGHT AND LIFE

The four Gospel portraits of Jesus take very different approaches to his origins. Mark has no record of Jesus' ancestry, except for his connection to John the Baptist. Matthew traces his genealogy back to Abraham; Luke even farther back, to Adam. The Gospel of John outdoes them all, tracing Jesus' origins back to the time before time, before the world was created! Jesus is the eternal Word of God. The Greek term for "Word" is logos, and it is a word with deep implications. The logos exists before creation, because all of creation came to be through the logos and, in turn, the logos will become the light of all it has created. This is what makes Christmas a season light and life. May our lives radiate this light, reflecting the life-giving Word-made-Flesh. Let our discipleship truly and fully make incarnate once again the Word-in-flesh whom we celebrate and adore: Jesus Christ, our Lord!

THE SEASON OF LIGHT

It is customary to celebrate Christmas with lights of all sorts. This even happens in the southern hemisphere, where people aren't experiencing the shorter, darker days of northern climates. From little twinkles on Christmas trees to the glow of candles in church, Christmas is a celebration of the light born today in God's Word-made-flesh. As with other types of lights, the Christ-light takes on different forms. Sometimes its light is direct, while at other times it is a reflection. The lights of Christmas, like Jesus the Light of the world, offer comfort, ease fears, show us the way, and help us to see that God is present here. While we believe that Jesus is the light that no darkness can overcome, it can seem at times it seems as though the gloom around us is overcoming the light. We all are familiar with darkness's different forms that seem to bombard us daily, hourly—minute by minute, if we allow them to. And yet . . .

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

The relentless daily reports of darkness can easily lead us not to see the many glimmers of light around us. We who follow the Christ-light must always be on alert for signs of that light around us. Likewise, we who have that Christ-light in us must let it shine forth. No matter how little we think our light may be, we must recall that it is the light of Christ we bear within us. Like John the Baptist in today's Gospel passage, we are meant to testify to the power of light, to help others see glimpses of God-with-us. Our actions must bear good news, they must announce glad tidings. Even small deeds of light can shine brightly, giving birth to Jesus once again each day. On Christmas day and every day we are called to be people of hope, messengers of peace who offer comfort and make God's glory known. Let the light of Christ in your life be one of the season's brightest!

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 52:7–10
Psalm 98:1, 2–3, 3–4, 5–6
Hebrews 1:1–6
John 1:1–18