

Mission San José y San Miguel de Aguayo

701 E. Pyron Ave. San Antonio, Tx 78214

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24, 2023

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Ps. 89:2-3,4-5,27,29



Picture taken by: Br. Kevin Lenihan, OFM

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8am—4:30pm

(CLOSED for lunch 12pm—1pm)

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5pm,

Sunday 9am & 12pm (Spanish)

Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9am in the San Juan Diego Chapel

Confessions

Saturday 3:30pm—4:30pm

In the San Juan Diego Chapel

Gift Shop Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am—3pm

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9:30am—3:30pm

CLOSED on Tuesdays



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 23

5:00 pm †Deacon Chip Perry, †Martin & Stella Sada, †Martin Sada Jr., †Carolina Sada, †Mary Jane McPhillips, †Nanct Arnold, healing for Sherron Bodine

Sunday, December 24

9:00 am †Bennie Narendorf, †Lydia Casillas, †Kenneth Roy Samford, Healing of Sherron Bodine & Suzanne Fallin

12:00 pm †Elvira Casas, †Nicolas Casas, †Roberto Antonio Soto, †Refugio Rodriguez, †Armando Arredondo, †Gerardo H. Rodriguez, †Jimmie Aranda, †Domingo Borrego, †Teresa Borrego, †Robert Ortiz, †Eva Criado, †Delfino R. Becerra, †Rogelio Campos

10:00 pm †Johnnie Diaz, †Dorotea Diaz, †Aaron Nathaniel Cepeda, †Bryan Christopher Cepeda, †Kevin Ryan Cepeda, †Ines & Luis Resendis, †Tano & Lilia Muriel, †Mario & Lilly Muriel, †Charles Anthony Gonzales, †Eudelia Dugosh, †Norman Morris

Monday, December 25

9:00 am †Larry Hogan, †Ismael Martinez, †Miguel Montecinos, †Socorro Almarez, †Santiago Martinez, †Ernesto Martinez, †Nancy Arnold, †Mary Jane McPhillips, †Kenneth Roy Samford, For all our MSJ home bound and All MSJ parishioners

Wednesday, December 27

9:00 am Birthday Blessings for Anna Soliz

Friday, December 29

9:00 am

Administration

Pastor

Fr. Dennis Schafer, ofm

Deacon

Joe Vidaurri
Santiago Rodriguez (retired)

Parish Administrator

Bro. Kevin Lenihan, ofm

Bookkeeper/ Secretary

Angela Garcia

Receptionist

Beatrice Basaldua

Maintenance

Manuel Garcia

Gift Shop

Lydia Muriel

Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 23

3:30pm– 4:30pm

Confessions (Ch)

5:00 pm Mass -English

Sunday, December 24

9:00 am Mass -English

12:00 pm Mass -Spanish

Mariachi Choir

10:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Monday, December 25

Office will be closed

9:00 am Christmas Mass (MSJ)

Tuesday, December 26

Office will be closed

No activities

Wednesday, December 27

9:00 am Daily Mass (CH)

Thursday, December 28

No Activities

Friday, December 29

9:00 am Mass—English (CH)

Saturday, December 30

3:30–4:30 pm Confessions (CH)

5:00 pm Mass English

St. Francis Community Center (Parish Hall)	SFC
St. Clare Building—(Side building by parish hall)	SCB
San Juan Diego Chapel	CH
Mission San Jose Church	MSJ
Parish Office	OF

Please Pray for :

Dorthy Narendorf	Dorothy Mireles
Susie Huizar	Daniela Rivas
Aurora Castro	Carmen Classy
Noelia & Deacon Santiago Rodriguez	Frances Zapata
Frances Bustos	Dora Huit
Mary Molina	Willie Acuna
Barbara Winn	Jefferey Payne
Mattie Winn	Debbie Morantez
Carmen Martinez	Jacob Ford, James Ford, and Avery Ford
Kerwin McClain	Michael Doughty
Emma Ortiz	Robert Gomez
Evelyn Meyer	Eloy Martinez
Newton Meyer	Sherron Bodine
Pat Humphry	David Zaiontz
Ronald Sova	Juan Vega

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

1st Collection: \$ 3,572.41

2nd Collection: \$ 311.00

Church Grounds

Christmas 2nd Collection is for
Assumption Seminary

This weekend 2nd Collection is:
Church Grounds

Next week 2nd Collection is: Church
Grounds

**Here are three (3) other ways to
donate:**

1.) MSJ website

(Missionsanjosechurch.org): Click
on donate button, and use your
bank card. The name on your card
will identify you ;

2.) “Bill Pay” option through
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Mission San Jose; or

3.) Use the QR code below If
you have any questions, please
contact the office. Thank you for
supporting Mission San Jose
Church!



The celebration of the Christmas Manger

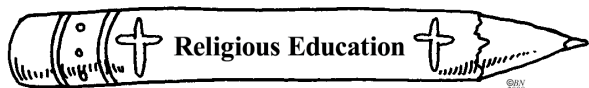
In 1223, in the tiny town of Greccio in central Italy, St. Francis decided to celebrate the birth of Jesus with a living representation. He asked local farmers to bring their animals and he created a crib in a cave on the side of a mountain. At Midnight Mass, he read the Gospel with great fervor, seeming to dance and to baa like the sheep. So great was his devotion and love of Jesus, that when he picked up the doll representing Jesus it seemed to come alive. The faith of the people increased because of this experience, and since that night the popularity of the Christmas Manger has grown.

800 years later, as we friars and our parish celebrates the birth of Jesus, the Vatican has granted us the possibility of receiving a plenary indulgence by visiting a Manger in church, going to confession, receiving communion and praying for the intentions of the pope.

May this Advent Season help us receive Jesus in our hearts and share him with the world! Peace and all good,

Fr. Dennis





From Our staff and Catechist, to ALL the parents, guardians & students of our Religious Education Program: **THANK YOU.**

Wishing you & your family a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the GIFTS of the Past, Present, & Future. Jesus, thank you, you are the Ultimate Gift. Holy Spirit, you are the giver of Gift. Mary Most Holy, you are the first Tabernacle of the Ultimate Gift.

Peace and All good,

Angela Garcia,

Coordinator of Religious Education

Up Coming Liturgical Events

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat., Dec. 23 5pm Mass English

Sun., Dec 24 9am Mass English,

12pm Mass Spanish

Christmas Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24, 2023

at 10:pm in the MSJ Church

Christmas Mass

Monday, December 25, 2023

at 9am in the MSJ Church



Thank You

Thank you Sylvia Soto, Lupita Lopez, Silvia Llamas and family for coming out and cleaning the Church and getting it ready for the coming of Our Lord. May the Lord Bless you for your time and efforts.

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of myself and the Staff here at Mission San Jose I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year! Let us remember on Christmas Day God's endless love that has been bestowed on us in His son Jesus Christ.

"May the Blessing of Joy be with you, May the Blessing of Peace rest upon you, May the Blessing of love flow out through you, May the Blessing of the Lord be yours at Christmas and in the New Year."

Fr. Dennis Schafer, ofm



Christmas Tree Blessing

The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world.

According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany.

The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing. When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply "Amen."

The leader may greet those present in the following words:

Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever. R/. Amen.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example:

Listen to the words of the Letter of St. Paul to Titus: 3:4-7

But when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Or Ezekiel 17:22-24—I will plant a tender shoot on the mountain heights of Israel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. R/. Thanks be to God.

The intercessions are then said. The leader says:

Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this sign of our faith in the Lord.

R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.

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That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer. The leader says the prayer with hands joined:

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

The lights of the tree are then illuminated. The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever. R/. Amen.

Altar Servers

Calling the youth of the parish to serve at the table of the Lord Assisting the Priest and Deacon During mass.

1st Holy Communion is a requirement

Call the office

210-922-0543



Weekly Bulletin

Any group or ministry wishing to place an article in our parish bulletin please submit it by Tuesday. Any article received after Tuesday will be placed in next week's bulletin.

Thank You!!

SAINT STEPHEN (first century)

December 26

“A man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5): thus Luke introduces Stephen, first of seven deacons chosen by the community for its ministry of charity, first to lay down his life in witness to Christ. As the church’s first martyr, Stephen’s life and death mirror the preaching and passion of Jesus, “the faithful witness” (Greek, martyr) (Revelation 1:5). Like Jesus, Stephen works “great signs and wonders among the people” (Acts 6:8). Like Jesus, when falsely accused, Stephen’s face radiates angelic serenity (Acts 6:15), though his tongue, like Jesus’, is a two-edged sword. As the dying Jesus forgave his executioners, even making excuses for them, then commended his spirit into his Father’s hands (Luke 23:34, 46), so Stephen intercedes for his murderers and begs Jesus to receive his spirit (Acts 7:60, 59). How fruitful both passions! The penitent thief inherits Paradise; Saul, who consented to Stephen’s killing, is transformed into the fearless preacher Paul. Thus Stephen challenges us to bear witness not in words only, but by Christ-like forgiveness toward all.

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Thursday, January 11th at 6pm we will have our annual Group/Ministry Leaders meeting in our parish center. Please mark your calendar!

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

The Lord promises David that he will raise from his descendants a kingdom that will endure forever.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29

A prayer of praise to the Lord for his faithfulness to his covenant.

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Paul praises God for making his revelation known.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce the birth of Jesus.

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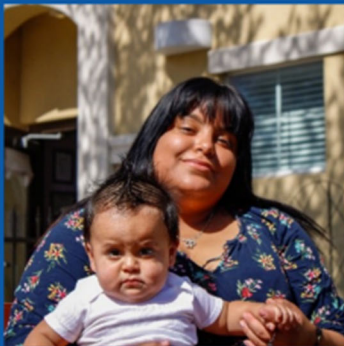
IN RECEIVING THE
Eucharist,
WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE.

EL RECIBIR LA
Eucaristía,
NOS LANZA A SERVIR.

ARCHBISHOP'S
Appeal
for MINISTRIES
CAMPAÑA DEL ARZOBISPO PARA LOS MINISTERIOS

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

John 6:51



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