Mission San José y San Miguel de Aguayo

701 E. Pyron Ave. San Antonio, Tx 78214

A Franciscan Mission Founded February 20, 1720 * Established

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19



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

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-3pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9:30am-3:30pm

CLOSED on Tuesday

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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 21

5:00 pm Healing for Jean & Jesse Pacheco, and Cathy Doughty

Sunday, December 22

9:00 am †Deacon Francisco Suniga, †The Cortez Family, †Alcario Soliz, †Barbara Winn, †Paul Kusenberger, †Laverne Kusenberger, †Debbie Williams, healing for Loretta Leija, for the safety & well being of Maximus Garcia, Birthday Blessings for Roy Frias.

12:00 pm †Nicolas Casas, †Elvira Casas, †Jimmie Aranda, †Abel Meyers, †Rogelio Campos, †Domingo Borrego, †Teresa Borrego, †Robert Ortiz, †Victoria Ortiz, for the healing of Jenney Nieto & Sylvia Ortiz

Monday, December 23 9:00 am

Tuesday, December 24

8:00 pm †Deacon Chip Perry, †Johnnie & Dorotea Diaz, †Aaron Nathaniel Cepeda, †Bryan Christopher Cepeda, †Kevin Ryan Cepeda

Wednesday, December 25 10:00 am †Deacon Francisco Suniga, †Ismael martinez

Friday, December 27 9:00 am

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

1st Collection: \$ 5,257.53 2nd Collection: \$ 465.00

This weekend 2nd Collection is: Parish Grounds Next week 2nd Collection is: Parish 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 your bank to schedule payments to Mission San Jose; or
- 3.) <u>Use the QR code below</u> If you have any questions, please contact the office. Thank you for supporting Mission San Jose Church!



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Michael Doughty

Joslyn Miranda

Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 21 2:30pm-4:00pm Choir practice (MSJ) 3:30pm-4:30pm Confession (CH) 5:00pm Mass—Eng.

Sunday, December 22 9:00am Mass -English 10:15am-11:30am Religious Ed (SFC) 12:00pm Mass -Spanish

Monday, December 23 9:00am Daily Mass (CH)

Tuesday, December 24
Office Closed

Christmas Eve

8:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (Bilingual)

Wednesday, December 25 Office Closed

The Nativity of the Lord **10:00am** Mass (Bilingual)

Thursday, December 26
No Activities

Friday, December 27 9:00am Daily Mass (CH)

Saturday, December 28 3:30pm-4:30pm Confession (CH) 5:00pm Mass-Eng.



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

From the Pastor's Desk

I am struck by this passage from Hebrews in today's second reading:

"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me..."

These words take us directly into the mystery of Christmas. We believe in, and celebrate, God who does not stand apart. God did not create the world and set it down to go on its own way, but God is intimately connected to all of creation. This is confirmed in the passage from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians as he writes about Jesus:

"For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth...

All things were created through him,

All things were created for him,

And in him all things hold together, all things continue in being."

To think that all of creation holds together in Christ helps us see ourselves and all of creation in a deeper way. Everything, from the simplest rock to the most complex living things show forth the presence of Jesus. This leads us to look with different eyes, greater appreciation, wonder and awe.

But Jesus is more than the cosmic Christ. The mystery and glory we celebrate at Christmas is that following the will of the Father and acting on his own great love for us, he took on flesh. He entered into creation and human history, with a body just like ours. He loves us so much that he wants to be one with us. And so, we come before the Christmas crib and adore God who has come to us as a little baby.

But this mystery is not only about Jesus, it is also about us. Being human is blessed by Jesus taking on our human nature. Because we share a human nature with God, our human nature shares in the divine nature that has created us. Can I honor myself with the same awe that I express in adoration of the child Jesus? Can I honor others with the respect and love that Jesus holds for each of us? Something to think about. In all our incompleteness, we are holy because God has loved us into being.

In this season of Christmas we pray for peace, love and respect for humankind. This gift we hope for and plead for does not come solely from God without our cooperation. We are called to participate in the fulfilment of creation, working together with God. Do I take seriously God's desire for our holiness? For respect of ourselves and others? Do I work tirelessly, and even at the cost of my own life, as Jesus did, for holiness? "A body you prepared for me." By our nature we are created holy! "In him all things hold together, all things continue in being." We are intimately connected with Jesus because of his holding us together!

In this season, may we give thanks to God for the wonder of his birth among us. May we celebrate that we are created in the image and likeness of God. May we hold others in love and respect as we journey toward the completion of creation.

On behalf of all the staff here at the parish, we wish you a blessed and merry Christmas, and a New Year filled with justice, peace, joy, health and prosperity. I personally, am thankful for each one of you. Peace and all good!

Fr. Dennis

Advent, Solemnities and Holy Days Schedule of Events and Masses

Sunday, Dec. 21/22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 8pm Mass Christmas Eve (Bilingual)

Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2024 10am Mass The Nativity of the Lord (Bilingual) holy day of Obligation

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024 7pm Mass (Bilingual)

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Bilingual)

holy day of Obligation

So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger ."

We would like to thank David
Kauffman for the beautiful
Advent Concert he presented
on Dec. 12th.
We would also like to thank Fr.
Dennis, the donors, and ministries
who helped sponsor this event, as
well as all those who attended.
It was truly a special night.





Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading

Micah 5:1-4

The ruler of Israel is promised to come from Bethlehem.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 A prayer for God's salvation

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Through his obedience to God's will, Christ consecrated all.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-45

Mary visits Elizabeth, who sings praise to Mary and her child.



BLESSING OF HOME NATIVITY SCENE

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord. **R/.** Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, <u>Luke 2:1</u> (lines 1-8) or <u>Isaiah</u> 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,

bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and

reigns forever and ever. **R/.** Amen.

—From Catholic Household Blessings





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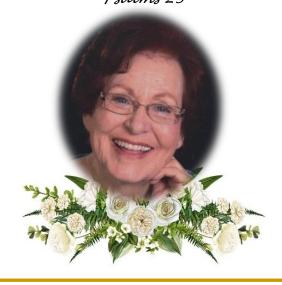
- · Spiritual Enhancement
- Community & Service hours
 - · Educational endeavors

For additional Information, contact: Javier Montanez, Youth Minister at (210) 317-3971 or havier@stic.net

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Fr. Dennis & Staff extend our condolences to the family of: †Barbara Winn

To you, O Lord, I líft my soul . Psalms 25



Your Time, Talent and Treasure to your parish

In their Pastoral Letter on *Stewardship, a Disciple's Response*, the U.S. bishops state:

The Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

Stewardship involves all of life

Time, Talent and Treasure, involves *all* of life – body, mind and spirit, our material possessions, friendships, etc.

Time is a very precious gift. Most of us feel we don't have enough time for all the things we want to do. Everyone is given the same amount of time: 24 hours each day, 168 hours each week. The question is: *How do we choose to use our time?*

Talent, *all* of us have been blessed with various talents, whether we are aware of it or not, or whether we have developed our talents or not. We can and should develop some of them and use them wisely to bless the communities we belong to. To find out ways you can share your Time and Talent with your church family, contact our parish

Treasure. There are over 2,300 verses in the Bible about money, possessions and the right use of them. When it comes to financial support of our church family, the biblical ideal is a tithe—or 10%—of one's income. Our Catholic Church leaders suggest giving 5% to church and 5% to charity. Most Catholics who tithe reach this ideal *gradually*. In this area of stewardship, one of the most important steps to consider is to become an 'intentional giver'—as opposed to a 'loose change giver.' An intentional giver is one who has the willing diligence to 'do the math,' that is, to look at his/her annual income and then prayerfully and intentionally decide what *percentage* should be set aside for the support of the church and for charity.

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FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

In an effort to defray the cost of the Christmas flowers and decorations, we are asking parishioners to make a donation in memory of a deceased loved one, or in honor of a living person. Please use the envelopes located in back of the church. Thank you for your generous support!

En un esfuerzo por sufragar el costo de las flores y decoraciones navideñas, les pedimos a los feligreses que hagan una donación en memoria de un ser querido fallecido o en honor de una persona viva. Utilice los sobres ubicados de tras de la iglesia. ¡Gracias por su generoso apoyo!



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.

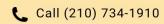
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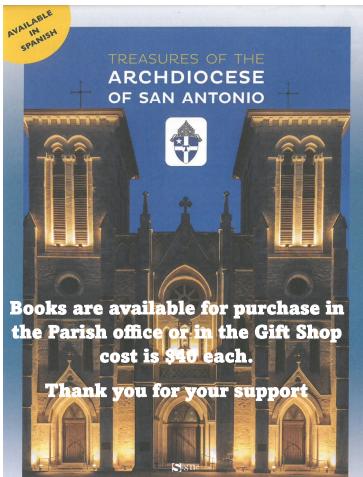














Weekly Bulletin

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.