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Jesus Wearing The Crown of Thorns, Artist Unknown. Circa 1700s
Executive Director’s Message

Looking “Always Forward”

Happy New Year #239 from Mission San Juan Capistrano Headquarters!

In 2016, many great things are in store for this original California mission founded by Saint Serra, including such programs and initiatives as follows:

1. Reopening the Spanish Room in the West Wing Museum Building - The upgraded room showcases recently conserved art and provides much needed historical information after a closure of several months. It is highly recommended that you plan a visit to view five original 18th century liturgical artworks brought out from the archives. These were conserved with private gifts from Jan and Warren Siegel, and Tony Montemurro and JP Haines.

2. Attend our Saturday, March 19th, “Return of the Swallows Celebration” which will feature a live swing band. This year, because St. Joseph’s Day is uniquely on a Saturday, we thought it would be fun to give our members and the public an afternoon swing concert.

3. Attend an upcoming lecture by former Pastor and Mission Preservation Foundation Board member, Monsignor Arthur A. Holquin on the religious meaning of some of our art and artifacts in the Museum Collection.

4. Join us this spring when the flowers and plants are in full bloom, see the outstanding results of the loving and artful work by our Gardening Angels and O’Connell Landscape Maintenance.

5. Experience our outstanding annual Battle of the Mariachis Festival on Saturday, May 14, 2016 generously underwritten by the Thomas J. and Erma Jean Tracy Family Foundation. This event sells out quickly and provides a one of a kind opportunity to appreciate young musicians and the Mariachi tradition.

6. Be sure to view our “2016 Music Under the Stars” concert line up. This year’s series features at least one “new act” at every concert. Tickets will sell out!

7. Visit our weekend activities during Spring Break (especially for those of you parents or grandparents with a California fourth grader studying missions). Be sure to take advantage of our weekend tours, our free Q&A sessions for students, and hands on activities.

8. Join our Mission San Juan Capistrano’s first ever “Relay for Life” Mission Members team. The Mission invites Preservation Society members to participate in the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life event held each summer in San Juan Capistrano. Join us as we run in honor of those whose lives are challenged, changed and/or lost as a result of cancer or terminal illness.

9. Plan a trip to enjoy the historic downtown San Juan Capistrano using our free Heritage Tourism map showcasing shopping and dining destinations just steps away from the Mission. The guide also features information on all of the tours offered within the Mission business district and downtown.

Finally, take time to visit California’s most historically significant chapel, Saint Serra’s Chapel. Breathe in the living history, the unparalleled meaning of the place, and the quiet experience that offers a sense of renewal.

We look forward to sharing the evolving history of this Mission and invite you to experience a sense of connection to what has come before us.

 Mechelle Lawrence Adams
 Executive Director, Mission San Juan Capistrano

Dedicated to Tony Montemurro, JP Haines and Jan and Warren Siegel.

A special welcome to our friend Father Eamon O’Gorman too!
From the Archives
Spanish Colonial Room ~ Now Open

Mission San Juan Capistrano announces the unveiling of its newly refurbished Spanish Colonial Room, featuring original artwork from the 18th century as a way to explore the Mission’s founding period from 1776 to 1821.

The newly refurbished room addresses the history of Spain’s colonization of California, the purpose of the missions in forming Spanish communities, and the changes and challenges the indigenous people faced in the wake of colonization. Located in the West Wing museum building, the exhibit room also features the history of unique architectural elements, like an original 1790s Wine Vat used to produce wine for communion.

The following recently conserved artworks are in the Mission’s Spanish Colonial Room:

- “Jesus Wearing a Crown of Thorns” circa 1700s
- “Our Lady Of Sorrows” circa 1800s
- “The Pieta” circa 1800s
- “Saint Anthony Holding the Infant Jesus” circa 1700s
- “Veronica Wipes the Face Of Jesus” circa 1800s
- “Mary Magdalene” circa 1800s

This Spanish Colonial Room is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is free with paid admission to the Mission, or with a Mission Preservation Society Membership.

To give a gift to the museum art conservation fund, please contact Development Director Barb Beier at (949) 234-1323 or by email at bbeier@missionsjc.com or online at www.missionsjc.com
From the Archives: Highlighting Spanish Colonial Room Artwork

Pieta is an Italian word for the image of the Virgin Mary cradling the body of Jesus after his crucifixion. Though not specifically described in the Bible, the Pieta is a common subject of Western art, most often in sculpture. Probably the most famous depiction of the scene is a sculpture created by Michelangelo in 1498-1499 which is displayed in St. Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City.

It is unknown how this historic painting was acquired by Mission San Juan Capistrano. After years of poor handling and exposure to the environment, the painting’s condition became unstable necessitating being taken off public display. It was then housed in the Mission’s Rectory until 2014 when it was examined by art conservators during an assessment funded by a grant from the California Missions Foundation. In 2015, a generous friend provided much needed funding for its recommended conservation treatment at the cost of $8,930.

Saint Anthony of Padua was born in Portugal in the year 1195 with the name Fernando Martins. He later became a Franciscan monk and was known for his inspirational preaching. In 1231 he passed away near Padua, Italy after an illness from Ergotism (a disease now also known as “St. Anthony’s Fire”). In art, he is often depicted with a book or holding the infant Jesus. He is the patron saint of lost and stolen articles.

This painting was housed in the Rectory of the historic Mission San Juan Capistrano for many years. It was in need of conservation to ensure its continued stability. In 2015 a generous donor offered to fund the conservation treatment needed at the cost of $3,500.
Music Under the Stars 2016 Table and Ticket Sales

Mission San Juan Capistrano will host five Saturday evening concerts in its beautiful Central Courtyard featuring live music, picnic dining, and dancing.

Premier season “table packages” go on sale January 27 by concierge phone service at (949) 234-1317. Season table packages go on sale February 3 online at missionsjc.com. Group table packages go on sale February 10 online at missionsjc.com. Visit the website to learn how these offers are different.

Table and general admission tickets go on sale February 17 to Mission Preservation Society Members. Active members receive discounted rates and advance purchase benefits. Members may purchase online or by calling (949) 234-1317. All table and ticket sales begin at 9 a.m.

On March 2, all sales of tickets and tables open to the public. For more information on how to purchase, please visit our website at missionsjc.com or call (949) 234-1317.

Twelfth Annual Battle of the Mariachis • May 14, 2016

With the generous support of the Thomas J. and Erma Jean Tracy Family Foundation, Mission San Juan Capistrano will host the 12th Annual Battle of the Mariachis Festival on Saturday, May 14, in the beautiful Central Courtyard from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The festival day offers live musical entertainment and great food as Mariachi performers compete for cash prizes before judges. Festival highlights also include ringing of the historic bells, a special performance of the National Anthem, performances by Ballet Folklorico, bilingual marionette shows, exhibition performances and gourmet food vendors. Cost of general admission to this signature event is $15 for adults and seniors (60+) and $6 for children (ages 4-11).

Tickets for this event cost only $5 for adults and $3 for children for Mission Preservation Society members. (All reserved tables are now sold out.) General admission tickets are still available for members and non-members. Advance purchase is highly recommended. Don’t miss this experience at the historic Mission!
March 19, 2016
St. Joseph’s Day and Return of the Swallows

The tradition of celebrating the return of the famous swallows to Capistrano has grown into a community-wide season of festivities in San Juan Capistrano. The Fiesta de las Golondrinas is a series of events, hosted by the San Juan Capistrano Fiesta Association, celebrating the return of the swallows to Capistrano. This includes the highly-anticipated Annual Swallows Day Parade, the largest non-motorized parade in the country. The Parade takes place in downtown San Juan Capistrano on the streets surrounding the historic Mission on Saturday, March 12, 2016. Mission San Juan Capistrano is proud to partner with the Fiesta Association in keeping these traditions alive each year and celebrating the historic heritage of San Juan Capistrano. Visit www.swallowsparade.com for parade route and more information.

Join us also on March 19, 2016 for the Mission’s annual celebration of St. Joseph’s Day and the Return of the Swallows, a world-renowned tradition celebrating the annual return of the famous swallows to Capistrano. This tradition was started by Father O’Sullivan in the 1920s at the Mission and is carried out each year on March 19th, no matter what day of the week the date falls on.

The Mission’s celebration will be held on Saturday, March 19, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This annual celebration includes: a new free afternoon “Swingin’ with the Swallows” concert featuring the “Swing Cats Big Band,” along with ringing of the historic bells, live mariachi music, community presentations, special lecture on the swallows by Dr. Brown, dance performances, San Juan Elementary performances, Flamenco dance performances, local food vendors, and more.

St. Joseph’s Day tours include the seasonal “Swallows Walk & Talk” tour, which includes history of the swallows; Saint Serra’s Legacy: History tour of Mission church sites; docent-guided interpretive station tours where Mission docents stand ready to tell stories of Mission history at the Serra Chapel, Ruins of the Great Stone Church and other stations throughout the Mission, and the audio tour in six languages.

Tickets for St. Joseph’s Day and Return of the Swallows celebration are available for purchase online now or at the Gate: $15 Adults, $6 for Kids (4-11) and tickets are free for Active Mission Preservation Society Members. Includes free concert (No alcohol please).
Cliff swallows expert Dr. Charles Brown, a professor of biological sciences at the University of Tulsa, implemented Phase I -- the Vocalization Project -- in 2012, in which recorded courtship calls were played through a speaker on the Mission grounds to lure the cliff swallows that were flying overhead.

Phase I of the project will continue this year along with a new Phase II, which involves using a nest wall to be unveiled on St. Joseph’s Day, March 19. According to Dr. Brown, anecdotal evidence suggests the vocalization playbacks at least occasionally bring in passing cliff swallows that fly over the site but do not stay to nest. The next step is to increase the stimulus being presented to these passing birds by creating the nest wall. Research has shown that cliff swallows prefer to re-use existing nests where possible, as this saves time and energy in building a nest from scratch.

Once the birds notice the plaster nests and begin using them, spillover or additional settling birds likely will lead them to building nests on the walls of the Ruins of the Great Stone Church. And once nests are built, the artificial arch would no longer be needed.

In recognizing the national goals for the proper care and treatment of the historic landmark, Mission San Juan Capistrano will ensure that this temporary experiment recommended by Dr. Brown will not obstruct sensitive views or adversely impact the historic grounds and buildings in any way.
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Help us save historic Mission San Juan Capistrano for future generations! Become a part of the 2016 Club by giving a one-time gift of $20.16 or make 12 payments of $20.16, or give an amount of $216.00 or $2,016.00. You also have the option of giving $50, $100 or $500. A gift in any amount will make a difference.

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- With gratitude to our Club Members! -

Mission San Juan Capistrano is home to St. Peregrine’s Chapel, a place of prayer and peace dedicated to the patron saint of cancer. In honor of all those who have battled cancer and seek hope and inspiration, the Mission will host its first ever “Relay for Life” Mission Members relay team in 2016 to support the American Cancer Society. You are invited to be part of the Mission’s inaugural team! Relay for Life will be held June 11-12, 2016 in San Juan Capistrano. Join in the fight against cancer! Participants will receive a special Mission team Relay for Life t-shirt. Sign up online at missionsjc.com/relayforlife. For more information, contact Laura Freese at laura@laurafreese.com

Become a volunteer tour guide!
Join us for our upcoming winter docent training dates:
February 3, 2016, February 10, 2016
February 17, 2016 and February 24, 2016

Classes will be from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(must attend all classes to become a certified docent)

For more information or to register, please contact Pat March at (949) 234 1322 or email pmarch@missionsjc.com

Volunteers receive discounts, free admission, and the opportunity to be a part of California Historic Landmark #200.
Shop the Mission Store’s Unique Rosary Collection

The Mission Store carries a variety of traditional and contemporary religious, ecumenical, and historical themed items from local and international artisans. Among these collections include rosaries which are available in the following beads: Natural Bronzite, Black Onyx Natural Stones, Blue Exotic Asian Crystals, Multicolor Pomegranate, Chocolate, and Antique Rose Freshwater Pearls, Cream Freshwater Pearls, and Silver Freshwater Pearls.

The rosaries are original Seraphym Design Heirloom Rosaries, circa 2015. These newly crafted pieces were inspired by the Mission San Juan Capistrano creative team and ultimately designed by artist Arasely Rios. These rosaries are limited and were crafted in honor of Saint Serra’s canonization on September 23, 2015.

The special rosaries are made of hand-cast bronze and are designed to incorporate Our Lady of Guadalupe standing at the entrance of Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Sacred Garden, and feature the Latin word “Resurgam,” which can be found in the 1920s era sign over the main arch leading from the front courtyard to the central courtyard at Mission San Juan Capistrano along with dangling medals replicating hand-painted finishes in the Serra Chapel, and the other being a replica of the Cross of Caravaca, the actual crucifix worn by Saint Serra during his lifetime.

To view these new special rosaries, visit the Mission Store open daily 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Commemorative Penny Press Machine New!

Create lasting memories of your Mission San Juan Capistrano visit with commemorative pressed coins featuring four unique collectible designs featuring Mission San Juan Capistrano. Make sure to bring your pennies to the Mission Clubhouse located in the West Wing.

After your visit, stop into the Mission Store and purchase the Commemorative Penny Press book for only $4.99 to store all your unique and commemorative pressed coins!
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and Mary Haratami
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February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2016
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Music Under the Stars 2016
Table and Ticket Sales
February 17 Mission Member Pre-sale
Season Table Packages available as early as January 27

Swallows Day Parade & Mariachis at the Mission
Saturday • March 12, 2016
Parade Begins 11:00 a.m.
Mariachis 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m

St. Joseph's Day & Return of the Swallows
Saturday • March 19, 2016
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Panning for Gold & Adobe Brick Making
Weekdays • 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Weekends • 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Daily • 12:45 p.m.

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Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Wednesdays • 1st & 3rd of each month
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.