2026 Event Calendar

FREE ADMISSION and a collectible button on your birthday in 2026!

~ Celebrating the Mission's 250th Birthday ~

January

Debut of Mandarin Audio Tour!

New Year's Day
Thursday, January 1
Open 10AM-4PM

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 19
Open 10AM-4PM

Artifact of the Month:
Mary Pickford's Wedding Painting (1924)

February

Celebration Banners Installed!

Free Birthday Cupcakes
Saturday, February 14 • 12PM-3PM

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 16 •10AM-4PM

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 18 • 12PM
Receive ashes in the Serra Chapel

Pennies for the Mission Drive through February 28

Artifact of the Month:
The Lincoln Document (1865)

March

New Exhibit!
Henry Chapman Ford Etchings
March 14 - November 1

St. Joseph's Day & Return of the Swallows Celebration Featuring Commemorative Flyover
Thursday, March 19 • 9AM-2PM

Swallows Day Parade
Saturday, March 21 • 11AM
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Artifact of the Month:
The Leon René Piano (1930)

April

New Exhibit!
San Juan Capistrano Student Art
April 23 - May 25

Good Friday
Friday, April 3 • Open 9AM-12PM

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 5 • Open 9AM-4PM

Earth Day Celebration
Wednesday, April 22

Artifact of the Month:
Confessional Booth (early 1800s)

May

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 10 • Open 9AM-5PM

Free Birthday Cupcakes
12PM-3PM

Homefront America's Field Of Honor®
May 19 - May 25

Memorial Day Special Hours
Monday, May 25
Open 10AM-4PM

Artifact of the Month:
Baptismal Font (early 1800s)

June

New Exhibit!
"Telling Stories of Mexican California: Real Life & Myth Making"
June 20 - August 2

Father's Day
Sunday, June 21 • Open 9AM-5PM

Summer Lecture Series
Thursday, June 25 • 2PM

Music Under the Stars Concert #1
Saturday, June 27 • 5:15PM

Artifact of the Month:
Forster Saddle (1830s)

July

Historic Bell Ringing: Feast Day of St. Serra
Wednesday • July 1, 10AM

Summer Lecture Series
Thursdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 • 2PM

Independence Day
Saturday, July 4 • Open 9AM-3PM

Music Under the Stars Concert #2 & #3
Saturday, July 11 • 5:15PM
Saturday, July 25 • 5:15PM

Artifact of the Month:
Mission Inventories (1791-1834)

August

Capistrano Lights: Mission in Lights Tickets Go on Sale
Wednesday, August 5
Now Featuring
"The Story of the Mission: In Sound and Light"

Artifact of the Month:
Historic Photograph Collection
(Early 1800s - Late 1800s)

September

Labor Day
Monday, Sept. 7 • Open 10AM-4PM

Historic Bell Tolling: Patriot Day
Friday, September 11 • 10AM

Historic Bell Ringing: Constitution Day
Thursday, September 17 • 1PM

Romance of the Mission
Friday, Sept. 18 • Grounds Closed

Artifact of the Month: Rare Books!
Chinigchinich (1933),
Capistrano Nights (1930) and more

October

Día de los Muertos Altar
October 1 - November 2

Historic Bell Ringing: Indigenous Peoples' Day
Tuesday, October 13 • 10AM

Historic Bell Ringing: Feast Day of St. John of Capistrano
Friday, October 23 • 10AM

Artifact of the Month:
Acjachemen Baskets (early 1900s)

November

250th Official Celebration
Sunday, November 1
Open 10AM-2PM
Bell Ringing • 12PM
Free Birthday Cupcakes • 12PM-2PM

Día de los Muertos Altar
October 1 - November 2

Veterans Day
Wednesday, Nov. 11 • Open 9AM-5PM

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 26: CLOSED

New Exhibit! Photo Reproductions
November 21

Artifact of the Month:
Sacramental Registers (1776)

December

Historic Bell Tolling: Day of Remembrance
Special Mass ~ TBD

Capistrano Lights: Mission in Lights
Opening Night: Friday, December 18
Now Featuring at 6:15PM
"The Story of the Mission: In Sound and Light"
December 19 - 30 (select days)

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
December 24 & 25: CLOSED

Artifact of the Month:
Station XII: The Crucifixion Painting (1800)

FREE BIRTHDAY CUPCAKES!
In collaboration with Costco Wholesale SJC #429
12PM - 3PM

**Events subject to change*

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More Resources for Anniversary Celebrations:

City of SJC
sanjuancapistrano.org

County of Orange
usa250-oc.com