CHRISTMAS AT THE MISSION
ALL NEW EXPERIENCE

RING IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON at the historic Mission. Join us for this ticketed event on Saturday, December 1st for Christmas at the Mission featuring the first-ever Christmas Tree Lighting in the Ruins of the Great Stone Church.

The Mission’s singular annual holiday program held every year on the first Saturday of December is a long-standing tradition which began years ago as a community open house. However, Mission San Juan Capistrano had never had its own official Christmas Tree Lighting Program. This year, as a result of an estate gift, the Mission was able to revamp its program and purchase its own 30’ high (faux) fir Christmas tree which will be installed in the Ruins of the Great Stone Church (circa 1812).

Christmas at the Mission is a ticketed event and begins at 5:30 p.m. Event tickets must be purchased online in advance by November 30th. Mission Preservation Society Members must also secure their free member ticket during this time frame, online only. Capacity will be limited. Membership guest passes and other coupons are not applicable to this event.

Upon arrival to the event, ticketed guests will be given their own (faux) candle to place at the base of the Ruins of the Great Stone Church. The new Tree Lighting Program begins with a 7:00 p.m. special reading of “The First Christmas” by Mission Pastor, Monsignor J. Michael McKiernan. The program includes the inaugural lighting and music program at 7:00 p.m. with just the music and light show repeating again at 7:45 p.m.

The Mission event also features musical performances throughout the evening that include Dickens-era carolers, a local high school orchestra, and mariachis playing “Merry-achi” music. There will be savory tamales offered by San Juan Capistrano’s Las Golondrinas restaurant as well as hot chocolate and sweet treats provided by 3:16 Bakery Shop.

Children can decorate a holiday cookie with Mrs. Claus and take selfies with Father Christmas in the historic Sala.

DECEMBER 2 – JANUARY 6

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CAPISTRANO LIGHTS 2018

After Christmas at the Mission, join us at the Mission all month long for a new tradition! Mission San Juan Capistrano will host Capistrano Lights 2018: a nightly tree lighting at 5:00 p.m. The Mission’s new nightly lighting and music program will be held from December 2 through January 6, 2019. Guests with a membership or general admission ticket must be on the grounds before closing at 5:00 p.m. to enjoy the music and lighting show. After the Mission closes, guests can take their complimentary downtown San Juan Capistrano map and discover the historic downtown district with plenty of holiday shopping, dining, and wine tasting all season long.

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THE RUINS OF THE GREAT STONE CHURCH: THEN AND NOW

BY MECHELLE LAWRENCE ADAMS
Editor, Executive Director of Mission SJC

Since its 18th century founding, Mission San Juan Capistrano has been home to several worship venues including the Serra Chapel, Historic Sala, and the Great Stone Church. Today the Ruins of the Great Stone Church stand as a living memorial to the past.

Originally intended as a great church upon a hill, the nearly all stone structure was constructed from 1796 to 1806. The Great Stone Church was built by baptized Native Americans under the direction of stone mason, Isidro Aguilar. The Church which was completed in 1806 and served as a house of worship until the morning of December 8, 1812 when it was brought down by an earthquake during the mass of the Immaculate Conception.

With the failure of the Building's great domes, walls, and bell tower, 40 people lost their lives, and two more later perished from their wounds suffered. This tragedy is made even more so by the fact that those innocent victims that gathered in faith and service lost their lives by the very walls they constructed.

When the bell tower toppled over its mammoth bells were rendered silent. This called for them to be relocated onto a campanario, or bell wall, built around 1815 so that the tradition of daily bell ringing could continue.

Over the centuries the Great Stone Church, and now its ruins have had a varied history. From standing tall and alone during the secularization period, and later as a back drop to the Forster Family's mid-19th century residency, the Ruins have withstood the test of time.

During the early 20th century the largely ecumenical preservation-minded Landmarks Club raised funds, ushering in what is now known as the Mission's preservation period, to help hold together the stone remnants of the past. When one visits the Mission today they can still see the railroad ties and boxes installed during that period that were placed to hold up the sacristy, adjoining the sanctuary area.

With the arrival of Father O'Sullivan from 1910-1933 as the pastor of the Mission, the Ruins became better protected as a wall was built around the site's perimeter allowing for greater protection of the landmark.

Until the 1990s the Ruins went largely under appreciated. However, when faced with the startling information that the Ruins were seismically unstable the Mission organization launched a decade long-plus effort to raise funds for their stabilization. During that chapter the structure was covered in scaffolding, which over time, began to be perceived as a potentially permanent situation.

In early 2003 the Mission's Great Stone Church was recognized as one of the World's most endangered places on the World Monument Fund. The Ruins were at that time called the American Acropolis.

With the arrival of a new executive director in 2003, the Mission's stabilization effort was completed and a new Ruins was ushered in. No longer referred to as the Great Stone Church, but more clearly defined as the "Ruins of the Great Stone Church", the site was cleaned up, two of the original historic bells that had been removed were brought out from storage to be installed in the footprint of the bell tower, and a protective flexible railing system was installed. The Ruins were swiftly re-interpreted to be considered a place of peace and inspiration and one that stands as a test of time and a monument to those who perished.

Furthering the effort to preserve and celebrate the structure as a place of inspiration and historic significance to the community, over six years ago the Mission began a new tradition to recognize the baptized Native American builders and subsequent victims from the fall of the Great Stone Church by celebrating a "Day of Remembrance" annually on December 8th. In the Catholic liturgical calendar, this day is a holy day of obligation, and one in which practicing Catholics attend mass, just as they did on that fateful day over 216 years ago.

Today there is a mindfulness about what the Ruins mean and what they bring to the site for a visitor. From an interpretive perspective, the Ruins are celebrated as a representation of the contributions of Father Serra and our Native American community.

Because of the strength in that meaning very few events can occur in this space. One such event is the annual Romance of the Mission gala and concert that occur for the purpose of raising awareness and funds for the Mission's preservation.

A new tradition will be added to the Mission's calendar this year with the inaugural lighting of the Mission's first ever official Christmas tree on Saturday, December 1st. This evening program will feature a candlelight procession as well as a reading of the first Christmas by the Mission's pastor, Monsignor J. Michael McKiernan. Thirty-six more days of programming will ensue in what will be known as Capistrano Lights, or the nightly tree lighting at 5:00 p.m. through January 6, 2019. The tree's music and light program will feature up to four holiday carols and sacred music culminating in a nightly lighting of the Mission's Christmas tree.

We hope that the rich history of the Mission, its founding in faith, and its tradition as the centerpiece of the historic downtown, will motivate residents of San Juan Capistrano to look upon the Ruins of the Great Stone Church with a newfound appreciation.

The Mission proudly celebrates over 240 years as the soul of the City and the centerpiece to a village-like community. This year join the Mission in making new history and beginning a new tradition, in a little town that is known for its dwellings and hospitality.

For more information about Mission history or the events held annually visit the Mission website at www.missionsjc.com.
DID YOU KNOW?

Facts about Mission SJC

• The Mission’s new faux Christmas Tree is 30’ high.
• The Mission’s Central Courtyard will feature a new 10’ wreath this year.
• As part of the Mission’s December Fun for Families, Selfies with Santa features a historic Santa.
• There are 26 Mission employees that are also San Juan Capistrano residents.
• Rafael Gutierrez is the Mission’s longest employee having served 49 years and is a San Juan Capistrano resident.
• There are 10,000 current Members in the Mission Preservation Society.
• The Mission will celebrate 15 years of The Fab Four at the Music Under the Stars summer concert series in 2019.
• The crucifixion painting in the Serra Chapel was recently re-discovered after being hidden for 40 years.

LOOKING FOR A VENUE TO HOST YOUR HOLIDAY EVENT?

Offering a beautiful and uniquely historic setting for both corporate and private gatherings, Mission San Juan Capistrano is an idyllic venue of lush gardens, koi filled fountains, museum rooms, original adobe buildings and the famous Ruins of the Great Stone Church.

Hosting daytime seminars, evening events, and dazzling social affairs, the Mission has become an exciting venue for corporations worldwide. Capable of accommodating intimate groups of 50, galas for 800, or receptions and concerts accommodating up to 1,000, offering 10 plus acres that convey the ambiance of old world hospitality.

Enhance your guests’ experience with art, audio, garden or docent guided tours, wine and olive oil tasting experiences, museum rooms with art, artifacts and exhibits, shopping at the Mission Store, souvenir and gifts available at bulk discounts and group activities and more. These “add-on” features may be included to create a one-of-a-kind experience. Spaces available to rent include:

Front Courtyard - This gorgeous open area is complete with stone pathways, a koi filled fountain, historic architecture and vibrant gardens anchored by the Mission’s iconic campanario or bell wall.

The Central Courtyard - Historically known as the plaza, this Spanish style courtyard is enclosed by historic buildings and 18th century archways.

The Soldiers Barracks Gallery - The Soldiers Barracks Gallery is an ideal space for exclusive daytime or evening events. This charming adobe building, with a private patio, is most suitable for smaller meetings, private dinners, lunches or special occasion brunches.

To book your special event, please contact Kari Ann Coppess, Private Events Manager at (949) 234-1343 or by emailing kcoppess@missionsjc.com.

CAPTURE YOUR HOLIDAY CARD PHOTOS AT THE MISSION

Mission San Juan Capistrano provides a wonderful setting for your holiday family photography. Favorite photography spots include the koi-filled fountains, 18th century archways, the iconic bell wall and the gorgeous archway in the Sacred Garden.

To capture Mission San Juan Capistrano as a historic backdrop for professional or personal portraits, please contact our Group Bookings Department at (949) 234-1306 to make a reservation at least 2 working days in advance.

Plan a session with one of our skilled Mission photography-level members by visiting our website at www.missionsjc.com/photography-members. Plan your holiday portraits now.

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BY KARI ANN COPPESS
Private Events Manager

Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Native American Storytelling “Journeys to the Past”

1st SUNDAYS 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. FREE WITH ADMISSION

2nd SATURDAYS 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. FREE WITH ADMISSION INCLUDES ACTIVITY

Featuring San Juan Capistrano’s Jacque Tahuka Nunez

Mission San Juan Capistrano Private Event in the Central Courtyard

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Couple in Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Sacred Garden courtesy of Jenna Joseph Photography jennaphoto.com

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To sign up for our enewsletter. Stay tuned for news, updates, upcoming events and special offers.
The holidays will soon be here. Shop the Mission Store’s unique collection of ornaments and nativities from all around the world.

New this year! Limited edition Capistrano Lights ornament in celebration of Mission San Juan Capistrano’s inaugural tree lighting. Also available are a variety of stocking stuffers. Free gift wrapping available for Mission Members. Visit the Mission Store and sign up for your holiday wish list, open daily 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

BE SURE TO DINE DOWNTOWN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AT

- Cedar Creek Inn • El Adobe de Capistrano
- Sundried Tomato American Bistros & Catering
- Bueno Bueno Mexican Kitchen
- Ellie’s Table at Egan House
- Five Wines Wine Bar • Hennessey’s Tavern
- E’Hirondelle • Rancho Capistrano Winery
- Ruby’s Diner/Sky Ranch Saloon
- Taqueria El Campeon
- The Tea House on Los Rios
- Trevor’s at the Tracks • We Olive & Wine Bar

Throughout December weekends, families can meet and take “Selfies with Santa or Mrs. Claus” in the historic Sala building.

Selfies with Santa or Mrs. Claus will be offered on the following weekends: December 8, 9, 15, 16, and 22, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Both the nightly tree lighting and weekend holiday fun are free for Mission Members or with paid admission to the Mission as part of our 37 days of holiday programming.

Join us at the Mission during your holiday break for winter break crafts and activities.

Visit missionsjc.com/christmas to download a full event program. Tickets are limited and will sell out!

*event schedule subject to change
MEET HTA SPONSOR “BUY MY BIKES,” CELEBRATING 40 YEARS IN SJC

Buy My Bikes has been a community fixture for over 40 years in San Juan Capistrano. Not only has Buy My Bikes offered a wide variety of bikes for every age and level, owner Jim Curwood has been a generous supporter of his community during his tenure in San Juan Capistrano.

For years, Curwood has donated a bike to each of Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Music Under the Stars summer concerts. Donated bikes have been entered into the concerts’ silent auctions, helping to raise much needed funds towards the Mission’s preservation and allowing one lucky bidder from each concert to go home with a new set of wheels.

Curwood’s generosity and support of his community extends far beyond the Mission’s Music Under the Stars summer concert series. Buy My Bikes donates regularly to many other non-profit organizations in San Juan Capistrano, southern Orange County, and the greater Orange County area.

Buy My Bikes offers an expansive bike selection, one of the largest in Orange County. Their bike and accessory selection offer something for every family member – making a bike or accessory from Buy My Bikes the perfect gift for a loved one this holiday season! Buy My Bikes is located at 32302 Camino Capistrano and can be contacted at (949) 493 – 5611.

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The Bookstore at the San Juan Capistrano Library – Located in the architecturally significant Michael Graves library, circa 1983, the Bookstore carries a range of range of books for children and children-at-heart including Spanish books, fiction, and non-fiction.

Mission Fine Arts Gallery – This artist-run gallery, located in the historic Ferris Kelly building, showcases the work of local artists in a variety of mediums from jewelry to sculpture to painting. Artists show their work on a rotating schedule so there is always something new and unique to see.

Mission Innemada – Features an array of fine shops, dining, beauty, and health series in the historic Ferris Kelly building, circa 1920s.

Mission Store – Support the preservation of Mission San Juan Capistrano by shopping at the Mission Store, a local landmark shopping experience. Celebrate and treasure the holiday season with the Mission Store’s collection of nativities from around the world, ornaments, and more in addition to ecumenical jewelry, novelty toys, and specialty food products offered year-round.

Old Barn Antique Mall – Peruse the many vendors at Old Barn Antique Mall and you are sure to find a treasure to place underneath your Christmas tree. With items hailing from lands far away and a time gone by you can find a one-of-a-kind keepsake for anyone in your family, or yourself.

San Juan Hills Golf Club – Shop for the golf-pro or golf-enthusiast in your life at San Juan Hills Golf Club’s pro shop. Or think outside the traditional gift-box and reserve a tee time! They offer a wide variety of golf-related gifts at competitive prices.

Shops on Los Rios – Stroll down Los Rios Street, part of the oldest continually occupied neighborhood in the state of California, and stop in at The Cottage Gallery, Las Catrinas, and Nest. The Cottage Gallery, located in the Rios/ Stanfield House circa 1890, features artwork for your home, garden, or jewelry collection from over 30 talented local artists. Las Catrinas offers vibrant décor reflective of the spirit of San Juan Capistrano in the Sanchez House, circa 1884. Shop at Nest, housed in the 1889 Trulis House, for unique and lovely gifts – the only thing missing from your perfect present will be some wrapping paper and ribbon! Visit all three for an afternoon of holiday shopping amidst the charm of the Los Rios District.

The Tea House on Los Rios – In addition to serving high-tea, The Tea House on Los Rios offers a selection of loose-leaf teas and small home décor items in the historic Rodman House, circa 1910. Enjoy this shopping experience before enjoying a cup of tea on their charming porch, just a stone’s throw away from the historic Capistrano depot and train platform.

We Olive & Wine Bar – Pop into this culinary and wine destination for gourmet gifts and artisan olive oil. Custom gift baskets, kitchen accessories, and decorative fixtures are available at this friendly downtown boutique.

Wildfire Mercantile – Calling all cowgirls and those who appreciate the beauty of the Southwest! Wildfire Mercantile offers upscale western-inspired women’s fashion along with accessories, jewelry, and gifts. With so many wonderful choices, don’t forget to pick up a gift for yourself too!

Zia Jewelry – Look no further than Zia Jewelry for high quality and affordable unique jewelry. Zia offers colorful and artistic jewelry styles for any age or style preference. Located at Ortega Highway and Camino Capistrano, Zia Jewelry is located in the heart of downtown San Juan Capistrano.

Stop by any of these businesses or the Mission to pick up your complimentary San Juan Capistrano downtown map to guide you through your holiday shopping.
Help Members of Our Community!

SERRA'S PANTRY FOOD DRIVE
November 19 - December 19, 2018

Spread goodwill and the spirit of Christmas by donating to the Serra’s Pantry Food Drive! Drop off a food donation anytime during the holiday season to the Mission Gate House 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or upon entry for Christmas at the Mission. Get 15% off at the Mission Store for your donation!

The following items are in short supply: cooking oil, cereal, tuna, one pound bags of sugar and flour, peanut butter, jelly, dry pinto beans, canned vegetables and fruit, rice, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and pop/flop top food items. Hygiene items in demand: diapers, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, bar soap, women’s hygiene products, and toilet paper.
**The Capistrano Chimes | Winter 2018**

**Support the 2018 Heritage Tourism Association**

**Members**

**Shop**
- The Bookstore
  - SJC Library, 1983
  - Designed by Michael Graves
  - 31495 El Camino Real
  - (949) 493 2688
- Las Catrinas
  - The Sanchez House, circa 1864
  - 31742 Los Rios Street
  - (949) 441 7162
- The Cottage Gallery
  - Rios/Stanfield Field, circa 1890
  - 31701 Los Rios Street
  - (949) 340 6693
- Mission Fine Art Gallery
  - Ferris Kelly Building, circa 1920s
  - 31760 Camino Capistrano, Ste. C
  - (949) 291 7738
- Mission Promenade
  - Ferris Kelly Building, circa 1920s
  - Camino Capistrano & Ortega Hwy
- Mission Store, est. 2015
  - 31761 Los Rios Street
  - (949) 234 1318
- Nest
  - Trulls House, circa 1889
  - 31711 Los Rios Street
  - (949) 661 1395
- The Old Barn Antique Mall
  - 31792 Camino Capistrano
  - (949) 493 9144
- Wildfire Mercantile
  - 26850 Ortega Hwy, Ste. K
  - (949) 240 6770
- Zia Jewelry
  - 31761 Camino Capistrano, Ste. 3
  - (949) 493 1322

**Dine**
- Sundried Tomato
  - American Bistro & Catering
  - 31781 Camino Capistrano
  - (949) 661 1167
- 3-16 Bakery Shop
  - 26762 Verdejo St, Ste. A
  - (949) 218 6060
- Bueno Bueno Mexican Kitchen
  - 26762 Verdejo St, Ste. A
  - (949) 218 6060
- Cedar Creek Inn
  - Founding Member
  - 26860 Ortega Hwy
  - (949) 240 2229
- El Adobe de Capistrano
  - Mexican Steakhouse
  - Founding Member
  - Migue Yorba Adobe, circa 1797
  - 31891 Camino Capistrano
  - (949) 493 1163
- Ellie's Table, Egan House
  - Egan House, circa 1883
  - 31892 Camino Capistrano
  - (949) 558 5310
- Hennessey's Tavern
  - 31761 Camino Capistrano
  - (949) 441 4777
- L’Hirondelle Restaurant
  - 31631 Camino Capistrano
  - (949) 661 0425
- Mission Promenade
  - Ferris Kelly Building, circa 1920s
  - Camino Capistrano & Ortega Hwy
- Ruby's Diner / Sky Ranch Saloon
  - 31781 Camino Capistrano
  - (949) 496 7629
- Swallow's Inn
  - Founding Member
  - Circa 1950
  - 31786 Camino Capistrano
  - (949) 493 3188
- Taqueria El Campeon
  - 31921 Camino Capistrano, #15
  - (949) 489 4078
- The Tea House on Los Rios
  - Rodman House, circa 1910s
  - 31731 Los Rios Street
  - (949) 443 3914
- Trevor's at the Tracks
  - Carthago Depot, circa 1894
  - 28701 Verdejo Street
  - (949) 493 9593

**Welcome**

**SUPPORT THE 2018 HERITAGE TOURISM ASSOCIATION**

**Shop**
- The Bookstore
- Las Catrinas
- The Cottage Gallery
- Mission Fine Art Gallery
- Mission Promenade
- Mission Store, est. 2015
- Nest
- The Old Barn Antique Mall
- Wildfire Mercantile
- Zia Jewelry

**Dine**
- Sundried Tomato
- 3-16 Bakery Shop
- Bueno Bueno Mexican Kitchen
- Cedar Creek Inn
- El Adobe de Capistrano
- Ellie's Table, Egan House
- Hennessey's Tavern
- L’Hirondelle Restaurant
- Mission Promenade
- Ruby's Diner / Sky Ranch Saloon
- Swallow's Inn
- Taqueria El Campeon
- The Tea House on Los Rios
- Trevor's at the Tracks

**Wine**
- Five Vines Wine Bar
- Rancho Capistrano Winery
- We Olive & Wine Bar

**Stay**
- Best Western Capistrano Inn
- Residence Inn Dana Point
- Inn at the Mission

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- 33711 Camino Capistrano
- www.sjchotel.com

**Downtown Map & Guide**
- Pick up your FREE Downtown Map & Guide at any of the above locations!
UPCOMING IN THE COMMUNITY

**NOVEMBER**

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Christmas at the Mission Tickets on Sale**
Thursday, November 1 • 9 a.m.
Must purchase online only Nov. 1 - Dec. 24

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Founders Day Historic Bell Ringing**
Tuesday, November 6 • 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s FREE Native American Storytelling**
Sunday, November 4 • 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s FREE Native American Programming**
Saturday, December 10 • 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Activity: Guard Bowl

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s FREE Admission for Military and Veterans**
Sunday, November 11 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Annual Veterans Day Ceremony**
Sunday, November 11
Veterans Park • 31782 Camino Capistrano

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Thanksgiving Day Hours**
Thursday, November 22
Historic Mission/Store Closed

**DECEMBER**

**Annual San Juan Capistrano Tree Lighting Ceremony**
Saturday, December 1
www.sjcapistrano.org

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Christmas at the Mission**
Saturday, December 1 • 5-30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Grounds close at 4:00 p.m.

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Capistrano Lights**
December 2 - January 6
Nightly Tree Lighting at 5 p.m.
Must be on grounds before 5 p.m.
Free with paid admission to the Mission

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s FREE Native American Storytelling**
Sunday, December 2 • 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Day of Remembrance Telling of the Bells**
Saturday, December 8 • 5 p.m.

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s FREE Native American Programming**
Saturday, December 8 • 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Activity: Reed Basket

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s FREE Selfies with Santa or Mrs. Claus**
Saturday, December 8 • 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s FREE Selfies with Santa or Mrs. Claus**
Sunday, December 9 • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s FREE Selfies with Santa or Mrs. Claus**
Saturday, December 15 • 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s FREE Selfies with Santa or Mrs. Claus**
Sunday, December 16 • 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Winter Break Crafts and Activities for Kids**
December 22 - January 6
Weekdays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Adobe Bricks, Arrowhead Necklaces and an alternating craft
Weekends 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Adobe Bricks, Arrowhead Necklaces and Panning for Gold

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s FREE Selfies with Santa or Mrs. Claus**
Saturday, December 22 • 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Christmas Eve Hours**
Monday, December 24 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Historic Mission/Store closed at noon.

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Christmas Day Hours**
Tuesday, December 25
Historic Mission/Store Closed

**January**

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Capistrano Lights**
January 1 - January 6
Nightly Tree Lighting at 5 p.m.
Must be on grounds before 5 p.m.
Free with paid admission to the Mission

**Mission San Juan Capistrano’s New Year’s Day**
Monday, January 1
Grounds open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**ONGOING EVENTS**

**Camino Real Playhouse**
Weekly shows, plays and events all year long (including Shakespeare in Historic Town Center Park) on two indoor stages. • www.caminoorealplayhouse.org

**Old Capistrano Certified Farmers’ Market**
Every Wednesday in Historic Downtown
www.farmersmarketsjc.com

**Movies at The Bookstore (Michael Graves’ Library)**
Every first Friday and Saturday
La Sala Auditorium
Call (949) 493 2688 or visit www.sjcfol.org

**WITH GRATITUDE TO THE HERITAGE TOURISM ASSOCIATION, 2018**

**FOUNDERS**
Cedar Creek Inn • El Adobe de Capistrano • Inn at the Mission
Mission San Juan Capistrano • Mission Store • Rancho Mission Viejo
Sanddried Tomato American Bistros & Catering • Swallow’s Inn

**MEMBERS**
3:16 Bakery Shop • Best Western Capistrano Inn • Bueno Bueno Mexican Kitchen
Ellie’s Table, Egan House • Five Vines Wine Bar • Hennessee’s Tavern • Troussee du Restaurant
Mission Fine Art Gallery • Mission Promenade • Old Barn Antique Mall
Rancho Capistrano Winery • Residence Inn Dana Point San Juan Capistrano
Ruby’s Diner • Sky Ranch Saloon • San Juan Hills Golf Club
Shops on Los Rios (The Cottage Gallery, Las Catrinas and Nest) • Taqueria El Campeon
The Tea House on Los Rios • Trevor’s at the Tracks
We Olive & Wine Bar • Wildfire Mercantile • Zia Jewelry

**NONPROFITS**
Blas Aguilar Adobe Museum • Camino Real Playhouse • Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo
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**MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO’S ANNUAL SIGNATURE EVENTS 2018 - 2019**

**ST. JOSEPH’S DAY & RETURN OF THE SWALLOWS**
Don’t miss this world renowned celebration on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, marking the return of our famous swallows to Capistrano and the coming of spring – a time of renewal and rebirth.

**SWALLOWS PARADE**
Presented by the Fiesta Association, the annual parade takes place Saturday, March 23, 2019 throughout downtown San Juan Capistrano and is the nation’s largest non-motorized parade. For more information, visit swallowsparade.com.

**BATTLE OF THE MARIACHI FESTIVAL**
A friendly competition of young mariachi musicians celebrating talent, interpretation and inspiration within one festival held Saturday, May 18, 2019.

**MUSIC UNDER THE STARS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**
Concerts feature top notch tribute acts, picnic dining and dancing in the historic Mission on Saturdays June 22, July 6 & 20, August 3 & 17, 2019. Lineup will be announced on November 8 at missionsjc.com/music.

**ROMANCE OF THE MISSION BENEFIT GALA**
Voted One of Orange County’s Best Fetes, this black-tie gala is one of the most magical, romantic events of the year. Join us on Friday, September 20, 2019 for a reception in the Mission’s spectacular front gardens, a concert in the Ruins of the Great Stone Church and a four-course plated dinner in the Central Courtyard.

**CHRISTMAS AT THE MISSION**
Celebrate the holidays at the Mission for the first ever Christmas Tree Lighting program as part of the long-standing annual Christmas at the Mission event on Saturday, December 1, 2018. Bring the family and enjoy this fun, festive and memorable evening together at the beautiful Mission! The new Tree Lighting Program begins with a 7 p.m. special reading of “The First Christmas” by Mission Pastor, Monsignor J . Michael McKiernan. The Program includes holiday carols, music and a light program at 7:00 p.m. and again at 7:45 p.m.

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