# ST. JOSEPH'S DAY & RETURN OF THE SWALLOWS CELEBRATION

## Sunday, March 19, 2017

*St. Joseph's Day - 1939*

## Welcome to Historic Mission San Juan Capistrano

St. Joseph's Day and the Return of the Swallows Celebration, a tradition begun by Father O'Sullivan in the 1920s, is carried on today in honor of St. Joseph and the famed return of the swallows to Capistrano. We are honored you have joined us for this historic celebration, and hope your experience here at the old Mission is one to remember for years to come.

# Highlights on St. Joseph's Day

**Mission Store Outpost** (Historic Sala)
*Featuring swallows gifts, handcrafted jewelry, books on Saint Serra, mosaics and more.*
*Featuring Meet & Greet and Book Signing with Dr. Charles R. Brown at 2:00 p.m.*

**Visitor Information Booth: Discover Historic San Juan Capistrano** (West Gate)
*Pick up a Downtown Map and Guide to discover destinations in historic San Juan Capistrano.*
*Featuring Members of the Heritage Tourism Association.*

**Native American Basket Weavers** (Front Courtyard)
*Demonstrating traditions of Native American culture. 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

**Legacy of Saint Serra Exhibit** (Historic Sala)
*The exhibit explores Serra's early life as a scholar, his legacy as a missionary and his significant role at Mission San Juan Capistrano.*

**Spanish Colonial Room** (West Wing)
*The recently refurbished Spanish Colonial Room features recently conserved liturgical artwork from the 18th and 19th centuries. Explore the Mission's founding period from 1776 to 1821.*

**Swallows Nest Reenactment** (Great Stone Church)
*Advised by swallows expert, Dr. Charles R. Brown, University of Tulsa*

**Serra Chapel Tour**
*Enjoy a tour of the most historically significant chapel in California at 11:15 a.m.*
*Duration: 45 minutes. $3 for Adults, $2 for Children. Reserve your spot at the Gate House.*

**Swallows Walk and Talk: Special Tour on History of the Swallows**
*Guided Tours: 1:00 p.m. & 2:15 p.m. $3 for Adults, $2 for Children.*
*Reserve your spot at the Gate House.*

**Saint Serra's Legacy: History Tour of Mission Church Sites**
*Guided Tour at 3:00 p.m. Duration: One hour, 30 minutes. $6 for Adults, $5 for Children.*
*Reserve your spot at the Gate House.*

**Docent-Guided Interpretive Station Tours**
*Mission Docents stand ready to tell stories of Mission history at the Serra Chapel, Great Stone Church and other stations throughout the Mission.*

**Garden Tours** (Front Courtyard)
*Learn about the Mission gardens including California native plants. Walking Tours at 10:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*

**Visit our Booth Sponsors** (West Gate)
*Visit Del Real Foods and Farm Fresh to You for information and samples.*

## HIGHLIGHTS FOR KIDS

**Activities for Kids** (Front Courtyard)
*Adobe Brickmaking, Panning for Gold and Arrowhead necklace. $5 each or all for $10. For Members: $3 each or all for $5.*

**Mission Clubhouse** (Central Courtyard)
*An inspired learning experience featuring four hands-on activity stations. Commemorative penny press machine featuring four unique collectible designs.*

**Curiosity Cart** (Central Courtyard)
*Hands-on learning about Mission history for kids*

**Fourth Grader Q&A Session** (Central Courtyard)
*Fourth graders meet at the Saint Serra Statue at 3:30 p.m.*

## FOOD VENDORS

**Las Golondrinas**
*(Mexican Food)*

**Swallow's Nest Cotton Candy**
*(Proceeds support the historic Mission)*

**3:16 Bakery Shop**
*(Coffee, Pastries, Gelato, Cookies and Iced Tea)*

# Schedule of Events*

## BELL WALL

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| 9:00 | **Daily Ringing of the Historic Bells upon Opening of the Mission** |
| | *In honor of Saint Junípero Serra* |
| 9:00 - 9:20 | **Mariachi Music** – *Mariachi Tapatio* |
| 10:15 - 10:45 | **Mariachi Music** – *Mariachi Tapatio* |
| 10:15, **12:00*** and 4:15 | **Ringing of the Historic Bells** |
| | *In Honor of St. Joseph and the Swallows Return* |
| 11:40 - 12:00 | **Official Bell Ringing Ceremony** |
| | *(See separate program for Ceremony)* |
| 12:00 | **WWII Flyover: In Tribute to our Nation's Veterans** |
| | *The Condor Squadron (Flyover time subject to change due to weather)* |

## CENTRAL COURTYARD

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| 10:00 - 10:05 | **Welcome & Introduction** |
| | *Executive Director, Mechelle Lawrence Adams* |
| 10:05 | **Ringing of the School Bell & Mission Basilica School Procession** |
| 10:10 | **"When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano"** |
| | *The famous song written by Leon Rene performed by Vocalist, Renee Bondi* |
| 10:15 | **Ringing of the Historic Bells** |
| | *In Honor of St. Joseph and the Swallows Return* |
| 10:15 - 11:15 | **Mission Basilica School** – *Traditional songs and dances by students* |
| 11:20 - 11:40 | **Ballet Folklorico de San Juan Capistrano** |
| 11:45 - 12:30 | **Journeys to the Past: California Native American Stories & Dances** |
| | *Presented by Educator and Acjachemen Descendant, Jacque Nunez* |
| 12:35 - 1:00 | **Duende Flamenco** – *Orange County, CA* |
| 1:05 - 1:40 | **Mariachi Uclatlán** – *University of California, Los Angeles* |
| 2:00 - 4:00 | **"Swingin' with the Swallows" Concert** |
| | *Featuring the Swing Cats Big Band and Swing Kittens Female Trio* |

## GREAT STONE CHURCH

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| 12:15 | **Blessing of the Great Stone Church Bronze Model** |
| 1:00 and 1:30 | **Presentation on the Swallows -** *Dr. Charles R. Brown, University of Tulsa. Information session in the field on the Swallows Nest Reenactment Exhibit plus opportunity for Q&A with the expert. Followed by Meet and Greet and Book Signing with Dr. Brown in the Sala Building at 2:00 p.m.* |

**Schedule subject to change*

*Great Stone Church Swallows Nests*

# Experience the Significance of St. Joseph at Mission San Juan Capistrano

**Mass at Mission Basilica**
*Celebrate Mass at Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano.*
*Mass Schedule: 7:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. (Latin in Serra Chapel),*
*9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. (Espanol), 5:00 p.m.*

**Ringing of the Historic Bells**
*Join us for the Ringing of the Historic Bells in honor of St. Joseph at*
*10:15 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.*
*Special Bell Ringing Ceremony at 11:40 p.m. prior to noon bell ringing.*

**Serra Chapel**
*Learn the story of St. Joseph at the historic Serra Chapel. Serra Chapel is the most historically significant chapel in California and the only remaining church where Father Serra celebrated mass.*

**St. Joseph's Table (**Central Courtyard**)**
*In honor of St. Joseph, an ecumenical food drive in support of Serra's Pantry.*
*Hosted by the San Juan Capistrano Sister City Program.*

**Mission Treasures Exhibit: Historical Collection Revealed**
*See a beautiful painting of Jesus and St. Joseph, restored through private donations and on exhibit in this one-of-a-kind collection. Also features items on exhibit from the Bowers Museum Collection.*

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