



**DIOCESE OF  
SAN JOSE**

**Office of the Bishop**

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am grateful that Pope Francis has providentially declared a Year of Saint Joseph\* and a Year of the Holy Family\*\* on the same year that we, the Diocese of San Jose, celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee. In reflecting on our past and present, this year is a time for us all to look to Saint Joseph and the Holy Family as models of faith. It is a time to climb a spiritual mountain top to recommit ourselves to the mission of Jesus Christ. And it is a time for our Diocese to discern how we will carry out this mission into the future. In biblical times, jubilees were a time of renewal and hope, of new opportunities and new beginnings.

To assist toward the goal of spiritual renewal and recommitment, I am happy to announce the following 10 pilgrimage sites within our Diocese for the Year of Saint Joseph through December 8, 2021. The faithful, who visit any of these pilgrimage sites, will gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions (a spirit detached from any sin, sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father). Until it is safe to visit these sites in person, spiritual or virtual visits may be made by actively participating a livestream Mass from one of these locations with devotion and full attention to the Eucharist.

Eight parishes or centers names for Saint Joseph or the Virgin Mary

- Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish, San Jose
- Saint Joseph Parish, Mountain View
- Our Lady of Peace Parish, Santa Clara
- Our Lady Queen of Martyrs - Vietnamese Catholic Center, San Jose
- Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Alviso
- Queen of Apostles Parish, San Jose
- Saint Mary Parish, Gilroy
- Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Los Gatos

Two cemeteries, as Saint Joseph is Patron of a happy death:

- Calvary Cemetery, San Jose
- Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Los Altos.

Throughout the year we will strive to honor with heartfelt prayer and devotion St. Joseph as the guardian and protector of God's people, the Church. May Saint Joseph and the Holy Family intercede for us in this work of rededicating ourselves to the mission of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

+Oscar Cantu  
Bishop of San Jose

*\*Year of Saint Joseph celebrates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Saint being declared Patron of the Universal Church.*

*\*\*Year of the Holy Family marks the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pope's apostolic exhortation on the family (March 19, 2016) and prepares for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families in Rome (June 26, 2022).*