



# 2026 Event Calendar



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~ Celebrating the Mission's 250<sup>th</sup> 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 - June 7

**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

**Special Courtyard Mass**  
Sunday, July 12 • 5:15PM  
Sunday, July 26 • 5:15PM

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

## August

**New Exhibit!**  
**Paintings of the Virgin Mary**  
August 15 - November 15

**Capistrano Lights: Mission in Lights**  
Tickets Go on Sale

**Free Birthday Cupcakes**  
Saturday, August 8  
12PM-3PM

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

**Food & Wine Birthday Bash Festival**  
Saturday, October 10

**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



**250<sup>th</sup> Official Celebration\***  
**Sunday, November 1 • 3:30PM-6PM**  
Featuring "The Story of the Mission:  
A Legacy of Builders, Faith & Time"  
**Free Birthday Cupcakes**  
12PM-3PM

**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 6:05PM

**"The Story of the Mission:  
A Legacy of Builders, Faith & Time"**  
December 19 - 30 (select days)

**Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**  
December 24 & 25: CLOSED

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

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More Resources for  
Anniversary Celebrations:



City of SJC  
sanjuancapistrano.org



County of Orange  
usa250-oc.com

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**FREE BIRTHDAY CUPCAKES!**

In collaboration with  
Costco Wholesale SJC #429  
12PM - 3PM