

The Story of Mission Santa Barbara

Mission Santa Barbara was the tenth of the California missions to be established by the Franciscans. Padre Junipero Serra, the first of the nine missions, had planned to establish the Santa Barbara Mission, but before his death he came to fruition, he died in 1784. Padre Antonio de Lasuen succeeded Serra and on December 4, 1786, he celebrated the Feast of Saint Barbara, December 4, 1786, and placed the cross at the site of the future Santa Barbara Mission. Lasuen then placed Padre Antonio de Lasuen in charge. Paterna put buildings in the 1790's, some of which still

remain. The purpose of the Mission was the conversion of the Chumash Indians. Economic and curiosity were some of the factors that led to the Chumash joining the missionaries. In 1834, the Mexican government took over the Mission, stripping it of its self-governance and placed the Chumash under civil rule, leading to the deterioration of the mission and culture. Father Duran was appointed Superior in 1839, and the Mission was returned to the Franciscans. The Mexican governor ordered the land and the Mission was sold. However, he was not allowed to continue their rule over the Mission. After California became part of the United States, President Abraham Lincoln transferred the Mission to the Catholic Church in 1865. The Mission continues to thrive today under the leadership and direction of the Franciscan Friars.

The original church building was constructed of adobe and is unpretentious. As the number of converts to the Mission had to be expanded. The present church, fourth and grandest, was completed in 1820 after the third was destroyed by an earthquake in 1812. The friary residence was completed in a gradual phases and completed in 1870. A major earthquake in 1925 dealt severe damage to the church and friary. Restoration was completed in 1953. Today, the bell towers reinforced in 1953. Today, the Mission stands as a living testimony of the Franciscan

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The Living Old Mission Santa Barbara!
Queen of the California Missions*

Hours of Operation

Museum and Garden Self-Guided Tour:

Open daily from 9:00 am to 4:15 pm

Museum and Garden Docent-Guided Tours:

Tuesday - Friday at 11:00 a.m.; Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

Docent Group Tours available by reservation

Call (805) 682-4713, ext. 166 for information

La Huerta Historic Gardens

Docent Tours available by reservation

Call (805) 682-4713, ext. 166 or e-mail:

museumtours@sboldmission.org

Saint Barbara Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am

Old Mission Santa Barbara Tour Policies

No smoking anywhere on the Mission grounds

No pets allowed (except service animals)

Church is subject to closure during Parish events

Flash photography is prohibited in the museum and church

No tripods or monopods are permitted

Professional and commercial photography by appointment only

Appropriate attire is required at all times

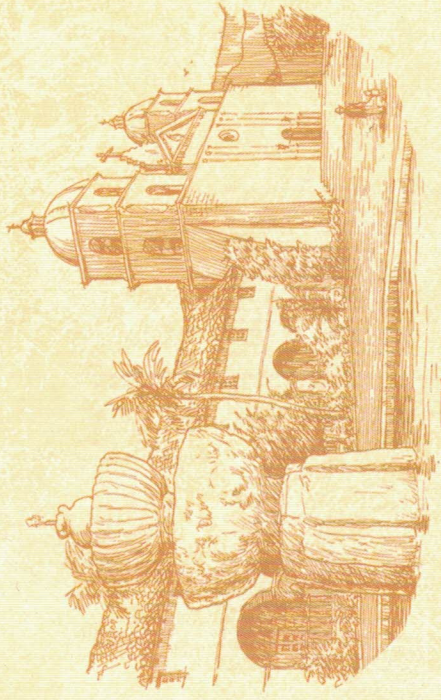
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