

T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe

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Dear St Rose Junior and Senior Youth Choir Singers, Parents and Families!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all of you who were able to join us and make it possible for us to sing and participate in the beautiful Annual Day of the Dead - All Souls Mass and Memorial Celebration honoring the Ancestors of the Salinan Tribe last Saturday at Mission San Antonio de Padua.

Your voices of praise touched the hearts of many who were attending the Mass and Memorial Service, especially the members of the Tribe who were present who felt truly honored with your participation and beautiful singing.

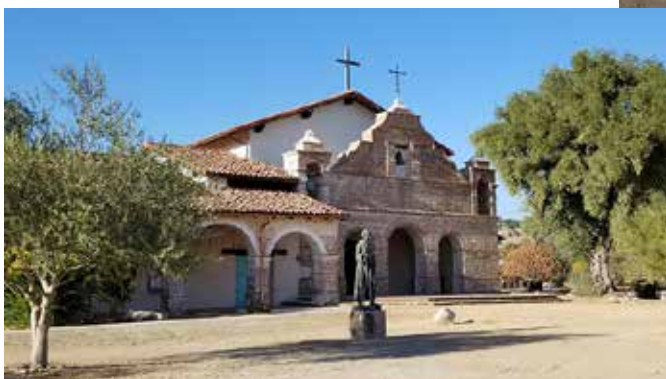
Many thanks go to Joan Steele, Mission Administrator, who made it possible to schedule the service and celebration again this year, to Fr. Jim Nisbet our celebrant, to dear Dr. Dan and Liz Krieger for their meaningful recitation of the readings, and to our dear Tribal Elder, Susan Latta and Tribal Member Mary Rodgers for their beautiful prayers in Salinan and English.

Thanks also to our accompanists, Mr. Clarius and Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Demeter who graciously assisted me with the field-trip logistics, and to Ellie Davis and Cynthia Nelson, members of our adult choirs, who assisted the kids with their beautiful singing.

And to our dear parents, grandparents and family members, who most likely had to adapt their family schedules to attend and do the driving to and from the Mission, many, many thanks again! Without you, this meaningful celebration and adventure for our young singers would have never been possible.

May you receive many bountiful blessings for your thoughtful support to our great Kids, our wonderful School and to our beautiful Youth Choirs.

Sincerely,
Mr. Warren





GOING BACK TO MY SALINAN ROOTS

By Joan Pierce

As a young girl living in Santa Barbara my family made numerous trips to Morro Bay where most of our relatives resided. My paternal Grandmother was Katharine McCormack, Pierce. Grandma Kate was a wonderful, sweet lady that was very talented. She could do crafts that amazed me and my family. Collecting native plants to use in her flower arrangements, crocheting beautiful doilies from used string and yarns was just a few of her projects. I would sit in her tiny house up Toro Creek, just up the road a short distance from my Uncle Dukes apple ranch, and watch grandma make a beautiful item from practically nothing. In later years Grandmother Kate moved to a small house behind my Uncle Skinner, in Morro Bay. She still liked working on her crafts. Morty and I would take her for rides up various canyons to gather dried leaves, sticks, pretty rocks and always Yerba Buena tea leaves. The memories of those trips remain dear to my heart. Fall was one of grandma's favorite times of the year when the leaves changed colors to beautiful reds and golds. Now I live in the Owens Valley where there are numerous places to go to gather the same items Grandma Kate used, except the Yerba Buena tea leaves don't grow here because of the cold winters and high elevation. I recently was up in the Sierra Mountains, West of my home town of Big Pine and gathered pine needles from the Jeffrey pine to use in pine needle basketry. The local needles are not as long, 5 to 10 inches, as the needles of the Digger pines grown in the coastal areas. While, working on various baskets I feel my grandmother is right next to me giving me her sly smile and enjoying the peace and quiet of the moment. Basketry must run in my family. My sister Jan Pierce, Wreden has made beautiful pine needle baskets in the past, which I have, two of, displayed in a cabinet in my living room. My other sister Beverly made grapevine baskets and baskets woven from rags. Crafting items from natural plants was a fun thing to do for my father, Charlie Pierce. He made Native American apple dolls, wooden whistles from elderberry branches, and clapper sticks that he painted interesting designs of turtles, etc. on each one. Several family members have items my dad made and they cherish each and every piece. Grandmother Kate passed down her talents to her children and grandchildren and also her great grandchildren and so on. We all were very fortunate to have this matriarch in our Salinan family. I personally will never forget time spent with grandma.



The Article and Pictures of the Gathering will be submitted in January's News Letter.

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm Happy Birthday Elder Toni Woody	12	13	14 Happy Birthday Elder Nancy Rangel
15	16 Happy Birthday Elder John Burch	17	18	19	20	* Winter Solstice at Morro Rock
22	23 Happy Birthday Elder Pamela Flood	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Tribal business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month						

THERE ARE NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED AT ANY TRIBAL EVENTS.

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WE ONLY LIST THE BIRTHDAYS FOR TRIBAL ELDERS.

*** The Winter Solstice is Saturday December 21st.**

We have a new T-shirt design. It comes in black and gray. Prices are Youth size s-m \$12.00, Adult - sizes s-xl \$15.00 and 1xl-3xl \$20.00. New design can be viewed on the website. www.salinatribe.com

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REMEMBER TO PRAY TO kensha:nel (CREATOR) TO keeheak (PROTECT) ALL lu wa' (MEN) AND lets'e (WOMAN) WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY. AND BRING THEM Ta'ma (HOME) SAFE.

Vision of the Salinan Tribe

We, as the Salinan Tribe, follow the way of our ancestors as we walk the path of our heritage toward becoming complete individuals. We exercise our rights as a sovereign entity. We continue to reawaken our culture. Each and every tribal member has an equal voice.

We, as the Salinan Tribe, commit to honoring the rights of each and every tribal member to practice our spiritual, individual, or religious beliefs. We remember and honor our ancestors, elders, and children now and for all generations to come.

We as the Salinan Tribe, continue to gather as a tribal family.

