

FATHER JOE'S VILLAGES

Monthly Service to the Poor



Do you have a desire to help those in need in our local community? Oftentimes, we pass by homeless people on the streets and feel there must be some way to help. In San Diego, we have been blessed to have Father Joe's Villages (St. Vincent de Paul) in the community for over 68 years. Nearly 20,000 people a year receive assistance in the way of permanent housing, meals, and family health services. The mission of this charitable organization is to prevent and end homelessness one life at a time.

St. B's parishioners help support this ministry in a variety of ways, including our monthly commitment to go help serve dinner—always on the third Saturday from 4–7 pm. It's easy to participate. Helpers meet in the lobby at the corner of 16th Street and Imperial Avenue in downtown's East Village. There is an underground, secure parking garage directly below the lobby. Once all servers are gathered, they head to one of two kitchens that are assigned to them—either the Joan Kroc Kitchen to serve families or the Paul Mirabile Kitchen to serve individuals.

**"For I was hungry and
you gave me food.
I was thirsty and
you gave me drink,
a stranger and
you welcomed me..."
Matthew 25:35**

On a typical afternoon, they serve over 200 hot meals from a serving line. They help out by plating and handing out meals, serving salads, wiping tables, sweeping floors, assisting those with special needs, and a variety of other jobs that need to get done. What they find most rewarding are the smiles on the faces of those receiving meals and the joy in those who are making a difference in people's lives through their service.

To sign-up to serve at the November 17 dinner, or another 3rd Saturday of the month, contact Rob Clark. He will provide you with more information on when to meet, underground parking, age requirements, and what to wear.

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