



## **MEDIA ALERT**

**SAN DIEGO, April 10, 2023**

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- [High resolution photos of Father Joe's Villages](#)

## **April 11: Join Father Joe's Villages' Easter Feast for a Time of Reflection and Connection**

- *The event is a chance to come together and observe the religious holiday while celebrating spring and renewal*
- *Deacon Jim Vargas, CEO of Father Joe's Villages, will lead a prayer at the beginning of the meal*
- *Media is invited for a behind-the-scenes look at holiday meal prep with chefs and volunteers*

### **WHAT:**

[Father Joe's Villages](#) is observing the Easter holiday and celebrating spring and renewal alongside families and individuals experiencing homelessness. This year, the traditional Easter meal, prepared by Executive Chef Amiel Brosoto and his team, will include 1,250 lbs of honey ham, 150 lbs of whipped sweet potato casserole, 90 lbs of lemon green beans with walnuts, 50 breads for sausage stuffing and 75 lbs of cranberry walnut spice cake.

Deacon Jim Vargas, CEO of Father Joe's Villages, will lead a prayer at the beginning of the meal.

### **WHY:**

The Easter meal reminds us of the importance of human connection in the role of organizations like Father Joe's Villages in serving the needs of the community.

Along with a chance to celebrate being together, Easter is a chance for those who are transitioning out of homelessness to recognize how far they've come on their journey to achieving independence.

### **QUOTE:**

"Easter is a time of renewal and hope, and there's no better way to celebrate this season of rebirth than by sharing a meal with our neighbors. May the love and kindness we show today continue to nourish us all throughout the year," **said Deacon Jim Vargas, President and CEO of Father Joe's Villages.** "Holiday celebrations like these are more than just warm meals. Easter is ultimately about hope and love: the love for our neighbors and the unconditional love of God."

### **WHEN & WHERE:**

- April 11 from 10:15 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.



- Paul Mirabile Center (1501 Imperial Ave., San Diego, Calif., 92101)

## VISUALS:

- Hundreds of people enjoying a warm meal at the Paul Mirabile Center dining hall and Franklin Antonio Lunch Program
- Deacon Jim Vargas, President and CEO of Father Joe's Villages, leading the feast with a prayer
- Live music, festive Easter decor, and Feather Joe making a special appearance

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND CONTACT:

- **Organization:** [Father Joe's Villages](#)
- **To RSVP and for Interviews:** Contact Bailey Hahn, bailey@gomixte.com, 619-732-0789 ext. 224
- **Link to use in your story:**
  - [Father Joe's Villages website](#)

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## **About Father Joe's Villages**

As San Diego's largest homeless services provider, Father Joe's Villages ensures that each person can rediscover hope and leave homelessness behind. To address the complex needs of people who are homeless, the organization provides housing for as many as 3,000 people each night, along with health care, substance use disorder treatment, job training, therapeutic childcare and more. This mission is made possible only through the efforts of compassionate staff, [volunteer work](#), [car donations](#), and generous public and private [charitable contributions](#). For more information, please visit: <https://my.neighbor.org/>.