

# ***San Diego Mission***

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The Mission San Diego de Alcalá was the beginning of all the mission in California. The missions were made by the Spanish government to spread Catholicism and Christianity across the New World in North America and to claim lands there..

The San Diego mission is known as the "Mother of the Missions". It is located now in 10818 San Diego Mission Rd San Diego, CA 92108

# History

The Mission was founded in 1769 by Father Presidente Junípero Serra. It was the first of 21 missions. Father Serra moved the mission 6 miles inland in 1774 because it was closer to water and would be easier to grow food for new farms. The native indians helped build the Mission from the start. Some worked for the Spanish and some were actually slaves. They helped with building of the buildings but they also helped start the farms and grow plants that could be eaten by the Mission. The Mission was destroyed in 1775 by Indians because they wanted to steal from it. One night, a few hundred indian men broke into the mission. They killed Father Jayme when he approached them, trying to calm them down. The indians killed several other settlers and then they burned the Mission to the ground.

After this event, Father Serra returned to rebuild the Mission. This was between 1776-1777, It was later replaced with a larger adobe structure. There were four versions of it made. The mission was huge! It was 55,000 acres. For comparison, Laguna Blanca's campus is 35 acres, so that means the Mission was 1,571 times bigger than the campus.



# Present day

The mission began to decay in 1834. The site was used as an Indian school run by father Ubach who wanted to restore the mission but serious restoration began in 1931.

There is about 70% of it left present day. It is used as a Roman Catholic Church. Some of the people that go there are tourists and locals. Many weddings are hosted there too. There are gift shops and the mission has been restored to look like it did in old times. When they were restoring it the people who made it tried to make it like it did in old times.



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