



Mission Santa Cruz

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Founding

Mission Santa Cruz was founded on August 28, 1791 on the Northern Shore of Monterey Bay. Father Lausen named the mission Santa Cruz, which means Holy Cross in English. They chose the place because it had a nearby stream. Some of the people important to the mission's founding were Father Lausen, Father Olbes, and Gaspar de Portolá. To help Mission Santa Cruz get started, Mission Santa Clara sent Mission Santa Cruz Indians, animals, and seeds.

History

In 1769 the Spaniards went to California to claim new land and spread Christianity. When they arrived in California, they saw the Native Americans. The Spaniards asked the Native Americans to give up their religion and the Native Americans said Nope. They forced the Native Americans to build the missions and go to church everyday, until Mexico was now in charge of California. They told the Native Americans to go back to their old religion but none of them remembered anything of their old lives, because it had died out.

In 1887 they replaced it with the white marble mission today. In 1858, right after the 1857 earthquake, they made a wooden cross against the mission remains and built a new Holy Cross Church. In 1887 they replaced it with the white marble missions we see today.

Description

Some of the major features are The original baptism font, flour mill building. Some of the major features are The original baptism font, flour mill building. They built the mission mainly out of adobe. Adobe is made out of clay mud and straw. It is also made out of wood, White marble and stone.

Present Day

It is still used as an Catholic Church to this day forward, a Museum for the Missions of Monterey Bay, and an school. They have changed the graveyard (I'm personally mad about this) to a driveway and the original baptism bowl place to a garden. The mission is in fine conditions and very pretty with the white marble and crosses. Mission Santa Cruz will remain in well states for very long times yet to come.

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