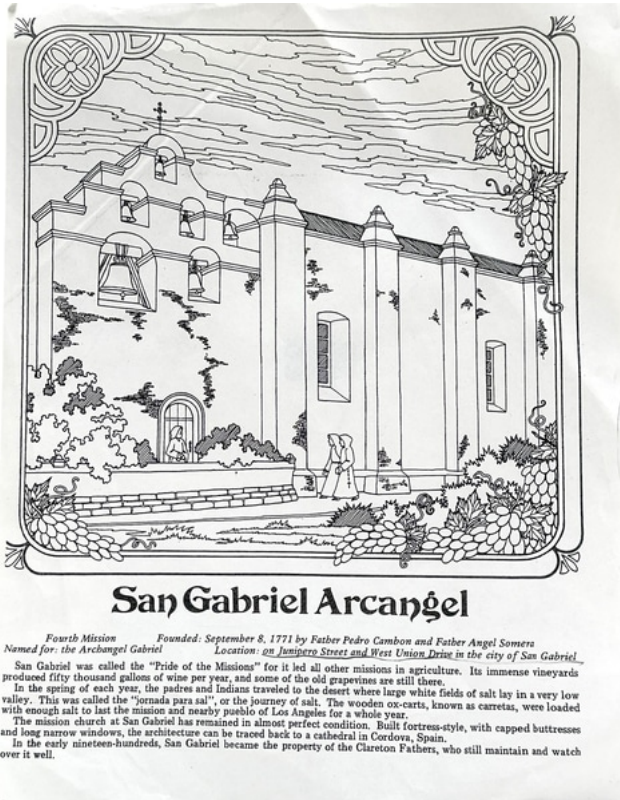


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San Gabriel Arcangel

Fourth Mission *Founded: September 8, 1771 by Father Pedro Cambon and Father Angel Somera*
Named for: the Archangel Gabriel *Location: on Junipero Street and West Union Drive in the city of San Gabriel.*

San Gabriel was called the "Pride of the Missions" for it led all other missions in agriculture. Its immense vineyards produced fifty thousand gallons of wine per year, and some of the old grapevines are still there.

In the spring of each year, the padres and Indians traveled to the desert where large white fields of salt lay in a very low valley. This was called the "jornada para sal", or the journey of salt. The wooden ox-carts, known as carretas, were loaded with enough salt to last the mission and nearby pueblo of Los Angeles for a whole year.

The mission church at San Gabriel has remained in almost perfect condition. Built fortress-style, with capped buttresses and long narrow windows, the architecture can be traced back to a cathedral in Cordova, Spain.

In the early nineteenth-century, San Gabriel became the property of the Claretian Fathers, who still maintain and watch over it well.

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