

## **FIESTAS AND CULTURE OF THE BARANGAY:**

Barangay San Jose has its own annual cultural observations, and one of these are the fiesta celebrations. Before its creation into a separate barrio the 5 involved sitios had their own annual fiesta celebrations that they have long been celebrating since time immemorial. When Barrio San Jose was created on year 1972 there was a need to organize an added, separate and general barrio fiesta which was naturally have to be organized under a patron saint Senior San Jose. where all sitios which later on called puroks were enjoined to take part and participate. And as years passed by due to some varied circumstances and immigration of new residents thus the originally 5 chapels have now increased to about 10 chapels spread all over puroks in the barangay. Their scheduled annual fiesta celebrations were as follow to wit:

1. Purok 5 Upper - Sr. Santo Nino      4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of January
2. Purok 5 Center - Sr. Santo Nino      4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of January
3. Purok 5 Lower - St. Santo Nino      4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of January
4. Purok 2 Minoza- St. Santo Nino      3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of January
5. Purok 3 New      - San Pedro Calungsod 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of April
6. Barangay Fiesta- Sr. San Jose      1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of May
7. Purok 1 old      - Sr. San Roque      2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of July
8. Purok 3 old      - Sr. San Roque      2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of September
9. Purok 4 old      - Sr. San Roque      14<sup>th</sup> day of September
10. Purok 2 old      - Sr. San Roque      3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of September
11. Purok 2 old      - Sr. San Miguel      4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of September

The folks nearby each of the above chapels always see to it that annual fiesta is celebrated with the usual foods and entertainments, a lot of visitors from distant places flock to each purok to join with the annual typical filipino cultural celebrations. Sports League are usually and almost regularly are prepared in time with the barangay Fiesta Celebrations funded through the annual barangay budget.



When the fiesta novena starts on April 22, a lot of nightly activities and entertainments are prepared including but not limited to the following presentations among others to wit: Ms. San Jose beauty pageant Night, Sing Along Contest, Basketball and Volleyball Championship Games, Got Talent and Sitiohan. In Sitiohan, there shall be general gathering of all barangay residents wherein traditional Awarding of Academic, Professional, and Business Accomplishments are made, foods and talent presentations are shared.





At the eve of the fiesta there is always a usual catholic processional activity of the patron saint made around the barangay, and on the fiesta day on May 1 every year a fiesta Eucharistic Mass is to be celebrated with a lunch served to every faithful, and if circumstances allow a pinoy games were to be made among the youth and children to add joyful festivities of the occasion.

