Santa Clara Mission Church
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Schantz Organ, 1975
The current Schantz pipe organ was installed in 1975 and was a gift of Mr & Mrs. Foster McGraw. Its console (or keyboard) is located on the nave floor and it is connected to the balcony pipe system—and the electronic blower—via a long, connecting hose (like a fire hose) filled with intricate wiring. The current pipe organ replaced an earlier, smaller pipe organ. In the earliest Mission Santa Clara days—pre—1851—the Mission probably had no organ as the Ohlones were trained to sing Gregorian Chant. Gregorian Chant requires no instruments of any kind; only the human voice.