

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
582 Hope Street, Mountain View, CA  
1906 Murray M. Harris / Newton, 33 Stops, 1633 pipes



**SPECIFICATIONS FOR MURRAY M. HARRIS ORGAN  
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA**

**GREAT ORGAN**

8' Trompette D'Bagileo\*  
8' Principal  
4' Octave  
2' Fifteenth  
IV Mixture  
Tower Chimes  
(4 blank knobs)

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10 drawknobs total

**PEDAL ORGAN**

32' Unter Satz  
16' Bourdon  
16' Lieblich Gedeckt  
8' Octave  
8' Gedeckt  
4' Choral Bass  
III Mixture  
8' Trompette D'Bagileo  
(5 blank drawknobs)

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13 drawknobs total

**SWELL ORGAN**

8' Rohrflute  
8' Viola Pomposa  
8' Viola Celeste  
4' Spitz Principal  
2' Flautino  
III Plein Jeu  
8' Trumpette  
8' Oboe  
Tremolo  
Swell Sub  
Swell Unison Off  
Swell Super

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16 drawknobs total

**CHOIR ORGAN**

8' Gedeckt  
8' Dulciana  
4' Prestant  
4' Nacht Horn  
2' Block Flute  
II Sesqui Altera  
8' Trompette D'Bagileo  
Tremolo  
Choir Sub  
Choir Unison Off  
Choir Super  
(3 blank knobs)

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14 drawknobs total

\*Named after William Bagileo, parish organist and designer of present organ

**TILTING TABLETS**

TO PEDAL: Great to Pedal  
Swell to Pedal  
Swell Super to Pedal  
Choir to Pedal  
Choir Super to Pedal

TO SWELL: Choir to Swell

TO CHOIR: Swell Sub to Choir

TO GREAT: Swell Sub to Great  
Swell to Great  
Swell Super to Great  
Choir Sub to Great  
Choir to Great  
Choir Super to Great

CYMBALSTERN

**COMBINATION ACTION**

General Pistons: A – J (Toe Stud Duplicated)  
Great Pistons: 1 – 6 and Cancel  
Swell Pistons: 1 – 6 and Cancel  
Choir Pistons: 1 – 6 and Cancel  
Pedal Pistons: 1 – 6 and Cancel  
Reversibles: Swell to Pedal\*  
Great to Pedal  
Choir to Pedal\*  
SFZ

Cymbalstern

Pedal 32' Stop

\*Operates Super Coupler in "Off" cycle

All console dimensions are within AGO established standards

**ORGANIST:** Denis D' Aoust  
2011 to present

Correct as of June 19, 2015

## **The organ at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Mountain View has a colorful history.**

**It** was built in 1906 and installed in St. Ignatius Church in San Francisco (current location of Davies Hall) by the world famous Murray M. Harris Company, who also build the original pipe organs at Stanford Memorial Chapel and San Francisco's Temple Sherith Israel.

**Unfortunately**, the 1906 San Francisco earthquake caused a fire which burned St. Ignatius Church to the ground. With great dedication and courage, during the fire the congregation managed to save their new organ by covering the pipes with damp blankets and passing them from person to person out to the street. The organ was installed in a temporary church until 1914 when it was installed in the rebuilt St. Ignatius Church on Fulton Street.

**By** 1926 St. Ignatius decided they wanted a larger organ, and the Murray M. Marris became available. The parishioners of St. Joseph Church in Mountain View, who cared deeply about music, were determined to bring it to their church. It was installed in April 1926—the first pipe organ in Mountain View.

**Unfortunately**, in 1928 a major fire destroyed the original 1905 St. Joseph Church. The organ was spared, but was badly damaged by water. The church was rebuilt, and the organ still worked well enough to be used. Major repairs and renovations were done in 1965, with further additions in 1970.

**In** 1981 the St. Joseph community undertook a great labor of love—to rebuild and update their organ. The Newton Pipe Organ Company, working with organist William Bagileo, did a great deal of mechanical and tonal renewal on the instrument—

- A new three-manual console was designed and built for the organ.
- New ranks of pipes were installed, framing the church's rose window.
- The choir and swell chests were renovated.

**In** 2005, parishioners raised enough money to seat pipes that had been boxed since 1981 and to build new cabinetry in the choir loft to house the bellows and wind reservoirs that had still been exposed.

**Today** this very special 1906 Murray M. Harris organ still proudly serves as the musical focal point of St. Joseph Parish in Mountain View.

Denis D' Aoust, organist  
June 26, 2015