



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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San Francisco de la Espada Mission

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History: San Francisco de la Espada Mission is a former Indian parish with many parishioners of Mestizos and Coahuiltican Indian descent.

1731-1794	San Francisco de la Espada Mission (Coahuiltican) was so-named after being relocated from San Francisco de los Neches [Austin, Texas]; Franciscans (Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe College, Zacatecas, Mexico) administered the parish until secularized in 1794
1795-1824 (no longer Indian), 1858-1907 (closed)	Diocesan priests administered San Francisco de la Espada Mission (Mestizos)
1915-ca. 1920	Claretians (Western Province, Los Angeles, California) reestablished and attended San Francisco de la Espada from San Fernando Cathedral
ca. 1920-1967	Claretians (Western Province, Los Angeles, California) and Redemptorists (now Denver Province, Denver, Colorado) administered San Francisco de la Espada
1967-present	Franciscans (Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri) have administered San Francisco de la Espada

Franciscans, diocesan priests, and Clarentians from San Francisco de la Espada have attended San José y San Miguel, 1876-1911, and San Jose Capistrano, 1876-1994, missions in San Antonio.

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1915-present

Volume: Several entries among many volumes

Description: Entries for parishioners of American Indian descent within the sacramental records of San Francisco de la Espada Mission.