

Nuestra Señora de la Soledad (SLD)

Baptisms

- There are many sections in the baptisms register where the initial numbering was off by one and had been fixed later on to show the record's correct number. Many of the baptism links provided by the padres, however, give the original, incorrect numbers.
- There are several baptism records which have been scratched out; these are individuals who had already been baptized in other missions. The explanation for the deletion usually isn't given until many records later. These records have been listed as “skipped,” with a note to explain.
- When the padre lists someone as a sibling of a previous record, staff only entered the parents' names from that previous record if the records are in the same series and the padre is specific about which parents they share.
- Margin notes: staff did not include everything written in the margin. Staff only included information that is not found in the main record or which has been written differently in the main record.
- Relatives in a series: if the earlier record does not list relative info, staff did not make any entries in the baptism table itself (in marital status, for example), but staff did make an entry in the Relatives table. The name is listed in brackets, the baptism number has an “X” after it, and there will be a note in the Comments section describing where the information comes from.
- The last baptism record for Soledad entered into this database is 2289a, in the year 1840. The following record is for the year 1854, and the records in the film end after that.
- The baptism record after record 2286 is numbered 2267, and the numbering continues on sequentially to 2268, 2269, etc. Staff gave these records the numbers they should have had (with a “Y” at the end) to keep them in the correct chronological order and have put the incorrect numbers they were given in the margin notes.
- “Skipped” baptism records: 43, 186, 237 (crossed out records); 1634-1653; 1725; 02308Y (connected to a visit note, rather than a record).
- “Missing” baptism records: 1764-1780.

Marriages

- In the marriage records, the padres frequently list witnesses as “testigos de todo;” Staff took this to mean that they were sacrament witnesses for all of the marriages in a series.

- It seems like the padres sometimes treat place origins like they are native names in marriage records. If the bride's or groom's baptism record shows that word as a native name, staff considered the name as a native name in the marriage record -- unless another origin is already given for the bride or groom. If another origin is given, or there is no link for the baptism record, staff treated the word as an origin or ethnicity, depending on the term.
- In the marriage records, the couple is often listed as “Neofitos de la Mision,” but their origins are given as well. When this happens (or when the bride/groom has an ethnicity like “Chalon” which implies an origin) instead of putting “mission” in the origins field the whole phrase “neofitos de la mission” was entered into the religious status field.
- Although the majority of the marriages for records 681 through 721 were performed at San Antonio, most of the individuals getting married are from Soledad.
- Records 722 through 738 seem to be primarily individuals from San Antonio, and the marriages were performed at San Antonio. Since there are no marriage records entered in the San Antonio register between June 18, 1846 and 1861, staff assumed that the padre was using the Soledad register for both missions.
- “Skipped” marriage records: 160, 490-499.

Burials

- There are no burials for SLD: the burial register is missing.