



SAN COSME CHAPEL

La Capilla de San Cosme
460 W. Simpson



ORAL HISTORY Folks remember how the entire neighborhood joined together building San Cosme. Barrio masons and plasterers volunteered their labor and barrio women kept the altar linens clean and the chapel tidy.

FOLKLORE Long ago young girls from the barrio would gather flowers from their family gardens and present them to the Virgin Mary at La Capilla. During the month of May the girls would dress in white dresses and veils for their first communion and walk through the barrio to the San Cosme.

This little chapel was built in 1929 by people who volunteered from the barrio (neighborhood). It is constructed of adobe and then whitewashed. It has a Spanish tile roof and a tiny bell tower. It was dedicated by Tucson's Catholic Diocese in 1931. In the 1960's the mass was no longer held in this little chapel. But in 2003 barrio residents worked together to raise money for San Cosme. Today, Barrio Viejo neighbors care for this special chapel and celebrate mass monthly here. It is one of the few places that celebrate the traditional Latin mass.

