SAINT JOACHIM (SAN JOAQUÍN)

CLASIFICACIÓN: MURAL

SERIE: ORATORY OF THE COUNTS OF SOBRADIEL (MURAL PAINTING, CA. 1771-1773)(4/7)



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1771 - 1773
UBICACIÓN	Museo Goya. Colección Ibercaja, Zaragoza, Spain
DIMENSIONES	37 x 30 cm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Oil mural painting transferred to canvas
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Attributed work
TITULAR	Ibercaja Collection
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	07 Oct 2010 / 09 Apr 2026
INVENTARIO	390 (2308)

HISTORIA

It was acquired by the Cuban Carlos Francisco Javier del Valle Grao, who removed the paintings from the museum in 1932 and took them with him to La Habana in Cuba. The Cuban government seized the work along with two others from the series, Saint Anne (Santa Ana) and Saint Vincent Ferrer (San Vicente Ferrer), in 1965. According to its owner, it then travelled to Russia, and was subsequently acquired by unknown means by a private collection in Miami. It was finally bought at auction by Ibercaja in 1999 at the Dorotheum auction house in Vienna.

For further information see *The Dream of Saint Joseph*.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

According to a written description by Ricardo del Arco (1915), this painting was located on the front wall of the oratory along with *Saint Anne*, the two compositions flanking a niche which held a sculpture.

This theme was included in the iconography of the oratory because it represents the namesake saint of the person who commissioned the work and its first owner, Joaquín Cayetano Cavero, the Count of Sobradiel.

The subject of the painting is depicted full-length, standing on a step against a neutral background of barely visible stone blocks. He is dressed in a green tunic and bright red cloak, and is shown in a three-quarter pose facing the viewer's right, with a di sotto in su perspective which monumentalizes the figure.

As in the case of the other three small format paintings, this work is characterized by energetic, sketchy brushstrokes which are somewhat careless but extremely expressive and lend the figures an impressive sense of volume through the use of light and colour.

For further information see *The Dream of Saint Joseph*.

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