

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 23, 2014

MISSION STATEMENT

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER is a Eucharistic community of believers commissioned through our Baptism to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ with all people. Out of our diversity we create unity through respect for every person, common celebrations, sacramental worship, Christian education of all ages, and outreach programs.

WELCOME!

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship here today and hope you will find this community a place where your faith can be nourished. Visit the Parish Center or www.sjwchurch.com.

MASSES

Saturday

8:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. (Vigil), English Sunday

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m., English 1:30, 7:30 p.m., Spanish 5:30 p.m., Vietnamese

Monday - Friday

6:30, 8:30 a.m., English

First Friday: 7:30 p.m., Spanish Holy Days

6:30 p.m. (Vigil), English

6:30, 8:30 a.m., 6:45 p.m., English

5:30 p.m., Vietnamese

8:00 p.m., Spanish

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Kevin Rettig

Associate Pastor

Rev. Julio Ramos

Associate Pastor

Rev. Joseph Van Vu

Deacon

Dn. Augusto "Gus" Mora

School Principal

Sr. Barbara Joseph Wilson, CSJ

Music and Liturgy Director

Sr. Angela Faustina, CSJ

Faith Formation Director

Bill Sparks

Confirmation and Youth Ministry

Dinh Phan

Religious Education

Karina Villanueva

Business Manager

Mike Stafford

Parish Secretary

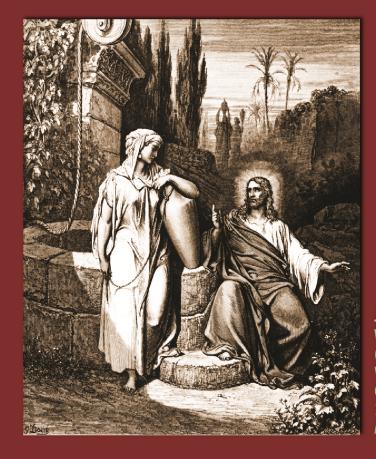
Angela Escobar

How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?

Encounter at the Well

-For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.

—John 4:9



Jesus and the
Woman of Samaria
(ca. 1865)
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Parish Center Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 -9:00 p.m. • Sat.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • Sun.: Closed



PARISH LIFE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for this incredibly moving experience every Friday during Lent in the church.

6:00 p.m. English 7:00 p.m. Spanish 8:00 p.m. Vietnamese

HOLY WATER

We would like to remind you that during Lent, our Baptismal font is empty and there will be no holy water available at the doors of the church until after the Easter Vigil service. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

To have a Mass said for a loved one or for another intention, stop by the Parish Center to make arrangements.

Sunday	March 30
7:30 a.m.	Delano Padilla Sr. (RIP)
9:30 a.m.	Cecil Nyein (Birthday)
11:30 a.m.	Dalmacio and Dolores Hernandez (RIP)
1:30 p.m.	Vicente and Juanita Corral (RIP)
5:30 p.m.	SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

7:30 p.m. Jorge Torres Calderon (RIP)

DEANERY 5 – LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Lady of Grace	Friday, April 11	7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes	Wednesday, April 9	7:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Valley	Thursday, April 10	7:30 p.m.
St. Bernardine of Siena	Thursday, April 3	7:30 p.m.
St. Bridget of Sweden	Thursday, April 3	7:30 p.m.
St. Cyril of Jerusalem (@ St. Francis De Sales)	Tuesday, April 8	7:00 p.m.
St. Euphrasia (@ St. John Baptist De La Salle)	Monday, March 31	7:00 p.m.
St. Francis De Sales	Tuesday, April 8	7:00 p.m.
St. John Baptist De La Salle	Monday, March 31	7:00 p.m.
St. John Eudes	Tuesday, April 1	7:30 p.m.
St. Mel	Tuesday, April 8	7:00 p.m.



PARISH LIFE

GIFT SHOP

A big thank you to all the bakers, cooks, salad makers and dessert chefs! A St. Joseph's Table success was in no small measure by all of you who came and blessed us by your presence. See you next year! Our Gift shop is open on Sundays 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SJW CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

A Life in the Spirit Seminar is a retreat which centers on God the Holy Spirit. The LSS is intended for anyone who desires a new awareness and deeper relationship with God, especially through the working of the Holy Spirit, and to be more fully spiritually equipped in building the Church. The St. Joseph The Worker (English) Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to come and experience the Holy Spirit through this seminar starting on May 15, 2014 to July 10, 2014 (8 Thursdays) from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Day 1	May 15	God our Father	Fr. Kevin Rettig
Day 2	May 29	Jesus our Lord	TBA
Day 3	June 3	Following Jesus	TBA
Day 4	June 12	Fruits & Gifts of the Holy Spirit	Dcn. Steve Greco
Day 5	June 19	The Helper	Fr. Jerry Thompson
Day 6	June 26	Church Alive	TBA
Day 7	July 3	Spiritual Warfare	Dominic Berardino
Day 8	July 10	Commissioning Rites	Dcn. Gus Mora

CULTURAL OUTREACH PROJECT

As we continue to celebrate the Egyptian culture, please join us after mass on Sunday, March 30 for some Egyptian appetizers including baklava, babaghanough and black tea. You can also learn more about the Coptic Orphans organization and what you can do to help fatherless children in Egypt.

Also, please save the date for **Saturday**, **May 3**, for a visit to our neighborhood Coptic Orthodox Church, St. Mary and St. Athanasius Church, in Northridge. Come for the religious services conducted in English and Arabic at 8 a.m. and/or the tour at 10:30 a.m.

More details to come. Thank you for your support!

For questions, send an email to sjwculturaloutreach@gmail.com

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

PRAY FOR YOUR PARISH FINANCES

Bring your full tithe to the church so there will be ample provisions in my Church. Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams. (Malachi 3:10)

	Weekly Goal	03-23-14	Last Year	Change
	\$20,000			
2014 Env \$ 9,388 (60.0 %) E-gi		iving \$ 950 (6.1 %)		

2013 Env \$ 9.897 (68.3 %) E-giving \$ 250 (1.7 %)

DEVOTIONS/PRAYER GROUPS

Rosary

Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. (SJW Chapel) First Friday 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (SJW Chapel)

Grupo de Oración

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (Church)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. (SJW Chapel)

SACRAMENTS

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. .

Confirmation Process (Grades 9th - 12th)

Year One - Bimonthly

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Year Two - Bimonthly

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Information: Dinh Phan, ext. 1018

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Information: Bill Sparks, ext. 1012. See also page 4.

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals

Call the Parish Center.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament of healing is received by those who are seriously ill, approaching serious surgery, or near death. Please contact the Parish Center to arrange a convenient time. If a parishioner who has not been anointed is near death, please call the Parish Center at any hour.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

David Nisbet, Jo Grady - Stone, Lisa Grady, Mickie Grady Brozovic, Wendy Pelamati, Jack Samalot, Jeffery Jones, Aida Spadaro, Bobbie Stephens, Jeric Inouve, The Foley Family, Luz Custodio, Sally Tay, Irma LeDuff, Lynn Marfil, Larry Le Vine, Bobina Eden, AnnaMay Shaw, Maria Elena Flores, Jean Louis Outta-Apay, Scott and Teresa Muller, Maryann Goppes, Nelia Evangelista, Virginia A. Kahn, Yvonne Burke, Natasha Minerva Galang, Mario Hernandez, Josie Buenviaje, Virginia K. Miller, Karina Flores, Julia Bellagamba, Nancy Sweeny.

If you have a loved one or friend in our parish community who would like a visit from a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick please call the Parish Center.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of: Peter De Santis, father of Anita Branch

Jacqueline Lipari, parishioner

Lydia Lopez Serna, mother of Martha Serna Antonio

Francisco Rodolfo Ortiz Jr., son of Francisco Rodolfo Ortiz Sr.

Maria Guillermina Mendoza, parishioner



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Information: Karina Villanueva (818) 998-4166

Schedule of Classes

Elementary Grades 1–5 English Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m. *or* Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Elementary Grades 1–5 Spanish Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Middle School Grades 6–8 English Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Special Education

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Elementary and High School (Vietnamese)

Sunday, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

RCIA

(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Curious about Catholicism and want to know more? Interested in becoming a Catholic? Would you like to receive the Sacraments of Initiation?

Information: Bill Sparks, ext. 1012.

Inquiry Classes Adults (English)

St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres Conference Rooms

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Adults and Youth or Teens (Spanish)

St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres Conference Rooms

Friday 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Adults (Vietnamese)

St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres

Conference Rooms

Monday 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Youth or Teen 12-18 years (English)

Parish Center Dining Room

Two Wednesdays a month 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Children 7-12 years (English)

Our Lady of La Vang Conference Room

Two Wednesdays a month 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Children 7-12 years (Spanish)

Parish Center Dining Room

Friday 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

YOUTH NEWS

11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Our 11:30 a.m. Mass is specifically focused on you, the young people of our parish. Please join your friends and peers at this Sunday celebration. We invite you also to take an active part in these Masses by being an usher, greeter, lector, choir member, or Eucharistic minister.

Confirmation

Sessions start at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Center Hall

Year One: Tuesday, April 1 Year Two: Tuesday, March 25

If you have any questions please contact Dinh Phan,

(818) 341-6634, ext. 1018.

EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SCHOOL NEWS

E-mail: sjwwintk@aol.com (818) 341-6616 For updated news and activities go to:

saintjosephtheworkerschool.net

Catholic Schools - Faith, Academics, Service

Registration Time

Now is the time to reserve a place in one of our classes for next year. Whether you are presently enrolled or you would like a place for next year, complete your forms now. If this is your first time to register, come to the office for the forms. You will be given a tour of the school, and a visit to the grade of your choice. The sooner you come the better. You can also get information forms on-line.

School Marketing

Thank You to those of you who have used the Parish envelopes designated for the school, and given us generous contributions. It has helped us significantly in meeting this year's expenses. After reading the above, if you have a child or know of a student in the area who is not receiving a solid Catholic Academic Education, bring them or refer them to St. Joseph the Worker School. Come for a visit at any time to observe the outstanding students and exceptional teachers in action. After visiting the school, you will join those who do not want to leave. Registrations for next year are in progress.

Saint Joseph the Worker School Alumni

We are trying to improve and update our alumni list. If you are an alum or know the address or e-mail of one, please send it to sjwwintk@aol.com or mail it to: Saint Joseph the Worker School, 19812 Cantlay Street, Winnetka 91306. If you are interested in helping in a leadership position, please indicate that on your information.

Parish Envelopes

We are asking any of you who are parents of alumni or a graduate yourself to consider giving a gift to the school at this time of giving. Many thanks to all of you who help support the school with your monthly donations and use of the school envelopes. May you and all Parents and Grandparents who continue to sacrifice to send their children for a High Quality Catholic Education be blessed a hundredfold.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRESENTS: WALK WITH JESUS

An inspiring event for the whole family in preparation for Easter!

Friday, March 28 - Parish Hall

6:30 p.m. (English) following the Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. (Spanish) following the Stations of the Cross

Join us for a powerfully moving, family event that guides along Jesus' footsteps during his last days on earth. We will journey through different stations and participate in impactful activities to discover the mystery of our salvation:

- · We will travel to Jerusalem for Palm Sunday
- · Sit down for the Last Supper
- · Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane
- · Discover the sacrifice of Good Friday

Designed specifically for parents and their children to experience the adventure together, this event will help you discover Easter and the events leading up to it in a way you will never forget.



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PARISH LIFE

RCIA

My Friends in Christ,

Today at the 9:30a.m. mass we celebrated the first Scrutiny with our Elect. What are "The Scrutinies"? The Scrutinies uncover the deception of evil and sin for what they really are: thieves of true and authentic life. The Scrutinies also welcome the loving presence of God, bringing light and encouraging full life. The focus of the Scrutinies is toward life, freedom and salvation. The Scrutinies take seriously the profound love of God and the desire of God to bring all people to full freedom and salvation; these rites are celebrated with our Elect only. As the awareness of God's gracious gift of love grows in each of our Elect they become more sensitive to sin and evil, the obstacles that keep this love from changing life. The Scrutinies help to shine the light of Christ through the soul that we might see where we are weak and need to bring change. This light shines on our strengths that we might see our gifts and use them in service to God and others.

The Scrutinies are not just for the Elect, but for us all, that we might recognize and become more sensitive to the obstacles that keep us from encountering Christ and experiencing true change, finding new life, new freedom, and the salvation that is the resurrection. Our Candidates will be going to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels this afternoon with all the baptized people that will be receiving sacraments this coming Easter season. They will be recognized by Archbishop Gomez as being ready to receive Sacraments of Initiation this year. Congratulate them when you see them around the parish. These are some of the people that are dismissed after the homily each Sunday. They are great bunch!

The second Scrutiny will be celebrated next Sunday at the 11:30 a.m. mass. The third Scrutiny will take place the following Sunday, April 6, at the 9:30 a.m. mass.

Keep an eye on this space; it is where you will find information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) here at St. Joseph the Worker. You will learn about the celebrations of the rites and rituals that are part of the Order of the Catechumens. These are great celebrations. I hope they add to your sense of community and your spiritual experience here. I ask you to please pray for our Elect, Catechumens and Candidates as they prepare to be fully initiated members of our St. Joseph the Worker community. They are appearing on the screens in the church, please choose one or more and pray especially for them. **Elect:** Jamie Guillen, Kenneth Hensley, Adrian Hernandez, Hung Ly, Manuel Perez, Ouyen Nguyen, and Adam Rosas

Candidate: Everardo Murillo

Bill Sparks

Faith and Formation Director

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Lent is a time to give help to those in need. The pantry is in need of food. Your donation of staple foods will help us feed families. The following items will be greatly appreciated: canned meats such as spam, corned beef, tuna, sardines, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, canned vegetables, cocoa, tea bags, rice, beans, and any other foods. They can be left in the containers in the church or at the parish center. If you have fruit trees with extra fruit please bring them to the parish. Thank you very much for your needed help. God bless you!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We invite you to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament **every Wednesday** from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center chapel. In addition to Wednesdays, there is adoration **every First Friday** of the month in the chapel at 7:00 p.m.

IN THE COMMUNITY

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is looking for a few good people! If you are semi-retired or retired, your lifetime of experience can be turned into service for others. There are schools and other local non-profit agencies serving the poor and marginalized in the San Fernando Region that will benefit from your knowledge, skills and compassion. This Jesuit affiliated ministry invites you to assist those in need, work for a more just society and grow deeper in your Christian faith. For more information on becoming an Ignatian Volunteer and sharing in this work contact Anne Hansen at ahansen@ivcusa.org or call (310) 338-2358.

PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTER



Do you want to make a difference in someone's life? Do you have four hours a week to volunteer? Are you a good listener? Become a Counselor! A four-week training class is available starting in April. Classes are on Saturdays April 26, May 3, 10, 17 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Contact Edy at (818) 895-2500; edy@pregnanthelp4u.org

TALK BACK TO SOCRATES! 2014

This summer, wake up your intellect. Join the Integral Curriculum of Liberal Arts at Saint Mary's College of California to read and discuss works by some of the world's greatest thinkers and writers: Plato, Sophocles, Shakespeare, Goethe, Austen, T.S. Eliot. Learn to pursue the truth by conversing with the greatest minds, and try your thoughts in the fire of disciplined and passionate discussion. If you are in high school and will have completed your Junior year by this June, please consider attending on the beautiful campus of Saint Mary's College in Moraga, California. Visit: http://www.integralprogram.org/academics5924d/summer-institute

There will be some financial aid available. Students may attend either or both week-long session: *July 27 to August 3; August 3 to 10.* The deadline for applications is July 1, but we will consider applications as they come in.

CELEBRATE! LIFE'S BIG MOMENTS

JS Paluch Co., Inc. proudly provides the opportunity for parishioners, groups and organizations to Celebrate Life's BIG Moments by purchasing space on the back of your parish bulletin. Ad space can be purchased to appear one week or multiple weeks for the low cost: Single Space Ad of \$25/per week; Spot Color Double Space Ad \$50 per week; Color Four Space Ad \$75/per week
The possibilities are endless for short term announcements, including: In Memory of...; In Honor of...; Graduation Announcements; Anniversaries, Birthdays, Sacraments; Best Wishes; Garage Sales; Space for Rent; Help Wanted. Email customercare@ispaluch.com



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15b; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4;

Lc 4:24-30

Martes: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Sal 40 (39):7-11; Heb 10:4-10;

Lc 1:26-38

Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147 (146):12-13, 15-16, 19-

20; Mt 5:17-19

Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23 **Viernes:** Os 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mc

12:28-34

Sábado: Os 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14 **Domingo:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6;

Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Padres de familias y profesores pueden prevenir conductas abusivas

Niños, en particular, pueden tener dificultad para canalizar sus sentimientos apropiadamente y fácilmente pueden aprender señales negativas o humillante de adultos a su alrededor. Dada la diversidad de las escuelas católicas, algunos estudiantes se convierten en blancos de hostilidad y recriminación. La burla hostil (bullying) y acoso nunca son aceptables, pero pueden ser especialmente dañinas en este tiempo crítico de la historia de nuestra nación. Padres de familia y personal escolar necesitan estar preparados para prevenir rápida y efectivamente y parar las conductas abusivas dirigidas hacia cualquier estudiante. Para solicitar una copia del artículo de VIRTUS®, "Una tragedia nacional: promoviendo tolerancia y paz en los niños" (A National Tragedy: Promoting tolerance and peace in children) escriba a jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

TRACICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Para ser cristiano en la Iglesia católica necesitas recibir los tres sacramentos de Iniciación, es decir, el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. Si te falta uno de estos sacramentos no estás completamente iniciado. Algunos cristianos insisten que si no estás confirmado no te puedes casar por la Iglesia, pero esto no es completamente cierto. Según las leves de la Iglesia, los cristianos que desean contraer Matrimonio deberían buscar ser confirmados, si les es posible sin grave dificultad (Canon 1065). Todos conocemos el Bautismo y la Eucaristía, pero ¿qué es la Confirmación? El nombre lo dice todo. Con la Confirmación, confirmamos ante Dios y la Iglesia que deseamos ser cristianos por el resto de nuestra vida. Confirmarse es comprometerse, es entregarse al servicio de Dios ayudando al prójimo con la gracia y el poder del Espíritu Santo. Por eso es importante recibir una buena preparación. La mayoría de nosotros no tuvimos opción cuando nuestra mamá y nuestro papá nos bautizaron. Nuestros padres y padrinos dijeron sí por nosotros y, si cumplieron con su compromiso, nos enseñaron con palabras y buen ejemplo como decir sí al Evangelio de Cristo. Sea que nos havamos bautizado como infantes o como adultos, la Confirmación nos da la oportunidad de dar un sí pleno. ¡Sí! a ese bautizo, ¡Sí! a la Iglesia y en especial ¡Sí! a Cristo.

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VIDA PARROQUIAL

VIA CRUCIS

El Via Crucis en español será todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 7:00 p.m. en el templo.

ENCUENTRO CERCANO

Mini-Retiro para Ministros Litúrgicos

Ujieres, ministros de hospitalidad, ministros de Eucaristía, lectores, comité de ambientación, coordinadores de las misas, miembros del coro, músicos – este día es especialmente para ustedes. Al caminar hacia nuestro interior durante este tiempo santo de Cuaresma, reflexionemos en nuestro compromiso al ministerio litúrgico.

Sábado 29 de marzo

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Salón parroquial

5:30 p.m. - Misa Bi-Lingue

Reservación e Información

Le pedimos que nos comunique si vendrá para hacer los arreglos necesarios. Por favor avísenos a más tardar el lunes 24 de marzo, vía correo electrónico sjwlitmin@yahoo.com ó llamando a la oficina parroquial (818) 341-6634.

EL PROGRAMA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA PRESENTA "CAMINA CON JESÚS"

Un evento inspirador para toda la familia en preparación a la Pascual

Viernes 28 de Marzo

Salón Parroquial

6:30 p.m. ingles Después del Viacrucis

7:30 pm español Después del Viacrusis

Unase a esta poderosa experiencia con toda la familia. Un evento unico para sus niños que nos guiará a caminar con Jesús y sus últimos pasos aquí en la tierra. Viajaremos juntos en diferentes estaciones y actividades que nos ayudarán a entender el misterio de nuestra salvación.



Recordaremos la entrada triunfal de Jesús a Jerusalem el Domingo de Ramos Nos sentaremos alrededor de la Mesa en la Última Cena Óraremos junto a Jesús en el Jardin de Gethsemani Descubriremos el Sacrifio del Viernes Santo

Esta actividad esta diseñada especialmente para que los niños vivan y experimenten esta aventura con sus padres y descubran juntos de una manera diferente los eventos previos que nos llevan a la Pascua.

SED DE UNIDAD

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús siente sed y va al pozo a buscar agua. Se encuentra con una samaritana que anticipaba ser tratada con desprecio mal por él. ¡Pero que sorpresa! Él le habla con respeto e interés como si fuera un ser humano. ¿Y qué sucede? Pues que muy pronto todo el pueblo salió a escucharle. Muchos siglos antes, los israelitas, ambulando en el desierto, sintieron sed. No tenían agua. Sólo tenían una mala disposición. Se quejaron a Moisés: "¿Por qué nos has hecho salir de Egipto?" ¡Pero que sorpresa! Dios les dio agua de la roca; sin hacer preguntas. Todos los pueblos de la tierra viajamos juntos en este planeta; todos tenemos sed, todos con nuestros propios temores de los demás. Pero Dios —amoroso padre— nos trata con cuidado generoso y compasión. Somos una familia. Podríamos darnos una sorpresa mutua. Podríamos recordar que somos uno.

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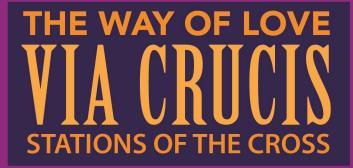








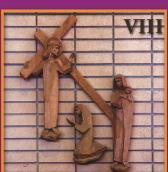








A prayerful meditation on the Passion of Jesus, from his sentencing to the laying of his body in the tomb.







Enter into the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us and be renewed in the experience of His love for all humanity.



