

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2014

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

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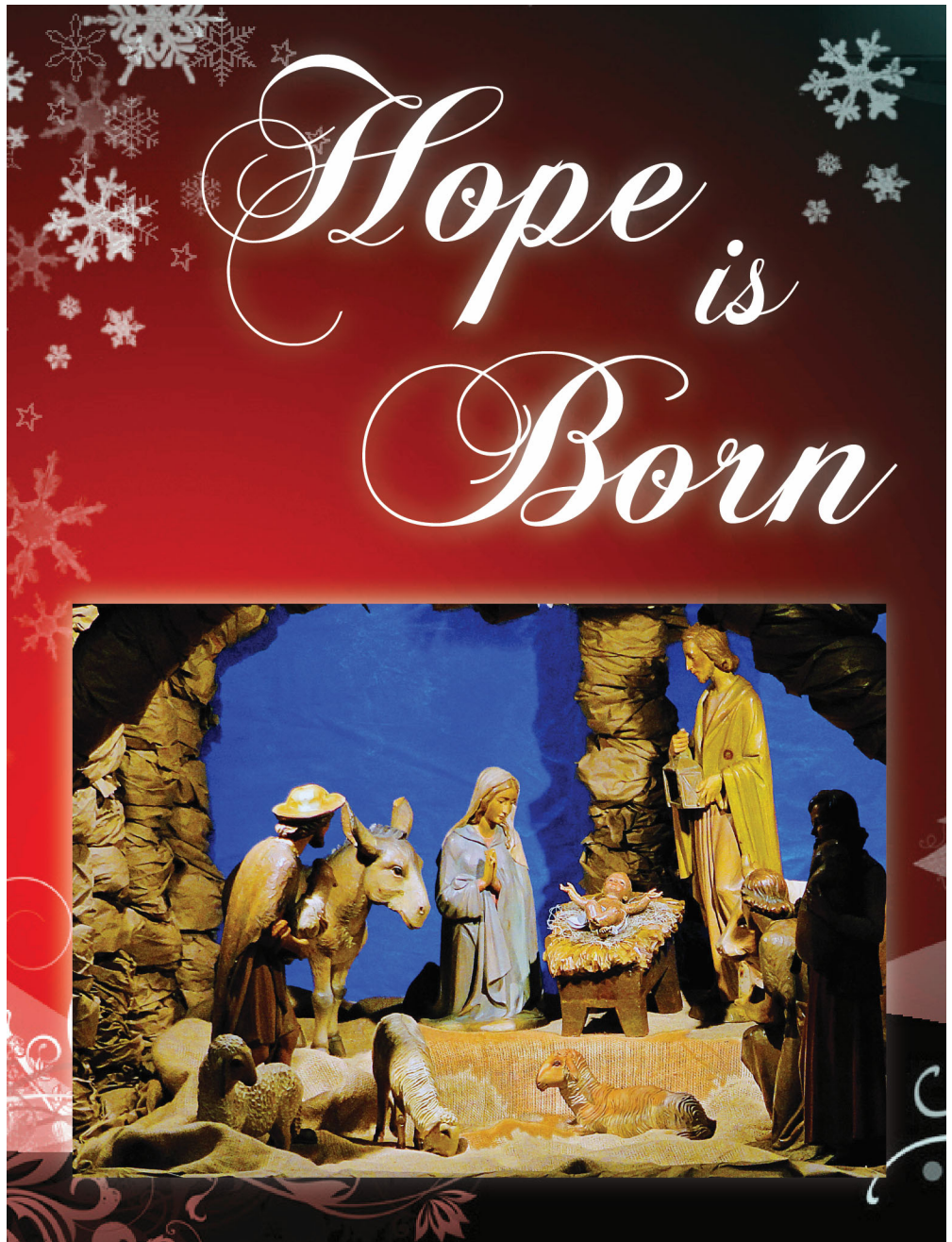
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Parish Center Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 -9:00 p.m. • Sat.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • Sun.: Closed



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;
Ps 128:1-5

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday December 21

7:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
9:30 a.m. Nguyen Family (Thanksgiving)
11:30 a.m. George Jorgensen (RIP)
1:30 p.m. Bernardino Bugarin (RIP)
5:30 p.m. Maria Madelena Pham Kim Thoa (RIP)
7:30 p.m. Eufracia Jimenez (RIP)

Monday December 22

6:30 a.m. Rocio Palomino (Birthday)
8:30 a.m. Leonard Faustina (RIP)

Tuesday December 23

6:30 a.m. Franco Cometa (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Pelamati Family (Intentions)

Wednesday December 24

6:30 a.m. Cynthia Sales (Birthday)
8:30 a.m. Jesus Haro (RIP)
4:00 p.m. Loretta Cagline (RIP)
6:30 p.m. Miguel Angel Rojo Maravilla (RIP)
9:00 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
12:00 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

Thursday December 25

7:30 a.m. James and Martha Alexander (RIP)
9:30 a.m. Mamerto Pascual (RIP)
11:30 a.m. Matthew Mora and Family (Thanksgiving)
1:30 p.m. Felicita Bernardes Francisco (RIP)

Friday December 26

6:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Emma Ramirez (Intentions)

Saturday December 27

8:30 a.m. Madalena Bevilacqua (RIP)
5:30 p.m. Andrea Lopez Cataylo (RIP)

Sunday December 28

7:30 a.m. Rebecca Villagrancia (RIP)
9:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
11:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
1:30 p.m. Rafael Sandoval (RIP)
5:30 p.m. Ramirez and De Guzman Family (Thanksgiving)
7:30 p.m. Jovina Hernandez (RIP)

PARISH LIFE

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

As usual, the traditional poinsettia offering is also needed to make our church festive for the birthday of Our Lord. Please bring these to the church. A basket with papers for your intentions will be found in the choir area of the church. Please include this with your plant. Thank



ECHOING MARY'S DECISION

The angel Gabriel today confronts Mary with a mystery. The mystery of salvation in Christ is not a mystery that is solved, but a reality beyond our comprehension that we must choose to enter into. In the liturgy of the Eastern Church, everyone waits to see if Mary will enter into the mystery: God waits, Adam and Eve and all the souls of the dead who long for paradise wait, angels wait for new heavenly companions. And there is much rejoicing when her decision is "yes."

We have less dramatic choices offered to us, but the mystery of our salvation in Christ is by no means "solved." We may understand it a bit better due to Mary's "yes." We may be a bit closer to it through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But it still remains a mystery to which we all must give our own "yes." Soon we will be singing "O come, let us adore him." May our Advent prayer, our echo of Mary's "yes," continue then, so we may enter into the mystery of our salvation in Jesus Christ, God among us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the year 800, when anointing was defined as the proper office of priests, very complicated rituals began to take shape. Perhaps this was to reassure the laity, who had memories of an earlier practice, that the new way was not only better, but impossible for a layperson to conduct. Blessings and sprinkling of holy water, the singing of as many as seven psalms, penance, anointing of all the senses, viaticum, all capped off by the clothing of the sick person in penitential garments, were part of the rite. This proved unwieldy, and creative spirits got to work. By the 1500s people made distinctions between visiting the sick, anointing, and viaticum.

The attempt of the Church to be faithful to the image of a healing Christ has some complicated history, including centuries when the celebration was rare. Most sick people had no access to the rites at all; only monastics or the well-off had much hope of this care. Today, those unhappy days are long behind us, and the care of the sick is an essential task in every parish's life. As Christmas approaches almost everyone comes in contact with someone who is a candidate for pastoral care. You live out the best of our tradition when you arrange for a sick person to receive Holy Communion or the sacrament of the sick and the consolation of regular contact with the faith community.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center and all Parish facilities will be closed Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25. We will open again on Friday, December 26, at 8:00 a.m.

A Blessed Christmas to all of you!



PARISH LIFE

GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is open on Sundays from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

For pick up of heavy items, please call (323) 224-6280. For regular pick up, call (800) 974-3571. For those in need, please call the St. Vincent de Paul voicemail at (818) 773-1864 and leave a message.

TUNA SUNDAY

Your gift of a large can of tuna or cash goes directly and immediately to the poor and the needy. Within 48 hours, your generosity becomes a nourishing hot meal for hungry and often homeless people living on skid row. With more cans of tuna this delicious dish could be served more than just one day a week. The large four to five pound cans of tuna are available at Smart and Final and Costco. Please bring your donations to the Parish Center.



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SIMBANG GABI 2014

Simbang Gabi is a novena of Masses to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome!

7:00 p.m.	December 21	St. Bridget of Sweden
7:00 p.m.	December 22	St. Joseph the Worker
7:00 p.m.	December 23	St. Catherine of Siena

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass, come to the Parish Center. Only one paid intention will be accepted and printed in the bulletin for each Mass. Selected Masses will be reserved for church use. The stipend is \$10 per Mass.

'TIS THE GIVING SEASON

During this time of year, we let family and friend know that we care by giving gifts. Please remember your parish family with a special financial gift this year. God has blessed each and every one of us. With blessings comes responsibility. A gift to your parish is an expression of gratitude, a gift of faith.

Your generosity provides the necessary resources for us to meet our obligations, to maintain our facilities, and to grow our parish programs and ministries.

Ways to Give

. Use the Christmas envelope in the monthly packet

. If you are an e-giving subscriber, simply log on and click on "Christmas" to make your donation.

Begin e-giving and make your Christmas donation. Go to www.sjwchurch.com and click on e-giving.

Place your donation in the Collection basket or mail it to the Parish Center.

Remember St. Joseph the Worker during the Giving Season

Fourth Sunday of Advent • December 21, 2014

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

Maryann Goppes, Nelia Evangelista, Virginia A. Kahn, Yvonne Burke, Mario Hernandez, Josie Buenviaje, Karina Flores, Nancy Sweeny, E. Menter, Yna and Miriam Legaspi, Rod Marfil, Leo Tay, Luca Torterolo, Evelyn Mendoza, Bubut Aquino, Nic Suarez, Ofelia Oropeza Silva, Alfredo Velazquez, Ferdinand, Rolando and Vidi- amor Morales Jr., Rev. Ramon Gonzalez Ponce, Wendy Pelamati, David and Lu Ann Nisbet, Jeffrey Jones, Jack Somalot, The Foley Family, Athena Tiongson Reyes, Jorge Borrás, Irma LeDuff, Lea Barak, Jo Grady Stone, Lisa Grady, John Christopher.

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

Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently lost a loved one.



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.



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

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 for School – Other Donations for School

Many thanks to all of you who help to 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.

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 1 Tuesday, January 6

Year 2 Tuesday, January 13

Parents please note that there will be NO CONFIRMATION SESSIONS on Tuesday, December 23 (Christmas Holiday) and Tuesday, December 30 (New Year's Holiday). The sessions will resume back on January 2015.

If you have any questions please contact Dinh Phan, (818) 341-6634, ext. 1018.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Tips for choosing safe toys for kids

Millions of toys are out there, and hundreds of new ones hit the stores each year. Toys are supposed to be fun and are an important part of any child's development. But each year, scores of kids are treated in hospital emergency departments for toy-related injuries. Here are some general guidelines to keep in mind when toy-shopping: Toys made of fabric should be labeled as flame resistant or flame retardant. Stuffed toys should be washable. Painted toys should be covered with lead-free paint. Art materials should say nontoxic. Crayons and paints should say ASTM D-4236 on the package, which means that they've been evaluated by the American Society for Testing and Materials. For more information, please visit www.kidshealth.org.



PARISH LIFE

SJW MEMORIAL SOCIETY

St. Joseph the Worker Memorial Society is intended as a meaningful and beautiful way for persons to remember their beloved deceased or to express their condolences to friends who have lost a loved one. Persons enrolled in the Memorial Society will share in the spiritual benefits of special Masses and prayers offered throughout the year, every year. A Mass is offered for those enrolled every first Saturday of the month at our 8:30 a.m. Mass. The enrollment list is kept in the Parish Center and is accessible during office hours. Each memorial is presented in a handsome leatherette folder, containing an enrollment card where the name of the person remembered is inscribed, along with the person who the deceased. The leatherette folder with personalized enrollment card is particularly suitable on the occasion of a death, to bring to a viewing or funeral, or to send as an anniversary remembrance. Call the Parish Center to make arrangements.

SJW WEBSITE: NEW LOOK, NEW FEATURES

If you haven't visited our parish website in a while, do so now - you will find much new content and many new features. The improved design, streamlined navigation, and expanded coverage of parish programs and activities make it easy for you to find what you're looking for. The homepage now includes feature stories and a list of upcoming parish events. There are links to:

- Selected video and audio recordings of Fr. Kevin's homilies and a complete list of DVDs and CDs available for purchase in the Gift Shop
- Weekly bulletins, both current and archived
- Parish forms for downloading and printing
- Archdiocese news and events
- Expanded "Catholic Links" to leading publications and digital resources

The web team welcomes your feedback, comments, and suggestions for improvement. <http://www.sjwchurch.com>

LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS 2015

The Religious Education Congress is ready to enrich and revitalize us once more. Join us March 12, (Youth Day), March 13 - 15, 2015 at the Anaheim Convention Center. If you have never before attended Congress, you are assured of a wonderful experience. All are welcome to attend! The Congress, sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, offers a variety of opportunities for personal faith enrichment, prayer and entertainment.

We offer 310 workshops, covering topics of interest from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis - there is a topic of interest for you. In addition to workshops, participants will enjoy morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of noon time and evening concerts. Come and be renewed by these Congress experiences.

Don't miss out! Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! You may access the book on line and register by visiting www.RECongress.org. To obtain a Registration Guidebook contact Karina Villanueva at the Parish Center or call the RECongress information line at (213) 637-7348 to request your own copy of a Registration Guidebook.

IN THE COMMUNITY

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Your spouse is God's gift to you. What you make of your marriage is your thanks to God. Find out how to make a good marriage better and a better marriage great. Discover what a life-changing Marriage Encounter Weekend can do for your marital relationship. For information contact Winston and Dinah Perez, (818) 527-MEMC; www.memconline.org; memcweekend@gmail.com.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. For confidential information call (661) 257-7980 or email: ornelasdachs@sbcglobal.net or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

CHAMINADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

Chaminade College Preparatory Middle School located in Chatsworth is accepting applications until **Friday, January 16**. Entrance Examination will be on **Saturday, January 24**. For information contact Barbara Willick (818) 363-6907 or bwillick@chaminade.org.

CHAMINADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

Chaminade College Preparatory High School Entrance Exam will be administered on two dates: **January 24 and January 31** from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. An online application for admission and the application fee should be on file with the school by January 16. Financial Aid applications are available online. For more information please call the Admissions office at (818) 347-8300 or apply online at www.chaminade.org.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Notre Dame High School, 13645 Riverside Drive, Sherman Oaks. Application deadline: **Friday, January 16**. Entrance exam: **Saturday, January 24**, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We highly recommend that applicants take the HSPT at Notre Dame. For information call (818) 933-3600 or visit www.ndhs.org

CRESPI CARMELITE HIGH SCHOOL YOU WILL ACHIEVE

Every young man who chooses Crespi Carmelite is received into a unique, lifelong brotherhood of both current and former students. This brotherhood, this bond, quite literally lasts forever. We look forward to seeing what your son will achieve. We are offering an HSPT Prep Course from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 26, 27 and 29. In addition, we will offer a practice test on December 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., please register online. Entrance Exams are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on **Saturday, January 24, and Saturday, January 31**. For information, or to schedule a personal tour, call (818) 654-1329; kgreenberg@crespi.org

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Martes: Sof 3:1-2, 9-13; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Miércoles: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Jueves: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Viernes: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25

Sábado: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38

Domingo: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lc 1:26-38

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS**Consejos para elegir juguetes seguros para los niños**

Existen millones de juguetes en nuestra sociedad y cientos de juguetes nuevos llegan a las tiendas cada año. Los juguetes son una parte importante del desarrollo de cualquier niño. Pero cada año, decenas de niños son tratados en las salas de emergencia de hospitales por lesiones relacionadas con juguetes. Aquí hay algunos ejemplos generales a tener en cuenta al comprar juguetes: Juguetes de tela deben ser etiquetados como resistentes al fuego. Los juguetes de peluche deben ser lavables. Juguetes que estén pintados deben de ser cubiertos con pintura sin plomo. Materiales de arte no deben ser tóxicos. Los paquetes de lápices de colores y pinturas deben de decir ASTM D-4236, lo que significa que han sido evaluados por la Sociedad Americana para Pruebas y Materiales. Para más información, visite www.kidshealth.org.

PRESENTACIONES DE NIÑOS

Si usted desea presentar a su niño/a durante la misa dominical, por favor comuníquese con Ángela Escobar en la oficina parroquial, (818) 341-6634 anexo 1003.

OFICINA CERRADA

La oficina parroquial y todos los cuartos del Centro de Conferencias estarán cerrados el miércoles 24 y jueves 25 de diciembre. Volveremos a abrir el Viernes 26 a las 8:00 a.m. Gracias.



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VIDA PARROQUIAL**CALENDARIO DE NAVIDAD 2014****Misa de Noche Buena**

Martes 24 de diciembre Iglesia 6:30 p.m.

Misa de Navidad

Miércoles 25 de diciembre Iglesia 1:30 p.m.

**INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE GALLO**

Los sacerdotes de la parroquia ofrecerán la misa de media noche por las intenciones de los feligreses. Si usted desea ofrecer alguna intención especial por favor traiga una planta de nochebuena roja para decorar el templo. Asegúrese que la planta tenga bien sujeta una tarjeta con su intención. Las tarjetas estarán en una canasta en el área del coro. Por favor tráigalas a partir del **viernes 19 de diciembre**. Gracias

IMITAR LA DECISIÓN DE MARÍA

El ángel Gabriel hoy le presenta a María un misterio. El misterio de salvación en Cristo no es un misterio que se pueda resolver, sino una realidad más allá de nuestro entendimiento en la cual nos decidimos a participar. En la liturgia de la Iglesia Oriental, todos esperan para ver si María participará en el misterio: Dios espera, Adán y Eva y todas las almas de los muertos que anhelan el Paraíso esperan, los ángeles esperan tener nuevos compañeros celestiales. Y hay gran regocijo cuando su decisión es un "sí".

A nosotros se nos ofrecen opciones menos dramáticas, pero el misterio de nuestra salvación en Cristo de ningún modo queda "solucionado". Puede que ahora lo entendamos un poco mejor gracias al "sí" de María. Puede que estemos un poco más cercanos a él mediante la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo. Pero un misterio al cual todos debemos dar nuestro propio "sí". Ya pronto estaremos cantando "Venid y adoremos". Que nuestra oración de Adviento, a imitación del "sí" de María, continúe para que podamos participar en el misterio de nuestra salvación en Jesucristo, Dios-con-nosotros.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En el cristianismo hay muchas y variadas imágenes de la escena de la Anunciación narrada por Lucas (1:26-38). Casi siempre se ve al ángel Gabriel que, bajando del cielo, se acerca a la Virgen María. La jovencita, a veces está trabajando, pero casi siempre está en oración o leyendo la Sagrada Escritura. Ella se voltea para ver al ángel, quien normalmente apunta hacia el cielo con un dedo, recordando que su mensaje es de origen divino. Estas imágenes son reconocidas como "La Anunciación" y conmemoran el mensaje anunciado: Jesús.

Hay que ver más allá del ángel y la Virgen en estas imágenes. Es necesario seguir el dedo de Gabriel y ver que Dios se manifiesta en este anuncio. Muchas veces Dios es presentado como el Padre celestial y/o el Espíritu Santo que envía rayos de luz hacia el vientre de la Virgen. A veces en estos rayos se encuentra un pequeño grano de trigo: semilla del Verbo Divino. En esa semillita se encuentra el anuncio verdadero: Dios se hace uno de nosotros. El anuncio es la Encarnación del Hijo de Dios.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY

St. Joseph the Worker is a special place, where we are touched daily by God's presence among us. Rooted in the legacy of our founding parishioners, we have become the dynamic faith community we cherish today. A gift to the future of our parish will support its spiritual richness and many good works for generations to come.

Please remember St. Joseph the Worker in your will or trust. To learn more about planned giving opportunities that can benefit St. Joseph the Worker, please contact the Parish Center or H. Richard Closson, Director, Trust and Estate Programs. Archdiocese of Los Angeles: (213) 637-7472; HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org; www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc.

To make a gift: Our correct legal title is: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole, for the benefit of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church

PARISH REGISTRATION

To promote a spirit of belonging, we encourage all who worship here to become registered parishioners. Having registered makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school or religious education enrollment, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and funerals. Simply attending Mass here does not make you a registered parishioner. Please call or visit the Parish Center to request a registration form or complete the form online at the parish website: www.sjwchurch.com. Also, please contact the Parish Center if you have a new address or phone number. The staff is able to serve you better if the parish records are accurate.

REQUESTING USE OF PARISH FACILITIES

Parish and School groups that would like to reserve any facility in the parish must contact Angela Escobar in the Parish Center (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003. Only rooms reserved in advance are open. If your group needs to cancel a reservation, please let Angela know so that the room can be made available to another group. Also, if your group needs a particular room arrangement, please bring a copy of the requested floor plan to the Parish Center a week ahead.

BULLETIN AND MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline (strictly observed) for submission of **Bulletin** and **Mass** announcements is the previous Monday at noon. Deliver a copy of the bulletin or Mass announcement to the Parish Center or email it to Angela Escobar: angela_escobar4@hotmail.com. To submit a photo to accompany the bulletin text, send a digital file (jpeg or TIF), color or black/white, 300 dpi. See the front cover for the parish mailing address and fax number. For more information please contact Angela Escobar, (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD

Christmas Eve / Noche Buena Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m.	English
6:30 p.m.	Spanish
9:00 p.m.	Vietnamese
12:00 Midnight	English
(Festival of Carols at 11:30 p.m.)	

Christmas Day / Navidad Thursday, December 25

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

*No 5:30 p.m. Mass in Vietnamese
No habrá Misa de 7:30 p.m. en español*

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**At the Sherman Way entrance to the church
Sundays: 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

