

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2016

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

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Rev. Kevin Rettig

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Water to Wine



“The modest water, awed by the power Divine, beheld its God and blushed itself to wine.”

—Attributed to John Dryden, English poet (1631-1700)

Paolo Veronese
Detail of
The Wedding Feast at Cana
(1562-1563)
Musée du Louvre, Paris

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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 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday January 17
 7:30 a.m. Carlo Nepomuceno (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 11:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Elisa Martinez (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. Moni Caceres (RIP)
 7:30 p.m. Jonathan Morales (Get Well)
Monday January 18
 6:30 a.m. No Mass
 8:30 a.m. Jen Vernon (Get Well)
Tuesday January 19
 6:30 a.m. Agustin and Susana Montes (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Jay, Peter and Tommy Erard (RIP)
Wednesday January 20
 6:30 a.m. Daniel Orap Aquino (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Sister Maura Byron (Anniversary)
Thursday January 21
 6:30 a.m. Felix Anthony Davy (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Corina Picado (RIP)
Friday January 22
 6:30 a.m. Zoraida Zamora (Intentions)
 8:30 a.m. Natividad Romo (RIP)
Saturday January 23
 8:30 a.m. Leonardo and Rosita Esguerra (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. Raul Pacheco (Birthday)
Sunday January 24
 7:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Pelamati Family (Intentions)
 11:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 1:30 p.m. Maria Alejandra Frias (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. Vu Thi Hue (RIP)
 7:30 p.m. Melvin Dizon (Birthday)



PARISH LIFE

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2016

Though we are many, we are one . . .

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has enlivened the Church to renew our spirit of evangelization. Through their ministries and education supported by funds provided by Together in Mission, recipient parishes and schools are doing just that, reaching out to their communities and making the message of God's love known to those around them.

The funds we collect will directly benefit more than 250,000 of our Catholic brethren, and ensure our parishes and schools remain centers of faith and hope for their surrounding communities.

For those that have generously given to Together in Mission in the past, you will be receiving a letter inviting you to again participate this year's appeal. We prayerfully ask you renew your generous support. And may God bless you for your commitment.

SURPRISES

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life—not necessarily our own—will be surprised for the better.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although our tradition carries a long memory of marriage as a sacrament, it may surprise you to learn that for nearly eleven centuries, there was no single wedding ceremony approved for use in the Church. While we have evidence of priests blessing marriages as early as the second century, in the early period church leaders relied on civil authorities to manage marriage for everyone in society. In most cases, society yielded its authority to sanction marriage to the male heads of households.

From ancient times, marriage had been a family affair, managed by the father of the family, who acted as priest and guardian of family tradition. Each head wanted to keep the family gods alive, and so he would arrange for brides for his sons, paying a "bride price" as compensation for the loss of a skilled household worker. As creepy as that sounds, it was a step up from the kidnapping practice of earlier years. Even after the kidnapping raids stopped, the customs remained. Every wedding contained the ritualized kidnapping of the bride, the husband abducting his bride from the festivities, carrying her over the threshold to prevent her father's gods from following her into her new religion. There, he fed her a piece of "sacred cake," initiating her into a new way of life. It's fascinating to see how customs endure, long after we have completely rejected the values and attitudes they originally expressed!

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PARISH LIFE

SJW CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Are you looking for a way to get involved in a prayer community? Reserve your Thursday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and come join St. Joseph the Worker Charismatic Group at the church for an evening of praise and worship, inspirational talks, groups sharing, bible reflection, and a monthly healing service. To deepen your prayer life, join our Intercessory ministry every Friday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the parish chapel.

Healing Mass schedule:

January 21 - Fr. Bill Delaney

February 18 - Fr. Bill Adams

March 17 - Fr. Bob Garon

We look forward to seeing you!

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

Everyone is welcome to the celebration of the 9-Hour Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague on **Saturday, January 30**, beginning at 7:00 a.m. here at St. Joseph the Worker Church. We'll see you then.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Due to the Infant Jesus of Prague 9-Hour Novena on **Saturday, January 30**, the 8:30 a.m. Mass will be in the Conference Center Hall and the 3:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard in the Rectory Chapel. Please use the Cantlay St. entrance.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like a contribution statement for the year 2015, please call the Parish Center (818) 341-6634. We will be happy to send one to you.

DONUTS AND COFFEE

Father Kevin and the SJW 8th grade students invite you to stop by the gazebo after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses. We have a great selection of fresh donuts along with Peete's coffee, iced and hot tea, hot chocolate and cold bottled water. All items are only \$1.00 each. Thank you

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center and all church facilities will be closed **Monday, January 18**, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There will be no 6:30 a.m. Mass.

Have a safe holiday!

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	1/10/16	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$14,751	\$14,806	- 0.4%

2015 Env \$ 8,301 (56.3 %) E-giving \$ 1,630 (11.1 %)

2014 Env \$ 8,070 (54.5 %) E-giving \$ 2,296 (15.5 %)

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

Ferdinand, Rolando and Vidiador Morales Jr., Wendy Pelamati, David and Lu Ann Nisbet, The Foley Family, Irma LeDuff, Lea Barak, Jo Grady Stone, Lisa Grady, Virginia A. Kahn, Francis Mendoza, Luz Custodio, Birgit Wilmes, James Whitehead, Joyce Masloski, Susan Angus, Ramon Avila, Shirley Dougherty, Maryann Gorres, Liza Acedilla, Boy Tay, Teresa and Scott Muller, Efrén Marfil, Ditas and Alan Amlipao, Meng and June Rabapo, Mara and Sophia Wuerith, Maria Beltran, Elizabeth Sanchez, Jen Vernon, Edgar Perez De La Rosa, Jeff and Janet Gehl, Rose Clifford, Jack Samalot, Lillian de Fautier, Willie Bulan, Anthony Hargan.

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:

Frank Magdaleno, husband of Rafaila Magdaleno
Enma Elias Ramos, parishioner
Rose Lopez, parishioner
Alice Pace, 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**Confirmation**

Confirmation sessions are on Tuesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Conference Center Hall.

Year One Session: Tuesday, January 19

Year Two Session: Tuesday, January 26

If you have any questions please contact Dinh Phan at the Parish Center.

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 for a Quality Catholic Education**

If you are not enrolled in Saint Joseph the Worker School (Pre- K through 8th Grades) we are inviting you to think of the opportunities for your child(ren) in a Catholic School. Daily religion classes, and the opportunity to attend Mass are important for growth in faith and knowledge of God's part in their life now and in the future. Besides growing in their knowledge and practice of the Catholic Faith, they will grow academically with the emphasis on a strong curriculum presented by experienced certified teachers. Besides the academic classes, the students have Art, Music and P.E, which have been eliminated in some Public Schools. Call the school for an appointment between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for registration information and to observe the class that you are interest in for an appointment. You can also find registration forms on-line.

St. Joseph The Worker School Student Non-Discrimination Policy

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

BOOK FAIR

St. Joseph the Worker school invites you to mark your calendars for our annual Book Fair. Come join us in our efforts to help our children discover the pleasure and power of reading, as well as supporting our school library. The SJW Book Fair opens on **Sunday, January 24** immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass until 12:00 p.m. in the school library. There will be hundreds of books for sale including classics as well as the latest works from popular authors and illustrators. When you visit the book fair please take note of the Classroom Wish Lists which provide families the opportunity to purchase and donate specific items needed to enhance classroom learning at each grade level.

Dates and hours: Sunday, January 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Monday, January 25 - Friday, January 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Thursday, January 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

Thank you for your support of St. Joseph the Worker School
and our students!



PARISH LIFE

GIFT SHOP

Our Gift shop is open on Sundays 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Great gifts for any occasion!

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Your food donation is very well appreciated. Please bring the items to the Parish Center at any time. When making donations to the needy of the parish in the blue/green envelopes located in the pews, please make checks payable to: *The Saint Vincent de Paul Society*.

For those in need, please call the St. Vincent de Paul voicemail at (818) 773-1864.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

How do parents handle an admission of abuse?

No parent wants their children to suffer from abuse of any kind. However, if a child discloses any instance of abuse, how you handle this information is critical to their well-being. One of the most important things you can do when a child discloses their abuse is not over react, despite the strong and often overwhelming emotions of anger that you are experiencing at that moment. Be certain that you show the child great love and concern through calm, reflective words of understanding and compassion. For a copy of the Virtus article "After Abuse is Disclosed" and more tips on how to handle abuse disclosures email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS 2016

The Religious Education Congress is ready to enrich and revitalize us once more. Join us **February 26 - 28** 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

CHAMINADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL

The Entrance Exam will be administered on two dates: **January 23** and **January 30** 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 15. Financial Aid applications are available online. For more information please call the Admissions office at (818) 347-8300 or apply online at ww.chaminade.org.

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS

A televised Sunday Mass is now airing on ABC Family Channel from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. The Sunday Mass is produced by the Passionist Fathers and Brothers out of New York City and is available nationally on local affiliates. Too early for you? Tape it or Tivo it! For more information consult the website at www.TheSundayMass.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another as well as a gift from God. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to receive the tools needed to make the most of this precious gift. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next WWME weekend **February 26-28** at the Best Western Canoga Park. Contact Jeanine and Russ Walker at 805-648-4244 or go online at www.twocanlove.org. We help make good marriages better.

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

VALLEY FAMILY CENTER

Valley Family Center is located in the city of San Fernando. All services are in English and Spanish. Counseling services include: Marriage, family and child. Special groups: Teen girls, children 5 - 12, children of divorced couples, victims of abuse, children's bereavement group, parenting educational classes, domestic violence perpetrator groups (as needed) Learning Center: tutorial, basic skill building for children and teens. Sliding scale fees. Call to make an appointment (818) 365-8588.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mc 2:18-22

Martes: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Sal 89 (88):20-22, 27-28; Mc 2:23-28

Miércoles: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10; Mc 3:1-6

Jueves: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Sal 56 (55):2-3, 9-13; Mc 3:7-12

Viernes: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Sal 57 (56):2-4, 6, 11; Mc 3:13-19, o cualquiera de lecturas para el Día de Oración

Sábado: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Sal 80 (79):2-3, 5-7; Mc 3:20-21

Domingo: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lc 1:1-4; 4:14-21

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

¿Cómo manejan los padres de familia la admisión del abuso?

Ningún padre de familia quiere que sus hijos sufran algún tipo de abuso. Sin embargo, si un niño revela cualquier forma de abuso, la forma como usted maneje esa información es importante para su bienestar. Una de las cosas más importantes que usted debe hacer cuando un niño revela un abuso es no reaccionar con excesos, aunque en el momento experimente emociones de enojo fuertes y abrumadoras. Asegúrese de mostrar a su hijo o hija mucho amor y preocupación a través de palabras calmadas y reflexivas, de comprensión y compasión. Para adquirir una copia del artículo en inglés de Virtus "After Abuse is Disclosed" (Después que se Revela el Abuso) y más consejos sobre como manejar la revelación de un abuso, envíe un correo electrónico a jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

ESTUDIO BÍBLICO

El grupo de biblia de nuestra parroquia, les hace una cordial invitación a estudiar las cartas apostólicas del Nuevo Testamento. El curso consta de 20 clases llevándose a cabo los **jueves** de 7:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m. en el salón de Santa Elizabeth del Centro de Conferencias. Ven a las clases y tendrás la oportunidad de conocer mas la palabra de Dios. Las clases son gratuitas y su cupo es limitado. Para más información comuníquense con Ismael (818) 355-4476; Rodolfo Zúñiga (818) 389-6397

GRUPO DE JÓVENES ADULTOS

"Nueva Generación"

(Mayores de 21 años)

Te invitamos a venir al Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos todos los viernes a las 7:00 p.m. en el salón de Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton del Centro de Conferencias. Para información comuníquese con Oscar Lima (818) 425-5263 ó Guadalupe Martínez (818) 855-3782.

OFICINA CERRADA

Les informamos que la oficina parroquial y todos los salones estarán cerrados mañana lunes 18 de enero por el feriado de Martin Luther King Jr. Sólo tendremos una misa en inglés a las 8:30 de la mañana.

VIDA PARROQUIAL

CAMPAÑA UNIDOS EN MISIÓN 2016

Aunque somos muchos, somos uno. . .

Nuestro Santo Padre Francisco ha animado a la Iglesia a renovar nuestro espíritu de evangelización. A través de sus ministerios y la educación con el apoyo de fondos proporcionados por "Together in Mission", parroquias y escuelas beneficiarias están haciendo justamente eso, llegar a sus comunidades y hacer que el mensaje del amor de Dios sea conocido a los que les rodean. Los fondos recaudados beneficiarán directamente a más de 250,000 de nuestros hermanos católicos, y garantizan que nuestras parroquias y escuelas siguen siendo centros de fe y esperanza para sus comunidades.

Para aquellos que generosamente han dado a "Together in Mission" en el pasado, recibirán una carta de invitación a participar una vez más en la campaña de este año.

Les pedimos que renueve su generoso apoyo y que Dios los bendiga por su compromiso.

SORPRESAS

La vida está llena de sorpresas, algunas agradables, otras no. La Sagrada Escritura está llena de relatos sobre las sorpresas de Dios que surgen donde menos se esperan: los hijos más jóvenes reciben la herencia, a los más humildes se les dan los sitios de honor; un predicador itinerante, condenado a morir como un criminal, es exaltado hacia la gloria celestial eterna.

Cualquiera que haya planificado una boda o celebración similar sabe que está llena de oportunidades para que surjan sorpresas. Para el novio (el cual, en el relato bíblico, no tiene contacto directo con Jesús) la agradable sorpresa vino porque otra persona había prestado atención y tenía fe en Jesús.

A lo mejor pensamos que la lección de la conocida historia de las bodas de Caná es que cuando tenemos fe en Jesús, nuestra vida cambiará positivamente. Sin embargo, un cristiano necesita tener una perspectiva más amplia, y darse cuenta que tener fe en Cristo implica que la vida de alguien -sea la tuya, sea la de otra persona- va a mejorarse sorpresivamente.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1502 el fraile Nicolás de Ovando y doce franciscanos dieron inicio a la evangelización de América en la República Dominicana. Ellos fueron enviados por los reyes españoles con el mandato de convertir a los nativos "sin les hacer fuerza alguna".

Con los misioneros llegaron Alfonso y Antonio Trejo quienes traían con ellos un cuadro de la Virgen María bajo la advocación de Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia. Ellos la llevaron a Higüey, donde en 1572 se le construyó su primer santuario. Poco a poco esta pequeña imagen se convirtió en la Reina del corazón de los dominicanos.

María observa dulcemente a su recién nacido quien yace sobre las pañales. Está coronada y lleva puesto un manto azul rociado de estrellas y un escapulario blanco. Lleva una aureola hecha de doce estrellas. En una esquina de la imagen san José también observa al niño por encima del hombro derecho de María.

El 25 de enero del 1979 Juan Pablo II la coronó por ser la primera evangelizadora del continente Americano. Con ella los doce misioneros trajeron la Alta Gracia de Jesucristo a nuestras tierras.

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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.

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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.

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karina@sjwchurch.com
Parish Center – 818.998.4166



Infant Jesus of Prague 9-Hour Novena

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Saturday, January 30
6:45 a.m. in the Church

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