

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.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2016

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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60 YEARS HOME to the PEOPLE of GOD



THIS WEEK marks the 60th anniversary of St. Joseph the Worker.

The parish was established on May 4, 1956. The People of God make this the special place it is. May God continue to bless this parish, where the door of faith is open to all who seek to enter.

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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: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday May 1
 7:30 a.m. Alex and Cora Sabillo (Anniversary)
 9:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 1:30 p.m. Jaime Hernandez (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. Lilian De Faugier (RIP)
 7:30 p.m. Josefina Castellon (RIP)

Monday May 2
 6:30 a.m. Alejandro Sumayao (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Annu Joseph (RIP)

Tuesday May 3
 6:30 a.m. Ted Concepcion (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Maria de la Cruz Nieves

Wednesday May 4
 6:30 a.m. Liberato Ricafrente (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Janelle Sabillo (Birthday)

Thursday May 5
 6:30 a.m. Beverly Fleischer (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Jorge Marrero (Intentions)

Friday May 6
 6:30 a.m. Judy Yeaman (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Agatha Mao and Phillip Thiet (RIP)

Saturday May 7
 8:30 a.m. Memorial Society
 5:30 p.m. Stephen and Hazel Kunka (RIP)

Sunday May 8
 7:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
 9:30 a.m. Flor B. Lecaros and Family (Intentions)
 11:30 a.m. Pelamati Family (Intentions)
 1:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 5:30 p.m. Moni Caceres (RIP)
 7:30 p.m. Leonides and Ma. Carla De Leon



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PARISH LIFE

CARDINAL MCINTYRE FUND FOR CHARITY

Today our Parish Collection Sunday for the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity. Since 1951, this special fund has helped those in crisis situations from Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles counties. Your contribution goes directly toward meeting emergency needs of children, adults, and families.

You are their hope. Your gift provides one-time emergency help such as food, utilities, transportation, medical, housing or funeral expenses. Envelopes will be in the carts by the side doors.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

Our Mother's Day Novena will begin **Sunday, May 8**, and continue through **Monday, May 16**. Remember your mother, living or deceased, with nine days of Masses celebrated for her and her intentions.

Novena cards and offering envelopes will be available in the vestibule of the church and at the side exits.

THE GIFT OF PEACE

We are offered another vision in today's second reading, a vision of the New Jerusalem, "coming down out of heaven from God" (Revelation 21:10). Read between the lines describing the radiant city, and we find that the greatest beauty revealed is the beauty of perfect symmetry and order, a city founded on the faith of the twelve tribes of Israel and the Twelve Apostles, lit only by the glory of God.

The first reading and the Gospel are linked to this idealized description of the New Jerusalem. In both we read of distress and disturbance countered by the gift of peace. "[M]y peace I give to you," Jesus assures his disciples at the Last Supper (John 14:27). In keeping with that gift, the apostles and elders, in the reading from Acts, decide not to disturb the peace of new Gentile believers. The undue burden of circumcision will not be imposed on them. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One ancient Roman custom that was approved by the church was the veiling of the bride. When a single woman pledged her life to Christ, in a way of life not dissimilar to today's religious women, the outward sign of this commitment was a veiling. In ancient Rome, a woman with uncovered head was unmarried, and a veiled woman was "off limits to suitors." It was one small step to decide that a bride should receive a veil from the hands of the church as a sign of her new state in life. The prayer that accompanied the veiling was beautiful, and sung, a kind of consecratory prayer that was very similar to the prayer of ordination, or the prayers for blessing holy water or chrism. The "nuptial blessing" originally mentioned only the woman, although we know that the veil was often extended to cover the husband's shoulders also. The blessing was located before the kiss of peace, which the priest gave to the husband, and the husband to his new bride. Remember that this is in the early centuries, long before the kiss of peace virtually disappeared from liturgy.

The veiling and blessing was required when priests or deacons married, was recommended to laypersons, but forbidden for certain public sinners and second marriages. The veiling of the couple was preserved in England until the Reformation, and is returning to practice among Swedish Lutherans after having fallen into disuse about seventy-five years ago.

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PARISH LIFE

CULTURAL OUTREACH DINNER DANCE

Please join us for our Cultural Outreach Dinner Dance on **Saturday, May 14** at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All proceeds go to helping us adopt three refugee families. Tickets are on sale right after masses and at the Parish center.

Adults \$25, Children 5-12 \$10 and children under 5 are Free.

GIFT SHOP

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

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.

2016 SJW WORLD'S FAIR

June 10,11 AND 12

Our annual summer fundraising festival event theme for 2016 is, "A weekend in Winnetka, Celebrating Diversity United by Faith." The festival will be held this year on June 10,11, and 12, with such a diverse parish and community, the idea of the theme seems only right.

The financial success of the World's Fair is absolutely necessary for the running of our parish. All of the funds raised will be used to support St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, our school, and our many ministries, allowing us to continue spreading the Gospel.

We invite you, your family, and/or your business to become a sponsor of the SJW World's Fair. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the parish and its ministries, as well as promoting your family spirit or your business in the local community. Next weekend, a sponsorship contribution form, indicating levels and methods of sponsorship will be included in our Sunday bulletin. We ask that you review it, donate, and actively look for other possible donors. The contribution form is already available on our parish website.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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

Weekly Goal	04/24/16	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$13,717	\$15,890	- 13.7%

2016 Env \$ 7,631 (55.6%) E-giving \$ 1,512 (11.0%)

2015 Env \$ 9,421 (59.3%) E-giving \$ 1,370 (8.6%)

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 Vidiamor Morales Jr., Wendy Pamelati, David and Lu Ann Nisbet, The Foley Family, Irma LeDuff, Jo Grady Stone, Lisa Grady, Virginia A. Kahn, Francis Mendoza, Luz Custodio, James Whitehead, Joyce Masloski, Susan Angus, Ramon Avila, Shirley Dougherty, Maryann Gorres, Liza Acedilla, Boy Tay, Teresa and Scott Muller, Efren Marfil, Ditas and Alan Amliapao, 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, Willie Bulan, Anthony Hargan, Roy Plumley, Bubut N. Aquino, Carlos Hector Milan, Karen Borosich, Jorge Marrero, Rosanna Coronado.

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 soul of:

Danilo de Dios, 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.



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

Now accepting applications for 2016-2017 school year.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016 COMING UP TO ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

AUGUST 1 – AUGUST 5, 2016

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

VBS 2016 is “farm-tastic!” In Barnyard Roundup VBS, your children will learn that Jesus gathers us together! They’ll look into the Bible, God’s Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus graciously gathers us together to be with Him, now and forever. Registration will begin in June and will continue until classes are full.

WANTED!

Parent & Teen Volunteers for VBS 2016

We need adult/parent and teen volunteers (16 and over). Join in the fun of VBS! You can help with crafts, snacks, or classroom activities. Plus, it's a great way to earn your volunteer or Christian Service hours. Our team meeting is coming up soon, please call and sign up to volunteer.

Questions? Please contact: Karina Villanueva (818) 998-4166; karina@sjwchurch.com

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Stress can affect your child

Everyone has stress, whether it’s a bad day at work, car trouble, or simply too many things to do. It is important to learn how to manage your stress—for your own sake and for the children around you. Too much stress can make it hard to parent effectively. After a while, your children may show signs of being stressed out, too. For a fact sheet on managing stress please email:

jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227.



PARISH LIFE

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Please pray for the following priests this week:

May 1 Rev. Juan Cano

Our Lady of Grace, Encino

May 2 Rev. Kenneth Anogwi Chukwu

Our Lady of Peace, North Hills

May 3 Msgr. Craig Cox

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Santa Clarita

May 4 Rev. Leo Dechant, C.S.J.

St. Junipero Serra, Lancaster

May 5 Rev. Edward Dover

St. James the Less, La Crescenta

May 6 Rev. Edwin Duyshart, S.J.

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Los Angeles

May 7 Rev. Matthias Ewing, O. Carm.

Crespi Carmelite Community, Encino

May 8 Rev. Guillermo Garcia Vargas, C.S.

St. Charles Residence, Sun Valley

SJW CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The St Joseph the Worker Charismatic Prayer Group invites each and everyone to attend the healing mass every Third Thursday of the month from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. following praise and worship.

May 19 Fr. Ismael Robles

June 16 Fr. George Reynolds

July 21 Fr. Budi Wardhana

All are welcome!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING

Saturday, May 14

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Training for service at Sunday Mass

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Training for Ministry to the Sick

Bring your own lunch!

St. Euphrasia Church, 11766 Shoshone Ave, Granada Hills

Full day: \$25 Half day: \$15

<http://store.la-archdiocese.org/emtraining>

FROM LEO TO FRANCIS

125 YEARS OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Today, 3:30 p.m., Conference Center Hall

This year we will celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker (May 1) in a special way, with a symposium commemorating the 125th anniversary of a remarkable document, by a remarkable man. At the end of the nineteenth century, Pope Leo XIII issued an encyclical titled *Rerum Novarum* (On Capital and Labor), in which he called upon the world to recognize and respect basic human rights. This document began the Church's engagement on social questions. Our present Holy Father, Pope Francis, continues in the same tradition, with his prophetic defense of the downtrodden of the world.

In a presentation titled "From Leo to Francis: 125 Years of Catholic Social Teaching," Fr Kevin will tell the fascinating story of Catholic social teaching and how it has inspired meaningful social action throughout the world.

6th Sunday of Easter • May 1, 2016

IN THE COMMUNITY

NOTRE DAME SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Notre Dame Summer Sports Camp is a great way for children ages 6 -12 to spend their summer hours involved in fun physical activity. Our camps not only provide instruction and games in a wide variety of sports, we also put great emphasis on teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. We offer both Day Camps as well as Advanced Camps. Visit our website at www.ndhs.org/sportscamp for more information and to register your child.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A weekend workshop for Widowed, Divorced and Separated

June 3 to 5, 2016 - A "Beginning Experience" workshop will be held at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. This weekend workshop helps a person move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. The ministry's website is www.beginningexperience.org. For more information or registration, contact Peg Setti at 818.767.1007, or in Spanish, call Maria Rojas at 909.592.7719, or by email at beginningexp.losangeles@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

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.

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.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 16:11-15; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a

Martes: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Miércoles: Hch 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Jueves: Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17- 23 o Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lc 24:46-53 (para la Ascensión); o Hch 18:1-8; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Viernes: Hch 18:9-18; Sal 47 (46):2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Sábado: Hch 18:23-28; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Domingo: Hch 7:55-60; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 6-7, 9; Ap 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 o (para la Ascensión) Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17- 23 o Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lc 24:46-53

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

El estrés puede afectar a su hijo/a

Toda persona se estresa en algún momento, ya sea por un mal día en el trabajo, un problema con el automóvil, o simplemente muchas cosas que hacer. Es importante aprender cómo manejar su estrés, para su propio bien y para el bien de los niños a su alrededor. Mucho estrés puede hacer difícil que eduque a sus hijos con efectividad. Después de un tiempo, sus hijos también pueden mostrar signos de estar estresados. Para recibir información sobre cómo manejar el estrés envíe un correo electrónico a jvienna@la-archdiocese.org; (213) 637-7227.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

El Grupo de Oración te invita los miércoles a las 7:00 p.m. en el Salón Parroquial. Tenemos oración en el Espíritu Santo, testimonios, prédicas y alabanzas. Si te sientes cansado de los problemas de la vida diaria, ven y entrégaselos a Jesús, Él tiene la solución. Ven a despertar al Espíritu Santo que vive dormido en ti, él quiere consolarte, guiarte y enseñarte el camino de la felicidad.

REGISTRACIÓN PARROQUIAL

Si vive en el área de la parroquia o aunque no viva en el área viene a misa aquí, es muy importante que se registre. Puede recoger una forma en el vestíbulo de la iglesia o en la oficina parroquial. Si se registra será más fácil para nosotros ayudarle sea con una carta, misa o preparación de algún sacramento. Gracias.



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VIDA PARROQUIAL

FONDO DEL CARDENAL MCINTYRE PARA LA CARIDAD

Hoy domingo es nuestra colecta anual parroquial para el Fondo del Cardenal McIntyre para la Caridad. Desde 1951, este fondo ayuda a las personas que están atravesando situaciones muy difíciles en toda la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles (condados de Santa Bárbara, Ventura y Los Ángeles). ¡Usted es su esperanza! Su contribución provee ayuda de emergencia para comida, pago de alquiler y utilidades, transporte, gastos médicos, asistencia en funerales. Encontrará los sobres respectivos en los carritos localizados en el lado de las puertas de la iglesia.

NOVENA DEL DIA DE LAS MADRES

Nuestra novena de misas en honor a las madres empezará el **domingo 8 de mayo** y continuará hasta el **lunes 16 de mayo** del presente. Recuerde a su madre, viva o difunta, con un regalo especial, nueve días de misas celebradas por ella o sus intenciones. Las tarjetas para la novena y el sobre de donación los encontrará en el vestíbulo de la iglesia y cerca a las puertas de salida de los lados del templo. Gracias.

HONRANDO A NUESTRAS MADRES

Todos los domingos del mes de mayo, estaremos honrando a las madres difuntas en las misas de 1:30 p.m. y 7:30 p.m.

El ministerio de Duelo invita a los familiares de madres difuntas a traer una foto de ella en un portaretrato pequeño. Habrá un altar especial para colocarlas antes del inicio de cada Celebración Eucarística. No olviden llevarselas al final.

EL DON DE PAZ

Se nos ofrece una visión distinta en la segunda lectura de hoy, una visión de la Nueva Jerusalén, “que descendía del cielo, resplandeciente con la gloria de Dios” (Apocalipsis 21:10). Si buscamos el significado detrás de la descripción de la radiante ciudad, vemos que la belleza mayor que se revela es la belleza de una perfecta armonía y orden, una ciudad fundada en la fe de las doce tribus de Israel y los doce Apóstoles, alumbrada únicamente por la gloria de Dios. La primera lectura y el Evangelio también van conectados a esta descripción idealizada de la Nueva Jerusalén. En ambos leemos como la angustia y los altercados se contrarrestan con el don de la paz. “Mi paz les doy”, les asegura Jesús a sus discípulos en la Última Cena (Juan 14:27). De acuerdo con ese don, los apóstoles y presbíteros, en la lectura de los Hechos, deciden no alterar la paz de los nuevos creyentes gentiles. No han de imponerles la excesiva carga de la circuncisión.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Tristemente una vez que muchos latinoamericanos llegan a los Estados Unidos es difícil regresar a sus tierras de origen, ni siquiera para visitar. Por esta razón, muchos pueblos latinoamericanos han construido santuarios a sus vírgenes y santos patronos en tierra estadounidense. De esta manera buscan estar cerca al suelo que les trajo a luz, que les nutrió con frutas, verduras, flores, cantos, costumbres y tradiciones.

En Miami el pueblo cubano ha construido una ermita dedicada a la Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre, cuya capilla del Santísimo fue bendecida en la fiesta de la Ascensión del Señor. Debajo de su altar principal se guarda una piedra hecha con tierra de las distintas provincias de Cuba. Es bello el hecho, porque de esta manera todo cubano que se acerca al altar del Señor puede estar cerca de su terruño aunque sea solo por un momento. Que hay en la tierra que nos llama tanto a nosotros los latinos. Será que el libro del Génesis tiene razón, Dios forma toda persona del polvo y el corazón latino anhela la tierra de la que fue sacado.

—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

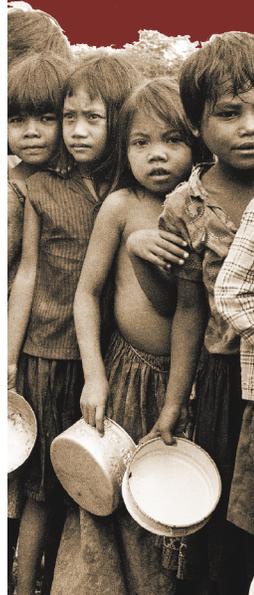
Parish and School groups that would like to reserve any facility in the parish must contact Angela Escobar in the Parish Center (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003. Only rooms reserved in advance are open. If your group needs to cancel a reservation, please let Angela know so that the room can be made available 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.

Fr. Kevin Rettig

This Sunday, May 1
3:30 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Conference Center Hall
Goodwill offering gratefully accepted



FROM LEO TO FRANCIS

125 Years of Catholic Social Teaching

In a landmark encyclical issued 125 years ago, called *Rerum Novarum*, Pope Leo XIII addressed social and economic injustices in a society radically changed by the Industrial Revolution. He issued a radical call to social action and called upon the world to recognize and respect basic human rights. Our present Holy Father, Pope Francis, is continuing in the same tradition, reiterating a prophetic defense of the downtrodden of the world.

The history of the church's engagement on social questions is a fascinating and inspiring story that deserves to be told.

Reservations and Information

A reservation is not *required*, but we would like to know you will attend, so that adequate arrangements can be made.

Colleen Trujillo:

colleenht@yahoo.com • 818.421.5295



Hope for Iraqi Christians

Cultural Outreach Fundraiser Dinner Dance

Saturday, May 14
6:30 p.m. • Conference Center Hall
Dinner — Raffles — Entertainment — DJ and Dancing

Adults: \$25.00 per person
Children ages 6-15: \$10 per child
Children 5 and under: Free



We have partnered with **Hope for Iraqi Christians**, a charitable organization of the Knights of Columbus and the Chaldean Catholic Diocese of St. Peter the Apostle, El Cajon, California. All proceeds benefit the three families that our parish has adopted through the organization's "Adopt a Refugee Family" program.

Tickets and Donations

After Masses and Parish Center
818.341.6634

sjwculturaloutreach@gmail.com

About Hope for Iraqi Christians

www.hopeforiraqichristians.org