

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 8, 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

Pastor

Rev. Kevin Rettig

Associate Pastor

Rev. Julio Ramos

Associate Pastor

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Deacon

Dn. Augusto "Gus" Mora

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Karina Villanueva

Business Manager

Mike Stafford

Parish Secretary

Angela Escobar



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

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.

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



Tickets and Donations: After Masses and Parish Center
818.341.6634 • sjwculturaloutreach@gmail.com

Background on the plight of Iraqi refugees: www.sjwchurch.com

About Hope for Iraqi Christians: www.hopeforiraqichristians.org

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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 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39. Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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 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

Monday May 9

6:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
8:30 a.m. Flor Lecaros (Birthday)

Tuesday May 10

6:30 a.m. Jonathan Myer Pozen (Birthday)
8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday May 11

6:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
8:30 a.m. Hernandez Family (RIP)

Thursday May 12

6:30 a.m. Leandro M. Aguirre (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Friday May 13

6:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
8:30 a.m. Nora Helgeson (RIP)

Saturday May 14

8:30 a.m. Henry Addy Bradley (RIP)
5:30 p.m. Mother's Day Novena

Sunday May 15

7:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
9:30 a.m. Joseph Trinh Van Suy (RIP)
11:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
1:30 p.m. Francisco Arellano (Birthday)
5:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
7:30 p.m. Antonia Rubio (RIP)



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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.

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.

CONTINUALLY PRAISING GOD

In both the first reading and the Gospel we are told about Christ's glorious ascension into heaven. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Christ has been seated at God's right hand in heaven, above every choir of angels. There might be a temptation to stay at an awed distance from Jesus Christ. However, the tone of today's readings is far from that temptation. The tone is exultant and the message is urgent. We are to be his witnesses, and the Gospel describes the first witnesses this way: "[W]ith great joy . . . they were continually in the temple praising God" (Luke 24:53).

How can we continually praise God? The answer can be found in the second reading, in which Paul prays that God will give us a "Spirit of wisdom and revelation" in order to know Christ clearly (Ephesians 1:17). We cannot stand at a distance. We are to be enlightened and empowered. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Second Vatican Council decreed that the devotional life of the Church should be examined and reformed with an eye towards expressing Easter faith. This encouragement for creativity has deep roots in our tradition, and some attempts at reform show great promise. One of the great treasures in our devotional repertoire is a familiar feature of Lent: the Way of the Cross. The faithful walk a path recalling the events of Christ's passion, a contemplative experience increasingly enriched these days by scripture and song. There are fourteen stations in the usual configuration, although in recent years, a fifteenth station of the Empty Tomb has been added. Why stop there? Why not develop a similar journey structured on the theme of the appearances of the Risen Lord?

Over the last decade, a *Via Lucis*, or "Way of Light," has developed as a companion to the *Via Crucis*. It has been celebrated at the Vatican and is catching on elsewhere. There are fourteen stations, beginning with the Women Carrying Spices to the Tomb, continuing with the familiar appearances of the Lord at Emmaus, the Upper Room, the shore of Tiberias. The journey ends with stations recalling the Apostles' wait with Mary for the advent of the Spirit, and with Pentecost. This is fertile ground indeed for the genius of artists, musicians, preachers, and liturgists. This is a living example of how many of our traditions are born to fill a great spiritual need, and spread to every corner of the Church. It may even come soon to a church near you. Maybe next Eastertime!

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



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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.

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.

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.

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	05/01/16	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$16,937	\$15,071	+12.4%

2016 Env \$ 10,286 (60.7%) E-giving \$ 897 (5.3%)

2015 Env \$ 8,296 (55.1%) E-giving \$ 1,110 (7.4%)

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 Pelamati, David and Lu Ann Nisbet, The Foley Family, Irma LeDuff, 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 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, Willie Bulan, Anthony Hargan, Roy Plumley, Bubut N. Aquino, Carlos Hector Milan, Karen Borosich, Jorge Marrero, Rosanna Coronado, Eddie Rojas.

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:

Margarita Becerra, aunt of Letty Pozen

Hilario Escobedo, 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****Know the signs of human trafficking**

Human trafficking claims many young victims every year, and often, we see these victims in our daily lives. It is important to recognize the signs of abuse and to know how to interact with possible victims. The best way to start a tough conversation with teens who may be at risk is simply to talk to them—ask what’s going on in their lives, and if they are okay. Signs of abuse include suspicious or inexplicable injuries, avoidance, or reliance on an older “friend.” For more information please visit <http://www.missingkids.org/lin5>.



PARISH LIFE



MINISTRY FORMATION CENTER

Are you pursuing certification as a Catechist, a Youth Minister, a Confirmation Team Member, an Initiation Team Member, or a Liturgical Minister; are you seeking adult faith enrichment? This course will fulfill the basic requirements of the Theological Phase toward catechist certification. Others are also welcome to attend.

Dates are:

Module I June 17, 18, 25

Module II July 8, 9, 16

Module III August 12, 13, 20

Fee: \$20.00 per Module or \$50 in advance (early registration) before June 10, \$60 after.

To register go online to: <http://store.la-archdiocese.org/office-of-religious-education>. For more information contact Bill Sparks at (818) 341-6634, ext. 1012.

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>

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

The weekend of May 28 and 29 is the Feast of Corpus Christi, when we celebrate our faith in the Holy Eucharist. We will hold our annual Corpus Christi procession on **Saturday, May 28**, immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. It will be a very solemn affair, processing through the streets with the Blessed Sacrament, and we would like all the groups and organizations of our parish to participate with their members and their banners, as a great testimony to our Eucharistic unity. All who have ever taken part in a procession like this know what a great inspiration it can be. If you are from a different country, please come proudly in national dress and let us show the beauty of our multicultural parish, all united in the Eucharist. Following the procession there will be fellowship in the parish hall. We hope to see all of you there.

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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 19:1-8; Sal 68 (67):2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Martes: Hch 20:17-27; Sal 68 (67):10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Miércoles: Hch 20:28-38; Sal 68 (67):29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Jueves: Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Viernes: Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Sábado: Hch 1:15-17, 20-26; Sal 113 (112):1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Domingo: Vigilia: Gn 11:1-9 o Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b ó Ez 37:1-14 o Jl 3:1-5; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39. Día: Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104 (103):1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 o Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 o Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Conozca las señales del tráfico humano

El tráfico humano reclama cada año a muchas víctimas jóvenes, y muchas veces vemos a estas víctimas en nuestra vida diaria. Es importante reconocer las señales de abuso y saber cómo interactuar con posibles víctimas. La mejor forma de comenzar una difícil conversación con adolescentes que pueden estar en riesgo es simplemente hablando con ellos, preguntándoles qué está pasando en sus vidas y si ellos están bien. Señales de abuso incluyen heridas sospechosas e inexplicables, evasión, o dependencia en un/a "amigo/a" mayor. Para más información, por favor visitar

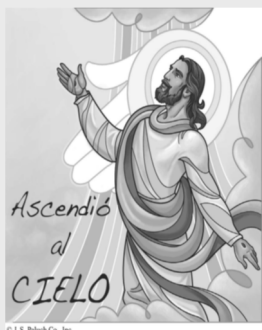
<http://esp.missingkids.org/1in5>.

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 ayudarlo sea con una carta, misa o preparación de algún sacramento. Gracias.



VIDA PARROQUIAL

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 llevarse las al final.



CONTINUAMENTE ALABANDO A DIOS

Tanto la primera lectura como el Evangelio nos cuentan la gloriosa Ascensión de Cristo al cielo. La carta de san Pablo a los efesios nos recuerda que Cristo está sentado a la derecha de Dios en el cielo, por encima de todos los coros de ángeles. Puede que tengamos la tentación de mantenernos a reverencial distancia de Jesucristo. Sin embargo, el tono de las lecturas de hoy dista mucho de esa tentación. El tono es exuberante y el mensaje es urgente. Hemos de ser sus testigos, y el Evangelio describe a los primeros testigos de esta manera: "Muy alegres. . . permanecían constantemente en el templo alabando a Dios" (Lucas 24:53).

¿Cómo podemos alabar a Dios continuamente? La respuesta se encuentra en la segunda lectura, en la cual Pablo pide a Dios que nos conceda un "espíritu de sabiduría y de reflexión" para conocer a Cristo claramente (Efesios 1:17). No podemos mantenernos a distancia. Vamos a ser iluminados y fortalecidos.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Hoy celebramos a una mujer potente e importante en nuestras vidas; la madre. La historia del Día de las Madres se originó en las fiestas griegas en honor de Rhea, la madre de los dioses. A lo largo de la historia los cristianos también hemos recordado a la Madre de Dios, María, en varias solemnidades, pero hace sólo 100 años que en el 10 de mayo de 1907 en Estados Unidos se empezó a promover la idea de un día de reconocimiento del amor que tenemos como humanos por nuestras propias madres. Eventualmente se pasó a muchas naciones latinoamericanas.

Muchas culturas latinoamericanas son matriarcales, es decir, el papel de la madre en la familia es algo esencial. Para los latinos, no hay amor más grande que el de una madre. Sin olvidar la función del padre, ella es la que nos da la vida, nos enseña como vivirla y nos da alimento. Su amor nos recuerda al de Cristo, quien con sacrificio y amor da vida a la Iglesia. Su amor sostiene y cuando las cosas se ponen difíciles emocionalmente, nuestro deseo secreto es de estar en los brazos de mamá.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, 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.



SJW **egiving** is here!

- Make recurring or one-time donations
- Set up automatic deductions from your bank account or by credit/debit card
- Contribute even when circumstances prevent you from coming to Mass
- Assure that the parish has a steady, predictable cash flow
- No cost to you and no long-term commitment
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- Access your records from anywhere, 24 hours a day

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INFORMATION: **Mike Stafford**, Parish Business Manager
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Greeting Cards • Books • Jewelry
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At the Sherman Way entrance to the church
Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Sundays: 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



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