



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 11, 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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Rev. Roberto Rueda

Associate Pastor

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Deacon

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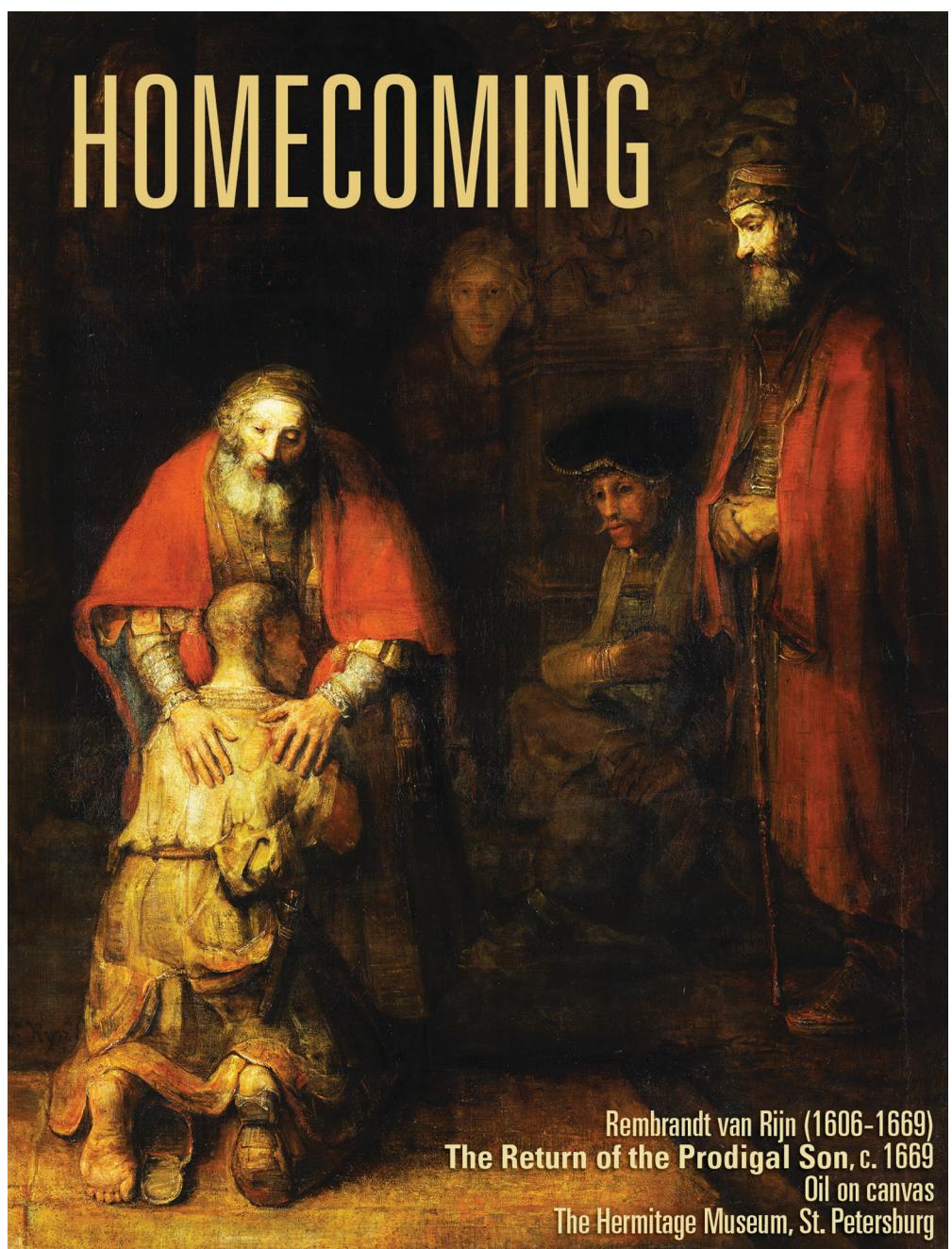
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Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669)
The Return of the Prodigal Son, c. 1669
Oil on canvas
The Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg

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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 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday September 11

7:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 9:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. Porfirio Rivera (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Leopoldo Hernandez (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. Lam Hoang Thinh (Birthday)
 7:30 p.m. Bertha Reyes Grandchildren (Intentions)

Monday September 12

6:30 a.m. Bernarda Burgos (Birthday)
 8:30 a.m. Bernardo Mora Jr. (RIP)

Tuesday September 13

6:30 a.m. Glenn Bagamaspad (Birthday)
 8:30 a.m. Dennis Achacoso and Muriel Lally (RIP)

Wednesday September 14

6:30 a.m. Lam Trac Tri (Birthday)
 8:30 a.m. Pelamati Family (Intentions)

Thursday September 15

6:30 a.m. Dovie Quntalan and Family (Thanksgiving)
 8:30 a.m. Susan and Reyann Cristobal (Birthday)

Friday September 16

6:30 a.m. Domingo Aura (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Anne Kishok (RIP)

Saturday September 17

8:30 a.m. Diana Sales (Birthday)
 5:30 p.m. Stephen and Hazel Kunka (RIP)
Sunday September 18
 7:30 a.m. Daisy Masangkay (Birthday)
 9:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 11:30 a.m. Dolores Alejandro (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Donato Arciniega (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. Joyce Faye Samson (Intentions)
 7:30 p.m. Concepcion Benavidez (RIP)



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PARISH LIFE

RECONCILIATION

True reconciliation is emotional, dramatic, and cleansing. When two people meet heart to heart and work through old hurts, misunderstandings, and careless words, cleansing tears often flow and the encounter ends with an embrace that fills both with the warmth of a love too strong to fade.

The readings this weekend assure us of this healthy release that comes with reconciliation. They give us the courage to reach out to someone with whom we need to reconcile ourselves, and give us the courage to ask for forgiveness from God, too.

In the reading from Exodus, we see how God refuses again and again to give up on the Israelites. Even though they grow impatient with God and turn to false idols, God still calls them back. Luke's Gospel assures us that God rejoices when we turn away from sin. Paul's letter to Timothy encourages us, like Paul, to look back on our lives and recognize where God's patient mercy has been shown to us.

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9/11 REMEMBERED

Fifteen years ago, the continuing TV coverage of the imploding twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York was unbearable for me, as were accounts of the crashes and destruction in Washington and the hills of Pennsylvania. The immense devastation of human life was incomprehensible. Visiting the site in New York some five years later reopened searing wounds, and overwhelmed me with immense sadness. An incursion on our soil, carefully planned and executed by foreign elements, had shattered my cherished sense of security, and provoked a frightening sense of God's absence.

How could my Catholic faith tradition enable me to endure this tragedy? I knew that neither vengeance nor sweeping animosity was an option for me.

You have left us crushed . . . covered us with darkness.

We are bowed down to the ground (Psalm 44:20, 26).

O LORD of hosts, restore us;

Let your face shine upon us (Psalm 80:4).

The Psalmist cries a lament, expressing the mourning of the Israelite people, the chosen of God, who had regarded themselves as untouchable and above reproach, now hurled into misery. The lament expresses a nation's agony, dares to complain against their divine protector, may even own some complicity in the misery, and finally pleads with God for deliverance.

In the midst of lamenting, the faith of Israel endured, as must ours. We are as vulnerable as they were to the violence and hatred that seem to encircle us. Our demand for a divine explanation goes unheeded. Yet we have learned of the self-sacrificing heroism of many, witnessing to the finest character of our nation and of our Christian heritage. Dying for one's friends is a sacred theme in our story, epitomized in Jesus, our Savior, and extended through centuries in the grandest and noblest acts of men and women in all circumstances.

In 2001 we came together as one nation under God, sharing the grief, the disillusionment, and the promise to rebuild. As today we lament our honored dead and wounded, shall we translate such agonizing emotion into a persistent pursuit of worldwide reconciliation and peace?

—Rev. Andrew Nelson, 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!

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.

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.

2016-17 ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHILDREN'S CHOIR

SJW Children: Do you like to sing? Do you like to perform? Here is a chance for you to sing and perform and to make new friends! The SJW CHILDREN'S CHOIR is once again recruiting members for the coming year. No previous choral experience necessary - just a love for singing! Singing in the Choir gives you the chance to learn about our faith through music. The Choir is scheduled to participate in the Thanksgiving Day Mass, the Family Mass on Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday Mass just to name a few. Choir rehearsals are on Saturdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center Chapel. The first rehearsal is on **September 17**. Sign-up forms are available at the Parish Center and the Religious Education office and on-line on the Parish Website (www.sjwchurch.com). Hope to see you there!

MEN'S RETREAT

The men of our parish will make their annual retreat at the Passionist retreat house, Mater Dolorosa, in Sierra Madre on the weekend of **September 30-October 2**. In the quiet setting of the foothills of the San Gabriel mountains the Passionist fathers will guide you in a deepening of your faith and a new perspective on your life and problems. Private room and shower, five nutritious meals, outdoor stations, Masses and devotions, private meditation, and beautifully landscaped grounds all lend themselves to the spiritual benefits of this silent, preached retreat. Individual counseling is available. Make your reservation by calling Ron Pauckert at 818-348-4123 or Ben Buenaviaje at 951-970-7724.

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	09/04/16	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$14,470	\$14,565	- 0.7%

2016 Env \$ 9,048 (62.5%) E-giving \$ 1,457 (10.1%)

2015 Env \$ 9,331 (64.1%) E-giving \$ 1,080 (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: JP Fernandez, 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

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, Rose Clifford, Jack Samalot, Willie Bulan, Anthony Hargan, Roy Plumley, Bubut N. Aquino, Carlos Hector Milan, Karen Borosich, Jorge Marrero, Rosanna Coronado, Eddie Rojas, Enrique Alvarez Gonzalez, Wendy Pelamati, Lisa Grady, Ferdinand, Rolando and Vidiamor Morales Jr., Jose Antonio Perez Ledesma, Gloria Ledesma, John D. F. Black, David and Luann Nisbet, Ian Fabregas, Ghaith Altehsh, Samouill Yamin.

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:

Robert Sznuik, husband of Ewa Sznuik

Louis Menjivar, son of Beatriz Minero

Luis Raul Garcia, son of Silvia Mendez



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Information: Karina Villanueva, ext. 1016.

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.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Teach kids how to identify bullying

Bullying is an unfortunate problem in schools across the country, and no matter how nice or friendly your children are, they are going to run across bullies. Whether your children are victimized by a bully or not, they should be aware of the classic signs of bullying—teasing, pushing, shoving, violence or threats of any kind, and more. While bullying does not always escalate to physical touching or violence, your children should be able to identify touches that they are uncomfortable with, and should know where to go to report issues. For more information, visit:
<https://www.faithandsafety.org/bullying>

EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

DID YOU KNOW THAT

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SCHOOL
IS STILL ACCEPTING STUDENT APPLICATIONS
(GRADES TK-8)
FOR THIS COMING SCHOOL YEAR?



WE INCORPORATE OUR FAITH INTO ALL ASPECTS OF OUR STUDENTS' LEARNING TO DEVELOP WELL-INFORMED STUDENTS WHO WILL SERVE OTHERS AS JESUS CHRIST TAUGHT US TO SERVE.

PLEASE SET UP AN APPOINTMENT, TAKE A TOUR, AND BECOME PART OF OUR PARISH SCHOOL!

PHONE – (818) 341-6616
EMAIL – MR.KRUSKA@SJWSCHOOL.NET

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!
TUITION ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE**

SJW 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.



PARISH LIFE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GOOD NEWS! A few spaces still available in ALL grade levels, hurry up call our office, (818) 341-6634 ext. 1016 for more information. Classes begin soon!

Religious Education 2016-2017

will begin on the following dates:

Saturday Sessions: October 1 - 9:00 a.m. English
11:00 a.m. Spanish

Gather in the parish hall for our opening prayer.

Wednesday Sessions: October 5 - 5:30 p.m. Special Education
Gather in the School Library
4:00 p.m. English Elementary
7:00 p.m. English Middle School

Gather in the church for our opening prayer

YOUTH NEWS

We are still accepting applications for the High School Confirmation year 1 & 2. Please pick up an application from the Parish Office or download from the Parish website.

Tuesday, September 13 & Thursday, September 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Confirmation year 1 Candidate / Parent interviews (Parish Hall). Contact the Parish Office to schedule your interview if you have not done so.

Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. - Confirmation year 1 Candidate / Parent orientation. (Parish Hall)

Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. - Confirmation Year 2 Candidate / Parent / Sponsor orientation. (Parish Hall)

Feel free to contact JP Fernandez at the Parish Center (818) 341-6634, ext. 1018 or email at jpf@sjwchurch.com

FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ

Welcome and celebrate with us the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino Saint, **Saturday, September 24**, 5:30 p.m. Mass. Reception to follow immediately in the Parish Hall. Donations are welcome.

San Lorenzo Ruiz

San Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino saint, was a layman, married, with two sons and a daughter. Born in Binondo, Manila, in the early 1600s of a Chinese father and Tagala mother, he was raised a devout Catholic. He worked as a calligrapher for the Dominican parish of Binondo, where he transcribed baptismal, confirmation, and marriage documents. In 1636 Ruiz was implicated in a murder. He sought help from his Dominican superiors who believed in his innocence. In order to escape what they believed would have been an unjust prosecution, the Spanish friars immediately sent Ruiz on a missionary expedition outside of the Philippines. Initially, Ruiz thought he was being sent to Taiwan, where he believed his Chinese roots would enable him to start a new life. Little did he know that he and his fellow missionaries were actually headed for Nagasaki, Japan, where feudalism was fanning the flames of Christian persecution. Ruiz was arrested almost immediately upon his arrival and subjected to intense torture by Japanese captors who tried to convince him to renounce his faith. Ruiz refused, declaring, "I am a Christian and I will remain a Christian even to the point of death. On September 22, 1637, Ruiz and his companions were led up a hill overlooking the bay of Nagasaki to agonizing punishment and death. Ruiz died on September 29, 1637.

IN THE COMMUNITY

CHAMINADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY

Chaminade Family Spirit Night is being held on **Friday, October 7**, for middle school students and their families. This is a special evening of fun, food, fellowship, and football beginning at 5:15 p.m. with pre-game performances of our Eagle Regiment Band and cheerleaders and a light supper. Families will be treated to a preview of the football game and a presentation on our Athletic programs. Our Ambassadors will give families a tour of the campus, and will escort them to reserved seats in our stadium to be our guests for the football game against Loyola. Please RSVP at (818) 347-8300 ext. 355 or via email to yuramoto@chaminade.org.

LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

22nd Annual Golf Classic

This traditional golf tournament will be held on **Monday, September 12**, at Woodland Hills Country Club. The registration fee per golfer is \$225. New this year - 2 Hour Ladies Golf Clinic with Wine and Cheese! Sign up for the tournament or clinic at www.louisvillehs.org/golfclassic. Questions - contact Peter Dobias at pdobias@me.com or Mary Ann McKenzie at mmckenzie@louisvillehs.org.

Going beyond GPAs and Test Scores: What Colleges and Universities are REALLY looking for

On **Thursday, September 15** at 7:30 p.m., Junior High parents are invited to join us as a distinguished panel of college admissions personnel speak to relieving your anxiety about the college admissions process. Questions will be taken from the audience followed by a panel of recent alumnae and current students who will share their personal journey to college acceptance and matriculation. Register to attend at: www.louisvillehs.org

No Admission Fee- Bring a guest!

Royal Dance Convention

We would like to invite all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls to Louisville's beautiful campus for our Royal Dance Convention on **Saturday, September 24**. Students will be working with great teachers, meeting students from other schools and studios, and performing at the end of the day. This is a day to meet other girls who share the same interest in dancing! Students with little or no experience are welcome to take the Intro to Dance class. Please see our website for details, requirements and registration information.

OPEN HEARTS

The mission of Open Hearts is to seek harmony between our Church, its people, and our LGBT brothers and sisters of faith. Everyone interested in these issues is warmly invited to attend our next meeting:

Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Grace Parish Center
5011 Ventura Blvd., Encino

(Parish Center is located across the parking lot from the church)

By providing a non-judgmental, all-inclusive atmosphere, Open Hearts discussion meetings focus on a spirit of solidarity, faith in God, and respect for all in a confidential, nurturing environment. For more information, please call Fr. Juan, 818-342-4686, ext. 212.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Sal 40 (39):7-10, 17; Lc 7:1-10
Martes: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Sal 100 (99):1-5; Lc 7:11-17
Miércoles: Nm 21:4b-9; Sal 78 (77):1bc-2, 34-38; Fil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Jueves: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Sal 118 (117):1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 o Lc 7:36-50
Viernes: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Sal 17 (16):1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lc 8:1-3
Sábado: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Sal 56 (55):10c-14; Lc 8:4-15
Domingo: Am 8:4-7; Sal 113 (112):1-2, 4-8; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lc 16:1-13 [10-13]

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Enseña a los niños cómo identificar el acoso o "bullying"

El acoso o "bullying" es un problema desafortunado en escuelas en todo el país, y no importa qué tan amable o amistosos sean sus hijos, ellos van a cruzarse con acosadores. Ya sea que sus hijos sean las víctimas de un acosador o no, ellos deben estar al tanto de las señales clásicas del acoso: provocación, dar empujones, violencia o amenazas de cualquier tipo, y más. Mientras el acoso no siempre escala al contacto físico o a la violencia, sus hijos deben ser capaces de identificar el contacto físico que los pone incómodos y deben saber con quién y dónde ir para reportar problemas. Para más información, visite a <https://www.faithandsafety.org/bullying>.

GRUPO DE JOVENES "NUEVA GENERACIÓN" DE SAN JOSE OBREO TE INVITAN A SU RETIRO JUVENIL:

VIDA PARROQUIAL

NOTICIAS DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

¡BUENAS NOTICIAS! Todavía hay algunos espacios disponibles en todos los grados y niveles para familias nuevas. Apresúrense y llamen a la oficina, (818) 341-6634 ext. 1016 para detalles e información. Las clases inician pronto.

El nuevo año de Educación Religiosa 2016-2017 (Catequesis para niños) inicia en las siguientes fechas:

Clases del día sábado: Inician el 1 de octubre

9:00 a.m. Ingles

11:00 a.m. Español

Reúnanse en el salón parroquial

Clases del día miércoles: Inician el 5 de Octubre

5:30 p.m. – Educación Especial

Reúnanse en la biblioteca de la escuela

4:00 p.m. – Elemental inglés (grados 1-5)

7:00 p.m. – Secundaria inglés (grados 6-8)

Reúnanse directamente en el templo.

RECORDAR EL 11 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Hace quince años la cobertura continua que la televisión hizo del derribo de las torres gemelas del Centro Mundial de Comercio en Nueva York fue algo intolerable para mí, y de igual manera fueron los choques y destrucción en Washington y en las colinas de Pensilvania. La incontable destrucción de vidas humanas era incomprensible. Visitar el sitio en Nueva York casi cinco años después reabrió heridas dolorosas y una gran tristeza se apoderó de mí. Un ataque en nuestra tierra, cuidadosamente planeado y llevado a cabo por individuos extranjeros, destrozó el sentido halagador que tenía de seguridad, y me provocó una sensación horrible de ausencia de Dios.

¿Cómo podría mi fe católica ayudarme a sobrellevar esta tragedia? Yo sabía que ni la venganza ni el rencor eran opciones para mí.

Pero nos aplastaste... y nos cubrió la sombra de la muerte.

Nos arrastramos por el polvo. (Salmo 44:20, 26a)

¡Oh Dios de los ejércitos, restablécenos,

haz brillar tu faz y sálvanos! (Salmo 80:4)

El salmista grita un lamento que expresa luto por el pueblo israelita, el elegido de Dios, el cual se cree intocable y por encima del reproche, y que ahora está en la miseria. El lamento es la agonía de una nación que se atreve a quejarse en contra de su divino protector, quien puede ser en parte responsable de esa miseria, pero al final clama a Dios por su liberación.

En medio de los lamentos, la fe de Israel sufrió, como le pasa a la nuestra. Somos tan vulnerables como lo fueron ellos a la violencia y al odio que parece rodearnos. Nuestra exigencia por una explicación de la divinidad caen en saco roto. Más aún, aprendimos del sacrificio altruista y heroico de muchos, dando testimonio de lo mejor de nuestra nación y herencia cristiana. Morir por los amigos de uno es el tema sagrado de nuestra historia personificada por Jesús, nuestro Salvador, y prolongada a través de los siglos en las acciones nobles y extraordinarias de hombres y mujeres en todas las circunstancias.

En el 2001 nos unimos como una sola nación, compartiendo el dolor, la desilusión y la promesa de reconstruirnos. Así como hoy lloramos y honramos a los muertos y heridos, ¿debemos interpretar esta emoción dolorosa en una búsqueda perseverante de paz y reconciliación en el mundo?—Rev. Andrew Nelson, 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 Kimberly Jetton, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Los Angeles; (213) 637-7504; plannedgiving@la-archdiocese.org.

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_escalbar4@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.

Celebrate SAN LORENZO RUIZ

PISTA SANAYON

Filipino Community Festival

Saturday, September 24
Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Celebration follows in the Conference Center Hall

Potluck Dinner
• Bring Your Favorite Dish to Share

Fashion Show, Entertainment, and Dance, Dance, Dance

Information
Tessie Millado 818.406.5681
Annie Uy 818.212.0296
Gaudie Estrada 818.998.2486

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- Assure that the parish has a steady, predictable cash flow
- No cost to you and no long-term commitment
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Register and become an e-giver

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