



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER is a Eucharistic community of believers commissioned through our Baptism to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ with all people. Out of our diversity we create unity through respect for every person, common celebrations, sacramental worship, Christian education of all ages, and outreach programs.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 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

Pastor

Rev. Kevin Rettig

Associate Pastor

Rev. Roberto Rueda

Associate Pastor

Rev. Joseph Van Vu

Deacon

Dn. Augusto "Gus" Mora

School Principal

CJ Kruska

Music and Liturgy Director

Eileen Wandel

Faith Formation Director

Bill Sparks

Youth Ministry and Confirmation

J.P. Fernandez

Religious Education

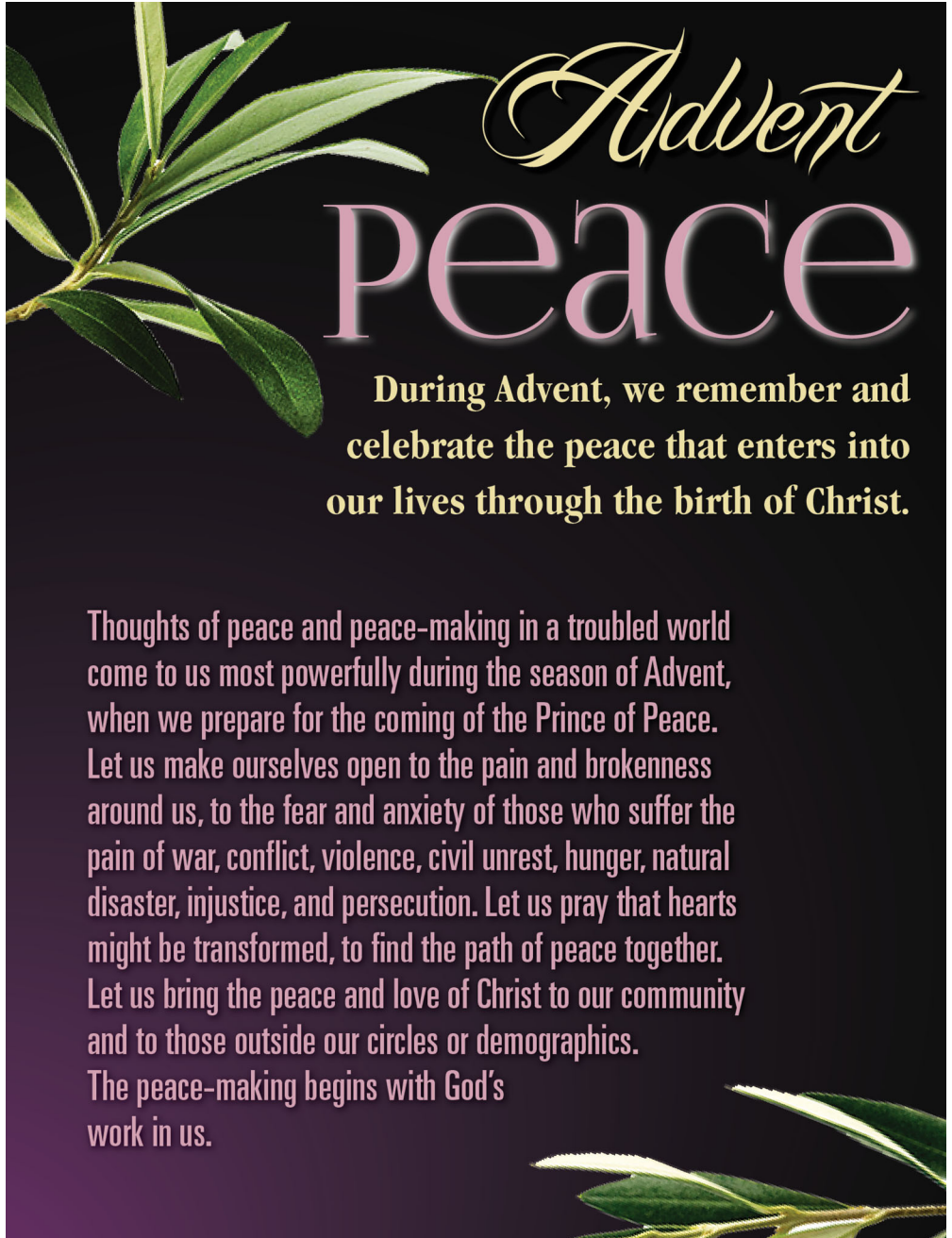
Karina Villanueva

Business Manager

Mike Stafford

Parish Secretary

Angela Escobar



Advent Peace

**During Advent, we remember and
celebrate the peace that enters into
our lives through the birth of Christ.**

Thoughts of peace and peace-making in a troubled world come to us most powerfully during the season of Advent, when we prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace. Let us make ourselves open to the pain and brokenness around us, to the fear and anxiety of those who suffer the pain of war, conflict, violence, civil unrest, hunger, natural disaster, injustice, and persecution. Let us pray that hearts might be transformed, to find the path of peace together. Let us bring the peace and love of Christ to our community and to those outside our circles or demographics. The peace-making begins with God's work in us.

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church • 19855 Sherman Way • Winnetka, California
Phone (818) 341-6634 • Fax (818) 341-3875 • www.sjwchurch.com • Email parish@sjwchurch.com

St. Joseph the Worker School • 19812 Cantlay Street • Winnetka, CA 91306-3005 • Phone (818) 341-6616 •
www.sjwschool.net

Parish Center Mailing Address • 19808 Cantlay Street • Winnetka, CA 91306-3005

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: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

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

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

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday December 18

7:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
9:30 a.m. Bayani and Rosete Family (Thanksgiving)
11:30 a.m. Julianna Ayran (RIP)
1:30 p.m. Vikki Alvarado (Birthday)
5:30 p.m. Joseph Nha and Elizabeth Non Huynh (RIP)
7:30 p.m. Jose Maria Alvarenga Lopez (RIP)

Monday December 19

6:30 a.m. Holly Horrell (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Ben and Veronica Rosete (Anniversary)

Tuesday December 20

6:30 a.m. Francine Nelson (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Buck Lagoy (RIP)

Wednesday December 21

6:30 a.m. John Trujillo (Intentions)
8:30 a.m. Pedro Marthel (RIP)

Thursday December 22

6:30 a.m. George Jorgensen (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Marino Biedemann (RIP)

Friday December 23

6:30 a.m. No Mass (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Pelamati Family (Intentions)

Saturday December 24

8:30 a.m. Kianna Bisquera (RIP)
4:00 p.m. Rosete Family (Intentions)
6:30 p.m. Cynthia Sales (Birthday)
9:00 p.m. Josephine Rio (RIP)
12:00 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

Sunday December 25

7:30 a.m. Bayani and Rosete Family (Thanksgiving)
9:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
11:30 a.m. Flor B. Lecaros and Family (Birthday)
1:30 p.m. Felicita Francisco (RIP)
5:30 p.m. No Mass
7:30 p.m. No Mass

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center and all Parish facilities will be closed from Friday, December 23 to Monday, December 26. We will open again on Tuesday, December 27, at 8:00 a.m.

A Blessed Christmas to all of you!

PARISH LIFE

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

As usual, the traditional poinsettia offering is needed to make our church festive for the birthday of Our Lord. Please bring these to the church anytime after **December 19**. A basket with papers for your intentions will be found in the choir area of the church, don't forget to include this with your plant.

If you would like to help with the actual decorating, please contact Eileen, (818) 341-6634, ext. 1010, for the times we will be working. Thank you for your generosity and helping to make our church beautiful for the Christmas season.



SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, the first Christmas carols are heard in the home, but usually not yet in church. What is a "carol" anyway? Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the thirteenth century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. "Carol" comes from the Old French *carula*, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren't for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and the carols were in the common language. Their characteristic sound comes from medieval chord patterns, and they often have strong refrains for everyone to sing. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn't make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for psalms. Anglicans resisted popular carols; most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists, an offshoot of the Church of England. The Catholic Church generally didn't admit carols to liturgy either, but we didn't make laws against them.

We are told that the beloved carol "Silent Night" comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when the church's organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass. Gruber finished the tune just hours before midnight Mass in 1818. The people were shocked to hear a guitar in church, but were charmed by the sweet lullaby. The church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the "Silent Night Memorial Chapel" at the site. Today the carol is in print in some three hundred languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night!

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



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!

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.

SIMBANG GABI 2016

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

7:00 p.m.	December 18	St. John Eudes, Chatsworth
7:00 p.m.	December 19	St. Euphrasia, Granada Hills
7:00 p.m.	December 20	St. Mel, Woodland Hills
7:00 p.m.	December 21	St. Joseph the Worker
7:00 p.m.	December 22	Our Lady of Lourdes, Northridge
7:00 p.m.	December 23	St. John Baptist de La Salle, Granada Hills

'TIS THE GIVING SEASON

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

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

Ways to Give

- Use the Christmas envelope in the monthly packet
- If you are an e-giving subscriber, simply log on and click on "Christmas" to make your donation.
- Begin e-giving and make your Christmas donation. Go to www.sjwchurch.com and click on e-giving.
- Place your donation in the Collection basket or mail it to the Parish Center.

Remember St. Joseph the Worker during the Giving Season

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	12/11/16	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$17,326	\$15,746	+ 10.0%

2016 Env \$ 9,486 (54.8%) E-giving \$ 1,414 (8.2%)

2015 Env \$ 9,077 (57.7%) E-giving \$ 1,495 (9.5%)

Thanksgiving this year \$4,186 vs. 3,886 last year, up 7.8%.

4th Sunday of Advent • December 18, 2016

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

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 Nisbet, Ian Fabregas, Ghaith Altehsh, Samouill Yamin, Maria Romero, Tony Medina, Joyce Masloski, Matei Vizginia, Maxim Mady, Fugaru Anca, Yermine Nahla and Tony, Joshua-Elias Padilla, Noel Columbres, Larry LeVine, Mark Cox, Guiselle Gonzalez.

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:

Ernestina Reyes, mother of Martha Reyes

**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**Set guidelines for holiday visits to ensure your child's safety**

Your holiday plans may include spending a few nights at a family member or friend's house, possibly with all the kids piling into a few rooms to sleep. Before you go, remind your kids about their body boundaries and what to do if someone violates those limits. Explain which areas are okay for others to touch and what areas are off limits. Inform the child that any areas that would be covered by underwear or swimsuits are off limits. For more information on helping a child establish boundaries, a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Teaching Boundaries," email jvienne@la-archdiocese.org or call 213-637-7227.

EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION**SCHOOL NEWS**

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Families,

It's a wonderful time of year and we are about to kick off our Shoe Drive. This is NO COST fundraiser. We are looking forward to making this fundraiser a huge hit! Our goal is to raise money to help with the infrastructure of the school.

Here's the Plan!

Kick-off Date: December 6: To coincide with the Feast of St. Nicholas, kids are to bring a pair of shoes to donate on December 5. Something special will happen on the morning of the 6.

Fundraising Dates: December 6 to January 20

Mixed Shoe Drive: Collect gently-used shoes. All sizes and types of shoes accepted except ski boots and golf shoes. Shoes need to have good soles, no holes, and be paired.

Where: Angel Bins will be available for the donated shoes at the Sunday morning Masses, or you can bring them to the school office.

Items in good condition are exported to developing nations meeting the demand for quality shoes at a low cost; waste is deferred from landfills; and numerous employment opportunities are created both in the U.S., and abroad.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

YOUTH NEWS**Upcoming Youth Ministry / Confirmation activities**

Sunday, December 18 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hall

Christmas gift wrapping & distribution (service project)

Tuesday, December 20 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall

Confirmation Year 1, Year 2 & Youth Ministry Christmas Party. Potluck. Please bring a canned Tuna donation for the homeless. Together in Mission \$25 challenge for each candidate due (service project)

Tuesday, January 3 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall

Joint Sessions for Confirmation 1 & 2

Sunday, January 8 11:30 a.m. Mass

Ritual of Promise, Confirmation 1 & their sponsors

Tuesday, January 10 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall

Confirmation 1, Regular Session

Tuesday, January 17 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall

Confirmation 2, Regular Session

Tuesday, January 24 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall

Confirmation 1, Regular Session

Friday, January 27 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall

Santo Nino Celebration Preparation (service project)

Saturday, January 28 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Hall

Santo Nino Celebration & Novena (service project)

Tuesday, January 31 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall

Confirmation 2, Regular Session

Please email JP Fernandez at jpf@sjwchurch.com should you have any questions or wish to serve with youth ministry.



PARISH LIFE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

There will be no Religious Education classes on the following dates:

Wednesdays December 21 & 28

Saturdays December 24 & 31

Classes resume:

Wednesday, January 4, 2017 and

Saturday, January 7, 2017

Wishing that the Holy Family's love be with all of you this Christmas and their blessings rest upon you every day throughout the new year! Merry Christmas and a Blessed New year.

Religious Education staff and Volunteer Catechists

IN THE COMMUNITY

RESPECT LIFE

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline (800) 973-7334

Abortion Recovery Help (877) 467-3463;

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Angels Way Maternity Home (818) 346-2229

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

A MINISTRY FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Looking for a way to share the many blessings of married life? Catholic Engaged Encounter needs couples to help minister to engaged couples. No experience necessary and free training is provided! If you would like to share what you've learned as a married couple and meet a terrific community of married couples, please consider the ministry of Catholic Engaged Encounter. For information call Tom and Diane Krause (310) 316-3477 or visit www.CEEofLA.org; EngagedEncounter@verizon.net

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"The desert and the parched land will exult, the steppe will rejoice and bloom." As we await the coming of the Lord, let us rejoice and encourage our marriages to bloom by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend March 3-5 or April 22-23 TBD. Contact Jeanine and Russ Walker at 805-648-4244 or go online at www.twocanlove.org. We help make good marriages better.

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.

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.

LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS 2017

The Religious Education Congress is ready to enrich and revitalize us once more. Join us February 23, (Youth Day), February 24 - 26, 2017 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 call the RECongress information line at (213) 637-7348 to request your own copy.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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

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

Miércoles: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45

Jueves: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56

Viernes: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66

Sábado: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79

Domingo: Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20
Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Establezca pautas para las visitas navideñas para la seguridad de sus hijos

Sus planes de la época navideña pueden incluir pasar unas noches en la casa de un familiar o amistad, posiblemente con todos los niños apilados para dormir en unos pocos cuartos. Antes de ir, recuérdale a los niños sobre los límites de su cuerpo y qué hacer si alguien viola esos límites. Explíqueles qué partes de su cuerpo está bien que otros les toquen y qué partes no les deben permitir tocar. Informe a los niños que cualquier área del cuerpo cubierta con ropa interior o con trajes de baño no debe ser tocada por otros. Para más información sobre cómo ayudar a los niños a establecer límites, solicite una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® "Teaching Boundaries" (Enseñando límites) enviando un correo electrónico a: bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org o llamando al (213) 637-7508.

INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE NAVIDAD

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

LLAMADOS POR DIOS

Al acercarse la Navidad, las Escrituras del Adviento nos llevan a un mundo de sueños, señales, maravillas y el milagro del nacimiento de una virgen. Muchas veces dejamos que los grandes relatos de nuestra fe, los que son más conocidos, simplemente nos pasen sin sentirlos. El relato del Evangelio de hoy sobre los acontecimientos previos al nacimiento del Señor parece una telenovela actual. Sin embargo, la valentía de José, aun en medio de una época que debe haber sido increíblemente confusa, nos brinda un modelo a seguir. Cada semana, Dios nos llama a aceptar el camino de la bondad y la verdad por medio de la proclamación de la Palabra sagrada de Dios. Como José, somos llamados a hacer lo que el Señor nos ordena. Mientras estamos en el umbral de la Navidad, tengamos la valentía para estar abiertos a lo que sea, a lo que el Señor requiera de nosotros durante nuestra celebración del milagro de Belén.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

VIDA PARROQUIAL

GRUPO BÍBLICO

El grupo de biblia de nuestra parroquia, les hace una cordial invitación a estudiar el curso del antiguo testamento. el curso consta de 20 clases comenzando el **jueves 19 de enero**. Los temas a desarrollar son: La Creación, Abraham, Moisés, Reyes, Los Profetas, etc. Vengan y conozcan la palabra de Dios. Aprendan la importancia del Antiguo Testamento y encuéntrense con su Dios a través de su palabra. No pierdan esta gran oportunidad. Las clases son gratis y su cupo es limitado.

Para más información llame al señor Ismael Ramírez al (818) 355-4476.

CALENDARIO DE ADVIENTO Y NAVIDAD 2016

SIMBANG GABI (Posada Navideña Filipina)

Miércoles 21 de diciembre Iglesia 7:00 p.m.

Misa de Noche Buena

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

Misa de Navidad

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



NOTICIAS DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

Le recordamos que no habrá clases de Catequesis en las siguientes fechas:

Miércoles 21 y 28 de diciembre

Sábado 24 y 31 de diciembre

Regresamos a clase:

Miércoles 4 de enero, 2017

Sábado 7 de enero, 2017

Deseándoles a todos que el amor de la Sagrada Familia se haga presente esta Navidad y que sus bendiciones les acompañen cada uno de sus días, Feliz Navidad y muchas bendiciones para el Año Nuevo!

De parte del Personal Parroquial y los Catequistas Voluntarios

OFICINA CERRADA

La oficina parroquial y todos los cuartos del Centro de Conferencias estarán cerrados del viernes 23 al lunes 26 de diciembre. Volveremos a abrir el martes 27 a las 8:00 a.m. Gracias.



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_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.

"Mass of the Night" SIMBANG GABI A FILIPINO ADVENT TRADITION

Wednesday, December 21 • 7:00 p.m. in the Church
Fr. Kevin Rettig, Celebrant



Simbang Gabi, or "Night Mass,"
is celebrated in parishes throughout the archdiocese.
All are invited to this beautiful liturgy in preparation for
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD

Christmas Eve / Noche Buena
Saturday, December 24

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

Christmas Day / Navidad
Sunday, December 25

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

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

