



**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.

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**JANUARY 1, 2017**

**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](http://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

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*Holy Mary,  
Mother of God*



“ And Mary kept  
all these things,  
reflecting on them  
in her heart.

—Luke 2:19

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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 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11  
**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

- Sunday January 1**  
 7:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)  
 9:30 a.m. Lecaros Family (Intentions)  
 11:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)  
 1:30 p.m. Mary Gonzalez (RIP)  
 5:30 p.m. Phero kieu (Intentions)  
 7:30 p.m. Hernandez Cortez Family (Intentions)
- Monday January 2**  
 6:30 a.m. No Mass  
 8:30 a.m. Margarita Becerra (RIP)  
 Ted Concepcion (RIP)
- Tuesday January 3**  
 6:30 a.m. Pauline Fox (RIP)  
 8:30 a.m. Santos M. Recio (RIP)
- Wednesday January 4**  
 6:30 a.m. Irene Garay Garcia (RIP)  
 8:30 a.m. Terry Magallanes (Intentions)
- Thursday January 5**  
 6:30 a.m. Mary Navarro (RIP)  
 8:30 a.m. Maria Pomposo (Intentions)
- Friday January 6**  
 6:30 a.m. Magtanggol A. Ramos (RIP)  
 8:30 a.m. Agatha Mao and Phillip Thiet (RIP)
- Saturday January 7**  
 8:30 a.m. Memorial Society  
 5:30 p.m. Stephen and Hazel Kunka (RIP)
- Sunday January 8**  
 7:30 a.m. Leandro Marquez Aguirre (RIP)  
 9:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)  
 11:30 a.m. Rapacon Family (Intentions)  
 1:30 p.m. Cynthia Sanchez (Get Well)  
 5:30 p.m. John Baptist Bang (Intentions)  
 7:30 p.m. Elias Garcia (RIP)

## OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center and all Parish facilities will be closed on **Monday, January 2**. We will open again on Tuesday, January 3, at 8:00 a.m.

A Blessed New Year to all of you!

## PARISH LIFE

### THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Octave” comes from the Latin word for “eight,” and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the “eighth day,” since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord’s Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn’t claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### SJW MEMORIAL SOCIETY

St. Joseph the Worker Memorial Society is intended as a meaningful and beautiful way for persons to remember their beloved deceased or to express their condolences to friends who have lost a loved one. Persons enrolled in the Memorial Society will share in the spiritual benefits of special Masses and prayers offered throughout the year, every year. A Mass is offered for those enrolled every first Saturday of the month at our 8:30 a.m. Mass. The enrollment list is kept in the Parish Center and is accessible during office hours. Each memorial is presented in a handsome leatherette folder, containing an enrollment card where the name of the person remembered is inscribed, along with the person who enrolled the deceased. The leatherette folder with personalized enrollment card is particularly suitable on the occasion of a death, to bring to a viewing or funeral, or to send as an anniversary remembrance. Call the Parish Center to make arrangements.

### MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass, come to the Parish Center. Only one paid intention will be accepted and printed in the bulletin for each Mass. Selected Masses will be reserved for church use. The stipend is \$10 per Mass.



## 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.

### 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.

# Happy New Year!

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### SJW CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Are you looking for a way to get involved in a prayer community? Re-serve your Thursday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and come join the SJW Charismatic Prayer Group at the church for an evening of praise and worship, inspirational talks, bible reflection, group sharing and a monthly healing service.

All are welcome!

### '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](http://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**

### 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, Yermin Nahla and Tony, Joshua-Elias Padilla, Noel Columbres, Larry LeVine, Mark Cox, Giselle 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

Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently lost a loved one.



### 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

#### Cell phone apps allow for hiding photos and messages

A review of a young person’s cell phone text messages may provide a parent or caring adult with information such as who your child talks to, where they are going, and what they’re doing. Unfortunately, all of that may be in the past. Today, some new cell phone text messaging services keep cell phone texting activity increasingly private. In order to protect young people, one must stay current and re-connect with ever changing technology. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Vanishing, Self-Destructing Texting, and Electronic Communication,” email [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@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!



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### YOUTH NEWS

#### Upcoming Youth Ministry / Confirmation activities

**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](mailto:jpf@sjwchurch.com) should you have any questions or wish to serve with youth ministry.



## PARISH LIFE

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

*Religious Education Classes will resume on :*

**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.

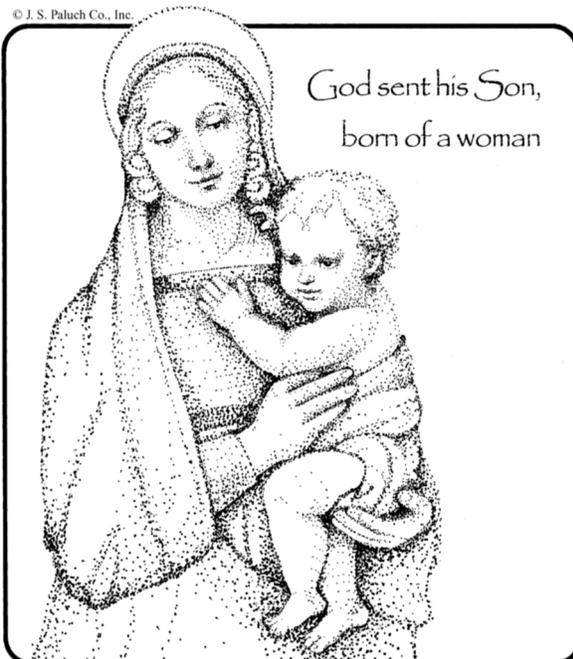
Religious Education staff and Volunteer Catechists

### 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](http://www.RECongress.org). To obtain a Registration Guidebook call the RECongress information line at (213) 637-7348 to request your own copy.



## IN THE COMMUNITY

### CHAMINADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY H.S.

Entrance Exam will be administered on two dates: January 21 and 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. An online application for admission and the application fee should be on file with the school by January 13 at [www.chaminade.org](http://www.chaminade.org). Financial Aid applications are also available online. For more information please call the Admissions office at (818) 347-8300 ext. 355.

### 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](mailto:ornelasdachs@sbcglobal.net) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://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](http://www.CEEofLA.org); [EngagedEncounter@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.



### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Lunes:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
**Martes:** 1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
**Miércoles:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
**Jueves:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 4:14-22a  
**Viernes:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Mc 1:7-11 o Lc 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]  
**Sábado:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11  
**Domingo:** Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Las aplicaciones de teléfono permiten esconder fotos y mensajes

La revisión de los mensajes de texto del teléfono celular de un joven puede proveer a los padres de familia o a los adultos que lo cuidan, información como con quién habla su hijo, dónde va, y lo que hace. Desafortunadamente, todo eso puede ya ser parte del pasado. En la actualidad, algunos nuevos servicios de mensaje de texto por celular mantienen la actividad de mensajes de texto muy privada. Para proteger a los jóvenes, uno debe estar al corriente y reconectado con la tecnología cambiante. Para una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® "Vanishing, Self-Destructing Texting, and Electronic Communication" (Mensajes de texto y comunicación electrónica y desvanecientes y autodestructivos) envíe un correo electrónico a [bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org) ó llame al (213) 637-7508.

### POR QUE SER CATOLICO

¿Por que Ser Católico? - Recorrido por el Catecismo comienza con la primera sesión "El deseo de Dios" el **lunes 9 de enero** a las 7:00 p.m. en el cuarto de Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton.

El "Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica" ofrece formación en la fe sólida para aquellos que no han sido expuestos a este documento. Nuestro equipo de catequistas está listo para presentar este rico recurso para vivir y conocer nuestra fe.



### 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, El 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.

## 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.



### LA BENDICIÓN QUE RECIBIMOS

La bendición que experimentamos en Cristo Jesús es proclamada en Números como una bendición especial para el pueblo de Israel. Ellos y nosotros seremos bendecidos por la invocación de la misericordia de Dios, la gloria resplandeciente de su rostro que nos mira con amor y no se aleja de nosotros con ira. ¡Hemos sido bendecidos por la paz de Dios!

Nuestro deseo y nuestra esperanza se cumplen en esta bendición, que se hace visible en la venida de Jesús. En Jesús, la imagen del Dios invisible, se nos muestra su rostro y su presencia se nos da a conocer en la bondad amorosa y fiel. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En Nicaragua y otras naciones latinoamericanas se celebra el final de un año con la "quema del año viejo". Construyen grandes muñecos con ropa vieja, pólvora y papel que se encienden a medianoche entre los dos años. Celebrar el comienzo de un año nuevo tiene una larga trayectoria en la historia humana. Hace unos 4000 años el pueblo de Babilonia ya festejaba la llegada de un nuevo año con grandes fiestas de primavera. Los judíos, al igual que otros pueblos agrícolas, también celebraban su año nuevo durante la primavera, el primer día de Nisán (a principios de abril). Fue Julio César quien nos dio la fecha del primero de enero como el inicio de nuestro calendario. En 1582 el Papa Gregorio XIII reformó el calendario para darnos el que actualmente está en uso. No obstante, los cristianos continuaron celebrando el año nuevo en primavera para evitar los excesos del "hombre viejo". Hace 400 años la Iglesia comenzó a celebrar el día primero de enero buscando cristianizarlo lo mejor posible. Por eso en el calendario litúrgico este día es dedicado a María, Madre de Dios.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### OFICINA CERRADA

La oficina parroquial y todos los cuartos del Centro de Conferencias estarán cerrados el lunes 2 de enero. Volveremos a abrir el martes 3 de enero 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

# World Day of Peace



## On the first day of the New Year, the

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, the Church celebrates World Day of Peace. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of this observance. Inspired by both St. Pope John XXIII's encyclical *Pacem in terris* and his own encyclical *Populorum progressio*, Pope Paul VI introduced the World Day of Peace in 1967.

The Holy Father's annual message indicates the diplomatic concerns of the Holy See for the coming year and is sent to foreign ministries around the world. Pope Francis has chosen the theme "Nonviolence: A style of politics for peace" for this year's commemoration.

In calling for a "politics of nonviolence," Pope Francis writes, "Violence is not the cure for our broken world." He describes active nonviolence as a political strategy. "Nonviolence is not surrender, lack of involvement and passivity." Peacebuilding through active nonviolence consists of initiatives to prevent the outbreak or resumption of violent conflict. It is "a way of showing that unity is truly more powerful and more fruitful than conflict."

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis  
The Vatican, December 8, 2016  
Full text: <https://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>