



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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 8, 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.

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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Come, Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!



Diego Velázquez
Adoration of the Magi
(1619)
Oil on canvas
Museo del Prado, Madrid

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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: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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 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)
- Monday January 9**
 6:30 a.m. Villagracia Siblings (Intentions)
 8:30 a.m. Elster and Rosemary Tambinayagam (RIP)
- Tuesday January 10**
 6:30 a.m. Alfredo Sabillo and Family (Intentions)
 8:30 a.m. Teresita Horario (Intentions)
- Wednesday January 11**
 6:30 a.m. Elisa Martinez (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Michael Joseph Pozen (Birthday)
- Thursday January 12**
 6:30 a.m. Harry Burnelle (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. De Los Santos Family (RIP)
- Friday January 13**
 6:30 a.m. Delia Hernandez Vega (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Brenda Sacaguing (Intentions)
- Saturday January 14**
 8:30 a.m. Dionisio Alejandro, Sr. (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. Remedios and Joaquin Villagracia (RIP)
- Sunday January 15**
 7:30 a.m. Mary Esther Bradley (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Maria E. Pacillas (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 1:30 p.m. Herlinda Gonzalez Flores (Birthday)
 5:30 p.m. Joseph Thua Do (RIP)
 7:30 p.m. Maria Alejandra Frias (RIP)



PARISH LIFE

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

—Rev. 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.

SJW CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Are you looking for a way to get involved in a prayer community? Reserve 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!

2017 CALENDARS

Calendars are available at the Gift Shop. Your donation of \$1 or more will go to St. Vincent de Paul to help needy families. Thank you!

'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

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

Start the new year with your kids' safety in mind

During the start of a new year, many resolve to do things differently; pray more, live better and cherish God's gifts. It's also a great time to recommit to putting the safety and well-being of children first. Look to Mary, the Mother of God, for examples. Model honesty, gratitude, and love to your children, and take steps to teach them about safety in the home and the world. This resolution to promote safety and happiness can make your new year the best one yet. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Mother of Good Counsel Protect the Vulnerable," email jvien-na@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, 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. Confirmation 1, Regular Session	Hall
Tuesday, January 17	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Confirmation 2, Regular Session	Hall
Tuesday, January 24	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Confirmation 1, Regular Session	Hall
Friday, January 27	4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Santo Nino Celebration Preparation (service project)	Hall
Saturday, January 28	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Santo Nino Celebration & Novena (service project)	Hall
Tuesday, January 31	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Confirmation 2, Regular Session	Hall

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



PARISH LIFE

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.

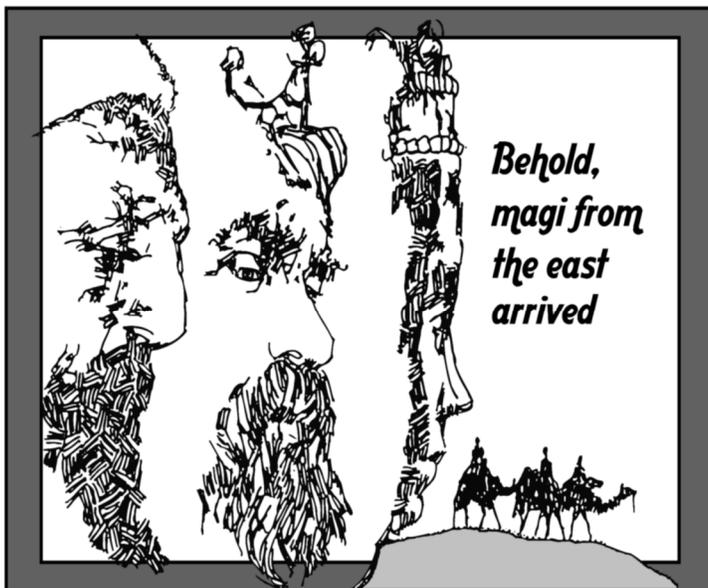
Don't miss out! Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! You may access the book on line and register by visiting www.RECongress.org. To obtain a Registration Guidebook call the RECongress information line at (213) 637-7348 to request your own copy.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

Everyone is welcome to the celebration of the 9-Hour Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague on **Saturday, January 28**, beginning at 7:00 a.m. here at St. Joseph the Worker Church. We'll see you then.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Due to the Infant Jesus of Prague 9-Hour Novena on **Saturday, January 28**, the 8:30 a.m. Mass will be in the Conference Center Hall and the 3:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard in the Rectory Chapel. Please use the Cantlay St. entrance.



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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. 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 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.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Hch 10:34-38; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Martes: Heb 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:21-28 o Heb 1:1-6 y 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:14-20 y 1:21-28

Miércoles: Heb 2:14-18; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9; Mc 1:29-39

Jueves: Heb 3:7-14; Sal 95 (94):6-11; Mc 1:40-45

Viernes: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Sal 78 (77):3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mc 2:1-12

Sábado: Heb 4:12-16; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 2:13-17

Domingo: Is 49:3, 5-6; Sal 40 (39):2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Comience el año nuevo con la seguridad de sus hijos en mente

Durante el comienzo de un nuevo año, muchos deciden hacer las cosas de manera diferente: orar más, vivir mejor y apreciar los dones de Dios. También es un buen momento para volver a comprometerse a poner la seguridad y el bienestar de los niños primero. Mire a María, la Madre de Dios, por ejemplo. Modéleles honestidad, gratitud y amor a sus hijos, y tome medidas para enseñarles sobre la seguridad en el hogar y en el mundo. Esta resolución para promover la seguridad y la felicidad puede hacer que su nuevo año sea el mejor hasta ahora. Para obtener una copia del artículo de VIRTUS © "Mother of Good Counsel Protect the Vulnerable" (Madre del buen consejo protege a los vulnerables), envíe un correo electrónico a bmelenandez@la-archdiocese.org o 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 presentarles este rico recurso para vivir y conocer nuestra fe.



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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.

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.

LA ESTRELLA DE BELÉN

El desarrollo del relato de la Encarnación continúa hoy cuando la Iglesia celebra la Epifanía. La historia de los Magos de oriente es uno de los relatos más fascinantes de las Escrituras. Nos enseña mucho sobre qué podemos esperar, incluso en circunstancias y lugares que pueden parecer insignificantes. Belén era un pueblo diminuto, lo que hoy diríamos un pueblo sin siquiera un semáforo. Sin embargo, es sobre este lugar aparentemente insignificante que la estrella guía se detuvo en su búsqueda del lugar en donde el Salvador nacería. Muchas veces no comprendemos que la estrella de Belén se posa en nuestra vida diaria, donde podemos sentir la presencia de Dios, manifestada de maneras diversas y nuevas. La Epifanía nos llama a salir de nuestro estupor y a reconocer a Aquél que viene a salvarnos.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Es tiempo de añadir los reyes magos al pesebre. En 1448 llegaron los pesebres italianos a las iglesias españolas, pero no fue hasta que el Rey Carlos III le regaló un pesebre a su hijo en el siglo XVIII que el uso de pesebres se expandió en los hogares. Desde entonces, el uso de nacimientos llegó al continente americano en donde se convirtió en la decoración principal para las fiestas navideñas.

Así como en todo país latinoamericano el montaje del Belén es una tradición, lo es también en Venezuela. Con el pesebre venezolano llegan también aguinaldos, parrandas, Misas y patines. ¡Sí! ¡Patines!

Desde la mitad del siglo pasado los venezolanos celebran la época navideña con "patinadas". Estas "patinadas" normalmente se hacen por las mañanas y muchas calles están cerradas a los autos hasta las 8 a.m. para que niños y jóvenes puedan disfrutar de los patines, bicicletas y otros juguetes que les regala el niño Dios. Por esto, muchos niños duermen con un "cordoncito" atado al dedo gordo de los pies, que cuelgan por la ventana para que los despierten los que pasan patinado.

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



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

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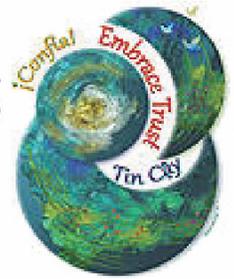
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