



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2017

MISSION STATEMENT

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

WELCOME!

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship here today and hope you will find this community a place where your faith can be nourished. Visit the Parish Center or www.sjwchurch.com.

MASSES

Saturday

8:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. (Vigil), English

Sunday

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m., English

1:30, 7:30 p.m., Spanish

5:30 p.m., Vietnamese

Monday - Friday

6:30, 8:30 a.m., English

First Friday: 7:30 p.m., Spanish

Holy Days

6:30 p.m. (Vigil), English

6:30, 8:30 a.m., 6:45 p.m., English

5:30 p.m., Vietnamese

8:00 p.m., Spanish

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Kevin Rettig

Associate Pastor

Rev. 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

St Joseph the Worker

FINANCE COUNCIL

THE FINANCE COUNCIL assists and advises the Pastor in overseeing and controlling the financial affairs of the parish. The Pastor consults with the Council to ensure sound fiscal management for the parish. The Code of Canon Law (Canon 537) requires that each parish have a Finance Council.



*Front, left to right: Sarita White, Lien Le, Chris Boydston
Back: Ryan Heredia, Mike Stafford (Parish Business Manager), Steve Martin (Chair)
Not pictured: Terry Dawson*

For more about the role of the Finance Council and biographies of the members, see the About Us section of the parish website: www.sjwchurch.com

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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



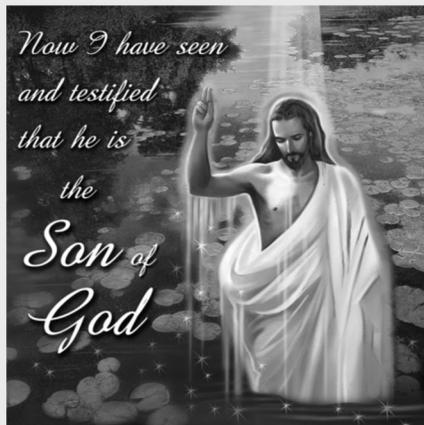
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

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 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)
- Monday January 16**
 6:30 a.m. No Mass
 8:30 a.m. Rosete Family (Intentions)
- Tuesday January 17**
 6:30 a.m. Lynn Palomares (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Soto Family (RIP)
- Wednesday January 18**
 6:30 a.m. Gerardo Gerry Faelnar (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Liberato Ricafrente (RIP)
- Thursday January 19**
 6:30 a.m. Pergentino and Adelaida Guillen (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Hernandez Family (RIP)
- Friday January 20**
 6:30 a.m. Virginia McNally (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Virginia Alejandro (Intentions)
- Saturday January 21**
 8:30 a.m. Corina Picado (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. Al Diaz (Thanksgiving)
- Sunday January 22**
 7:30 a.m. Conrado Arcalas (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Rosete Family (Intentions)
 11:30 a.m. Ted, David and Margaret Kecxon (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 5:30 p.m. Marie Tran Thi Thuoc (RIP)
 7:30 p.m. Guadalupe Escobar (RIP)



PARISH LIFE

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.

CELEBRATING OUR "PIONEERING PARISHIONERS"

Our beloved parish has just completed sixty years of existence! We are proud of what we are and are delighted that some of our original parishioners are still with us to share their stories and memories of the pioneering days. We would like to invite any of our "originals" who can make it to attend the 9:30 Mass together on **Sunday, February 5**. Many wonderful people have been a part of the parish for a long time, but we are specifically looking for those who were here even before the first church was built, when Masses were still being held at Lorenzen Funeral Home and Sutter School. You were truly "The First"! We hope to see you on **Sunday, February 5!**

THREE MISSIONS

Today we begin with one of the "servant songs" from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus' ministry of service. Isaiah's mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today's Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus "outranks" John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John's baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

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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.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center and all parish facilities will be closed **Monday, January 16**, due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. There will be no 6:30 a.m. 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 Saint Joseph the Worker Charismatic Prayer Group at the church for an evening of praise and worship, inspirational talks, group sharing, bible reflection, and a monthly healing service.

All are welcome to attend our healing service to be officiated by Fr. Roberto Rueda on **January 26**.

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!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like a contribution statement for the year 2016, please call the Parish Center (818) 341-6634. We will be happy to send one to you.

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	1/8/17	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$19,048	\$14,756	+ 29.1%

2017 Env \$ 10,639 (55.9%) E-giving \$ 1,095 (5.8%)

2016 Env \$ 8,301 (56.3%) E-giving \$ 1,630 (11.1%)

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

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 Cumbres, 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

Josie Buenviaje, wife of Ben Buenviaje
Raphael Mendoza, parishioner
Al Alvarez, parishioner

Gloria DiGiovanni, long-time parishioner
Xich Le, parishioner

Irineo Soto, husband of Hilda Soto
Jorge Villaseñor, parishioner

Carlos Lopez, father of Claudia Lopez



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.



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

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

Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses, February 4 and 5
Together In Mission (Service Project)

Tuesday, February 7 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall
Confirmation 1, Regular Session

Tuesday, February 14 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall
Confirmation 2, Regular Session

Tuesday, February 21 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall
Confirmation 1, Regular Session

Thursday, February 23

Confirmation I only- Archdiocesan Youth Day at the Anaheim Convention Center. Bus will leave at 6:30 a.m. from the Parish and should be back after 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28 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

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 290 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.

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.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Help children communicate by reading between the lines

When children express that something is wrong at school or with other activities, it's often the job of caregivers to read between the lines to determine what's really going on. They might say "I'm bored" and need your guidance finding a better school-life balance or engaging in more challenging academic work. Ask them to give examples and to help you understand what is going on. If the child is still being vague, remind them that they can tell you anything and that you'll listen with an open mind. As parents and caregivers, you have the opportunity to help kids deal well with negative feelings and challenges. And, if they are being mistreated in some way, keeping an open line of communication with kids will enable you to be their advocate. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Communication Tip No. 15: When Children Complain about School," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227.

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

"He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fisher of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him." Let us answer God's call to make our marriages the best they can be by attending a WorldWide Marriage weekend on **March 3-5** in San Fernando or **April 21-23** in Palmdale. Go online to www.twocanlove.org for more information. 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: Heb 5:1-10; Sal 110 (109):1-4; Mc 2:18-22
Martes: Heb 6:10-20; Sal 111 (110):1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mc 2:23-28
Miércoles: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Sal 110 (109):1-4; Mc 3:1-6
Jueves: Heb 7:25 – 8:6; Sal 40 (39):7-10, 17; Mc 3:7-12
Viernes: Heb 8:6-13; Sal 85 (84):8, 10-14; Mc 3:13-19
Sábado: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-9; Mc 3:20-21
Domingo: Is 8:23 – 9:3; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Ayude a comunicarse con los niños leyendo entre líneas

Cuando los niños expresan que algo está mal en la escuela o con otras actividades, a menudo es tarea de los cuidadores leer entre líneas para entender lo que realmente está pasando. Podrían decir “estoy aburrido” y necesito tu guía para encontrar un mejor equilibrio en la vida escolar o participar en un trabajo académico más desafiante. Pídales que den ejemplos y que le ayuden a entender lo que está sucediendo. Si el niño sigue siendo vago, recuérdales que pueden decirle cualquier cosa y que usted escuchará con una mente abierta. Como padres y cuidadores, usted tiene la oportunidad de ayudar a los niños a lidiar con los sentimientos y desafíos negativos. Y, si están siendo maltratados de alguna manera, mantener una línea abierta de comunicación con los niños le permitirá ser su defensor. Para obtener una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® “Communication Tip No. 15: When Children Complain about School” (Consejo de comunicación No. 15: Cuando los niños se quejan de la escuela), envíe un correo electrónico a bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org ó llame al (213) 637-7508.

POR QUE SER CATOLICO

¿Por que Ser Católico? - Recorrido por el Catecismo

Los esperamos todos los lunes 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 presentarle este rico recurso para vivir y conocer nuestra fe.

OFICINA CERRADA

La oficina parroquial y todos los salones del centro de conferencia estarán cerrados el **lunes 16 de enero** por el feriado de Martin Luther King Jr. Volveremos a abrir el martes 17 de enero a las 8:00 a.m. El lunes sólo tendremos una misa en inglés a las 8:30 a.m.



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.

TRES MISIONES

Hoy comenzamos con una de las “cantos del siervo” del libro de Isaías, una canto profético sobre el ministerio de servicio de Jesús. La misión de Isaías no sólo es lograr que los hijos de Jacob se reúnan en Israel, sino también es convertirse en “una luz de las naciones” (Isaías 49:6). Jesucristo, como servidor, será el cumplimiento de la antigua profecía y la base de la nueva.

Este domingo comenzamos una serie de lecturas de la carta de san Pablo a los corintios. Aquí se define a Pablo de acuerdo a su misión: es un apóstol de Jesucristo. La Iglesia en Corinto a quien se dirige en su carta también se define: es parte de la Iglesia universal de Dios. Los corintios, como todos los cristianos, son llamados a la santidad.

Aunque la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor se celebró el domingo pasado, el Evangelio de hoy también alude a la importancia de dicho acontecimiento. La lectura enfatiza que Jesús “tiene precedencia” sobre Juan: su bautismo en el Espíritu erradicará el pecado. Jesús acepta el bautismo de Juan, a pesar de que él mismo es el Cordero de Dios.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Al escribir *Tradiciones de nuestra fe* me he encontrado con muchas fiestas patronales en España, Latinoamérica y Estados Unidos de América. Muchas de ellas mantienen su carácter religioso mientras que otras son simplemente una excusa para festejar, mejorar la economía local o hacer política, pero no por estas razones deben ser descartadas.

Tomemos, por ejemplo, la fiesta de san Sebastián de las Ovejas en la frontera entre Argentina y Chile. Esta fiesta es más vieja que ambas naciones y su peregrinación pisa los dos suelos. A lo largo del tiempo, esta fiesta ha sufrido por razones políticas entre ambas naciones, pero a partir de 1980 las autoridades eclesiásticas, civiles y gubernamentales han intentado revitalizar esta fiesta por varios motivos.

Las autoridades eclesiásticas la usan para renovar el cristianismo añadiendo las enseñanzas y prácticas del Concilio Vaticano II a las tradiciones antiguas. Las autoridades civiles la utilizan para incrementar el comercio y el turismo en la región. Los gobiernos de Chile y Argentina la ven como un enlace benéfico entre ambas naciones.

Las fiestas patronales buscan integrar todos los aspectos del ser humano, su política, economía, cultura, celebración y religión.

—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

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.

Infant Jesus of Prague 9-Hour Novena

"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, you do it to me."
—Matthew 25:40

Saturday, January 28 — 6:45 a.m. in the Church
Presentations by invited speakers,
concluding with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist



Themes for Prayer, Reflection, and Discussion

- Caring for the homeless, the migrants, and the refugees
- Caring for the sick
- Visiting the grieving and the imprisoned
- Counseling the ignorant
- Caring for Mother Earth
- Forgiveness: Mercy in action

Attend all or part of this joyous day
All are welcome!



LUNAR NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Sunday, January 29
New Year's Mass 5:30 p.m.
Party Follows
Conference Center Hall



FOOD ENTERTAINMENT LIVE MUSIC

Celebration of Tết Vietnamese New Year
All are welcome!

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