

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 31, 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. Beto Villalobos

Associate Pastor

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Associate Pastor

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Bill Sparks

Youth Ministry and Confirmation

J.P. Fernandez

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Karina Villanueva

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Mike Stafford

Parish Secretary

Angela Escobar

Family and Faith

Today's readings are about family and faith. Joseph and Mary take their young child Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to God in the Temple, as was the custom. There, the family meets Simeon, who was divinely promised that he would not die until he had seen the Christ. With faith in God, Simeon waits. To his delight, he not only meets Jesus but also embraces him; God's promise to Simeon is fulfilled.



James Tissot

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (detail)

1886-1894, Opaque watercolor

Brooklyn Museum

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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: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 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]
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 December 31**
 7:30 a.m. Nguyen Trinh Family (Thanksgiving)
 9:30 a.m. Juliana Aryan (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. Pozen Family (Thanksgiving)
 1:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 5:30 p.m. Marie Tran Thi Thuoc (RIP)
 7:30 p.m. Rafael Sandoval Ortega (RIP)
- Monday January 1**
 6:30 a.m. No Mass
 8:30 a.m. Pomposo Family (Intentions)
- Tuesday January 2**
 6:30 a.m. Jesus Escobar (Birthday)
 8:30 a.m. Magallanes Family (Intentions)
- Wednesday January 3**
 6:30 a.m. Lourdes Tulod (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Santos M. Recio (RIP)
- Thursday January 4**
 6:30 a.m. Fernando Campos (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Danan Family (Intentions)
- Friday January 5**
 6:30 a.m. Thanh Family (Intentions)
 8:30 a.m. De Los Santos Family (Intentions)
- Saturday January 6**
 8:30 a.m. Memorial Society
 5:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
- Sunday January 7**
 7:30 a.m. Lourdes Organo (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Dolores Roa (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. Maria E. Pacillas (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Lupe Escobar (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. Raul Ferruzo (RIP)
 7:30 p.m. Odilon Contreras (RIP)



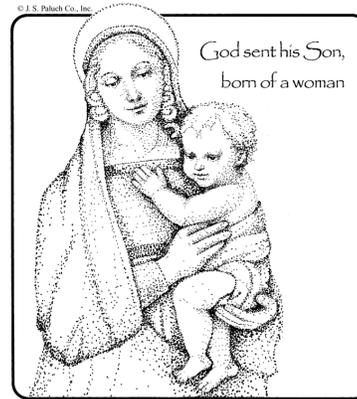
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PARISH LIFE

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God,



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

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

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center and all Parish facilities will be closed on **Monday, January 1**. We will open again on **Tuesday, January 2** at 8:00 a.m.

On January 1, we will only have on mass at 8:30 a.m.

A Blessed New Year!



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.

Do you like to cook?

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of volunteers to help with hot lunches for those in need. We serve on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, but are particularly in need of people for Saturdays. If you are interested, please leave a message on our call line (818) 773-1864 and we will get back to you with more information.

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. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We invite you to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament **every Wednesday** from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center chapel. In addition to Wednesdays, there is adoration **every First Friday** of the month in the chapel at 7:00 p.m.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like a contribution statement for the year 2017, please call the Parish Center (818) 341-6634. We will be happy to send one to you.

BIBLE STUDY

Daytime Bible Study

Join us as we gather on Friday mornings for St. Joseph the Worker Daytime Bible Study. The study and discussion is the Little Rock Scripture Study's, Old Testament, "The Book of EXODUS". We will meet Fridays, starting **January 5**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center dining room. Study materials are available at the meeting. Don't forget to bring your bible. All are welcome.

Monday Evenings Bible Study

Join us as we gather on Monday evenings for St. Joseph the Worker Bible Study. The study and discussion is the Little Rock Scripture Study's, Old Testament, "The Book of PSALMS I" We will meet Mondays, starting **January 8**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Office in the school. Study materials are available at the meeting. Don't forget to bring your bible. All are welcome!

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 6:00 p.m. (SJW Chapel)

SACRAMENTS

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Confirmation Process (Grades 8th - 12th)

Year One - Bimonthly

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm OR Sundays 9:30 - 11:00 am

Year Two - Bimonthly

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm OR Sundays 9:30 - 11:00 am

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

David Nisbet, Ian Fabregas, Ghaith Altehsh, Samouill Yamin, Bob Zemke, Herminigildo Villanueva, Clara Hurtado, Joyce Masloski, Dwight Ramos, Maxim Razuan, Maria Melanie Martinez, Alyssa Vasquez, Noel Columbres, Larry LeVine, Mark Cox, Gilbert Gonzalez, Jack Samalot, Martha Medina, Paul Davis, Ceferino Navarro, Maria Dolores Rivas, Meilani H. Sandan, Nina Rosales, Sandy Gregory, Abbey Aquino, Albert Garcia, Jr., Lulu Mercado, Wendy and Lisa Pelamati, Lisa Grady, Thelma Foley, Eric Escobar, Irene, Ferdinand, Rolando and Vidlamor Morales.

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:

Raul Alberto Ferruzo, father of Angela Escobar



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

SJW SCHOOL NEWS

Who are the Knights of St. Joseph the Worker School?

Our Mission

St. Joseph the Worker is a Catholic parish school in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. By affirming and modeling the virtues Jesus lived and taught, the school community reflects the parish’s Catholic identity. As a parish school, we serve the community foremost by providing a caring, Catholic, educational environment dedicated to fostering each student’s ability to grow academically, spiritually, physically, and socially. Together with the family, the faculty and staff provide the students with a foundation for success from Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade to high school and college, helping students develop into autonomous, moral, and responsible adolescents and adults.

A St. Joseph the Worker Student:

- Is a Catholic Christian who lives in peace with God, the “dear neighbor,” and the earth.
- Has a responsibility to promote social justice.
- Is a life-long learner.
- Respects the human body as created by God.
- Appreciates the arts and the beauty of God’s creation.

For more information, contact: Mr. CJ Kruska, M.A. Ed. - Principal

Email: cjkruska@la-archdiocese.org

Phone: (818) 341 - 6616

YOUTH MINISTRY / TEEN CONFIRMATION

Youth Mass every Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

We are looking for Youth Volunteers for the following opportunities:

- Singers and Instrumentalist for our 11:30am Youth Mass
- Altar Servers – Especially for Saturday Morning and Vigil Masses, 7:30am Sunday Mass.
- Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers – Must be at least 16 years of age, practicing Catholic, completed the Sacraments of Initiation.

Please email JP Fernandez at jpf@sjwchurch.com or call (818) 341-6634 x 1018 for more information.

Confirmation Year 1

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Joint Session Parish Hall

Confirmation Year 2

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Joint Session Parish Hall

Friday, January 5 and Saturday, January 6 (all day): Mandatory Retreat at Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Human trafficking and technology

Teenagers spend a lot of time online, making them prime targets for human traffickers. Using online ads that promise money and adventure in exciting, glamorous cities, traffickers attract young women and girls. Parents should be aware of the serious dangers online, and monitor what their children’s online activity – sites they visit, social networks they may belong to, and who they are connecting with online. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Human Trafficking and Sex Tourism with Children and Technology,” visit https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/free_article.cfm?free_articles_id=887, or call (213) 637-7508.



PARISH LIFE

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.

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 St. Joseph the Worker Charismatic Group at the church for an evening of praise and worship, inspirational talks, groups sharing, bible reflection, and a monthly healing service. To deepen your prayer life, join our Intercessory ministry every Friday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the parish chapel.

We look forward to seeing you!



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IN THE COMMUNITY

CHAMINADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY

Chaminade College Preparatory High School Entrance Exam will be administered on two dates: **January 20 and 27** 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 12**. Financial Aid applications are available online. For more information please call the Admissions office at (818) 347-8300 or apply online at www.chaminade.org.

RESPECT LIFE

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline (800) 973-7334
 Abortion Recovery Help (877) 467-3463;
www.rachelsvineyard.org
 Angels Way Maternity Home (818) 346-2229

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

Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another as well as a gift from God. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to receive the tools needed to make the most of this precious gift. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next WWME weekend on February 9-11 in Canoga Park. For more information contact Ed and Jo Lara at 818-848-6729 or go online at www.twocanlove.org
 We help make good marriages better.

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.

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.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21
Martes: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Miércoles: 1 Jn 2:29 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Jueves: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Viernes: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 4:14-22a
Sábado: 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]
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

Tráfico humano y tecnología

Los adolescentes pasan mucho tiempo en línea, convirtiéndolos en objetivos principales para los traficantes de personas. Mediante el uso de anuncios en línea que prometen dinero y aventuras en ciudades emocionantes y glamorosas, los traficantes atraen a mujeres y niñas. Los padres de familia deben ser conscientes de los graves peligros en línea y controlar la actividad en línea de sus hijos, qué sitios visitan, las redes sociales a las que pueden pertenecer y con quién se conectan en línea. Para obtener una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® "Human Trafficking and Sex Tourism with Children and Technology" (Tráfico humano y turismo sexual con niños y tecnología), visite https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/free_article.cfm?free_articles_id=887, o llame al (213) 637-7508.

ESTUDIO BÍBLICO

El Grupo de Biblia de la parroquia los invita al curso que dará inicio el **jueves 11 de enero**. Estudiaremos el Libro de Hechos de los Apóstoles, las 21 Cartas y el Libro del Apocalipsis, los cuales se encuentran en el Nuevo Testamento, escritos que hoy en día siguen vivos como hacen 2000 años. El mismo Espíritu que animó y sostuvo a aquellas primeras comunidades cristianas sigue presente y operante en la iglesia de hoy. Las clases se impartirán todos los jueves de las 7:00 p.m. a las 9:00 p.m. en el salón Santa Elizabeth del centro de conferencias. El curso es totalmente gratis y todos son bienvenidos. Para más información comuníquense con Ismael (818) 355-4476 o Mayela al (818) 310-3867.

OFICINA CERRADA

La oficina parroquial y todos los cuartos del Centro de Conferencias estarán cerrados el **lunes 1ero. de enero**. Volveremos a abrir el **martes 2** a las 8:00 a.m. El **lunes 1ero. de enero** sólo tendremos una misa en inglés a las 8:30 a.m.



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VIDA PARROQUIAL

PORTADORES DE LA PALABRA

La Iglesia ha puesto unos cuantos días de fiesta notables enseguida después de la Navidad. Las fiestas de Esteban, Juan el Bautista y los Santos Inocentes forman un sumario de la vida vivida en Cristo, la Palabra hecha carne. ¿Qué relación tienen estas fiestas con la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, que corona la Octava de la Navidad? Estas fiestas nos recuerdan que habrá sufrimiento al tratar de cumplir la misión de Cristo, y que estamos todos llamados a ser portadores de esta Palabra cuyo nacimiento celebramos.

También vemos la manifestación de esta verdad en las vidas de José y María, quienes se exponen a riesgos sociales y religiosos para obedecer la voluntad de Dios, y estaban abiertos a la Palabra que Dios les enviaba del cielo. Así ambos fueron prefigurados de Jesús.

Es muy probable que muy pocos de nosotros fuimos a la misa del jueves, el viernes o el sábado pasado, pero la esencia de estas fiestas y la esencia de la santidad de José, María y Jesús es central, santidad que celebramos hoy.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

¡Año nuevo, vida nueva! El día primero de enero, mientras muchos celebran las cábalas y cabañuelas de un año nuevo, los cristianos conmemoramos a quien dio a luz al autor de la vida. María, bajo el título de Madre de Dios, es como nosotros deseamos celebrar la esperanza de un ¡año nuevo, vida nueva!

El Concilio de Éfeso en el año 431 declaró a María como la *Theotokos*; la que "carga a Dios". Este dogma tiene que ver más con el Hijo que con la madre y fue proclamado para afirmar que Jesucristo "desde toda la eternidad fue Dios". Continúa la doctrina y afirma "Así como toda madre humana, no es solamente madre del cuerpo humano sino de la persona, así María dio a luz a una persona, Jesucristo, quien es Dios y hombre, entonces Ella es la Madre de Dios".

¡Ésta sí que es vida nueva! Dios nace como ser humano y el ser humano carga a Dios. Gracias a Dios, todo ser humano puede ser como María Theotokos y cargar a Dios en su corazón. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, 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.



January 1, 2018

Migrants and Refugees: Men and Women in Search of Peace

In his message for World Day of Peace, Pope Francis urges people of good will to embrace those who endure perilous journeys and hardships in order to find peace. There are more than 250 million migrants worldwide, of whom 22.5 million are refugees. Why so many migrants and refugees?" he asks. Families and individuals become displaced for many reasons. Conflict, war, genocide, ethnic cleansing, poverty, lack of opportunity, and environmental degradation force people to flee their homeland in search of a better life.

The Holy Father said, "Those who, for what may be political reasons, foment fear of migrants instead of building peace are sowing violence, racial discrimination and xenophobia. . . ." He calls the world to a new way of seeing immigrants, migrants, and refugees and challenges us to welcome and integrate into our communities these sisters and brothers who long for a home.

The World Day of Peace, initiated by Pope Paul VI in 1968, is celebrated each year on the first day of January. The full text of Pope Francis' 2018 message is available at the Vatican website.