



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.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11, 2018

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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ILLUMINATION



The ninth chapter of the Gospel of John is about light and faith. At the beginning of the story, Jesus gives sight to a man blind from birth. In their second encounter, later in the narrative, Jesus asks the man, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man responds, "I do believe, Lord." Jesus adds the gift of faith to the gift of sight. Have you ever tried to explain faith to someone who has never known it? It is every bit as much a free gift as Jesus gave to the man born blind. How often do we give thanks for it? Lent provides an opportunity to recognize the gift of faith, and ask for more.

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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 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33. Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- Sunday March 11**
 7:30 a.m. Graciela Garcia
 9:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 11:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Moni Burg (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. Fortuno C. De La Rosa (RIP)
 7:30 p.m. Emily Escobar (Birthday)
- Monday March 12**
 6:30 a.m. Leandro M. Aguirre (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Hal Knight (RIP)
- Tuesday March 13**
 6:30 a.m. Eufracia Jimenez (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Leandro Marquez Aguirre (RIP)
- Wednesday March 14**
 6:30 a.m. Joseph Thua Do (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Marietta Obina (RIP)
- Thursday March 15**
 6:30 a.m. Lastenia Picado (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Rafael Avila (RIP)
- Friday March 16**
 6:30 a.m. Ofelia Galing (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Agatha Mao and Philip Thiet (RIP)
- Saturday March 17**
 8:30 a.m. Aida Allen (Thanksgiving)
 5:30 p.m. Brian Emerson (Birthday)
- Sunday March 18**
 7:30 a.m. Melissa Ilvonen (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Prudencio Morga (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 1:30 p.m. Pablo Nieves Gallardo (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. World Peace
 7:30 p.m. Estela Gutierrez (Birthday)



PARISH LIFE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for this incredibly moving experience every Friday during Lent

- 6:00 p.m. English
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish
- 8:00 p.m. Vietnamese

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTION

Today our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies benefiting millions of vulnerable, displaced, and impoverished families and individuals around the world. From direct humanitarian service to helping victims of human trafficking and working to reunify families, the funds from this Collection make a real difference in lives across the globe. **How will you help?** Please support The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Envelopes are in the carts.

DEANERY 5 – LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St. Joseph the Worker	Monday, March 12	7:00 p.m.
St. Catherine of Siena	Tuesday, March 13	7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of the Valley	Thursday, March 15	7:30 p.m.
St. Bernardine of Siena	Monday, March 19	7:00 p.m.
St. Cyril of Jerusalem	Monday, March 19	7:00 p.m.
St. Mel	Tuesday, March 20	7:00 p.m.
St. Euphrasia	Thursday, March 22	7:00 p.m.
St. John Baptist De La Salle	Thursday, March 22	7:00 p.m.
St. Bridget of Sweden	Friday, March 23	7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Grace	Tuesday, March 27	7:00 p.m.

COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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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.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SJWCPG invites everyone every Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for an evening of praise and worship, bible reflection, group sharing and healing service.

Our healing service is on March 15 with Fr. Raul "Boyet" Gatabonton. Mass starts at 7:30 immediately following praise and worship. All are welcome!

USHERS NEEDED

We have an urgent request! We need help during Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil mass. Need people that can help guide and direct the traffic and crowds those evenings in the parking lot and during the processions into the church. There will be a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 28** in the Hall. If you have any questions or would like to sign up please call the Parish Center (818) 341-6634 and leave your name and number. Thank you!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the Holy days the Sunday bulletins for March 25, April 1 and April 8 have to be sent to the printer earlier than usual. If your group or ministry would like to include something in those bulletins, please bring a copy of the announcement to the Parish Center or email it to: angela_escobar4@hotmail.com by **Friday, March 16**.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Calling those of you that have not received Confirmation. We are ready to present classes for preparation for receiving confirmation for adults. This is for those adults that have not been Confirmed and desire to complete your initiation and are regularly attending mass and receiving Holy Communion. Please sign up for this by calling or coming by the Parish Center and leave your name and telephone number and a good time when you can be reached.

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	03-04-18	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$15,384	\$19,161	-19.7%

2018 Env \$7,827 (50.9%) E-giving \$1,207 (7.9%)

2017 Env \$9,790 (51.1%) E-giving \$2,453 (12.8%)

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

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, David Nisbet, Celia Garcia.

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 souls of:

Phi Nguyen, husband of Krystle Nguyen

Maria Gomez, wife of Armando Lopez

Nereida Soto, parishioner

Luis Antonio Luna, brother of Raul Luna



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

You can help children know they are understood

As parents, educators and volunteers, we want children to know that we are not only authority figures in their lives, but also people they can trust. To foster authentic trust with children, it is important that they know that you understand them. One of the simplest ways to do this is by repeating back what children are telling you. When you do this, you are affirming to the child that they are heard and understood. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article “Modeling Good Communication” visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

SJW SCHOOL NEWS

A St. Joseph the Worker Student is

A Conscientious Citizen (LEAD)

1 - By building our community through service.

2 - By demonstrating love and respect for our local and global communities.

3 - By living as stewards of God's Creation.

Faith-Filled (LOVE)

1 - By following Jesus as our model.

2 - By caring for "our dear neighbor".

3 - By actively participating in prayer and service.

Committed to Academics (LEARN)

1 - By embracing persistent curiosity.

2 - By attempting their best work with integrity.

3 - By demonstrating a strong foundation in academics.

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.

Confirmation Year 1

Sunday, March 11, 9:30am to 11:00am. (Our Lady of La Vang Room)
-Confirmation Year 1 Session: Sin – An Obstacle to the Reign of God

Tuesday, March 20, 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Parish Hall
-Confirmation Year 1 & 2 Joint Session: Jesus Rejected – The Meaning of the Cross

Confirmation Year 2:

Tuesday, March 13, 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Parish Hall OR
Sunday, March 18, 9:30am to 11:00am. Our Lady of La Vang Room
-Confirmation Year II Session: Confirmation – Sealed with the Holy Spirit

Tuesday, March 20, 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Parish Hall
-Confirmation Year 1 & 2 Joint Session: Jesus Rejected – The Meaning of the Cross

Comprehensive Youth Ministry Special Events:

Thursday, March 15, Anaheim Convention Center– Archdiocesan Youth Day; “Dare to Believe”. Participants will gather at the Church parking lot by 6:30am. We will be back at the Church around 5:30pm.

Friday, March 23, 6pm – 6:45pm Church- Stations of the Cross. Also inviting all Confirmandi, Family and Sponsors. Youth Ministry will be serving soup to all Parish participants on that time.

Thursday, March 29, 7:30pm, Church: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. Also open to all Confirmandi, Family and Sponsors.

Friday, March 30, 1pm, Church: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion. Also open to all Confirmandi, Family and Sponsors. We will assist in the Adoration of the Cross.

Saturday, March 31, 7:30pm, Church: Easter Vigil. Also open to all Confirmandi, Family and Sponsors.



PARISH LIFE

RCIA

My Friends in Christ,

Today we completed the second Scrutiny. Our Elect are closer to their goal; becoming fully initiated members of this community, this Church. As you know, these Scrutinies are celebrated with the Elect only at the steps of the altar. We pray for them and through a prayer of exorcism ask the Lord to free them from the temptations that surround them daily, and to keep them from sin. We pray that they are strong in their faith and that through these Scrutinies and our prayers and support they are better able to face daily temptations. We pray for strength in our faith and that through these prayers and Scrutinies we are better able to face our daily temptations.

In preparation for these Scrutinies we ask the Elect and Candidates to tell, "what is their blindness?" This requires they do some self-examination. We ask them to list these weaknesses and strengths. We then take their lists and include them into the Universal Prayers, which is what you hear in the Universal Prayer (intercessions) read during the time they are kneeling at the altar. It is a time when we can join them in this search. I urge you during this time of Lent take some time to look into yourself and find what is keeping you from forgiveness and loving those around you. I challenge you not to surf the top, I urge you to go deeper; to encounter the light of Christ and allow it to illuminate your life.

The third scrutiny will be celebrated next Sunday at the 9:30am mass. The third scrutiny looks at life, as we hear of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. (John 11:1-45) How has the experience of being Catholic been an experience of death; of life? Try to answer this for yourself this week and bring that to mass with you on Sunday.

Keep an eye on this space; it is where you will find information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) here at St. Joseph the Worker. You will learn about the celebrations of the rites and rituals that are part of the Order of the Catechumens. These are great celebrations; I hope they add to your sense of community and your spiritual experience. I ask you to please pray for our Elect, and Candidates as they prepare to be fully initiated members of our St. Joseph the Worker community. They are appearing on the screens in the church, please pray especially for them.

Elect: Samantha Gonzalez, Si Ly, Kay Pope, Esther Sanchez, Luis Sanchez, Jazmin Sanchez, Nhan Ton and Rachel Vasquez

Candidate: Mabely Contreras, Alexis Curiel, Jessica Curiel, Angel Grajeda, Angelica Lazo, Tracy Pham, Trami Pham.

In Christ,

Bill Sparks - Faith Formation Director

GRIEF RECOVERY WORKSHOP

April 13-15

A "Beginning Experience" workshop will be held at Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino for those who've experienced the loss of a spouse through death or divorce/separation. This weekend helps a person move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. Beginning Experience is recognized by the Office of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The ministry's website is www.beginningexperience.org. For more information/registration, contact Peg Setti at 818.767.1007, Brenda Mikhail at 818.352.5265 or (if you need info in Spanish, call Maria Rojas at 909.592.7719. Our email is beginningexp.losangeles@gmail.com.

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IN THE COMMUNITY

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION FOR LIFE

Bishop Brennan to lead 40 Days for Life/San Fernando Valley "Eucharistic Procession for Life" on **Saturday, March 24** from 10:00 am - noon in front of Family Planning Associates (FPA), 10200 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills. Procession will begin in front of abortion provider, Family Planning Associates, and continue on 1-mile route around entire block, possibly to be repeated 2-3 times. No streets will be crossed, and procession will remain on the public sidewalks. If you cannot walk that distance, please still join us to participate in the opening and closing prayers, and remain in front of FPA to pray while others process. Bring your Pro-Life signs, rosaries and folding chair/snack/water if needed. Street parking is somewhat limited, so please carpool if possible. For more information, contact Patti Flores, 818-307-4332, PFlores4Life@aol.com

CHRISM MASS

St. John Eudes has a bus going to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on March 26, for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. If you have never experienced the Chrism Mass this is a great opportunity for you to do so without the hassle of fighting traffic and the parking situation. Seating is limited, so we ask that you call and sign up as soon as possible. Contact our parish office at 818-341-3680 from 8am to 6pm or at imora@sjeparish.net

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

WORLD MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Easter Sunday because it's a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together! Let God be the strength of your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Simi Valley, April 27-29 or in Palmdale July 27-29. 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.

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: Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Miércoles: Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Domingo: Jer 31:31-34; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33. Lecturas alternativas (Año A): Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Usted puede ayudar a los niños a saber que los entendemos

Como padres, educadores y voluntarios, queremos que los niños sepan que no sólo somos figuras de autoridad en sus vidas, sino también personas en las que pueden confiar. Para fomentar la confianza auténtica con los niños, es importante que sepan que los entienden. Una de las maneras más sencillas de hacerlo es repitiendo lo que los niños le están diciendo. Cuando usted hace esto, usted está afirmando al niño que ellos son oídos y entendidos. Para una copia del artículo completo de Virtus® "modelando buena comunicación" visita <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>

SERVICIO PENITENCIAL

El 12 de marzo es nuestro Servicio Penitencial empezando a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia. Tendremos muchos sacerdotes confesando en diferentes idiomas. No pierda la oportunidad de prepararse para la Pascua.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El tiempo de Cuaresma se caracteriza por los ayunos y las abstinencias. Recuerdo que como niño mis padres me inculcaron la necesidad de dejar de comer golosinas durante la Cuaresma, de abstenerme del dulce para compartir la amargura del sufrimiento que Cristo sostuvo por mis pecados. Eventualmente en la parroquia, el sacerdote nos animó a guardar el dinerito que ahorrábamos no comprando dulces para mandarlo a los niños pobres. El ayuno y la abstinencia no sólo eran para acompañar a Jesús en su dolor histórico sino para animarlo y consolarlo en sus adoloridos hijo e hijas.

Muchos padres ya no animan a sus hijos e hijas a que hagan abstinencia, no les enseñan la necesidad de dejar algo innecesario para ayudar a los que no tienen o tienen menos. Es una realidad triste porque casi todas las religiones tienen sus prácticas de ayuno y abstinencia, para purificar el templo de nuestro cuerpo. Ciertamente esta forma de penitencia abre el alma a la presencia divina, por lo cual animar a sus hijo y a sus hijas en esta práctica es darles la oportunidad de encontrarse con Dios y con los pobres.

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

VIDA PARROQUIAL

VIA CRUCIS

El Via Crucis en español será todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 7:00 p.m. en el templo.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Colecta Arquidiocesana

HOY nuestra parroquia realizará la colecta para "Catholic Relief Services". Esta Colecta financia a seis agencias católicas que benefician a millones de familias y de individuos vulnerables, desplazados y empobrecidos en todo el mundo. Los fondos provenientes de esta colecta marcan la diferencia en muchas vidas alrededor del mundo ya que sirven para prestar servicios humanitarios directos, ayudar a las víctimas del tráfico humano y a reunificar familias. **¿Los ayudará?** Dentro de un par de semanas, por favor, apoya la colecta de "Catholic Relief Services" ya que estarás ayudando a **Jesús con otro rostro**. Los sobres se encuentran en los carritos al lado de las puertas de la iglesia.

RESPONSABILIDAD COMUNAL

El pueblo de Dios olvidó la alianza y se burló de las leyes de Dios. No escucharon a los profetas que había entre ellos, los cuales les advertían en nombre de Dios. Los profetas son enviados por Dios para recordarnos por qué estamos aquí, pero muchas veces, incluso en nuestra época, nos burlamos de ellos, los despreciamos y los maltratamos, en vez de escucharlos y agradecerles.

El libro de las Crónicas nos cuenta los resultados de estos pecados: la destrucción del Templo y de toda Jerusalén, asesinatos, caos y por último el exilio a una tierra desconocida. ¿Por qué hallamos estos relatos en la Biblia? ¿Están ahí sólo para informarnos lo que les sucedió a nuestros antepasados? ¿Qué bien nos puede traer eso a menos que también haya un mensaje y una advertencia para nosotros? ¿Somos personas que respetan las enseñanzas de Dios, que obedecen las palabras de Cristo en la segunda alianza en su sangre? ¿O continuamos sembrando obras de maldad y violencia? Estas lecturas nos recuerdan que seremos juzgados como pueblo, no sólo como individuos.

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¿NO TE HAS CASADO POR LA IGLESIA?

¡Si tú y tu pareja no están casados por la Iglesia aquí tienen una oportunidad!

El **sábado 28 de abril** el Padre Roberto celebrará **MATRIMONIOS EN GRUPO**

para todas las parejas que deseen arreglar su situación y acercarse a los sacramentos



Requisitos:

- Boletas de Bautismo y Confirmación (copias recientes)
- Preparación matrimonial
- 2 testigos de él y 2 testigos de ella
- Boleta de matrimonio civil
- Si no son feligreses, carta de permiso de su parroquia
- Entrevista con el Padre Roberto

Para más información comuníquese con Angela al (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003



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

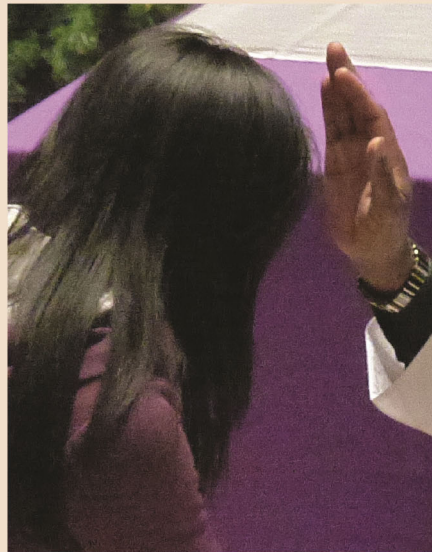
Parish and School groups that would like to reserve any facility in the parish must contact Angela Escobar in the Parish Center (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003. Only rooms reserved in advance are open. If your group needs to cancel a reservation, please let Angela know so that the room can be made available 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.

Lenten Penance Service

Celebrating the Mercy of God



- Gather as a community
- Hear the Word of God and of God's abundant love
- Examination of conscience
- Individual confession and absolution
- Give thanks for the gift of forgiveness and peace

Monday, March 12 • 7:00 p.m. in the church
Many priests available (English, Spanish, Vietnamese)



St. Joseph's Table

A celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph

Delicious Italian meal
Wonderful breads and sweets
Traditional altar in honor of St. Joseph

Saturday, March 17
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Conference Center Hall

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