

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 ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 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

Pastor

Rev. Beto Villalobos

Associate Pastor

Rev. Roberto Rueda

Associate Pastor

Rev. Thuan Nguyen

Deacon

Dn. Augusto "Gus" Mora

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CJ Kruska

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Bill Sparks

Youth Ministry and Confirmation

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Business Manager

Mike Stafford

Parish Secretary

Angela Escobar

“GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST
AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE
ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS.”

—Luke 2:14

Peace



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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: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]. Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

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 23**
 - 7:30 a.m. George Jorgensen (RIP)
 - 9:30 a.m. Presentacion Lontoc (RIP)
 - 11:30 a.m. Thomas Organo (RIP)
 - 1:30 p.m. Raul Ferruzo Leon (RIP)
 - 5:30 p.m. Guise Vu Van Cu (Intentions)
 - 7:30 p.m. Carlos Arbito (RIP)
- Monday December 24**
 - 6:30 a.m. Ancestors and All Souls
 - 8:30 a.m. Cynthia Sales (Birthday)
 - 4:00 p.m. Kianna Bisquera (RIP)
 - 6:30 p.m. Raul Alberto Ferruzo (RIP)
 - 9:00 p.m. Peace for the Family
 - 12:00 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
- Tuesday December 25**
 - 7:30 a.m. Lecaros Family (Thanksgiving)
 - 9:30 a.m. Mamerto Pascual (RIP)
 - 11:30 a.m. Cristobal Family (Intentions)
 - 1:30 p.m. Felecita Francisco (RIP)
 - 5:30 p.m. No Mass
 - 7:30 p.m. No Mass
- Wednesday December 26**
 - 6:30 a.m. No Mass
 - 8:30 a.m. Juanita Covarrubias (RIP)
- Thursday December 27**
 - 6:30 a.m. Rebeca Villagracia (RIP)
 - 8:30 a.m. Charlie Lee (RIP)
- Friday December 28**
 - 6:30 a.m. Norberto Caballero Sr. (RIP)
 - 8:30 a.m. Fred Platte (RIP)
- Saturday December 29**
 - 8:30 a.m. Porfirio Rivera (RIP)
 - 5:30 p.m. Sales Family (Thanksgiving)
- Sunday December 30**
 - 7:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 - 9:30 a.m. Juliana Bueno (RIP)
 - 11:30 a.m. Rex Fernandez (Birthday)
 - 1:30 p.m. Graciano Sandoval (RIP)
 - 5:30 p.m. Catherine Nguyen Thi Ly (Intentions)
 - 7:30 p.m. Oscar Sandoval (RIP)

PARISH LIFE

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

As usual, the traditional poinsettia offering is needed to make our church festive for the birthday of Our Lord. Please bring these to the church at anytime. Don't forget to include your intentions with your plant.

Thank you for your generosity and helping to make our church beautiful for the Christmas season.



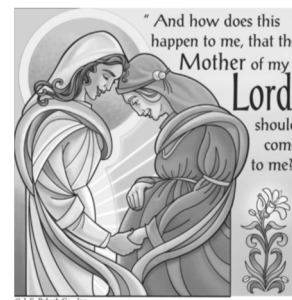
MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

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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

It is said, "Many hands make light work." The St. Vincent de Paul Society needs more people to fulfill our mission of seeking out and helping the poor in our parish. We provide many services, including food distribution from our pantry, visiting and providing financial assistance to the need, and helping out at the homeless lunches. If you are interested and would like to know more, please leave your name and phone number on our message line at (818) 773-1864.

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.

TAX-WISE YEAR END GIVING OPTIONS

Gifts from an IRA

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a tax-free gift directly from your IRA account to the parish. This law allows you to transfer any amount up to \$100,000 annually directly to a qualified charitable organization without paying income tax on the distribution. The transfer does not generate taxable income or a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemized your tax deductions. Your gift can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.

Gifts of Stock

Gifts of appreciated assets such as stock are an excellent way for you to make a charitable gift.

Stocks may be transferred directly to the Archdiocese for the benefit of parish, school or favorite Catholic ministry. These gifts will not affect your cash flow, and they provide the following tax benefits:

- A possible charitable deduction to help you save on taxes
- Bypass of federal and state capital gains taxes
- Avoidance of the tax on net investment income

From a tax perspective, a gift of appreciated assets makes good sense. You can make the capital gains taxes optional, achieve significant tax savings and support our programs.

Please contact Brooke Glazer at 213-637-7381 or bglazer@la-archdiocese.org.

Have you remembered your parish, school or ministry in your will or trust? Our legal title is The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole, for the Benefit of (parish, school, ministry). For more information, please call Kimberly Jetton at 213-637-7512.

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

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, Ignacio Ortiz, Freddie Mansala, Bob Zemke, Sinai Guerrero, Giordano Bruno, Samoila Yamin, Maria Romera, Angelica Markosian, Antony Jawiche, Nahle and Tony Yamin, Negme and Ilie SETHA, Salustia and Paul Maxim, Julie Nguyen, Noel Columbres, Gilbert Gonzalez, Meilani Her Sandan.

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:

Julio Cesar Ferruffino, parishioner

Natividad Valdez, aunt 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)

St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres Conference Rooms

Two Wednesdays a month 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Children 7-12 years (Spanish)

Parish Center Dining Room

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Keep an eye on those Christmas candles

Twelve percent of home fires caused by candles will occur in December – the combination of increased candle use and flammable decorations isn't a good one, especially if candles aren't used safely. Never leave candles burning in a room you are not in, or while you're sleeping. Clear the area before lighting a candle, making sure that the flame will be contained, that there's nothing flammable nearby, and that the candle is safely out of reach for children. If you have plans for a fire in your fireplace, check your chimney to make sure it's clean. For more tips, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/winter/holiday>.

EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION



St. Joseph the Worker School

Creating Tomorrow's Leaders Through Faith, Academics and Service for Over 60 Years!

A St. Joseph the Worker Knight is...

A Conscientious Citizen (LEAD)

-By building our community through service.

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

-By living as stewards of God's Creation.

Faith-Filled (LOVE)

-By following Jesus as our model.

-By caring for "our dear neighbor".

-By actively participating in prayer and service.

Committed to Academics (LEARN)

-By embracing persistent curiosity.

-By attempting their best work with integrity.

-By demonstrating a strong foundation in academics.

LEAD - LOVE - LEARN

School Info At A Glance:

- Average 20/1 Student to Teacher ratio
- New Security Door and Cameras
- New WiFi for 1,000 devices
- C3 Ignite Grant for New iPads (Fall 2018)
- New Academic Lounge (Fall 2018)
- Knight Academy - After School Day Care
- EXCEL Taekwondo Classes
- STREAM Expo - Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics
- 6th grade Outdoor School - 4 Day Science Camp
- Weekly Mass attendance for ALL students
- Sacramental Preparation for 1st and 2nd grades
- Spanish classes - Grades 3-5
- Athletic Teams: Volleyball, Flag Football, Basketball, Track and Field, and Swim
- Campus Clubs: Cooking Club, Art Club, Board Game Club, Gamers Club, and Theater Club

Nondiscrimination Policy

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools. While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.



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.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SJWCPG invites you 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. All are welcome!

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center and all Parish facilities will be closed from Monday, December 24 to Wednesday, December 26. We will open again on Thursday, December 27 at 8:00 a.m.

A Blessed Christmas to all of you!



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IN THE COMMUNITY

INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP - SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

Gathering at 8:30a.m., workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. with four presentations, two opportunities to participate in prayer, time for questions. Workshop is complete at 12:30 p.m. \$35 fee. Location is Holy Spirit Retreat Center, 4316 Lanai Road, Encino, CA 91436. Call Amanda Borg to register (818) 815-4480.

RETRouvaille

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about, or to register for the next program 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

What am I most thankful for in my marriage this past year? Make the blessing of your spouse come alive in your life by enriching your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **February 8-10, 2019** in Lancaster and April 26-28, 2019 in Simi Valley. Early registration is highly recommended. 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

We are located in the city of San Fernando. All services are in English/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) Sliding scale fees. Call (818) 365-8588.

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79

Martes: Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]. Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14. Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20. Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Miércoles: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Jueves: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Viernes: 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

Domingo: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Sal 128:1-5 o Sal 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] o 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lc 2:41-52

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS**Vigile las velas navideñas**

El doce por ciento de los incendios en el hogar causados por velas ocurrirán en diciembre. La combinación de un mayor uso de velas y decoraciones inflamables no es buena, especialmente si las velas no se usan de manera segura. Nunca deje velas encendidas en una habitación en la que no esté alguien o mientras esté durmiendo. Limpie el área antes de encender una vela, asegurándose de que la llama esté contenida, de que no haya nada inflamable cerca y de que la vela esté fuera del alcance de los niños. Si tiene planes de encender su chimenea, revise su chimenea para asegurarse de que esté limpia. Para obtener más consejos, visite <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/winter/holiday>.

INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE MEDIANOCHES

Los sacerdotes de la parroquia ofrecerán la misa de medianoche por sus intenciones. Si usted desea ofrecer alguna intención especial por favor traiga una plantita de nochebuena roja para decorar el templo. Asegúrese que tenga bien sujeta una tarjetita con su intención.

¿NO TE HAS CASADO POR LA IGLESIA?

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



El **sábado 4 de mayo** 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
- Entrevista con el Padre Roberto

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

VIDA PARROQUIAL**CALENDARIO DE NAVIDAD 2018****Misa de Noche Buena**

Lunes 24 de diciembre Iglesia 6:30 p.m.

Misa de Navidad

Martes 25 de diciembre Iglesia 1:30 p.m.

**RECUERDOS Y SUEÑOS**

En el curso de nuestra vida mantenemos el idioma y los hábitos de nuestra región nativa y familia de origen. Cuando retornamos a nuestro hogar tras una larga ausencia, rápidamente volvemos a su manera de hablar y a sus prácticas familiares. Nuestros profundos recuerdos se reflejan en viejas historias y palabras y en modos de conversar. Esta familiaridad corre como un río subterráneo y nos acompaña a donde sea que vayamos.

No solamente recordamos, sino que somos incorporados y formamos parte de una memoria más amplia. Cuando traemos recuerdos a la mente somos a la vez reunidos y recordados.

Hoy recordamos a María, una joven frágil, que recorre zonas rurales para visitar a Isabel. Todos los grandes pronunciamientos y sueños de los profetas apuntan a este tiempo en que deben cumplirse las palabras del Señor a María. Las memorias de su pueblo están vivas en ella, y esas memorias alimentan nuestra fe viva. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Esta semana recordamos a los niños judíos que fueron asesinados por orden del Rey Herodes en Belén. Esa tragedia que ocurrió cuando el viejo y celoso rey se enteró del nacimiento de un nuevo rey de los judíos. Él mandó a matar a todo niño que tuviera menos de dos años. El llanto de las familias que perdieron sus pobres inocentes se ha convertido en risas en varios países latinoamericanos. El 28 de diciembre en muchas partes es conmemorado como el día de los inocentes que viene siendo el *April Fools* de Latinoamérica. En ese día se hacen bromas para burlarse de los amigos. Si la broma funciona al pobre que fue engañado se le llama "inocente".

La inocencia normalmente se atribuye a los niños o a los ingenuos, pero en sí la inocencia es una virtud cristiana, de los que hemos sido perdonados por Cristo. Esta inocencia no es ingenuidad mas bien es la candidez, simplicidad y generosidad de una persona que conoce bien lo duro que es la vida y aún así mantiene la esperanza.

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

OFICINA CERRADA

La oficina parroquial y todos los cuartos del Centro de Conferencias estarán cerrados del lunes 24 al miércoles 26 de diciembre. Volveremos a abrir el jueves 27 de diciembre a las 8:00 a.m. Gracias



WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY

St. Joseph the Worker is a special place, where we are touched daily by God's presence among us. Rooted in the legacy of our founding parishioners, we have become the dynamic faith community we cherish today. A gift to the future of our parish will support its spiritual richness and many good works for generations to come.

Please remember St. Joseph the Worker in your will or trust. To learn more about planned giving opportunities that can benefit St. Joseph the Worker, please contact the Parish Center or Kimberly Jetton, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Los Angeles; (213) 637-7504; plannedgiving@la-archdiocese.org.

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.

Silent Night

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, on Christmas Eve, 1818, the beloved Christmas carol "Silent Night" ("Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht") was heard for the first time. The congregation at Midnight Mass in St. Nicholas Church, Oberndorf, Austria, listened as the voices of the assistant pastor, Fr. Joseph Mohr (1792-1848), and the choir director, Franz Xavier Gruber (1787-1863), rang through the church to the accompaniment of Fr. Mohr's guitar.

On December 24, 1818, Fr. Mohr took a twenty-minute walk from the church to the nearby village of Arnsdorf to visit his friend Franz Xavier Gruber and to request a special favor. He carried with him a spiritual poem he had written two years earlier. He asked Gruber to put his words to music, for two voices and choir, with guitar accompaniment so it could be sung at the Midnight Mass that night. Gruber composed the melody that evening. At Midnight Mass, as the two men, backed by the choir, stood in front of the altar in St. Nicholas Church (appropriately named) and sang "Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!" for the first time, they could hardly imagine the impact their composition would have on the world.

