



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.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2019

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

4:00 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. Emmanuel Effiong Bassey

Associate Pastor

Rev. Thuan Nguyen

Deacon

Dn. Augusto "Gus" Mora

School Principal

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Faith Formation Director

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

Advent JOYFUL HOPE

In the midst of our preparation for the coming of our Lord at Christmas, the Third Sunday of Advent is all about joy and the source of true joy. Traditionally called *Gaudete* Sunday, it takes its name from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "*Gaudete in Domino Semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). The antiphon captures the mood of the entire liturgy as we move into the second part of Advent and experience a sense of joyful expectation and awareness that the fulfillment of God's great plan for us is near.



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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 OF THE WEEK**

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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 15
 7:30 a.m. Adrian Catap (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Mia Mora Pedraja (Birthday)
 11:30 a.m. Antonio and Tomasa Angus (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Humberto Escobar (RIP)
 4:00 p.m. Joseph Thua Do (RIP)
 7:30 p.m. Hilario Rio Garcia (RIP)
Monday December 16
 6:30 a.m. Samuel Gonzalez (Get Well)
 8:30 a.m. Betty Naes (RIP)
Tuesday December 17
 6:30 a.m. Miguel Santisteban (Thanksgiving)
 8:30 a.m. Rodolfo M. Barrera (RIP)
Wednesday December 18
 6:30 a.m. Alicia De La Torre (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Linsey Rosete (Birthday)
Thursday December 19
 6:30 a.m. Alicia Ramirez (Thanksgiving)
 8:30 a.m. Ben and Veronica Rosete (Anniversary)
Friday December 20
 6:30 a.m. Estefania Ventura Juan (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Ben Rosete, Sr. (RIP)
Saturday December 21
 8:30 a.m. Enrique Family (Thanksgiving)
 5:30 p.m. Joseph Thuong Do (RIP)
Sunday December 22
 7:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 9:30 a.m. Matthew and Leslie Mora (Birthday)
 11:30 a.m. Presentacion Lontoc (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Salvador Quezada (RIP)
 4:00 p.m. Gioan Baotixita Bang (RIP)
 7:30 p.m. Vicente Orozco (RIP)

**PARISH LIFE****ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

Services start at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 16 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Encino
Monday, December 16 St. Euphrasia, Granada Hills
Tuesday, December 17 Our Lady of Lourdes, Northridge
Wednesday, December 18 St Catherine of Siena, Reseda
Thursday, December 19 St Bernardine of Siena, Woodland Hills
Friday, December 20 St. Bridget of Sweden, Lake Balboa

SIMBANG GABI 2019

"Come & Celebrate as We Encounter Christ; for We are One Body"
"Halina't Magdiwang sa ating Pakikipagtagpo kay Kristo; Dahil Tayo ay Isang Katawan"

Simbang Gabi is a novena of Masses to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome!

6:30 p.m. December 15 Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
 7:00 p.m. December 16 Our Lady of Grace, Encino
 7:00 p.m. December 17 St. John Eudes, Chatsworth
 7:00 p.m. December 18 St. Mel, Woodland Hills
 7:00 p.m. December 19 St. Euphrasia, Granada Hills
 7:00 p.m. December 20 St. Bernardine of Siena, Woodland Hills
 7:00 p.m. December 21 St. John Baptist de La Salle, Granada Hills
 St. Bridget of Sweden, Lake Balboa
 7:00 p.m. December 22 Our Lady of Lourdes, Northridge
 7:00 p.m. December 23 **St. Joseph the Worker**

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and "the coming of the Lord." But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for "rejoice") Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing. Today's first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God's saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God's presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah's prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus' presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: "The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Matthew 11:5).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today there is an abrupt shift in the season of Advent. From here on the tone is more joyful and expectant and the tug of the Christmas message is irresistible. At daily Mass on December 17 we begin to unfold the story of Jesus' birth. Who can resist the beauty of the first reading today—deserts aflame with flowers, arthritics set to dancing, the tone-deaf singing hymns? So we don't miss the change, the parish may take rose-colored vestments out of mothballs, we may light rose-colored candles on the wreath, or fill in our wreaths with desert flowers, pink seashells, seed pods, cones and berries. The seeds of God's kingdom have been sown in us. In these shining days of Advent they are sprouting in many ways. How do we bring the promise to light? This is the week to prepare gifts for the poor. It is the week to invite a lonely neighbor to your Christmas dinner, the week to write a note forgiving a lost friend, the week to shatter a family grudge so that even in the desert places of your heart, Christ's life may blossom.

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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 envelopes located in the pews, please make checks payable to: *The St. Vincent de Paul Society*. For those in need, please call the St. Vincent de Paul voicemail at (818) 213-1067.

SVDP CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Please consider contributing to the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas toy drive. Take one of the tags attached to the giving tree in the church and return a wrapped, age and gender appropriate toy with the tag attached to the tree or the parish center by **Friday, December 20**.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS

Please submit the dates you are not available to serve for the January to March 2020 Minister' schedule. Please submit all requests to Leo Nevada at leoforewan@yahoo.com. For those who do not have an email, please text Leo at (818) 633-3926.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND POSADA

The Hispanic Community invites you to a Christmas Concert and "Las Posadas" on **Thursday, December 19** at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be piñatas and many other surprises. All are welcome!

ENVIRONMENT FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

We are asking your assistance with our decorations:

• **Lights:** String or spool of at least 300 lights or more (68 feet or longer) CLEAR MINI LIGHTS. Bring your donation to the Parish Center by **December 16**.

• **Poinsettia plants:** Please bring to the Church anytime after **December 17** (Red & white varieties). Add your own intentions with your donated plant.

If you would like to help with the actual decorating, please contact the Parish Center (818) 341-6634 for the times we will be working. Thank you for your generosity and helping to make our church and grounds beautiful for the Christmas season.

2020 CALENDARS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has 2020 calendars available after masses. Donation: \$2

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	12-08-19	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$13,440	\$16,531	-18.7%

2019 Env \$6,288 (46.8%) E-giving \$1,800 (13.4%)

2018 Env \$8,547 (51.7%) E-giving \$1,415 (8.6%)

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

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, Patricia de Guzman Flores, Adorable Manabat, Ana Carmen Gonzalez, Romy and Lulu Calub, Jorge Hernandez, Christian Chua, Gerardo Ayala, Jorge Hernandez, Jerry Johnson, Brenda Perez Vazquez, Patricia Bragan, Alan Byrne, Ernie Estrada, Shane C. Angus, Cynthia M. Molina, Rahme, Wendy and Lisa Pelamati, Lisa Grady, Thelma Foley, Dayne Adams, Nancy Storm.

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:

Irineo Estrada, husband of Gaudie Estrada



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



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EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

SJW YOUTH MINISTRY

"Serve The Lord With Joy" – St. Dominic Savio

"Like" us on Facebook: SJW Youth Ministry

Themes of Youth Ministry:

Developmentally Appropriate, Family Friendly, Intergenerational, Multi-cultural, Community Collaboration, Leadership, Flexible & Adaptable Programming.

Confirmation Year 1:

Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Hall): Christmas Party (Potluck).

Tuesday, January 7, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Hall) OR **Sunday, January 12**, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (YM Room): "Jesus Christ: Our Redeemer"

Confirmation Year 2:

Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Hall) OR **Sunday, December 15**, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (YM Room): "Why Have I Been Chosen? (Sealed and Sent in Confirmation)"

Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Hall): Christmas Party (Potluck).

January 3, 4, 5, 2020: Year 2 Retreat at St. Joseph's Salesian Youth Renewal Center (Rosemead, CA).

Youth Ministry:

All Wednesday and Thursday of December 2019: Retreat Preparation Meeting

Friday, December 13, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (YM Room): Youth Night

Friday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Church): Altar Server Rehearsal for Christmas Masses

Saturday, December 21, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Hall): Christmas Gift Donation Inventory

Sunday, December 22, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Hall): Christmas Gift Wrapping and Distribution



Youth volunteers serving at the Thanksgiving Baskets Project and the Red Cross Blood Drive



PARISH LIFE

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Basic guidelines for airport safety

Flying for the holidays is stressful, and it's even more so when you add children to the equation. Airports are large, unfamiliar places flooded with crowds, and parents need to take extra precautions to make sure everyone arrives safely at their destination. Consider taking a family airport selfie so you have a current picture of what everyone is wearing in case you get separated. Talk to your children about "safe strangers" — TSA agents, flight attendants, trusted adults — they can ask for help. Go over the travel plans so that your children know where you're going, what airline you're flying, and where you should meet. For more information, please visit,

<https://www.mamamia.com.au/travelling-with-kids-airport-safety/>.

SIW 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.

EMAIL SCAMS

Don't be a victim!

If you receive suspicious emails, do the following:

- Take time to consider your actions before responding to suspicious email messages.
- If in doubt, call the published main number of the parish, school or administrative office from whom the email claims to have been sent to authenticate the email message.
- Do not respond to the email if you doubt its origin.
- Please know that your priests at St. Joseph the Worker would never email you asking for money.



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IN THE COMMUNITY

CRESPI CARMELITE HIGH SCHOOL

Don't miss out on your opportunity to prepare for the upcoming High School Placement Test, get a great review with test strategies and prepare to do your best for your entrance exam! Class is open to boys and girls. Register today while space is available. Class runs December 26-28, with practice exam on **Monday, December 30**. Visit the admissions site for more details, www.crespi.org

CHAMINADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY H.S.

The Entrance Exam will be administered on two dates: January 18 and January 25 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 10 at chaminade.org/apply.

Entrance exam prep classes are being offered on **January 4 and January 11** through Chaminade's Center for Excellence at chaminade.org/centerforexcellence. Financial aid applications are available online at chaminade.org/financialassistance. If you have questions or would like more information please call the Admissions office at (818) 347-8300.

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; ornelasdachs@sbcglobal.net; HelpOurMarriage.com

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.

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

KDOC channel 56 at 9:00 a.m.

Is someone you love unable to join us at church? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)

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: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Martes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Miércoles: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Jueves: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25

Viernes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38

Sábado: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45

Domingo: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Guías básicas para la seguridad en el aeropuerto

Volar en los días de Navidad es estresante, y es aún más estresante cuando se agregan niños a la ecuación. Los aeropuertos son grandes, son lugares no familiares llenos de mucha gente, y los padres de familia necesitan tomar precauciones extra para asegurar que todos lleguen seguros a su destino. Considere tomar una selfie de su familia para tener una fotografía actualizada de lo que cada uno lleva puesto en caso de que se separen. Platique con sus hijos sobre "seguridad frente a extraños" a quienes ellos pueden pedir ayuda, como oficiales de seguridad de transportes, auxiliares de vuelo, y otros adultos de confianza. Revise los planes de viaje con la familia para que sus hijos sepan hacia dónde van, en qué línea aérea van a volar, y dónde deben reunirse. Para más información, por favor visite <https://www.mamamia.com.au/travelling-with-kids-airport-safety/>.

SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

Comparta el espíritu de Navidad donando un juguete para un niño o niña de una familia necesitada. Por favor elija una etiqueta del Árbol de Navidad y compre un regalo de acuerdo a la edad y sexo que le indique, envuélvalo y tráigalo a la iglesia o al centro parroquial a más tardar el viernes 20 de diciembre.

INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE MEDIANOCHE

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 a partir del 17 de diciembre. Asegúrese que tenga bien sujeta una tarjeta con su intención.

ESTUDIO BÍBLICO

El Grupo de Biblia de nuestra parroquia San José Obrero les hace una cordial invitación para estudiar el curso de Hechos de los Apóstoles, las 21 cartas y el Apocalipsis comenzando el **jueves 16 de enero hasta el 4 de junio**, de 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Vengan a las clases y tendrán la oportunidad de conocer más la palabra de Dios. Las clases son gratis y su cupo es limitado. Para más información llame a Ismael (818) 355-4476

VIDA PARROQUIAL

CALENDARIO DE ADVIENTO Y NAVIDAD 2019

Concierto de Navidad y Posada

Jueves 19 de diciembre Salón Parroquial 6:00 p.m.

Simbang Gabi (Posada Navideña Filipina)

Lunes 23 de diciembre Iglesia 7:00 p.m.

Misa de Noche Buena

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

Misa de Navidad

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

MOTIVO DE REGOCIJO

El color morado se usa durante el Adviento para expresar el carácter de este tiempo de preparación espiritual para la Navidad y la "venida del Señor". Pero en el Tercer Domingo de Adviento, anteriormente conocido como Domingo Gaudete ("regocijo" en latín), se puede agregar el color rosa al ambiente litúrgico. Toda la liturgia está impregnada de regocijo.

La primera lectura de hoy y el Evangelio proclaman la realidad de la obra salvadora de Dios entre nosotros. Isaías describe con exuberancia la idílica transformación de toda la creación como resultado de la presencia de Dios en medio de su pueblo. En el Evangelio, Jesús vincula la profecía de Isaías con lo que está ocurriendo en su propio ministerio. Además de lista de curaciones de Isaías (los ciegos, los cojos, los leprosos y los sordos), la presencia de Jesús ofrece otras dos razones para regocijarnos: "Los muertos resucitan y a los pobres se les anuncia el Evangelio" (Mateo 11:5). *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El día 16 de diciembre comienza la Novena de Aguinaldos en Colombia y otras partes de Latinoamérica. La novena consiste en 9 partes que se repiten por 9 noches:

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| 1- Oración inicial | 2- Oración Mariana | 3- Oración de José |
| 4- Reflexión del día | 5- Gozos | 6- Oración al Niño Jesús |
| 7- Un Salmo | 8- Invocación final | 9- Villancicos
(cantos navideños) |

Los participantes buscan aguinaldo (regalo). Para esto los Colombianos tienen la costumbre de jugar "pajita en boca" buscando quien no trae una pajita en boca. La persona que no pueda mostrar que trae pajita en boca tiene que dar un regalo a quien lo descubrió. Los aguinaldos son recuerdo del regalo que nos dio Dios en su Hijo Jesús, prenda de su amor. Y si Dios nos da un aguinaldo tan grande es porque Dios no tiene pajita en boca cuando nos dice que nos ama.

En el corazón de la Novena está el refrán de Gozos:

Dulce Jesús mío / mi niño adorado

ven a nuestras almas / ven no tardes tanto.

Muy buen mensaje para el Adviento.

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



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.

Giving Tree

CHRISTMAS JOY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Select a tag of your choice from the "Giving Tree," located at the front of the church. Purchase a gift appropriate for the gender and age of the child indicated on the tag. Place the wrapped gift, with the tag, under the tree or deliver it to the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity.

**Last day to deliver gifts:
Friday, December 20.**

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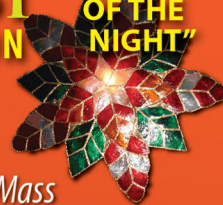
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A FILIPINO ADVENT TRADITION

"MASS
OF THE
NIGHT"

Monday, December 23
7:00 p.m., in the Church

*Reception and Entertainment Following the Mass
in the Conference Center Hall*



**A beautiful
liturgy in
preparation
for the
coming of
our Lord,
Jesus Christ.**

