



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2021

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

7:00 p.m. (Vigil) Spanish

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Vietnamese

9:00, 10:30 a.m. English

12:00 p.m. Spanish

Monday - Friday

6:30, 8:30 a.m.

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. Alberto Villalobos

Associate Pastor

Rev. Thuan Nguyen

Associate Pastor

Rev. R. Carlos Nava

Deacon

Dn. Augusto "Gus" Mora

School Principal

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Faith Formation Director

Bill Sparks

Youth Ministry and Confirmation

J. P. Fernandez

Religious Education

Karina Villanueva

Business Manager

Mike Stafford

Parish Secretary

Angela Escobar

Fully Human, ^{Advent} Fully Divine

TODAY, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, we hear the account of the visit of Mary to Elizabeth, who also was pregnant. At Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaps for joy, and Elizabeth cries out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Luke 1:42).

The visitation reminds us of God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son. Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and fully divine. This is the mystery of the Incarnation, the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas.



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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:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38**Tuesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66**Friday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79**Saturday:** *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]**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 19

7:30 a.m. Trinidad H. Parado (RIP)
 7:30 a.m. Anna Nguuyen Thi Vien (RIP)
 9:00 a.m. Do Trang Thuong Giuse (RIP)
 9:00 a.m. Parishioners (Intentions)
 10:30 a.m. Flora and Fernando Uy (RIP)
 10:30 a.m. Eufemia Cramer (RIP)
 12:00 p.m. Mentalastico Sadural (RIP)
 12:00 p.m. Maria Garcia Gonzalez (RIP)

Monday December 20

6:30 a.m. Fidel Aquino (RIP)
 6:30 a.m. Derije Family (Thanksgiving)
 8:30 a.m. Rene Eskandar (RIP)

Tuesday December 21

6:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 8:30 a.m. Ronald Perez Corea (RIP)

Wednesday December 22

6:30 a.m. Maria Garcia Gonzalez (RIP)
 6:30 a.m. Matthew Mora (Birthday)
 8:30 a.m. Arnel De Leon (RIP)

Thursday December 23

6:30 a.m. Ariel and Jennifer Inbang (Thanksgiving)
 8:30 a.m. Raul Ferruzo Leon (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Delano S. Catap (RIP)

Friday December 24

8:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 4:00 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 6:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 8:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 12:00 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

Saturday December 25

7:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 9:00 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 10:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 12:00 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

Sunday December 26

7:30 a.m. Phero Nguyen Nang Kien (RIP)
 7:30 a.m. Joseph Thua Dinh (RIP)
 9:00 a.m. Rebecca Villagracia (RIP)
 9:00 a.m. Greg Felipe (RIP)
 10:30 a.m. Leonor De Pinto (RIP)
 10:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 12:00 p.m. Maria Garcia Gonzalez (RIP)
 12:00 p.m. Plascencia Carrasco Family (Intentions)

PARISH LIFE**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE***CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24*

4:00 p.m. Mass in English
 6:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish
 8:30 p.m. Mass in Vietnamese
 12:00 Midnight Multi-lingual Mass
(Festival of Carols at 11:30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

7:30 a.m. Mass in Vietnamese
 9:00 a.m. Mass in English
 10:30 a.m. Mass in English
 12:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

**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. A basket with papers for your intentions will be found in the choir area of the church. Please include this with your plant. Thank you.

SIMBANG GABI 2021

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

December 18	St. Catherine of Siena, Reseda	7:00 p.m.
December 19	St. John Baptist de la Salle, Granada Hills	7:00 p.m.
December 20	St. John Eudes, Chatsworth	7:00 p.m.
December 21	Our Lady of Lourdes, Northridge	7:00 p.m.
December 22	St. Joseph the Worker, Winnetka	7:00 p.m.
December 23	St. Euphrasia, Granada Hills	7:00 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center and all Parish facilities will be closed from **Friday, December 24 to Monday, December 27**. We will open again on **Tuesday, December 28**, at 8:00 a.m.

A Blessed Christmas to all of you!



PARISH LIFE

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will not have
Eucharistic Adoration
until
Friday, January 7



SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Fire safety: Close before you doze

If there is a fire in your home, there is a 900-degree difference between a closed door and an open one. Firefighters recommend that you always close doors before you and your children go to sleep. Remembering the simple phrase "Close before you doze" can help prevent toxic gasses and flames from getting in your room, giving firefighters more time to rescue you. Closing your children's doors before bed is a quick, easy step to keep them safe — and provides an extra layer of security when coupled with working smoke alarms and a family safety plan. For more information, visit <https://momsoncall.com/knowledge-center/close-before-you-doze/>.

AUDACITY

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are experiencing the darkest, longest nights of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, nine months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago, this was New Year's Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam and Eve's fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don't let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast!

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DEVOTIONS/PRAYER GROUPS

Rosary

Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. (Church)

Friday 7:00 p.m. (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Church)

Grupo de Oración

Miércoles 7:00 p.m. (Salón Parroquial)

Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (Church)

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.

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

Gilbert Gonzalez, Wendy and Lisa Pelamati, Serina Carlin, Eulogio Herrera

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

Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently lost a loved one.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 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, 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Elementary (Vietnamese)

Sunday, 10:00 a.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 11:30 a.m.

Adults and Youth or Teens (Spanish)

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Conference Room

Friday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Adults (Vietnamese)

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

Youth or Teen 12–18 years (English)

Youth Ministry Room (School Building)

Two Wednesdays a month 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Children 7–12 years (English)

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

Two Wednesdays a month 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Children 7–12 years (Spanish)

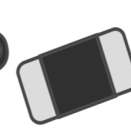
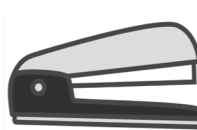
Youth Ministry Room (School Building)

Friday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.



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EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION



HAVE YOU HEARD ? New Tuition Assistance Initiative

The Catholic Education Foundation of Los Angeles has received a \$50 million gift from the Shea Foundation to provide financial support to new elementary and high school students enrolling in an Archdiocesan school in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

This donation is for NEW families to our Catholic school system and can be up to 50% OFF TUITION! So, if you know of a family who you think would be a wonderful addition to our #SJWFamily, but the only reason they are hesitating to apply is to cost of tuition, please pass this information along.



Applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Student must have a registration date after 7/1/21.
- Student can be in grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade.
- Student cannot have been enrolled in an LA Archdiocese Catholic School during the Spring Semester of the 20-21 School Year.
- If students were previously enrolled in a Catholic School they should be at least 1 semester removed from the LA Catholic School system.
- Exceptions can be made if student was previously at another Catholic school that is not within a 20-mile radius of your school or if their previous catholic school has been closed.
- Student's family income must not exceed the New Enrollment Initiative: Shea Tuition Award (STA) Income Guidelines. (See below)

For more information, please
contact the School Office
at (818) 341-6616 or
mr.kruska@sjwschool.net



JOIN OUR SCHOOL FAMILY!



2021-2022 School Year - New Enrollment Initiative: Shea Tuition Award (STA)
INCOME/FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

A student from a household with a total income at or below the following levels is eligible to apply for a Shea Tuition Award (STA) from the Catholic Education Foundation (CEFLA).

Household Size	Annual Gross Income (Mission 1)	Annual Gross Income (Mission 2)	Annual Gross Income (Mission 3)	Annual Gross Income (Mission 4)	Annual Gross Income (Mission 5)
1	\$19,076	\$23,606	\$26,903	\$30,200	\$33,497
2	\$23,774	\$29,094	\$33,497	\$37,894	\$41,391
3	\$29,471	\$36,182	\$41,391	\$46,989	\$51,086
4	\$36,182	\$44,470	\$51,086	\$58,622	\$65,228
5	\$44,470	\$54,094	\$65,228	\$76,894	\$85,479
6	\$54,094	\$66,122	\$79,479	\$94,479	\$106,479
7	\$66,122	\$80,334	\$94,479	\$113,579	\$128,049
8	\$80,334	\$96,622	\$113,579	\$139,867	\$158,337

Note: For each additional individual after 8 persons, add:
Mission 1: \$5,698 to \$6,939
Mission 2: \$7,294 to \$8,535
Mission 3: \$8,890 to \$10,131
Mission 4: \$10,486 to \$11,727
Mission 5: \$12,082 to \$13,323

CEFLA defines a household as all individuals living together in the same dwelling who share expenses for rent, utilities, food, clothing, and other necessities. A one-member household is a student who is higher sole support, such as an institutionalized minor or adult. A foster child is only considered a one-member household if the welfare/placement agency maintains legal responsibility for the child.

YOUTH MINISTRY / TEEN CONFIRMATION

DECEMBER 2021

Confirmation Year 1:

Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. (Parish Hall & Patio)
-Year 1 and Year 2 Joint Session / Christmas Gathering

Confirmation Year 2:

Sunday, December 19, 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. (YM Room)

-Confirmation Year 2 Session: "Structure of the Mass"

Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. (Parish Hall & Patio)
-Year 1 and Year 2 Joint Session / Christmas Gathering

Special Service Project:

Sunday, December 19, starting at 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Patio & Hall)
-Christmas Toy Distribution with St. Vincent de Paul.



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.



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SINH HOẠT GIÁO XỨ

LỜI CHÚA TRONG TUẦN 20-12 ĐẾN 26-12-2021

Thứ hai 20 -12:
Trang: 90-92

Thứ ba 21-12:
Trang: 92-94

Thứ tư 22-12:
Trang: 94-96

Thứ năm 23-12:
Trang: 97-98

Thứ sáu 24-12:
Trang: 99-101
Lễ Vọng Giáng Sinh
Trang: 105-109
Lễ Ban Đêm:
Trang: 109-112

Thứ bảy 25-12: Lễ Giáng Sinh
Trang: 112-114

Chúa nhật 26-12: Lễ Thánh Gia Thất
Trang: 126-129

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IN THE COMMUNITY

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 visit www.CEEofLA.org

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 (English); ornelas-dachs@sbcglobal.net; or L.A. Spanish (818)996-0821 HelpOurMarriage.com

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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Retreat weekend for Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard retreat is for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat is designed to help participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential.

January 28-30, 2022

Poverello of Assisi Retreat Center, San Fernando, CA
Cost: \$250.00 per person

For confidential registration or more information please call or email: Roseanne Becker 661-510-8258
rachelsvineyardscv@gmail.com
www.rachelsvineyard.org

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA****Lunes:** Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Lc 1:26-38**Martes:** Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45**Miércoles:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56**Jueves:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66**Viernes:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79**Sábado:** 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]**Domingo:** Eclo 3:2-6, 12-14 o 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Sal 128 (127):1-5 o Sal 84 (83):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****Seguridad contra incendios: cierre las puertas antes de irse a dormir**

Si hay un incendio en su casa, hay una diferencia de 900 grados entre una puerta cerrada y una abierta. Los bomberos recomiendan que siempre cierre las puertas antes de que usted y sus hijos se vayan a dormir. Recordar la simple frase "Cierre antes de irse a dormir" puede ayudar a evitar que los gases tóxicos y las llamas entren en su habitación, lo que le da a los bomberos más tiempo para rescatarlo. Cerrar las puertas de sus hijos antes de acostarse es un paso rápido y fácil para mantenerlos seguros, y proporciona una capa adicional de seguridad cuando se combina con alarmas de humo que funcionan y un plan de seguridad familiar. Para obtener más información en inglés, visite <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/button-batteries>.



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VIDA PARROQUIAL**HORARIO DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD****Misa de Noche Buena**

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

Misa de Navidad

Sábado 25 de diciembre Iglesia 12:00 p.m.

**INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE NAVIDAD**

Los sacerdotes de la parroquia ofrecerán la misa de media noche por las intenciones de los feligreses. Si usted desea ofrecer alguna intención especial por favor traiga una plantita de nochebuena roja para decorar el templo. Asegúrese que la plantita tenga bien sujeta una tarjeta con su intención. Gracias.

VALOR

Hay un espíritu de valor en nuestras lecturas de hoy. En una época de injusticia y amenaza de invasión, el profeta Miqueas valientemente anuncia que el Dios del insignificante Israel hará surgir a un líder de un lugar tan remoto como Belén, y este líder traerá justicia y paz a todo el mundo. En el Evangelio, Isabel y María, mujeres marginadas, celebran osadamente que sus hijos serán instrumentos de Dios y que cambiarán al mundo. Sabremos que este valor está enraizado en la confianza de Dios. El autor de la carta a los hebreos describe la obediencia fiel de Jesús. A María se le muestra como el ejemplo de la confianza fiel en Dios. Esta es la forma en que a menudo Dios parece obrar, en las personas ordinarias y marginadas de nuestro mundo. Aquellos que parecen débiles han aprendido a confiar en la fuerza de Dios. Ellos tienen el valor de convertirse en instrumentos de la paz y justicia de Dios.

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OFICINA CERRADA

La oficina parroquial y todos los cuartos del Centro de Conferencias estarán cerrados del 24 al 27 de diciembre.

¡Muy Feliz Navidad!



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.

St. Joseph the Worker Welcomes You!

During the Christmas season we celebrate the wonder of the Incarnation, the Word made flesh. Two thousand years ago the promise of hope was fulfilled, when Christ was born and God became one of us. May the gift of hope abide with each of you this Christmas.

We extend a warm greeting to family members and out-of-town guests who are visiting this Christmas. We are pleased you have chosen to worship with our parish family at this special time.

We welcome especially those of you who come infrequently and hope you will return often.

And to visitors, we invite you to make this community your spiritual home. You are always welcome here. We would like to get to know you.

And to all . . .

*May the blessings of peace,
the beauty of hope,
and the spirit of love that is Christmas
be with each of you.*

