



# 2017

## The Year In Review

# Holy Mary, Mother of God



“ And Mary kept  
all these things,  
reflecting on them  
in her heart.  
—Luke 2:19

January 1, 2017  
Mary, The Holy Mother of God

January



# Come, Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!



Diego Velázquez  
**Adoration of the Magi**  
(1619)  
Oil on canvas  
Museo del Prado, Madrid

January 7, 2017  
The Baptism of the Lord

January

# St Joseph the Worker

# FINANCE COUNCIL

THE FINANCE COUNCIL assists and advises the Pastor in overseeing and controlling the financial affairs of the parish. The Pastor consults with the Council to ensure sound fiscal management for the parish. The Code of Canon Law (Canon 537) requires that each parish have a Finance Council.



Front, left to right: Sarita White, Lien Le, Chris Boydston  
Back: Ryan Heredia, Mike Stafford (Parish Business Manager), Steve Martin (Chair)  
Not pictured: Terry Dawson

January 15, 2017  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January

For more about the role of the Finance Council and biographies of the members,  
see the About Us section of the parish website: [www.sjwchurch.com](http://www.sjwchurch.com)



January 22, 2017  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January



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*The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone.*

—Isaiah 9:1

# St. Joseph the Worker School

## Catholic Schools Week

January 29 – February 4



January 29, 2017

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Open House  
Sunday, January 29  
10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Visit Us This Week  
See page 4  
for schedule of activities

January





**TOGETHER IN  
MISSION**

**BETH  
LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**HELP OUR POOREST PARISHES AND SCHOOLS**

**Share the Light of Christ**  
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February 5, 2017  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**February**

# CALL AND RESPONSE

EARLY IN THE MORNING EVERY WEEKDAY, a member of the 6:30 a.m. ministry team opens the church and prepares for our morning Masses. Those who serve at our Weekday Masses have responded to the call to serve in a special way, proclaiming the Word and sharing the Eucharist at the 6:30 and 8:30 morning Masses.

6:30 a.m. Ministers



*Top, left to right:*

Fr. Roberto Rueda, Eden Flores, Lorayne Helin, Corbin Von Streichen, Nancy Horrell, Sarita White, Gio Trivino.

*Bottom:* Cecilia Pham, Kane Nguyen, Cecilia Zarate, Annie Dang, Sr. Aurora Sollano, Lucy San Martin, Mary Wilkerson.

8:30 a.m. Ministers



*Back row, left to right:*

Deacon Gus Mora, Maria Rosel, Maggie Wenska, Michael Vu, Leo Costanzo, Hung Nguyen, Fr. Roberto Rueda.

*Middle:* Cora Sabillo, Antonia Ventura, Maria Pomposo, Brenda Sacaguing, Veronica Rosete.

*Front:* Teresita Horario, Terry Magallanes, Lucy Danan, Thuan Vu, Sandra Gonzalez.

*Not pictured:* Emily Gutierrez, Angela Huynh, Mary Ann Huynh, Waldina Palacios, Cecilia Pham, Janie Pulte, Bert Tolentino, Kathy Vu.

February 12, 2017  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

February





# THE HUMAN HEART

“If anyone  
wants  
to go to law  
with you  
over your  
tunic,  
give him  
your cloak  
as well.

—Matthew 5:40

February 19, 2017  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

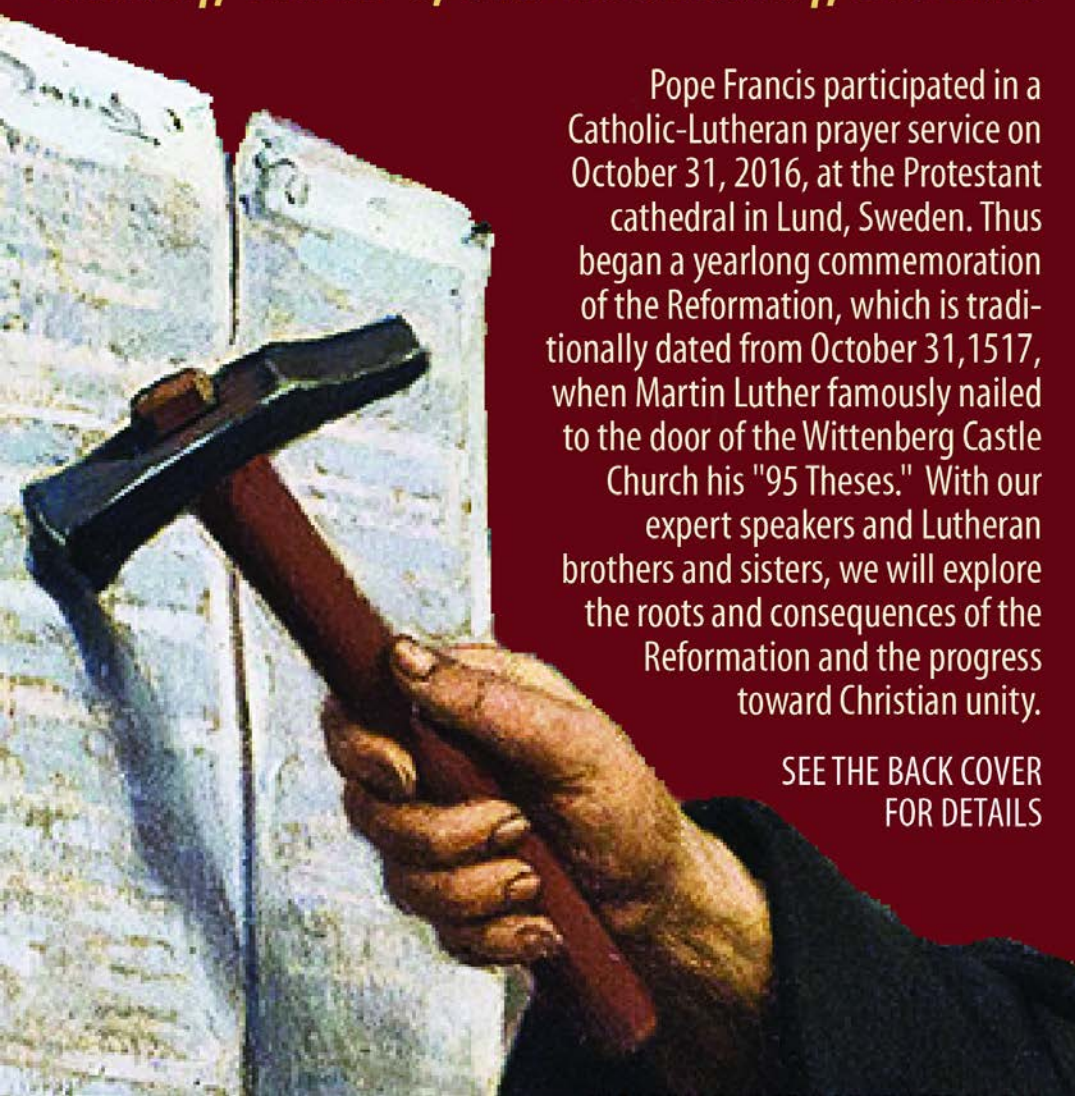
February



# Ecumenical Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

## Sunday, March 5, and Wednesday, March 8

February 26, 2017  
8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

A detailed illustration of a hand holding a hammer, ready to drive a nail into a wooden plank. The hand is rendered with realistic shading, showing the texture of the skin and the grip on the wooden handle. The hammer has a dark, polished head and a light-colored wooden handle. The wooden plank is light-colored with visible grain and a pre-drilled hole. The background is a solid dark red color.

Pope Francis participated in a Catholic-Lutheran prayer service on October 31, 2016, at the Protestant cathedral in Lund, Sweden. Thus began a yearlong commemoration of the Reformation, which is traditionally dated from October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther famously nailed to the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church his "95 Theses." With our expert speakers and Lutheran brothers and sisters, we will explore the roots and consequences of the Reformation and the progress toward Christian unity.

SEE THE BACK COVER  
FOR DETAILS

February



# Healing Wounds



Lent is the time of year when we are confronted in a powerful way with the Wounds of Christ. The image of the Cross, always present, becomes the center of attention as we reflect on the richness of its mystery. Today, too, the Body of Christ, which is the People of God, is no less wounded than two millennia ago. For five hundred years we have suffered the persistent wounds of division, separation between Catholic and Protestant brothers and sisters. The separation from our Orthodox brethren goes back twice that far. Each of us, too, as a member of this Body, bears personal, individual wounds of many types. Who among us is not a wounded soul? This holy season is a time to begin to heal the wounds, a time to turn in prayer to the Wounded Healer, and a time to become wounded healers ourselves to a world in desperate need of healing.

—Fr. Kevin

This fragment of the Berlin Wall, in the shape of a cross, symbolizes the need for reconciliation and healing.

March 5, 2017  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

March

# A Voice *from* the Mountaintop

March 12, 2017  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**“Rise,  
and do not be afraid.**

*--Matthew 17:7*



Mount Tabor, Lower Galilee

March





# Healing Water

“...THE WATER  
I SHALL GIVE  
WILL BECOME  
IN HIM A  
SPRING OF  
WATER  
WELLING UP  
TO ETERNAL  
LIFE. —*John 4:14*

March 19, 2017  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March

# Jesus Heals

“ I was blind,  
but now I see.

—John 9:25



El Greco  
(Domenikos Theotokopoulos)  
**The Miracle of Christ  
Healing the Blind, 1570**  
(detail)  
Oil on canvas  
Metropolitan Museum of Art  
New York

March 26, 2017  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

March



# Resurrection Hope

April 2, 2017  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

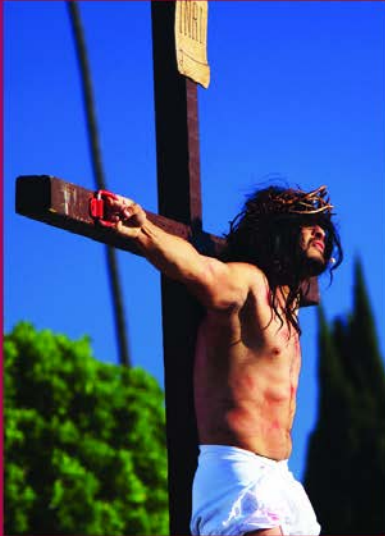


Nicolas Froment, **The Raising of Lazarus**  
Triptych, central panel, wood, 1461  
Uffizi Gallery, Florence

April

# HOLY WEEK

April 9, 2017  
Palm Sunday of  
the Passion of the Lord



April

For the schedule of services, visit [www.sjwchurch.com](http://www.sjwchurch.com)



# Easter Peace

Healing, strengthening,  
and making the many one  
in the Body of Christ.



April 16, 2017  
Easter Sunday of  
the Resurrection of the Lord

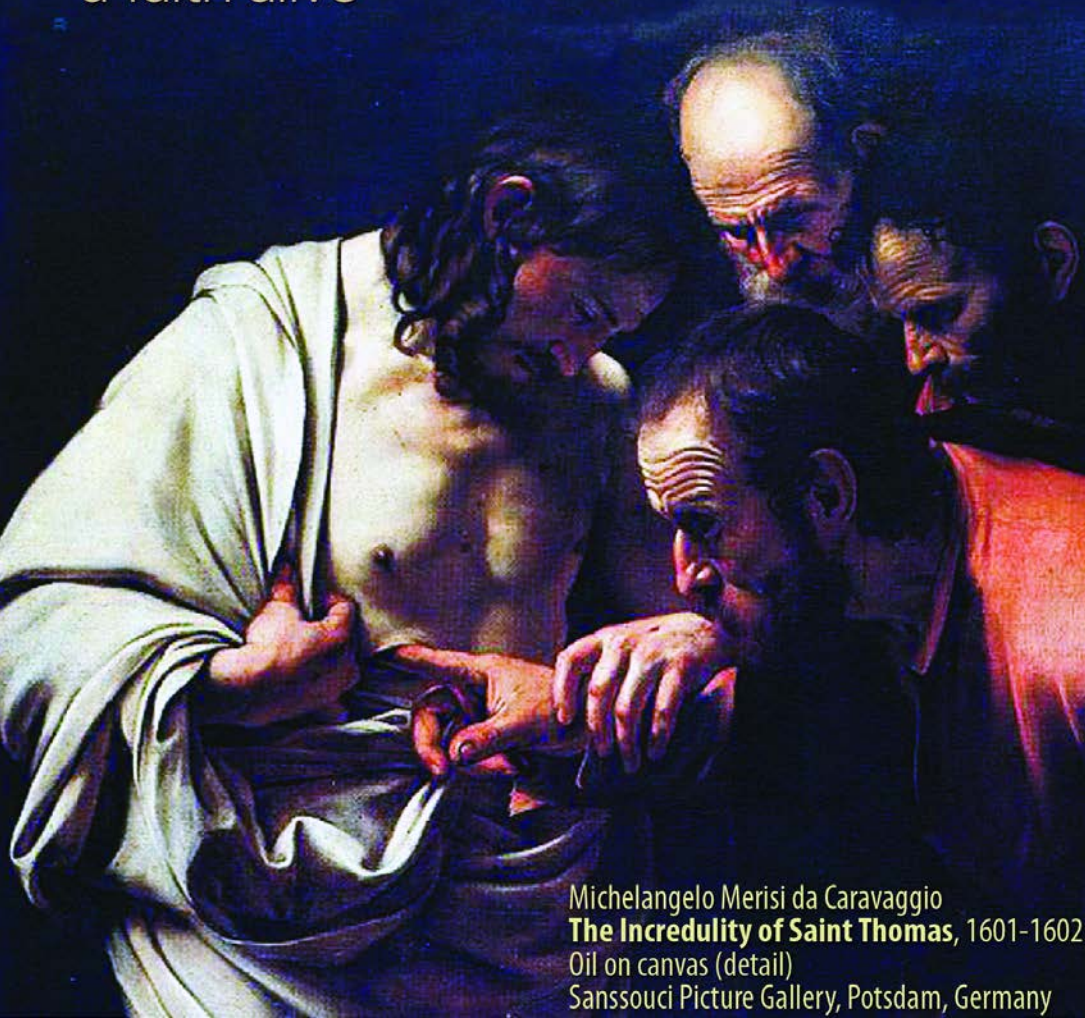
April



# BELIEVING THOMAS

Blessed with the gift of doubt,  
a faith alive

April 23, 2017  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter



Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio  
**The Incredulity of Saint Thomas**, 1601-1602  
Oil on canvas (detail)  
Sanssouci Picture Gallery, Potsdam, Germany

April



# HEALTH CARE FOR HAITIANS BY HAITIANS



April 30, 2017  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## CULTURAL OUTREACH FUNDRAISER DINNER DANCE

**Saturday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Conference Center Hall**

*Dinner • Raffles • Entertainment • DJ and Dancing*

Adults:  
\$25.00 per person  
Children ages 5-15:  
\$15 per child  
Children under 5:  
Free



Tickets  
After Masses  
and Parish Center  
818.341.6634



**Special Guest**  
Bishop  
Thomas Gumbleton,  
Co-founder Kay Lasante

About Kay Lasante/Donations: [www.sjwchurch.com](http://www.sjwchurch.com)

April

# BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

*"Blessed are those  
who weep and mourn  
for they shall be comforted."*

May 7, 2017  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Spanish, front, left to right:**

Maria Luisa Perez,  
Ana Rodriguez, Kathy Valle,  
Ana Hernandez,  
Virginia Alvarado,  
Maria Alicia Gomez,  
Vilma Arriola.

*Back:* Fr. Roberto Rueda,  
Maria Guadalupe Rios,  
Berta Mariscal,  
Carmela Romero,  
Laura Gonzalez,  
Matty Gutierrez  
(coordinator).

*Not pictured:* Lupe Diaz,  
Constantino Diaz,  
Maria Rivas,  
Zoila Hernandez,  
SanJuana Garcia.



**English, left to right:**

Rosa Hernandez, Dinh Phan,  
Veronica Rosete  
(coordinator).



**Vietnamese, left to right:**

Cat Nguyen, Vinh Doan,  
Hung Vu, Fr. Joseph Vu, Hung Nguyen,  
Thuan Vu (coordinator).

The Bereavement Ministry offers  
spiritual and practical support for  
those who have lost a loved one.  
For details, see page 5.

May

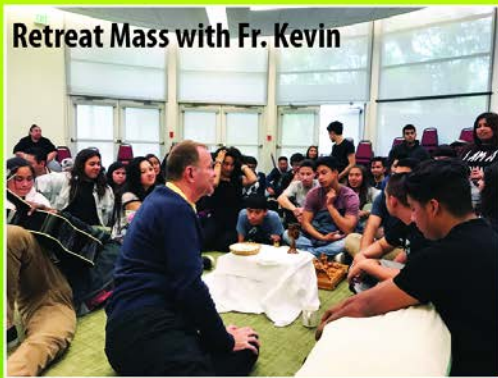


# Forming Disciples

May 14, 2017  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



Youth Day, RE Congress



Retreat Mass with Fr. Kevin

In a parish celebration later this week (May 19), fifty-nine teens will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The two-year Youth Confirmation process is part of the catechesis component of Youth Ministry. We strive to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in today's world and to help them grow in their personal relationship with God.



Confirmation Retreat

May



# Mary Queen of May

May 21, 2017  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

During the month of May, we celebrate our mothers and the ways they have shown us selfless love and mercy. The Church, too, honors its mother, by dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Among popular Marian devotions is the May Crowning to honor the Blessed Mother. This is often done as a procession and the placing of a crown of flowers onto a statue of Mary and flowers at the foot of the statue. We ask the Blessed Virgin Mary for her protection and for the grace to imitate her in her love of Christ, and Christ in His love of her.

May



# St. Joseph the Worker School

## *Congratulations*



## Graduating Class of 2017

May 28, 2017  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



*Top row:* Brandon Ta, Jonathan Montesinos, Mildred Adebawale, Joseph Giammona, Trinity Brown, Adrian Ceja, Brenda Alas, Kenneth Carl Alas

*Second row from top:* Ms. Coffman, Jr. High Teacher; Ms. Watsabaugh, Jr. High Teacher; Larry Bierbaumer, Jonathan Chavez, Jacob Pascasio, Stephanie Morales, Erick Vasquez, Mikhail Tupaz, Liana Hunt, Jalaysah De Los Santos, Anthony Garcia, Michael Fisher, Mrs. Coffman, Jr. High Teacher; Ms. Vercillo, Jr. High Teacher. (Not pictured: Mr. Duran, Jr. High Teacher)

*Third row from top:* Fr. Kevin Rettig, Pastor; Bishop Dela Paz, Reonarda Navarro, Isaac Lopez, Andrew Velarde, Adian Gorospe, Annie Tran, Jesse Hernandez, Nicole Zepeda, Sebastian Herrera, Victoria Leon, Mr. CJ Kruska, Principal

*Bottom row:* Kyle Paulino, Julia Cube, Kaylie Calderon, Jerry Godoy, Karina Hernandez, Kate Spissman, Alex Reyes, Andre Nguyen, Ricardo Ortiz, Ashley Nguyen, Samantha Abantao

May



# PENTECOST

June 4, 2017  
Pentecost Sunday

AT PENTECOST we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the lonely, frightened friends of Jesus, animating them with new life and energy. As individuals and as Church, we, too, often share in that same fear and confusion; we, too, need so desperately the Spirit of God to overcome our fears, so as to be a prophetic voice to the world. In every age God raises up women and men of every walk of life to carry the Divine Spirit to others, to challenge the status quo. Jesus warns us that such prophets will be persecuted by the “establishment” religious leaders, and so it has been throughout the ages. But He tells us not to fear, for He will be with us always. Alleluia!

—Fr. Kevin

June



# SJW ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL

## 2017

*Out of Our Diversity, We Create Unity*

**Bingo • Food • Rides • Entertainment • Silent Auction**

### THIS WEEKEND

Friday: 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

#### BINGO HOURS

Friday: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.



**OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER  
PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR PARISH AND SCHOOL**

June 11, 2017  
The Most Holy Trinity

June

# We are **the CHURCH,** **the BODY OF CHRIST**



On this feast of  
Corpus Christi, we  
celebrate the  
greatest gift – the  
presence of our  
Lord in the Holy  
Eucharist – and we  
celebrate each  
other as members  
of the Body of  
Christ, the Church.


June 18, 2017  
The Most Holy Body  
and Blood of Christ

June



June 25, 2017  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Farewell




With sadness, we say  
farewell.

With gratitude, we ask Our  
Lord to bring you peace, joy,  
and fulfillment in your new role  
as pastor of Holy Angels  
Church in Arcadia.

Thank you for loving us and  
caring for us. We have learned  
from you, laughed with you,  
prayed with you, and grieved  
with you.

Thank you for being among us,  
leading us, and inspiring us to  
build a community of faith  
whose doors are  
open to all.



June



# OUR CATHOLIC FOUNDING FATHER



Of the fifty-six Founding Fathers who signed the Declaration of Independence, there was one Catholic, Charles Carroll of Maryland (1737-1832). Carroll belonged to a famous, wealthy Catholic family. His cousin, Archbishop John Carroll, became the nation's first Catholic bishop in 1789, heading the Diocese of Baltimore, which at that time included all thirteen original states.

After studying in Europe, Charles Carroll returned to Maryland and joined in the independence movement. In 1776 he was elected to the Continental Congress. That summer he signed the Declaration of Independence, in the lower center part of the document, a few names below the famous signature of John Hancock.

In 1826 Charles Carroll became the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence upon the deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4 of that year. Carroll died in 1832 at the age of ninety-five.

July 2, 2017  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July



# Listen Carefully

Saddened by the immoral state of society, St. Benedict of Nursia (480-550) left the city to live as a hermit. Gradually he attracted the attention of spiritual seekers and eventually organized them into monasteries. After some time, he established the monastery at Monte Cassino, the birthplace of the Benedictine order. It was here that he wrote *The Rule of St. Benedict*, which begins "Listen carefully . . . and incline the ear of your heart."

The monastic discipline described in *The Rule* lay in humility, community, obedience, equality, work, study, prayer, and peace. The Benedictine vision influenced spiritual and monastic life in the West for centuries to come. St. Benedict died at Monte Cassino and was named patron protector of Europe by Pope Paul VI in 1964. His feast day is July 11.

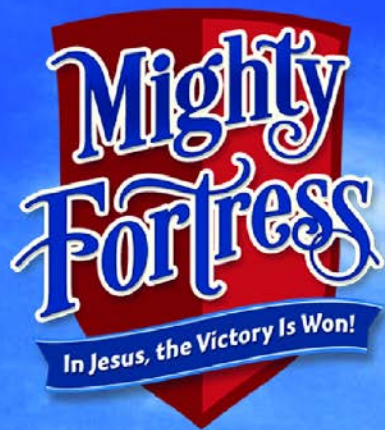
Statue of St. Benedict,  
St. Peter's Basilica,  
the Vatican.



July 9, 2017  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July

# Vacation Bible School



At Mighty Fortress,  
children learn that  
God is their champion,  
refuge, rock,  
and salvation.

**SONGS • CRAFTS • GAMES  
BIBLE STORIES • SKITS**

**\$60.00 — One child**

**\$100.00 — Two children (Siblings)**

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**Includes T-shirt, daily snacks, craft materials**

Registration form at [www.sjwchurch.com](http://www.sjwchurch.com) and the Parish Center  
Religious Education Program 818.341.6634, ext. 1016

July 16, 2017  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July



# Wheat, Weeds, and the Kingdom of God

"... if you pull up the  
weeds you might uproot  
the wheat along with them.  
Let them grow together  
until harvest..."

—Matthew 13: 29-30

July 23, 2017  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



July

# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Novena  
Every Wednesday,  
6:00 p.m.  
SJW Chapel  
in the Parish Center  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

July 30, 2017  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July



# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord



Jesus takes his three closest friends up a mountain, Mount Tabor, and before their very eyes he is transfigured. They see a bright dazzling light. They see a cloud and they are very much afraid. They hear God's voice, telling them who Jesus is and reminding them to listen to him.

Titian  
**Transfiguration,**  
1560-1565  
Oil on canvas  
Altarpiece,  
Church of San Salvador,  
Venice

August

# **A Parish Celebration** **Our Lady of La Vang**

**TODAY!**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

An opportunity to experience the beauty of  
the liturgy and cultural traditions of the  
Vietnamese community.

**5:00 p.m. — Our Lady of La Vang Procession  
of Prayer and Song**

**5:30 p.m. — Mass (Vietnamese)**

Dinner reception with music and  
entertainment in the Conference Center Hall  
following Mass.



**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

August 13, 2017  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

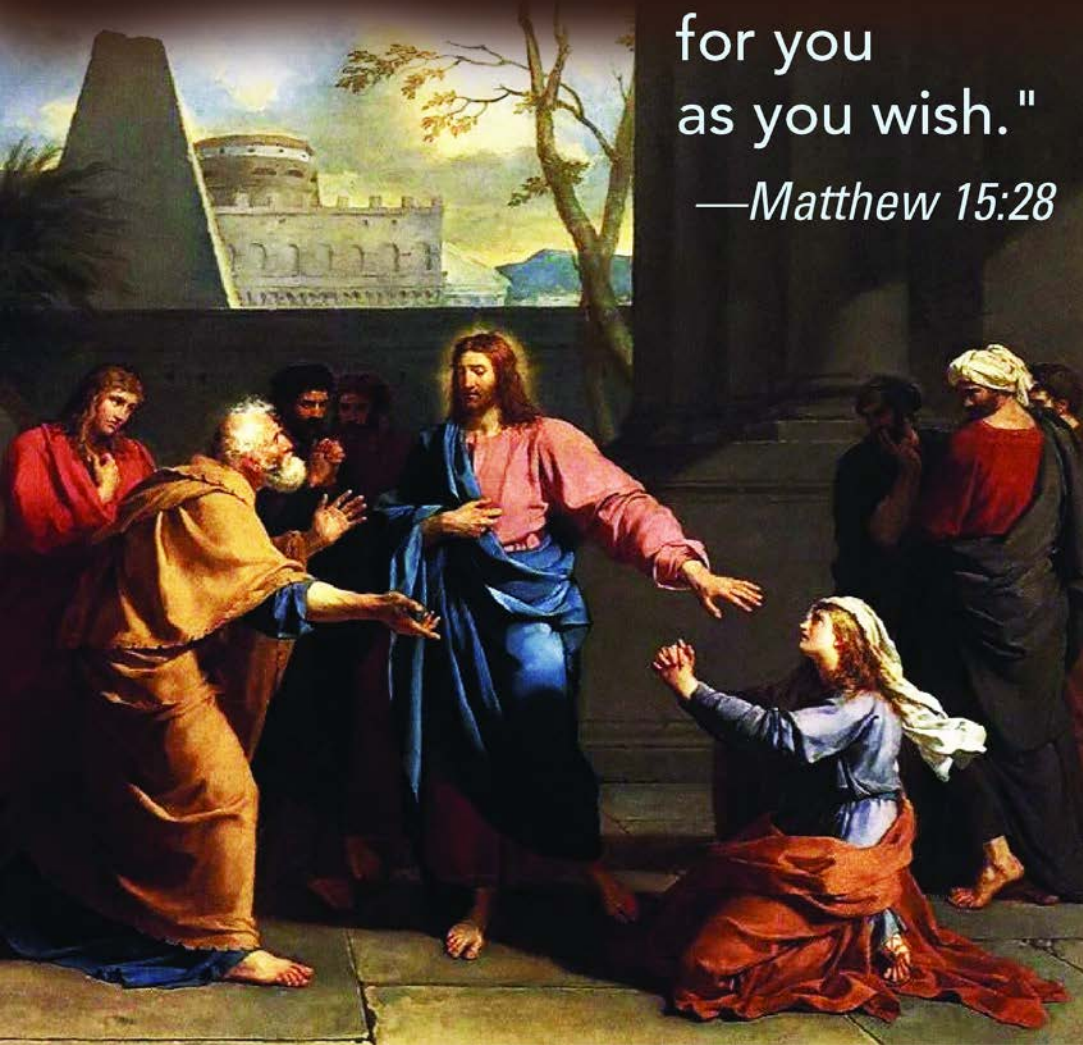
**August**



# God's Love Has No Limits

"O woman,  
great is  
your faith!  
Let it  
be done  
for you  
as you wish."  
—*Matthew 15:28*

August 20, 2017  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



August

# Peter **THE** Rock



TODAY'S READING from Matthew 16 identifies Simon Peter as the rock upon which Christ's church is to be built, a place of stability, strength, and permanence. In a dialogue with his disciples, Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answers, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus chooses Peter as leader for his people not because of his leadership potential but because Peter had listened to the word of God and recognized Jesus as the Christ.

August 27, 2017  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August



# PRAY and WORK

LABOR DAY HONORS THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN WORK.

The motto of the Benedictine monastic tradition, *ora et labora*—"pray and work"—, reminds us of the connection between prayer and work and that we need both in our lives. In the image here, two peasants bow in a field over a basket of potatoes to say a prayer, the Angelus, which together with the ringing of the bell from the church on the horizon marks the end of a day's work.



Jean-François Millet, **The Angelus**, 1857-1859, Oil on canvas, Musée d'Orsay, Paris

September 3, 2017  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September

“  
... where two or three are  
gathered together in my  
name, there am I in the  
midst of them.”



September 10, 2017  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September



# CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

"Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are 'disciples' and 'missionaries,' but rather that we are always 'missionary disciples.' "

—Pope Francis,  
*Evangelii Gaudium*  
(The Joy of the Gospel) 120.

September 17, 2017  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today we honor our catechists, the women and men whom we entrust with forming the faith of young people and adults in our parish. These gifted individuals engage with our youth and adults on their journey as missionary disciples. The catechetical team includes volunteer catechists in the Religious Education Program, Vacation Bible Camp, Confirmation, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Bible Study, Baptism Preparation, and the faculty of St. Joseph the Worker School.

September

# HISPANIC COUNCIL

The Hispanic Council is one of our three community councils. Like the Vietnamese and Filipino councils, it is a representative body of the community's ministries, assures that the community is actively engaged in the mission of St. Joseph the Worker parish, and develops initiatives that nurture faith and spirituality.



*Top, left to right:* Jaime Espinoza, Fr. Roberto Rueda, Daniel Becerra, Eduardo Rodríguez, Blanca Rodríguez, Rigo Trejo, Edward Trejo  
*Middle:* Carmen Ochoa, Vicky Rivera, Rosa Arévalo, Sebastián Arévalo, Juan Garrido, Ismael Ramírez  
*Bottom:* Vilma Hernández, Maricela Sandoval, Matty Gutiérrez, Yessenia Rivera, Imelda Jiménez, Flavia Valadez, Rosa Trejo, Marta Aviles, Zulma López  
*Not pictured:* Lupe Díaz, Jorge Durón, Jesús Escobar, Ana Fisher, Raúl Hernández, Guadalupe Rivas, Julio Rodezno, Miriam Rodríguez, Lucy San Martín

For more about the Hispanic Council, see page 5.

September 24, 2017  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September



# JOYFUL SIMPLICITY

Francis Bernadone (1182-1226) was born into a wealthy family of Assisi. Destined for a life of privilege, one day he was riding through the countryside and came upon a leper. He dismounted, gave the man his cloak, and kissed his ravaged face. From this encounter, Francis's

life began to change. He embarked on a life of radical material poverty and service to the poor. Slowly people began to follow Francis, forming the Order of Friars Minor, the Franciscans. Among them was Clare Offreduccio (1193-1253), who joined Francis in his life of simplicity and service. Theirs was one of the richest friendships in history. Clare of Assisi eventually founded her own community, known today as the Poor Clares. The feast of St. Clare of Assisi is August 11 and that of St. Francis of Assisi is October 4.



THE MEETING OF ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE

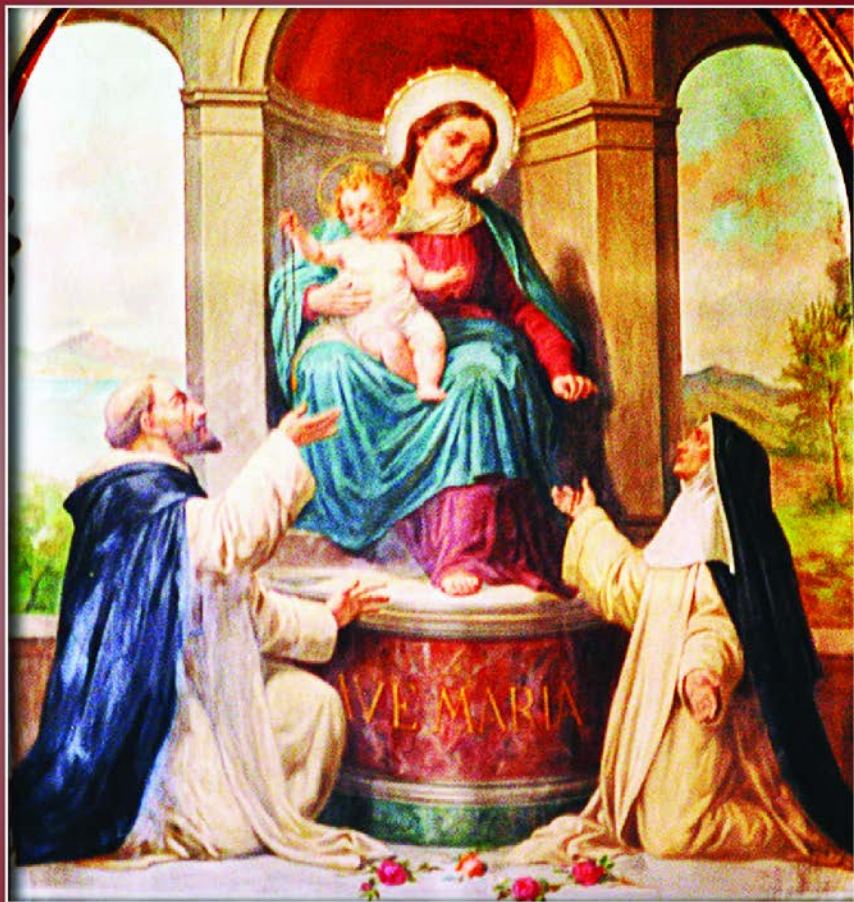
October 1, 2017  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October

# The Holy Rosary

October 8, 2017  
27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The dedication of the month of October to the Holy Rosary dates to the nineteenth century. Pope Leo XIII promoted devotion to the Blessed Mother by encouraging use of the Rosary.



**The Institution of the Rosary**

Fresco, Church of St. Vitus, Rome

*The Christ Child gives a rosary to St. Dominic while his mother gives another to St. Catherine of Siena.*

October



# COME TO THE FEAST

"The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests."

—*Matthew 22:10*



Jan Cornelisz Vermeyen  
**The Marriage at Cana**, ca. 1530  
Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

October 15, 2017  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October

# GOD *and* CAESAR

October 22, 2017  
29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21), the Pharisees, angered by Jesus' teaching, go off and plot against Jesus, hoping to discredit him in the eyes of the people by laying a trap for him. They send their disciples to ask him about the legality of paying a tax to Caesar. Jesus calls their bluff by asking to see the Roman coin, the common currency of the time with Caesar's image stamped on it. Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, Jesus says, and give to God what is God's. The image of Caesar on the coin is an indication that the money is Caesar's. But the point Jesus makes is that each one of us is God's because we bear stamped on our soul the image of God. Just as Caesar's money belongs to Caesar, so we belong to God, who made us in his image.

**A Roman denarius of the Emperor Tiberius, known as the Tribute Penny (14-37 A.D.).**

The inscription reads "Caesar Augustus Tiberius, son of the Divine Augustus."

The reverse shows a seated female, usually identified as Livia, the mother of Tiberius, depicted as Peace.

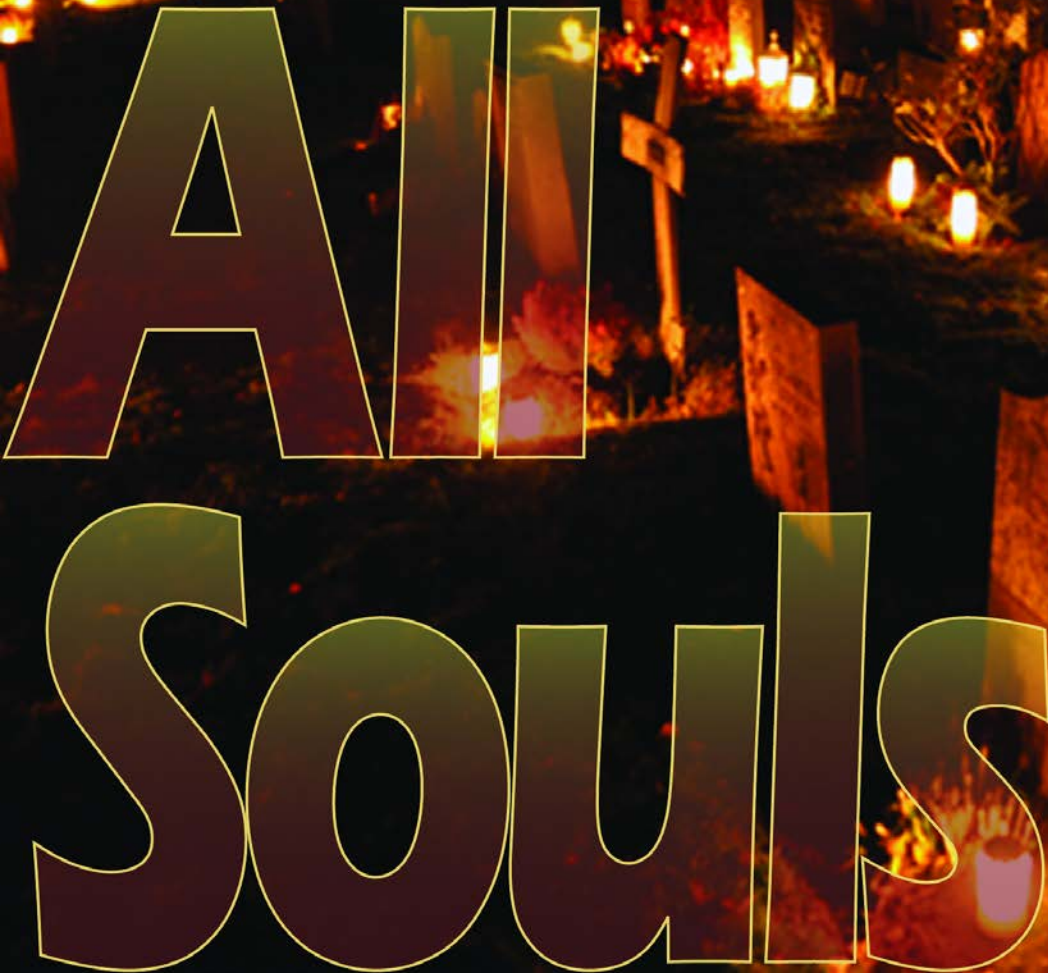


October



# A MONTH OF REMEMBERING

November 5, 2017  
31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



All  
Souls

November

November 12, 2017  
32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# VETERANS DAY

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

November



# Grateful Hearts

St. Joseph the Worker  
Thanksgiving Day Mass  
9:30 a.m.

November 19, 2017  
33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



In a spirit of gratitude we celebrate the beautiful feast of Thanksgiving. Our Thanksgiving Mass is a highlight of the liturgical year. We gather around the Eucharistic table with grateful hearts to give thanks to God for the blessings and challenges in our lives. Please join us this year, and together let us give fitting thanks to God and to one another.

November

# Matthew 25



AT THE END OF  
OUR LIVES, WE  
WILL NOT BE  
JUDGED BY HOW  
MANY DIPLOMAS  
WE HAVE RE-  
CEIVED, HOW  
MUCH MONEY  
WE HAVE MADE  
OR HOW MANY  
GREAT THINGS  
WE HAVE DONE.

WE WILL BE  
JUDGED BY "I  
WAS HUNGRY  
AND YOU GAVE  
ME TO EAT. I WAS  
NAKED AND YOU  
CLOTHED ME. I  
WAS HOMELESS  
AND YOU TOOK  
ME IN."



—Saint Teresa of  
Calcutta

November 26, 2017  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

November



# Advent Soon and Very Soon

"Be watchful!  
Be alert!  
You do not know  
when the time  
will come."

—Mark 13:33

Waiting. We're not very good at that sometimes. Waiting feels like time wasted. And who can afford to waste time? We have too much to do. Every second counts. But the Advent season is all about waiting. Jesus is near. We wait in joy, in hope, and in anticipation for the wonderful event we are about to experience—the feast of Christmas.

December 3, 2017  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

December



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# Advent

# People of Hope

December 10, 2017  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

"There are difficult moments in life, but with hope the soul goes forward and looks ahead to what awaits us."

—Pope Francis,  
November 1, 2013

On this second Sunday of Advent, we pray for the grace we need to live as people of hope. To be people of hope is not simply to be optimistic. It is to live with a sense of purpose, knowing that we walk in the presence of the living God revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Advent looks to the future, to what comes next. Let us live as people of hope.

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# Advent

Gaudete in Domino  
semper! Iterum  
dico: Gaudete!

—Philippians 4:4-6

# Joyful Waiting

December 17, 2017  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December

Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, is all about joy. Its name comes from the opening words of the Introit (Entrance Antiphon): Gaudete in Domino semper, “Rejoice in the Lord always.”

During these days of preparation for our Savior’s birth, St. Paul’s words remind us of the joy that is to come, and the hope we have in the coming of Jesus. Rose-colored vestments are worn, and we light the pink candle of the Advent wreath in anticipation of the joy that is Christmas.



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*Come* LET US  
ADORE  
HIM

December 24, 2017  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent



December



# Family and Faith

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

December 31, 2017  
The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary, and Joseph



James Tissot  
**The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple** (detail)  
1886-1894, Opaque watercolor  
Brooklyn Museum

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