

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.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 16, 2014

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

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St. Joseph's Day



ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Much of what we know about St. Joseph comes from the opening chapters of Matthew's Gospel. We know he was a carpenter, a working man. Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from royal lineage, descended from the house of David. The foster father of Jesus, Joseph was a compassionate man, taking Mary as his wife and protecting the child Jesus, entrusted to his care. A person of faith, he was obedient to whatever God asked of him. Although there is much we wish we knew about Joseph, Scripture tells us the most important: who he was, "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:18).

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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:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Sunday March 16

7:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)

9:30 a.m. Magcamit's Family (Thanksgiving)

11:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

1:30 p.m. Mariah and Melanie Sandoval (Birthday)

5:30 p.m. World Peace

7:30 p.m. Salvador Quezada (RIP)

Monday March 17

6:30 a.m. Mary Bui T. Sen (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Andres and Juana Gabriel (RIP)

Tuesday March 18

6:30 a.m. Agustina and Susana Montes (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Sra. Mendez (Get Well)

Wednesday March 19

6:30 a.m. Leopoldo and Bentura Sanches (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Soto Family (RIP)

Thursday March 20

6:30 a.m. Braulio Baltazar (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Florence Buttitta (RIP)

Friday March 21

6:30 a.m. Trinidad Lim (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Hernandez Family (RIP)

Saturday March 22

8:30 a.m. Dominico Nguyen Van Ty (RIP)

5:30 p.m. Norberto Caballero Jr. (RIP)

Sunday March 23

7:30 a.m. Phyllis Wise (RIP)

9:30 a.m. Arcadia A. Bertulfo (RIP)

11:30 a.m. Abigail and Rilie Valencia (Birthday)

1:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

5:30 p.m. World Peace

7:30 p.m. Correa Haro Family (RIP)

**PARISH LIFE****STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Please join us for this incredibly moving experience every **Friday** during Lent in the church.

6:00 p.m. English

7:00 p.m. Spanish

8:00 p.m. Vietnamese

HOLY WATER

We would like to remind you that during Lent, our Baptismal font is empty and there will be no holy water available at the doors of the church until after the Easter Vigil service. Thank you.

DEANERY 5 – LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Lady of Grace	Friday, April 11	7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes	Wednesday, April 9	7:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Valley	Thursday, April 10	7:30 p.m.
St. Bernardine of Siena	Thursday, April 3	7:30 p.m.
St. Bridget of Sweden	Thursday, April 3	7:30 p.m.
St. Catherine of Siena	Thursday, March 27	7:00 p.m.
St. Cyril of Jerusalem (@ St. Francis De Sales)	Tuesday, April 8	7:00 p.m.
St. Euphrasia (@ St. John Baptist De La Salle)	Monday, March 31	7:00 p.m.
St. Francis De Sales	Tuesday, April 8	7:00 p.m.
St. John Baptist De La Salle	Monday, March 31	7:00 p.m.
St. John Eudes	Tuesday, April 1	7:30 p.m.
St. Mel	Tuesday, April 8	7:00 p.m.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS***A Mini-Retreat for Liturgical Ministers***

Ushers, greeters, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, Environment Committee, Mass coordinators, sacristans, choir members, musicians – this day is for you. As we travel inward during this holy season of Lent, let us also look into the soul of our commitment to liturgical ministry.

- Guest speakers in English & Spanish
- Breakout sessions
- Prayer and reflection

Saturday, March 29

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Conference Center Hall

5:30 p.m. - Bi-Lingual Mass

Reservations and Information

A reservation is required so that adequate arrangements can be made. Please respond no later than Monday, March 24 by e-mail sjwlitmin@yahoo.com or by phone to the parish office (818) 341-6634.



PARISH LIFE

GIFT SHOP

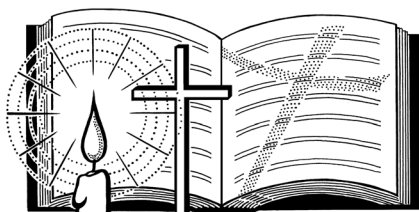
Don't forget, all statues 20% off on Saturdays in March.
Our Gift shop is open on Sundays 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SJW CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The St. Joseph the Worker Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to attend their weekly prayer meetings held every Thursday from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Join us for praise and worship, inspiring talks, group sharing, reflection and monthly healing service.

BIBLE STUDY

Please make a note in your calendar and reserve Friday mornings for St. Joseph the Worker Church Daytime Bible Study. Study and discussion is the Little Rock Scripture Study's "Gospel According to John" We meet at 10:00am in the Parish Center dining room. Don't forget to bring your bible, all are welcome.



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GUIDELINES FOR FAST & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Abstinence is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Pastors and parents are encouraged to see that those who are not bound by the obligation to abstain are held to appreciate an authentic sense of penance.

Fasting- In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18-59 years (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

PRAY FOR YOUR PARISH FINANCES

Bring your full tithe to the church so there will be ample provisions in my Church. Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams. (Malachi 3:10)

Weekly Goal	03-09-14	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$14,886	\$14,536	+2.4%

2014 Env \$ 9,164 (61.6 %) E-giving \$ 990 (6.7 %)
2013 Env \$ 9,857 (67.8 %) E-giving \$ 0 (0.0 %)

Quick Fact: The Ash Wednesday collection was down 4.7%. \$3,511 vs. \$3,683 last year.

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 6:30 p.m. (SJW Chapel)

SACRAMENTS

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. .

Confirmation Process (Grades 9th - 12th)

Year One - Bimonthly

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Year Two - Bimonthly

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Information: Dinh Phan, 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.

ANOIDING 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

David Nisbet, Jo Grady - Stone, Lisa Grady, Mickie Grady Brozovic, Wendy Pelamati, Jack Samalot, Jeffery Jones, Aida Spadaro, Bobbie Stephens, Jeric Inouye, The Foley Family, Luz Custodio, Sally Tay, Irma LeDuff, Lynn Marfil, Larry Le Vine, Bobina Eden, AnnaMay Shaw, Maria Elena Flores, Jean Louis Outta-Apay, Scott and Teresa Muller, Maryann Goppes, Nelia Evangelista, Virginia A. Kahn, Yvonne Burke, Natasha Minerva Galang, Mario Hernandez, Josie Buenviaje, Virginia K. Miller, Karina Flores, Julia Bellagamba.

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:

Margaret Kane, long time parishioner

Maricela Escobedo, parishioner

Triva Ann Upham, mother of Dorinda Upham

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Information: Karina Villanueva (818) 998-4166

Schedule of Classes**Elementary Grades 1–5 English**

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m. or

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Elementary Grades 1–5 Spanish

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Middle School Grades 6–8 English

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Special Education

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.–7:45 p.m.

Elementary and High School (Vietnamese)

Sunday, 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

RCIA**(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)**

Curious about Catholicism and want to know more? Interested in becoming a Catholic? Would you like to receive the Sacraments of Initiation?

Information: Bill Sparks, ext. 1012.

Inquiry Classes**Adults (English)**

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

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Adults and Youth or Teens (Spanish)

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

Friday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Adults (Vietnamese)

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

Monday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Youth or Teen 12-18 years (English)

Parish Center Dining Room

Two Wednesdays a month 7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Children 7-12 years (English)

Our Lady of La Vang Conference Room

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

Children 7-12 years (Spanish)

Parish Center Dining Room

Friday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN**Keeping your child's personal information personal**

If your children give out personal information over the Internet, not only is it easy to track, it is tough to completely remove. Emphasize to them how important it is that they keep personal information private. Make sure that they have a strong username and password that does not reveal anything personal. Encourage them not to give out their e-mail address, if they have one. If your children tell you that they have given out personal information online, contact your Internet Service Provider or the site where the information is posted to see what you can do to have it removed. For more information, visit www.NetSmartz.org.

EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SCHOOL NEWS**

E-mail: sjwwintk@aol.com (818) 341-6616

For updated news and activities go to:

saintjosephtheworkerschool.net

Catholic Schools – Faith, Academics, Service

Registration Time

Now is the time to reserve a place in one of our classes for next year. Whether you are presently enrolled or you would like a place for next year, complete your forms now. If this is your first time to register, come to the office for the forms. You will be given a tour of the school, and a visit to the grade of your choice. The sooner you come the better. You can also get information forms on-line.

School Marketing

Thank You to those of you who have used the Parish envelopes designated for the school, and given us generous contributions. It has helped us significantly in meeting this year's expenses. After reading the above, if you have a child or know of a student in the area who is not receiving a solid Catholic Academic Education, bring them or refer them to St. Joseph the Worker School. Come for a visit at any time to observe the outstanding students and exceptional teachers in action. After visiting the school, you will join those who do not want to leave. Registrations for next year are in progress.

Saint Joseph the Worker School Alumni

We are trying to improve and update our alumni list. If you are an alum or know the address or e-mail of one, please send it to sjwwintk@aol.com or mail it to: Saint Joseph the Worker School, 19812 Cantlay Street, Winnetka 91306. If you are interested in helping in a leadership position, please indicate that on your information.

Parish Envelopes

We are asking any of you who are parents of alumni or a graduate yourself to consider giving a gift to the school at this time of giving. Many thanks to all of you who help support the school with your monthly donations and use of the school envelopes. May you and all Parents and Grandparents who continue to sacrifice to send their children for a High Quality Catholic Education be blessed a hundredfold.

YOUTH NEWS**11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass**

Our 11:30 a.m. Mass is specifically focused on you, the young people of our parish. Please join your friends and peers at this Sunday celebration. We invite you also to take an active part in these Masses by being an usher, greeter, lector, choir member, or Eucharistic minister.

Confirmation

Sessions start at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Center Hall

Year One: Tuesday, March 18

Year Two: Tuesday, March 25

If you have any questions please contact Dinh Phan, (818) 341-6634, ext. 1018.



PARISH LIFE

RCIA

My Friends in Christ,

We began Lent on Ash Wednesday, some of our catechumens and candidates, the people that are dismissed and leave mass every Sunday after the homily, are now ready to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. We have discerned with them and have determined some of them are ready. On the first Sunday of Lent we celebrate a Rite of Sending. Last Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. mass we celebrated that rite. The purpose of the rite is to SEND those Catechumens and Candidates that will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation this coming Easter season to Archbishop Jose Gomez. There, they will celebrate the Rite of Election or the Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion. These celebrations take place at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels; last Sunday was the Rite of Election for the unbaptized and on Sunday, March 23 will be the Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion for the baptized.

At the Rite of Sending that took place here at the 9:30 a.m. mass last Sunday; we, as a community, heard from the sponsors and godparents on the readiness of these catechumens and candidates to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This community approved and sent them to Archbishop Gomez. They signed the Book of the Elect, received their gray gowns and were dismissed with all the rest of the catechumens and candidates as we do each Sunday. After the Rite of Election our Catechumens will now be called our "Elect." They will appear on the screens before and after mass, they will also be in the bulletin.

Next Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. mass we will be celebrating the First Scrutiny and presentation of the Creed. The Scrutiny is to unmask the deception of evil and sin for what they really are: thieves of true and authentic life. It is also to welcome the loving presence of God, bringing light and encouraging full life. The focus of the Scrutiny is toward life, freedom and salvation. We also present the Creed to these Elect because it is an ancient and revered text of the Church recalling the wonderful deeds of God for the salvation of the human race. It fills the vision of the Elect with the sure light of faith.

Keep an eye on this space; it will be bringing you information about the RCIA process here at St. Joseph the Worker. I will be telling you when we will be celebrating rites and rituals and give information about those that are in the Order of the Catechumens. I hope these celebrations add to your sense of community and your spiritual experience. Please pray for our Elect, Catechumens and Candidates as they prepare to celebrate the rites called for in the RCIA during the coming weeks.

Bill Sparks

Faith and Formation Director

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Lent is a time to give help to those in need. The pantry is in need of food. Your donation of staple foods will help us feed families. The following items will be greatly appreciated: canned meats such as spam, corned beef, tuna, sardines, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, canned vegetables, cocoa, tea bags, rice, beans, and any other foods. They can be left in the containers in the church or at the parish center. If you have fruit trees with extra fruit please bring them to the parish. Thank you very much for your needed help. God bless you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We invite you to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament **every Wednesday** from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center chapel. In addition to Wednesdays, there is adoration **every First Friday** of the month in the chapel at 7:00 p.m.

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IN THE COMMUNITY

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is looking for a few good people! If you are semi-retired or retired, your lifetime of experience can be turned into service for others. There are schools and other local non-profit agencies serving the poor and marginalized in the San Fernando Region that will benefit from your knowledge, skills and compassion. This Jesuit affiliated ministry invites you to assist those in need, work for a more just society and grow deeper in your Christian faith. For more information on becoming an Ignatian Volunteer and sharing in this work contact Anne Hansen at ahansen@ivcusa.org or call (310) 338-2358.

LOS ANGELES CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB (LACAC)

Young Adults are invited to toast Birthdays in March in Pasadena (maybe their own!) Please join us as we celebrate March Birthdays. Meet some new people. Let's break some bread together through faith, fellowship and great food.

When: Saturday March 22, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Fu-Shing Chinese Restaurant
2960 Colorado Blvd. Pasadena 91107
(626) 792-8898

Contact: Angelo (818) 773-0550 RSVP by Wednesday, March 19 or sooner. RSVP a must!

TALK BACK TO SOCRATES! 2014

This summer, wake up your intellect. Join the Integral Curriculum of Liberal Arts at Saint Mary's College of California to read and discuss works by some of the world's greatest thinkers and writers: Plato, Sophocles, Shakespeare, Goethe, Austen, T.S. Eliot. Learn to pursue the truth by conversing with the greatest minds, and try your thoughts in the fire of disciplined and passionate discussion. If you are in high school and will have completed your Junior year by this June, please consider attending on the beautiful campus of Saint Mary's College in Moraga, California. Visit: <http://www.integralprogram.org/academics5924d/summer-institute>

There will be some financial aid available. Students may attend either or both week-long session: *July 27 to August 3; August 3 to 10*. The deadline for applications is July 1, but we will consider applications as they come in.

CELEBRATE! LIFE'S BIG MOMENTS

JS Paluch Co., Inc. proudly provides the opportunity for parishioners, groups and organizations to Celebrate Life's BIG Moments by purchasing space on the back of your parish bulletin. Ad space can be purchased to appear one week or multiple weeks for the low cost: **Single Space Ad of \$25/per week; Spot Color Double Space Ad \$50 per week; Color Four Space Ad \$75/per week**

The possibilities are endless for short term announcements, including: In Memory of...; In Honor of...; Graduation Announcements; Anniversaries, Birthdays, Sacraments; Best Wishes; Garage Sales; Space for Rent; Help Wanted. Email customercare@jspaluch.com



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38

Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Miércoles: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Lc 2:41-51a

Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31

Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sábado: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-12

Domingo: Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Manteniendo en privado la información personal de sus hijos

Si sus hijos dan su información personal por medio de Internet, no sólo es fácil conseguir los datos, sino que es muy difícil borrarlos totalmente. Recuérdale a sus hijos la importancia de mantener privado sus datos e información personal. Cerciórese de que tengan un nombre de usuario y una contraseña que no revele información personal y que no den su dirección del correo electrónico a cualquier persona. Si sus hijos le dicen que han dado su información personal en Internet, comuníquese con el proveedor del servicio de Internet o el sitio en donde la información fue anotada para ver qué puede hacer usted para borrar los datos. Para más información visite la página de Internet www.NetSmartz.org.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Muchos católicos aprovechan el tiempo de Cuaresma para confesarse. El sacramento de Reconciliación tiene una historia un poco complicada, pues ha sufrido muchos cambios con el transcurrir de los siglos. Al principio, la penitencia sólo se celebraba una sola vez en la vida de un cristiano y era necesaria en caso de pecado grave, como lo era la apostasía, el adulterio y el asesinato. El penitente tenía que hacer una confesión en público, frente al obispo y la comunidad entera. La penitencia consistía de un ayuno severo y vestir una indumentaria especial que lo distinguía. Esta penitencia podía durar semanas, y a veces, meses. Durante este tiempo, el penitente no podía estar presente en la mesa de la Eucaristía hasta que el obispo le diera la bendición de reconciliación, la cual, a menudo, se llevaba a cabo el Jueves Santo. Con el paso del tiempo, los cristianos se dieron cuenta de la necesidad de celebrar el sacramento de la Reconciliación con más frecuencia y por otras clases de pecado. Algún tiempo después, esta práctica cayó en el desuso y fue sustituida por la confesión privada, la cual se originó entre los monjes irlandeses. Después, esta práctica fue aceptada por toda la Iglesia. De esta manera es que nació el sacramento de la reconciliación que conocemos hoy. Actualmente, a pesar de que la Iglesia dice que no es necesario acercarse al confesionario antes de recibir la Comunión, se nos exhorta a confesarnos por lo menos una vez al año, o lo antes posible después de haber cometido pecado grave.

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VIDA PARROQUIAL

VIA CRUCIS

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

¿POR QUE SER CATOLICO?

¿Por qué ser católico? El Catecismo como camino Nos ayuda a comprender mejor el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica y como estas verdades tan importantes de nuestra fe afectan lo que creemos, como vemos el mundo, como nos vemos a nosotros mismos, y como vemos nuestro propósito en la vida.

Nuestro equipo de catequistas está listo para presentarles este recurso para vivir y saber nuestra fe presentando el cuarto libro de la serie “¿Por qué ser católico? El catecismo como camino”. Este libro, *La Oración del Cristiano: Para Profundizar mi Experiencia de Dios*. Los esperamos los lunes a las 7:00 p.m., en el cuarto de conferencias Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Esta serie consta de doce sesiones que se toman de la cuarta parte del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica. Muchos católicos hemos heredado nuestra fe sin saber por qué somos católicos. No hemos tenido una formación sólida en la fe, fundación que nos brinda el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica. ¿Por Qué Ser Católico? es un instrumento para compartir la fe, leerla, orar, usar como referencia para apreciar el tesoro que contiene el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica. Para más información comuníquese con Bill Sparks, (818)341-6634 ext. 1012.



ENCUENTRO CERCANO

Mini-Retiro para Ministros Litúrgicos

Ujieres, ministros de hospitalidad, ministros de Eucaristía, lectores, comité de ambientación, coordinadores de las misas, miembros del coro, músicos – este día es especialmente para ustedes. Al caminar hacia nuestro interior durante este tiempo santo de Cuaresma, reflexionemos en nuestro compromiso al ministerio litúrgico.

Sábado 29 de marzo

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Salón parroquial

5:30 p.m. - Misa Bi-Lingue

Reservación e Información

Le pedimos que nos comuniquen si vendrá para hacer los arreglos necesarios. Por favor avísenos a más tardar el lunes 24 de marzo, vía correo electrónico sjwlitmin@yahoo.com ó llamando a la oficina parroquial (818) 341-6634.

VER LA PRESENCIA DE DIOS

Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a mirar más profundamente para poder dar un vistazo a la realidad divina encerrada en “las cosas” ordinarias de la vida. Dios retó al anciano Abram y a su esposa a que dejaran su casa para ir “a la tierra que te mostraré”. Sus ojos verían la tierra, pero sólo Dios “podía” mostrarla como un don divino. Pablo recordó a Timoteo que la gracia de Dios siempre ha estado a nuestra disposición, pero que en Jesús se “manifestó”. Jesús invitó a Pedro, Santiago y Juan para que subieran al cerro y allí se “transfiguró” por un momento, y el resplandor de Dios brilló a través de él. Luego, con la misma rapidez, los tres miraron. . . y sólo vieron a Jesús. Durante la Cuaresma se nos invita a “mirar más allá” para ver la presencia de Dios en las cosas ordinarias: ambulando por el supermercado, esperando en el tráfico, discutiendo con los hijos, limpiando la bañera. No tendríamos que “hacer” nada más si pudiéramos divisar el amor divino que nos apoya y nos sostiene. 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.

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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.

LENT

A Time for Close Encounters with God

Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

*A prayerful meditation
on the Passion of Jesus
Every Friday during Lent*

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

Vietnamese Lent Retreat (Children)

Sunday, March 23, 1:00 p.m., Conference Center Hall

Vietnamese Lent Retreat (Adults)

Monday, March 31, 7:00 p.m., Conference Center Hall

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

First Scrutiny and Presentation of the Creed
March 23, 9:30 Mass

Second Scrutiny, March 30, 11:30 Mass

Third Scrutiny and Presentation of the Lord's Prayer
April 6, 9:30 Mass

Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion,
*March 23, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels,
3:00 p.m.*

Information: Parish Center 818.341.6634

DEVOTIONS & PRAYER GROUPS

Rosary Group

Monday–Saturday 9:00 a.m., Church

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m., SJW Chapel

First Friday 7:00 –9:00 p.m., SJW Chapel

Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursday 7:00 p.m., Church

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

Wednesday 6:30 p.m., SJW Chapel

Grupo de Oración

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Conference Center Hall

Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos

“Nueva Generación en Jesucristo”

Friday 7:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Conference Room

First Friday Mass, Church

Rosary 7:00 p.m.; Mass 7:30 p.m.

Catholic Mothers Guild (Vietnamese)

Third Sunday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Our Lady of La Vang Conference Center room

Sacred Heart Group (Vietnamese Men)

Fourth Sunday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Our Lady of La Vang Conference Center room

Vocation Ministry (Vietnamese)

Periodic gatherings to pray for vocations