



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2015

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

Sunday

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m., English

1:30, 7:30 p.m., Spanish

5:30 p.m., Vietnamese

Monday - Friday

6:30, 8:30 a.m., English

First Friday: 7:30 p.m., Spanish

Holy Days

6:30 p.m. (Vigil), English

6:30, 8:30 a.m., 6:45 p.m., English

5:30 p.m., Vietnamese

8:00 p.m., Spanish

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Kevin Rettig

Associate Pastor

Rev. Julio Ramos

Associate Pastor

Rev. Joseph Van Vu

Deacon

Dn. Augusto "Gus" Mora

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Confirmation and Youth Ministry

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Mike Stafford

Parish Secretary

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Make our hearts
like yours

—*Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

Each year we are confronted with various seasons in the Church, each with its own particular meaning. The season of Lent is, like Advent, a time of preparation. While Advent prepares us for the new life born at Christmas, Lent prepares us for the new life of the Resurrection. Its forty days are in commemoration of the forty days Our Lord spent in the desert, preparing himself for his mission on earth. We, too, enter the desert at this time, the desert of our own heart, for it is there that we encounter ourselves, and it is there that we encounter God.

It is good once a year to put aside some of our usual "worldly" occupations and concentrate on our inner life. Many people do this by giving something up, as a sort of sacrifice. This is good. Even better perhaps is another practice: DOING something extra. This can be a few minutes of daily meditation, perhaps attending Mass an extra day of the week, offering our services to helping a charity, being more generous. The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, all of which help us to look at life differently, that we may wholeheartedly CELEBRATE life at Easter.

—*Fr. Kevin*

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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



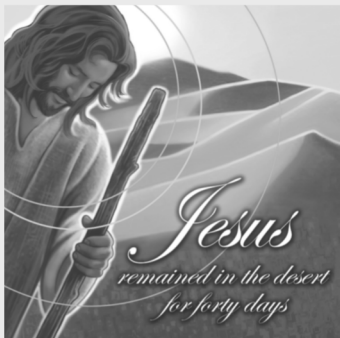
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- Sunday February 22**
 7:30 a.m. Henry Addy Bradley (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Toni Copsey (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Frankie Arellano (Birthday)
 5:30 p.m. Dinh Phan (Birthday)
 7:30 p.m. Rufina de Jesus Monge (RIP)
- Monday February 23**
 6:30 a.m. Trinidad Lim (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Salvador Castro Mejia (RIP)
- Tuesday February 24**
 6:30 a.m. Milagros Santiago (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Jim Pulte (RIP)
- Wednesday February 25**
 6:30 a.m. Manolos Family (Intentions)
 8:30 a.m. Estrella Alas Pamogas (RIP)
- Thursday February 26**
 6:30 a.m. Romer Perez (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Victoria Damazo (RIP)
- Friday February 27**
 6:30 a.m. Refugio Lopez (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Soto Family (RIP)
- Saturday February 28**
 8:30 a.m. Monique Aguilar (Birthday)
 5:30 p.m. Candelaria Alejandro (RIP)
- Sunday March 1**
 7:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 9:30 a.m. Jeff Kennedy (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Carlos Humberto Perez (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 7:30 p.m. Felipe Castellon (RIP)



PARISH LIFE

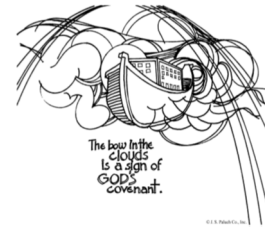
PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Parish Reconciliation Service is on **Monday, March 9**, at 7:00 p.m. Many priests available.

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



DEANERY 5 – LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St. John Eudes	Wednesday, March 11	7:30 p.m.
St. Bridget of Sweden	Tuesday, March 17	7:45 p.m.
St. Bernardine of Siena	Wednesday, March 18	7:30 p.m.
St. Catherine of Siena	Thursday, March 19	7:15 p.m.
St. Euphrasia (@ St. John Baptist De La Salle)	Monday, March 23	7:00 p.m.
St. John Baptist De La Salle	Monday, March 23	7:00 p.m.
St. Cyril of Jerusalem (@ St. Francis De Sales)	Tuesday, March 24	7:00 p.m.
St. Francis De Sales	Tuesday, March 24	7:00 p.m.
St. Mel	Tuesday, March 24	7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes	Wednesday, March 25	7:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Valley	Thursday, March 26	7:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Grace	Tuesday, March 31	7:00 p.m.

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.



PARISH LIFE

GIFT SHOP

St. Joseph's Table is coming up -**Saturday, March 21**, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This annual event is very special to our Church community. Cooks and bakers, this is your chance to shine. Sign ups at the Gift Shop. Come to the table, all are welcome!!

The Gift Shop is open on Sundays from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Bundle Sunday

Sunday, March 1 is Bundle Sunday for our parish. The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here at 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to receive your donations. Bring useable clothing, shoes, small appliances, household items, linens, books, etc. They are in great need of all types of furniture and large appliances. For large items including furniture and appliance, please call (323) 224-6280 or (800) 97-HELP-1 for a special free pick up at your home. Remember your contributions will be helping the needy.

FESTIVAL NEWS

Are you a skilled graphic artist? Do you have a good eye for two dimensional design? Are you familiar with programs such as Adobe Photoshop or Apple Pages? If so, the St. Joseph the Worker festival planning committee is looking for people with the skills to help create the look of this year's festival. If you are willing to offer your skills for our worthy cause, contact Jaime Mencia, festival chairperson, at (818)-648-1078: edificegroup@sbcglobal.net.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass, come to the Parish Center. Only one paid intention will be accepted and printed in the bulletin for each Mass. Selected Masses will be reserved for church use. The stipend is \$10 per Mass.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER ENGLISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Our schedule of Healing Masses is as follows:

Thursday, March 19	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Ramon Valera
Thursday, April 16	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Bob Garon
Thursday, May 21	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Charles Lueras
Thursday, June 18	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Jerry Thompson

Hope you can join us.

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	2-15-15	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$13,318	\$14,093	- 5.5%

2015 Env \$ 7,932 (59.6 %) E-giving \$ 1,565 (11.8 %)

2014 Env \$ 8,902 (63.2 %) E-giving \$ 910 (6.5 %)

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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.

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

Josie Buenviaje, Karina Flores, E. Menter, Yna and Miriam Legaspi, Rod Marfil, Leo Tay, Luca Torterolo, Bubut Aquino, Nic Suarez, Ofelia Oropeza Silva, Alfredo Velazquez, Ferdinand, Rolando and Vidiamor Morales Jr., Wendy Pelamati, David and Lu Ann Nisbet, Jeffrey Jones, Jack Somalot, The Foley Family, Jorge Borrás, Irma LeDuff, Lea Barak, Jo Grady Stone, Lisa Grady, Virginia A. Kahn, Catalina Alas, Francis Mendoza, Luz Custodio, Josephine Vitanza.

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:

Khah Van Nguyen, husband of Trang Nguyen
Rito Gonzalez Perfecto, father of Francisco Gonzalez



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

Help prevent child victimization

Many assume that children at risk for victimization are neglected or from dysfunctional homes. However, all children, even those from supportive families, may be at risk of victimization. Encourage your child to come to you immediately if anyone makes him or her feel uncomfortable online or makes overtures to meet in person. These are some signs an online predator may be connecting with your child: Your child becomes withdrawn and isolated from family and friends; you find inappropriate material on the computer; your child receives mail, money, or gifts from unknown people; you see unknown phone numbers when reviewing the phone bill. For more information visit: <http://www.netismartz.org/ChildrenAsVictims>.

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

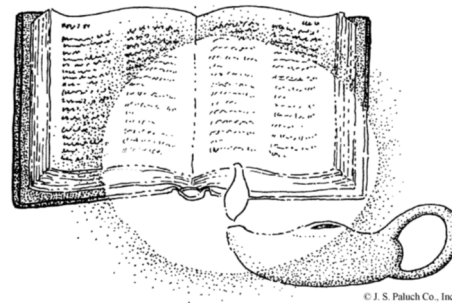
Registration for a Quality Catholic Education

If you are not enrolled in Saint Joseph the Worker School (Pre- K through 8th Grades) we are inviting you to think of the opportunities for your child(ren) in a Catholic School. Daily religion classes, and the opportunity to attend Mass are important for growth in faith and knowledge of God's part in their life now and in the future. Besides growing in their knowledge and practice of the Catholic Faith, they will grow academically with the emphasis on a strong curriculum presented by experienced certified teachers. Besides the academic classes, the students have Art, Music and P.E, which have been eliminated in some Public Schools

Call the school for an appointment between 9:00 and 2:00 for registration information and to observe the class that you are interest in for an appointment. You can also find registration forms on-line.

Pre-Kindergarten

SJW has two sessions of Pre-School for four-year olds: one from 8:00 to 11 :00 and the other from 11:45 to 2:45. The sessions are academic, and have been successful during the past fourteen years of preparing students for Kindergarten. Day Care is available from 7:00 to 11:45 and from 2:45 to 6:00. Come and visit and you will see the classes in session. Apply now for next year to reserve a place.



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 1 Tuesday, March 3

Year 1 Sponsor - Candidate Retreat, Saturday, February 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Year 2 Tuesday, February 24

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



PARISH LIFE

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students and their families in the celebration of their First Penance yesterday at a special Reconciliation service. We ask for your prayers as they continue their preparation for First Holy Communion.

Ralph Adra
Ashley Aguilar
Javier Alcaraz
Aaron Ambrosio
Samantha Ambrosio
Isaac Arellano
Simon Ray Astorga
Ernesto Avalos
Beira Boyso
Rayesean Cajot
Reginald Cajot
Brianna Canales
Cesar Canales
Mallelis Castillo
Mario Castillo
Angela Carranza
Giselle Carranza
Sarai De la Cruz
Ingrith De la Cruz
Isabella Dowgiallo
Christopher Escobar
Derek Escobar
Alicia Ferreyra
Kelly Ferreyra
Katie Ferreyra
Valerie Flores
Hailey Flores
Anderson Flores
Damian Fuentes
Angelique Garcia
Enrique Garcia
Joseph Garcia
Joaquin Gomez
Sofia Gomez
Makayla Hernandez
Guadalupe Ibanez
Jeric S. Inouye
Andrew Iraheta
Pedro Jacobo
Daisy Juarez

Kevin Lares
Evee Leiva
Iliana Loera
Adrian Loera
Jose Maldonado
Vincent Mancia
Ethan Mancia
Angelina Marcoux
Brandon Martinez
Carlos Martinez
Alejandra Mendoza
Alondra Montana
Andrew Murillo
Mikaella Navarro
Andrea Padilla
Aaron Padilla
Byron Palencia
Alex Partida
Nicolas Perez
Sebastian Perez
Elida Pena
Omar Quezada
Audrey Ramirez
Rebecca Rangel
Nico Rangel
Placido Rodriguez
Yanxi Rodriguez
Savina Rodriguez
Angel Saldivar
Marysol Sandoval
Jose M. Tapia
Britney Tolentino
Mya M. Torres
Meztli Toxtle
Arianna Vasquez
Evan Venegas
Adriana Villacana
Leonel Villanueva
Adam Waishwile
Brianna L. Zuniga



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IN THE COMMUNITY

PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTER

Are you interested in being a volunteer at the Pregnancy Counseling Center? Do you have an ear for listening? Do you have a compassionate heart to being a counselor to "our moms"? Nurses are needed. Would you be interested in helping out with our mailings or Baby Bottle Drives? Our next training session will be in the Fall. For more information or if you have any questions please call Edy Bernal at (818) 895-2500 or email at edy@pregnanthelp4u.org.

VALLEY FAMILY CENTER

Valley Family Center is located in the city of San Fernando. All services are in English and 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) Learning Center: tutorial, basic skill building for children and teens. Sliding scale fees. Call to make an appointment (818) 365-8588.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND

FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

March 6 - 8, Duarte, California

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. The cost per person is \$215. For registration or more information please call (866) 272-2435; www.rachelsvineyard.org

REACHING TOGETHER

A monthly social gathering offered the second Tuesday of each month to the blind and visually impaired. There is no charge to attend. Canoga Park Lutheran Church (Bible Study room) 7357 Jordan Ave, Canoga Park, Ca 91303. If you have any questions please call (818) 348-5714. Lunch will be served with entertainment and brief devotions. Caregivers are also welcome.



NEED A BREAK? STOP IN FOR FAITH!

Breakaway day for young men & women - dive into your faith through sharing, adoration, fellowship. **BREAKAWAY DAY - FOR FAITH**

For additional information email sdshnov@verizon.net

Saturday, February 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
with lunch at the Sacred Heart Sisters House,
10480 Winnetka Ave, Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 831-9710



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Martes: Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lc 11:29-32
Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7-8; Mt 7:7-12
Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Domingo: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Sal 116 (115):10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mc 9:2-10

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Ayude a prevenir victimización de niños

Muchos asumen que los niños en riesgo de ser víctimas son víctima de negligencia o provienen de hogares disfuncionales. Sin embargo, todos los niños, aun aquellos criados en familias que dan apoyo, podrían estar en riesgo de ser victimizados. Anime a sus hijos a buscarlo a usted inmediatamente cuando alguien lo (la) haga sentir incómodo(a) en Internet o le hace propuestas de encontrarse en persona. Estos son algunas señales de que un predador en línea podría estar contactando a su hijo o hija: su niño se desentiende o aísla de su familia y amistades; usted encuentra material inapropiado en la computadora; su niño recibe correo, dinero o regalos de una persona desconocida; usted encuentra números telefónicos desconocidos cuando revisa la factura de teléfono. Para más información, visite <http://www.netSMARTZ.org/ChildrenAsVictims>.

PRESENTACIONES DE NIÑOS

Si usted desea presentar a su niño/a durante la misa dominical, por favor comuníquese con Ángela Escobar en la oficina parroquial, (818) 341-6634 anexo 1003.



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VIDA PARROQUIAL

EL SIGNIFICADO DE NUESTRO BAUTISMO

Cuaresma es la época del año que dedicamos a escudriñar nuestras vidas a la luz de nuestro Bautismo en la muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Las lecturas de hoy son como un catecismo abreviado de lo que nuestras vidas de bautizados significan. Tal como Noé pasó por las aguas del diluvio a una alianza con Dios, así también nosotros entramos en una alianza, una relación con Dios prometida por nuestro Bautismo. El salmo nos recuerda que si realmente vivimos la alianza, el modo de vida que Dios quiere que vivamos no va a ser una carga, sino una fuente de amor y verdad. La carta de Pedro ofrece una explicación de lo que significa nuestro bautismo: es una plegaria a Dios pidiendo una buena conciencia. ¿Cómo obtenemos esta buena conciencia? Las palabras que Jesús proclama justo después de su tentación nos señala el camino: "Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio". Podría ser un buen ejercicio espiritual mantener estas lecturas a nuestro alcance durante todo el tiempo de Cuaresma, un medio para ayudarnos a volver a una vida vivida según nuestras promesas bautismales.

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SERVICIO PENITENCIAL

El **lunes 9 de marzo** es nuestro Servicio Penitencial empezando a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia. Tendremos muchos sacerdotes confesando en diferentes idiomas. No pierda la oportunidad de prepararse para la Pascua.

VIA CRUCIS

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

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Según un dicho árabe, si quieres conocer bien a una persona, debes convivir durante cuarenta días con ella. Cuarenta no puede tomarse al pie de la letra, ya que en las culturas semitas de siglos pasados cuarenta significaba "un largo periodo de tiempo". Los judíos, cristianos y musulmanes provenimos de esas culturas antiguas y es por eso que para nosotros el número cuarenta es muy importante. Algunos ejemplos bíblicos: El diluvio duró cuarenta días. Moisés habló con Dios durante cuarenta días en el Sinaí. El pueblo de Israel pasó cuarenta años en el desierto purificándose de sus pecados. Jesús ayunó cuarenta días en el desierto antes de iniciar su ministerio público. El profeta Mahoma tenía cuarenta años cuando Dios lo llamó; asimismo, según el Islam, Dios creó a Adán en cuarenta días, y la persona que desea sabiduría necesita ayunar cuarenta días.

No se sabe de dónde viene esta conexión del número cuarenta con la religión. Algunos astrónomos piensan que es debido al planeta Venus. Venus (estrella matutina) viaja por el cielo regresando a su lugar de origen cada cuarenta años menos cuarenta días.

—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 H. Richard Closson, Director, Trust and Estate Programs. Archdiocese of Los Angeles: (213) 637-7472; HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org; www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc.

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.

LENT

at St. Joseph the Worker

Make our hearts like yours

Parish Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 9
7:00 p.m., in the church

Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

Every Friday during Lent, in the church
6:00 p.m., English
7:00 p.m., Spanish
8:00 p.m., Vietnamese

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Rite of Sending and Enrollment of Names,
February 22, 9:30 Mass
Rite of Election, February 22,
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 3:00 p.m.
Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion, March 1,
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 3:00 p.m.
First Scrutiny and Presentation of the Creed,
March 8, 9:30 Mass
Second Scrutiny, March 15, 11:30 Mass
Third Scrutiny and Presentation of the Lord's Prayer,
March 22, 9:30 Mass



St. Vincent de Paul Society

LENT food drive

Let us open our hearts to those in need

ESPECIALLY NEEDED

- Tuna
- Canned meat
- Canned vegetables
- Rice and beans
- Canned fruit
- Evaporated milk
- Dry cereal and oatmeal
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Macaroni and cheese
- Dry pasta and spaghetti sauce
- Cooking oil
- Toiletries

Place food donations in the St. Vincent de Paul boxes at the church entrances any time before Easter Sunday. Non-perishable food products ONLY

Cash/check donations welcome. Use the St. Vincent de Paul envelope found in the pews and place in the collection basket.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY