



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 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.

MASSSES

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

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Rev. Kevin Rettig

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Associate Pastor

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Advent

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has proclaimed a special Year of Mercy, which will begin December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Advent is a perfect time to reflect on the Works of Mercy demanded by the Christian life and, most especially, to see how well we are practicing these in our own life.

All around us we see people in need. Millions are fleeing intolerable persecutions and genocides in various parts of the world, fueled largely by fanatical religious fundamentalism of many different strains. Fundamentalism, no matter its flavor, is a radical closing of the heart; the religion of the Spirit is a radical opening of the heart. This is the open heart to which the Holy Father is calling us. This is the open heart that Jesus proclaimed two millennia ago.

As individuals, we think we cannot change the world. Yet we certainly can make a difference in the lives of others and alleviate enormous amounts of suffering. The various programs of our own parish, especially at this time of year, present many opportunities to do just that. As the People of God, we can make a difference. We can change the world, one broken heart at a time.

—Fr. Kevin



For the Advent Calendar of Events,
consult the parish website: www.sjwchurch.com

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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: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- Sunday November 29**
 7:30 a.m. David Wise (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Thai Nguyen Family (Intentions)
 11:30 a.m. Jenny Lynn S. Cristobal (Birthday)
 1:30 p.m. Salomon Calderon Mendoza (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. V. Le (Thanksgiving)
 7:30 p.m. Jose Almaguer (RIP)
- Monday November 30**
 6:30 a.m. Perla Ledesma Reinante Tarrosa (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Veronica Rosete (Birthday)
- Tuesday December 1**
 6:30 a.m. Walter R. Gonzalez (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Maria G. Tan (RIP)
- Wednesday December 2**
 6:30 a.m. Alejandro Duran (Birthday)
 8:30 a.m. Demosthenes Gadioma (RIP)
- Thursday December 3**
 6:30 a.m. Adriana De La Torre (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Sunil and Antoinette Jayasinha (Anniversary)
- Friday December 4**
 6:30 a.m. Pelamati Family (Intentions)
 8:30 a.m. Yolanda Campos (Birthday)
 7:30 p.m. Rosalia Caceres (RIP)
- Saturday December 5**
 8:30 a.m. Memorial Society
 5:30 p.m. Conception Cercado (RIP)
- Sunday December 6**
 7:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 9:30 a.m. Sutherland Family (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Francisco and Evelia Morales (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. O-Nguyen Family (Thanksgiving)
 7:30 p.m. Rosa Candida Pineda



PARISH LIFE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FEAST DAY

Tuesday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of obligation.

This year Masses are as follows:

- December 7 (Vigil Day) 6:30 p.m. (English)
- December 8 6:30 a.m. (English)
- 8:30 a.m. (English)
- 5:30 p.m. (Vietnamese)
- 6:45 p.m. (English)
- 8:00 p.m. (Spanish)

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

St. Joseph the Worker Penance Service is on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2**, at 7:00 p.m. There will be many priests available for confession.

Services at these neighboring parishes start at 7:00 p.m.

- Monday, December 7** St. Francis De Sales
- Thursday, December 10** St. Catherine of Siena, Reseda
- Monday, December 14** St. Bridget of Sweden, Van Nuys
- Monday, December 14** St. Euphrasia, Granada Hills
- Tuesday, December 15** St. Mel, Woodland Hills
- Wednesday, December 16** Our Lady of Grace, Encino

Services at other neighboring parishes start at 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, December 9** St. John Eudes, Chatsworth
- Monday, December 14** Our Lady of the Valley, Canoga Park
- Tuesday, December 15** St. Bernardine of Siena, Woodland Hills
- Wednesday, December 16** Our Lady of Lourdes, Northridge

Extended Parish Schedule:

- Saturday, December 19** St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Encino
- 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

DONUTS AND COFFEE

Father Kevin and the SJW 8th grade students invite you to stop by the gazebo after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses.

We have a great selection of fresh donuts along with Peete's coffee, iced and hot tea, hot chocolate and cold bottled water.

All items are only \$1.00 each. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

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.



PARISH LIFE

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Parish Christmas Concert will be held in the church on **Friday, December 18**, at 7:00 p.m. What a wonderful way to move us into the last week of preparing our homes and our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Please join us for this evening of music and prayer.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Please help decorate our Church for Christmas by donating clear twinkle lights—indoor and outdoor. These are needed as soon as possible and may be brought to the Parish Center during operating hours.

As usual, the traditional poinsettia offering is also needed to make our church festive for the birthday of Our Lord. Please bring these to the church any day after Tuesday, December 22. 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.

SJW BLOOD DRIVE

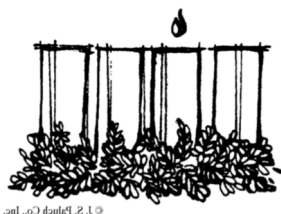
December 6 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Each time you donate, your temperature, pulse, blood pressure, and more than ten blood tests are taken. Irregularities in any test are reported to you. Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. The need is constant, the gratification is instant. Please give the Gift of Life. Your donation will be used to save the lives of up to 3 hospital patients. Identification is required. Please call Armida Stafford (818) 535-4178 to schedule an appointment.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Bundle Sunday

Sunday, December 6, is Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items on this day. Their truck will be here in our church parking lot. Please help in the endless effort to assist the needy. There is a great need of furniture and large appliances. For pick up of heavy items, call (323) 224-6280 or 800/97-HELP.



SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Who should report child abuse?

Priests, deacons, school faculty and administrators and other staff members in our parishes and schools have been designated as mandated reporters under California law. When one of these persons receives information leading to a "reasonable suspicion" that a child is being abused or neglected, he or she must make a report to the appropriate child protection or law enforcement agency. However, every adult has a moral responsibility to report suspected child abuse. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "How to Familiarize Yourself with Policies and Procedures on Reporting Abuse," email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

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

Ferdinand, Rolando and Vidiamor Morales Jr., Wendy Pelamati, David and Lu Ann Nisbet, Jeffrey Jones, Jack Somalot, The Foley Family, Irma LeDuff, Lea Barak, Jo Grady Stone, Lisa Grady, Virginia A. Kahn, Francis Mendoza, Luz Custodio, Birgit Wilmes, James Whitehead, Joyce Masloski, Susan Angus, Ramon Avila, Shirley Dougherty, Maryann Gorres, Liza Acedilla, Boy Tay, Teresa and Scott Muller, Efren Marfil, Ditas and Alan Amilipao, Meng and June Rabapo, Mara and Sophia Wuerith, Maria Beltran, Elizabeth Sanchez, Jen Vernon, Edgar Perez De La Rosa, Jeff and Janet Gehl, Rose Clifford.

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. – 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.



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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 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for registration information and to observe the class that you are interest in for an appointment. You can also find registration forms on-line.

St. Joseph The Worker School Student Non-Discrimination Policy

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student’s emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student’s needs.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Classes will resume on **Wednesday, December 2**, and **Saturday, December 5**.

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

Confirmation sessions are on Tuesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Conference Center Hall.

Year One Session: Tuesday, December 1

Year Two Session: Tuesday, December 8



PARISH LIFE

GIFT SHOP

Our Gift shop is open on Sundays 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Great gifts for any occasion!

TUNA SUNDAY

Your gift of a large can of tuna or cash goes directly and immediately to the poor and the needy. Within 48 hours, your generosity becomes a nourishing hot meal for hungry and often homeless people living on skid row. With more cans of tuna this delicious dish could be served more than just one day a week. The large four to five pound cans of tuna are available at Smart and Final and Costco. Please bring your donations to the Parish Center.

34TH ANNUAL LA HOLIDAY CAROLING FESTIVITIES- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Singers and musicians of all talent levels and ages are invited to participate in a fun and rewarding community service activity. It is a very fulfilling opportunity to give and receive joy, happiness and holiday spirit to and from the elderly residents, care-takers and participants while enhancing one's own perspective or appreciation of life, health and family. Bottom line: Everyone greatly benefits from this heart-warming event. All effort given to participate, support and promote this activity is greatly appreciated! Together we have the power to make a difference and the world a better place! Santa Claus will be joining us! Music books and refreshments provided at all five performances:

4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

West Hills Health & Rehab Center (meet: main lobby, perform: room to room) 7940 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Canoga Park, (818) 347-3800

5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Two performances staged simultaneously, select your own option:

- Topanga Park Retirement Center (meet/perform main dining room), 7945 Topanga Canyon Blvd. Canoga Park, (818) 716-9900
- Topanga Terrace Subacute & Skilled Nursing Facility (meet: main lobby, perform: room to room) 22125 Roscoe Blvd., Canoga Park, (818) 883-7292

6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Two performances staged simultaneously, select your own option:

- Meridian of West Hills-formerly Hallmark-West Hills Assisted Living (meet/perform main dining room) 6833 Fallbrook Ave., Canoga Park, (818) 883-4123
- Fairwinds-West Hills (meet/perform main dining room) 8138 Woodlake Ave., West Hills, (818) 713-0900

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Post-Caroling Wrap Party-Home Town Buffet, 6705 Fallbrook, Canoga Park, (818) 883-4123

If unable to attend, you're encouraged to take your own group or individually visit your local senior centers or shut-ins. This simple act of kindness can make a difference and add true meaning for all involved this holiday season

Details: Vincent J. Leinen/KC 4th Degree at (818) 342-9336; BD754@LAFN.org; www.HolidayMusicMakingADifference.com; www.facebook.com/HolidayCaroling4Seniors

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IN THE COMMUNITY

CRESPI CARMELITE HIGH SCHOOL

Crespi is offering an HSPT Prep Course and Practice Test for all 8th graders, as well as two shadow days for boys to experience a day in the life of a Crespi Man.

HSPT Prep Course: December 28, 29, & 30, 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Cost: \$100

HSPT Practice Test: Thursday, December 31, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Cost: \$25

Shadow Days: Friday, January 22, and Friday, January 29

Contact: Kim Greenberg; admissions@crespi.org;

(818) 654-1329

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Do you want to give your spouse a gift that will last a lifetime? Give them the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to receive the tools needed to make the most of this precious gift. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next WWME weekend **February 26-28** at the Best Western Canoga Park. Contact Jeanine and Russ Walker at (805) 648-4244 or go online at www.twocanlove.org. We help make good marriages better.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. For confidential information call (661) 257-7980 or email: ornelasdachs@sbcglobal.net or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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.

PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTER

Los Angeles, CA Pregnancy Counseling Center in the San Fernando Valley is in need of compassionate nurses to offer help, hope and truth to women in unplanned pregnancies. We will facilitate training for qualified candidates to perform pregnancy tests and/or limited obstetrical ultrasounds. If you would like to be a part of making a difference in someone's life, please contact Christie at (818) 895-2500; Christie@pregnanthelp4u.org



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Rom 10:9-18; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Martes: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lc 10:21-24

Miércoles: Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Jueves: Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Viernes: Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Sábado: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Sal 147 (146):1-6; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Domingo: Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126:1-6; Fil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lc 3:1-6

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

¿Quiénes deben reportar abuso infantil?

Bajo la ley del estado de California, todos los sacerdotes, diáconos, profesores, administradores y empleados de nuestras parroquias y escuelas tienen la obligación de reportar abusos. Cuando alguna de estas personas recibe cualquier información que lleve a una “sospecha razonable” de que un menor puede ser una víctima de abuso o negligencia, tiene la obligación de hacer un reporte ya sea a las autoridades civiles o a agencias de protección de niños. Sin embargo, cada adulto tiene la responsabilidad moral de reportar sospechas de abuso infantil. Para más información sobre cómo responder a una alegación o sospecha de abuso de niños, visitar www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/vam

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Es más que justo empezar el tiempo litúrgico de Adviento con la Virgen María. Esta semana celebramos la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de María. Esta es una fiesta especial para varios países americanos como Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay y los Estados Unidos que tienen como patrona nacional a la Madre de Jesús bajo este título.

Esta creencia tiene siglos de ser discutida por teólogos cristianos como Ambrosio, Agustín, Buenaventura y Tomás de Aquino, pero fue solo con la Constitución *Ineffabilis Deus* del Papa Pío IX en 1854 que pasó a ser doctrina oficial de la Iglesia. La enseñanza de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Madre de Jesús insiste que María nació y permaneció sin pecado. Según el teólogo franciscano Juan Duns Escoto, María fue salvada del pecado desde el vientre de su madre Ana. De esta manera Jesús pudo salvarla no después de haber pecado como ha hecho con nosotros, sino antes de que ella hubiera pecado.

La Inmaculada Concepción se hizo en vista de la venida de Jesús quien nos puede hacer inmaculados gracias al perdón y la gracia que nos ofrece.

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

VIDA PARROQUIAL

LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION DE LA VIRGEN MARIA

Les recordamos que el **martes 8 de diciembre** celebramos la Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María, día de precepto. La misa en español será a las 8:00 p.m.

SERVICIO PENITENCIAL

El **miércoles 2 de diciembre** a las 7:00 p.m., en el templo, tendremos nuestro Servicio Penitencial. Aproveche de confesarse y prepararse mejor para recibir a nuestro Redentor esta Navidad.



CAMPAÑA DE DONACIÓN DE SANGRE

Domingo 6 de diciembre - 9:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m.

Cada vez que usted dona se le toma la temperatura, pulso, presión arterial y más de diez análisis de sangre. Usted es notificado de cualquier irregularidad en las pruebas sanguíneas. Cada dos segundos alguien necesita sangre en los Estados Unidos. La necesidad es constante, la gratificación es instantánea. Por favor dé el regalo de la vida, su donación será utilizada para salvar la vida de hasta 3 pacientes en el hospital. Favor de traer identificación. Para hacer una cita comuníquese con Armida Stafford al (818) 535-4178.

NOTICIAS DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Las clases de catecismo reanudarán el **miércoles 2** y el **sábado 5 de diciembre**.

LA VENIDA DEL REINO

Jeremías lo veía venir –el reinado de Jesús y la restauración de Jerusalén. Pero, ¿había alguien que le escuchara? ¿Alguien escucha ahora? Ser profeta tenía que haber sido muy difícil, pero Jeremías era persistente en su mensaje, porque sabía lo necesario que era escucharlo.

Persistente en su mensaje también es Pablo, animando a los tesalonicenses –y a todos nosotros– a vivir de acuerdo al reino que Jeremías anunció. Nos motiva a comportarnos en el camino de santidad para que estemos bien preparados para la llegada del rey. Finalmente, Jesús mismo nos dice que estemos siempre atentos para lograr el agrado de nuestro Dios y Rey.

Jeremías podía ver que se acercaba el reinado de Jesús. Al comenzar el tiempo de Adviento, Pablo y Jesús nos enseñan no sólo cómo prepararnos para el Reino, sino cómo vivirlo día a día.

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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.

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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.

Advent Penance Service

OUR GOD IS RICH IN MERCY



- A community celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation
- Examination of conscience and act of contrition
- Individual confession and absolution

Wednesday, December 2 • 7:00 p.m. in the church
Many priests available (English, Spanish, Vietnamese)

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Sunday, December 6
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Conference Center Hall

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jazzmatazz88@yahoo.com

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- Two tickets to the Grammy Museum
- Voucher for discounted tickets to an LA Kings hockey game
- Discounted tickets to an Anaheim Ducks hockey game (Honda Center)

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