



**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.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2015

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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Parish **CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

Friday,
December 18

7:00 p.m.
in the church

**AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND PRAYER TO
CELEBRATE THE JOY OF THIS HOLY SEASON**



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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



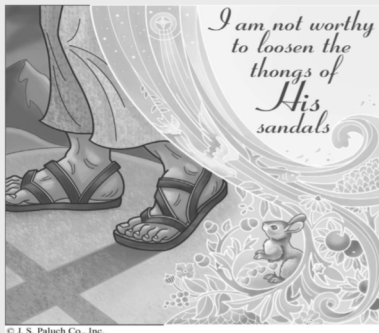
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- Sunday December 13**
 7:30 a.m. Conrad and Doris Wiratunga (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 11:30 a.m. Antonio and Tomasa Angus (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Humberto Escobar (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. V. Le (Intentions)
 7:30 p.m. Salvador Quezada (RIP)
- Monday December 14**
 6:30 a.m. Prangan Family (Thanksgiving)
 8:30 a.m. Florencio E. Galban (RIP)
- Tuesday December 15**
 6:30 a.m. Michael Jingco (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Rendon Family (RIP)
- Wednesday December 16**
 6:30 a.m. Andrea and Charlie Derby (Intentions)
 8:30 a.m. Ildelfonsa Sioson (RIP)
- Thursday December 17**
 6:30 a.m. Ramirez Family (Thanksgiving)
 8:30 a.m. Mariana Duran (Birthday)
- Friday December 18**
 6:30 a.m. Carly and Sam Broyles (Intentions)
 8:30 a.m. Jackim Trinh Huynh (RIP)
- Saturday December 19**
 8:30 a.m. Ben and Veronica Rosete (Anniversary)
 5:30 p.m. Salvador Quezada (RIP)
- Sunday December 20**
 7:30 a.m. Franco Cometa (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Peter Loi Nguyen (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 1:30 p.m. Kenia Razo (Birthday)
 5:30 p.m. Maria Madelena Pham Kim Thoa (RIP)
 7:30 p.m. Ignacio Perez Mendez (RIP)



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PARISH LIFE

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

“My life is tied to the liturgy and the Eucharist,” says Precious Blood Sister Ann Hipp, 95, who entered religious life in 1937. “It’s part of who we are as a community.” As a teacher for 50 years, she shared this love of the Eucharist with her students. At age 70, Sister Ann traded in her chalk for a sewing needle and today still helps craft altar cloths and vestments.

Like Sister Ann, tens of thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to sharing their faith. Generations of Catholics recall with gratitude their work in Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies. Yet years of ministering for little or no pay came at a price, and now their religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous. Envelopes are in the carts next to the church doors.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

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

- 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.

- 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.

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.

SIMBANG GABI 2015

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

- 6:30 p.m. December 15 Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
 7:00 p.m. December 16 St. John Baptist de La Salle
 7:00 p.m. December 17 St. Mel
 7:00 p.m. December 18 St. Bridget of Sweden
 7:00 p.m. December 19 St. John Eudes
 7:00 p.m. December 20 Our Lady of Grace
 7:00 p.m. December 21 St. Joseph the Worker
 7:00 p.m. December 22 St. Euphrasia
 7:00 p.m. December 23 Our Lady of Lourdes



PARISH LIFE

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Your food donation is very well appreciated. Please bring the items to the Parish Center at any time. When making donations to the needy of the parish in the blue/green envelopes located in the pews, please make checks payable to: *The Saint Vincent de Paul Society*.

For those in need, please call the St. Vincent de Paul voicemail at (818) 773-1864.

Christmas Tree Gifts

You have the opportunity to make Christmas brighter for some deserving children. There is a Christmas tree near the altar. Please take a gift card in fact maybe several tags and purchase an age appropriate gift. Wrapped gifts must be delivered to the church or parish center by **Friday, December 18**.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the holidays the Sunday bulletin for December 27 and January 3 and 10 have to be sent to the printer earlier than usual. If your group or ministry would like to include something in those bulletins, please bring a copy of the announcement to the Parish Center or email it to: angela_escobar4@hotmail.com by **Monday, December 14**.

'TIS THE GIVING SEASON

During this time of year, we let family and friend know that we care by giving gifts. Please remember your parish family with a special financial gift this year. God has blessed each and every one of us. With blessings comes responsibility. A gift to your parish is an expression of gratitude, a gift of faith. Your generosity provides the necessary resources for us to meet our obligations, to maintain our facilities, and to grow our parish programs and ministries.

Ways to Give

- Use the Christmas envelope in the monthly packet
- If you are an e-giving subscriber, simply log on and click on "Christmas" to make your donation.
- Begin e-giving and make your Christmas donation. Go to www.sjwchurch.com and click on e-giving.
- Place your donation in the Collection basket or mail it to the Parish Center.

Remember St. Joseph the Worker during the Giving Season

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	12/06/15	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$16,389	\$15,818	+ 3.6%

2015 Env \$ 9,026 (55.1 %) E-giving \$ 1,563 (9.5 %)

2014 Env \$ 9,900 (62.6 %) E-giving \$ 1,251 (7.9 %)

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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

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 Ampipao, 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, Jack Samalot.

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 soul of:

Sergio Z. Clores, brother of Angeles Z. Carbohell



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

Safety is key even when visiting Santa Claus

Visiting Santa Claus can be a grand and positive childhood experience. However, some people who seek to bring Santa to life in a child's world are not deserving of our trust. Make sure your child knows that there are special rules for Santa and that parents or guardians must always be with the child when he or she visits Santa. One rule to consider is encouraging your child to stand next to Santa or sit on the floor between his feet rather than sitting on his lap. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Safety for Children AND Santa's Helpers," email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or <mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.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 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.



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 15

Year Two Session: Tuesday, December 29



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.

CELEBRATE

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God "will sing joyfully because of you, / as one sings at festivals" (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah's words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don't have to worry, for God's peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as "my dancing day" and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because "the Lord is near," as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week, our celebration of Advent makes a transition in ritual and texts. Beginning December 18, the countdown of nine days (a novena) to Christmas sees a heightened sense of expectation, and also a turning from the call of the Baptist in the wilderness to the events leading up to Jesus' birth. In ancient Spain, December 18 was once celebrated as the "Feast of the Expectancy," and customs grew up to heighten readiness in the homes.

Some customs arise from monastic life and practice and spill over into our parish life. Beginning tonight, those who pray Vespers will sing in the opening phrase a beautiful title of Christ. These titles belong to a collection of opening phrases called the "O Antiphons" after the awe-inspired "O" sung on the first note. There's a playful code in the titles: O Wisdom, O Lord, O Flower of Jesse, O Key of David, O Dawn, O Ruler, O Emmanuel. When you take their Latin names—*Sapientia, Adonai, Radix*, and so on—the titles form an acrostic when you read them backwards: "ERO CRAS." In Latin, that is translated as "I will be there tomorrow!" It's as if Christ were answering the prayers of the waiting people in the words of the prayers themselves.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

2016 CALENDARS

Calendars are available at the side doors of the church. Your donation of \$1 or more will go to St. Vincent de Paul to help needy families.

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.

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS

A televised Sunday Mass is now airing on ABC Family Channel from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. (EST) each Sunday morning. The Sunday Mass is produced by the Passionist Fathers and Brothers out of New York City and is available nationally on local affiliates. Too early for you? Tape it or Tivo it! For more information consult the website at www.TheSundayMass.org.

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Martes: Sof 3:1-2, 9-13; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Miércoles: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 7:18b-23
Jueves: Gén 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Viernes: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Sábado: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
Domingo: Mi 5:1-4a; Sal 80 (79):2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lc 1:39-45

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS**La seguridad es clave aun cuando se visite a Santa Claus**

Visitar a Santa Claus (Papá Noel) puede ser una gran experiencia para niños y muy positiva. Sin embargo, algunas personas que buscan darle vida a Santa Claus en el mundo de un niño no merecen siempre toda nuestra confianza. Asegúrese que su hijo o hija sepan que existen reglas especiales para Santa Claus y que los padres de familia o guardianes deben siempre estar con los niños cuando ellos visiten a Santa. Una regla a considerar es animar a su hijo o hija a pararse al lado de Santa Claus o sentarse en el piso entre sus pies en lugar de hacerlo sobre sus piernas. Para una copia del artículo VIRTUS® "Safety for Children AND Santa's Helpers," (Seguridad para los niños y para los ayudantes de Santa", envíe un email a: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org <<mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org>>.

SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

Comparta el espíritu de Navidad donando un juguete para un niño o niña de una familia necesitada. Como ya se habrá dado cuenta, el "Árbol de Navidad" con las etiquetas ya está puesto. Por favor elija una etiqueta, compre un regalo de acuerdo a la edad y sexo que le indique, envuélvalo y tráigalo a la iglesia o al centro parroquial a mas tardar el **viernes 18 de diciembre**. Gracias

ANUNCIOS EN EL BOLETIN

Debido a los días festivos, los boletines del 27 de diciembre, 3 y 10 de enero serán enviados a la imprenta antes de lo acostumbrado. Si su ministerio desea incluir algún anuncio por favor comuníquese con Angela Escobar, (818) 341-6634 anexo 1003, a más tardar el **lunes 14 de diciembre** al mediodía.

INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE NAVIDAD

Los sacerdotes de la parroquia ofrecerán la misa de media noche por las intenciones de los feligreses. Si usted desea ofrecer alguna intención especial por favor traiga una plantita de nochebuena roja para decorar el templo. Asegúrese que la plantita tenga bien sujeta una tarjetita con su intención. Las tarjetitas están en una canasta en el área del coro. Por favor tráigalas a partir del **martes 22 de diciembre**.

VIDA PARROQUIAL**CALENDARIO DE ADVIENTO Y NAVIDAD****Fiesta de Navidad para los servidores de la Comunidad Hispana**

Jueves 17 de diciembre Salón Parroquial 7:00 p.m.

**Concierto Navideño**

Viernes 18 de diciembre Iglesia 7:00 p.m.

SIMBANG GABI (Posada Navideña Filipina)

Lunes 21 de diciembre Iglesia 7:00 p.m.

Posada Navideña y Pastorela

Martes 22 de diciembre Salón Parroquial 7:00 p.m.

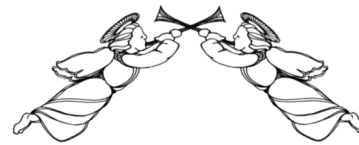
Misa de Noche Buena

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

Misa de Navidad

Viernes 25 de diciembre Iglesia 1:30 p.m.

ALÉGRATE SIEMPRE
EN EL SEÑOR



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COLECTA ARQUIDIOCESANA**14 DE DICIEMBRE****Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos****"Done a los que donaron su vida"**

"Mi vida está vinculada a la liturgia y a la Eucaristía", dice la religiosa de la Preciosa Sangre hermana Ann Hipp, de 95 años, quien entró al convento en 1937. "Es parte de lo que somos como comunidad". Durante los 50 años que estuvo de maestra, ella compartió este amor a la Eucaristía con sus alumnos. A los 70, la hermana Ann cambió la tiza y la pizarra por una aguja de coser y hoy todavía ayuda a confeccionar manteles para el altar y vestimentas litúrgicas.

Al igual que la hermana Ann, decenas de miles de hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas ya ancianos han dedicado su vida a compartir su fe. Generaciones de católicos recuerdan con gratitud la labor que ellos desempeñaron en escuelas, hospitales y agencias de servicio social católicos. Sin embargo, años de servir por poca o ninguna paga han resultado en que ahora sus comunidades religiosas carecen de suficientes ahorros para la jubilación y el cuidado de sus ancianos.

Su donativo al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos ayuda con las recetas médicas, cuidados de enfermería y más. Les rogamos que sean generosos. Encontrará los sobres en las mesitas al lado de las puertas de la iglesia.

CALENDARIOS DEL NUEVO AÑO

Encontrará calendarios del 2016 en los lados de las puertas de la iglesia. Su donación de \$1 ó más ayudará a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul a apoyar a familias necesitadas. Gracias.



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.



HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

On the second anniversary of his pontificate (March 13, 2015), Pope Francis announced an Extraordinary Jubilee, a "Holy Year of Mercy," to begin on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. "I am convinced," said the Holy Father, "that the whole Church will be able to find in the Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and making fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and every woman of our time."

On December 8, the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica to begin the Holy Year. In the papal document (Misericordiae Vultus, "The Face of Mercy") where the Holy Father outlines the spirit and intent of the Jubilee, he writes:

The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope. . . .

Consult the parish website (www.sjwchurch.com) for more about the Holy Year of Mercy.

“BE MERCIFUL AS YOUR FATHER IS MERCIFUL.
—Luke 6:36

