

**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.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 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

PASTORAL STAFF

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Rev. Kevin Rettig

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Associate Pastor

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Dinh Phan

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Karina Villanueva

Business Manager

Mike Stafford

Parish Secretary

Angela Escobar

**O NIGHT
DIVINE**



And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us.

—*John 1:14*

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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: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Friday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]. *Night:* Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14. *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20. *Day:* Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

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 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)
- Monday December 21**
 6:30 a.m. Ivan and Georgie Broyles (Intentions)
 8:30 a.m. Moriel Lally (RIP)
- Tuesday December 22**
 6:30 a.m. George Jorgensen (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Michael Jingco (RIP)
- Wednesday December 23**
 6:30 a.m. Pelamati Family (Intentions)
 8:30 a.m. Marino Biederman (RIP)
- Thursday December 24**
 6:30 a.m. Moni Caceres (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Leonal Omar Albanes (RIP)
 4:00 p.m. Cynthia Sales (Birthday)
 6:30 p.m. Pedro Armando Medina (RIP)
 Miguel Angel Rojo (RIP)
 9:00 p.m. Mr. Spina (RIP)
 12:00 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
- Friday December 25**
 7:30 a.m. Felicitia Francisco (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Mamerto Pascual (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. Jessica Arellano (Birthday)
 1:30 a.m. Eufracia Jimenez (RIP)
- Saturday December 26**
 8:30 a.m. Ben and Pearly Samaranyare (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. Sales Family (Thanksgiving)
- Sunday December 27**
 7:30 a.m. Rebecca Villagrancia (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Thai and Trinh Family (Thanksgiving)
 11:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 5:30 p.m. Anita and Greg Hart (Intentions)
 7:30 p.m. Graciano Sandoval (RIP)

PARISH LIFE

POINSETTIAS

The traditional poinsettia offering is 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.



SIMBANG GABI 2015

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

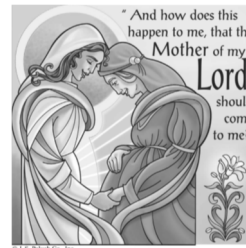
- 7:00 p.m. December 20 Our Lady of Grace
- 7:00 p.m. December 21 St. Joseph the Worker
- 7:00 p.m. December 22 St. Euphrasia
- 7:00 p.m. December 23 Our Lady of Lourdes

A NEW ORDER

“O, Little Town of Bethlehem.” A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. In today’s first reading, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new order and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Soon we celebrate anew the fruit of Mary’s womb. As we are told in Hebrews, Jesus’ new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many of our most treasured traditions link the liturgy of the church with the hearth of the home. The food on the table at certain feasts and fasts helps to extend the mystery into everyday life. Tonight, for example, many families of Italian heritage, especially those with links to the south of Italy, will settle down to the “Feast of the Seven Fishes,” or *La Vigilia*. It is a command performance for the whole family, as the saying goes: *Natale con I tuui, Pasqua conchi vuoi*, or “Christmas with your family, Easter with whomever you wish.” Seven different fish, some say one for each day of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem, others say one for each sacrament, or one for each day of creation, are served. Eel and shrimp, lobster and crab, calamari, pasta with clam sauce, flounder and hake all abound, but most especially baccala, dried salted cod. Why? Many say that it is a way to pay homage to the beasts of the stable who witnessed the holy birth and relinquished their manger to make way for God. Tonight, if someone asks you to “pass the shrimp,” you’ll be able to shed a little light on a menu that is a delicious treasure in our tradition! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



PARISH LIFE

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
 and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
 Show us your face and we will be saved.
 Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew
 from being enslaved by money;
 the adulteress and Magdalene
 from seeking happiness only in created things;
 made Peter weep after his betrayal,
 and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
 Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words
 that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"
 You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
 of the God who manifests his power above all
 by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the
 world, its Lord risen and glorified.
 You willed that your ministers would also be
 clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion
 for those in ignorance and error:
 let everyone who approaches them feel sought after,
 loved, and forgiven by God.
 Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
 so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
 and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good
 news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
 and restore sight to the blind.
 We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
 you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit
 for ever and ever. Amen.

'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	12/13/15	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$15,746	\$16,534	- 4.8%

2015 Env \$ 9,077 (57.7 %) E-giving \$ 1,495 (9.5 %)

2014 Env \$ 8,964 (54.2 %) E-giving \$ 1,310 (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, Lillian de Faugier, Willie Bulan.

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.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Help kids understand boundaries during the holidays

Christmas is a time for families, and extended aunts, uncles, and cousins gather to celebrate the season together. Your children should be comfortable around their family members, but they should also know the limits of their comfort zones, and what to do if someone crosses a line – too many hugs and kisses, or inappropriate tickling. Your children should be comfortable saying “NO” whenever things cross their lines, and they should know that you’ll back them up. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Know the Warning Signs: Just Where Is the Boundary Line?” email: 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.

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.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center and all Parish facilities will be closed **Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25**. We will open again on **Saturday, December 26**, at 8:00 a.m.

A Blessed Christmas to all of you!

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.



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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.

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: Cant 2:8-14 or Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45
Martes: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
Miércoles: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66
Jueves: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79
Viernes: Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]. Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14. Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20. Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Sábado: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Domingo: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Sal 128 (127):1-5 o Sal 84 (83):2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lc 2:41-52

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Ayude a los niños a entender los límites durante las fiestas navideñas

La Navidad es un tiempo para las familias, y las tías, tíos y primos se reúnen para celebrar la temporada juntos. Sus hijos deben sentirse cómodos alrededor de sus familiares, pero también deben saber los límites de las zonas de comodidad y qué hacer si alguien cruza la línea: muchos abrazos y besos, o caricias inapropiadas. Sus hijos deben sentirse cómodos de decir "NO" cuando las situaciones crucen la línea, y deben saber que usted los respalda. Para una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® "Know the Warning Signs: Just Where Is the Boundary Line?" (Conozca las señales de aviso: ¿Hasta dónde llegan los límites?) envíe un email a: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

OFICINA CERRADA

La oficina parroquial y todos los cuartos estarán cerrados el jueves 24 y el Viernes 25 de diciembre. Volveremos a abrir el sábado 26 a las 8:00 a.m.

A todos ustedes, una muy ¡Feliz Navidad!

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.



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VIDA PARROQUIAL

CALENDARIO DE ADVIENTO Y NAVIDAD

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.



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**.

UN ORDEN NUEVO

"Oh, pequeña aldea de Belén"; un clérigo de Filadelfia llamado Phillips Brooks escribió este popular villancico a mediados de los 1800, pero el profeta Miqueas hubiera podido hacerlo primero. Miqueas sabía que el tesoro grande viene en estuche pequeño. En la primera lectura de hoy, él sabía que del pueblito de Belén vendría el Señor. El escritor de la carta a los hebreos explica que Cristo vino a nosotros para hacer la voluntad de Dios de establecer un nuevo orden y ser un sacrificio perfecto. Y Lucas nos dice que Isabel y Juan, el pequeño en sus entrañas, comprenden que grandes maravillas han llegado con la venida del Señor. Este es el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento. Mañana celebramos de nuevo el fruto de tu vientre, María. Como se nos dice en Hebreos, el nuevo orden de Jesús se está creando hoy mismo. Y como proclama Miqueas, su grandeza llega ahora mismo hasta los confines de la tierra.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Esta semana recordamos a los niños judíos que fueron asesinados por orden del Rey Herodes en Belén. Esa tragedia que ocurrió cuando el viejo y celoso rey se enteró del nacimiento de un nuevo rey de los judíos. Él mandó a matar a todo niño que tuviera menos de dos años. El llanto de las familias que perdieron sus pobres inocentes se ha convertido en risas en varios países latinoamericanos. El 28 de diciembre en muchas partes es conmemorado como el día de los inocentes que viene siendo el *April Fools Day* de Latinoamérica. En ese día se hacen bromas para burlarse de los amigos. Si la broma funciona al pobre que fue engañado se le llama "inocente". La inocencia normalmente se atribuye a los niños o a los ingenuos, pero en si la inocencia es una virtud cristiana, de los que hemos sido perdonados por Cristo. Esta inocencia no es ingenuidad mas bien es la candidez, simplicidad y generosidad de una persona que conoce bien lo duro que es la vida y aún así mantiene la esperanza. —Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, 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.

"Mass of the Night" SIMBANG GABI A FILIPINO ADVENT TRADITION

Monday, December 21 • 7:00 p.m. in the Church
Fr. Kevin Rettig, Celebrant



Simbang Gabi, or "Night Mass," is celebrated in parishes throughout the archdiocese. All are invited to this beautiful liturgy in preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD

Christmas Eve / Noche Buena Thursday, December 24

4:00 p.m.	English
6:30 p.m.	Spanish
9:00 p.m.	Vietnamese
12:00 Midnight	English
(Festival of Carols at 11:30 p.m.)	

Christmas Day / Navidad Friday, December 25

7:30 a.m.	English
9:30 a.m.	English
11:30 a.m.	English
1:30 p.m.	Spanish

No 5:30 p.m. Mass in Vietnamese
No habrá Misa de 7:30 p.m. en español

