

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER is a Eucharistic community of believers commissioned through our Baptism to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ with all people. Out of our diversity we create unity through respect for every person, common celebrations, sacramental worship, Christian education of all ages, and outreach programs.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2016

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

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Associate Pastor

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From the **MOUNT of OLIVES** *to the* **MOUNT of CALVARY**

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrows) or Way of the Cross (Via Crucis), invites us to put on Christ's sandals and walk prayerfully from station to station, placing ourselves in the events of his crucifixion, from his being condemned to his burial.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday

during Lent in the church

6:00 p.m., English

7:00 p.m., Spanish

8:00 p.m., Vietnamese



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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: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Alternate readings (Year A):

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday February 21

7:30 a.m. Felicita Francisco (RIP)
9:30 a.m. Bonifacio Agosto (RIP)
11:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
1:30 p.m. Angelica Guevara (Birthday)
5:30 p.m. Ted Concepcion (RIP)
7:30 p.m. Frankie Arellano (Birthday)

Monday February 22

6:30 a.m. Praying for the Victims of Rape
8:30 a.m. Virginia Alejandro (Intentions)

Tuesday February 23

6:30 a.m. Enma Elias Ramos (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Carol Seballos (Intentions)

Wednesday February 24

6:30 a.m. Carol Seballos (Birthday)
8:30 a.m. Carol Seballos (Birthday)

Thursday February 25

6:30 a.m. Liberato Ricafrente (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Henry Addy Bradley (RIP)

Friday February 26

6:30 a.m. Liberato Ricafrente (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Victoria Damazo (RIP)

Saturday February 27

8:30 a.m. Soto Family (RIP)
5:30 p.m. Stephen and Hazel Kunka

Sunday February 28

7:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
9:30 a.m. Monique Rosete (Birthday)
11:30 a.m. Pelamati Family (Intentions)
1:30 p.m. Catalina Trochez (RIP)
5:30 p.m. Tran Thi Kinh (RIP)
7:30 p.m. Jose Maria Alvarenga Lopez (RIP)



PARISH LIFE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for this incredibly moving experience during Fridays of Lent.

6:00 p.m. English

7:00 p.m. Spanish

8:00 p.m. Vietnamese

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Parish Reconciliation Service is on **Wednesday, February 24**, at 7:00 p.m. Many priests available.

WE ARE TO BE TRANSFORMED

Today's showing forth of God's glory is filled with a light that astonishes and reveals. Jesus transfigured on Mount Tabor energizes even the sleepy apostles, who see but cannot get hold of it. They can be forgiven for not apprehending the full meaning of this extraordinary vision of a transfigured Jesus with Elijah and Moses. The whole of the Law and prophets is summed up here on this mountain.

The transfiguration on Mount Tabor is handed over to us this Sunday. As Paul reminds us, it is we who are to be transformed. The light and life of the Resurrection are set forth here so we do not lose heart and fall entirely asleep. This Sunday looks to Easter. It looks to transformation. It asks us to lift up our heads and acknowledge the risen Lord as our light and our salvation.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The treasures of our tradition can often be traced to one source, but like the waters of a river branching out on its way to the sea, are received differently as they filter through various cultures and customs. Long ago, mostly because of the preparation of candidates for baptism, the annual feast of the Lord's death and resurrection was preceded by a period of preparation. In the West that comes to us as Lent, a word drawn from the Old English word for springtime, referring to the lengthening hours of sunlight in this hemisphere.

In the East, the tradition of preparing for Easter is received as "Great Lent," to distinguish it from a secondary "Lent" preceding Christmas, and a two-week period, a kind of "pre-Lent," that gradually introduces the faithful to the austerities of Great Lent. One of the major differences between East and West is in the vigor of the Lenten fast. In Great Lent the customs of fast and abstinence are far more strict than we are accustomed to. For us, meat is off our Lenten tables on Friday, but in the East, meat disappears from the diet completely, along with dairy products.

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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



PARISH LIFE

SJW CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

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

GIFT SHOP

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

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Building your child's self-esteem could help prevent abuse

Bullies and predators typically pick easy targets to victimize and abuse. This could be a child who has low self-esteem or confidence. An abuser may use low self-esteem to forge a bond with a victim, or even to make a victim think that he or she deserves abusive treatment. To guard against this, you can work on building self-esteem by teaching kids their worth as children of God. For more tips, request a copy of "Balancing Discipline and Self Esteem" from jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

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.

WOMEN'S JOURNEY

The Women's Journey will meet on **Thursday, February 25**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Dining Room. Please join us for great companionship and conversation. For information contact Lupe Vega at (818) 340-7687.

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	02/14/16	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$15,900	\$13,318	+ 19.4%

2016 Env \$ 8,736 (54.9%) E-giving \$ 1,577 (9.9 %)

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

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, The Foley Family, Irma LeDuff, Jo Grady Stone, Lisa Grady, Virginia A. Kahn, Francis Mendoza, Luz Custodio, 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 Amlipao, 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, Willie Bulan, Anthony Hargan, Coray McManus, Roy Plumley.

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:

Jose Rodolfo Asuncion, parishioner



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.

YOUTH NEWS

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, March 1

Year Two Session: Tuesday, February 23

If you have any questions please contact Dinh Phan at the Parish Center.

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

Congratulations to all the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation this month.

Please pray for all of them as they continue their preparation to the Sacrament of Eucharist and celebrate First Holy Communion in May.

“May the grace received help you make good choices and may Jesus the Good shepherd guide you all the days of your life!”

Congratulations, Our parish celebrates with you!!



RCIA

We began Lent on Ash Wednesday, now some of our catechumens and candidates, the people that are dismissed and leave mass every Sunday after the homily, are ready to receive the Sacraments of Initiation for which they have been preparing. We have discerned with them and have determined some of them are ready. On the first Sunday of Lent we celebrate a Rite of Enrollment of Names and the Rite of Sending. These rites have special meaning and purpose in the Church. For the Rite of Enrollment of Names, they signed the Book of the Elect, -- this book will be on display in the church during Lent. For the Rite of Sending when Fr. Kevin was satisfied they are ready, he along with the community sent them to the Archbishop to be recognized as being elected by God to receive the sacraments. Last Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent, at the 9:30am mass we celebrated those rites. That afternoon they celebrated the Rite of Election with our Archbishop Gomez, this celebration took place at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. After the Rite of Election our Catechumens will now be called our "Elect." They will appear on the screens in the church before and after mass, they will also be in the bulletin.

Through the Rite of Election our Elect have entered the period of preparation called the period of "Purification and Enlightenment." This is a time of more intense spiritual preparation consisting more in interior reflection and is intended to purify the minds and hearts of the Elect as they search their own conscience and do penance. This period includes the celebration of the scrutinies and the presentations.

The scrutinies are meant to uncover all that is weak, defective and sinful in the hearts of the Elect, to bring out all that is strong, upright and good in them. The scrutinies are celebrated to deliver our Elect from the powers of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ. These rites are meant to complete their conversion and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to love God above all. There are three scrutinies and they will be celebrated on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent.

The presentations are the presentation of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, these ancient text that have always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church's faith and prayer. The Church loving entrusts these texts to the Elect as they complete their formation.

Next Sunday at the 9:30am mass and the 1:30pm mass we will celebrate the first scrutiny and the presentation of the Creed.

You are asked to participate in these rites by praying in silence during the scrutiny and for the presentation of the Creed to extend your hands in a gesture of giving or handing on; we all recite the Creed at that time.

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



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IN THE COMMUNITY

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus,
You called chosen men
To be with you, to preach the
Good news of salvation and to
Have authority over the powers
Of darkness. Send your Holy Spirit
Upon the men you have chosen
For the priestly ministry. May they
Answer your call and follow you
With generous hearts.
Amen

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS

A televised Sunday Mass is now airing on ABC Family Channel from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another as well as a gift from God. Attend 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.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

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

Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30):5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

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

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

Sábado: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

Domingo: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lc 13:1-9

Lecturas alternativas (Año A):

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

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Fortalecer la autoestima de su hijo o hija puede ayudar a prevenir el abuso

Los "bullies" o burlones y los depredadores típicamente escogen objetivos fáciles de victimizar y de abusar. Éste puede ser un niño o niña que tiene baja autoestima o confianza en sí mismo(a). Un abusador puede usar la baja autoestima del niño para forjar una relación cercana con su víctima, o hasta hacerle creer a la víctima que él o ella merece un tratamiento abusivo. Para que los niños se protejan contra esto, usted puede trabajar en fortalecer la autoestima de ellos enseñándoles a los niños su valor como hijos de Dios. Para más consejos, pida una copia del artículo "Balancing Discipline and Self Esteem" (Balanceando disciplina y autoestima), escribiendo a jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

GRUPO DE JÓVENES ADULTOS

"Nueva Generación"

(Mayores de 21 años)

Te invitamos a venir al Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos todos los viernes a las 7:00 p.m. en el salón de Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton del Centro de Conferencias. Para información comuníquese con Oscar Lima (818) 425-5263; Guadalupe Martínez (818) 855-3782.

INVITACION ESPECIAL

La parroquia de San Mel en Woodland Hills les invita a participar de "The University Series" mañana lunes 22 de febrero empezando a las 7:30 p.m. en el salón de actividades de la parroquia, 20870 Ventura Blvd, Woodland Hills, CA 91364.

El padre Toribio Gutierrez de la parroquia San Pascual Baylon en Thousand Oaks, presentará la charla: "El Fundamento de Nuestra Fe". El Padre Toribio Gutiérrez nació y creció en Jalostotitlán, Jalisco-México. Fue ordenado sacerdote misionero Vicentino en 2008 trabajó cinco años en la Pastoral Vocacional, tiene un Bachillerato Pontificio por la Universidad Javeriana de Bogotá.

El costo por 2 personas es de \$8, pero si no puede pagar de igual manera será bienvenido.

VIDA PARROQUIAL

VIA CRUCIS

El Via Crucis en español será todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 7:00 p.m. en el templo empezando el 12 de febrero.

SERVICIO PENITENCIAL

El 24 de febrero 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.

NOTICIAS DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Felicitaciones a todos los niños que han celebrado el Sacramento de la Reconciliación este mes.

Les pedimos sus oraciones por todos ellos en su preparación al Sacramento de la Eucaristía en el mes de mayo, cuando celebrarán su Primera Comunión.

¡Que la gracia de Dios recibida les ayude a tomar buenas decisiones y que Jesús el Buen pastor los guíe todos los días de su vida!

¡Felicidades, nuestra parroquia celebra con ustedes!

SEREMOS TRANSFORMADOS

La manifestación de la Gloria de Dios en el Evangelio de hoy está llena de una luz que a la vez asombra y revela. Jesús, transfigurado en el Monte Tabor, llena de su energía a los apóstoles adormecidos, que ven la visión, pero no la saben captar. Es perdonable que no capten del todo el significado de esta extraordinaria visión de Jesús transfigurado, entre Moisés y Elías. Aquí, en el monte santo, se resumen la Ley y los profetas.

Hoy esa transfiguración se nos ofrece y se nos entrega. Como nos recuerda san Pablo, somos nosotros los que vamos a ser transformados. Hoy se nos presentan la luz y la vida de la Resurrección, para que no nos descorazonemos, no sea que nos quedemos del todo dormidos. Este domingo ya mira hacia la Pascua. Mira hacia la transformación. Nos pide que levantemos la cabeza, y reconozcamos al Señor Resucitado como nuestra luz y salvación.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

La Cuaresma nos llama a la conversión, a la cual deberíamos estar dedicados toda el año. En muchas parroquias latinas la cuaresma también es tiempo de misiones. De niño recuerdo haber participado cada año en las misiones de mi parroquia. Escuchábamos a los predicadores con curiosidad, ya que aparecían solo una vez al año y luego se regresaban a lugares lejanos y desconocidos. Nunca imagine que algún día yo también estuviera como predicador de misiones. Me gustaría darles un resumen del mensaje que he sembrado en varias parroquias.

Las misiones no son para repetir doctrina, sino para evangelizar a los bautizados. Con cinco temas se puede evangelizar a los bautizados recordándoles los cinco puntos claves del Evangelio cristiano: 1) Dios nos ama y nos hizo para él; 2) Nosotros hemos pecado y sufrimos las consecuencias; 3) Dios nos manda a su Hijo para librarnos del mal; 4) Jesús desea formar parte de nuestras vidas personales, ¡invitémoslo! y 5) Jesús llena nuestro corazón con el poder y la presencia de su Espíritu. Este mensaje es uno de conversión y esperanza.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, 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

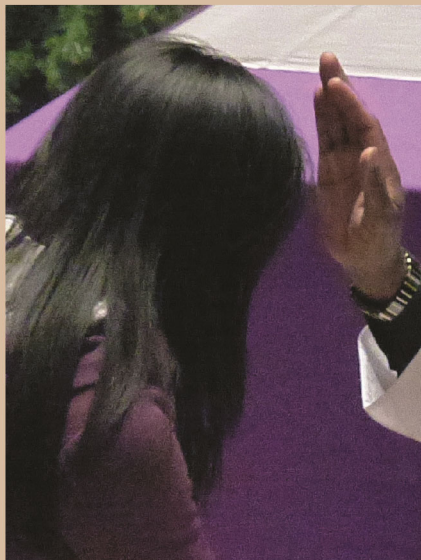
Parish and School groups that would like to reserve any facility in the parish must contact Angela Escobar in the Parish Center (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003. Only rooms reserved in advance are open. If your group needs to cancel a reservation, please let Angela know so that the room can be made available 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.

Parish Reconciliation Service

Celebrating the Mercy of God



- Gather as a community
- Hear the Word of God and of God's abundant love
- Examination of conscience and act of contrition
- Individual confession and absolution
- Give thanks for the gift of forgiveness and peace

Wednesday, February 24 • 7:00 p.m. in the church
Many priests available (English, Spanish, Vietnamese)



St. Vincent de Paul Society

LENTfood 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