

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 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

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Advent HOPE

Justice shall
flourish in his time, and
fullness of peace forever.

—Psalm 72



One of the most beautiful seasons of the Church year is Advent. Far from being a somber, "penitential" season like its spring-time counterpart, Lent, Advent looks to the future, to what comes next. Advent is about hope. With the birth of the Christ child two millennia ago came a message of hope in the Spirit, in the power of love. Let us be open to Advent hope.

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

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Parish Center Mailing Address • 19808 Cantlay Street • Winnetka, CA 91306-3005

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:** Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24**Wednesday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22**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:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12**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 27

7:30 a.m. Ted Hughes (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Thai and Trinh Family (Intentions)
 11:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Milton A. Coto (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 7:30 p.m. Juana Rodas (RIP)

Monday November 28

6:30 a.m. Perla L. Reinante Tarrosa (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Dionisio Alejandro Jr. (RIP)

Tuesday November 29

6:30 a.m. Aaron Mathias (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Ariel Imbag (Birthday)

Wednesday November 30

6:30 a.m. Ricardo and Remedios Castro (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Veronica Rosete (Birthday)

Thursday December 1

6:30 a.m. Alejandro Sumayao (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Vernon Tabery (RIP)

Friday December 2

6:30 a.m. Ruby Baylon (Birthday)
 8:30 a.m. Agatha Mao and Phillip Thiet (RIP)
 7:30 p.m. Jorge Raul Diaz Alva (RIP)

Saturday December 3

8:30 a.m. Memorial Society
 5:30 p.m. Stephen and Hazel Kunka (RIP)

Sunday December 4

7:30 a.m. Yolanda Campos (Birthday)
 9:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. Sutherland Family (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Victoria Gonzalez (Birthday)
 5:30 p.m. Lam Family (Thanksgiving)
 7:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

**PARISH LIFE****ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

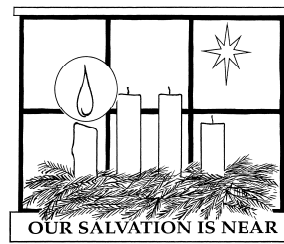
Join us on **Thursday, December 1**, at 7:00 p.m. for our Advent Penance Service. There will be many priests available for confession.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FEAST DAY

Thursday, 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)

**ENVIRONMENT FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

We are asking your assistance with our decorations for Christmas.

• **Donations for Christmas Trees:** Please put your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Trees" and place it in the collection basket at Mass or bring to the Parish Center.

• **Poinsettia plants:** Please bring to the Church anytime after December 19 (Red & white varieties). Add you own intentions with your donated plant. Intention cards are available in the Church by the choir area. Intentions will be included in our Christmas Masses Universal Prayer.

• **Lights:** String or spool of at least 300 lights or more (68 feet or longer) CLEAR MINI LIGHTS. Bring your donation to the Parish Center by December 16.

If you would like to help with the actual decorating, please contact Eileen, at the parish center office, for the times we will be working.

Thank you for your generosity and helping to make our church and grounds beautiful for the Christmas season.

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

GIFT SHOP

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

SJW CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Are you looking for a way to get involved in a prayer community? Reserve your Thursday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and come join the SJW Charismatic Prayer Group at the church for an evening of praise and worship, inspirational talks, bible reflection, group sharing and a monthly healing service.

All are welcome!

SJW BLOOD DRIVE

December 4 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Parish Hall

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes resume on **Wednesday, November 30 and Saturday, December 3.**

All parishioners are invited to shop at our "Christmas Little Store" on **Saturday, December 17** from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Inspirational gifts, great finds, low prices. Come and support our parish Religious Education Program.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Bundle Sunday

Sunday, December 4, 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.

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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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: JP Fernandez, 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

Rose Clifford, Jack Samalot, Willie Bulan, Anthony Hargan, Roy Plumley, Bubut N. Aquino, Carlos Hector Milan, Karen Borosich, Jorge Marrero, Rosanna Coronado, Eddie Rojas, Enrique Alvarez Gonzalez, Wendy Pelamati, Lisa Grady, Ferdinand, Rolando and Vidiamor Morales Jr., Jose Antonio Perez Ledesma, Gloria Ledesma, John D. F. Black, David Nisbet, Ian Fabregas, Ghaith Altehs, Samouill Yamin, Maria Romero, Tony Medina, Joyce Masloski, Matei Vizginia, Maxim Mady, Fugaru Anca, Yermin Nahla and Tony, Joshua-Elias Padilla.

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, ext. 1016.

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**Be aware of the difference between accidental and suspicious bruises**

Many children play hard, and can suffer bruises or injuries as a result. With some injuries, it's hard to tell whether they are a result of too much roughhousing or abusive treatment. Follow this guideline to assess a child's bruising. Most accidental bruises are in common locations – knees, elbows, and foreheads. In contrast, bruises on a child's neck or back could indicate potential mistreatment or abuse. Although kids should be allowed to explore and learn their limits, suspicious bruises are warning signs that should not be ignored. For the full VIRTUS® article "Accidental vs. Suspicious Bruising," email vjviena@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227.

EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION**SJW SCHOOL NEWS****Who are the Knights of St. Joseph the Worker School?****Our Mission**

St. Joseph the Worker is a Catholic parish school in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. By affirming and modeling the virtues Jesus lived and taught, the school community reflects the parish's Catholic identity. As a parish school, we serve the community foremost by providing a caring, Catholic, educational environment dedicated to fostering each student's ability to grow academically, spiritually, physically, and socially. Together with the family, the faculty and staff provide the students with a foundation for success from Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade to high school and college, helping students develop into autonomous, moral, and responsible adolescents and adults.

A St. Joseph the Worker Student:

- Is a Catholic Christian who lives in peace with God, the "dear neighbor," and the earth.
- Has a responsibility to promote social justice.
- Is a life-long learner.
- Respects the human body as created by God.
- Appreciates the arts and the beauty of God's creation.

Look What's New at St. Joseph the Worker School!

- New Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Play Yard Surface (Completed August 2016)
- New LED Lighting (Completed August 2016)
- Knight Academy - Afterschool Enrichment and Study Skills Program (Fall 2016)
- EXCEL Taekwondo Classes (Fall 2016)
- New Security Door (Spring 2017)
- STEM Expo - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (Spring 2017)
- Outdoor School - Science Camp (Fall 2017)
- 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C. (Spring 2018)

School Info At A Glance:

Weekly Mass attendance for ALL students

- Sacramental Preparation for 1st and 2nd grades
- Average a 18/1 Student to Teacher ratio
- Wait List for Transitional Kindergarten
- Focus on Faith - Service Project Lessons: Caring for Environment (TK-2nd), Poverty (3rd-5th), and Afflicted (6th-8th)
- Focus on Excellence - Mastery Learning with Project Based Learning: Mix of Traditional and PBL Assessments, iPads for STAR Testing

Athletic Teams: Volleyball, Flag Football, Basketball, Track and Field, Swim, and (NEW) Dance

(NEW) Campus Clubs: Cooking Club, Art Club, Board Game Club, Gamers Club, and Theater Club.

For more information, please contact:

Mr. CJ Kruska, M.A. Ed. - Principal

Email: cjkruska@la-archdiocese.org

Phone: (818) 341 - 6616

DONUTS AND COFFEE

The SJW 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

YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation process

Year 1

Tuesday, December 6 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall
Regular Candidate Session

Year 2

Tuesday, November 29 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall
Regular Candidate Session

Youth Ministry Project

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **Sunday, December 4** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We need youth to assist in our Saturday/Sunday Mass sign ups leading to the event. We also need youth to assist during the event by being the receptionists. Email JP Fernandez at jpf@sjwchurch.com for more information.

35TH ANNUAL LA HOLIDAY CAROLING FESTIVITIES - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

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 5 performances.

Schedule is modular- arrive & depart per your discretion.

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, 91304 (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, 91304 (818) 716-9900

Topanga Terrace Subacute & Skilled Nursing Facility

meet main lobby-perform room to room
22125 Roscoe Blvd., Canoga Park, 91304 (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, 91304 818-883-4123

Fairwinds-West Hills

meet/perform main dining room
8138 Woodlake Ave., West Hills, CA 91304 818-713-0900

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Post-Caroling Wrap Party-Home Town Buffet

6705 Fallbrook, Canoga Park, 91307 (818) 883-4123

Details: Vincent J. Leinen/KC 4th Degree at (818) 429-1563 or BD754@LAFN.org or www.HolidayMusicMakingaDifference.com

www.facebook.com/HolidayCaroling4Seniors

Experience the power, magic, and impact of giving music!

1st Sunday of Advent • November 27, 2016

IN THE COMMUNITY

RESPECT LIFE

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline (800) 973-7334
Abortion Recovery Help (877) 467-3463;
www.rachelsvineyard.org
Angels Way Maternity Home (818) 346-2229

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

A MINISTRY FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Looking for a way to share the many blessings of married life? Catholic Engaged Encounter needs couples to help minister to engaged couples. No experience necessary and free training is provided! If you would like to share what you've learned as a married couple and meet a terrific community of married couples, please consider the ministry of Catholic Engaged Encounter. For information call Tom and Diane Krause (310) 316-3477 or visit www.CEEofLA.org; EngagedEncounter@verizon.net

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.

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.

LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Louisville High School Open House: Sunday, December 4, at 11:00 a.m.

Families and friends of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are invited to attend Louisville High School's Open House on Sunday, December 4, 2016. Come tour the campus, meet the faculty and enjoy performances by our student singers and dancers. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. Please visit louisvillehs.org for more information or contact us with questions at (818) 346-8812. Reservations requested but not required.

R.S.V.P. at: louisvillehs.org on the Admissions Page/Visit-Louisville



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 4:2-6; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11

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

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

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: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Esté consciente de la diferencia entre moretones accidentales y sospechosos

Muchos niños juegan pesado, y como resultado pueden sufrir moretones o heridas. Con algunas heridas, es difícil decir si son el resultado de un comportamiento escandaloso o de un tratamiento abusivo. Siga esta guía para evaluar los moretones de un niño. La mayoría de los moretones accidentales suceden en lugares comunes del cuerpo, como rodillas, codos y frente. En contraste, los moretones en el cuello o espalda del niño podrían indicar potencial maltrato o abuso. Aunque a los niños se les debe permitir explorar y aprender sus límites, los moretones sospechosos son una señal de que estos no deben ser ignorados. Para leer el artículo completo de VIRTUS® "Accidental vs. Suspicious Bruising" (Moretones accidentales vs. sospechosos) envíe un correo electrónico a bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org o llame al (213) 637-7508.

CAMPAÑA DE DONACIÓN DE SANGRE

Domingo 4 de diciembre - 9:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m.
Salón Parroquial

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.



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VIDA PARROQUIAL

LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION DE LA VIRGEN MARIA

Les recordamos que el **jueves 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 **jueves 1ero. 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.

NOTICIAS DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

Regresaremos a clases el **miércoles 30 de noviembre** y el **sábado 3 de diciembre** respectivamente.

Todos nuestros feligreses están invitados a comprar en nuestra "Pequeña Tienda de Navidad" el **sábado 17 de diciembre** de 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. en el salón parroquial. Regalos inspiradores y grandes ofertas. Vengan y apoyen al programa de Educación Religiosa de nuestra parroquia.

ESTAR PREPARADO

Debes estar preparado. Es así de simple. Al comenzar este tiempo de Adviento, el Señor Jesús nos llama a estar preparados para su venida. En esta época del año, gran parte de nuestra atención se centra en estar preparados para los detalles que acompañan las fiestas. Compramos regalos; decoramos nuestro hogar por fuera y por dentro; preparamos comidas especiales para esta época; escribimos y enviamos tarjetas de Navidad; asistimos a conciertos navideños; nos preparamos para recibir a los familiares y amigos en nuestro hogar o para visitarlos en sus hogares. No podemos ignorar los detalles que forman parte de este tiempo. Quizás este Adviento sea un tiempo para prestar atención a todos esos detalles con un enfoque diferente. Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar la fiesta de Navidad, ¿qué tal si reconocemos plenamente la presencia del Señor mientras realizamos estas tareas? El Señor muchas veces viene a nosotros de formas maravillosamente sorprendentes. Estemos preparados.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El calendario cristiano comienza con el tiempo de Adviento durante el mes de diciembre. ¡Adviento! Interesante palabra. Viene del latín y quiere decir "Allí viene" o "Ya está llegando". Pero, ¿de quién hablamos cuando proclamamos "Adviento"? ¿Del Rey de gloria?, ¿el Príncipe de la paz?, ¿el Hijo de Dios Altísimo?, ¿el salvador de Israel? Sí, sí, sí y sí, pero más todavía del Hijo del Hombre, del niño de María, el niño Jesús de Nazaret. Allí viene y ya está llegando. Tenemos que estar preparados. Pero, ¿cómo prepararnos para la llegada de un rey que es pobre?, ¿de un príncipe que nació entre una mula y un buey?, ¿de un niño que ya es todo un hombre y además es Dios?, ¿de un pobre bebito que también es juez y señor? He allí el dilema del Adviento cristiano. Es un llamado a vivir la paradoja (contradicción) de un tiempo que está a medias, donde el Reino de los Cielos ya está pero todavía no completamente, pues existe pero no en su plenitud. Es un llamado a buscar en el templo, en el *mall*, en el barrio, en el hogar, en el trabajo y en el propio corazón, para ver si "allí viene" el dueño de la casa. Es un llamado a estar atentos y vigilantes porque no sabemos ni cuándo ni como Jesús regresará por nosotros. Pero cuando regrese nos pedirá cuentas y nos abrazará a la misma vez. Porque viene como juez y hermano nuestro, como rey y compañero; como Dios y ser humano. Así es como los cristianos iniciamos el año litúrgico, y a la misma vez, terminamos el año seglar con la paradoja de nuestra fe.

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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.

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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.

Thursday
December 1
7:00 p.m.
in the church

Advent Penance Service

Prepare the Way for the Lord

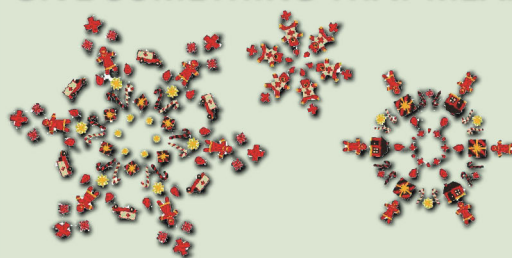
Many priests available (English, Spanish, Vietnamese)



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

GIVE SOMETHING THAT MEANS SOMETHING

GIVE BLOOD



Sunday, December 4
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Conference Center Hall

To make your appointment:

www.redcrossblood.org Sponsor code: StJosephCC
Or contact: Armida Stafford 818.535.4178
jazzmatazz88@yahoo.com

Donors receive:

- Admission for two to the Laugh Factory Comedy Club
- 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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