

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.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 25, 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

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Associate Pastor

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Bill Sparks

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J.P. Fernandez

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Business Manager

Mike Stafford

Parish Secretary

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Unto us a child is born

**I proclaim to you good news
of great joy:
today a Savior
is born
for us,
Christ
the Lord.**

—Luke 2:10-11



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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: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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 25

7:30 a.m. Bayani and Rosete Family (Thanksgiving)
9:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
11:30 a.m. Flor B. Lecaros and Family (Birthday)
1:30 p.m. Felicita Francisco (RIP)
5:30 p.m. No Mass
7:30 p.m. No Mass

Monday December 26

6:30 a.m. No Mass
8:30 a.m. Mamerto Pascual (RIP)

Tuesday December 27

6:30 a.m. Holly Horrell (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Rebecca De Los Reyes Villagrancia (RIP)

Wednesday December 28

6:30 a.m. Holly Horrell (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Francine Nelson (RIP)

Thursday December 29

6:30 a.m. Porfirio Rivera (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Pelamati Family (Intentions)

Friday December 30

6:30 a.m. Jack and Grace McNally Family (Intentions)
8:30 a.m. Graciano Sandoval (RIP)

Saturday December 31

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

Sunday January 1

7:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
9:30 a.m. Lecaros Family (Intentions)
11:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
1:30 p.m. Mary Gonzalez (RIP)
5:30 p.m. Phero kieu (Intentions)
7:30 p.m. Hernandez Cortez Family (Intentions)

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center and all Parish facilities will be closed on Mondays, December 26 and January 2. We will open again on Tuesday, January 3, at 8:00 a.m.

A Blessed Christmas to all of you!

PARISH LIFE

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THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!

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MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass, come to the Parish Center. Only one paid intention will be accepted and printed in the bulletin for each Mass. Selected Masses will be reserved for church use. The stipend is \$10 per Mass.



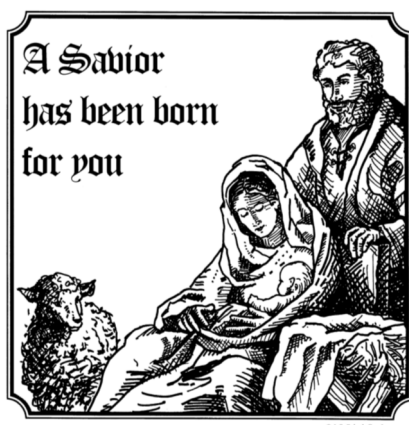
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GIFT SHOP

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

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.



'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	12/18/16	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$ 15,921	\$ 15,289	+ 4.1%

2016 Env \$ 9,272 (58.2%) E-giving \$ 1,469 (9.2%)

2015 Env \$ 8,110 (53.1%) E-giving \$ 982 (6.4%)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Masses \$2,580 vs. \$2,539 last year, up 1.6%

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 Altehsh, Samouill Yamin, Maria Romero, Tony Medina, Joyce Masloski, Matei Vizginia, Maxim Mady, Fugaru Anca, Yermine Nahla and Tony, Joshua-Elias Padilla, Noel Columbres, Larry LeVine, Mark Cox, Guiselle Gonzalez.

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:

Jean B. Sparkman, mother of Judith Evans

**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**Prepare holiday babysitters thoroughly**

The holidays come with lots of nights out for adults – office Christmas parties, last-minute trips to the mall for gifts, neighborhood gift exchanges, etc. – and you may need to call upon a babysitter to watch your kids for adults-only events. Think through the policies at your house that you will ask a sitter to follow. These could include basic childcare rules (for example: limits on television viewing, bedtime) as well as safety rules (for example: don't let the kids play with knives or matches). For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Preventing Abuse When Selecting and Using a Babysitter," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call 213-637-7227.

EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION**SCHOOL NEWS**

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Families,

It's a wonderful time of year and we are about to kick off our Shoe Drive. This is NO COST fundraiser. We are looking forward to making this fundraiser a huge hit! Our goal is to raise money to help with the infrastructure of the school.

Here's the Plan!

Kick-off Date: December 6: To coincide with the Feast of St. Nicholas, kids are to bring a pair of shoes to donate on December 5. Something special will happen on the morning of the 6.

Fundraising Dates: December 6 to January 20

Mixed Shoe Drive: Collect gently-used shoes. All sizes and types of shoes accepted except ski boots and golf shoes. Shoes need to have good soles, no holes, and be paired.

Where: Angel Bins will be available for the donated shoes at the Sunday morning Masses, or you can bring them to the school office.

Items in good condition are exported to developing nations meeting the demand for quality shoes at a low cost; waste is deferred from landfills; and numerous employment opportunities are created both in the U.S., and abroad.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

**YOUTH NEWS****Upcoming Youth Ministry / Confirmation activities**

Tuesday, January 3 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall
Joint Sessions for Confirmation 1 & 2

Sunday, January 8 11:30 a.m. Mass
Ritual of Promise, Confirmation 1 & their sponsors

Tuesday, January 10 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall
Confirmation 1, Regular Session

Tuesday, January 17 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall
Confirmation 2, Regular Session

Tuesday, January 24 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall
Confirmation 1, Regular Session

Friday, January 27 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall
Santo Nino Celebration Preparation (service project)

Saturday, January 28 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Hall
Santo Nino Celebration & Novena (service project)

Tuesday, January 31 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hall
Confirmation 2, Regular Session

Please email JP Fernandez at jpf@sjwchurch.com should you have any questions or wish to serve with youth ministry.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

There will be no Religious Education classes on the following dates:

Wednesday, December 28

Saturday, December 31

Classes resume:

Wednesday, January 4, 2017 and

Saturday, January 7, 2017

Wishing that the Holy Family's love be with all of you this Christmas and their blessings rest upon you every day throughout the new year! Merry Christmas and a Blessed New year.

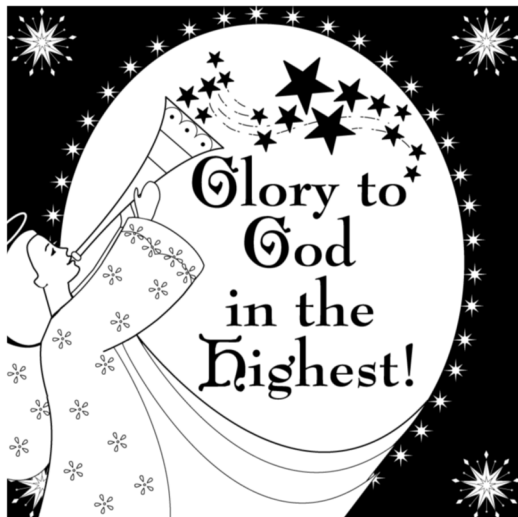
Religious Education staff and Volunteer Catechists

LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS 2017

The Religious Education Congress is ready to enrich and revitalize us once more. Join us February 23, (Youth Day), February 24 - 26, 2017 at the Anaheim Convention Center. If you have never before attended Congress, you are assured of a wonderful experience. All are welcome to attend! The Congress, sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, offers a variety of opportunities for personal faith enrichment, prayer and entertainment.

We offer 310 workshops, covering topics of interest from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis - there is a topic of interest for you. In addition to workshops, participants will enjoy morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of noon time and evening concerts. Come and be renewed by these Congress experiences.

Don't miss out! Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! You may access the book on line and register by visiting www.RECongress.org. To obtain a Registration Guidebook call the RECongress information line at (213) 637-7348 to request your own copy.



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IN THE COMMUNITY

CHAMINADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY H.S.

Entrance Exam will be administered on two dates: January 21 and 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. An online application for admission and the application fee should be on file with the school by January 13 at www.chaminade.org. Financial Aid applications are also available online. For more information please call the Admissions office at (818) 347-8300 ext. 355.

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"The desert and the parched land will exult, the steppe will rejoice and bloom." As we await the coming of the Lord, let us rejoice and encourage our marriages to bloom by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend March 3-5 or April 22-23 TBD. Contact Jeanine and Russ Walker at 805-648-4244 or go online at www.twocanlove.org. We help make good marriages better.

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.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Martes: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Miércoles: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Jueves: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:36-40

Viernes: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Domingo: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gál 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Prepare a las niñeras con mucho cuidado

La temporada navideña viene con muchas salidas de noche para los adultos, a fiestas de Navidad de la oficina, viajes de último minuto al centro comercial para comprar regalos, intercambios de regalos con los vecinos, etc., y usted quizá tenga que llamar a una niñera para que cuide a sus hijos para ir a los eventos sólo para adultos. Piense con cuidado las políticas en su hogar que usted le va a pedir a la niñera que siga. Estas pueden incluir reglas básicas de cuidado de niños (por ejemplo: límites para ver televisión, hora de ir a dormir) así como reglas de seguridad (por ejemplo: no deje que los niños jueguen con cuchillos o cerillos). Para una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® "Preventing Abuse When Selecting and Using a Babysitter" (Previniendo el abuso cuando seleccione y use a una niñera) envíe un correo electrónico a bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org o llame al (213) 637-7508.

POR QUE SER CATOLICO

¿Por que Ser Católico? - Recorrido por el Catecismo

comienza con la primera sesión "El deseo de Dios" el lunes 9 de enero a las 7:00 p.m. en el cuarto de Sta. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

El "Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica" ofrece formación en la fe sólida para aquellos que no han sido expuestos a este documento. Nuestro equipo de catequistas está listo para presentar este rico recurso para vivir y conocer nuestra fe.



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VIDA PARROQUIAL



GRUPO BÍBLICO

El grupo de biblia de nuestra parroquia, les hace una cordial invitación a estudiar el curso del antiguo testamento. el curso consta de 20 clases comenzando el **jueves 19 de enero**. Los temas a desarrollar son: La Creación, Abraham, Moisés, Reyes, Los Profetas, etc. Vengan y conozcan la palabra de Dios. Aprendan la importancia del Antiguo Testamento y encuéntrense con su Dios através de su palabra. No pierdan esta gran oportunidad. Las clases son gratis y su cupo es limitado.

Para más información llame al señor Ismael Ramírez al (818) 355-4476.

EL DON DE LA PALABRA DE DIOS

En este día de recibir y dar regalos, parece apropiado que tomemos un momento para reflexionar sobre el gran don de la Palabra de Dios. La Palabra de Dios es creativa y por eso siempre apunta a su autor, siempre nos llama a responder. La Palabra de Dios es poderosa y puede enlazar lo sublime con lo ridículo, lo trascendente con lo immanente, lo divino con lo humano. La Palabra de Dios es llena de gracia, establece una relación de intimidad profunda entre nosotros y Dios.

En el corazón de la Palabra de Dios yace una tensión seductora entre lo misterioso y lo mundano. En nuestra celebración litúrgica, esta tensión sin resolución revela el significado de la vida para nosotros y también nos llama a responder para actuar según ese significado.

Una vez que la aceptamos y la abrimos, el don de la Palabra de Dios es un regalo que sigue dando y sigue llamándonos a dar a cambio. Nos reta a ser como el dador de regalos y a convertirse en regalos para los demás, no solo en Navidad, sino en cada momento de la vida.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Hoy celebramos el nacimiento de Jesús, comenzando con la Misa de Gallo. A esta Misa se le añade la tradición popular que ha comenzado en el hogar con pesebres, comidas y regalos. Se nos haría difícil imaginar terminar el año sin la Navidad. Pero el calendario cristiano sólo la ha festejado algunos 1800 años. Los primeros cristianos únicamente celebraban la Pascua de Resurrección, siguiendo lo que todos los evangelios nos relatan de los eventos de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. Sólo Mateo y Lucas mencionan su nacimiento.

Alrededor del año 200 d.C., los cristianos egipcios empezaron a conmemorar el nacimiento de Jesús el 20 de marzo que era el noveno mes de su calendario. Con el tiempo, la idea de festejar el nacimiento del Mesías se extendió a otras comunidades cristianas, pero con diversas fechas como el 19 de abril, el 6 de enero, el 28 de marzo y otras. Fue hasta el siglo cuarto que se fijó la fecha para el 25 de diciembre, gracias a Juan Crisóstomo y al Papa Julio I. Otras fuentes señalan que en el año 366 los cristianos comenzaron a celebrar el nacimiento de Cristo, sol de justicia, precisamente el 25 de diciembre.

En realidad no sabemos cuándo nació Jesús, pero sí sabemos que hay que celebrar el hecho que Dios se hizo uno de nosotros.

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

OFICINA CERRADA

La oficina parroquial y todos los cuartos del Centro de Conferencias estarán cerrados mañana lunes 26 de diciembre y el 2 de enero. Volveremos a abrir el martes 3 de enero a las 8:00 a.m. 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 Kimberly Jetton, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Los Angeles; (213) 637-7504; plannedgiving@la-archdiocese.org.

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.

St. Joseph the Worker Welcomes You!

During the Christmas season we celebrate the wonder of the Incarnation, when God becomes one of us, in Jesus. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." This is the Greatest Gift, a gift for everyone!

We extend a warm greeting to family members and out-of-town guests who are visiting this Christmas week. We are pleased you have chosen to worship with our parish family at this special time.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, we welcome all our brothers and sisters in the family of God, especially those of you who come infrequently. Return as often as you wish and make St. Joseph the Worker Church your home. We invite you to explore the roots of your faith and to consider returning to a church you left long ago (or that may have left you!). You will discover that St. Joseph the Worker is a special place where everyone is welcome.

