



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2017

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.

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. Alberto Villalobos

Associate Pastor

Rev. Roberto Rueda

Associate Pastor

Rev. Joseph Van Vu

Deacon

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Bill Sparks

Youth Ministry and Confirmation

J.P. Fernandez

Religious Education

Karina Villanueva

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Mike Stafford

Parish Secretary

Angela Escobar

Advent

Gaudete in Domino
semper! Iterum
dico: Gaudete!

—Philippians 4:4-6

Joyful Waiting

Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, is all about joy. Its name comes from the opening words of the Introit (Entrance Antiphon): Gaudete in Domino semper, "Rejoice in the Lord always."

During these days of preparation for our Savior's birth, St. Paul's words remind us of the joy that is to come, and the hope we have in the coming of Jesus. Rose-colored vestments are worn, and we light the pink candle of the Advent wreath in anticipation of the joy that is Christmas.



For the Advent calendar of events, see www.sjwchurch.com

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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:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;

Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38**Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;

Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;

Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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 17

7:30 a.m. Conrado M. Arcalas (RIP)

9:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

11:30 a.m. Angeles Alora and Lina Sarmiento Alora(RIP)

1:30 p.m. Jesus and Angela Escobar (Anniversary)

5:30 p.m. For the Victims of Natural Disasters

7:30 p.m. Salvador Quezada (RIP)

Monday December 18

6:30 a.m. Jose Coting (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Ben and Veronica Rosete (Anniversary)

Tuesday December 19

6:30 a.m. Franz Betting (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Betty Rettig (Birthday)

Wednesday December 20

6:30 a.m. Santos Recio (Birthday)

8:30 a.m. Ben Rosete, Sr. (Birthday)

Thursday December 21

6:30 a.m. Anthony Nguyen Xuan Rat(RIP)

8:30 a.m. Victoria Gonzalez (Birthday)

Friday December 22

6:30 a.m. Joseph Nguyen Van Thuan (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Presentacion Lontoc (RIP)

Saturday December 23

8:30 a.m. George Jorgesen (RIP)

5:30 p.m. Kianna Bisquera (RIP)

7:30 p.m. Hoa Ung Pham (RIP)

Sunday December 24

7:30 a.m. Kevin Garcia (RIP)

9:30 a.m. Cynthia Sales (Birthday)

11:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

1:30 p.m. Maria Isabel Perez (RIP)

4:00 p.m. Kathy Beard (RIP)

6:30 p.m. Miguel Angel Rojo (RIP)

9:00 p.m. Cuong Nguyen (RIP)

12:00 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

**PARISH LIFE****CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
2017****Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24**

4:00 p.m. Mass in English

6:30 p.m. Misa en Español

9:00 p.m. Mass in Vietnamese

12:00 Midnight Midnight Mass

(Festival of Carols at 11:30 p.m.)**Christmas Day - Monday, December 25**

7:30 a.m. Mass in English

9:30 a.m. Mass in English

11:30 a.m. Mass in English

1:30 p.m. Misa en Español

No 5:30 p.m. Mass in Vietnamese

No habrá Misa de 7:30 p.m. en Español

ENVIRONMENT FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

We are asking your assistance with our decorations for Christmas.

• **Poinsettia plants:** Please bring to the Church anytime after December 20 (Red & white varieties). Add your own intentions with your donated plant.

If you would like to help with the actual decorating, please contact the Parish Center (818) 341-6634 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.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINSTERS

The Sign-Up Sheets for the various Christmas Liturgies have been posted in the Sacristy. Mass Coordinators are urgently needed to cover all the Masses on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. Please sign up to participate in our beautiful Christmas Liturgies.

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center and all Parish facilities will be closed **Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26.** We will open again on **Wednesday, December 27** at 8:00 a.m.

A Blessed Christmas to all of you!



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!

DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of volunteers to help with hot lunches for those in need. We serve on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, but are particularly in need of people for Saturdays. If you are interested, please leave a message on our call line (818) 773-1864 and we will get back to you with more information.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

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

Monday, December 18 St. Francis De Sales
Wednesday, December 20 Our Lady of Grace, Encino

SIMBANG GABI 2017

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

2:00 p.m.	December 17	St. John Baptist de La Salle, Granada Hills
7:00 p.m.	December 18	Our Lady of Lourdes, Northridge
7:00 p.m.	December 19	Our Lady of Grace, Encino
7:00 p.m.	December 20	St. Mel, Woodland Hills
7:00 p.m.	December 21	St. Euphrasia, Granada Hills
7:00 p.m.	December 22	St. Joseph the Worker
7:00 p.m.	December 23	St. John Eudes, Chatsworth

BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we gather on Friday mornings for St. Joseph the Worker Daytime Bible Study. The study and discussion is the Little Rock Scripture Study's, Old Testament, "The Book of EXODUS". We will meet Fridays, starting **January 5**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center dining room. Study materials are available at the meeting. Don't forget to bring your bible. All are welcome.

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	12-10-17	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$15,887	\$17,401	- 8.7%

2017 Env \$ 8,860 (55.8%) E-giving \$ 1,216 (7.7%)

2016 Env \$ 9,486 (54.5%) E-giving \$ 1,414 (8.1%)

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 6:00 p.m. (SJW Chapel)

SACRAMENTS

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Confirmation Process (Grades 8th - 12th)

Year One - Bimonthly

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm OR Sundays 9:30 - 11:00 am

Year Two - Bimonthly

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm OR Sundays 9:30 - 11:00 am

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

David Nisbet, Ian Fabregas, Ghaith Altehsh, Samouill Yamin, Bob Zemke, Herminigildo Villanueva, Clara Hurtado, Joyce Masloski, Dwight Ramos, Maxim Razuan, Maria Melanie Martinez, Alyssa Vasquez, Noel Columbres, Larry LeVine, Mark Cox, Gilbert Gonzalez, Jack Samalot, Martha Medina, Paul Davis, Ceferino Navarro, Maria Dolores Rivas, Meilani H. Sandan, Nina Rosales, Sandy Gregory, Abbey Aquino, Albert Garcia, Jr., Lulu Mercado, Wendy and Lisa Pelamati, Lisa Grady, Thelma Foley, Eric Escobar, Irene, Ferdinand, Rolando and Vidlamor Morales.

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 souls of:

Benita Barragan, mother of Sheriff Barragan
Kevin Garcia, parishioner
Cuong Nguyen, parishioner

Emilia Siojo, mother of Jose Siojo and Josephine Packer



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.



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EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH MINISTRY / TEEN CONFIRMATION

Youth Mass every Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

We are looking for Youth Volunteers for the following opportunities:

- Singers and Instrumentalist for our 11:30am Youth Mass
- Altar Servers – Especially for Saturday Morning and Vigil Masses, 7:30am Sunday Mass.
- Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers – Must be at least 16 years of age, practicing Catholic, completed the Sacraments of Initiation.

Please email JP Fernandez at jpf@sjwchurch.com or call (818) 341-6634 x 1018 for more information.

Confirmation Year 1

Tuesday, December 19 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Joint Session and Christmas Party/Potluck (See YM Schedule)

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Joint Session Parish Hall

Confirmation Year 2

Tuesday, December 19 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Joint Session and Christmas Party/Potluck (See YM Schedule)

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Joint Session Parish Hall

Friday, January 5 and Saturday, January 6 (all day): Mandatory Retreat at Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino

Youth Ministry Special Activities:

Sunday, December 17 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parish Hall: Gift Wrapping and distribution

Tuesday, December 19 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Joint Session (YR 1 & Yr 2 and all interested Youth) Christmas Party/Potluck

-Each participant will bring a food representing their culture

-Each participant will bring their Together In Mission monetary goal (\$25 or less. Must come from their own pocket to experience what it feels like to share)

-Each participant will bring a canned Tuna for our Food Pantry



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SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Helpful tips for outdoor fun during the holidays

During the increasing cold weather during the holidays, make sure children's underclothing, gloves, and shoes stay dry.

Cutting down your own tree for the holiday may start a wonderful family tradition. However, use eye protection and use extreme caution when cutting the tree, particularly when a chainsaw is used with children around.

Make sure that helmets and other appropriate protection is provided, properly fitted, and used with bicycles, roller blades, and skateboards.



PARISH LIFE

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a presepio, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin America today.

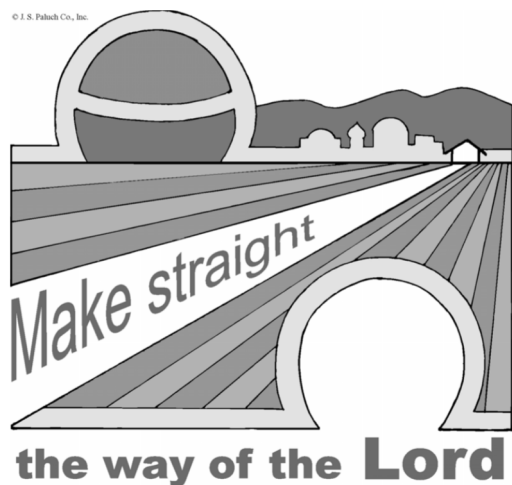
While in Europe the presepio was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double presepio, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a presepio in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows--the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of presepios and crèches honoring the Nativity.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

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.



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

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 on February 9-11 in Canoga Park. For more information contact Ed and Jo Lara at 818-848-6729 or go online at www.twocanlove.org

We help make good marriages better.

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. 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: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Martes: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25

Miércoles: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38

Jueves: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45

Viernes: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56

Sábado: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66

Domingo: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lc 1:26-38

¡ALÉGRATE!

¡Isaías realmente nos proclama una buena nueva! La venida del Señor no trae tristeza, culpa, miedo, ira ni condena. No, la venida del Señor es fuente de júbilo y consuelo. No basta con decirlo una vez, las lecturas de hoy están llenas de júbilo. El Magnificat de María reemplaza a nuestro salmo hoy y nuestra segunda lectura nos anima a alegrarnos, dar gracia y rendir alabanza. Éste es el significado principal de la palabra griega para eucaristía. Se nos insta a alegrarnos y dar gracias, porque la venida del Señor trae júbilo, curación, libertad, perdón y vindicación. ¡Hace que la tierra eche brotes de vida nueva! ¡Buenas noticias!

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ESTUDIO BÍBLICO

El Grupo de Biblia de la parroquia los invita al curso que dará inicio el **jueves 11 de enero**. Estudiaremos el Libro de Hechos de los Apóstoles, las 21 Cartas y el Libro del Apocalipsis, los cuales se encuentran en el Nuevo Testamento, escritos que hoy en día siguen vivos como hacen 2000 años. El mismo Espíritu que animó y sostuvo a aquellas primeras comunidades cristianas sigue presente y operante en la iglesia de hoy. Las clases se impartirán todos los jueves de las 7:00 p.m. a las 9:00 p.m. en el salón Santa Elizabeth del centro de conferencias. El curso es totalmente gratis y todos son bienvenidos. Para más información comuníquense con Ismael (818) 355-4476 o Mayela al (818) 310-3867.

OFICINA CERRADA

La oficina parroquial y todos los cuartos del Centro de Conferencias estarán cerrados el lunes 25 y martes 26 de diciembre. Volveremos a abrir el miércoles 27 a las 8:00 a.m. Gracias.



VIDA PARROQUIAL

HORARIO DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD

Misa de Noche Buena

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

Misa de Navidad

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



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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. Por favor tráigalas a partir del **miércoles 20 de diciembre**.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El día 16 de diciembre comienza la Novena de Aguinaldos en Colombia y otras partes de Latinoamérica. La novena consiste en 9 partes que se repiten por 9 noches:

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| 1- Oración inicial | 4- Reflexión del día |
| 2- Oración Mariana | 5- Gozos |
| 3- Oración de José | 6- Oración al Niño Jesús |
| | 7- Un Salmo |
| | 8- Invocación final |
| | 9- Villancicos (cantos navideños) |

Los participantes buscan aguinaldo (regalo). Para esto los colombianos tienen la costumbre de jugar "pajita en boca" buscando quien no trae una pajita en boca. La persona que no pueda mostrar que trae pajita en boca tiene que dar un regalo a quien lo descubrió. Los aguinaldos son recuerdo del regalo que nos dio Dios en su Hijo Jesús, prenda de su amor. Y si Dios nos da un aguinaldo tan grande es porque Dios no tiene pajita en boca cuando nos dice que nos ama.

En el corazón de la Novena está el refrán de Gozos:

Dulce Jesús mío / mi niño adorado
ven a nuestras almas / ven no tardes tanto.

Muy buen mensaje para el Adviento.

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



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.

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

Friday, December 22 • 7:00 p.m.
in the Church



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.

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Greeting Cards • Books • Jewelry
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Rosaries • Religious Articles • Crucifixes
Sacramental and Devotional Items

At the Sherman Way entrance to the church
Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Sundays: 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



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