

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 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

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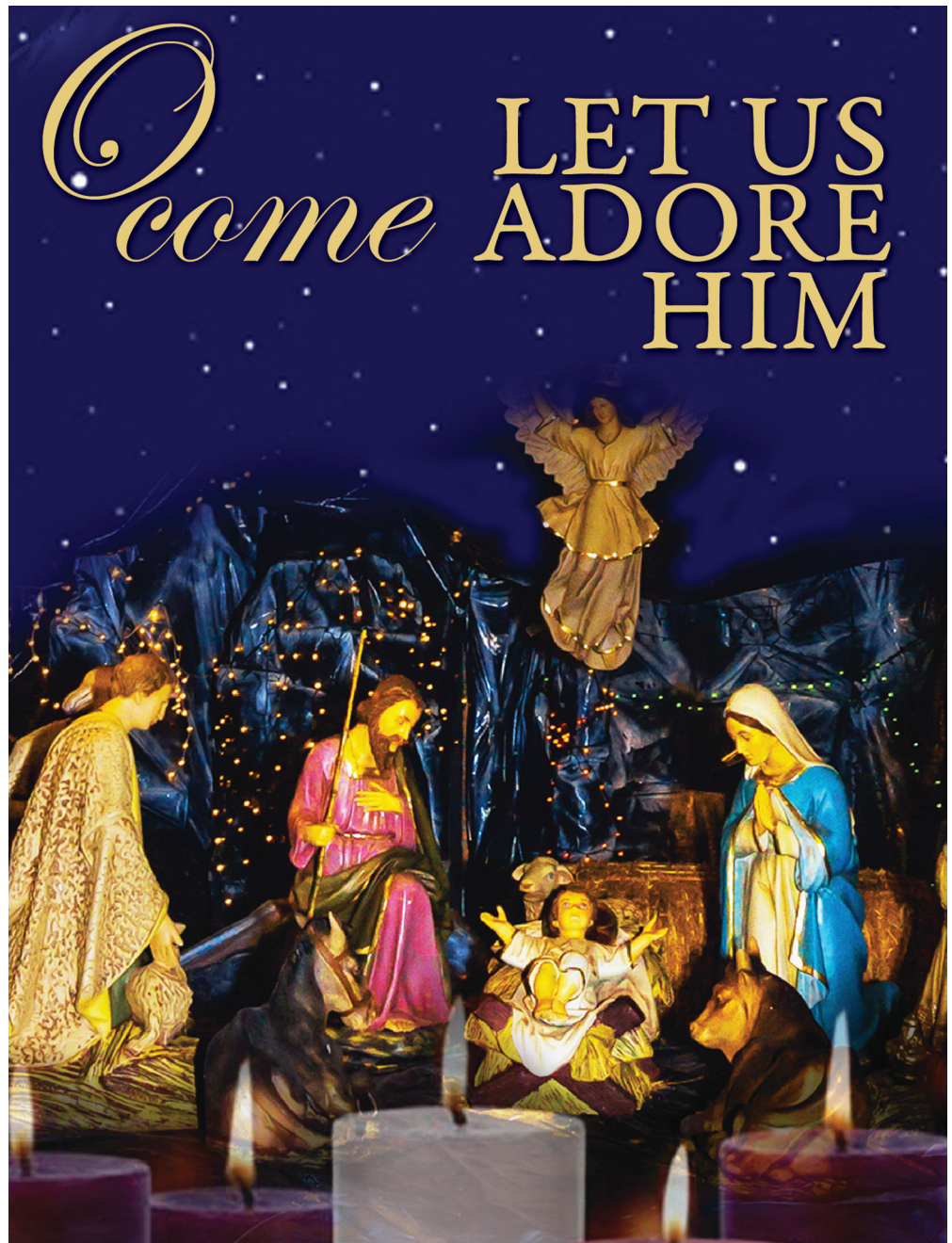
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Parish Center Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 -9:00 p.m. • Sat.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • Sun.: Closed

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

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

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or

Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

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 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)

Monday December 25

7:30 a.m. Patricia Coffman (RIP)
9:30 a.m. Emilia Siojo (RIP)
11:30 a.m. Ted Concepcion (RIP)
1:30 p.m. Jose Alfredo Cortez (Get Well)
5:30 p.m. No Mass
7:30 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday December 26

6:30 a.m. No Mass
8:30 a.m. Felicita Francisco (RIP)

Wednesday December 27

6:30 a.m. Jessica Arellano (Birthday)
8:30 a.m. Mamerto Pascual (RIP)

Thursday December 28

6:30 a.m. Trena Savageau (Birthday)
8:30 a.m. Rebecca Villagracia (RIP)

Friday December 29

6:30 a.m. Michael Fernandez (Birthday)
8:30 a.m. Porfirio Rivera (RIP)

Saturday December 30

8:30 a.m. George Javellana Sr. (RIP)
5:30 p.m. Graciano Sandoval (RIP)

Sunday December 31

7:30 a.m. Nguyen Trinh Family (Thanksgiving)
9:30 a.m. Juliana Aryan (RIP)
11:30 a.m. Pozen Family (Thanksgiving)
1:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
5:30 p.m. Marie Tran Thi Thuoc (RIP)
7:30 p.m. Rafael Sandoval Ortega (RIP)

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

**GOD'S PROMISE**

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given--so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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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.

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!

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.

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.

TUNA SUNDAY

Your gift of a large can of tuna or cash goes directly and immediately to the poor and the needy. Within 48 hours, your generosity becomes a nourishing hot meal for hungry and often homeless people living on skid row. The large four to five pound cans of tuna are available at Smart and Final and Costco. Please bring your donations to the Parish Center.

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.

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 St. Joseph the Worker Charismatic Group at the church for an evening of praise and worship, inspirational talks, groups sharing, bible reflection, and a monthly healing service. To deepen your prayer life, join our Intercessory ministry every Friday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the parish chapel.

We look forward to seeing you!

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	12-17-17	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$15,473	\$15,921	- 2.8%

2017 Env \$ 8,366 (54.1%) E-giving \$ 1,621 (10.5%)

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

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

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.



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

Confirmation Year 2

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



SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Educational video resources

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, through its initiative Kid Smartz, provides age-appropriate videos for children on how to put safety rules into action. This video series teaches children to always “check first” with a parent, guardian, or other trusted adult before going anywhere, helping anyone, accepting anything, or getting into a car. Visit <http://www.kidsmartz.org/Videos> to view the video.



PARISH LIFE

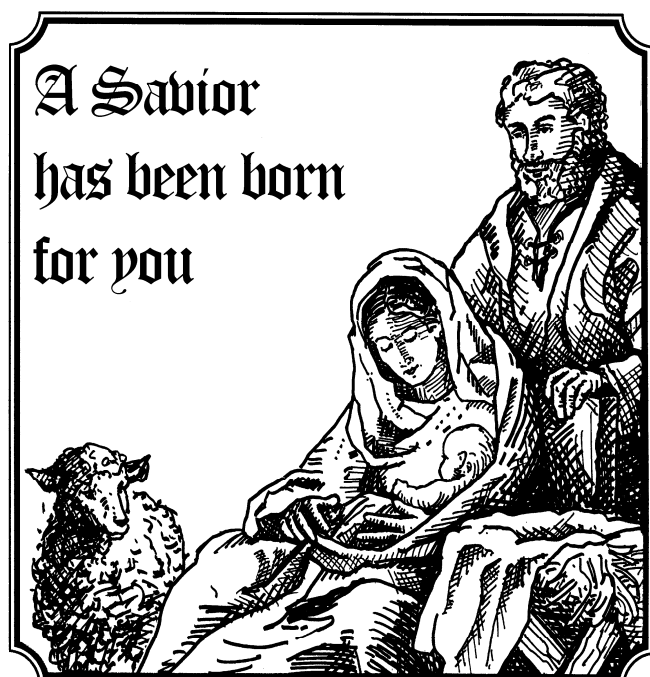
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Children of the parish are somewhat focused on Santa Claus these days, who is keeping an eye on who's naughty and who's nice. Santa Claus, with his heavenly patron Saint Nicholas, has been more or less in charge of gift-giving to American children for a hundred years or so. In other places, perhaps more attentive to our Christian tradition, there are different gift-bearers. In Greece, Saint Basil delivers the presents on his feast day, December 31, and makes sure everyone is sprinkled with holy water. The Baby Jesus is in charge elsewhere, called the Christkind in Austria and Belgium, El Niño Jesús in Colombia, and Le Petit Jesus in France, where he shares his duties with Père Noël. In the Czech Republic almost everyone is atheist, but Je í ek, the infant Jesus, brings gifts to one and all. In Poland the "Star Man" is said to bring the gifts, although often he turns out to be the village priest in disguise. Saint Nicholas, not his Americanized cousin, is the giver in Holland, where he wears a bishop's miter, and in Russia, where he wears a bishop's crown. Soviet Russia tried to dethrone Saint Nicholas and promote Grandfather Frost, but no one was much fooled by this attempt to squeeze religion out of Christ's birth. One country has a saintly woman in charge of the gifts, Saint Lucy, honored in Sweden on December 13, when children serve their parents breakfast in bed, and others awake to news that they have been nominated for a Nobel Prize. Some children have a second round of gifts on Epiphany, when the magi assume the gift-giving duties. In general, the gifts of Christmas are simple pleasures, not great heaps of treasures. Once upon a time, a new pair of socks or an orange was enough for us. No matter what gifts we receive, all of them are to point us to the true gift, and the true giver.

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

2018 CALENDARS

Calendars are available at the side doors of the church. Your donation of \$1 or more will go to St. Vincent de Paul to help needy families.



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IN THE COMMUNITY

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: Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] **Noche:** Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14 **Aurora:** Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20 **Día:** Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Martes: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-9; Mt 10:17-22

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

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

Viernes: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95):7-10; Lc 2:36-40

Domingo: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Sal 128 (127):1-5 o Sal 105 (104):1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] o Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lc 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

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.



LA PROMESA DE DIOS

El largo pasaje de Samuel expone de manera maravillosa la promesa de Dios a la dinastía de David: que su trono siempre estaría ocupado gloriosamente por sus descendientes. Oculta en el misterio de la profecía está la promesa del Salvador, el Mesías, Hijo de Dios e Hijo de David. El profeta Natán, quien habla en nombre de Dios, desbarata poéticamente el plan de David de construir una casa para Dios y anuncia que el plan de Dios es construir una "casa", una dinastía, para David. De esta dinastía de David provendrá el Mesías, el Cristo, quien no llegará con el esplendor majestuoso con el que reinó David, sino que vendrá como un hombre humilde, que gobernará por los siglos de los siglos. Cuando Dios hace un regalo; lo que recibimos es asombroso: es muy distinto a lo que podríamos haber imaginado.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

De las muchas tradiciones latinoamericanas para celebrar el Adviento y la Navidad, las Posadas parecen ser lo mejor conocido en EE. UU. Tienen su origen en la última mitad del siglo XVIII cuando las estrepitosas Misas de Aguinaldo dejaron de ser celebradas en México. Para remplazar la festividad de esas Misas, los laicos decidieron celebrar en sus casas tomando lo que habían visto dramatizado en los templos, esto es, el recorrido de José y María mientras buscaban posada en Belén. Como las "Antifonas de la O" de la liturgia oficial cristiana, estas Posadas llegaron a ser celebradas nueve noches consecutivas. 200 años después, muchos latinos continúan celebrando las Posadas en EE. UU. Recuerdo como de niño cantábamos "En el nombre del cielo" recorriendo las calles del barrio hasta llegar a la casa donde nos abrirían con cantos, tamales, galletitas y chocolate. Ese recorrido de José y María lamentablemente sigue todos los días en los pasos temerosos y cansados de tantos inmigrantes en este país. Como la Sagrada Familia, otras familias latinoamericanas continúan buscando hospedaje con la esperanza de dar a luz una nueva vida para sus hijos e hijas. --Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright (c) 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.

*Christmas
Peace,
Joy,
and Love*

At this time of year we remember those dear to us. So it is that we remember you, the beloved members of our parish family, and give thanks to God for the gift we continue to be for each other.

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.

We welcome especially those of you who come infrequently. We hope you will return often and make St. Joseph the Worker Church your home. You are always welcome here.

*May the Spirit of Christmas
bring you Peace
the warmth of Christmas
give you Joy
and the gladness of Christmas
grant you Love.*