



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.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2018

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. Beto Villalobos

Associate Pastor

Rev. Roberto Rueda

Associate Pastor

Rev. Thuan Nguyen

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Parish Secretary

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Advent

JOY

The third Sunday of Advent is a day of joy in the midst of our spiritual preparation for the coming of our Lord. It is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin word *gaudete* ("rejoice") comes from the entrance antiphon for today's Mass, heard again in the second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians: *Gaudete in Domino semper*, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4-5). The antiphon captures the mood of the entire liturgy, a sense of joyful expectation. Today is all about joy and the source of true joy. We light the pink candle of our Advent wreath in anticipation of the joy that is Christmas

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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: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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 16**
 7:30 a.m. Ghattas Awad (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Antonio and Tomasa Angus (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Salvador Quezada (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. Joseph and Maria Nguyen (RIP)
 7:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
- Monday December 17**
 6:30 a.m. Felipe Moserrat (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Enrique Pomposo (Birthday)
- Tuesday December 18**
 6:30 a.m. Maria Gallardo (Intentions)
 8:30 a.m. Lindsley Rosete (Birthday)
- Wednesday December 19**
 6:30 a.m. Martin Sosa Rios (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
- Thursday December 20**
 6:30 a.m. Maria Martha Lopez Antuna (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Franco Cometa (RIP)
- Friday December 21**
 6:30 a.m. Gisela and Roderick Ramirez (Anniversary)
 8:30 a.m. Porfirio Rivera (RIP)
- Saturday December 22**
 8:30 a.m. Matthew Mora and Family (Intentions)
 5:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
- Sunday December 23**
 7:30 a.m. George Jorgensen (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Presentacion Lontoc (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. Thomas Organo (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Raul Ferruzo Leon (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. Guise Vu Van Cu (Intentions)
 7:30 p.m. Carlos Arbito (RIP)

PARISH LIFE

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 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.

“ADVENT, WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?”

Would like to understand this beautiful season in the church a little better? Come home to learn about Advent. Vic Geronimo of the 9:30 a.m. choir and the Charismatic group will present interesting stories about Advent for us to share. Join us in the church at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, December 17**. Learn what it's all about. Look forward to spending some time sharing about Advent.

SIMBANG GABI 2018

“A Pathway to Encountering Christ in Harmony”
“Landas Tungo sa Nagkakasundong Pakikipagtagpo kay Kristo”

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

- 7:15 p.m. December 16 Our Lady of Lourdes, Northridge
- 7:00 p.m. December 17 St. John Eudes, Chatsworth
- 7:00 p.m. December 18 St. Bernardine of Siena, Woodland Hills
- 7:00 p.m. December 19 St. Joseph the Worker**
- 7:00 p.m. December 20 St. Euphrasia, Granada Hills
- 7:00 p.m. December 21 St. Mel, Woodland Hills
- 7:00 p.m. December 22 St. John Baptist de La Salle, Granada Hills
- 7:00 p.m. December 23 Our Lady of Grace, Encino

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

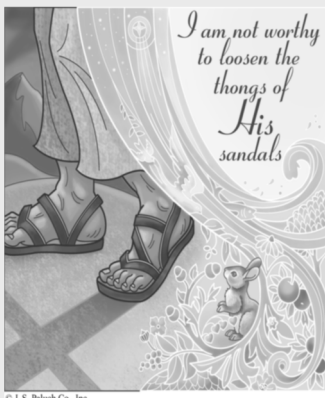
Please submit your availability for the next Ministry Schedule of January 2019 to March 2019 to Leo Nevada by December 16, 2018. His email is LeoForEwan@yahoo.com. Ministers who do not have email, please text him at (818) 633-3926.

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called “Gaudete Sunday.” The Latin tag is derived from Paul’s appeal in the second reading to “rejoice always in the Lord,” and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is “the season of joy.” Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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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

It is said, "Many hands make light work." The St. Vincent de Paul Society needs more people to fulfill our mission of seeking out and helping the poor in our parish. We provide many services, including food distribution from our pantry, visiting and providing financial assistance to the need, and helping out at the homeless lunches. If you are interested and would like to know more, please leave your name and phone number on our message line at (818) 773-1864.

Christmas Giving Tree

Bring a little Christmas cheer to needy families in our parish by taking one or more of the cards on our Christmas "Giving" tree and returning a wrapped, gender and age appropriate gift to the tree or to the parish center. All toys must be received by **Friday, December 22**. Thank you for your generosity.

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. With more cans of tuna this delicious dish could be served more than just one day a week. 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.

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.

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	12-09-18	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$16,511	\$15,887	+3.9%

2018 Env \$8,547 (51.8%) E-giving \$1,415 (8.6%)
2017 Env \$8,860 (55.8%) E-giving \$1,216 (7.7%)

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

Abbey Aquino, Albert Garcia, Jr., Lulu Mercado, Wendy and Lisa Pelamati, Lisa Grady, Thelma Foley, Eric Escobar, Irene, Ferdinand, Rolando and Vidlamor Morales, David Nisbet, Celia Garcia, Ignacio Ortiz, Freddie Manansala, Bob Zemke, Sinai Guerrero, Giordano Bruno, Samoila Yamin, Maria Romera, Angelica Markosian, Antony Jawiche, Nahle and Tony Yamin, Negme and Ilie SETHA, Salustia and Paul Maxim, Julie Nguyen, Noel Columbres, Gilbert Gonzalez, Meilani Her Sandan.

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:

Mando Bazzara, parishioner

Rosa Maria Jimenez de Quevedo, parishioner



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)

St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres Conference Rooms

Two Wednesdays a month 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Children 7-12 years (Spanish)

Parish Center Dining Room



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EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION



St. Joseph the Worker School

Creating Tomorrow's Leaders Through Faith, Academics and Service for Over 60 Years!

St. Joseph the Worker School

Proudly Presents

Our Annual

Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 18th

7:00 p.m. in our Church

SPECIAL MATINEE PERFORMANCE

Tuesday, December 18th

1:00 p.m. in our Church

ALL ARE WELCOME

May the Peace and Joy of the season

be shared with those we love.



SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

We are all God's children, and we all need protection

While a major part of preventing sexual abuse and exploitation is aimed at keeping young children safe, the focus and goal of the "Protecting God's Children" program is to keep all people safe, including adults. By knowing the warning signs of different types of abuse and taking action to shut down abuse and offer protection and support, we can help the most vulnerable among us, whoever they may be. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "Don't Forget to Protect the Vulnerable Adults in Your Community," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.



PARISH LIFE

YOUTH MINISTRY / TEEN CONFIRMATION NEWS & SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2018

Youth Mass every Sunday at 11:30am.

Confirmation Year 1

Tuesday, December 18, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Parish Hall) ONLY! - Christmas Party (Potluck), Together In Mission Challenge Due, Canned Food Drive

Confirmation Year 2

Tuesday, December 18, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Parish Hall) ONLY! - Christmas Party (Potluck), Together In Mission Challenge Due, Canned Food Drive

Friday, January 4, 2019 until Sunday, January 6 - Year 2 Mandatory Retreat at Salesian Renewal Center, Rosemead, CA

Upcoming Youth Ministry Projects (Open to ALL Youth)

December 18 - Christmas Party Pot Luck, Together in Mission Challenge and Food Drive

December 22 - Christmas Toy Drive and Gift Wrapping

December 23 - Christmas Gift Distribution

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

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

Monday, December 17 St Bernardine of Siena, Woodland Hills

Monday, December 17 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Encino

Wednesday, December 19 St Catherine of Siena, Reseda

Wednesday, December 19 St. Mel, Woodland Hills

Friday, December 21 Our Lady of Grace, Encino

Friday, December 21 St. Bridget of Sweden, Lake Balboa

Services at other neighboring parishes start at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18 Our Lady of Lourdes, Northridge

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

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IN THE COMMUNITY

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION CONFERENCE

The New Evangelization Conference at Sacred Heart Parish (Biedermann Hall) in Ventura features the same speakers at our last retreat for the sake of those who missed the excellent video presentations by Christopher West, Peter Herbeck and Sr. Miriam James Heidland. Engaging small group discussions follow each video presentation. The conference scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. begins with Praise and Worship. For more information and to register visit parishevangalizationleaders.org. For further information, email events@parishevangalizationleaders.org

RETRouvaille

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about, or to register for the next program call: (661) 257-7980 or email orneladachs@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

What am I most thankful for in my marriage this past year? Make the blessing of your spouse come alive in your life by enriching your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **February 8-10, 2019** in Lancaster and April 26-28, 2019 in Simi Valley. Early registration is highly recommended. 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

We are located in the city of San Fernando. All services are in English/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) Sliding scale fees. Call (818) 365-8588.

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Martes: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Miércoles: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
Jueves: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Lc 1:26-38
Viernes: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45
Sábado: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
Domingo: Mi 5:1-4a; Sal 80 (81):2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lc 1:39-45

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS**Todos somos hijos de Dios, y todos necesitamos protección**

Si bien una parte importante de la prevención del abuso y la explotación sexual está dirigida a mantener a los niños pequeños seguros, el foco y el objetivo del programa "Protegiendo a los niños de Dios" es mantener a todas las personas seguras, incluidos los adultos. Al conocer las señales de advertencia de los diferentes tipos de abuso y al tomar medidas para eliminar el abuso y ofrecer protección y apoyo, podemos ayudar a los más vulnerables entre nosotros, sea quien sea. Para obtener una copia del artículo completo de VIRTUS®, "Don't Forget to Protect the Vulnerable Adults in Your Community" visite <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articulos.aspx>.

SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

Comparta el espíritu de Navidad donando un juguete para un niño o niña de una familia necesitada. Por favor elija una etiqueta del Árbol de Navidad y compre un regalo de acuerdo a la edad y sexo que le indique, envuélvalo y tráigalo a la iglesia o al centro parroquial a más tardar el **22 de diciembre**.

INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE MEDIANOCHE

Los sacerdotes de la parroquia ofrecerán la misa de medianoche por sus intenciones. Si usted desea ofrecer alguna intención especial por favor traiga una plantita de nochebuena roja para decorar el templo a partir del 20 de diciembre. Asegúrese que tenga bien sujeta una tarjeta con su intención.

¿NO TE HAS CASADO POR LA IGLESIA?

¡Si tú y tu pareja no están casados por la Iglesia aquí tienen una oportunidad!

El **sábado 4 de mayo** el Padre Roberto celebrará

MATRIMONIOS EN GRUPO

para todas las parejas que deseen arreglar su situación y acercarse a los sacramentos

Requisitos:

- Boletas de Bautismo y Confirmación (copias recientes)
- Preparación matrimonial
- 2 testigos de él y 2 testigos de ella
- Boleta de matrimonio civil
- Entrevista con el Padre Roberto

Información: Angela Escobar (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003.

**VIDA PARROQUIAL****CALENDARIO DE ADVIENTO Y NAVIDAD 2018****SIMBANG GABI (Posada Navideña Filipina)**

Miércoles 19 de diciembre Iglesia 7:00 p.m.

Posada Navideña y Pastorela

Sábado 22 de diciembre Salón Parroquial 6:00 p.m.

Misa de Noche Buena

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

Misa de Navidad

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

¡REGOCÍJATE!

El día de hoy se le ha llamado tradicionalmente "Domingo *Gaudete*" o de la "Alegría". El nombre latino se deriva de la petición de Pedro en la segunda lectura de "alégrense siempre en el Señor", y del texto de la Misa en latín en el que está basada esta lectura. La ironía y paradoja de esta alegría cristiana se manifiesta en el hecho que Pablo escribió esas palabras en la prisión. Pero desde allí podía ver el progreso de la obra de Dios.

¿Nos parece obvio a nosotros? Sentimos que este no es un tiempo para la alegría cuando hay tanto sufrimiento e inmoralidad. Es interesante, entonces, que la primera lectura sea del profeta Sofonías, que está casi exclusivamente preocupado con sombrías visiones del Día del Juicio. Hoy la Iglesia selecciona la única parte optimista de Sofonías, donde el profeta es tocado por el espíritu del gozo.

Esta es, se nos asegura en todas partes, "la temporada de la alegría". Recuperemos ese espíritu de alegría en nuestra vida y que se refleje en los que no tienen ese gozo.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Los cristianos latinos tenemos unos cinco siglos en nuestra trayectoria de fe y como todo cristiano aguardamos la segunda venida del Mesías, Jesús. Nuestra espera forma parte de dos milenios de cristianos que buscan verlo llegar en las nubes.

Desde el siglo VII la oración oficial de la Iglesia clama el retorno de Cristo con las exclamaciones llamadas las "Antifonas Oh". Estas llaman a Jesús pidiéndole que venga bajo los títulos de Emmanuel, Sabiduría celestial, Señor de gran poder, Vara de Isaí, Llave de David, Alba de la luz, y Deseo y Rey de gentes, y algunos más. Estos refranes se usan aún todavía hoy durante los días 17 al 23 de diciembre, y unidas en un acróstico latino forman las palabras *ero cras* (estaré mañana), como respuesta a la petición cristiana. Eventualmente en el siglo X o XI estas antifonas fueron unidas en el canto gregoriano *Veni, veni Emmanuel* (Oh ven, oh ven Emmanuel).

Este adviento mientras cantamos las antiguas antifonas hay que preguntarnos si de veras estamos listos para el regreso del Hijo del Hombre que viene para juzgar a vivos y muertos.

—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.



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

