

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 30, 2018

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

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Rev. Beto Villalobos

Associate Pastor

Rev. Roberto Rueda

Associate Pastor

Rev. Thuan Nguyen

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Dn. Augusto "Gus" Mora

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LOST *and* FOUND

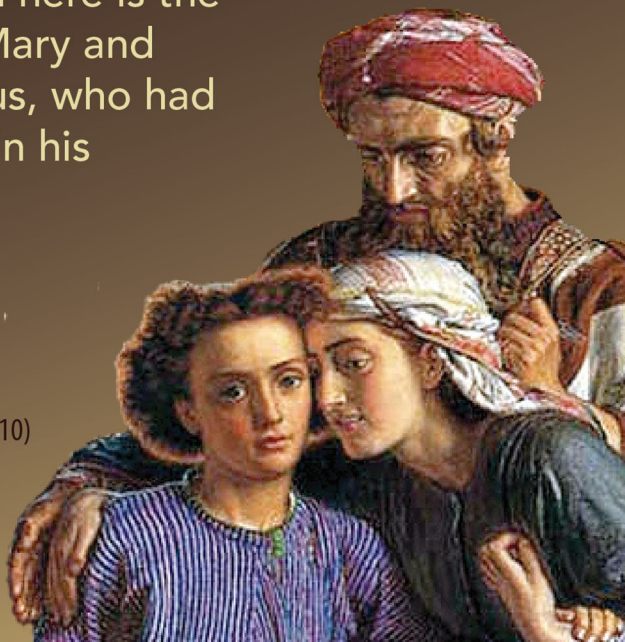
Scripture tells us of the Holy Family's journey to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. On the trip home, Mary and Joseph discover that Jesus is missing and set about looking for him. For three days they did not know where the child Jesus was. Imagine the anguish in their hearts. Depicted here is the moment when Mary and Joseph find Jesus, who had stayed behind "in his Father's house."

William Holman Hunt (1827-1910)

**The Finding of the Saviour
in the Temple**

(1854-1860)

Birmingham (England)
Museum and Art Gallery



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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 OF THE WEEK

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

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

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

To have a Mass said for a loved one or for another intention, stop by the Parish Center to make arrangements.

Sunday December 30

7:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

9:30 a.m. Juliana Bueno (RIP)

11:30 a.m. Rex Fernandez (Birthday)

1:30 p.m. Graciano Sandoval (RIP)

5:30 p.m. Catherine Nguyen Thi Ly (Intentions)

7:30 p.m. Oscar Sandoval (RIP)

Monday December 31

6:30 a.m. Pozen Family (Thanksgiving)

8:30 a.m. George Javellana Sr. (RIP)

Tuesday January 1

6:30 a.m. No Mass (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Alcantara Family (Thanksgiving)

Wednesday January 2

6:30 a.m. Peter and Theresa Dang (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Agatha Mao and Philip Thiet (RIP)

Thursday January 3

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

8:30 a.m. Jose Rafael Flores Cruz (Intentions)

Friday January 4

6:30 a.m. Peter Hanh and Maria Gia (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Mary Gonzalez (RIP)

Saturday January 5

8:30 a.m. Memorial Society

5:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

Sunday January 6

7:30 a.m. Cesar Jara (RIP)

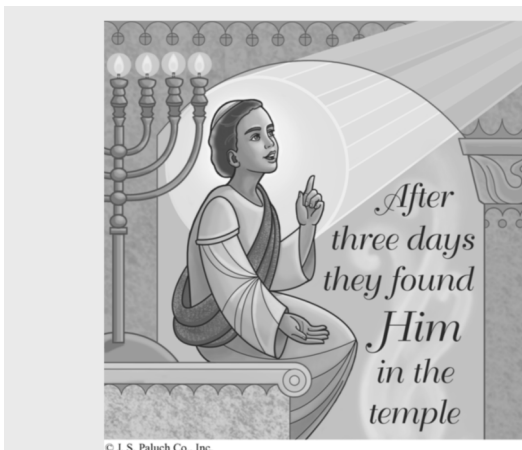
9:30 a.m. Victor Abijay (RIP)

11:30 a.m. Yvonne Wickremasinha (RIP)

1:30 p.m. Alfredo Arbito (RIP)

5:30 p.m. Phero Kiew (RIP)

7:30 p.m. Jessica Rivera (Birthday)



PARISH LIFE

HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always “get it right,” but they always tried to. These three “amateurs” were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father’s work—but he also returned home with his parents.

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Mary, Mother of God



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today’s feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life’s journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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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.

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.

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.

TAX-WISE YEAR END GIVING OPTIONS

Gifts from an IRA

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a tax-free gift directly from your IRA account to the parish. This law allows you to transfer any amount up to \$100,000 annually directly to a qualified charitable organization without paying income tax on the distribution. The transfer does not generate taxable income or a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemized your tax deductions. Your gift can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.

Gifts of Stock

Gifts of appreciated assets such as stock are an excellent way for you to make a charitable gift.

Stocks may be transferred directly to the Archdiocese for the benefit of parish, school or favorite Catholic ministry. These gifts will not affect your cash flow, and they provide the following tax benefits:

- A possible charitable deduction to help you save on taxes
- Bypass of federal and state capital gains taxes
- Avoidance of the tax on net investment income

From a tax perspective, a gift of appreciated assets makes good sense. You can make the capital gains taxes optional, achieve significant tax savings and support our programs.

Please contact Brooke Glazer at 213-637-7381 or bglazer@la-archdiocese.org.

Have you remembered your parish, school or ministry in your will or trust? Our legal title is The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole, for the Benefit of (parish, school, ministry). For more information, please call Kimberly Jetton at 213-637-7512.

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 Mansala, Bob Zemke, Sinai Guerrero, Giordano Bruno, Samoil 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

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)

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

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Always keep your blind spots in mind

Each week, more than 50 children are killed or injured when a driver backs up the car. In an overwhelming number of those cases, a parent, relative, or close friend is behind the wheel. It's devastating to think that a simple action could cause such harm to your child, but it happens far too frequently. Be aware of your 'blind spots' when you're behind the wheel — those areas you know are there, but can't see clearly from your mirrors. Check out what's happening around your vehicle before you get in. Make sure you know where your children are before you start your car. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "A Preventable Accident," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION



St. Joseph the Worker School

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

A St. Joseph the Worker Knight is...

A Conscientious Citizen (LEAD)

- By building our community through service.
- By demonstrating love and respect for our local and global communities.
- By living as stewards of God's Creation.

Faith-Filled (LOVE)

- By following Jesus as our model.
- By caring for "our dear neighbor".
- By actively participating in prayer and service.

Committed to Academics (LEARN)

- By embracing persistent curiosity.
- By attempting their best work with integrity.
- By demonstrating a strong foundation in academics.

LEAD - LOVE - LEARN

School Info At A Glance:

- Average 20/1 Student to Teacher ratio
- New Security Door and Cameras
- New WiFi for 1,000 devices
- C3 Ignite Grant for New iPads (Fall 2018)
- New Academic Lounge (Fall 2018)
- Knight Academy - After School Day Care
- EXCEL Taekwondo Classes
- STREAM Expo - Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics
- 6th grade Outdoor School - 4 Day Science Camp
- Weekly Mass attendance for ALL students
- Sacramental Preparation for 1st and 2nd grades
- Spanish classes - Grades 3-5
- Athletic Teams: Volleyball, Flag Football, Basketball, Track and Field, and Swim
- Campus Clubs: Cooking Club, Art Club, Board Game Club, Gamers Club, and Theater Club

Nondiscrimination Policy

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools. While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.



PARISH LIFE

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.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The SJWCPG invites you every Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for an evening of praise and worship, bible reflection, group sharing and healing service. All are welcome!

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center and all Parish facilities will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st. We will only have one mass at 8:30 a.m.

Happy New Year!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We invite you to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament every **Wednesday** from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center chapel. In addition to Wednesdays, there is adoration every **First Friday** of the month in the chapel at 7:00 p.m.



IN THE COMMUNITY

INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP - SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

Gathering at 8:30a.m., workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. with four presentations, two opportunities to participate in prayer, time for questions. Workshop is complete at 12:30 p.m. \$35 fee. Location is Holy Spirit Retreat Center, 4316 Lanai Road, Encino, CA 91436. Call Amanda Borg to register (818) 815-4480.

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 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

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: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Martes: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gál 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21
Miércoles: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Jueves: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Viernes: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Sábado: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Siempre tenga en cuenta sus puntos ciegos

Cada semana, más de 50 niños son asesinados o resultan heridos cuando un conductor retrocede en su automóvil. En un número abrumador de esos casos, un padre de familia, pariente o amigo cercano está detrás del volante. Es devastador pensar que una acción tan sencilla podría causar tanto daño a su hijo/a, pero sucede con demasiada frecuencia. Sea consciente de sus "puntos ciegos" cuando esté detrás del volante, esas áreas que se sabe que están ahí pero uno no puede ver claramente desde sus espejos retrovisores. Verifique lo que está sucediendo alrededor de su vehículo antes de subirse al mismo. Asegúrese de saber dónde están sus hijos antes de encender su automóvil. Para obtener una copia del artículo completo de VIRTUS®, "A Preventable Accident" (Un accidente prevenible), visite <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

GRUPO DE JOVENES ADULTOS

(Jóvenes mayores de 21 años) "Nueva Generación"

Te invitamos a venir al Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos (jóvenes mayores de 21 años) todos los viernes a las 7:00 p.m. en el cuarto de San Elizabeth del Centro de Conferencias. Para más información comuníquese con Guadalupe Martínez al (818) 855-3782.

¿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

Para mas información comuníquese con Angela Escobar (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003.

VIDA PARROQUIAL

EN EL HOGAR ESTÁ LA FAMILIA

La idea, el sueño y la realidad de lo que es familia es tan fuerte y perdurable que lo usamos para describir lo mejor de las relaciones humanas. Hablamos de una familia de naciones, de nuestra familia eclesial y parroquial. El mejor halago que podemos dar a un amigo o amable anfitrión es decirle que nos sentimos como en casa con su compañía, que nos sentimos parte de la familia.

Las familias son el primer crisol en el que se prueba y se fortalece el amor. Jesús mismo fue una de tres personas que vivía a la sombra del otro. Esta familia, como la nuestra, no siempre "lo hacía todo bien", pero siempre trataba. Estos tres amateurs celebraban un día de fiesta, y uno de ellos se perdió. Los otros dos se preocuparon bastante y se esforzaron grandemente para encontrar al tercero, un niño después de todo, que siempre buscaba el significado de su llamado. Encontró su vocación -hacer la obra del Padre- pero también volvió a casa con sus padres.

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GRUPO BÍBLICO

El grupo bíblico de la Parroquia de San José Obrero les extiende una cordial invitación a estudiar el Antiguo Testamento que dará comienzo el 10 de enero del 2019. La Palabra de Dios llena el Antiguo Testamento y sus libros son fundamentales de nuestra fe. La convicción de que Dios es el protagonista de la historia y es El quien la pone en movimiento y la dirige con su acción y más aún con su Palabra. Todo el Antiguo Testamento pone el fundamento de lo que será toda la Biblia: La revelación del amor de Dios por el ser humano. Las clases se impartirán todos los jueves de las 7:00 p.m. a las 9:00 p.m. en el Salón Santa Elizabeth. El curso es totalmente gratuito y todos son bienvenidos. Para más información Ismael Ramirez (818) 355-4476 ó Mayela Campos (818) 310-3867

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El primer domingo después de la Navidad celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. Los latinos somos un pueblo muy unido en familia. Para nosotros es más que un pequeño grupo compuesto de padre, madre, hijos e hijas. La familia para nosotros los latinos es un conjunto grande de abuelos, abuelas, tíos, tías, primos, primas, compadres, comadres, suegros, suegras y otros más además del padre, la madre y los hijos. Para los latinos una fiesta que celebra la familia de Jesús es la cosa más natural del mundo.

Extrañamente esta fiesta no es muy antigua. En realidad es una celebración que data de comienzos de la época moderna en el siglo XVII. Antes de estas fechas la familia de Jesús casi siempre era entendida como compuesta por Jesús, María y Ana (la madre de María). Se daba por hecho que José estaba por allí. Pero en el siglo XVII muchos perdieron sus padres pues tenían que ir a las fábricas a trabajar. Por eso el magisterio instituyó la conmemoración de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José para recordar a los padres cristianos su deber ante sus hijos y su esposa.

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

OFICINA CERRADA

La oficina parroquial y todos los cuartos del Centro de Conferencias estarán cerrados el martes 1ero de enero. Sólo habra una misa en inglés a las 8:30 a.m. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!



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.

Holy Mary, Mother of God

On Tuesday of this week, January 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The oldest of all Marian feasts, it can be traced to the Council of Ephesus in 431. The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, "God-bearer." On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's words, "May it be done to me according to your word." Calling Mary "Mother of

God" is the highest honor

we can give to her.

Just as Christmas

honors Jesus as the

"Prince of Peace,"

the Solemnity of

Mary, Mother of God

honors Mary as the

"Queen of Peace."

