

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

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

7:00 p.m. (Vigil) Spanish

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Vietnamese

9:00, 10:30 a.m. English

12:00 p.m. Spanish

Monday - Friday

6:30, 8:30 a.m.

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. Thuan Nguyen

Associate Pastor

Rev. R. Carlos Nava

Deacon

Dn. Augusto "Gus" Mora

School Principal

CJ Kruska

Faith Formation Director

Bill Sparks

Youth Ministry and Confirmation

J. P. Fernandez

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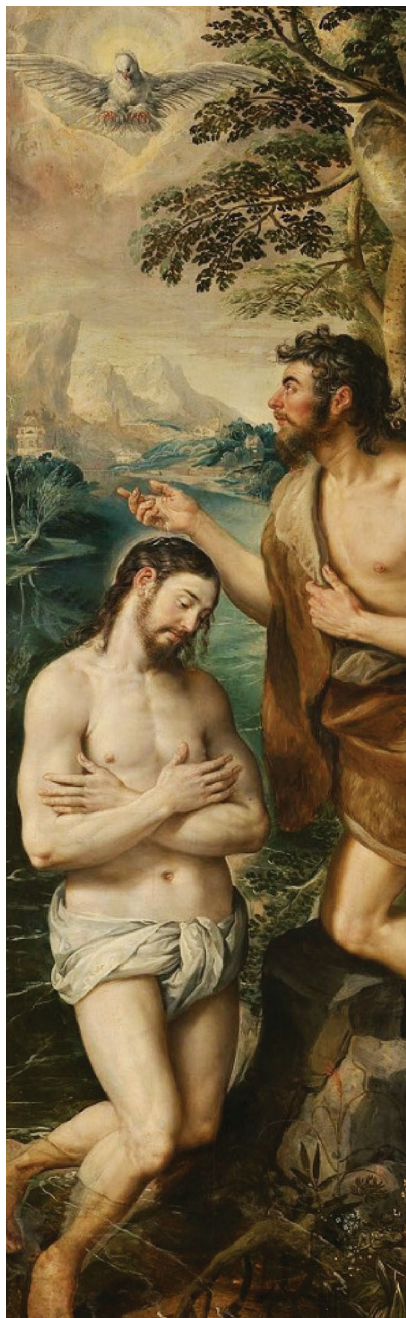
Karina Villanueva

Business Manager

Mike Stafford

Parish Secretary

Angela Escobar



BELOVED AND CALLED

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS is the beginning of his public ministry. The fact that Matthew, Luke, Mark, and Acts attest to the baptism indicates that this is a historical event in the life of Jesus. At his baptism, Jesus hears the voice of God: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." He comes to understand his own mission and vocation. In a similar way, we too must listen for the voice of God in our lives, and know that we are loved by God and called to fulfill our own unique vocations.

Maerten de Vos

The Baptism of Jesus (1574)

Royal Museum of Fine Arts

Antwerp, Belgium

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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 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Sunday January 9

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

9:00 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

10:30 a.m. Leonor De Pinto (RIP)

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

Monday January 10

6:30 a.m. Sion Haroonian (RIP)

6:30 a.m. Mahin Haroonian (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Lourdes C. Montoya (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Meladio S. Singian (Birthday)

Tuesday January 11

6:30 a.m. Steven Pham (RIP)

6:30 a.m. Mary Luom Pham (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Michael Joseph Pozen (Birthday)

8:30 a.m. Joseph Hoa Tran (RIP)

Wednesday January 12

6:30 a.m. Stephen Ta (RIP)

6:30 a.m. Lorenzo Pham (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Emilia Siojo

8:30 a.m. Amber Khuu (Birthday)

Thursday January 13

6:30 a.m. Salvador Bautista (RIP)

6:30 a.m. Can Van Nguyen (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Ed Buena Fe (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Vianey Cruz (RIP)

Friday January 14

6:30 a.m. Riley Do (Birthday)

6:30 a.m. Vy Huyen Do (Birthday)

8:30 a.m. Jovita Averion (Birthday)

Saturday January 15

8:30 a.m. Ted Deanon (RIP)

8:30 a.m. Dindo Canteras (RIP)

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

7:00 p.m. Eduardo Luis Gonzales (RIP)

7:00 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

Sunday January 16

7:30 a.m. Bernardo Tran Quang Tinh (RIP)

9:00 a.m. Mauro Marcelino (RIP)

10:30 a.m. Alfredo Pinto (RIP)

12:00 p.m. Francisca Lopez (Get Well)

12:00 p.m. Martha Almashaqbeh (Intentions)

PARISH LIFE**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

The Advent/Christmas cycle that began on November 28 ends with the Baptism of the Lord. We likely have an image in our minds (based on details from the Gospels and works of art) of what that scene looked like. We might wonder, "Who else was there and who wasn't?" No disciples were present because Jesus had not yet begun his ministry. They would have to wait until the Transfiguration to hear a similar message. However, the three persons of the Blessed Trinity are accounted for: the Father (the voice from heaven), the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Interestingly, Luke alone notes that it was after Jesus had been baptized and while he was praying that the voice was heard. All of the Gospels show Jesus praying at turning points in his ministry; this is but the first example of Jesus' need to root himself in prayer throughout his life—a model for us to follow.

ON THE CUSP OF A NEW CREATION

It was on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this past December that we first heard of the two cousins, John and Jesus, meeting. Then it was in the womb of their mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. Now the cousins meet again on the shore of the Jordan River. John is already well known—so much so that people had begun to wonder if he was the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus, on the other hand, is about to begin his ministry. One could say that Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan as a private person and came out of them as a public one. The voice from heaven left no doubt about that. As we come to the end of the Christmas season our readings echo Isaiah and Titus (see Advent and Christmas Day readings) and together with today's Psalm 104 they point us to Pentecost. We are on the cusp of a new creation.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: PATRON SAINT OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS?

John the Baptist was what we might call today a "social influencer." People paid attention to what he had to say. And what he said affected the choices people made. Yet today's Gospel reminds us of John the Baptist's ultimate goal: "One mightier than I is coming." The Baptizer walks the fine line between drawing attention to himself with his fiery preaching and then re-directing that attention to Jesus, the "beloved Son." John the Baptist could be considered the "patron saint" of those who minister as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, cantors, greeters, acolytes, and musicians. Isn't John's teaching a good goal for a liturgical (or any!) minister? Rooted in the graces of their own baptism, ministers must be skilled and confident enough to draw people's attention (or, at least, not turn them off) and then gradually re-focus that attention on Jesus. It is a dynamic and awesome responsibility.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Valentine's cards have appeared at the shopping mall, but in the Church it is still Christmas. Today's feast spun off from Epiphany. Originally, a blessing of holy water was an important feature of the Epiphany feast, and in the Greek Church, this was a day for leaping into the sea in grateful recollection of baptism. The gratitude may not be quite as profound among the Orthodox Christians who have to chop holes in the ice to plunge into the waters!

Still, there are few better days to celebrate a baptism, and to plunge our hands into the waters of the font. Jesus found the waters of the Jordan irresistible because of what had been done in those waters: people had confessed their sins, and had acknowledged their need to be forgiven and healed. Today, we are the people in the water, and Christ comes to be with us. You won't have to chop a hole in the ice to celebrate your baptism. A beautiful bowl of water on the table tonight, a toast with sparkling water at dinner, or even a leap into the shower with a sign of the cross and a prayer of thanksgiving will suffice!

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PARISH LIFE

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We invite you to be in the presence of the
Blessed Sacrament
every Friday during the Jubilee Year
from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
in the church



DEVOTIONS/PRAYER GROUPS

Rosary

Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. (Church)
Friday 7:00 p.m. (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Church)

Grupo de Oración

Miércoles 7:00 p.m. (Salón Parroquial)

Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (Church)

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.

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

Gilbert Gonzalez, Wendy and Lisa Pelamati, Serina Carlin, Eulogio Herrera

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.

GIVING RESOLUTIONS

As you make your special Christmas donation to St. Joseph the Worker, please think about your commitment to supporting your parish in 2022.

Already an e-giving subscriber?

- Review your giving history and consider increasing your regular donation
- Schedule special donations
- To update your donation details, go to www.sjwchurch.com, click on e-giving

Not yet an e-giver?

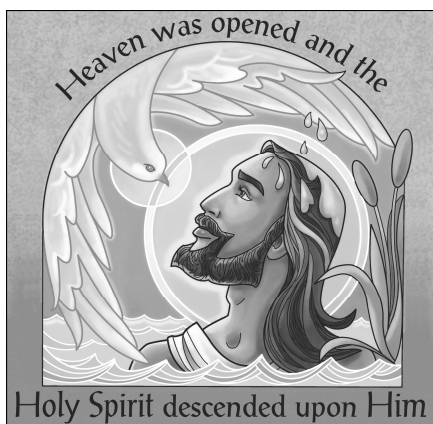
- E-giving is easy and offers many benefits
- To learn more and enroll, go to the parish website - www.sjwchurch.com - click on e-giving

Envelope user?

- Use your weekly offering and special envelopes regularly
- Assess your financial commitment and consider an increase in your donation

Need an envelope packet?

- Using the weekly envelope is a way to plan your giving and develop the habit of making a weekly offering
- To request an envelope packet, contact Mike Stafford, Parish Business Manager, 818.341.6634, ext.1015.



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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	01-02-22	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$13,195	\$8,824	+49.5%

2021 Env \$6,872 (52.1%) E-giving \$2,413 (18.3%)

2020 Env \$4,990 (56.6%) E-giving \$2,080 (23.6%)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 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, 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Elementary (Vietnamese)

Sunday, 10:00 a.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 11:30 a.m.

Adults and Youth or Teens (Spanish)

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Conference Room

Friday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Adults (Vietnamese)

St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres

Conference Rooms

Youth or Teen 12–18 years (English)

Youth Ministry Room (School Building)

Two Wednesdays a month 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Children 7–12 years (English)

St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres

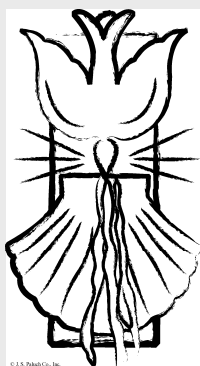
Conference Rooms

Two Wednesdays a month 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Children 7–12 years (Spanish)

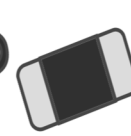
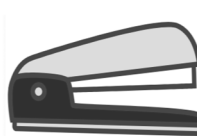
Youth Ministry Room (School Building)

Friday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.



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EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION



HAVE YOU HEARD ?

New Tuition Assistance Initiative

The Catholic Education Foundation of Los Angeles has received a \$50 million gift from the Shea Foundation to provide financial support to new elementary and high school students enrolling in an Archdiocesan school in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

This donation is for NEW families to our Catholic school system and can be up to 50% OFF TUITION! So, if you know of a family who you think would be a wonderful addition to our #SJWFamily, but the only reason they are hesitating to apply is to cost of tuition, please pass this information along.



Applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Student must have a registration date after 7/1/21.
- Student can be in grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade.
- Student cannot have been enrolled in an LA Archdiocese Catholic School during the Spring Semester of the 20-21 School Year.
- If students were previously enrolled in a Catholic School they should be at least 1 semester removed from the LA Catholic School system.
- Exceptions can be made if student was previously at another Catholic school that is not within a 20-mile radius of your school or if their previous catholic school has been closed.
- Student's family income must not exceed the New Enrollment Initiative: Shea Tuition Award (STA) Income Guidelines. (See below)

For more information, please
contact the School Office
at (818) 341-6616 or
mr.kruska@sjwschool.net



2021-2022 School Year - New Enrollment Initiative: Shea Tuition Award (STA)
INCOME/FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

A student from a household with a total income at or below the following levels is eligible to apply for a Shea Tuition Award (STA) from the Catholic Education Foundation (CEFLA).

Household Size	Annual Gross Income (Mission 1)	Annual Gross Income (Mission 2)	Annual Gross Income (Mission 3)	Annual Gross Income (Mission 4)	Annual Gross Income (Mission 5)
1	\$19,076	\$23,606	\$26,363	\$30,200	\$33,497
2	\$25,774	\$31,894	\$35,970	\$40,046	\$43,652
3	\$32,471	\$40,182	\$45,258	\$50,334	\$54,040
4	\$39,169	\$48,470	\$54,546	\$62,622	\$66,228
5	\$45,864	\$56,758	\$63,834	\$74,910	\$78,516
6	\$52,564	\$65,046	\$72,122	\$84,398	\$88,004
7	\$59,262	\$73,334	\$80,410	\$93,886	\$97,492
8	\$65,959	\$81,622	\$88,698	\$103,376	\$106,982

Note: For each additional individual after 8 persons, add:

Mission 1: \$6,698 to \$16,959

Mission 2: \$12,200 to \$16,959

Mission 3: \$16,959 to \$20,046

Mission 4: \$20,046 to \$26,363

Mission 5: \$26,363 to \$33,497

CEFLA defines a household as all individuals living together in the same dwelling who share expenses for rent, utilities, food, clothing, and other necessities. A one-member household is a student who is his/her sole support, such as an institutionalized minor or adult. A foster child is only considered a one-member household if the welfare/placement agency maintains legal responsibility for the child.



JOIN OUR SCHOOL FAMILY!

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Check your child's backpack

As you and your children prepare for their return to school after Christmas break, make sure they are not carrying too much around in their backpacks. Backpacks that are too heavy can cause problems like neck or back pain, or poor posture. The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) recommends that a child's backpack weigh no more than 10% of the child's body weight. Help your children by ensuring that they wear their backpacks correctly, with both straps over the shoulders, and that they are only carrying what they need. If you have concerns about the load your child is carrying, reach out to a teacher or school staff to discuss what should and should not be coming home every day. For more information, visit nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/backpack-safety-for-kids.



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.



SINH HOẠT GIÁO XỨ

LỜI CHÚA TRONG TUẦN 10-01-2022 ĐẾN 16-01-2022

Thứ hai 10-01:

Trang: 621-622; 623-624

Thứ ba 11-01:

Trang: 624-625; 627-628

Thứ tư 12-01

Trang: 628-629; 631

Thứ năm 13-01:

Trang: 632-633; 635

Thứ sáu 14-01:

Trang: 635-636; 638-639

Thứ bảy 15-01:

Trang: 639-640; 642

Chúa nhật 16-01: Chúa Nhật II mùa Thường Niên

Trang: 648-650

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

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 visit www.CEEofLA.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 (English); ornelas-dachs@sbcglobal.net; or L.A. Spanish (818)996-0821 HelpOurMarriage.com

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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Retreat weekend for Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard retreat is for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat is designed to help participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential.

January 28-30, 2022

Poverello of Assisi Retreat Center, San Fernando, CA

Cost: \$250.00 per person

For confidential registration or more information please call or email: Roseanne Becker 661-510-8258
rachelsvineyardscv@gmail.com
www.rachelsvineyard.org



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Sal 116 (115):12-19; Mc 1:14-20
Martes: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mc 1:21-28
Miércoles: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Sal 40 (39):2, 5, 7-10; Mc 1:29-39
Jueves: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Sal 44 (43):10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Sal 89 (88):16-19; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Sal 21 (20):2-7; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo: Is 62:1-5; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Revise la mochila de su hijo/hija

Mientras usted y sus hijos se preparan para regresar a la escuela después de las vacaciones de Navidad, asegúrese de que no carguen demasiado en sus mochilas. Las mochilas demasiado pesadas pueden causar problemas como dolor de cuello o espalda, o mala postura. La Asociación Americana de Quiropráctica (ACA) recomienda que la mochila de un niño no pese más del 5-10 por ciento del peso corporal del niño. Ayude a sus hijos asegurándose de que usen correctamente sus mochilas, con ambas correas sobre los hombros, y de que solo carguen lo que necesitan. Si tiene inquietudes sobre la carga que lleva su hijo, comuníquese con un maestro o personal de la escuela para hablar sobre lo que debe y no debe llevar a casa todos los días. Para obtener más información, visite nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/backpack-safety-for-kids.

INDULGENCIA JUBILAR

Durante este año de gracia en que estaremos celebrando los 250 años de la Misión San Gabriel Arcángel y la fe católica en nuestra tierra, el Arzobispo Gómez ha designado a esta iglesia como una de los 22 lugares de peregrinación en la Arquidiócesis de los Ángeles.

Durante todo el Año Jubilar, se otorgará una indulgencia plenaria, según las condiciones acostumbradas de la Iglesia, a todos los que hayan confesado sus pecados, hayan recibido la Sagrada Comunión y vengán aquí a rezar por lo menos un Padre Nuestro, un Ave María y el Gloria con la intención de unirse al espíritu misionero de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Estrella de la Nueva Evangelización, y San Junípero Serra, fundador de la Misión San Gabriel.

Nuestra misión de proclamar el Evangelio comienza en el momento en que salimos de la iglesia, y por eso, al salir, puede detenerse para rezar una "Oración de Compromiso Misionero" que se encuentra cerca de las puertas. Oramos para que este jubilar de "Adelante en Misión" reviva la vida de fe en nuestra parroquia y en toda la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles a través de la proclamación del Evangelio y la formación de una nueva generación de discípulos misioneros.

VIDA PARROQUIAL

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Te invitamos a estar en presencia del
Santísimo Sacramento
 todos los viernes de
 2:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia,
 seguido del **Santo Rosario** a las 7:00 p.m. y la misa en
 español los Primeros Viernes a las 7:30 p.m.



ESTUDIO BIBLICO

El Grupo de Estudio Bíblico le hace una cordial invitación al Curso de Biblia donde aprenderemos sobre Las Cartas y el Apocalipsis. Empezamos el jueves 20 de enero de 7:00 pm a 9:00 pm. Será impartido vía zoom.

Para más información comuníquese con Ismael Ramírez (818) 355-4476, Ninfa (818) 429-8924 ó a la oficina parroquial (818) 341-6634.

EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

El ciclo de Adviento/Navidad que comenzó el 28 de noviembre termina con el Bautismo del Señor. Es probable que tengamos una imagen de nuestra mente (basada en los detalles de los Evangelios y las obras de arte) de cómo era esa escena. Podríamos preguntarnos: "¿Quién más estaba allí y quién no?" Ningún discípulo estaba presente porque Jesús aún no había comenzado su ministerio. Tendrían que esperar hasta la Transfiguración para escuchar un mensaje similar. Sin embargo, se da cuenta de las tres personas de la Santísima Trinidad: el Padre (la voz del cielo), el Hijo Jesús y el Espíritu Santo. Curiosamente, sólo Lucas señala que fue después de que Jesús fuera bautizado y mientras oraba cuando se oyó la voz. Todos los evangelios muestran a Jesús orando en momentos cruciales de su ministerio; este no es más que el primer ejemplo de la necesidad de Jesús de arraigar en la oración a lo largo de su vida, un modelo que debemos seguir.

EN LA CÚSPIDE DE UNA NUEVA CREACIÓN

Fue en el cuarto domingo de Adviento del pasado mes de diciembre cuando oímos hablar por primera vez del encuentro de los dos primos, Juan y Jesús. Entonces fue en el vientre de sus madres, Isabel y María. Ahora los primos se encuentran de nuevo en la orilla del río Jordán. Juan es ya muy conocido, tanto que la gente había empezado a preguntarse si era el Mesías tan esperado. Jesús, en cambio, está a punto de comenzar su ministerio. Se podría decir que Jesús entró en las aguas del Jordán como persona privada y salió de ellas como persona pública. La voz del cielo no dejó ninguna duda al respecto. Al llegar al final del tiempo de Navidad, nuestras lecturas hacen eco de Isaías y Tito (véanse las lecturas de Adviento y del día de Navidad) y, junto con el Salmo 104 de hoy, nos señalan a Pentecostés. Estamos en la cúspide de una nueva creación.

JUAN EL BAUTISTA: ¿PATRÓN DE LOS MINISTERIOS DE LA LITURGIA?

Juan el Bautista era lo que hoy podríamos llamar un "influenciador social". La gente prestaba atención a lo que decía. Y lo que decía afectaba a las decisiones de la gente. Sin embargo, el Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda el objetivo último de Juan el Bautista: "Viene uno más poderoso que yo". El Bautista camina por la fina línea que separa el llamar la atención sobre sí mismo con su ardiente predicación y luego redirigir esa atención hacia Jesús, el "Hijo amado". Juan el Bautista podría ser considerado el "santo patrón" de quienes tienen el ministerio de lectores, ministros extraordinarios de la Eucaristía, cantores, ujieres, acólitos y músicos. ¿No es la enseñanza de Juan una buena meta para un ministro litúrgico (¡o cualquier otro!)? Arraigados en la gracia de su propio bautismo, los ministros deben ser lo suficientemente hábiles y confiados como para atraer la atención de la gente (¡o, al menos, no desviarla!) y luego volver a centrar gradualmente esa atención en Jesús. Es una responsabilidad dinámica e impresionante.



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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.

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