

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 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

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J. P. Fernandez

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Angela Escobar

ADVENT



Love

The flame of the last candle of Advent is the light of love. Love is like light shining in a dark place. In this last week before the birth of Jesus, we celebrate our love for Christ and the love of God for all of us.

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Parish Center Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 -7:00 p.m. • Sat.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • Sun.: Closed



READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: 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] 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]

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 18

7:30 a.m. Maria Madelena Dinh Thi Than (RIP)
7:30 a.m. Giuse Do Trang Thuong (RIP)
9:00 a.m. Delano S. Catap (RIP)
9:00 a.m. Joseph Thua Dinh (RIP)
10:30 a.m. Rolando Morales (RIP)
10:30 a.m. Anna Tu Thi Roan and Peter Uong Dinh Hoat (RIP)

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

12:00 p.m. Alejandra Gutierrez (RIP)

Monday December 19

6:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
8:30 a.m. Rene Iskander (RIP)

Tuesday December 20

6:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
8:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

Wednesday December 21

6:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
8:30 a.m. Arturo Fernandez (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Kevin Yosimar Garcia (RIP)

Thursday December 22

6:30 a.m. Guise Long Ngo (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Alejandra Ballesteros (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Rodolfo Vazquez Ballesteros (RIP)

Friday December 23

6:30 a.m. No Mass
8:30 a.m. Raul Ferruzo Leon (RIP)
8:30 a.m. Dia Family (Thanksgiving)

Saturday December 24

8:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
4:00 p.m. Candelaria Gonzales (RIP)
4:00 p.m. Cynthia Sales (Birthday)
6:30 p.m. Vanesa De Leon Del Rosario (RIP)
6:30 p.m. Jose Francisco Santizo Muñoz (RIP)
8:30 p.m. Khai Phan (RIP)

Sunday December 25

12:00 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
7:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
9:00 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
10:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
12:00 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)

PARISH LIFE

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2022

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24

4:00 p.m. Mass in English
6:30 p.m. Misa en Español
8:30 p.m. Mass in Vietnamese
12:00 Midnight Multi-lingual Mass
(Festival of Carols at 11:30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25

7:30 a.m. Mass in Vietnamese
9:00 a.m. Mass in English
10:30 a.m. Mass in English
12:00 p.m. Misa en Español



2022 SIMBANG GABI

December 17 - St. Catherine of Siena, Reseda	7:00 p.m.
December 18 - Our Lady of Grace, Encino	7:00 p.m.
December 19 - St. Euphrasia, Granada Hills	7:00 p.m.
December 20 - St. John Eudes, Chatsworth	7:00 p.m.
December 21 - St. Bernardine of Siena, Woodland Hills	7:00 p.m.
December 22 - St. Joseph the Worker, Winnetka	7:00 p.m.
December 23 - St. John Baptist de la Salle, Granada Hills	6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

As usual, the traditional poinsettia offering is needed to make our church festive for the birthday of Our Lord. Please bring these to the church at anytime. Don't forget to include your intentions with your plant.



Thank you for your generosity and helping to make our church beautiful for the Christmas season.



PARISH LIFE

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We invite you to be in the presence
of the **Blessed Sacrament** every Friday
from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
in the church



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Get Involved By Serving the Poor

Have you ever wondered how you can help those in our community who are struggling? Perhaps God is calling on you to help people in need? Consider volunteering for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Our St. Joseph the Worker Conference has several opportunities for you to lend your time and talents to serve poor families or homeless persons. Whether it's helping with the weekly food pantry or preparing a hot lunch, volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul demonstrates our love for our neighbor and deepens our faith through service. And we also have a good time doing it!



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GIVING RESOLUTIONS

As you make your special Christmas donation to St. Joseph the Worker, please think about your commitment to supporting your parish in 2023.

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.

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.

ANOIDING 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, Hazel Villanueva, Sofia McKee, Raul Andia, Juana Ibañez, Joseph Alvarez, Adorable Manabat, Kurt Backe, Sisters Erlinda and Angelina Pocasangre Escobar, John Rath

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. – 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Call Karina at (818) 341-6634, ext. 1016 for information.



CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation Year 1:

Tuesday, January 10, 7:00pm to 8:15pm (Hall) OR **Sunday, January 15**, 9:00am to 10:15am (YM Room): "The Resurrection of Jesus"

Tuesday, January 24, 7:00pm to 8:15pm (Hall) OR **Sunday, January 29**, 9:00am to 10:15am (YM Room): "Christ's Promise: The Gift of the Holy Spirit"

Confirmation Year 2:

Sunday, December 18, 9:00am to 10:15am (YM Room): "Reconciliation"

Tuesday, January 17, 7:00pm to 8:15pm (Hall) OR **Sunday, January 22**, 9:00am to 10:15am (YM Room): "The Anointing of the Sick"

Tuesday, January 31, 7:00pm to 8:15pm (Hall) OR **Sunday, February 5**, 9:00am to 10:15am (YM Room): "Holy Orders"

Service Projects & Youth Nights:

Tuesday, December 20, 7:00pm to 8:15pm (Hall): Christmas Party & Canned Food Drive

For information contact JP Fernandez (818) 341-6634, ext. 1018



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shall
conceive,
and bear
a
Son

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SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

The ChildHelp Abuse Hotline is a valuable resource

The ChildHelp Abuse Hotline is a valuable resource available nationwide for reporting child abuse. If you have witnessed abuse, or if a child has confided that he or she has been abused, you can reach out to the ChildHelp Abuse Hotline for information on what to do next and where to report what you know. Counselors are available to talk through situations, answer questions, and research additional resources in your area. You can call or text the hotline at 1-800-422-4453, or start a live chat at childhelpline.org/.



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.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center and all Parish facilities will be closed from Friday, December 23 to Monday, December 26. We will open again on Tuesday, December 27 at 8:00 a.m.

A Blessed Christmas to all of you!

MASS INTENTIONS

We are accepting Mass Intention Requests for the period **January through March 2023**. You may download and print the Mass Intention Request form from our website or get one at the Parish Center. Complete the form and deliver or mail it to the Parish Center with your \$10 per Mass donation. A check payable to St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church is preferred; cash is accepted (exact amount, please). There is a limit of four requests per family. We do not accept phone requests.

SINH HOẠT GIÁO XỨ

LỜI CHÚA TRONG TUẦN 19-12-2022 ĐẾN 25-12-2022

Thứ hai 19-12:
Trang: 87-89

Thứ ba 20-12:
Trang: 90-92

Thứ tư 21-12:
Trang: 92-94

Thứ năm 22-12:
Trang: 94-96

Thứ sáu 23-12:
Trang: 97-98

Thứ bảy 24-12:
Lễ ban sáng: Trang: 99-101
Lễ Vọng: Trang: 105-109
Lễ Đêm: Trang: 109-112
Chúa nhật 25-12: Lễ Chúa Giáng Sinh
Thánh Lễ rạng đông: Trang: 112-114
Thánh Lễ Ban Ngày: Trang: 114-119

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

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.

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

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

EMAIL SCAMS

Don't be a victim!

If you receive suspicious emails, do the following:

- Take time to consider your actions before responding to suspicious email messages.
- If in doubt, call the published main number of the parish, school or administrative office from whom the email claims to have been sent to authenticate the email message.
- Do not respond to the email if you doubt its origin.
- Please know that your priests at St. Joseph the Worker would never email you asking for money.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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

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

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

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

Viernes: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66

Sábado: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79

Domingo: 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]

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

La línea telefónica de ayuda a niños abusados "ChildHelp Abuse" es un recurso valioso

La línea telefónica de ayuda directa para niños abusados, ChildHelp Abuse, es un recurso valioso disponible en todo el país para denunciar el abuso infantil. Si usted ha sido testigo de abuso, o si un niño le ha confiado que ha sido abusado, puede comunicarse con la línea telefónica ChildHelp Abuse para obtener información gratuita sobre qué hacer y dónde informar lo que usted sabe. Los consejeros están disponibles en esta línea para hablar sobre su situación, responder preguntas e investigar sobre recursos adicionales en su área. Para comunicarse con ChildHelp Abuse, puede llamar o enviar un mensaje de texto al 1-800-422-4453 o iniciar un chat en vivo en childhelp hotline.org/.

REQUISITOS PARA LA CELEBRACION DE QUINCE AÑOS

1. Reunirse con la secretaria parroquial o llamarla al (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003 para hacer arreglos no antes de 5 meses de la fecha deseada.
2. Presentar una copia u original de los certificados de Bautismo y Primera Comunión.
3. Deben estar ya confirmadas, en el programa de confirmación o mostrar prueba de que están registradas, ANTES DE QUE UNA FECHA PUEDA SER RESERVADA.
4. Asistir a misa regularmente.
5. La familia debe ser feligrés de la iglesia San José Obrero, ya sea porque vive dentro de los límites de nuestra parroquia, o es miembro registrado.
6. Bajo circunstancias especiales, podemos considerar familias de otras parroquias, si la fecha deseada está disponible. La cuota para los que no son feligreses es lo que su propia parroquia cobre por una misa de 15 años.
7. Requerimos un depósito no reembolsable de \$200 para reservar la fecha.

VIDA PARROQUIAL



ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Los invitamos a estar en la presencia del **Santísimo Sacramento** todos los viernes de 5:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia. Los Primeros Viernes tendremos el **Santo Rosario** a las 7:00 p.m. seguido de la misa en español a las 7:30 p.m.

HORARIO DE NAVIDAD 2022

NOCHE BUENA

SABADO 24 DE DICIEMBRE

4:00 p.m. Misa en inglés
6:30 p.m. Misa en español
8:30 p.m. Misa en vietnamita
Misa de Medianoche Multilingüe
(Los villancicos empiezan a las 11:30 p.m.)

NAVIDAD

DOMINGO 25 DE DICIEMBRE

7:30 a.m. Misa en vietnamita
9:00 a.m. Misa en inglés
10:30 a.m. Misa en inglés
12:00 p.m. Misa en español



INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE MEDIANOCHE

Los sacerdotes de la parroquia ofrecerán la misa de Navidad de medianoche por sus intenciones. Si usted desea ofrecer alguna intención especial por favor traiga una plantita de nochebuena roja o blanca para decorar el templo. Asegúrese que tenga bien sujeta la tarjetita con su intención. Por favor tráiganlas después del **19 de diciembre**.

OFICINA CERRADA

La oficina parroquial y todos los cuartos del Centro de Conferencias estarán cerrados del viernes 23 al lunes 26 de diciembre. Volveremos a abrir el martes 27 de diciembre a las 8:00 a.m. ¡Muy Feliz Navidad!



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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.

St. Joseph the Worker Welcomes You!

During the Christmas season we celebrate the wonder of the Incarnation, the Word made flesh. Two thousand years ago the promise of hope was fulfilled, when Christ was born and God became one of us. May the gift of hope abide with each of you this Christmas.

We extend a warm greeting to family members and out-of-town guests who are visiting this Christmas. 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 and hope you will return often.

And to visitors, we invite you to make this community your spiritual home. You are always welcome here. We would like to get to know you.

And to all . . .

*May the blessings of peace,
the beauty of hope,
and the spirit of love that is Christmas
be with each of you.*

