



# Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

*Jesus: Encountered, Loved, Served.*

## First Sunday

### OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2015

*There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.  
When these signs begin to happen,  
stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand.*

Luke 21:25, 28



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**Deacon Joseph Manion**  
**Deacon Bill Smith**

#### Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil 5 pm**

**Sunday Masses**  
8 am, 10 am, Noon, 5 pm

**Weekday Masses**  
Monday - Friday 12:05 pm

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:30 pm

**Dec 8th Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8am (School), 12pm & 7pm

**Dec 24th Christmas Eve**  
4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 11:30pm Vigil & 12am

**Dec 25th Christmas Day**  
8am, 10am & 12pm

#### Hours

**Pastoral Office & Gift Shop**  
Monday-Thursday 9 - 5 pm  
Friday 9 - 4 pm  
Sunday 7:30 - Noon

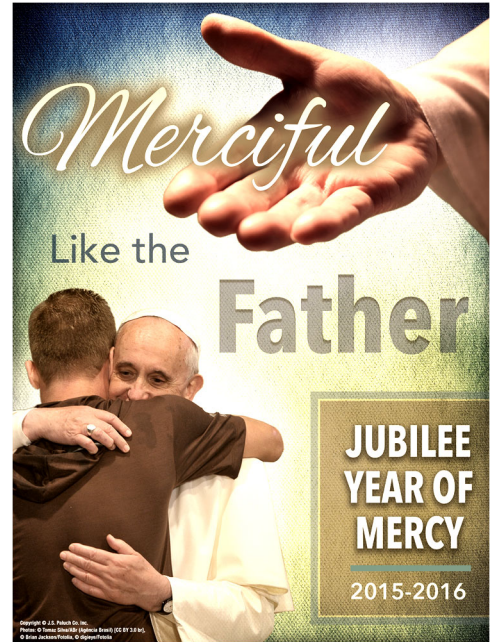
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**MASS INTENTIONS, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>November 29 First Sunday of Advent</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Margherita Pino	RIP
10:00 a.m.	Ernest Augustine	RIP
12:00 p.m.	Krystyna Milobedzka	RIP
5:00 p.m.	Roy Romero & Manuel Breton	RIP
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>November 30 St. Andrew</b>	
	Mass of Thanksgiving	
12:05 p.m.	Drew Ansbro	SI
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>December 1 World AIDS Day</b>	
12:05 p.m.	George Rupert	RIP
	Hector Guevara	RIP
	Holy Souls	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>December 2</b>	
12:05 p.m.	Paula Kantor	RIP
	Brian Stanley	RIP
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 3 St. Francis Xavier</b>	
12:05 p.m.	Henry Gunaseker	RIP
	Mary Elaine Iverson	RIP
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>December 4 St. John of Damascus; First Friday</b>	
12:05 p.m.	Paula Kantor	RIP
	Leo & Mary Samson	RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 5 First Saturday</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Betty Broschious	RIP
	Mary Anderson	RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 6 Second Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Samuel & Sonny LaRocca	RIP
10:00 a.m.	Irene Nardone	RIP
12:00 p.m.	John O'Shea	RIP
5:00 p.m.	Charles L. Madigan	RIP

Christmas Pastoral Office Hours  
 Dec 24th - Open till Noon  
 Dec 25th to Jan 3rd - Closed

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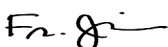
<b>Arts &amp; Environment Ministry:</b> Terry Groel	tagroel@verizon.net
<b>Bereavement Ministry:</b> Pastoral Ctr (818)889-1279 Jean Marie Cull, Margaret Harder and Grace Johnson	
<b>Boy Scouts:</b> Lloyd Brenner	(818) 991-0682
<b>Breakfast for Homeless:</b> Marilou O'Halloran	(805)551-9727
<b>Christian Service:</b> Pastoral Office	(818)889-1279
<b>Cub Scouts:</b> James Campanile	(818) 889-6957
<b>Detention Ministry:</b> Nancy Fox	(818)889-6265
<b>Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick:</b> Fr. Jim Stehly	(818)889-1279
<b>Eucharistic Ministry:</b> Ty Hutchison	(818)402-8402
<b>Faith Firsthand Ministry:</b> Gary Romanowski	(818)991-4357
<b>Filipino Ministry:</b> Teresita Zaratan	(805)807-0771
<b>Girl Scouts:</b> Jilla Rodarte	(818) 707-6323
<b>Homefront Ministry:</b> Claire & Patrick Young	(805)532-9201
<b>Knights of Columbus:</b> Grand Knight-Ron Bodigheimer	(805)379-0903
<b>Lector Ministry:</b> Jerry Weisbecker	(818)991-8409
<b>Marriage Encounter:</b> Tim & Pat Crosby	(818)889-5928
<b>Ministry to Women in Prison:</b> Nancy Fox	(818)889-6265
<b>Our Lady's Rosary Makers:</b> Fatima Espirito-Santo	(818)597-4840
<b>Prayer Ministries Coordinator:</b> Ben Levine	(818)437-0560 ben@saintjudetheapostle.org
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<b>Social Justice &amp; Peace:</b> Tom Cull	(805)497-6473 Just Education and Just Action
<b>Stephen Ministry:</b> Mariann Harmon	(805)495-1732
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Sarah Boughton	(310)422-3462
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<b><u>BIBLE STUDIES</u></b>	
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Wednesday PM: Sunday to Sunday: Trish Dabrowski	
Thursday AM: Judy Sullivan	(805)495-1623
Thursday PM: Tim & Mariann Harmon	(805)495-1732
<b><u>LOAVES &amp; FISHES OUTREACH MINISTRIES</u></b>	
John & Jackie Treuting	(805)495-4630
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<b>Adopt-A-Family Christmas:</b> John & Jackie Treuting	
<b>Adopt-A-Family Easter:</b> Jane & Pat McDade	
<b>Back-to-School Project:</b> Nellie & Mark Paris	(818)991-3846
<b>Baby Day:</b> Kevin Kozal	(818)889-1279
<b>Bikes 4 Kids:</b> Art Estrada	(818)571-7079
<b>Clothes Closet:</b> Patti McLain	(818)706-8658
<b>Coats for the Cause:</b> Rosemarie & Carl Lindner	(818)889-3242
<b>Eye-to-Eye:</b> Megan Weddle	
<b>First Communion Clothes:</b> Madeline Giberson	(805)495-4067
<b>Frank's Homeless Project:</b> Lee & Rob Martz	(818)889-1279
<b>Holidays for Homeless:</b> Steve & Pam Yantzer	(818)706-0691
<b>Kids Helping Kids:</b> Rose Faucher	(818)889-1909
<b>Recycling for Homeless:</b> Art Estrada	(818)571-7079
Julie Feely	(818)889-2449
<b>Sandwich Ministry:</b> Courtney Scott-Miller	(818)390-0429
<b>Service Day:</b> Irma Haldane	(818)889-7563

My dear parish family,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We don't have to wait for January first to greet one another in this way. This First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of a whole new liturgical year. During this special season of preparation, we get ready to welcome the Lord...when He comes at the end of time or at the end of our respective lives, and as He comes to us once again this Christmas. We're also getting ready to step into what Pope Francis has declared to be a Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning December 8th, the feast of the immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In our parish here at St. Jude's we'll start off this Year of Mercy by celebrating and experiencing the mercy of the Lord through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our parish's communal Reconciliation Service will be on Wednesday, December 9th, at 7:00 p.m. Please note this even now on your family and individual calendars, and plan on joining us for this most graced moment in this extraordinarily graced time! You might find the examination of conscience below to be helpful in preparing yourself to go to Confession. It uses the Prayer of St. Francis to structure a reflection on our need for God's mercy and love in our lives right now. And we have a special need for God's mercy if we aren't even aware of our great need for it right now. Check it out.

Mercy and peace in this New Year!

Fr. Jim



**LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE.**

**WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME SOW LOVE:**

Have I been unjust or prejudiced toward any one?

Have I failed to love someone who needs my love?

**WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON:**

Have I hurt someone through unkind actions?

Have I failed to forgive or ask forgiveness of someone?

**WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH:**

Have I failed to trust in God, and put my trust in other things instead?

Have I taken my gift of faith for granted, and not put it into practice with my family, my friends, my parish?

Have I been embarrassed to give evidence with my life or my words that I am a Christian?

**WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE:**

Have I ever given up on God, my family, my friends, and cared only about myself?

Have I failed to hope in God, and instead decided to remain depressed or angry?

**WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT:**

Have I just gone along with the crowd and, so, failed to let the love of Jesus shine in my life?

Have I failed to aid someone who was in need of a helping hand or a kind word?

By not praying and receiving the sacraments regularly, have I failed to keep the light of Jesus shining brightly in my life?

**WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY:**

Have I chosen to remain upset or depressed in order to feel sorry for myself?

Have I failed to share a positive or encouraging word with someone who seemed depressed or upset?

**DIVINE MASTER, GRANT THAT I MIGHT NOT SO MUCH SEEK TO BE CONSOLED AS TO CONSOLE:**

Do I take the risk of aiding those who are in need of help?

Do I expect others to serve my needs, and neglect to be the servant I am called to be?

**TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND:**

Do I fail to listen to others, but expect everyone to hear me?

Do I fail to understand family members, friends, co-workers, but expect them to understand me?

**TO BE LOVED AS TO LOVE:**

Do I take God's gift of love for granted?

Do I love those who are difficult to love?

**FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE:**

Do I expect family and friends to give to me always?

Do I forget to be grateful for everyone and everything in my life?

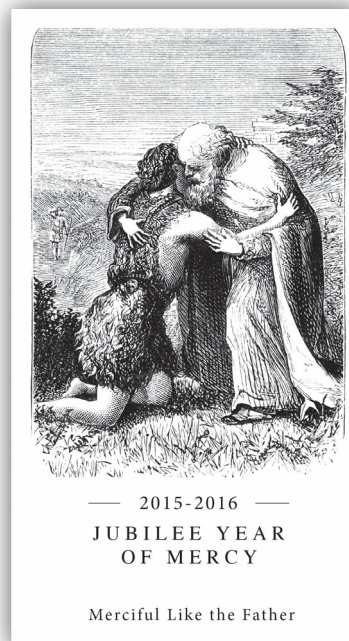
**IT IS IN PARDONING THAT WE ARE PARDONED:**

Do I hold grudges against others and refuse to forgive?

Do I have the strength to say, "I'm sorry", and the generosity to say, "I forgive you"?

**AND IT IS IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:**

Do I take the time at the end of my day to think back over what I have done and what I have failed to do in the course of that day, and ask the Lord to help me do better?







## ST. JUDE'S GIFT SHOP

*NEW religious jewelry,  
Christmas gifts, ornaments,  
rosaries, and more!*



*Monastery Icons  
Collection  
in store now!*



Monday - Thursday 9-5 pm  
Friday 9-4 pm  
Sunday 7:30-Noon  
(818)889-1279

Shop our **Online Store** and 12% of your purchase supports our parish.  
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## ST. JUDE'S LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

The St. Jude Book Group will hold its annual Christmas Tea on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 pm. We will discuss the book "The Gift of the Magi", by O'Henry, a story about the sacrificial giving of an impoverished couple at Christmas.

All are welcome to join us to share some Christmas spirit- and bring a friend. Please contact A.J. Johnson for more information  
[alice.johnson2@anthem.com](mailto:alice.johnson2@anthem.com)



## COUNTRY TIME FAIRE 2015

### Income

Ride Tickets	7,525.00
Raffle Tickets	14,871.00
Books	3,306.72
Casino	451.00
Food	21,243.24
Games	3,659.95
Sweet Shop	2,391.70
Market Place	25,473.80
Sponsor	19,340.00
Vendor	2,387.50
Prize Room	<u>1,979.25</u>
<b>Total Income Fall Festival 2015</b>	<b><u>102,629.16</u></b>
Total Income Fall Festival 2014	<u>96,928.69</u>

### Expense

Permits	3,036.00
Food	7,195.66
Games	2,984.20
Rides	3,929.60
Entertainment	4,664.18
Advertising	2,687.40
Equipment Rental	15,213.90
Supplies	841.28
Raffle	4,236.07
Street Sweeping	100.00
Miscellaneous	4,109.87
Decorations	400.00
Marketplace	845.17
Fall Festival - Other	<u>2,517.25</u>
<b>Total Expense Fall Festival 2015</b>	<b><u>52,760.58</u></b>
Total Expense Fall Festival 2014	<u>43,735.88</u>

**Net** **49,868.58**

Schools Share of Profit 20,000.00

A THANK you to all the volunteers and especially all the School family volunteers that made this Faire such a success.

Barbara Farmer  
Parish Business Manager



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scott@saintjudetheapostle.org

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Adult Confirmation Preparation classes are for parishioners who are out of high school and who have been baptized and received First Communion, but who have yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation strengthens the graces we receive in Baptism and fills us with an even greater share of the Holy Spirit. This Sacrament completes our initiation into the Catholic Church.

We partner with St. Julie's parish in Newbury Park. This year, the classes will be held at St. Julie's beginning January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. If you are interested, please contact [cindy@saintjudetheapostle.org](mailto:cindy@saintjudetheapostle.org)

## BIBLE STUDY

### SUNDAY TO SUNDAY GROUP—PARISH LIBRARY

Preparing for Mass by reading the upcoming Scriptures will help you understand and participate more fully in the Mass. No Homework. Take a break mid-week and join us as we look ahead to the upcoming Sunday Scriptures:

- Tuesday Morning 9:15am Contact Julie Feely  
jkfeely@gmail.com
- Wednesday Evening 6:30 – 7:30 pm Contact Trish Dabrowski  
trish.dabrowski@gmail.com

### THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The study of the Book of Jeremiah is underway Thursday mornings at 9:30. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Sullivan (805) 495-1623

### THURSDAY EVENING SCRIPTURE STUDY

The Gospel of Luke study has started on Thursday evenings 7:00 – 8:30. For more information contact Tim Harmon (805)495-1732

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

There is little that is more satisfying than the joy which comes from sharing one's faith with a child...you can experience this joy by volunteering to be part of the Children's Liturgy at the 10 a.m. mass.

For more information, contact Amy Simons at [dsimons@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dsimons@sbcglobal.net), or contact Cindy Kozal, Formation Director at 818-889-0612 or [cindy@saintjudetheapostle.org](mailto:cindy@saintjudetheapostle.org)



## PRIEST, PROPHET, KING

A DEEP, BIBLICAL LOOK AT  
JESUS CHRIST

### Video series

The better we understand Jesus, the better we understand ourselves. But who was Jesus, this itinerant preacher whom many called the Messiah? In *Priest, Prophet, King*, you'll discover Jesus as the Anointed One—the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Bishop Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament.

Through this deeply biblical program, you will better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture, and realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission, received when you are baptized “into Christ.”

We will meet in the library at 11 a.m. on 12/1 and 12/8  
For more information email [cindy@saintjudetheapostle.org](mailto:cindy@saintjudetheapostle.org)



## Saint Jude the Apostle

### YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

Bringing our teens closer to God and each other.

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>: NO CONFIRMATION**

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>: YEAR 1, “The Bible and the Power of Habit” Church Hall 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

It takes 21 days to make or break a habit. We all have quirky habits that we do every day, for some of us it might be watching a favorite TV show before we go to bed, or a nervous habit like biting our nails. Our habits say a lot about us.... Such as how we spend our time. What does the Bible say about our Habits? What faith habits do you have you made a part of your daily routine? What will your 21-day challenge be?

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> YEAR 2, “The Prayer Process, Why Bother?” Church Hall 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

Relationships are work. They take time, energy and commitment. How can prayer change how WE think about our faith? How can prayer change how WE see ourselves? Prayer isn't about changing God's mind... it is about changing our hearts. What do you want to change?

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>: \*OPTIONAL\* YOUTH NIGHT “Christmas Movie” Church Hall 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

.... “It's the most wonderful time of the year...” This is an “optional” youth night for all of our teens. We invite you to come to the hall tonight for a Christmas movie with your confirmation family. Snacks and hot chocolate will be provided.

**Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>: NO CONFIRMATION**



LITURGICAL LIFE—PRAYER LIFE

LITURGICAL LIFE

**Reconciliation**

Saturday Evening 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

**St. Jude Novena**

Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m.

**Baptism:** Infant Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 1:30 p.m. following catechesis for the parents and arrangements with the Parish Center. Contact: Mary and Joe Schohl: baptism@saintjudetheapostle.org or (818)874-3537.

**Christian Initiation of Children, Youth & Adults:**

For those inquiring about Initiation and Communion with the Catholic Christian Church, please contact the Parish Center.

**Celebration of Christian Marriage:**

Please contact the Parish Center for an appointment with a priest at least six (6) months prior to any wedding.

**Holy Communion to the Sick:** Please call the Parish Center to request a visit from a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick.

**Anointing of the Sick:** In the event of serious illness or a medical emergency, please contact the Parish Center immediately for a priest so that the Sacraments may be celebrated.

**Funerals:** At the death of a loved one, kindly notify the Parish Center at your earliest convenience to schedule the funeral rites.

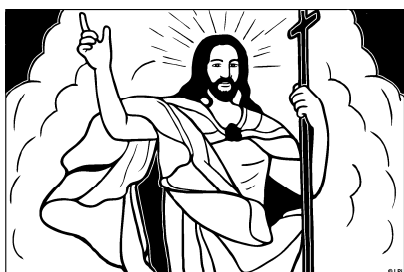
TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** -The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalms** - To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** - May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 -- 4:2).

**Gospel** - There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).



PRAYER LIFE

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in Our Lady's Chapel, the first Wednesday of the month, we pray for Vocations. 12:30 -7:30 pm. *Please sign up for an hour with the Lord by calling* Beatrice Restifo (805)230-2919

**Circulo de Oracion** Carmen Koros (805) 494-9008, Mirtha Vespe (818)706-8248

**Daily Rosary Prayer Group** before 12:05 pm Noon Mass, at 11:15 am. Call Vinda (818)991-8683

**Family Rosary in the Park** First Sunday of the month at 3pm at North Ranch Playfield in Thousand Oaks. Contact Franca Dornan 805-601-5350.

**Fatima Rosary Group:** Leaders are Wayne and Shu-Hwei Zimmerman 805-373-1099. Meets every Tuesday at 7:30 pm November host is Marc and Beth Magno Call 818-889-6038 for directions. Dec Host Benny & Zennie Yuzon 818-337-8055

**Liturgy of Hours** 11:50 am-prior to the 12:05 pm Mass

**Meditation Prayer Group** meets every Tuesday night from 7:30-8:30 pm in the church. Contact Ben Levine at (818)437-0560 or email ben@saintjudetheapostle.org

**Our Lady of Guadalupe "Healing Love" Rosary Group** 7:00 pm Thursday in the Chapel. Janelle Beck (805)497-1877

**First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:** 10 am Contact Vinda at (818)991-8683

**Tuesday Prayer Group** 7:50-9 am, in the parish library. Lisa Maxey at (818)706-1954 or email Maxey7@sbcglobal.net.

**Rosary Cenacle** Wednesdays at 10 am Vinda (818)991-8683

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



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|-------------------|----------------|
| Karl Avery        | Kathy Pilloni  |
| Edythe Chiaro     | Robin Scrima   |
| John Dube         | Fred Vanier    |
| Brooke Foxworthy  | Lane Weitzman  |
| Donna Green       | Sean Whitesell |
| Justin Jankel     | Ann Zaremba    |
| Benedetta Tootsie |                |
| LaRocco           |                |
| Mario Lorenzetti  |                |
| Marty Pastula     |                |

*Names will be deleted after a period of one month. Call the parish office (818) 889-1279 to add a name of a family member who is in need of prayer.*

PRAY FOR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

- Private Louie Alfaro, US Army
- Major Nicholas Amenta, USAF
- LCpl Andrew Brown, USMC-MARSOC
- LCpl Kenneth A. Cloutier, USMC
- Major John F. D'Astoli, USMC
- 2nd Lt. Brendan Djernes, USAF
- Major Scott DiGioia, USAF
- A1C Kiani Ebuon, USAF
- Seaman Shane Esseff, US Navy
- Christian Garibay, USAF
- Captain Paul G. Giberson, US Navy
- PFC Kevin Hansen, US Army
- Andrew Hengger, USAF
- Private Justin Huser, US Army
- Lt. John R. Kimmel, US Navy
- Lt. Colonel Brian McAvoy, USMC
- Major Patrick McBride, USAF
- Sergeant Graham Mullins, US Army
- Captain Justin Nikodem, USAF
- Senior Airman Ryan Paris, USAF
- Spc. Simon Pompa, US Army
- Private Christopher Withlow, US Army



**ADOPT -A- FAMILY COLLECTION DAY**  
**Saturday, December 5th**  
**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**St. Jude Parking Lot**

There is still time to sign up to adopt a family, please contact Jackie Treuting (805)495-4630. For more information and guidelines visit <http://www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Adopt--A-Family-Christmas>

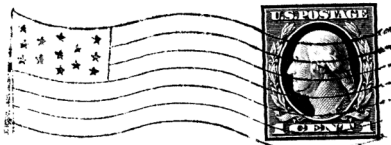
**Collection Day Sign Ups**

Please join the Adopt-a-Family Team on Collection Day Saturday, December 5th from 9 am – 3 pm.

As parishioners deliver their Adopt-a-Family boxes to the church parking lot, we will need help with all sorts of jobs: set-up, traffic control, labeling boxes, assembling, loading trucks, the unforeseen, and clean-up. To sign up, contact Cindy Kozal (818) 889-0612 or [cindy@saintjudetheapostle.org](mailto:cindy@saintjudetheapostle.org)

Adopt-a-Family donations will bring the spirit of Christmas to families assisted by Ventura Catholic Charities, Oxnard Catholic Charities, St. Malachy's Catholic Church in Los Angeles, Lutheran Services in Thousand Oaks and Many Mansions in Thousand Oaks.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."  
Matthew 25:35*



**USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR A CAUSE**

The Sisters of Notre Dame process canceled postage stamps and sell them to stamp dealers to earn money for their ministries. As the Christmas mail comes in save your used stamps and put them in the basket at the front of church.

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The Orphanage Guild Juniors is collecting \$10 Target Gift Cards for their annual Christmas Party honoring the teenage girls of Maryvale.

In 1856, as a result of the large number of pioneer children left without parents, the Daughters of Charity started an orphanage in Los Angeles. The "Orphanage" is now called a Residential Care Facility as it provides nurturing for teen girls on physical, psychological and educational levels. Maryvale, which is located on a beautiful campus in Rosemead, CA, helps these young women attain dignity, productivity and self esteem in an environment of stability and love.

The Orphanage Guild Juniors assists Maryvale by providing a variety of monthly activities designed to support, enhance and strengthen the quality of the lives of these fragile, abused and vulnerable teenage girls.

Our final activity of the year is a spectacular Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 5th with a DJ, Santa, lunch, celebrities and gifts for the girls donated by wonderful Angels. If you would like to be one of our Angels by donating a \$10 Target Gift Card, please contact Carol Livingston by Dec. 3rd. (818) 879-8776



**SERVICE DAY MINISTRY**

Our Service Day Teams want to help St. Jude parishioners who are homebound and disabled. Parishioners who have become so physically and financially strapped that they, alone, can no longer handle small projects around the house and yard are encouraged to contact Cynthia 805-493-5056 or Irma 805-657-6278.



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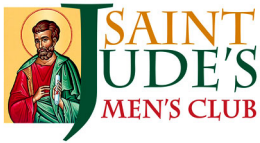
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To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Mariann (805) 495-1732 or Jean-Marie (805) 497-6473.

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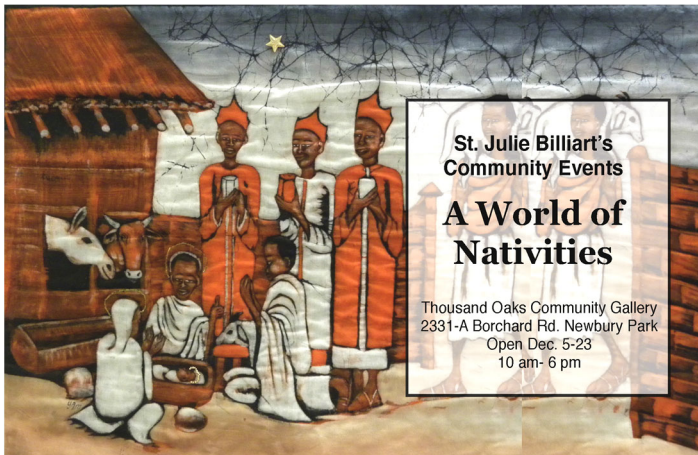


**MEN'S CLUB UPDATE**

The next meeting of the St. Jude Men's Club will be on **Monday, December 14** and will include guest speaker John

Phillips. John is the author of the book **"Sign of the Cross: The Prosecutor's True Story of a Landmark Trial Against the Klan"**. An attorney formerly with the LA District Attorney's Organized Crime and Anti-Terrorism Division and now in private practice (and a Catholic), John led the prosecution of members of the Ku Klux Klan that were involved in acts of terror in Southern California in the 1980s. The meeting will also include a discussion of upcoming club events and opportunities to get involved. In addition, the meeting will include "Five Minutes of Basic Training for Catholic Men" to help us better understand the foundations of our faith.

St. Jude Men's Club is the central gathering point for the men of our parish in order to provide opportunities for fellowship, faith building, and for being of service to our church, our school, and the local community. Aside from the parish-wide events that we sponsor, the club meets on the **second Monday of the month from 7-9 PM** in the parish hall (rooms 5 & 6). It's time you came by and checked out what Men's Club is all about.



**The Annual Women's Silent Retreat** will be held at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. The Retreat begins Friday, January 29, 2016 at 5:00 PM and lasts until 12:30 PM, Sunday, January 31, 2016. Rev. Msgr. Eugene Morris, STL, will be our Retreat Master. The theme will be "I have loved you with an everlasting love." For reservations, please call Shu-Hwei Zimmerman at (805) 373-1099. Car pools are available from St. Jude's Church.

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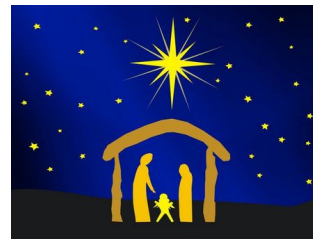
**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process by which people can question, search, and inquire into the Catholic faith. At St. Jude's, members of our parish join with those who are journeying to becoming fully initiated Catholics (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). We recognize that people are in all different places in their journey and we are here to help you in any way we can.

You may be baptized in another faith or you may just be beginning to ask questions. Wherever you are in your faith journey, we are here to pray with you, answer questions, share with you and be a part of your walk of faith.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or just want to find out more, please contact Fr. Jim Stehly [frjim@saintjudetheapostle.org](mailto:frjim@saintjudetheapostle.org) ... He will answer any questions you may have and get you started on the way!

*"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."* — Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude*

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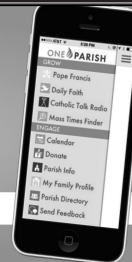
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- Dec 2 Wed Evening Bible Study 6:30pm the library
- Dec 3 Thursday Bible Study 9:30 am Church Hall
- Dec 3 Thursday Evening Bible Study 7pm, pg 5
- Dec 5 Adopt-a-Family Collection Day 9am-3pm, pg 4
- Dec 6 Breakfast with Santa - Knights of Columbus pg 9
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- Dec 6 Confirmation Year 1 Church Hall 6:30pm
- Dec 7 Sandwich Ministry, Parish Hall 10am
- Dec 8 Tues Morning Bible Study 9:15am in library
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- Dec 13 Confirmation Year 2 Church Hall 6:30pm
- Dec 13 Retirement Fund Collection-LA Archdiocese
- Dec 14 Men's Club Meeting Parish Hall, 7pm, pg 8
- Dec 15 Tues Morning Bible Study 9:15am in library
- Dec 16 Wed Evening Bible Study 6:30pm the library
- Dec 17 Thursday Bible Study 9:30 am Church Hall
- Dec 20 Youth Night, Church Hall 6:30pm pg 5
- Dec 24 Pastoral Office open till noon
- Dec 24 Mass: 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 11:30 vigil, and Midnight
- Dec 25 Christmas-Mass: 8am, 10am, and 12pm
- Dec 25 Pastoral Office Closed through Jan 3, 2016

## EVENTS AROUND THE CHURCH

**Sisters of Notre Dame Advent Reflection Retreat** on Tuesday, December 1, from 10:00 AM to noon or 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Notre Dame Center (1776 Hendrix Avenue, Thousand Oaks). Join us at either time as we pray and reflect on three uncommon images of Advent: waiting, emptiness and nesting. For more information and to RSVP, contact Sister Marie Paul Grech at [mgrech@sndca.org](mailto:mgrech@sndca.org).

**St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Apologetics Conference**, Dec 4 from 6pm to 9pm and Dec 5 from 9 am to 4:30 pm. St. Rose of Lima 1305 Royal Ave, Simi Valley, CA 93065 For more information contact Adam Cross, Youth Minister (805) 526-8181 or [ym@strosesv.com](mailto:ym@strosesv.com). See page 9

**No Room at the Inn**-Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas while helping the homeless. View hundreds of Nativity sets from private collections. The Friday night gala is Dec 4 from 6-9 pm and includes appetizers and beverages. Donation for the Gala is \$40 in advance, \$45 after December 1. Weekend exhibit hours are Sat, Dec 5th, 10am -7pm, and Sun, Dec 6th, 10 am-5:30 pm. A donation of \$5 adult, \$1 child is requested to see the Nativities. Do your Christmas shopping at the Silent Auction. Proceeds benefit homeless programs in Ventura County. Hosted by Padre Serra Catholic Church 5205 Upland Ave, Camarillo. For more info, contact Kris at 805-497-6207 ext 205, or [www.noroom.org](http://www.noroom.org)

**St. Julie Billiart - A World of Nativities** open Dec. 5-23 from 10am-6pm. Thousand Oaks Community Gallery, 2331-A Borchard Rd. Newbury Park

**Louisville High School's Open House** on Sunday, Dec 6th. Families and friends of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend. Come tour the campus, meet the faculty and enjoy performances by our student singers and dancers. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. Please visit [louisvillehs.org](http://louisvillehs.org) for more information or contact us with questions at (818) 346-8812. Reservations requested but not required. R.S.V.P. at: [louisvillehs.org](http://louisvillehs.org) on the Admissions Page/Visit Louisville

**Advent Evening with Bishop Robert Barron** - Monday, Dec 7 at 7 pm. San Roque Parish 325 Argonne Cr., Santa Barbara 93105. RSVP to [lisa@sbpr.org](mailto:lisa@sbpr.org) or 805-569-1135. Suggested donation \$10 per person.

**Kindred Hearts Ministries** is a collection of spiritual experiences, faith sharing opportunities and pastoral services offered by the Sisters of Notre Dame, and usually held at Notre Dame Center in Thousand Oaks. We have recently updated the list of events scheduled for the 2015-2016 year. Please take a moment to look over our calendar at [www.sndca.org/khm](http://www.sndca.org/khm). We are especially excited to offer an Advent Reflection Retreat in December, hosted by our Provincial Superior Sister Mary Ann Carla Costello. Please call Sister Marie Paul Grech at 805-496-3243 x760 with questions, or to request a printed version of the calendar.