



Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

Jesus: Encountered, Loved, Served.

THIRD SUNDAY

OF Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord God make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11



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OFFICE & GIFT SHOP

Monday-Thursday 9-5pm
Friday 9-4pm
(Lunch from 12:30-1:30pm)
Sunday 7:30am-noon

OFFICE CLOSED

December 25-30, 2017
January 1, 2018

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday Masses
8am, 10am, Noon, 5pm
Weekday Masses
Monday-Friday 12:05pm
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RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:45pm-4:30pm

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. (Is 61:10)

Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God. (Lk 1)

Second Reading: Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thes 5:16-18)

Gospel: John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (Jn 1:26-27)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

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

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

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

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

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

MASS INTENTIONS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday	December 17 Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m.	Betty Broscius RIP
10:00 a.m.	Nemesio & Purita Dagang SI
12:00 p.m.	Rudolph Biberachet RIP
5:00 p.m.	Rose & Hubert Bryant RIP
Monday	December 18
12:05 p.m.	Mary Kate Markham SI
	William Boral RIP
Tuesday	December 19
12:05 p.m.	Sally Cocjin SI
	Betty Broscius RIP
Wednesday	December 20
12:05 p.m.	Phyllis AiVessa RIP
	Betty Broscius RIP
Thursday	December 21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church
12:05 p.m.	Betty Broscius RIP
	Brice Cocjin SI
Friday	December 22
12:05 p.m.	Betty Broscius RIP
	Billy Beck SI
Saturday	December 23 St. John of Kanty, Priest
5:00 p.m.	Ted Klein RIP
	Rose Flynn RIP
	Michael Flynn RIP
	Edith Hickey RIP

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve



In Loving Memory

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PRAY FOR HEALING

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| Remedios Agrawal | Caridad Mangubat |
| Eugene Bascou | Sid Mongey |
| Janice Bascou | John Petti |
| Melisa Berrafato | Paul Pohlman |
| Diana Beygijanian | Sr. Monica Quigley, SSL |
| Edythe Chiaro | Rick Ricketts |
| Nestor Cocjin | Sue Ricketts |
| Bill Corrigan | Mitizi Robinson |
| Esther Covarubias | Jill Roper |
| Kathy Dunn | Mark Sinotte |
| Erdie S. Garcia | Diane Stevens |
| Alid Gomez | Sandra Svodada |
| Jessica Grant | Judy Tetzlaff |
| Federico "Ed" Guba | Ron Wayman |
| Philip Herkaata | Pam Yantzer |
| Ines Kaplan | Bob Yeck |
| Matthew Machuca | Esther Zack |
| Ed Malouf | |

PRAY FOR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

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| Private Louie Alfaro, US Army | PFC Kevin Hansen, US Army |
| Major Nicholas Amenta, USAF | Andrew Henggler, USAF |
| SSGT Anthony Amersfoort US Army | Erynn Hernandez, USMC |
| Private Christian Basto US Army | Private Justin Huser, US Army |
| LCpl Andrew Brown | Lt. John R. Kimmel, US Navy |
| USMC-MARSOC | PFC Kevin Malouf USMC |
| LCpl Michael Carroll Jr., USMC | Lt. Colonel Brian McAvoy, USMC |
| LCpl Kenneth A. Cloutier, USMC | Major Patrick McBride, USAF |
| Major John F. D'Astoli, USMC | Sgt. Graham Mullins, US Army |
| SGT Alexander Duke Daley, USMC | Captain Justin Nikodem, USAF |
| Captain Brendan Djernes, USAF | LCpl Bryce Pattillo USMC |
| Major Scott DiGioia, USAF | Sergeant Ryan Paris, USAF |
| A1C Kiani Ebuén, USAF | Spc. Simon Pompa, US Army |
| Spc. Aaron Espinoza, US Army | Sean Sweeney, Navy |
| Christian Garibay, USAF | Private Christopher Withlow, US Army |

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Last week our readings urged us to cast off sin and to pursue holiness eagerly. God's grace helps us do this and prepares us for limitless, everlasting glory. Today's readings confirm the great joy of this endeavor and provide specific advice on how to proceed: by becoming poor. The prophet Isaiah describes the savior who comes "to bring glad tidings to the poor." We are the poor people in need of glad tidings. Following the example of John the Baptist, we acknowledge that we are poor; we are "not worthy" of the Lord's attention. Even so, Jesus delights in caring for us. Recognizing how poor we are, and yet how great is God's love for us, we can only "rejoice always," as Saint Paul advises. We continue our Advent journey, becoming poor by emptying our hearts of sin and giving thanks to God for helping us grow in holiness.

THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

Children who are poor make toys out of the unlikeliest things: milk cartons, nails, bottle caps, sticks, plastic bags, corn cobs, clothespins. Folks who have plenty consider these things trash--in fact, some poor children literally make their toys out of trash. Their abject need gives them a different perspective, seeing blessing where the rich see only waste.

Material poverty is a scourge on our planet, and we must never make excuses for it. We must work tirelessly for decent conditions for every human person. As we work, we can learn from the special perspective of our brothers and sisters who do not have enough to live. We can see how depending on others for resources can transform a rich person's trash into a poor child's treasure.

SPIRITUAL POVERTY

On this "Rejoice!" Sunday in Advent, we can pray in a particular way for an end to material poverty. Today's readings assure us that the kind of poverty God desires for us is spiritual poverty, a radical knowledge that all things come from God. Where material poverty can wound the human spirit, spiritual poverty cultivates boundless joy. John the Baptist provides a startling model for us. In all sincerity, he admits that he is not worthy to touch Jesus' sandals. John says this not to charm the crowds by being coy and self-deprecating. No, John embraces the truth that God is the source of all goodness. We are utterly dependent on God for all good things. We cannot do anything to earn God's favor; God simply provides for us because we need God. This is massively good news! No one could possibly care for us like God does. At our very best, we merely reflect God's brightness into the world. God's brilliant joy is exactly what we are called to. As Saint Paul says, "The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it."

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

A generous parishioner has purchased Matthew Kelley's "Perfectly Yourself: Discovering God's Dream for You." While they last, copies will be available at the doors of the Church. Please, just one per family.



Dynamic Catholic has an online "Best Advent Ever" reflection with reflections and video which will be sent to your email when you sign up: www.BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope

Loyola Press has online reflections called Arts and Faith: Advent <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent> Loyola Press also provides links to other Advent resources, retreats and reflections within the Jesuit community.

The **U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB)** has an interactive Advent calendar. Click on the calendar and you will be taken to reflections and video. <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/>

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Schedule: Group A Jan 7th and Group B Jan 14th
 January Sessions: Unit 3

BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY MORNINGS Weekly discussion on upcoming Sunday readings. Tuesday 9:15am-10:30am in the parish library. Video and discussion led by Julie Feely jkeely@gmail.com.

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY EVENINGS Wednesday 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Faith Formation Office. Weekly discussion on upcoming Sunday Readings. Charlie and Kay North, along with Deacon Jerome, lead the discussion.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday mornings at 9:30am in the hall
 Questions please contact Judy Sullivan 805-495-1623

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Evening Bible Study 7pm in room 5 in the hall.
 For information contact Tim or Mariann 805-495-1732.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS



RISE UP! Los Angeles Religious Education Congress
 March 16 -18 | March 15 (Youth Day)
 The largest event in faith formation is coming soon! Fr. Christopher Bazyouros, Director from the Office of Religious Education, invites you to "Come and hear the voice of Jesus calling you to a more abundant life through the many conferences, liturgies, entertainment and resources that are offered throughout the weekend..." Registration booklets are available in the Faith Formation office, the main office or online www.recongress.org St. Jude has a block of rooms at the Marriott which you can reserve for yourself. Contact cindy@saintjudetheapostle.org for more information.

CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

During the 10AM Mass: Dec 17. An age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered for ages 5 through 5th graders. No pre-registration is necessary. Just before the Liturgy of the Word begins for the assembly, the children are invited to go with the weekly leaders from the church to the Parish Hall and learn about the same Scripture readings as the rest of the assembly.



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

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The Special Needs Faith Formation Program offers children the ability to learn about the love and care of Jesus in their own way and at their own pace. For additional information please visit our webpage www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Special-Needs-Ministry If you would like your child to be part of this program please contact our Ministry Coordinator, Lucia Bartlett lucia@saintjudetheapostle.org or (818)889-2541. **Sessions are from 11am-1pm: Group 1 Jan 14 and Group 2 Jan 7th**

JUNIOR HIGH

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

SJ 7/8 YM - Fun, Friends, Faith (and food)
 Through faith building activities, lessons and service projects, the junior high ministry will make connections between Catholic faith and everyday life. We meet Wednesdays from 7pm-8pm in the Youth Room.

Sessions: Jan 10 & 24. Ministry contact Cindy Kozal cindy@saintjudetheapostle.org Visit <http://www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Junior-High-Ministry>



TEENS

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Confirmation at St. Jude celebrates the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of our teens. The Confirmation process is a time of discernment for our teens to explore, challenge, grow and eventually take ownership of the Catholic Faith. The process involves not only the teens, but the whole family and the entire parish community. Confirmation is a two year process for teens, which typically begins in 9th grade. Teens that are going into 10th or 11th grade are welcome to begin Confirmation as well. We meet in the hall at 6:30pm.

Confirmation Nights Year 1: January 19-21 Retreat
Confirmation Nights Year 2: January 7 (Retreat Forms due)
www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Confirmation-Program

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

Bringing our teens closer to God and each other. Ministry Coordinator Lucia Bartlett lucia@saintjudetheapostle.org
Sessions are Wednesdays in the hall from 7-8:30pm: January 3, 17



Religious Education Congress - YOUTH DAY 3/15
 (Deadline is Dec 10) Permission slips and additional info can be found on the Youth Ministry Page
<http://www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Youth-Ministry-Program->



Welcome to all who have come to St. Jude Catholic Community. We hope that our Father's house will be a place of solace and grace for you.

If you are not registered or would like to update your information, please visit our website

www.saintjudetheapostle.org or email barbara@saintjudetheapostle.org

Becoming Catholic

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, 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.

Contact Fr. Jim Stehly frjim@saintjudetheapostle.org or drop-in on **any Tuesday of the 7 p.m.- 8 p.m.** in the Faith Formation office to find out a little more about the Catholic faith. There is more information on the parish website www.saintjudetheapostle.org under "Becoming Catholic."



Coffee & Donuts
Sunday Mornings on the patio following the 8am & 10am Masses



Help keep this St. Jude tradition going and volunteer. Donuts are provided by the church all you do is brew coffee and set the table with coffee & donuts. It's easy! There are several ways to signup:

- From our homepage www.saintjudetheapostle.org
- Signup Genius search St. Jude's Coffee & Donuts
- Contact natalie@saintjudetheapostle.org / 818.889.3551

Thank you for volunteering:

Dec 17 Ladies of the Knights of Columbus
 Dec 24 & 31 No Hospitality

Volunteers Needed for January

Support Fire Victims with the Special Archdiocesan Fund

Archbishop José H. Gomez asks all people of faith and good-will to join him in offering prayers and support for all our brothers and sisters affected by the wildfires in Ventura, Santa Barbara and LA Counties.

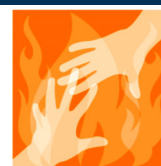
"Friends, join me please in praying for our brothers and sisters who are facing devastating fires and high winds. Let us pray for the families and their homes and also for the firefighters and rescue workers. May God keep them all safe and put an end to these fires."

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is providing support to the communities affected by the fires through Catholic Charities of Los Angeles and our local parishes and schools. A special fund has been established to help those impacted by the fires visit archla.org/fires

Take Action: Support fire victims by visiting archla.org/fires

In-kind items for Ventura County fire victims send to:
 Catholic Charities' Ventura Community Services Center
 303 North Ventura Avenue
 Ventura CA 93001-1936
 (805) 643-4694 (Contact: Rick Raine)

In-kind items for victims of the Sylmar/Santa Clarita fires:
 Catholic Charities' Guadalupe Community Center
 21600 Hart Street
 Canoga Park, CA 91303
 (213) 251-3549 (Contact: Sandra Yanez)



FIRE RELIEF

Christmas Mass Schedule

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Saturday, December 23rd
 5pm Vigil Mass
 Sunday, December 24th
 8am, 10am, & Noon Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE
 Sunday, December 24th
 4pm Mass in Church and Hall
 6pm Mass
 9:30pm Musical Prelude
 10pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
 Monday, December 25th
 8am, 10am, & Noon Mass
 No Evening Mass

LITURGICAL LIFE

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 818.889.1279

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 Cindy Kozal 818.889.0612 or email baptism@saintjudetheapostle.org

Christian Initiation: Inquiries about Initiation and Communion with the Catholic Christian Church, please contact the Parish Office 818.889.1279

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Center for an appointment with a priest at least six (6) months prior to any wedding 818.889.1279

Funerals: At the death of a loved one, kindly notify the Parish Center at your earliest convenience to schedule the funeral rites 818.889.1279

Holy Communion to Homebound or Sick: Please call the Parish Center to request a visit from a Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound or Sick 818.889.1279.

Reconciliation: Saturday Evenings 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

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 Weekdays before the 12:05pm Mass, at 11:15 am. Call Vinda 818.991.8683

Fatima Rosary Group: Leaders are Wayne and Shu-Hwei Zimmerman 805.373.1099. Meets every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Dec 19 & 26 Wayne & Shu-Hwei Zimmerman 805-373-1099. Host for January Bert & Lydia Infante 818-991-1044

First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: At 10am Contact Vinda at 818.991.8683

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

Monthly Family Rosary First Sunday of the month at 3pm at the Borawski Residence, 3316 S. Medicine Bow Ct., Westlake Village Contact Franca Dornan 805.601.5350

Our Lady of Guadalupe "Healing Love" Rosary Group 7:00 pm Every Thursday in the Chapel. Janelle Beck 805.497.1877

St. Jude Novena Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Rosary Cenacle Wednesdays at 10am Vinda 818.991.8683

Tuesday Prayer Group 7:50am-9 am, in the library. Lisa Maxey at 818.706-1954 or Maxey7@sbcglobal.net.

GET INVOLVED**Join A Ministry Today**

Connect with one of our many ministries by visiting <http://www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Ministries>

Adopt-A-Family Christmas

John & Jackie Treuting 805.495.4630

Adopt-A-Family Easter

Jane McDade 805.498.4043

Altar Server Ministry

Michelle Dryden michelle@shehan.com
<http://www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Altar-Server-Ministry>

Arts & Environment Ministry

Terry Groel 805.495-7419 | tagroel@verizon.net

Bereavement Ministry

Jean-Marie Cull.805.497-6473

Pastoral Center 818.889.1279

Bikes 4 Kids: Art Estrada 818.571.7079**Breakfast for Homeless**

Marilou O'Halloran 805.551.9727

Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick

Fr. Jim Stehly 818.889-1279

Eucharistic Ministry: Ty Hutchison 818.402.8402

Faith Firsthand Gary Romanowski 818.991.4357

Filipino Ministry: Teresita Zaratan 805.807.0771

Frank's Homeless Project

Lee & Rob Martz 805.492.2139

Holidays for Homeless

Steve & Pam Yantzer 818.706.0691

Homefront Ministry

Claire & Patrick Young 805.532.9201

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Chuck Harley (805)496-2138

<http://www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Kn>

Lector Ministry: Stephen Reid 818.661.8817

Loaves & Fishes Ministries

John & Jackie Treuting 805.495.4630

<http://www.saintjudetheapostle.org/About-Us>

Marriage Encounter: Tim & Pat Crosby 818.889.5928

Open Arms Hospitality Ministry

Gina Conti Gconti555@gmail.com

Our Lady's Rosary Makers

Fatima Espirito-Santo 818.597.4840

Prayer Ministries Coordinator

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Recycling for the Homeless: Art Estrada 818.571.7079

Respect Life: Mary Linn 818.889.7849

Sacristan Ministry: Diane Cigich, Kathleen Paul, Vicki Baltazar, and Bobbi Nelson

Sandwich Ministry: Judy Hutchison 818.402.8403

Senior Group: Sharon Thomas 818.314.4158

Service Day: Julie Feeley 818.889.2449

Social Justice & Peace: Tom Cull 805.497.6473

Stephen Ministry: Jill Robertson 805.368.0753

Giving Opportunities

Visit the "Ministries" section of our website www.saintjudetheapostle.org for a comprehensive list of all of ministries throughout our parish. See page 6 of this bulletin for a list of ministries.



Open Arms Hospitality MINISTRY

welcome to church

The goal of our ministry is to welcome and encourage all new visitors and current parishioners. Our desire is to help everyone get connected and feel part of the St. Jude faith family. You are important to us. If you haven't registered with St. Jude's yet, or you would like to be an ambassador for Christ with the gift of hospitality (baking, greeting, making baskets), we would love to hear from you! If anyone you know, loved one or friend, is homebound and not able to make it to mass please notify us directly so we can reach out to them.

Carol Livingston dangarmom@hotmail.com
Gina Conti gconti555@gmail.com
www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Op

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so, some people have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2

GET ON THE BUS

WELCOME TO "GET ON THE BUS"

A program through the Center for Restorative Justice that takes children and their caregivers to the Prisons for Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Please join us on January 6 at Sacred Heart Church in Covina from 8:45am-4pm for more information. Lunch is served. Contact the Regional Director, Lois Lengel, at 805 791-4900. We are looking for a "few good men and women" who would be willing to take this emotional journey with the families, go into the Prisons and be an overall support for the children.



Recycling for the Homeless

Recyclables are collected year round to provide funds for purchasing items for our local homeless.

Recyclables can be placed in containers marked "Recyclables" around the church grounds any time. We accept recyclable bottles and cans (marked CRV), aluminum, glass bottles (except for wine - no redemption value).



HELP WANTED

Volunteers are scheduled for specific shifts for sorting and/or delivering recyclables for redemption. **Volunteers with trucks are especially needed for delivering recyclables for redemption.**

To volunteer email [Arthur Estrada stjudelf@gmail.com](mailto:stjudelf@gmail.com)
Or call Jackie & John Treuting (805)495-4630
A Loaves and Fishes Ministry

<http://www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Recycling-for-the-Homeless>

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

St. Jude's Online Giving System 'WeShare'

Continue your gifts online while you're away with our Online Giving system, **WeShare**. It's safe, simple, and convenient. Donate today using your debit, credit card, checking, or savings account. Visit saintjudetheapostle.weshareonline.org and select your donation amount and frequency. Thank you.



SAVE YOUR CANCELED STAMPS

By saving canceled stamps from your incoming mail, you can contribute to the Sisters of Notre Dame. Our sisters remove the stamps from the envelope paper, sort them and sell them to brokers and collectors. The proceeds benefit our ministries, helping those in need around the world. Invite your friends, family and co-workers to save stamps, too!



What to Do: Save stamps that have their perforations intact, are not too heavily canceled, and are not torn, cut or stained. Leave at least 1/4 inch on each side of the stamp when cutting it from the envelope.

Where to Send:

Sisters of Notre Dame
1776 Hendrix Avenue
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Orphanage Guild Juniors is collecting \$10 Target Gift Cards for our annual Christmas Party for the teenage foster girls living at Maryvale in Rosemead. Orphanage Guild Juniors focuses on the teenage girls, taking them on monthly activities and honoring them at an annual Christmas Party. Please visit Maryvale.org to learn more about this wonderful haven for foster youth. To donate \$10 Target Gift Cards, please contact Carol Livingston 818.879.8776

St. Jude's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry members make prayer shawls and blankets to bring God's love to those who are going through difficult times such as illness or bereavement. Members knit, crochet, and sew their creations while praying for the person who will receive the shawl. We are also working on making hats and scarves to send to our parish members in the military.

We welcome new members to the Prayer Shawl Ministry no matter your skill level. If you want instruction we will be happy to teach you and we have a supply of donated yarn, needles, and patterns to get you started.

We meet on Fridays at 10am in the library: Jan 5 & 19

Contact Gina Conti gconti555@gmail.com or Martha Huggins (mhuggins23@yahoo.com)

3rd Sunday OF ADVENT

Each year, this season of Advent comes around. We bless another candle this third week in Advent. Let us ask God to bless our family on this Third Sunday in Advent:

God of rejoicing, this week we hear in our second reading that we are called to "rejoice always." Help our family to be joyful in the midst of whatever happens this week.

When we light the third candle on our wreath, let us bring your joy to our friends and neighbors this week.

We ask this through Christ, who is the ultimate joyful gift to the world. Amen.

DEDICATE AND DONATE POINSETTIAS

We are again inviting all parishioners to join in adorning the sanctuary for Christmas with donated and dedicated poinsettias. Labels can be created at home before bringing your plant to the church. **Please just be sure to confine it to a size that will fit on the pot cover.** If you prefer to make your dedication at the donation site, labels will be available for your use. In order to maintain a somewhat coordinated look in the church, we ask that the poinsettias be of the **traditional red color and a 6" pot size**, which are widely available at grocery stores and the like.



We will begin accepting poinsettia donations on **Thursday, December 21st from 9 am to 5 pm by asking that they be brought the tables that will be set up in the vestibule. We will also accept them until 1 pm on Christmas Eve. We kindly request that you do not place your poinsettia in any other location in the church as the Environment team will appropriately locate them.**

Each year your generous donations and dedications of poinsettias help create a beautiful and especially meaningful environment in which to celebrate Our Lord's birth. We thank you so very much in advance for your continuing generosity.

SEEKING TALENT 9th-12th Grade Talent

Please contact
Craig 650-759-0541 or email
GodspellatStJude@gmail.com

St. Jude the Apostle Church will be producing this amazing Broadway musical in 2018 on March 16-18 and 24-25

Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/515393585507121>



DID YOU KNOW?

Pay attention to signs of neglect -

Neglect is a form of child abuse characterized by a failure to meet a child's basic needs for nourishment, shelter, clothing, healthcare, education and so forth. Be on the lookout for signs of neglect in the children you see on a daily basis because if these needs are not met, a child may be suffering physically and emotionally. Some signs of neglect include malnourishment, poor hygiene, and insufficient medical care. For more information, and a copy of the VIRTUS® article "The Oft-Forgotten Type of Abuse: Neglect," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>, or call (213) 637-7508. For St. Jude's Protecting God's Children Program contact Dot Kelly dotandpuff@gmail.com.



Knights of Columbus



The Knights, in conjunction with the Loaves and Fishes Ministry put together 100 "Buckets of Bounty" for the homeless as part of the "Adopt a Family" program that took place on 12/9. We wish to thank the following for their generosity and support: The Home Depot, Fibber Magee Thrift Shop (Samantha De Groote, Mngr and parishioner) and Goodwill Industries (Hillside Ave). Other companies assisted in providing various supplies either through discounted costs or donations.

This generosity saved the Loaves and Fishes Ministry approximately \$1000 that was used to extend the Parish Christmas donation to those less fortunate than us even further!

Chuck Harley - Grand Knight: charley@cameoguild.com

For additional information go to the following links: kofc.org and/or californiaknights.org

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ADOPT-A-FAMILY COLLECTION

THANK YOU for joining us in the 2017 **ADOPT-A-FAMILY COLLECTION**. We are inspired by your generosity in giving your time, talent and resources to help many less fortunate brothers and sisters in our community. This year 944 families (a total of 3,851 people served) in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties will be able to enjoy a brighter Christmas by receiving gifts and food from you. This number includes:

- 170 Seniors and senior couples through OASIS
- 100 Teen parents through Adolescent and Family Services
- 100 homeless men living on Skid Row

All family units are served by: Catholic Charities (Ventura, Oxnard, Moorpark), Many Mansions, Lutheran Social Services, St. Malachy Church, RAIN and Westminster Free Clinic.

Our resources were able to serve even more this year by having St. Jude's Knights of Columbus adopt the 100 homeless men on Skid Row. They provided "Comfort Buckets" packed with care bags, items to provide warmth and protection from rain and coupons to secure warm meals. They were the fortunate recipients of items supplied by Chick-fil-A, Freddy's Frozen Custard, Hook Burger, McDonald's, National Charity League, Pieology Pizzeria, T.O. Fish & Chips, Home Depot and Togo's Sandwiches. Thank you to **St. Jude's Knights** and our generous local businesses!

A big THANK YOU to all who spent countless hours converting donation dollars into needed gifts; those who readied everything for collection day; the Packing Parties gang and at-home volunteers; families from Faith Formation who participates in the Toy Shop and Wrapping Night; Carlos, Efraim, and Daniel who assisted in every way; and those who gave their time and talent on collection day.

Special gratitude to those who offered their handmade items (baby blankets, caps, booties, bears, and jewelry) for babies and their moms in shelters.

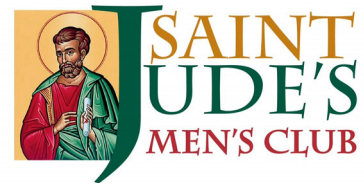
Kudos to all who donated gently used and new sneakers for those living without a home and being served by Brother Joseph and his team. There were 20+ large trash bags full!

We appreciate St. Jude School students, Confirmation classes, ministries, businesses, social groups, and friends of the parish who joined together to take care of large families.

Our parish was generous with donations which provided much beyond the core collection above: baby bags for Lighthouse Women and Children's Shelter, James Storehouse, and Life Centers; extra toys for Care and Share and Westminster Free Clinic; gift cards for OASIS caregivers; Christmas stockings packed for One Stop Center by SEEKERS; partnering with St. Max volunteers to provide gift bags for 100 women at Camp 13; and a bounty of sleeping bags and backpacks for homeless men/women in Ventura County! So much to be thankful for!

MUCH GRATITUDE TO OUR GREAT ADOPT-A-FAMILY TEAM and VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE IT ALL HAPPEN!

We all wish you many blessings at Christmas and in the coming year!



Men's Club is taking a Christmas break for the month of December. The next meeting of the Men's Club will be on **Tuesday, January 9 from 7-9 PM**. Our guest speaker will be Dave Shaffer, a therapist with Stillpoint Family Resources who also has a degree in theology, will speak on **the importance of silence** in our lives.

Men's Club meets on the second Tuesday night of the month in the parish hall. Meetings include socializing, and update on club events and service opportunities, and a guest speaker on a subject of interest to men. Meetings usually include a segment called **"Basic Training for Catholic Men"**--a brief presentation on some aspect of Catholicism that we should know about to better understand and share our faith. We also invite one member to briefly speak about their personal answer to the question **"Why I Am Catholic"**.

Our yearly **Men's Retreat** will take place the weekend of **April 27-29 at Serra Retreat Center** in Malibu. The theme of the retreat is "Our Search for Meaning". The retreat begins with dinner on Friday evening and ends with lunch on Sunday. It includes plenty of time for relaxation, prayer, Mass, talks by Fr. Michael Doherty and Sr. Carol Quinlivan to guide your reflecting, and getting to know other men from St. Jude and other parishes. The grounds are beautiful, the food is excellent, and the company is pretty good, too. For more information contact Chris Tolcher via email at: ctolcher@gmail.com, or by phone: 818-421-4893.

Men's Club will also be hosting our annual Super Bowl Party in the parish hall. So before you commit to another Super Bowl party, consider joining us for great food, watching the game on the large drop-down screen. There might even be a game of squares to get in on, if you wish. Stay tuned for more details.

St. Jude Men's Club is the central gathering point for all men of the St. Jude Catholic Community. We promote men's fellowship while pursuing our common goal of being men of faith and service to our Church and community. All men are welcome at our meetings.

For more information about Men's Club or to get your name added to the Men's Club email list, contact John Faucher via email at: jdf@johndfaucher.com

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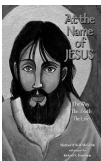
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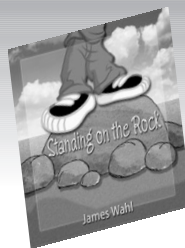
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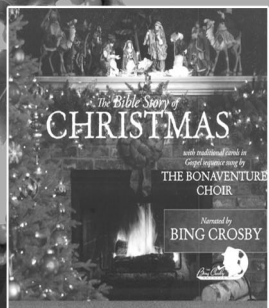
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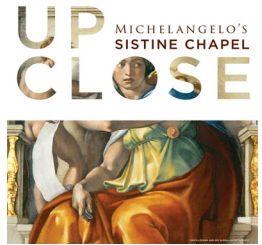
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CHURCH CALENDAR

EVENTS AROUND THE CHURCH

- Dec 17 **Third Sunday of Advent**
- Dec 17 **Breakfast with Santa 9am - Noon in the Hall see pg 9**
- Dec 17 **Children’s Liturgy 10am Mass pg. 4**
- Dec 19 **Sunday to Sunday 9:15am parish library pg. 4**
- Dec 19 **RCIA Inquiry Night 7-8pm Faith Formation Office pg.5**
- Dec 20 **Sunday to Sunday Evening 6:30pm F.F. Office pg.4**
- Dec 20 **St. Jude Novena 7:30pm**
- Dec 21 **Children’s Choir Rehearsal 5pm pg. 8**
- Dec 21 **Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm pg. 8**
- Dec 23 **4th Sunday of Advent 5pm Vigil Mass**
- Dec 24 **4th Sunday of Advent - Masses 8am, 10am, and Noon**
- Dec 24 **Christmas Eve - 4pm Mass in church and hall, 6pm Mass, 9:30pm Musical Prelude, 10pm Mass.**
- Dec 25 **Christmas Day Masses 8am, 10am, and Noon. No evening Mass.**
- Dec 25-30 **Pastoral Office Closure**
- Dec 26 **RCIA Inquiry Night 7-8pm Faith Formation Office pg.5**
- Dec 27 **St. Jude Novena 7:30pm**
- Jan 1 **New Years Day / Pastoral Office Closed**
- Jan 2 **RCIA Inquiry Night 7-8pm Faith Formation Office pg.5**
- Jan 3 **Youth Ministry 7pm in the hall pg. 4**
- Jan 3 **St. Jude Novena 7:30pm**
- Jan 7 **Family Faith Formation Group A 9:30am page 4**
- Jan 7 **Special Needs Ministry Group 2 pg.4**
- Jan 7 **Teen Confirmation Night Year 2 at 6:30pm pg. 4**
- Jan 9 **RCIA Inquiry Night 7-8pm Faith Formation Office pg.5**
- Jan 9 **St. Jude’s Men’s Club 7-9 in the hall pg. 9**
- Jan 10 **Junior High Ministry 7pm in the Youth Room pg. 4**
- Jan 10 **St. Jude Novena 7:30pm**
- Jan 14 **Family Faith Formation Group B 9:30am page 4**
- Jan 14 **Special Needs Ministry Group 1 pg. 4**

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