



Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

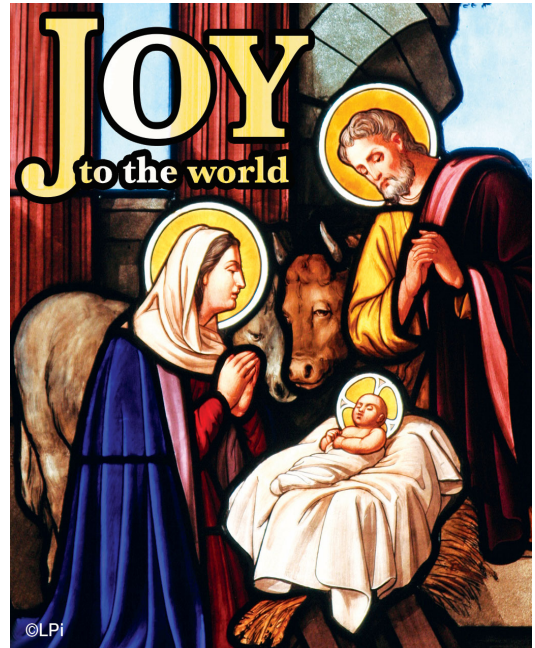
Jesus: Encountered, Loved, Served.

FOURTH SUNDAY

OF
Advent

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



DECEMBER 24, 2017

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Jess Pasos, Deacon
Bill Smith, Deacon

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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: "Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever." (2 Sm 7:16)

Psalms: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading: To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Rom 16:27)

Gospel: And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." (Lk 1:35)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/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, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

MASS INTENTIONS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday	December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve
8:00 a.m.	Gamboa & Mararaeg Families SI
10:00 a.m.	Fire Victims SI
12:00 p.m.	St. Jude Parish SI
4:00 p.m.	Krystyna Milobedzka RIP
6:00 p.m.	Harriette and Bob Debona RIP
10:00 p.m.	Bob Scrofano RIP
Monday	December 25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
8:00 a.m.	Phyllis A. Vessa RIP
10:00 a.m.	Krystyna Milobedzka RIP
12:00 p.m.	Joe A. Ortega RIP
Tuesday	December 26 St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
12:05 p.m.	Betty Broschious RIP
	Margaret & John RIP
Wednesday	December 27 St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
12:05 p.m.	Betty Broschious RIP
	Fred D'Astoli RIP
Thursday	December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
12:05 p.m.	Isabelita Magno SI
	Ralph Galindo RIP
Friday	December 29 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
12:05 p.m.	Betty Broschious RIP
	Phyllis A. Vessa RIP
Saturday	December 30 Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
5:00 p.m.	Betty Broschious RIP
	Bluebell Weerasinghe RIP

In Loving
Memory



Pamela Yantzer

PRAY FOR HEALING

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| Remedios Agrawal | Ed Malouf |
| Steve Baker | Caridad Mangubat |
| Eugene Bascou | Sid Mongey |
| Janice Bascou | Irene O'Brien |
| Diana Beygjianian | Sr. Monica Quigley, SSL |
| Edythe Chiaro | Rick Ricketts |
| Nestor Cocjin | Sue Ricketts |
| Esther Covarubias | Mitizi Robinson |
| Kathy Dunn | Jill Roper |
| Erdie S. Garcia | Mark Sinotte |
| Alid Gomez | Diane Stevens |
| Jessica Grant | Judy Tetzlaff |
| Federico "Ed" Guba | Bob Yeck |
| Philip Herkaata | Esther Zack |
| Matthew Machuca | |

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.

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 Ebuon, USAF | Spc. Simon Pompa, US Army |
| Spc. Aaron Espinoza, US Army | Sean Sweeney, Navy |
| Christian Garibay, USAF | Private Christopher Withlow, US Army |

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - DECEMBER 25, 2017

First Reading:

*Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry,
together they shout for joy,
for they see directly, before their eyes,
the LORD restoring Zion. (Is 52:8)*

Psalm:

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. (Ps 98)

Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters:

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe. (Heb 1:1-2)

Gospel:

*He was in the beginning with God.
All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race. (Jn 1:2-4)*

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Merry Christmas! Jesus is born! Today we rejoice that this new life, this infant God, has come to be "the light of the human race." He is here to shine in the darkness of our sin and sadness, to bring joy and peace in place of sorrow. We celebrate this day with all the energy we have because we know that Christmas truly means good news!

Many of us have topped our trees with a bright star that helps to light up our homes, especially at nighttime. These stars should be more than just plastic decorations, however! They should also shine as reminders to us of the Star of Bethlehem that announced the coming of Christ. What better way to welcome the Light of the World than with that magnificent star?

And just as the Magi found their way to Jesus by following the light of that star, so we too have a heavenly guide to follow: Jesus himself! We have his words and teachings recorded for us in Scripture, his actions and directives preserved through the Tradition of the Church, and the guidance of his Spirit to assist us along the way. And all of these GIFTS are ours because of Christmas! Because the "Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

As we exchange gifts with our loved ones on this special day, may we remember all of these wonderful things we have already received. And may we strive to give to our family and friends not only the treasures that come in boxes and bags, but also a share in the greatest gifts of God: forgiveness, mercy and the unconditional love that brings joy enough to last the whole year through.



The Nativity of the Lord

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



March 15 (Youth Day) &
March 16-18, 2018

THE 2018 LOS ANGELES 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: 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:
December 24 No Hospitality
December 31 No Hospitality

Volunteers Needed for January

Christmas Mass Schedule

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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

Joy to the World
We Wish You All
A glad and peaceful
Christmastide
With all its memories sweet;
May hope and love and
joy be yours
With kindly friends to greet;
The echo of the angel's song,
The star's clear guiding light,
The Christ child in your
heart and home,
To make this
Christmas bright.
St. Jude's Staff

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 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

Ben Levine 818.437.0560 | ben@saintjudetheapostle.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Gina Conti Gconti555@gmail.com**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.

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.



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
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

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
805-496-3243

food collection

Loaves and Fishes Ministry holds a monthly food collection held on the third Saturday of every month from September to May. Each parish family is asked to donate a bag of groceries twice a year. You can also donate every month. The groceries are picked up at their home. You can also volunteer to be a caller, driver or to sort the groceries in the church parking lot on collection day. Our parish has been divided into four geographical areas, the following is the schedule for the coming year:

Area 3 - Westlake Village

Contact: Madeleine Giberson 805-495-4067
1/20/18 and 5/19/18

Area 4 - Oak Park & Agoura Hills

Contact: Alina Silvestre 805-496-3780
2/17/18

Area 1 - Westlake Village

Contact: Kathy Terndrup 818-599-3967
3/17/18

Area 2 - Thousand Oaks

Contact: Greg Stelmar 805-379-2159
4/21/18

Loaves and Fishes Ministry

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink" - Matthew 25:35
<http://www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Food-Collections>

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.



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)

4th Sunday OF ADVENT

Each year, this season of Advent comes around. Today we bless the fourth and last candle on our wreath. Let us ask God to bless our family on this final Sunday in Advent:

God of surprises, today we hear about the surprise that Mary experienced. She is pregnant with your Son!

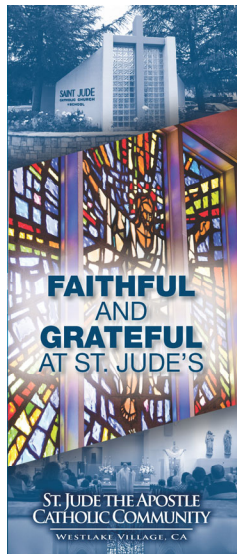
Help our family to be obedient to your surprises, however they may spring up in our lives. All of your gifts work for the benefit of your people.

When we light this final candle on our wreath, let us bring your surprise gift of love to our neighbors and friends.

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

Increased Offertory Program

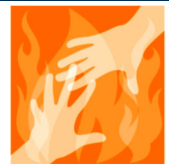
Within the next couple of weeks you will receive a Summary Report detailing the results of our Increased Offertory Program. Several weeks ago we began this program. We are beginning to see signs that our Sunday offertory collections are growing through the generosity of many, many parishioners. Thank you so very much to all who have chosen to participate in this very important program. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of St. Jude the Apostle Church.



FAITHFUL and GRATEFUL
At St. Jude's

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."



FIRE RELIEF

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)

Knights of Columbus

Monsignor O'Connell Council 8072

May the celebration of the birth of Our Savior rekindle in our hearts the purpose of being followers of Christ: love of fellow Man, ensuring the sanctity of life, the family and helping those in need.

Together, we can make this happen!

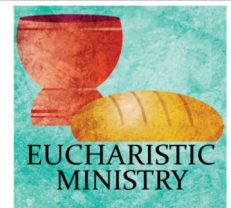
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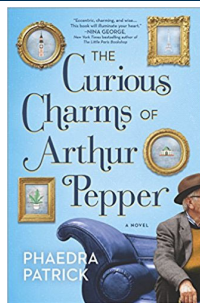
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Library Book Club

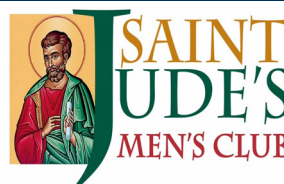
The St. Jude Book Group will meet on January 18, 2018 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Parish library to discuss the book by Phaedra Patrick “**The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper**”. Visitors and new members always welcome.

For more information contact Alice Johnson 805-490-3737.



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

Annual Women’s Silent Retreat

The Annual Women’s Silent Retreat will be held at the Sacred Heart

Retreat House in Alhambra. The Retreat begins Friday, January 26th at 5:00 PM and lasts until 12:30 PM, Sunday, January 28th. Rev. James Kubicki, S.J., will be our Retreat Master. The theme will be “Streams of Grace and Mercy” For reservations, call Shu-Hwei Zimmerman at (805) 373-1099. Car pools are available from St. Jude’s Church.



4th Annual Sisters of Notre Dame Nun Run and Community Service Fair

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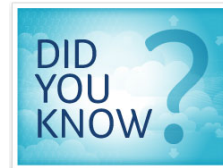
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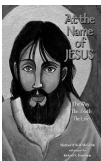
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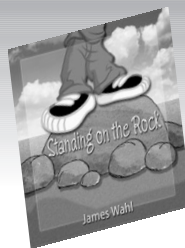
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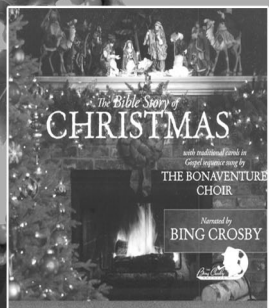


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EVENTS AROUND THE CHURCH

- 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 Adult Confirmation 3:30pm in the hall
- 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
- Jan 15 Martin Luther King Day - **Pastoral Office Closed**
- Jan 16 RCIA Inquiry Night 7-8pm Faith Formation Office pg.5
- Jan 17 Youth Ministry 7pm in the hall pg. 4
- Jan 17 St. Jude Novena 7:30pm
- Jan 18 Library Book Club 7pm in the library pg. 9
- Jan 19-21 Teen Confirmation Year 1 Retreat pg. 4
- Jan 20 Food Collection Area 3 (Westlake Village) pg. 7
- Jan 20 Frank's Homeless Collection
- Jan 21 Adult Confirmation 3:30pm in the hall

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TAKE A DIFFERENT PATH - Holy Spirit Retreat Center Sat, Jan 6th 9:30am-3pm. In this New Year retreat day, we will look for the different paths we are invited to take and see where a different way might lead us to and through. How do we receive guidance on the inner and outer journey? Please bring writing materials, a blanket for silent meditation and most importantly, an image of a path that calls to you and an open mind to what may be revealed during our time together. HSR Center 4316 Lanai Rd., Encino. Fee: \$45 with lunch or \$35 without lunch. Pre-registration required by Jan 3 (818)784-4515

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