



Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

Jesus: Encountered, Loved, Served.

November 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY of *Advent*



You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.

Matthew 24:44



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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5pm

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

Weekday Masses
Monday-Friday 12:05pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 3:45pm-4:30pm

St. Jude the Apostle Church | 1st Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it. (Is 2:2)

Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

Second Reading: The night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Rom 13:12)

Gospel: "Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." (Mt 24:43-44)



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 23/Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31

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

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

PRAY FOR HEALING

Lawrence Appice	Susan Laurenzi
Santos Arciaga Jr.	Naomi Lima
Karl Avery	Ed Malouf
Edythe Chiaro	Carolyn Provenzano
Audrey Elizabeth Copeman	Ursula Rupert
Eduardo Corcoran	Mariam Santos
Fred D'Astoli	Nelson Saravia
Begonia De Leon	Karen Tomec Schmitz
Deacon Richard Dornan	Diane Stevens
Michelle Duplessie	Lori Tapp
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Diane Green	Karina Flynn Vickary
Donna Green	Megan Weddle
Anibal Gutierrez	Lane Weitzman
Mary Huning	Pam Yantzer
Grace Johnson	Bob Yeck

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.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday	November 27 1st Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m.	Margo Pino RIP
10:00 a.m.	Tom Aldape RIP
12:00 p.m.	Ursula & George Rupert SI
5:00 p.m.	Gavin McConnellogue RIP
Monday	November 28
12:05 p.m.	Matthew Shipman RIP
	Frank Passarelli RIP
Tuesday	November 29
12:05 p.m.	Krystyna Milobedzka SI
	Drew Ansbro SI
Wednesday	November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle
12:05 p.m.	Matthew Shipman RIP
	Dolores Capp SI
Thursday	December 1
12:05 p.m.	Hector Guevara RIP
	Holy Souls RIP
Friday	December 2
12:05 p.m.	Betty Broschious RIP
	Maria Grazia Parisi RIP
Saturday	December 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest
5:00 p.m.	Ari Cocjin SI
	Paul Nelson RIP
Sunday	December 4 2nd Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m.	Samuel & Sonny LaRocco RIP
10:00 a.m.	Irene Nardone RIP
12:00 p.m.	William Beck Sr. SI
5:00 p.m.	Charles L. Madigam RIP



PRAY FOR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

Private Louie Alfaro, US Army	Andrew Henggler, USAF
Major Nicholas Amenta, USAF	Private Justin Huser, US Army
LCpl Andrew Brown USMC-MARSOC	Lt. John R. Kimmel, US Navy
PFC Michael Carroll Jr., USMC	Lt. Colonel Brian McAvoy, USMC
LCpl Kenneth A. Cloutier, USMC	Major Patrick McBride, USAF
Major John F. D'Astoli, USMC	Sergeant Graham Mullins, US Army
1st Lt. Brendan Djernes, USAF	Captain Justin Nikodem, USAF
Major Scott DiGioia, USAF	LCPL Bryce Pattillo USMC
A1C Kiani Ebuon, USAF	Senior Airman Ryan Paris, USAF
Christian Garibay, USAF	Spc. Simon Pompa, US Army
PFC Kevin Hansen, US Army	Private Christopher Withlow, US Army



Archbishop José H. Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles was joined by Mayor Eric Garcetti and several interfaith leaders of Los Angeles at a prayer service on Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels to unite the community of faith in prayer and solidarity with all those expressing uncertainty and fear after the election, particularly the immigrant community.

“Tonight in America — children are afraid; men and women are worried and anxious, thinking about where they can run and hide. This is happening tonight, *in America*. The answer is not angry words or violence in the streets. It never solves anything; it only inflames things more. We need to be people of peace, people of compassion. Love not hate. Mercy not revenge. These are the tools to rebuild our nation and renew the American dream. Tonight we promise our brothers and sisters who are undocumented — we will never leave you alone. *!En las buenas y en las malas!* In good times and in bad, we are with you. You are family. We are brothers and sisters,” said Archbishop Gomez.

Full text of Homily is below.

My dear brothers and sisters,

We are here tonight because our people are hurting and they feel afraid. We are here to listen to their voices, because they feel they are being forgotten.

In our country, we need to start building bridges and bringing people together. We need to reach out to those who are hurting. Now is the time to build unity and heal communities, through our love for our neighbor and our care for those in need.

Estamos aquí esta noche porque muchos entre nosotros están heridos y con miedo. Nos reunimos para ponernos en la presencia de Dios que es nuestro Padre y unirnos todos como hijos e hijas de Dios.

That’s what tonight is about. Not politics. It’s about people.

We stand in the presence of God who is our Father in heaven and we are his children. And that means we are all brothers and sisters.

Those are the words of Jesus that we just heard: *“I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father”*

This is our true identity — every one of us. We are not liberals or conservatives. Before everything else, we are children of God.

In the past couple days since the election — we have children in our schools who are scared. They think the government is going to come and deport their parents, any day now.

Right now — all across this city, and in cities all across this country — there are children who are going to bed scared.

There are men and women who can’t sleep because they are trying to figure out what to do next. Trying to figure what to do when the government comes to take them away from their kids and their loved ones.

En los últimos días, como todos sabemos, muchos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas, adultos y niños están temerosos

pensando que los van a deportar y por tanto separarlos de sus familias.

This should not be happening in America. We are not this kind of people. We are better than this. My brothers and sisters, we have allowed this issue of immigration to consume us, as a nation.

Our immigration system has been broken for a long time. Our leaders could have come together and solved this problem — *at any time* in the last 15 or 20 years.

More than 2 million people have been deported in the last eight years. Nobody seems to care. Except that little girl who comes home at night — and she knows her father isn’t there anymore.

We are better people than this. We should not accept that this is the best we can hope for — in our politics or in ourselves.

Como todos sabemos el tema de la inmigración nos preocupa mucho.

El sistema de inmigración no funciona desde hace muchos años y nuestros líderes lo podrían haber arreglado desde hace mucho. Más de 2 millones de personas han sido deportadas en los últimos 8 años. No puede ser. Somos mejor gente que eso en este país. Tenemos que seguir insistiendo que tiene que haber una solución justa y digna de nuestro país.

And so this is where we are at. Tonight in America — children are afraid; men and women are worried and anxious, thinking about where they can run and hide. This is happening tonight, *in America*.

The answer is not angry words or violence in the streets. It never solves anything; it only inflames things more.

We need to be people of peace, people of compassion. Love not hate. Mercy not revenge. These are the tools to rebuild our nation and renew the American dream.

Tonight we promise our brothers and sisters who are undocumented — we will never leave you alone. *!En las buenas y en las malas!* In good times and in bad, we are with you. You are family. We are brothers and sisters.

Nuestra reacción a esta realidad no es de violencia o disgusto descontrolado. Somos un pueblo de paz, de compasión y todos juntos, con la ayuda de Dios, encontraremos esa solución y la Iglesia esta con todos los inmigrantes que no tienen documentos, como decimos, *‘en las buenas y en las malas’*. ¡Somos familia!

¡Siempre con la seguridad de que con Dios y la intercesión de nuestra Madre Santísima de Guadalupe, lo conseguiremos!

Also tonight — as we come gather to pray for unity and to “bind the wounds of division” — tonight we pray for our leaders, including our President-elect. May God grant them wisdom and mercy, and the heart to feel the pain of those who are suffering.

Let’s pray tonight, in a special way — that our leaders will find it in their hearts to make a beautiful, humanitarian gesture. Let’s pray that they can come together, in a spirit of national unity, and agree to stop the threat of deportations — until we can fix our broken immigration system.

BIBLE STUDIES

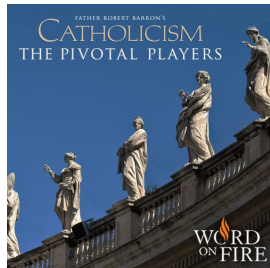
THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will begin Part Two of the study of Parables in Matthew and Luke. You do not need to have completed part one to join us on Thursday mornings at 9:30. We will meet on December 8th, 15th take a break for Christmas and resume in January for another 4 weeks. You will enjoy gaining a deeper understanding and reflecting in a new way on the parables and you will enjoy the company! questions please contact Judy Sullivan jasismimi@gmail.com

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY Now through December 15th at 7:00pm in the Hall. This is a 10 week study of Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul's letter is inspiring, challenging, and often puzzling. Romans presents an orderly exposition of the "good news" proclaimed by St. Paul. Paul is deeply committed to bringing his hearers to an understanding on what saving faith "is". All are welcome to join the Thursday Evening Bible Study. For more information call Tim or Mariann Harmon, 805-495-1732.

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we gather to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings, no advance prep necessary and no homework! Come and see what a difference it will make to your experience of Mass on Sunday. We offer two different opportunities to reflect upon the upcoming Sunday readings:

- **Tuesday mornings 9:15 - 10:30 in the parish library .** Contact jkfeely@gmail.com
- **Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30 in the Faith Formation office.** Contact Charlie or Kay at cnorthmd@gmail.com
- **Pivotal Players** - Bishop Barron is on a new journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people. **CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players** is a multi-part film series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. Tuesday morning Sunday group will be showing 3 of the episodes beginning November 29th with St. Francis, December 6th with St. Catherine and December 13th with Michelangelo from 11:00 a.m. – noon in the parish library


ADULTS
PARISH COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Monday, November 28 at 7 p.m.

Opportunities for individual confessions with many priests from the area.

Confessions are heard every Saturday 3:45pm in the Church.


CHILDREN

Mass on Dec 4, 11, Jan 8, 15, 22. An age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered for ages 5 through 5th graders at the 10am Mass. No pre-registration is necessary. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend. 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 or Library. The children learn about the same Scripture readings as the rest of the assembly. They are taught a simplified main message of the readings. For information or to get involved please contact Amy Simons asimons@ucpla.org or visit <http://www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Children-s-Liturgy>


SPECIAL NEEDS
SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

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 <http://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

TEENS

CONFIRMATION-The Confirmation program at Saint Jude celebrates the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of our teens. Confirmation preparation is a time of discernment for our teens to explore, challenge, grow and eventually take ownership of the Catholic Faith. It is a process that involves our teens, families, and the entire parish community. Confirmation begins in 9th grade and is Sunday evenings:

YEAR 1

- **Nov 27th** at 5pm Candidate & Sponsor Mass
- **Dec 11th** at 6:30pm Meeting in the hall.

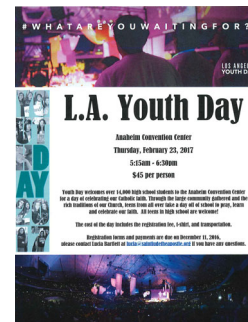
YEAR 2

- **Dec 11th** at 6:30pm - Meeting in the hall.

 For details contact Lucia Bartlett Lucia@saintjudetheapostle.org

YOUTH MINISTRY - *Bringing our teens closer to God and each other.* Youth Nights are open to all high school teens in grades 9-12 on scheduled Sundays from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

- **Youth Night**-December 11
- **L.A. YOUTH DAY - February 23, 2017** from 5:15am-6:30pm. Youth Day welcomes over 14,000 high school students to the Anaheim Convention Center for a day of celebrating our Catholic faith. Through the large community gathered and the rich traditions of our Church, teens from all over take a day off of school to pray, learn and celebrate our faith. All teens in high school are welcome! Cost \$45 per person includes registration fee, t-shirt, and transportation. Registration forms and payments are due on December 11, 2016. For more information, please contact Lucia Bartlett at lucia@saintjudetheapostle.org





No Room at the Inn
at St. Jude for the First Time
December 2nd- 4th

HUNDREDS OF NATIVITIES ON DISPLAY!

Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas while helping the homeless. View hundreds of Nativity sets from private collections. **The Friday Night Gala is December 2nd** from 6-9 pm and includes appetizers and beverages as well as music of the season. Donation for the Gala is \$30 in advance, \$35 after December 1. **Weekend exhibit hours** are Saturday, December 3, 10 am to 7 pm, and Sunday, December 4, 10 am to 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. For more information, contact Nora at 805-807-1088, or visit www.noroom.org.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Sunday, December 11 • 9 am - Noon
St. Jude's Parish Hall

All parish families are invited to enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast, and have photos taken with Santa.

Photos \$5.00 each

Photo Reservations call Bob 805-494-6901



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Monsignor O'Connell
 Council 8072

Coffee & Donuts every Sunday morning on the patio following 8 am & 10 am Mass
 Volunteer as a host for our Coffee and Donuts Ministry



There are several ways to signup:

- <http://www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Coffee---Donuts-Sunday-Volunteer>
- Signup Genius search St. Jude's Coffee & Donuts
- Contact natalie@saintjudetheapostle.org or 818.889.3551

Thank you for volunteering as host:
Volunteers are needed for December

POINSETTIA SALE for LIFE CENTERS OF VENTURA COUNTY

The Respect Life Committee will be selling beautiful, locally grown poinsettias after the **Vigil Mass on December 3 and all Masses on December 4**. The proceeds of this sale benefit the **Life Centers of Ventura County**, a licensed medical clinic and pregnancy resource center, which provides free medical, counseling, educational and referral services to services to pregnant women. Your support can help save the lives of the unborn and transform lives of women. In Oxnard, serving all of Ventura County since 1972. **Cost is 10.00 per plant, 55.00 per case of 6. Cash or checks. Thank you for your support.**



Poinsettia Dedications

Our wonderful tradition of inviting all parishioners to join in beautifying the sanctuary for Christmas with donated and dedicated poinsettias continues again this year. As the Advent season begins, start thinking of the dedications you would like to make and how you would like to express them, perhaps by including a picture or drawing. 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.

Poinsettia donations may be dropped off to the stage in the hall starting **December 21st from 9-5pm.** We will also accept them until **12 noon in the Church on Christmas Eve.**

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. Contact, Terry Groel 805.495.7419

LITURGICAL LIFE

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

St. Jude Novena: Wednesday Evenings 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 818.874.3537 or email baptism@saintjudetheapostle.org

Christian Initiation of Children, Youth & Adults: Inquiries about Initiation and Communion with the Catholic Christian Church, please contact the Parish Office 818.889.1279

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fatima Rosary Group: Leaders are Wayne and Shu-Hwei Zimmerman 805.373.1099. Meets every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Host for November host Mark & Beth Magno 818.889.6038. December Lisbeth & Javier Bitar 818.606.5448

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: At 10am Contact Vinda at 818.991.8683

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

Rosary Cenacle Wednesdays at 10 am Vinda 818.991.8683

GET INVOLVED

Join A Ministry Today



Connect with one of our many ministries by visiting <http://www.saintjudetheapostle.org/I-Want-to-Get-Involved>

Adopt-A-Family Christmas:

John & Jackie Treuting 805.495.4630

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 Ministry:

Gary Romanowski 818.991.4357

Filipino Ministry: Teresita Zaratan 805.807.0771

Frank's Homeless Project:

Lee & Rob Martz 818.889.1279

Holidays for Homeless:

Steve & Pam Yantzer 818.7060691

Homefront Ministry:

Claire & Patrick Young 805.532.9201

Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight-Fred D'Astoli fdastoli@aol.com

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

Sandwich Ministry: Judy Hutchison 818.402.8403

Senior Group: Sharon Thomas 818.314.4158

Service Day: Irma Haldane 818.889.7563

Social Justice & Peace: Tom Cull 805.497.6473

Stephen Ministry: Pat Crosby 818.889.5928

Women's Prison Ministry: Nancy Fox 818.889.6265

Adopt-a-Family



Adopting a family at Christmastime has become a tradition for scores of St. Jude's parishioners. It's an opportunity to brighten your holiday season and that of a less fortunate family. We can find just the right family for you, with the names, ages and clothing sizes of all family members and provide information on how to prepare your donation boxes for drop off. To sign-up please contact Jackie Treuting 805.495.4630.

Collection Day is Saturday, December 10th from 9am to 3pm in the St. Jude parking lot. For more information about adopting a family, please contact Jackie Treuting (805)495-4630 or stjudeaaf@gmail.com. Please visit our webpage <http://www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Adopt--A-Family-Christmas>

Collection Day Sign Ups

Please join the Adopt-a-Family Team on Collection Day Saturday, December 10th 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 (818) 889-0612 or 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, Catholic Charities Moorpark, 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

\$10

Orphanage Guild Juniors is collecting \$10 Target Gift Cards for our annual Christmas Party for the teenage foster girls living at Maryvale in Rosemead.

Maryvale is celebrating 160 years since it began in 1856 when Bishop Amat, the first Bishop of Monterey/Los Angeles Diocese, petitioned the Daughters of Charity for help with the large number of children who became orphans during their pioneer journeys across the country.

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 and click on "160 Years of Caring" to learn more about this wonderful haven for foster youth.

To donate \$10 Target Gift Cards, please contact Carol Livingston 818.879.8776

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Join us once a month to make sandwiches for children and homeless teens in Los Angeles and senior residents at Many Mansions in Thousand Oaks. It's fun and a great way to give back to the community. We meet on a designated Monday each month at 10:00 a.m., in the parish hall.

2016-2017 Schedule

December 12	January 23	February 27
March 20	April 17	May 15
	June 19	

To volunteer contact:
 Judy Hutchison (818)402-8403
judysusanhutchison@gmail.com

A Loaves and Fishes Ministry
<http://www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Sandwich-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

The Altar Linen Care Ministry is a group committed to laundering the purificators and towels. Volunteers are scheduled for one week every three months.

Benefits in serving this ministry
 Your engagement in the preparation of the altar table allows you to share in the Mass serving the Lord in a unique "in-home" ministry.

If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Peggy 818.889.7039

FOOD COLLECTION

January 21

Our next food collection is November 19th in the St. Jude Parking lot from 8am-11am.

You can help by donating, sorting, packing and loading food to be donated to agencies serving homeless and low-income families or individuals. Also, there is opportunity to make reminder phone calls and to pick up food from various locations.

Community Service Hours for students and school parents are available.

If you are interested in helping please contact Jackie Treuting (805)495-4630 or visit <http://www.saintjudetheapostle.org/Food-Collections>
 Corporal Works of Mercy: #1 Feed the Hungry,

Food Collection



My dear parish family,

Just a quick note this weekend about a certain emphasis that we will be putting on the homeless and the immigrant during the season of Advent. These emphases come naturally to the Advent and Christmas seasons, because the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph) were homeless as they began their life together, taking shelter wherever they could find it. When it became clear that the civil government was looking to kill the newborn King of the Jews, they were forced to flee Israel to become "illegal aliens" in Egypt.

Please take note of Archbishop Gomez's recent homily included in this bulletin (page 3). It is a powerful reminder that the immigration situation in our own time and country is, first of all, about people...people like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It is only when we have fully recognized and acknowledged the human and personal dimensions of the immigrant situation that we can adequately address this situation.

Next weekend we'll be hosting "No Room At The Inn". Please see the ad for it in today's bulletin on page 5. It's the perfect Advent preparation for our celebration of the Lord's birth, and will also benefit the homeless right here in the Conejo Valley.

Also in today's bulletin is an account of the amazing success of the Loaves and Fishes recycling program here at St. Jude's, which directly assists homeless charities in and around the Conejo.

Peace to you, and to all you love!

Fr. Jim

The Loaves & Fishes Ministry



GENERATES FUNDS TO HELP THE HOMELESS IN THE CONEJO VALLEY

Redemption dollars have provided more than **24,000 diapers** to homeless families with babies—the item most requested because of the expense!

The redemption earned by these efforts have created more than **5,000 care bags**—the item most requested by service agencies for their clients!

The recycling project helps homeless citizens of all ages and genders during all seasons and circumstances! Below are some of the thousands of items provided:

- **Winter:** blankets, sleeping bags, sweatshirts, socks, knit caps, ponchos, jackets, gloves
- **Summer:** t-shirts, sunscreen, flip flops, underwear, lip balm
- **Personal Hygiene:** first aid kits, hand sanitizers, deodorant, razors, shaving cream
- **Meals:** Mc Donald's, Subway, supermarket gift cards
- **Transportation:** bus tokens/gas cards for those living in vehicles
- **Homeless Kids:** backpacks, school supplies, and shoes
- **Things to make life easier:** duffel bags, wallets for id, flashlights, clocks, dog collars

If you are not part of the recycling program at st. Jude's, please begin now by dropping off your redeemable items to the marked cans in the parking lot. Join us to generate funds to help more of our homeless brothers and sisters.

Questions or to help in other ways contact:

Art Estrada 818-571-7079

Julie Jeely 818-889-2449

<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



Advent Wreath

1st CANDLE – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE** or **CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd CANDLE – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd CANDLE – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) **“CHRIST CANDLE”** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

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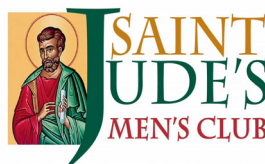
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The next meeting of the Men's Club is on **Tuesday, December 13 at 7 PM** in the hall. Guest speaker will be **St. Jude Deacon Jess Pasos**. Deacon Jess's talk is titled **“Where Was**

God?”. He will discuss the subject of finding the presence of God in our times of trials and suffering. He will also introduce himself to us, since he is new to St. Jude this past year.

Men's Club meets on the **second Tuesday night of the month** in the parish hall. Meetings include time for socializing, and update on club events and service opportunities, and a segment called **"Basic Training for Catholic Men"**--a presentation on some aspect of Catholicism that we should know in order to better understand our faith.

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.

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- community building within the parish
- service to our Church, school, and local community
- growing in the knowledge and practice of our Catholic faith
- supporting each other as faithful Catholic men

All men are welcome. For more information or to get your name added to the Men's Club email list, contact Chris Tolcher at ctolcher@gmail.com or 818-421-4893.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

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- Dec 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Times 8am, 12pm, 6pm

SPECIAL MASS TIMES AND DATES

Parish Communal Reconciliation Service
Monday, November 28 at 7 p.m. (page 4)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, December 8th
8:00, 12:00, 6:00

Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24th
4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 11:30 Caroling,
12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25th
8:00, 10:00, 12:00
(No Evening Mass)



Archbishop Gomez Delivers Homily on Hope and Unity
Continued from page 3 ...

También nos reunimos para pedir por la unidad en nuestro país y para que se curen las heridas de la división después de las elecciones del martes pasado.

Pedimos por nuestros líderes, incluyendo al presidente electo y su familia, para que Dios les conceda sabiduría y misericordia y un corazón abierto a las necesidades de todos los que sufren.

And may Our Lady of Guadalupe — the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of all the peoples of the Americas — may she watch over us and help us to truly become one nation under God.

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Matt. 5:43-48.

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