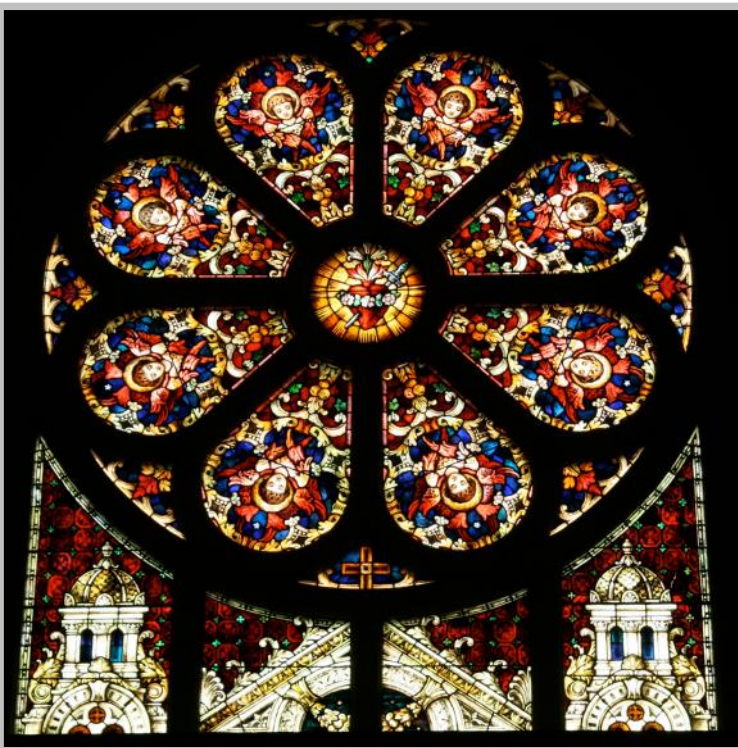




# St. Joseph the Worker

*Beautiful Liturgy - Reconciliation – Healing*

*"The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph" - December 30, 2018*



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Rev. Kenneth Nobrega

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Elizabeth Oishi Comly, Parish Events Coordinator

## MINISTRIES

### Baptism/Bautismos

Deacon José Manuel Pérez  
Platicas: Los domingos.  
Para otro día llamar a la oficina.

### Lectors/Lectores

Chris Notti (English)  
Erika Guerrero (Español)

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Tita Brodt (English)  
Ruben Araujo (Español)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday 9:00 am—5:00 pm  
(Closed 12 Noon—1:00 pm for lunch)

## MONDAY-SATURDAY

Mass: 9:00 am

## SUNDAY

Mass: 8:00 am

Confessions: 9:45 am

Mass: 10:00 am

Mass: (Spanish) 11:30 am

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

6:00 pm—7:00 pm

Confessions: 6:00 pm—6:45 pm

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

### PLEASE NOTE:

**The Parish Office will be closed**

**December 31st**

**January 1st**

**January 2nd**

Starting December 12,  
**we will not have Adoration or Confessions on**  
Wednesday evening during the month of  
December through January 2, 2019.  
**We will resume our normal schedule on**  
**January 9, 2019.**

### Sant' Egidio Community

The Community of Sant' Egidio meets **every Thursday** at 7:00 pm for prayer in our church chapel. All are invited to join for prayer and for some Christian fellowship.



*Mass for the  
Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God*

**Tuesday, January 1st  
10:00 AM**

**\* This is a Holy Day  
of Obligation**



*"Every time I hear a televangelist emphasize a personal relationship with Christ, I thank God that I'm Catholic. For only here can I receive the Lord - body,*

*blood, soul and divinity. It doesn't get much more personal than that."*

*~ Fr. William Casey.*

## SUNDAY MASSES - December 30, 2018

**8:00 am** – Fr. Bruce Lamb

**10:00 am** – Fr. Kenneth Nobrega

**11:30 am (Spanish)** – Fr. Hugo Franca



### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 30th</b>
8:00 am	Familia Lopez
10:00 am	Cristina Lopez & Family
11:30 am	Lilian Hood +
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 31st</b>
9:00 am	Steven Strid
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 1st</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	SJW Parishioners
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 2nd</b>
9:00 am	Steven Strid
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 3rd</b>
9:00 am	Arthur Sutton, Jr. +
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 4th</b>
9:00 am	Elizabeth Oishi
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 5th</b>
9:00 am	Marcus Notti

**Would you like to have a Mass offered  
in honor or memory of someone?**



It is easy, stop by our parish office  
or email Gloria Maldonado,  
our parish secretary at:  
gloria@stjosephtheworkerchurch.org

If you have a particular date in mind, let us know and we  
will try and accommodate you. The suggested donation is  
\$10.00.

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**A Sacred time for Holy Preparation**



From personal experience, I find it crucial to arrive  
at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass in order  
to decompress from the busyness of life and to  
quiet down the mind from worldly cares in order to  
properly focus on God and the Sacred Mysteries we  
are about to enter. **Please do not come late to Mass.**  
**Thank you.**

*- Fr. Kenneth Nobrega*



Living as an authentic, faithful Catholic today is very  
countercultural. Holy Days of Obligations should not be  
viewed as an imposition on our lives but as an oppor-  
tunity to Glorify the Lord.

If we find it burdensome to worship God as a Christian  
community of believers, what does that say to the rest of  
the world?

Our families and friends and indeed the rest of God's  
people are watching and listening to us.  
If we don't care, why would they?

*- Fr. Kenneth Nobrega*

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**Dear Visitors and Guests:**

+ + If you have been blessed by your visit to St.  
**SJW** Joseph, please consider blessing our parish  
*Founded 1879* with a gift.

Through generous donations by faithful people like  
yourself, we intend on restoring this historic church back  
to its former glory, little by little.

You can make a safe, fast and easy one (1) time  
donation or a recurring donation with the ease of your  
smart phone through PUSHPAY. Follow these steps  
below:

Step 1) Enter the number: 77977

Step 2) Enter the letters "SJW" in the message section.



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



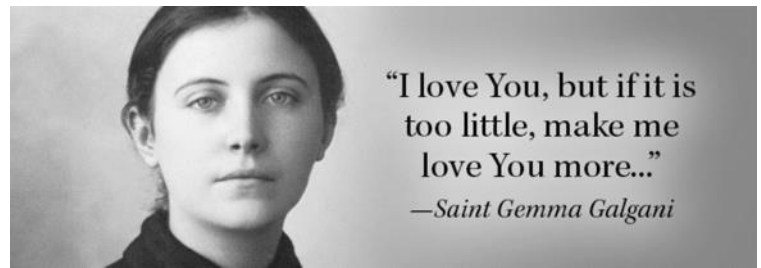
We do not know much about Jesus as a child through holy scripture, but we can certainly draw conclusions from what we do know. Mary and Joseph were devout Jews and parents. They obeyed God's commands. The circumcision and purification ceremonies were necessary as reminders that all were born in sin. Jesus, of course, was born without sin, and might seem to be excused from this tradition, but even as an infant He identified with sinners, just as He later did at His baptism, and on the Cross.

The Gospel of Luke relates "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons," in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. It is clear in the Old Testament (Leviticus 12) that at the birth of a son a lamb is to be offered as part of the purification and dedication ceremony. However, it was allowed for a family to offer two birds if they could not afford a lamb. The offering of two birds instead of the lamb was technically called "the offering of the poor." Jesus was born into a humble and poor family, another reminder to us that He and His family might be very much like us. The Gospel goes on to proclaim that "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."

"Growing in wisdom" is a sign that Jesus developed spiritually. Admittedly, He is not like all others. As a five year old, He must have had a grasp of life and reality that some of us still do not have. We may not know much of Jesus' life or His family from this time until He was 12 years old. Nevertheless, we do not need to know all the details to fully appreciate that this family was special, different, Holy. The Holy Family should continue to be an inspiration and an example to us.

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## The New Years Resolution of a Saint



*"During this new year I resolve to begin a new life. I do not know what will happen to me during this year. But I abandon myself entirely to you, my God. And my aspirations and all my affections will be for You.*

*I feel so weak, dear Jesus, but with Your help I hope and resolve to live a different life, that is, a life closer to You."*

(Written by St. Gemma on New Year's Eve, 1895-1896)

## “The family that prays together stays together.”

By Jeannie Ewing



*Everyone’s heard Fr. Peyton’s famous quote, “The family that prays together stays together.” St. John Paul II often repeated it, and it’s been displayed on billboards throughout the country. As clichéd as the saying’s become, it rings true. We need to ask ourselves, Do we pray together as a family? This means more than just prayers before meals or attending Mass together.*

Praying as a family can be as simple as gathering in the evening shortly before everyone is ready to retire for the day and offer spontaneous petitions or gratitude to God. It can be as formal as sharing a Rosary or Divine Mercy chaplet. You can come up with what works for you as a family, where you are in your state in life.

If you’re in the phase of toting everyone to and from sports or music practices, then pray in the car on the way home. Pop in a CD with an inspirational talk, maybe from Lighthouse Catholic Media or Catholic Answers. Then discuss it. There are many ways to pray. It’s mostly about making this a habit, that is, practicing communal prayer on a daily basis if possible.

## Asking Our Blessed Mother for help.

Do you ever feel like you could use some help approaching God in your prayers? The Memorare is a prayer that reminds us that we have a wonderful advocate and protector in the mother of our Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary. In our prayers to her we honor and worship her Son, who is more than happy to listen to His mother’s pleas on our behalf. The Memorare, printed below, invites us to ask the Blessed Mother for her assistance and her grace, especially when we feel most troubled in our daily lives.



### Memorare

**REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.**

**Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.**

## Parish Office Hours

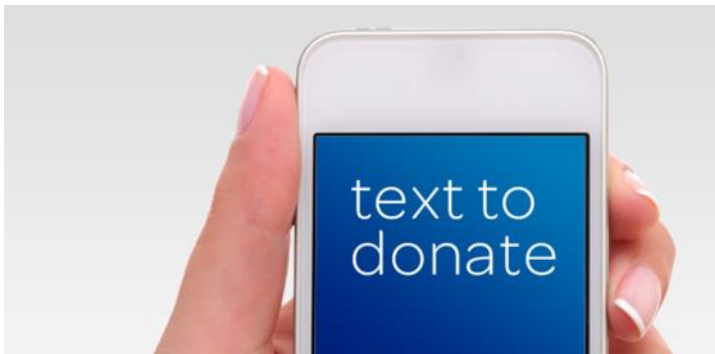
Gloria Maldonado, our office secretary is ready to welcome and assist our parishioners and visitors. St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office Hours are from Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 6:00pm (closed noon to 1:00pm for lunch).

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## Donate to St. Joseph the Worker

**TEXT: 77977**



**Safe, Fast, Easy. Thank you!**

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**Need A New Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or Marriage Certificate?**

Sacramental certificates from St. Joseph the Worker can be obtained from our parish office usually within one or two business days. We kindly ask for a \$25 donation for each requested certificate which will go towards the support of St. Joseph the Worker Church.

Please contact Gloria Maldonado our parish secretary at (510) 843-2244 or email [gloria@stjosephtheworkerchurch.org](mailto:gloria@stjosephtheworkerchurch.org)



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**Illuminate our church with devotion and prayers.**



**Your votive candle is a silent but visible sign of prayer and devotion.**

## Prayer to Saint Joseph our Patron for a Difficult Problem



O Glorious St. Joseph, thou who hast power to render possible even things which are considered impossible, come to our aid in our present trouble and distress. Take this important and difficult affair under thy particular protection, that it may end happily.

*(MENTION YOUR REQUEST)*

O dear St. Joseph, all our confidence is in thee. Let it not be said that we would invoke thee in vain; and since thou art so powerful with Jesus and Mary, show that thy goodness equal thy power. Amen.

St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.



## OUR CHOIR NEEDS MORE SINGERS!



Do you enjoy and sing well?

Did you sing in a church, school or university choir?

Call Sam Dorlaque at (510) 709-9036 or e-mail him at [spdorlaque@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spdorlaque@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

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### Why Light a Votive Candle?



A Votive Light is a "silent sentinel" and can burn for your special intentions or for someone who is in need of prayers. This is a thoughtful expression of your sentiments and best wishes for any occasion. Your Votive Light can be an act of faith and charity - the light is a symbol of the sacrifice you have made in behalf of someone else - and it is a silent reminder of your prayers for them.

Unlike a regular purchase, a votive candle donation is an "offering" made to God through the intercession of the Saints which also helps support our St. Joseph the Worker Church's mission of beautiful liturgies, reconciliation and healing.

Your prayerful votive offerings are "lighting up" our church with beauty and prayer. Thank you, and may God bless you.

# Prayer to St. Joseph to Obtain a Conversion

O glorious patriarch St. Joseph, who merited to be called "just" by the Holy Ghost, I urgently recommend to the soul of [Name], which Jesus redeemed at the price of His Precious Blood.

Thou knowest how deplorable is the state and how unhappy the life of those who have banished this loving Savior from their hearts, and how greatly they are exposed to the danger of losing Him eternally.

Permit not, I beseech thee, that a soul so dear to me should continue any longer in its evil ways; preserve it from the danger that threatens it; touch the heart of the prodigal child and conduct him back to the bosom of the fondest of fathers.

Abandon him not, I implore thee,  
till thou hast opened to him the gates of the Heavenly city,  
where he will praise and bless thee throughout eternity  
for the happiness which he will owe to thy powerful intercession.

Amen.

