The Lord is my light and my salvation.

- Psalm 27
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3)
God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people.

**Psalm 27**
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17)
Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you.

**Gospel** (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17])
After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee.


**WEEKLY COLLECTION - COLECTA SEMANAL**

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**CARE BAGS CAMPAIGN FOR HOMELESS**

$983.00

**VOLCANO RELIEF FUND**

$8,077.2

In order to maintain our services, meet our expenses, and restore savings, the parish needs an average of $22,000.00 in its weekly collection. Thank you for sharing what God has given you with our parish.

Con el fin de mantener nuestros servicios, cumplir con nuestros gastos, y restaurar el ahorro, la parroquia necesita un promedio de $22,000.00 en su colección semanal. Gracias por compartir lo que Dios le ha dado con nuestra Parroquia.

**GIVING BACK**

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH OR OUR SCHOOL IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST?

Please consider placing your second home and what has been a refuge for you in your will. Help us continue to aid the generations to come in our mission of evangelization through Children’s Catechism, RCIA, Adult Formation, Youth Ministry, Outreach to the homeless, etc.

For further information, please contact Fr. Raymond Decipeda, pastor at (562) 863-5721 or e-mail him at frontoffice@sjogparish.org

Our correct legal title is: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Sole Corporation For the benefit of: ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH OR ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL.

**MASS INTENTSIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, January 27:**
- 7:30 am FM Eulinda Cagaanan †
- 5:00 pm FR Rafael Niemann †

**Tuesday, January 28:**
- 7:30 am FM Charlene Henriquez †
- 5:00 pm FR Rogelio Gutierrez Sr. †

**Wednesday, January 29:**
- 7:30 am FM Ernie & Krystal Romero (B)
- 5:00 pm FM Martina de los Santos †
- 7:00 pm FR Jaime Oliveros †

**Thursday, January 30:**
- 7:30 am FR Ruben & Kevin Romero (B)
- 5:00 pm FM Gloria Moreno †

**Friday, January 31:**
- 8:00 am FM Claudia Romero (B)
- 5:00 pm FR Raul Solis Sr. †

**Saturday, February 1:**
- 7:30 am FM Luis Daniel Moreno (H)
- 5:00 pm FP Filomena Lopez †

**Sunday, February 2:**
- 6:30 am FM Candelario Montion (BD)
- 8:00 am FM For Our Parishioners
- 9:45 am FP Salvador & Soledad Tan †
- 11:15 am FM Juan Sanchez †
- 12:45 pm FM Teresa Martinez Torres †
- 5:00 pm FP Laura Estela Melchor †
- 7:00 pm FP Ignacio & Juana Santos †

**Legend:**


**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED OF PRAYER**

CHRIS TORRES, ERNESTO TREVIÑO, RAMIRO RODRIGUEZ VARGAS, ELIZABETH FABIAN, HELEN ORTEGA, GILBERT ARREOLA, GLORIA LILORIA, AHORTIFAS CASTILLO, EMMANUEL RUIJVAR, JOSE MIGUEL, ANA MARIA GUZMAN, VICTOR ENRIQUE ANGULO, LEONARDO CARRION, MARTIN VALDIVINOS, ERLINDA COLOBONG, IRENE MONZO, FRANCEL ESQUIBEL, GILBERTO & HILARY ESQUIBEL, NOA ESTRADA, JUAN ANTONIO GARCIA, ADEL MEDRANO, JOHN VARELA, DEBBIE VARELA, MACRINA CORTEZ, CHIRS TORRES, JUAN GARCIA, CARMEN GARCIA, ARTURO VALENZUELA, PAULA CARLOS, ANDREA GASTELUM, MARTIN BALDIVINOS, CHIRS LOPEZ, JESUS TRUJILLO, DEACON SALVADOR RAMIREZ, HUMBERTO & MARIA SALAZAR, JUAN ANTONIO GARCIA, ELLEN PACILLAS, ISABEL ZAMORA, JOSE MORENO, VANESSA RODRIGUEZ, MODESTA CABRILLO, ROLANDO TENORIO, BLANCA MEDINA, CHRISTOPHER TORRES, SANDRA MCGOUGH, JUAN ANTONIO GARCIA, MATTHEW DELGADILLO, GABRIELA AVILA, EVANGELINA DE LA ROSA, JESS RODRIGUEZ, ANITA RODRIGUEZ, TERESA ZARAGOZA, BRUCE ELLIOTT, IRENE PORTILLO MARTINEZ, LEONOR HERNANDEZ, ROSARIO CESNEROS, SARA SAUCEDO, MARY & LANCE FUNAOKA, TERESA CHAIDEZ, CLAUDIO RODRIGUEZ, RICHARD STEGER, CRISTOBAL TABAR, MARY FUNAOKA, LANCE FUNAOKA, TERESA CHAIDEZ, CLAUDIO RODRIGUEZ, RICHARD STEGER, CRISTOBAL TABAR, JUAN ANTONIO GARCIA, LEONARDO CARRION, PAULINE MORROW, RAMON RODRIGUEZ, RICK LILLY, ARTURO DELGADO, JUAN ANTONIO GARCIA, ARTURO VALENZUELA, MARIA GUADALUPE GARCIA, GUADALUPE GARCIA, ALICIA ARAIZA, RAFAEL BERNAL, CINDY MORENO, BEATRIZ ZARATE, PAULINE MORROW, GABRIEL DE LEON, KATRINA FLORES, LUIS DANIEL MORENO, JIMENEZ, EVANGELINA DE LA ROSA, ANITA RODRIGUEZ, MARIA AVILA, GABRIEL AVILA, DESTINY GONZALEZ, LEONARDA AVILA, RUDY ZARAGOZA, ANTONIO GALICIA, JESUS REYES, AND LOUISE NEISER.
One of the books of my childhood is Winnie the Pooh. Christopher Rogers is the kid that interacted with Winnie the Pooh, Tigger, Piglet, and others. Winnie the Pooh is a book on the philosophy of life and filled with wise insights.

I love to read books from the time I was able to read to the present. I would imagine the scene as I read each word like every picture in the film that passes through the lens of the projector. The words become alive. The story unfolds before me. I am seating at the front row. I anticipate the next scene and at times allow it to surprise me. I bask in wonderment and awe. My heart skips a beat at every suspenseful moment. I cringe at the horror that is about to happen. I cry when it struck a chord in my heart. I experience elation when the crisis eventually finds its perfect resolution.

All this happens as I allow the story to carry me to places and situations. At times I would be preoccupied creating my own storyline. Playing the game of “what if” opens to me endless possibilities of how the story may proceed.

I am a product of a generation who had little technology advances. But it was not less than this generation. For the present was just a spark of the past. We may be technologically primitive from your point of view. From that primitive technology, our imagination soared beyond the limits of what we have. We are always thinking of “what if”. We were never allowed to be spoon fed for a long time. We have been asked to fend for ourselves and go out and find our adventure. We could dream. I personally look at obstacles as an opportunity.

I am very much surprised how limited are the capacities of this present generation when they encountered obstacles and failures. The increasing number of people who are depressed and the alarming rate of suicide among the young is a sign that there is something wrong. How easy it is for people to blame others for their lot, to feel trap and to think that there is no escape. These are just some of the words that I hear from the many people I encounter in my daily life as a priest. It is so easy to be resigned and give up.

In today’s gospel today Jesus encountered an obstacle. John was arrested. Herod and Herodias were put to the spot because of John the Baptist’s preaching. He needs to be silenced. Herodias wanted him dead. Herod just kept John in prison. What would Jesus do? He would not want to jeopardize his mission. It is not yet time to be imprisoned and be put to death. It would come one day when the appointed time has arrived.

Jesus simply moved away from Galilee for a while to allow the tensions to subside. But the preaching of the Good News will not be impeded by this circumstance. He moved to Capernaum. He preached and recruited men who would become his disciples. He established the base from which his ministry can commence. His first disciples were fishermen whom Jesus would form to be his apostles to the world.

As fishermen, they are fully aware that catching fish is not easy. Sometimes they return filled with a catch and at times return with nothing in their boat. It is filled with hardship and frustrations. They need to have discipline, hopeful attitude and faith. It takes patience and tenacity to do this work. It is exactly the attitude Jesus needed to help him do his mission. Whether there is a good catch or none, in good season or stormy weather, they would continue to go into the deep to catch more fish if they can.

Life will never be as easy as we want it. We just need to make the most of every circumstance that we face and never give up. We will encounter obstacles along the way and be forced to take a detour. Going through unfamiliar detours, we might feel lost and, at times, think that we might not get back on our track. Do not worry and enjoy the journey. You might discover something that will help you along the way.

At times the obstacles just simply say: “Stay put and wait.” Maybe it just means to take a rest. Do nothing. And once rested and our minds have cleared up, and maybe looking at things upside down, we can find the answer. Christopher Rogers did just that and, in the end, he saved the day.

VERSION EN ESPAÑOL
AL NO HACER NADA EVENTUALMENTE HACEMOS ALGO

Parece ser una contradicción. La idea se expresó en la película: Christopher Rogers.

Uno de los libros de mi infancia es Winnie the Pooh. Christopher Rogers es el niño que interactuó con Winnie the Pooh, Tigger, Piglet y otros. Winnie the Pooh es un libro sobre la filosofía de la vida y está lleno de ideas sabias.

Me encanta leer libros desde el momento en que pude leer hasta el presente. Me imagino la escena mientras leo cada palabra como cada imagen en la película que pasa a través de la lente del proyector. Las palabras cobran vida. La historia se desarrolla ante mi. Estoy sentado en la primera fila. Anticipo la siguiente escena y a veces dejo que me sorprenda. Me deleito maravillado y asombrado. Mi corazón da un vuelco en cada momento de suspensión. Me estremezco ante el horror que está por suceder. Lloro cuando toció un acorde en mi corazón. Experimento euforia cuando la crisis finalmente encuentra su resolución perfecta.

Todo esto sucede cuando permito que la historia me lleve a lugares y situaciones. A veces me preocupaba crear mi propia historia. Jugar el juego de “¿pasaría si?” me abre infinitas posibilidades de cómo puede proceder la historia.

Soy un producto de una generación que tenía pocos avances tecnológicos. Pero no fue menos que esta generación. Porque el presente era solo una chispa del pasado. Podemos ser tecnológicamente primitivos desde su punto de vista. A partir de esta tecnología primitiva, nuestra imaginación se disparó más allá de los límites de lo que tenemos. Siempre estamos pensando en “¿pasaría si?”. Nunca se nos permitió ser atendidos por mucho tiempo. Nos han pedido que nos volgamos por nosotros mismos y salgamos a buscar nuestra aventura. Podríamos soñar. Personalmente considero los obstáculos como una oportunidad.

Estoy muy sorprendido de cuán limitadas son las capacidades de esta generación actual cuando encontraron obstáculos y fallas. El creciente número de personas depresivas y la alarma tasa de suicidios entre los jóvenes es una señal de que algo anda mal. Qué fácil es para las personas culpar a otros por su suerte, sentirse atrapados y pensar que no hay escapatoria. Estas son solo algunas de las palabras que escucho de muchas personas que encuentro en mi vida diaria como sacerdote. Es muy fácil renunciar y rendirse.


Jesús simplemente se alejó de Galilea por un tiempo para permitir que las tensiones disminuyan. Pero la predicación de las Buenas Nuevas no se verá obstaculizada por esta circunstancia. Se mudó a Capernaum. Predicó y reclutó hombres que se convertirían en sus discípulos. Él estableció la base desde la cual su ministerio puede comenzar. Sus primeros discípulos fueron pescadores a quienes Jesús formaría para ser sus apóstoles para el mundo.

Como pescadores, son plenamente conscientes de que pescar no es fácil. A veces regresan llenos de una gran pesca y a veces regresan sin nada en su bote. Está lleno de dificultades y frustraciones. Necesitan tener disciplina, actitud esperanzadora y fe. Se necesita paciencia y tenacidad para hacer este trabajo. Es exactamente la actitud que Jesús necesitaba para ayudarlo a cumplir su misión. Ya sea que haya una buena pesca o ninguna, en buena temporada o clima tempestuoso, continuarán a las profundidades para pescar más peces si pueden.

La vida nunca será tan fácil como la queremos. Solo necesitamos aprovechar al máximo cada circunstancia que enfrentamos y nunca rendirnos. Encontraremos obstáculos en el camino y nos veremos obligados a tomar un desvío. El paso por desvíos desconocidos, se sienten perdidos y, a veces, pensamos que no podríamos volver a nuestro camino. No te preocupes y disfruta del viaje. Puedes descubrirl algo que te ayudará en el camino.

A veces, los obstáculos simplemente dicen: “Quédate quieto y espera”. Tal vez solo significa descansar. Hacer nada. Y una vez que descansamos y nuestras mentes se han aclarado, y tal vez mirando las cosas al revés, podemos encontrar la respuesta. Christopher Rogers hizo exactamente eso y, al final, salvó el día.
GROUP WEDDINGS / BODAS COMUNITARIAS

This year we are offering Group Weddings. This is a great opportunity for those couples who are either civilly married or cohabitating and would like to have their union blessed by God. This is a beautiful opportunity to come into grace with God, as well as make Him the fountain and source of grace, love, and strength that we need. Please call the office to set up an appointment with the Priest to begin your preparation and to have any further questions answered.

- The English Group Weddings will take place on: May 30, 2020 @ 1:30pm.
- The Spanish Group Weddings will take place on: June 6, 2020 @ 1:30pm.

What will you need?
Sacrament Certificates:
- Baptism (6 months recent)
- First Communion and Confirmation (copies only)
- Small 2x2 picture. One for you and one of your spouse
- Civil Marriage Certificate (if applicable)
- Retreat Certificate
- Witness forms (2 persons each, 4 in total)
- Focus test (if applicable)
- Special cases (if applicable)

The above documents are not required for your initial meeting with the Priest, and are not the deciding factor of whether you will be able to get married or not, but they will be needed after. Please make the appointment with the Priest and bring as many of the above items with you as possible. Please call us at 562-863-5721.

FINGERPRINTING SESSION AT ST. JOHN OF GOD, NORWALK

Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Fingerprinting Department

SAVE THE DATE
We invite all those who have never been fingerprinted through the ADLA to attend to this session as we have been working toward a comprehensive and coordinated approach to implement the Bishop’s “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.”

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 1st, 2020
TIME: 10:00am-5:00pm
LOCATION: Pastoral Center # 1
(parish office 2nd floor)

Please call the parish office at 562-863-5721 to sign up at your prefer time.

CALLED TO RENEW CAMPAIGN

I would like to make a big announcement about the Called to Renew campaign! After the enormous effort of our community over the past 6 months and after our two big commitment weekends, our parish has promised a total of $1,510,750 million toward our goal of $1,090,000, have raised 139% of our goal! This is incredible! I am pleased to announce that St. John of God will keep $965,750 if all promises are fulfilled. These donations will be used for the maintenance and renovations of the church. I am so grateful for your continued support of this campaign, and I look forward to sharing our campaign milestones as we move forward.

Every 4th Sunday of the month, we will have a second collection for Called to Renew where you can bring your envelopes to the church. We suggest you use the envelopes that were sent to your homes if you are paying by check or cash. I know there are people still waiting for their envelopes. Thank you for your patience. Mail at this time of the year is usually slower than usual and the campaign office is sending mail to parishioners from more than 50 parishes. If you haven't received an envelope yet and would like to make a payment you may use our Called to Renew envelopes - please be sure to write your name and address on the envelope so we can deduct your payment from your pledge. If you have questions about your promise or would like to make a change, please call the number that comes in all campaign correspondence, you can also find this number in the bulletin. On behalf of Archbishop Gomez and I, I want to thank you for everything you do for our parish and the Catholic Church. The number to call for any questions about the campaign is (213)-637-7518. THANK YOU for your support! May God bless you.
PALMS TO BE BURNED

Please mark your calendars: Ash Wednesday will be on Wednesday, February 26.

If you have blessed palms from last year’s Palm Sunday, to be burned for Ash Wed. kindly drop them off at the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Por favor marque sus calendarios: El miércoles de ceniza será el Miércoles 26 de febrero.

Si tiene palmas bendecidas del Domingo de Ramos del año pasado, serán quemadas para el miércoles de ceniza. Amablemente tráigalos a la oficina lo antes posible. Muchas Gracias.

CARE BAGS FOR THE POOR

We are going to be taking on the care bag project again this year. Last year, with your help, we distributed care bags to the homeless in various areas of Los Angeles, and we hope to do this again this year.

CARE BAG CONTENT:
- New or used good condition: Throw Blanket please NO comforters or large blankets

- Extras:
  - NEW/ Still in good condition shirt for men / women
  - Note of encouragement
  - If you are able to a $10 - $20 McDonalds gift card / or any other fast food card

If you cannot make a full care bag with all the above items, you can help by bringing single items. Please pick up a check list at the front office to help you create the bag. We don’t need to be rich to reach out to the increasing number of brothers and sisters who are homeless. We greatly appreciated, thank you!

LEARN TO PRAY MEANINGFULLY - LEARN TO LIVE JOYFULLY

You are invited and give yourself the opportunity to learn how to pray - by praying more meaningfully and deeply and by building an intimate and profound relationship with our Lord. "The Prayer Life Workshop (PLW) is a liberating and healing program made possible through the knowledge of God and of oneself. Recover the meaning of life and the joy of living with inner peace.”

PLACE: St John of God Church – (Room 12), 3919, 13819 Pioneer Blvd, Norwalk CA 90650

WORKSHOP Orientation and Registration Dates:
Feb 5, 12 & 19, 2020; 7-9 PM (Wednesdays)

For advance listing and more information contact:
Please contact: Chito Romero; (562) 413-7173; Susan Romero ; (562) 464-7736; chisanromero@gmail.com
Check out PLW on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/PLWinUSA/
**DID YOU KNOW?**

Evaluate relationships based on context

We may think we know enough about appropriate boundaries in relationships, but boundaries are complicated, even for adults. Children rely on adults to define what is appropriate and what isn’t, in the context of the relationship. For example, some touches are “safe” or “unsafe” depending on who is in the relationship — a parent, a stranger, a teacher, etc. For more information, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Keeping in Touch with Important Distinctions” from [http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx](http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx).

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**WE NEED CATECHISTS**

*We need Catechists & Confirmation Teachers*

Do you hear that? God is calling you! We are looking for volunteers to lead and teach our young church. Are you a long time catechist looking to get back in the game? Are you someone who has never done this before but are looking to serve? Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this ministry! Come make a difference in the future of our Catholic Church.

**Requirements:** * VIRTUS training and Finger Printing.

Please call the office for more information.

(562) 863-5721 ext. 231 or 235

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**UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAININGS!**

**Protecting God’s Children for Adults**

*American Martyrs Catholic Church (Manhattan Beach)*

When: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00pm (English)

Please register online at: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)

**Protegiendo a los niños de Dios**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (Hermosa Beach)*

When: Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 9:00am (Spanish)

Por favor, registrese en la pagina siguiente: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
JANUARY 26 - JANUARY 31

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL

January 26, 2020
Student Led Mass @ 9:45 a.m.
Open House (Large Hall)
Book Fair 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Food and Drinks will be sold

Come and enjoy school tours and see our wonderful student projects!