

**Sisters of St. Joseph of
Carondelet
December 1, 2017**

Next issue Dec. 8th

SAVE THE DATE



**Advent Reconciliation
Service**

Saturday, December 9th
10:00 a.m.
CC Chapel

Followed by social and
refreshments



**Our Lady of Peace
Mass of the Immaculate
Conception and Junior Unity
Mass**

Friday, December 8th
11:30 a.m. -12:45 p.m.
Holy Family Event Center
4860 Oregon St.

San Diego, CA 92116

RSVP aolp.org/junior-unity-mass



Advent Twilight Retreat

Friday, Dec. 15th
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Archdiocesan Catholic Center
3424 Wilshire Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90010

RSVP by Dec. 6th

greyes@la-archdiocese.org or
213.637.7559



**St. James School
100th Anniversary**

Noon Mass followed by lunch
and school open house

Jan. 28, 2018

St. James Church

Redondo Beach, CA 90277

RSVP by Jan. 10th

office@stjamesweb.com

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First Sunday of Advent

Editor's Note:

During this year's Advent Season, we will be sharing reflections from Sisters from all provinces of our Congregation. The reflections will also be posted on our congregational website at <https://csjcarondelet.org/advent-appreciation-expectancy/> and [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#)

December 3, 2017



come, O Come Emmanuel” is the oft-repeated hymn of the Advent season. “Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down...” But when and how does Jesus come?

A quick glimpse into my last few days offers ideas for quiet mulling:

We host a nutrition class in our food pantry; I recommend possible attendance at an upcoming health seminar. One first-time attendee who has a heart condition responds that it's too far for her to walk; another immediately replies that she has a car. “I can pick you up and we can go together.”

I spend the weekend with a precocious two-year-old. Like a sentinel on duty, he stands at the front window, with seemingly every fiber of his being on alert, as he waits with eagerness and delight for the arrival of a beloved relative.

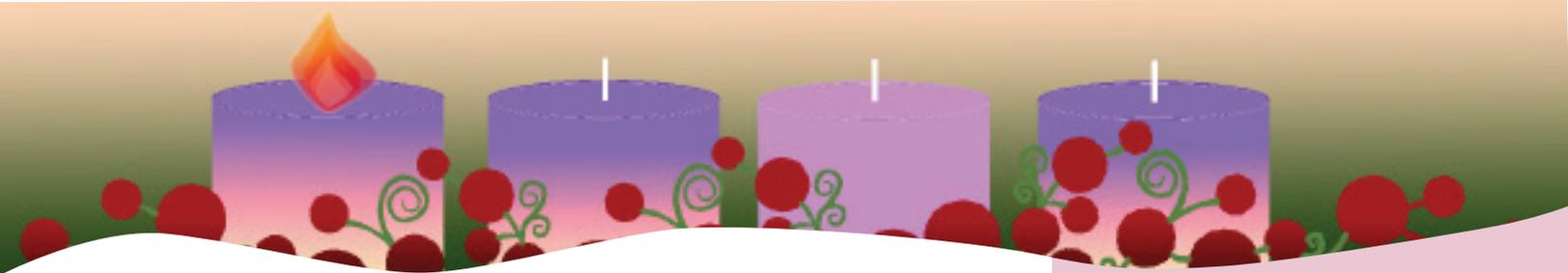
A local Presbyterian woman, commitment in full bloom, organizes her 17th annual CROP Walk to raise funds for the hungry, both near and far.

Gratitude flows and grows for everyday graces received. Look... and you will find! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Open my eyes, Lord, that I may seek your face in the ordinary extraordinary moments of my day. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Mary O'Brien, CSJ (A)





Living & Dying With Jesus

As we move through this season, a time of harvest and abundance in this part of the world, let us be mindful of all who have gone before us. We harvest the fruits of their labors. Let us be mindful of all who will come after us. May we live so that they will be blessed with the harvest of our self-gifts.

Many people today are searching for the meaning of life. In this scientific age smart phones, robots and computers soon become obsolete when a newer model is developed and sold. All our journeys to and with God find meaning in Jesus' words: "If anyone believes in me, even though he dies, will live and anyone who lives and believes in Me, will never die." *John 11:25*

Mercy and loving compassion are offered by Jesus. We are called to live simply and fully. Daily, I remind myself that no earthly food, person or pleasure can fill my heart's longing for God. No matter what happens, I attempt to be mindful of and present to God in myself, and in others. I tell myself and others to live the present as fully as possible. We can't change yesterday. We don't know about tomorrow, but we have today to live as fully as possible. ❖

~ Sister Mary Kelly, CSJ
Hospice Chaplain & Bereavement Coordinator

Religious Communities Investment Fund (RCIF)

Will Invest 1 Million Dollars in Low Interest Loans

RCIF is starting its 10th year of operation. Our CSJ community was one of its first sponsors. We are happy to report that the RCIF has now in excess of 1 million dollars to invest, or has already invested. The investments assist a magnificent and diverse group of projects, both national and international, to start, to grow and to flourish with low interest loans. So far, all loans except one are being repaid. Take a look at the link to this year's ANNUAL REPORT. We take pride in contributing to the empowerment of those on the periphery. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Annette Debs, CSJ

Remembering

Please remember our Sisters and Associates who have recently died:

11/28 Gloria Larson, CSJA

Please remember our friends and relatives who have recently died:

● 11/22 Maria Rosario Delgado,
Mother in law of Kathleen
Delgado, CSJA

Volunteers Needed for Archdiocese of LA Jubilee Celebration

Los Angeles Jubilee Celebration is scheduled for January 28, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. at the Cathedral. You may want to serve if you know jubilarians or if your community is celebrating an anniversary.

We will need Jubilee Volunteers as: Greeters, candle-lighters, directing the entrance of jubilarians and concelebrants, banner carriers and ministers of the Cup (we need at least 10.) There will be more communication in December—this is the first step! I thank you in advance for volunteering. Please contact Maria G. Reyes for more information or to sign up at 213.637.7559. ❖

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LMU's Gala

Christmas Concerts

Two performances:

Thursday, Dec. 7th and

Saturday, Dec. 9th

at 8:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Chapel

Tickets are available at the door for \$15 and \$20

Tickets: cfa.lmu.edu/tickets

For

Sisters & Associates

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Christmas Gift Bags



Our Holy Family Memory Care group in Los Angeles, CA prepared Christmas gift bags for the residents of *Circle the City Respite Center*, in Phoenix, AZ. Each bag contains a small day planner, warm socks, a deck of cards and a \$10 gift card to a store near Circle the City.

All useful items to bring relaxation, warmth, comfort, organization and a treat! Holy Family has been committed to supporting the work of Circle the City since its beginnings. Holy Family Community's upcoming yard sale will benefit those transitioning to housing from the respite center. ❖

Hawaii Calls Update

We did it again! Thanks to our families, friends, partners in mission and countless generous people, we raised \$47,101.50 through our *Hawaii Calls Opportunity* sponsored by the William H. Hannon Foundation. The money benefits the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet as well as the *Dear Neighbor Grant Fund* which offers small grants to many individuals and organizations helping people on the margins of our society. Together, we are ministering to a world in need.

In the months to come, we will be publishing articles on how your donations have impacted the lives of many people and helped advance the mission of Jesus. Thank you! ❖