

Sisters of St. Joseph of
Carondelet
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SAVE THE DATE



2018 Jubilarians

Questionnaires

Due January 4, 2018

For questions or submissions,
please contact meyling@csjla.org

There will be a

Day of Prayer

for you on

Saturday, January 27th

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

in

Holy Family Community Room
with Sister Joann Heinritz, CSJ.

This is an optional part of
Jubilee celebrations.

Please **RSVP** to Sister Rosheen
rglennon@csjla.org or
650.289.9163
by January 16th.
Lunch count needed
for the kitchen staff.



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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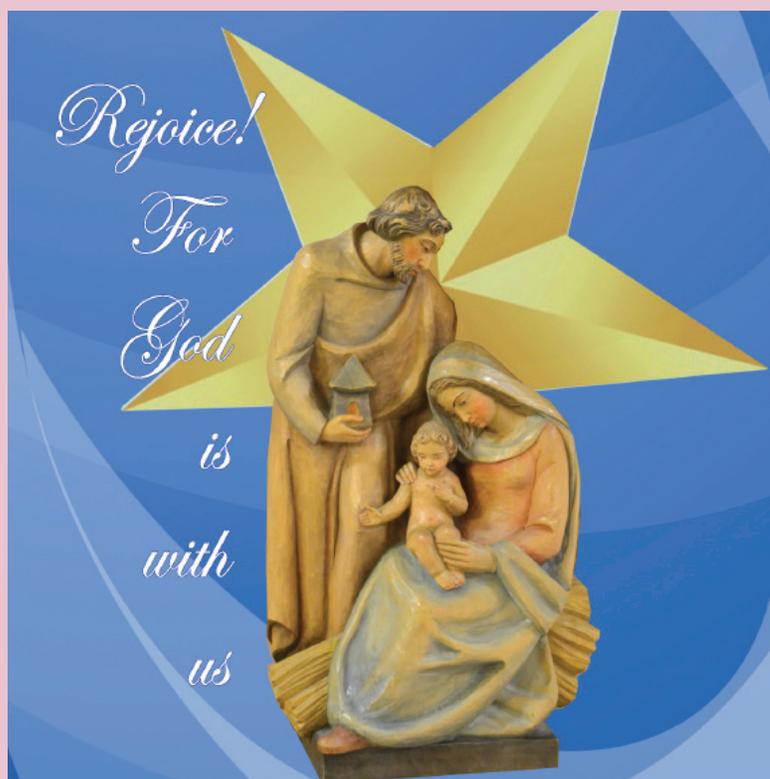
Christmas Presence

The Christmas liturgy proclaims, "Today a child is born to us." The emphasis is on the present moment in which the birth of the Son from the Father is an endless, ever-present reality that constitutes the dynamics of the nature of the cosmos. This process of ongoing creation is not a remembrance of the past, nor even hope for the future, but is experienced as an insight into the moment of now.

Many authors express the peace of being truly present now. James Finley states, "The present moment is the face of God. The present moment is the face of eternity." Ken Wilber writes, "The only thing that never ends is the present moment."

Monet and the impressionists were able to see the numinous, vivid, lively quality of experience or "the thrill of the present moment." Perhaps our greatest Christmas present to God, ourselves and others is the gift of presence. ❖

~ Written by Sister Mona Castelazo, CSJ



Associate Commitment in Arizona



Barrio Arizona (Phoenix/Tucson) gathered in Tucson, AZ to celebrate Kristi Sparks' Commitment as a CSJ Associate. It was a festive Advent Celebration with 18 Associates and seven Sisters. Denise Ginty, CSJ Associates Director, joined us from California. Our hosts for the celebration were Bill and Dianne Nelson; Dianne is the former CSJ Associates Director. ❖

~ Submitted by Ann S. Dickson, CSJA

Annual Christmas Thank You Party!



Holy Family Community residents held their annual party to thank the Holy Family Staff and the many departments who assist and support the Sisters' needs. Everyone enjoyed the food, the opportunity to be together and the simple remembrance gift from the Holy Family Residents and great door prizes. They were grateful for the treats provided by Vitas Hospice. ❖

~ Submitted by Holy Family Community

Remembering

Please remember our friends and relatives who have recently died:

- 12/19 Anna M.L. Tabler, mother of Sister Theresa Harpin, CSJ

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Fourth Sunday of Advent "Home"



David lived in his palace; Mary with her family in a simple village home. And where do I live? Is my home large and well-appointed or small but cozy with furniture handed down over time; or is it a room in someone else's house, a shelter bed or just my car (like the prophets who were "homeless" in the desert)?

I am grateful that it doesn't seem to matter to our God; grateful that God extends an invitation to people who live in elegant or simple houses or are without permanent homes. David, the prophets, Mary—all heard God's call in their "homes" but the important thing was, not where they lived, but how they responded to God's invitation.

As I approach the joyous days of Christmas, I want to make my simple, plantation house a home where God is welcomed and responded to.

So I ask: How am I answering God's invitation as it comes to me in the family and friends who gather in my house? As I share the resources of my home with those whose names are on the Giving Tree? As I celebrate Emmanuel who makes a home in us? ❖

~ Written by Sister Sara Sanders, CSJ