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**Sisters of St. Joseph of
Carondelet
March 23, 2018**

**Next issue March 30th
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Sisters and Associates
are invited to share in the
Celebration of Reception
into the Congregational Novitiate of
Chizuru Yamada
Carondelet Center Chapel
Tuesday, March 27, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Remembering

Remembering the Life of: Mechtilde Gerber, CSJ

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Mechtilde from
National Nurses' Week 2017.](#)



**Palm, Passion
Sunday
MARCH 25, 2018**

In ancient times the waving of palm branches was an expression of victory. The waving of palms also express joy, peace and togetherness. The events of Palm Sunday are told in all four gospels. In Luke's account, Jesus stops and weeps over Jerusalem but this is not mentioned in the other three gospels. On Sunday we will hear Mark's account. Palms with their long green strips and curling stray strands fill the vases of the church on this day and are handed out to us as an invitation to enter fully into the story.

At this point in the Gospel Jesus is only a week from his final Passion and death. He gives mysterious instructions to two of the disciples as they approach Jerusalem from Bethany. He tells them they will find a colt which they are to take. If anyone asks why they are taking it they are to answer: "The master has need of it and will return it to them afterwards." This colt is so young that no one has sat on it and it is the foal of a donkey. This is an animal of the poor not like a horse which a person of importance would ride victoriously into a city. As Jesus rides into the city on the donkey's back, he experiences the crowd waving palm branches, laying them or their cloaks in his path. Their demeanor has changed from the crowd seeking healing, parables, bread or even wisdom. They shout "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Hosanna comes from the Hebrew word Hoshana which means rescue, save, or a savior. The crowd is letting us know who this man is who rides on a donkey.

This strange mix of JOY in Jesus' presence and the proximity of his crucifixion, betrayal, denial and loss pulls at us in strange ways. As it must have also pulled at the heart of Jesus. Let us reflect on the palms, the crowd and the complete story of "Passion of Jesus" this Sunday. Take the palm in all its greenness, press it into your hand, then in a book, or place it on your wall where you will experience it and remember you are all of the characters in the Passion story. Weep over your city, weep over your sin, weep over all loss and know the God who loves you best and always. Remember he was there first! ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Carol L. Smith, CSJ



LA cluster #6 had a rich conversation about Homelessness at their recent meeting. They agreed that it takes a gift to actually work directly with the homeless. Though most cannot carry out that ministry, they support those who do and try to do something to be involved. Sister Adele O'Sullivan, CSJ works directly with the homeless through *Circle the City*, (CTC) . Her insights enriched the conversation immensely. One local CSJ community sends a monetary donation to CTC in honor of their jubilarians each year.

Members of the cluster enunciated some of the ways they support the ministry to the homeless. Some make contributions of clothing and money to *Circle the City*; some carry brown paper bags in their car that hold bottles of water, breakfast bars and sometimes items such as cough drops, paper tissue and body lotion. They give these bags to people in need that they meet at street corners and at freeway off-ramps. The bag includes a note with information where to call for programs and services in the area. Some other cluster members purchase food at a restaurant or fast food place, if a person is requesting. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Diane Smith, CSJ Director of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

Putting Angelenas on the Map

Mount Saint Mary's University's Center for the Advancement of Women in Los Angeles, CA is collaborating with the City of Los Angeles, Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office, to increase the places, buildings and monuments that honor the contributions of women. Currently only 8% of monuments and streets in L.A. are named for women. The Mount will host an event to kick off the research to highlight influential women and their impact on our world by placing their stories on a map, essentially tying their stories to a place. Volunteers are needed to assist in the research. ❖

Putting Angelenas on the Map Event

Wednesday, March 28th

5:30 -7:00 p.m.

MSMU - Donohue Center, Doheny Campus.

All are welcome, and dinner will be served. To RSVP contact Emerald Archer, PhD, director of the Center, at emarcher@msmu.edu or 213.477.2544

Jubilee News

Video and Photo Booth

Sisters and Associates are invited to make appointments to update their photos or record a video for the archives two days before our jubilee celebration.

For more information or to make an appointment please see information below:

TODAY

Photos: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Sister Carol L. Smith, CSJ at 310.889.2125 or clsmith@csjla.org

Videos: 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Contact: Cameron Parsons at 310.889.2127 or cameron@csjla.org

Looking for a Gift for a jubiliarian or yourself?



Visit our craft room (Carondelet Center ground level) and find wonderful cards, T-shirts and other personal items.

Open:

Today from 10:30 a.m. - Noon and 1:00-2:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Juana at 310.889.2135 or jtorres@csjla.org ❖

Celebrating St. Joseph

Feast of St. Joseph at St. Joseph's Center



Staff at St. Joseph's Center in Venice, CA commemorated the feast of our patron saint with a presentation offered by Sister Eileen Mitchell, CSJ

~ Submitted by Paul Rubenstein, St. Joseph Center Dir. of Development and Communications

Academy of Our Lady of Peace to Celebrate St. Joseph's Day



St. Joseph Award winners Penny Cruz Rabago, Vivian Mateos Zuniga, Rachel Amaral and Lauren Amaral pictured with CSJ Sisters Anne Lorraine Mahlmeister and Margaret Murray.

Dr. Lauren Lek, Head of School at OLP, presents communion to CSJ Sister Charlene Del Bianco, CSJ

Academy of Our Lady of Peace (OLP, San Diego, CA) celebrated St. Joseph's Day with Mass on Monday, March 19th. Sisters Anne Lorraine Mahlmeister, Helen Louise Lacey, Margaret Murray, Charlene del Bianco and Associate Mary Kennedy, were in attendance and renewed their vows.

Additionally, five OLP seniors were chosen to receive St. Joseph Awards. Vivian Mateos Zuniga was awarded the Woman of Faith Award; Lauren Amaral and Rachel Amaral received the Woman of Heart Award and the Woman of Courage Award went to Penny Cruz Rabago.

~ Submitted by Emily Pippin, Director of Communications

For Sisters & Associates

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❖ A thank you note from Sister Virginia Stehly, CSJ

Holy Family Retreat 2018

JUNE 3 - 9, 2018



"Harvest The Blessings"

Facilitated by Sister Carol Quinlivan, CSJ

If you would like to participate in this retreat please make a reservation by March 26th with sharon@csjla.org. First priority will be to those who have attended before or who will benefit from the handicap accessibility of Carondelet Center. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Sharon Margaret Ninteman, CSJ