

# The Rose

SANTA TERESITA'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Every Saturday**

**Rosary Makers**

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Cafeteria

626-408-7802

**Thursday, December 19, 2013**

**Senior University**

Madonna Hall

10:30 am

**December 16<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Posadas Novena**

Manor Pink Room

**Tuesday, December 24, 2013**

**Christmas Eve Mass**

St. Joseph Chapel

7:30 pm

**Wednesday, December 25, 2013**

**Christmas Day Mass**

St. Joseph Chapel

10:30 am

**Wednesday, January 1, 2014**

**New Year's Day Mass**

St. Joseph Chapel

10:30 am

Visit: [www.santa-teresita.org](http://www.santa-teresita.org)  
for event updates!



**We at Santa Teresita wish you all  
a very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!**



In a traditional Mexican novena, called "Posadas" (meaning lodging in Spanish), we prayerfully reflect on the trials and joys that they encountered along the way. Joseph and Mary travel alongside us to make the journey more tangible and meaningful, reminding us that life is a journey, a journey that leads to God. Even though difficulties and trials are scattered upon the road of life, we find hope in the hidden presence of Christ. Just as Mary treasured the presence of the infant Jesus within her womb and joyfully awaited his arrival on Christmas day, so may each of us prepare our hearts to receive him fully this blessed Christmas Season.

## "Las Posadas" A Christmas Novena

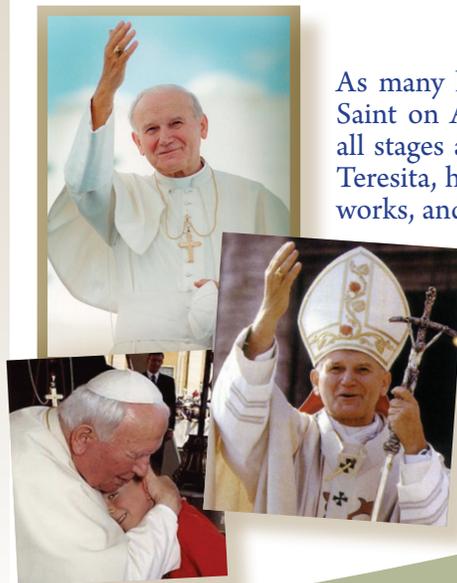
**EVERY YEAR WE EMBARK UPON A  
SIMPLE, YET STRIKING JOURNEY  
AT SANTA TERESITA.**

During the Nine Days before Christmas, the sisters and the residents recall the journey of Joseph and Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem.



## A Saint to Be!

As many have heard, Pope John Paul II will be canonized a Saint on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. An outstanding defender of life at all stages and a profound encourager of holiness, we at Santa Teresita, hold a special place for him in our hearts. His words, works, and wisdom continue to inspire us and our residents in our service to the family for life. In preparation for this wonderful event and to honor such a beautiful witness to hope, starting with this issue of *The Rose* we will share words from Pope John Paul II in a little column called "Words of Hope." It is our hope that his words will encourage each of you towards the ultimate goal – heaven!



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# “Words of Hope”

Reflections from the writings of  
Blessed Pope John Paul II

## The Gift of Life



“Is not our entire life marked by God’s kindness? The beginning of life and its marvelous development: this is a gift... It must never be forgotten that human life is a gift, and that it remains precious even when marked by suffering and limitations. A gift to be accepted and to be loved at all times: received without pay and to be placed without pay at the service of others... In the very love which God has for us, there lies the call to give ourselves freely to others in turn... Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus renews our life and makes us sharers in the divine life which draws us into the intimate life of God and enables us to experience his love for us. This is a sublime gift, which the Christian cannot fail to proclaim with joy.”



## FANTASIA FAMILY FESTIVAL 2013



Strains of lively music danced through the air as families, young and old, filled Santa Teresita campus. The sky broke forth in beautiful blues with sporadic spots of white fluffy clouds. The joys of the day included delicious foods, tasty treats, wonderful music and unique gift items. The greatest joy, however, was the peaceful family spirit that pervaded the day. Smiles were on all faces as people enjoyed one another and the activities around them. It was moving to see the large force of volunteers that arrived to spend individual time with our residents. Amidst the crowds of families and shoppers, it was not uncommon to see a young teenager pushing the wheelchair of a contented resident. What a gift! Even Santa Claus could not help but dance for joy! Each volunteer gave wholly of themselves in hidden and visible ways. May God bless each person who helped bring this wonderful day to life. It is through the generous support of our friends that makes the joys of these days possible. Thank you for all that you do!



### MADONNA HALL AT SANTA TERESITA!

A Newly Upgraded Conference & Reception Hall  
for Your Special Event Needs

626-408-7810 | <http://www.santa-teresita.org/facility-rental/>

- Tables & chairs
- Floor-length tablecloths
- Free & ample parking
- On-Site Security
- Housekeeping
- Use of Kitchenette/ Ice Machine

### Memorialize Your Intentions at Santa Teresita



If you would like to make your prayer intentions a permanent part of the physical grounds of Santa Teresita and a spiritual part of the prayers of the Carmelite Sisters, we invite you to engrave the names of your families or special prayer intentions with a Donor Tree of Life Leaf. Join us more tangibly in prayer and in support of our “Service of the Family for Life” at Santa Teresita.

- **Donor Tree of Life Leaf \$500**  
Engraved leaf will be attached to our Donor Tree of Life located in the chapel vestibule.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR VARIOUS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES,  
visit our website: <http://www.santa-teresita.org/giving/naming-opportunities/> or contact us: 626-576-4910