

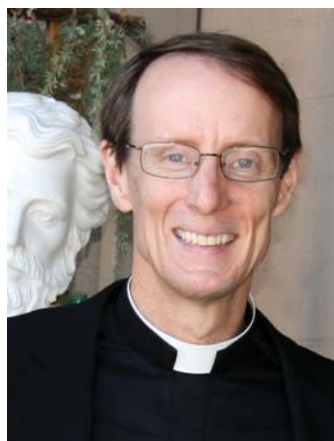
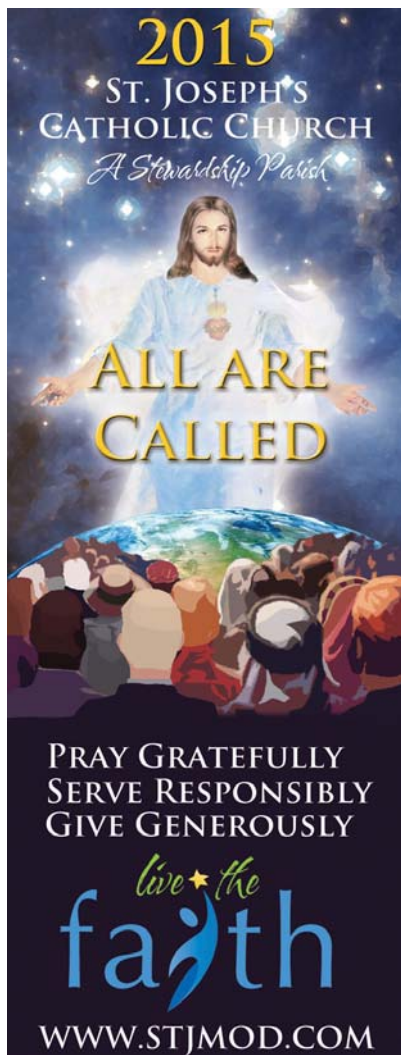


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All Are Called:

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Message from Fr. Mark

Recently I had dinner at my parent's home in Stockton because my mother was preparing "red beans and rice." This family recipe came from the days when my mother was growing up in New Orleans. Her mother would serve ham on Sundays and on

Mondays the ham bone was cooked with red beans to create a thrifty meal. The family was poor, but being together at mealtime was compulsory. My mother remembers that if she arrived late for dinner, she could not reach her place at the table without passing her father's chair and receiving a swat on the derriere! Her father would also slam the table and say "We eat at six o'clock!" I never knew my maternal grandfather but I am told he was a pious Catholic. He obviously believed in the importance of breaking bread together. I like to think that his prayers helped me obtain the grace of my priesthood.

Certainly it was because of my grandfather's influence that mealtime was always a sacred family time for my family when I was growing up in Stockton. Dinnertime was always at exactly 5:30 PM (with the unfortunate result that I only saw the first half of every Star Trek episode. Six o'clock would have been perfect)!

As we get close to Easter, we certainly hope that everyone will join us at table for the Paschal feast. Our parish is a family and we gather at the altar table every week, but Holy Week is a sacred time when all are invited! We gather to remember what Jesus did for us during that Holy Week 2000 years ago. He went up to Jerusalem for the Feast even though His enemies were plotting against Him. He entered the city and was welcomed (Palm Sunday), but soon He was betrayed. He handed over his Body and Blood at the Last Supper (Holy Thursday) and again the next day on the Cross (Good Friday). But on the third day

an invitation to the Pascual feast

He rose (Easter Sunday). Don't be absent from the table on the days of these sacred feasts! Even if you arrive late, don't worry, because you will not receive a swat!

The more you get to know our parish family, the more you will realize that we love to gather for food. Even during Lent we gather for our famous fish fry dinners! On the Feast of St. Joseph we had a Pot Luck on the Plaza in honor of St. Joseph's award winners Jayne Cunningham and Ed and Bev Fernandes. People love our free Blessings Breakfast (May 2), our Seniors Lunches and our Many Hands, Many Hearts, One Mission Gala Dinner. Our huge youth ministry always provides food for insatiable teens. I think these events are all indications that our parish is truly Catholic. Hilaire Belloc said: "Wherever the Catholic sun doth shine, there's always laughter and good red wine!"

This year our parish theme is "All Are Called." This means that some are called to priesthood or consecrated life, but everyone is called to follow Jesus. Jesus invites us to take up our cross and follow him. But we are not called only to suffer. We are also invited to GLORY! We can reign in glory as members of God's royal family! Jesus said: "I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel!" (Luke 22: 29-30) In the last book of the Bible it says that if we open our hearts to Jesus, he will give us a share in his heavenly banquet and his heavenly glory: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me. I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne, as I myself first won the victory and sit with my Father on his throne." (Rev 3:20-21).

Catholics love to FEAST because it reminds us of the heavenly banquet, but we also know that sometimes we have to FAST. During Lent many Catholics fast from their favorite foods. We fast first; then we enjoy the Easter feast! We abstain from meat and from treats! We offer up the hunger as a penance for our sins and for the sins of others.

It helps us to look forward more to Easter and to the joys of the heavenly banquet. It also helps to make us hungrier for the "bread from heaven" which is Holy Communion. During this life we can eat "the bread of angels" which is the Eucharist (Psalm 78:25).



It is interesting that some of the saints lived for many years without eating anything except the Holy Communion. Here is a list of saints and holy people who had the miracle of being able to live for extended periods while eating nothing but the Holy Eucharist: Bl. Mary of Oignies, St. Angela of Foligno, Bl. Elizabeth the Good of Waldsee, St. Lydwina of Schiedam, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Nicholas von Flue, St. Catherine of Genoa, St. Peter of Alcantara, St. Rose of Lima, St. Marianna de Jesus Paredes Flores, Domenica Lazzari, St. Joseph of Cupertino, Juliana Engelbrecht, Louise Lateau, Viktoria Hecht, Rosalie Put, Berthe Petit, Luisa Piccarreta, Bl. Alexandrina Da Costa, Therese Neumann, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Ven. Marthe Robin.

If you read about the lives of any of these saints, you will be inspired by the way they loved Jesus above all else. We hope to meet them all at the eternal banquet of heaven!

Fr. Mark's

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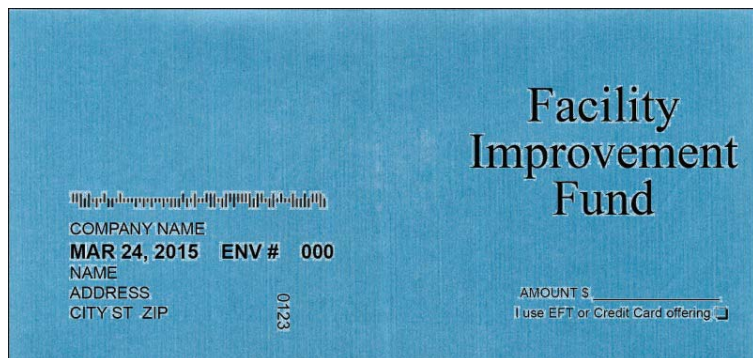
In gratitude for your continued generosity and with an awareness of current capital facility needs...

We are **discontinuing** the “Green Envelope”



**“Green Envelope”
Building Plan Fund.**

All gifts to this fund will remain in the restricted Building Plan Fund (new church).



**“Blue Envelope”
Facility Improvement Fund.**

All gifts to this Fund will be used for capital improvement projects for our **parish’s current use.**



Green Envelopes will not be mailed beginning July 2015. Any gifts placed in the Green Envelopes until this date will remain **restricted** for Building Plan Fund (new church).

**8am
-11am**

**BLESSINGS
BREAKFAST**



FREE Breakfast!
*Join us as St. Joseph's gives
thanks for its blessings.
All are welcome!*

**2 EVENTS ON
MAY 2ND**



Fundraiser for our
St. Joseph's  **Cracow**
WYD 2016

Pilgrims

Tickets: \$10

**INTERNATIONAL
DINNER
AND ENTERTAINMENT**

**5PM
-7PM**

St. Joseph's Events Calendar

April Events

April 2-5
Easter Triduum
See page 7 for details.

FREE Parish Movie Night



Saturday, April 11
7pm in Fr. O'Hare Hall

Bring your family and friends to see the family movie "Dolphin Tale 2" on the big screen in the hall. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Bring cookies to share.



In May don't forget to join us for our...

Annual Blessings Breakfast on Saturday, May 2 from 8-11am in Fr. O'Hare Hall.

Come enjoy a **FREE** pancake breakfast provided by St. Joseph's Development Committee and be greeted by parish leadership. On display will be artwork created by our school-aged parishioners as they describe what blessings God has provided for them. Music will be provided by our Children's Cherubim Choir.

Save the Date:

June 6



**Fr. Hamiltons 15 yr
Anniversary of
ordination**



June 7

**Corpus Christi
Procession**

Save the Date:

June 22-26

Vacation Bible Retreat



2015 EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday - April 2th *No confessions*

Tenebrae, 8am;
Holy Thursday Concert, 6pm;
Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm
Español in hall, English in church



Washing of the Feet
Holy Thursday

Good Friday - April 3th

No confessions
Modesto Walk for Life, 8am
*Begins at East Ridge Community Church
(SE corner of Oakdale & Briggsmore);*
Tenebrae, 8am;
Modesto Walk for Life
Prayer Service, 10am;
Live Stations of the Cross, 12noon;
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion,
Veneration of the Cross and Holy
Communion, 1:30pm;
Our Lady of Sorrows – Español, 6pm
Prayer around the Crosses, 7:30pm



Walk for Life
Modesto
8am Good Friday



Live Stations of the Cross
12Noon, Good Friday

Holy Saturday - April 4th *No confessions*

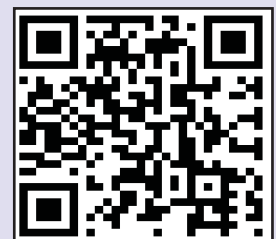
Tenebrae, 8am; Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30pm Blessing of Paschal Fire; Easter Baptisms and Mass, *Español in the Fr. O'Hare Hall, English in the Church*

Easter Sunday - April 5th

Masses: 6am, 7:30am, 9am,
10:30am church, 10:30am hall,
12noon, 1:30pm (Español), and
5:30pm



Easter Sunrise
Mass 6am



Visit our Easter page:
www.stjmod.com/easter



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St. Joseph's Feast Day Award Recipients

*"Thank you
 for all that
 you do"*

F. Marquez



WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY OF FAMILIES

Scan this image with your smart phone and go directly to St. Joseph's web page to view upcoming events and the latest blogs.

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Sundays: 7:30am, 9am
 (Latin), 10:30am, 12noon, 1:30pm (Español),
 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:30am Sunday Mass

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 8am & 5:45pm; Saturdays 8am

CONFESSION

Monday through Thursday 5-5:30pm

Fridays 6:30-7:30pm during Holy Hour

Saturdays 8:30-9:30am & 4-5pm

Homebound please call 551-4973 for a priest to visit you by appointment.

Our Parish Mission:

*To Evangelize God's People Beginning
 with the Gift of the Holy Eucharist.*

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