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HALF A CENTURY OF



BLESSINGS

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

a Stewardship Parish

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Catechism, Confirmation & High School Classes Start:

Catechism:
Sunday, September 17

Confirmation:
Wednesday, September 20

High School Life Nights:
Sunday, September 17

October 28: Children being fully initiated at Easter Vigil 2018 will be receiving the Rite of Acceptance at the Saturday Vigil Mass (5:30pm) on OCTOBER 28TH, 2017.

THIS IS ONLY FOR THOSE CHILDREN BEING BAPTIZED AT EASTER VIGIL.

November 5: The first week of November (November 5th) PSR has scheduled Teaching Masses for the children at 4pm. All the classes grade 1 through 6 will be dropped off at the Hall, but picked up in the Church.

Please pray for our children, teens and adults as they begin their classroom journeys, some far away.

A "School of Prayer" for 50 Years

Our young children and young people have headed back to their classes and colleges. Our Parish School of Religion has also been preparing for the start of the new catechism school year, where prayer is the center of all curriculum.

Pope John Paul II instructed, "Yes... *our Christian communities must become genuine "schools" of prayer, where the meeting with Christ is expressed not just in imploring help but also in thanksgiving, praise, adoration, contemplation, listening and ardent devotion, until the heart truly "falls in love". Intense prayer, yes, but it does not distract us from our commitment to history: by opening our heart to the love of God it also opens it to the love of our brothers and sisters, and makes us capable of shaping history according to God's plan.*"¹

I heard once that if a catechism teacher could only teach his or her students how to pray, that would be the most important instruction, as they will have started them on a relationship with our living God. We have been blessed over the past 50 years by catechism teachers who have sacrificed thousands of hours to ensure that the next generation of Catholics know how to pray, as well as understand and love our faith. Several years ago, we began a new catechism program for our youngest parishioners (age 3-5), "Catechism of the Good Shepherd" (CGS) which is a Catholic, Montessori-based program. Through generous parishioner benefactors, we were able to

fully convert two classrooms with small tables and chairs and objects that help our youngest love our living God. CGS is a very prayerful catechesis, and as children already have a prayerful attitude, it is important to nurture this important quality.

Our parish was built over the past 50 years by enthusiastic pastors, sacrificial giving of our parishioners and the powerful result of prayer

put into action. The facilities, especially our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, help us to grow in faith as we become, even more, a shrine to the Eucharist. Let us take advantage of our facilities, our prayerful and welcoming people so



that we too can become a people and place like the Holy Family in Nazareth, where we live in prayerful communion with Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Fr. Mark

¹ NOVO MILLENNIO INEUNTE 2001, n. 33; see also, John Paul II, "The Eucharist as a School of Prayer," *Origins* 28 (April 8, 1999): 729.

Visit Fr. Mark's blog...
www.stjmod.com/fr-marks-blog.html





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Faith building for Men and Women

Men and Women of our parish: they are called to respond to a need for community and spiritual growth. They can find both by attending the AM or PM Men's Workshop Faith Study or the NEW PM Woman's Faith Study.

Men's Faith Study: St. Joseph's Workshop

*Starting on:
Wednesday, September 13*

*Choose a time:
6-7:30am or 7-8:30pm*

St. Joseph's Workshop, a men's faith study at our parish, is excited to announce the beginning of a new year of helping men to grow in their faith. The morning Workshop will be continuing with the third year of the "That Man Is You!" curriculum, while the evening Workshop will start with the first year of the curriculum. If you have participated in the TMIY curriculum before, or you have never been able to attend, you will be able to grow in your faith regardless of which of the two Workshops you chose. Sign-ups will be held on the plaza after masses until September 10th. Please, stop by, ask any questions you might have, and sign-up today. That man needs to be part of one of the Workshops, and "That Man Is You!"

stjworkshop@stjmod.com



ST. JOSEPH'S WORKSHOP

Woman's Faith Study: STJ Daughters of the King

*Starting on:
Thursday, Sept 21*

*Please join us after
5:45pm Mass every
Thursday*

All adult women are invited to join the new women's faith study. If you are seeking spiritual enrichment and fellowship, this will definitely be the group for you. Women seeking to learn more about their faith, the Church, and themselves, with women seeking the same thing.

*Our mission is to engage
the feminine heart with
the love of Christ.*

For information email us at:

stjdaughtersoftheking@stjmod.com



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INADEQUATE UNLOVED AND UNWORTHY,
I REMEMBER WHOSE DAUGHTER I AM
AND I STRAIGHTEN MY CROWN**

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Stewardship Renewal

2017 Renewal Weekend: September 9-10

Catholic Stewardship is like a well-balanced, three-legged stool upon which our faith rests.

Pray Gratefully

The most important leg of our Stewardship stool is prayer. We must make practical plans to ensure we pray gratefully. Prayer should play an important part in our daily routine. We need to allow God into our daily lives.

Serve Responsibly

Next is putting our personal talents and abilities into action by serving responsibly. God's love is alive on this earth through the gifts we put to work in His name.

Give Generously

Finally, it is the generous giving of money and material goods for the work of the Church and the support of those in need. When we plan to give generously, we are able to manage our budgets and lives in a way that makes giving joyful. Be generous. Feel the joy of God's glory in the work that will be done with what you have given!

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| <p>Praying Gratefully...</p> <p>Prayer is the beginning of Stewardship. Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service to others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Mass every Sunday & Holy Day of Obligation <input type="checkbox"/> Attend weekday Mass at least once a week <input type="checkbox"/> Teach the Catholic Faith to my children or grand-children & pray together as a family <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Confession once a month <input type="checkbox"/> Spend 15 minutes a day in personal prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Spend one hour a week at the Adoration Chapel <input type="checkbox"/> Read the Bible, or other spiritual reading, for one hour a week <input type="checkbox"/> Pray the Rosary once a week, and I choose <input type="checkbox"/> Sun <input type="checkbox"/> Mon <input type="checkbox"/> Tues <input type="checkbox"/> Wed <input type="checkbox"/> Thu <input type="checkbox"/> Fri <input type="checkbox"/> Sat <input type="checkbox"/> Attend at least one religious education class or bible study this year <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in an annual spiritual retreat | <p>Liturgical Stewardship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild Society (Daily Mass) <input type="checkbox"/> Environment Team (Liturgical Seasons Decorating) <input type="checkbox"/> Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion <input type="checkbox"/> Lectors <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgical Linens <input type="checkbox"/> Sacristans <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Hospitality - Greeters <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Hospitality - Ushers <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Plaza Refreshment Volunteers <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Center Volunteers | <p>Parish Leadership Stewardship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Building Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Development Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Council <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Council <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Committee |
| <p>...Serving Responsibly...</p> <p>"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" - 1 Peter 4:10</p> <p>Write the first name of the interested family member on the line and check one of the following: <input type="radio"/> = I am recommitting <input type="checkbox"/> = Interested in joining</p> <p>A group leader will call you to answer questions and explain how to get involved.</p> | <p>Religious Education Stewardship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Bible Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism Preparation <input type="checkbox"/> Catechesis of the Good Shepard <input type="checkbox"/> Children & Teen Catechists <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Liturgy of the Word <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Catechists <input type="checkbox"/> Crosswalk Guards <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage Preparation <input type="checkbox"/> Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (sponsor) <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education Catechists <input type="checkbox"/> St. Joseph Workshop (AM Men's Study) <input type="checkbox"/> St. Joseph Workshop (PM Men's Study) <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Faith Study | <p>Youth Stewardship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Servers <input type="checkbox"/> American Heritage Girls Scouting <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scout Troop <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Adoration & Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> High School CORE Team /Life Nights <input type="checkbox"/> Live Stations of the Cross <input type="checkbox"/> Militia Mariae H.S. Peer Ministry <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Music Camp <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Life Boys Scouting <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation Bible Retreat <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Hospitality |
| <p>Spirituality Stewardship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Charismatic Prayer Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Prayer Group <input type="checkbox"/> Legion of Mary <input type="checkbox"/> Militia of the Immaculata (Spanish and Prayer Villages) <input type="checkbox"/> Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary Makers | <p>Community Life Stewardship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Parish Gala Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Book Store <input type="checkbox"/> Dinners and Feast Day Volunteers <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Festival Planning Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Health Ministry Team <input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus <input type="checkbox"/> Library <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Volunteers <input type="checkbox"/> Office Volunteers <input type="checkbox"/> On-the-Go Adults <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Strength Training <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors (Fellowship for those 55+) <input type="checkbox"/> St. Joseph's Filipino Ministry <input type="checkbox"/> St. Joseph's Young Adult Ministry | <p>Music Stewardship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Choir (Sun. 10:30 a.m.) <input type="checkbox"/> Bel Canto Cantor, Chamber, Chorale <input type="checkbox"/> Cantors, Organists, Accompanists <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Choir (Sun. 12:00 Noon) <input type="checkbox"/> Gregorian Chant Choir <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Bell Choir <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental Ensemble (Sun. 5:30 p.m.) <input type="checkbox"/> Resurrection Funeral Choir <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Choir (Sun. 1:30 p.m.) |
| | | <p>Outreach Ministry Stewardship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral Receptions and Support <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Legislative Network <input type="checkbox"/> ESL-English and Citizenship Classes <input type="checkbox"/> Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound <input type="checkbox"/> Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Family Promise at St. Joseph's (Homeless Family Hosting) <input type="checkbox"/> Jail Ministry <input type="checkbox"/> Military Support Ministry <input type="checkbox"/> Respect Life Ministry <input type="checkbox"/> St. Joseph's Bread (Homeless Shelter meals) <input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent de Paul Ministry <input type="checkbox"/> Tribunal Aides |



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A Half Century of Parish Investment

Memorial donors who helped to furnish the first St. Joseph's.....

- Altar Bells..... Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Murray
- Candlesticks: Low Mass Set..... Mr. and Mrs. Levio Ghilotti
- Mass Missal..... Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stump
- Altar Cover..... Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jespersen
- Statue of St. Anthony..... Fr. Anthony McManus

Completion Date:
August, 2016

Contractor: JHK
Construction, Inc.

*Many Hands
Many Hearts
ONE MISSION*

Mr. & Mrs Joseph and Shin Rozelle
Mr. & Mrs John and Malissa Souza

A Story of a long marriage and a final gift.....

St. Joseph's parishioners Joseph and Mildred Cernick were not blessed with any children during their marriage, and as a result they always devoted much time to good and charitable causes throughout their lives. Mildred, who always had a rosary in her hand, had three sisters who were Notre Dame Nuns. They both worked hard over the years, Joseph as a graphic designer for the Budweiser Brewery. Long after his retirement, he continued to create the "retirement scrolls" for retiring Budweiser employees. Careful and wise investors, they were able to live a modest yet comfortable life. As final gifts through their Trust, they remembered family members, the Poor Claire's Congregation of the Faith, the Notre Dame Sisters and **St. Joseph's Catholic Church**

Ways to Give:

- Cash Gifts
- Appreciated Securities
- Real Estate
- Retirement Assets
- Bequests in Wills and Living Trusts (If the will or living trust already exists, a gift amendment can be made without rewriting the entire document)...
- Personal Property...
- In-Kind gifts...



For more information about planning gifts of any kind to St. Joseph's Church, please contact
Tammy Menezes at 551-4973, ext. 207

Bequest Language: I give to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, a Corporation Sole, a California nonprofit Corporation, located in Modesto, California _____ Dollars (\$ _____)

Alternate 1: property or assets herein described

Alternate 2: _____ (_____ %) of the residue of my estate

Alternate 3: all the residue of my estate. This gift shall be used for the benefit of St. Joseph's Catholic Church for ministry and operational expenses or for the following purpose:_____.



A message from Sally Frampton, 2016 MHMHOM Chair:

I am filled with gratitude to the November, 2016 Many Hands, Many Hearts, One Mission Gala supporters and donors!

The good news is that we accomplished our goal, which was for an elegant and fun evening, while raising funds to provide air conditioning to our catechism classrooms, as well as new floor coverings and paint.

They look amazing and our children will get to enjoy a cool classroom this Fall for the first time!

The Gala will return in 2018, as we take a year off to focus on our Golden Jubilee Celebration. I am sure that many of you have ideas about parish projects that you would like to raise funds for. We will be having a luncheon later this year to set a date for 2018 and celebrate our accomplishments. Please call 551-4973, ext. 207 for more information about this fun group. Men and women are welcome to serve on the MHMHOM Committee. God bless everyone!



These photos are our newly renovated Hall and the JP2 Young Adult Room. These projects were completed through Facility Improvement Fund offerings, which are on the first Sunday of each month. Consider using E-Giving to make your Facility Improvement Fund gift, or simply your weekly offertory gift. We all work and give together so that our parish can be blessed by years of faith growth and activities.



St. Joseph's Events Calendar

September Events

September 8-10

St. Joseph's Festival(See page 5)

September 9 and 10

Stewardship Renewal (See page 4)

Sunday, September 17

Youth Group Kick-Off

5:30pm Mass in the church/7pm in Fr. O'Hare Hall

September 17

Parish School of Religion begins this week
(class times vary throughout the week)

October Events

Wednesday, October 4

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi/
Blessing of the animals after 5:45 Mass



Saturday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary
International Rosary after 5:45pm
Mass with the "Ave Maria" Prelude
by our cantors

Saturday, October 14

Golden Jubilee Celebration



Saturday, October 28

Planned Giving Seminar
9:30-11am in Fr. O'Hare Hall

FREE Breakfast! An overview of estate tax law. Presented by St. Joseph's Development Committee. Call 551-4973, ext. 202 to RSVP.

November Events



**SVDP Event
Great Canned Ham
Race in November!**

Save the Date



Coming to St. Joseph's
**Christopher
West**

December 5 & 6

*Best Selling Author, Speaker,
Teacher and World-Renowned
Expert in John Paul II's
Theology of the Body*

Presented by St. Joseph's Health Ministry

St. Joseph's 6th Annual Health Fair



- Vision and Hearing Checks



- Blood Pressure Checks



- Immunizations:
Flu / Pneumonia



- Blood Sugar and
Cholesterol Testing

**Saturday,
September 30**

8:45am - 1:00pm

JP2 Building

October 14

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS

Golden Jubilee Celebration

GALLO CENTER FOR THE ARTS



Reception with Appetizers:
11- 11:55am

Show time:
12noon - 2:30pm

Tickets Available ONLY
in the Parish Office

Age: 19+ \$15

Age: 6-18 \$ 5

Age: 0-5 \$ 1

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Featuring:

Dave Moore Band

Debut Screening:

**Golden Parishioner
Video Tribute and More**



The Hispanic community of St. Joseph's invites you!



Saturday October 7

Dinner : 4:00 - 6:00pm

Dance : 6:00 - 10:00pm

\$25 adults \$10 (ages 4-12)

Free for ages 3 and under

(Tickets available in Parish Office)

Fr. O'Hare Hall - St. Joseph's Church

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Golden Jubilee Mass

October 13
5:45pm

Event Detail:

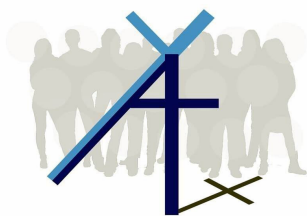
**Our Golden Jubilee Mass is on Friday, October 13 at 5:45pm
We will celebrate and honor the 50 Years of Masses, as well as
the 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun)
With a special 20 minute talk and video immediately after Mass in
the Church led by Fr. Mark Following the talk, at sunset, we will
have a short Our Lady of Fatima procession around the church
property Join your parish community for this special Mass.
Golden Jubilee rosaries for all**

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

1813 Oakdale Road
Modesto, CA 95355



Young Adult Open House/Mixer

Friday, September 29

7pm-10pm

Free! Dinner food, table games, music, ping pong, pool table

Are you a Young Adult age 18-37? Trying to connect with other young adults in the church or in the area? Looking for a safe and fun place to meet new people and learn more about our faith?

Welcome! RSVP at:

<https://www.facebook.com/STJMODYA>

We want all of our parishioners to support local businesses, because when we shop local, our money helps to support our neighbors.

For those times when you have to shop online, and use Amazon, we are pleased to report that St. Joseph's Church is now a

beneficiary of the Amazon Smile program, which provides .5% of your purchases to St. Joseph's. How? Just type in the

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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

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 8am & 5:45pm;
Friday TLF @ 12 Noon; Saturdays 8am

CONFESSION

Monday through Thursday 5-5:30pm
Fridays 6:30-7:30pm during Holy Hour
Saturdays 8:30-9:30am & 4-5pm

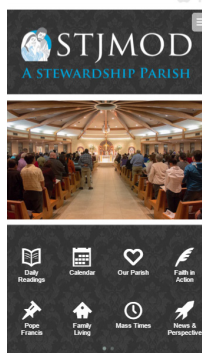
Homebound please call 551-4973 for a priest to visit you by appointment.

Our Parish Mission:

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



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