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St. Joseph's Catholic Church
a Stewardship Parish

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Living the Faith:



Fr. Mark Wagner, Pastor

This year more people have begun to LIVE the faith here at St. Joseph's Parish. Several men are preparing to launch a new program to teach the faith to men; another man is helping us organize door-to-door evangelization, more women joined our MOM's group, and our High School Youth group has become the largest on the West Coast. All of this is part of our efforts to "go deeper" into the faith during 2014. This year we gathered the various demographical groups for special events aimed at deepening their faith. We had a men's conference with Fr. Wade Menezes to help the men become spiritual leaders. We had a women's conference with Liesa Anslinger to help women recognize their unique gifts and let them shine. We had a huge retreat for teenagers which focused on filling their hearts with the Lord who will satisfy them most deeply. For families we will have an Advent Mission with Fr. Joseph Illo and Fr. Angel Espinoza who will speak about defending marriage and building better families. We have reached out to ALL of our Catholic people to deepen their faith. The church insists that we do this: "Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all

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"All are called"

the faithful, whatever their condition or state - though each in his own way - are called by the Lord to perfection." (Lumen Gentium #11).

Next year we will have a new emphasis. Pope Francis has declared that 2015 should be the "Year for Consecrated Life" during which the Catholic Church throughout the world will honor the consecrated nuns and religious sisters and brothers and priests who seek perfection by taking vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. These people are called to give up everything to follow Jesus in a special relationship of love: "Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, 'You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'" (Mark 10:21)

But ALL of us are called. Not everyone is called to be a priest or a nun, but the Lord looks at each one of us, loves us, and calls us to something special. Therefore at St. Joseph's Parish we are going to dedicate 2015 to proclaiming that "ALL ARE CALLED." This will be our parish theme for next year. We hope this will make our young people think about being priests or religious sisters, but we want EVERYONE to realize that some are called to vocation of marriage, or to a single life of service in the world.

What would it be like to hear the "call" of God? A call is when one person tries to make contact with another. A call means relationship. Sometimes it is very special when someone calls your name, or when someone calls you on the phone. But a call from God would be much more wonderful than anything we can ever imagine.

What is the most memorable "call" that



you have received in your life? For each of us it might be different. For a woman it might be the memory of that first phone call from that first nervous boyfriend. A man might have a childhood memory of being called for a new job or for a sports team. It felt good to hear your name when they "picked teams." No guy wants to be picked last. For teenagers it is very important to receive phone calls and texts and tweets and to have lots of "friends" online who choose them and "like" them. But for everyone it would be even more satisfying to feel a call from God who loves them more than anybody.

The catechism reminds us that EVERY baptized person is called to participate in the mission of the Church: "The Christian faithful are those who, inasmuch as they have been incorporated in Christ through Baptism... are CALLED to exercise the mission which God has entrusted to the Church to fulfill in the world, in accord with the condition proper to each one." (#872)

F. Martinez

Stewarding your Gifts...

Gifts to St. Joseph's Parish come in many forms: gifts of prayer, service and generosity. It is exciting to see these gifts continue to grow in every way! Recognizing that "all are called" to pray, serve and give in some way, your parish wants to keep growing so that all can answer that call. New ministries, including weekend hours, will be launched in 2015 so that we can offer this opportunity for service.

The generosity that our parish provides, both for our parish ministries and for the greater Modesto area, is a blessing for many who are in need of food, shelter and acceptance. Consistent support, in every way, helps our parish provide these services. **In 2015, we invite you to consider becoming an online offertory supporter so**

that your gifts can be managed by you and be a consistent form of funds for parish work. It is easy to give electronically and it just makes sense. Please visit our website (www.stjmod.com) or our parish office to find out how to do this.

God has blessed us, and through our gifts of prayer, service and generosity, we continue to bless him.



Financial Report Fiscal Year 2013-2014

	Actual		Budget
Income	% of Income		
Offertory	1,557,140	81%	1,571,531
Other Income	<u>375,249</u>	19%	<u>283,550</u>
Total Income	1,932,389	100%	1,855,081
Expense	% Expense		
Clergy	204,028	11%	206,682
Administration	455,835	24%	476,654
Diocesan Fees	108,350	6%	108,096
Buildings & Grounds	354,482	18%	306,175
Faith Formation	335,581	17%	330,055
Liturgy & Music	178,034	9%	160,907
Lay Ministries & Apostolates	196,647	10%	167,099
Parish Charitable Giving	<u>89,630</u>	5%	<u>91,800</u>
Total Expences	1,922,587	100%	1,847,468
Net Operating Income	<u>9,802</u>		<u>7,613</u>

Volunteer Hours

July 2013 - June 2014

Liturgical	15,881
Spirituality / Prayer	14,404
Music	8,555
Religious Education	22,809
Youth & Family	8,321
Outreach/ Service	17,281
Parish Leadership	3,215
Community Life	27,341
TOTAL HOURS	117,807

Sacramental Records
Sept. 2013 - Sept. 2014

Baptisms 171
First Holy Communions 204
Confirmations 193
Catholic Marriages 29

...investing in our future



St. Joseph's High School Ministry - The Largest on the West Coast!



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2014 Advent Mission

ALL FOUR NIGHTS: 7PM

DECEMBER 7-8

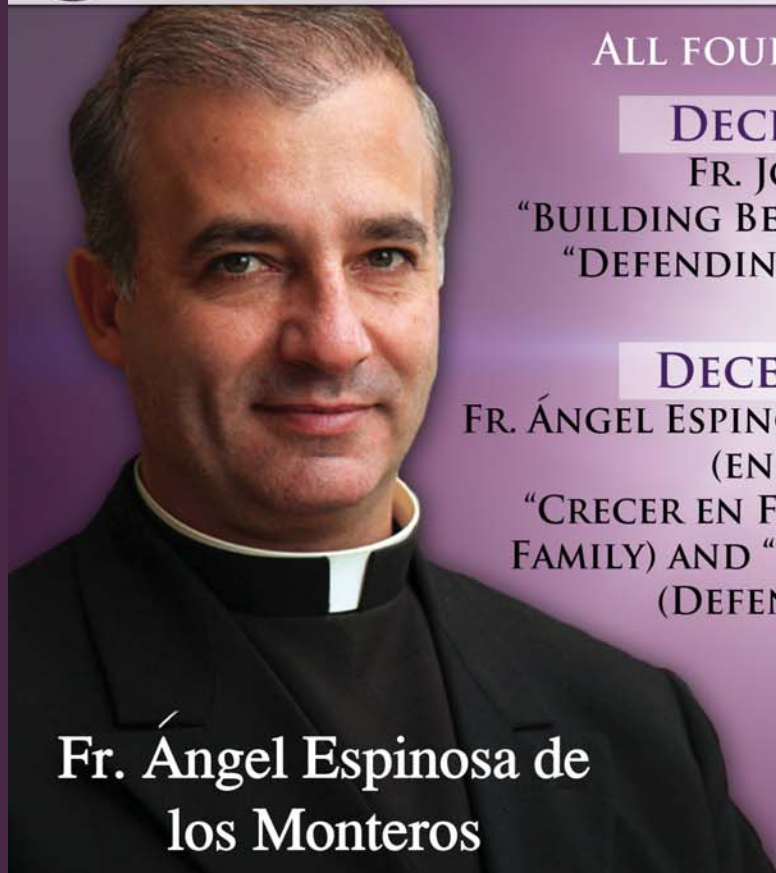
FR. JOSEPH ILLO

**“BUILDING BETTER FAMILIES” AND
“DEFENDING MARRIED LOVE”**

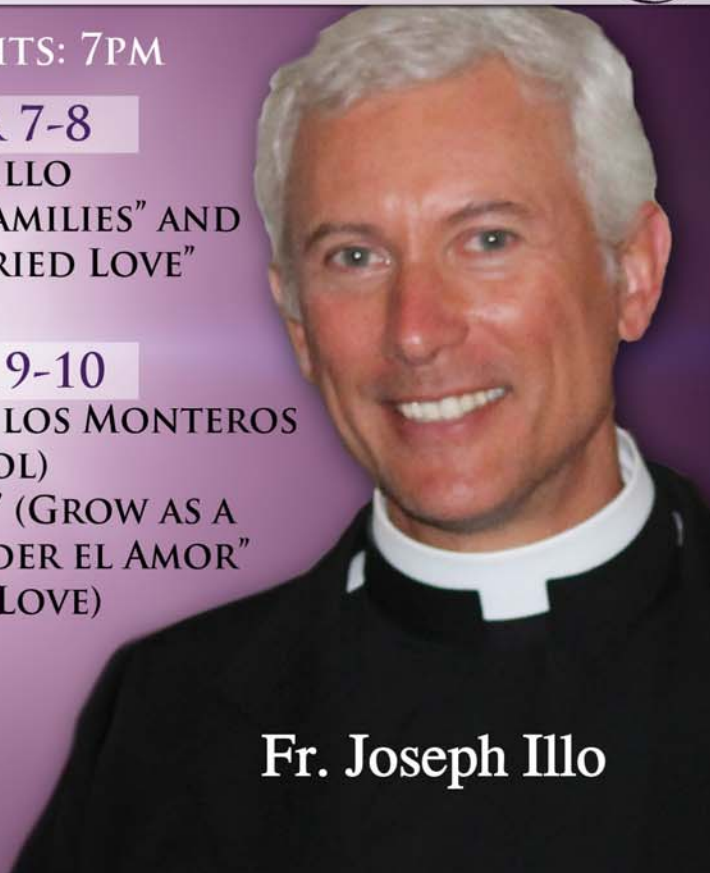
DECEMBER 9-10

**FR. ÁNGEL ESPINOSA DE LOS MONTEROS
(EN ESPANOL)**

**“CRECER EN FAMILIA” (GROW AS A
FAMILY) AND “DEFENDER EL AMOR”
(DEFENDING LOVE)**



Fr. Ángel Espinosa de los Monteros



Fr. Joseph Illo

El P. Ángel Espinosa de los Monteros Gómez Haro, Legionario de Cristo, nació en Puebla, México.

- Tiene maestría en Humanidades Clásicas por el Instituto de Estudios Humanísticos de Salamanca, España.
- Estudió Filosofía en la pontificia Universidad Gregoriana, en Roma.
- Teología en el Ateneo Regina Apostolorum, en Roma, donde obtuvo la Licencia en Teología Moral, con especialización en Bioética y Ciencias de la familia.
- Desde que se ordenó Sacerdote hace 20 años, ha trabajado como orientador juvenil, y después como orientador familiar en México, Colombia, Italia y Francia. En Medellín, Colombia, fue además director del colegio Cumbres.
- Ha impartido más de 1500 conferencias sobre matrimonio, valores familiares y espiritualidad, en diferentes ciudades de México, Estados Unidos, Francia, Italia y todo Centro y Sudamérica.
- Ha atendido a cientos de matrimonios ofreciendo consejo y programas de crecimiento conyugal y familiar.
- Publicó el libro: “El anillo es para siempre”, traducido a diferentes lenguas, y ha dictado veinte conferencias que se encuentran actualmente a disposición del público, en CD’s.
- Actualmente trabaja en Roma como consultor familiar y formador de adultos en la fe.

Fr. Joseph Illo graduated with a B.A. in English Literature from the Pennsylvania State University in 1983, and then moved to San Francisco to work for a Catholic publishing house, Ignatius Press. He went on to study philosophy, theology, and history at Blackfriars, Oxford (England) for a year, then to Rome for a B.A. in philosophy from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (the Angelicum). While in Rome he lived one year with the Oblates of the Virgin Mary and another year as porter of the Benedictine Motherhouse, Sant’Anselmo on the Aventine Hill.

From Rome he went to New York to complete four years of seminary training at St. Joseph’s Seminary, New York, earning M.Div. and M.A. degrees in theology. Bishop Donald Montrose of Stockton, CA ordained him to the priesthood in 1991. He has worked in parish assignments at Lodi, Manteca, Hughson, as well as two years as full-time vocations director for the diocese. From June 2000 through July 2012, he was pastor of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Modesto. In August 2012, Fr. Illo was assigned to serve as a chaplain at Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, California. Currently he is Administrator of Star of the Sea Parish in SF.

St. Joseph's Events Calendar

December Events

Our Lady of Guadalupe Miracle Play

Dec. 12 at 7pm in Hall

Dec. 13 at 3pm & 7pm in Hall

Join your parish family for this fun Musical Drama Play!!



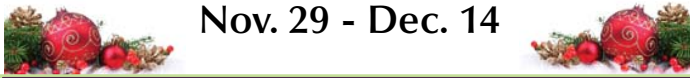
"Know and understand well, you the most humble of my sons, that I am the ever virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the True God for whom we live, of the Creator of all things, Lord of heaven and the earth. I wish that a temple be erected here quickly, so I may therein exhibit and give all my love, compassion, help, and protection, because I am your Merciful Mother"
-Blessed Virgin Mary

SVDP Christmas

Basket and Toy Project

Pick out an ornament from the tree in the vestibule beginning Thanksgiving weekend! Make a child's Christmas extra happy by giving!

Nov. 29 - Dec. 14



Great Ham Race!

Deadline: December 14th



St. Joseph's St. Vincent de Paul is missing **350** 5 lb. canned hams for its Christmas Baskets for the needy.

How to help us win the race?

1. Bring to Parish Office by 6:30pm
2. For large quantity pickup contact Cliff Judd (209)552-2310
3. Donate online at www.stjmod.com/great-ham-race

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SAVE THE DATES:

January 3

7pm

FREE Parish Movie Night

Come join our parish family for a FREE movie night. Popcorn and lemonade provided, bring some cookies to share.



Double Feature!

January 10

Blue Mass

10am



January 24

Walk for Life West Coast



February 7 Militia Immaculata Annual Retreat

Join us for our 10th annual Marian retreat. It will be a day of reflection, prayer, Adoration, Benediction and Consecration formation. Don't miss it! The day begins with Mass at 8am followed by the retreat in Fr. O'Hare Hall. As the date approaches visit www.stjmod.com or contact the parish office for more information and to register.



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Advent & Christmas Liturgical Schedule

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 8 Masses: 7am, 8am, 9:30 am, 12 noon TLF, 5:45 bilingual

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Friday December 12: 5am, Mañanitas, 530am Rosary, 6am Mass (church), 7am breakfast (hall)



PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 17: 7pm

FILIPINO DAWN MASSES

Tuesday, December 16 - Wednesday, December 24: 5am

MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK Saturday, December 20 Mass: 10am

Confessions Dec 22, 23 only (Christmas Week)

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



December 24 **MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**
4:30pm Children's Pageant & Mass in the hall
7:30pm Youth Mass in the church
10:30pm Christmas Concert in the church
12:00 Midnight Mass in the church



December 25 MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY (Holy Day of Obligation)

7:30am, 9am (Latin), 10:30am, 12Noon, 1:30pm (Español)
(no evening Masses)

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 31 5:45pm Vigil Mass,
11:30pm New Year's Holy Hour,
12:30 am

January 1 Masses: 8am, 9:30am, 12noon (Latin), 5:45pm, & 7:30pm (Español)



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.
Visit: www.getscanlife.com for a free QR Scanner

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 and 1:30 (spanish) Sunday Mass

DAILY MASS

Monday-Friday 8am & 5:45pm; Saturdays 8am
Traditional Latin Mass, Fridays at Noon

CONFESSION

Monday through Friday 5pm-5:30pm*

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

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

*During Lent Friday confessions occur before the 5:45pm daily Mass due to the Stations of the Cross

Our Parish Mission:
*To Evangelize God's People
Beginning with the Gift of the
Holy Eucharist.*

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