

A close-up photograph of a person's eye, looking slightly to the right. The eye is a deep, vibrant blue. In the reflection of the eye, a bright, ornate chandelier is visible, with light rays emanating from it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and green, suggesting a natural setting like a field or garden.

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St. Joseph's Catholic Church
a Stewardship Parish

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“They Shall



As good stewards of the gift of time God has given us, we want to carefully think about what He would have us achieve in the New Year ahead. Our 2020 parish theme is “They shall see God” (Matt. 3:8); and, we are hoping in the new year to *focus* (pun intended!) on intensifying our desire to see God and grow in our capacity to do so. We will work on sharpening our

“spiritual vision” to see God more clearly, particularly when we worship, in serving the least of our brothers and sisters (Matt. 25), and through the study of the Truth of our Faith. We hope that in developing a stronger vision of God in these areas, we can also better see Him in the ordinary moments of sorrow and joy in our daily lives.

The words of our parish theme “They shall see God” are taken from the Beatitudes listed in Matthew’s Gospel, Chapter 3, *The Sermon on the Mount*. They were originally written in koine Greek, the commonly used form of Greek at the time. The Greek word for “see” (“hor-ah-o”), used by the Evangelist, means much more than seeing with physical eyes; it also means to know, to perceive, and to experience. Therefore, our pursuit to see God is about having greater knowledge and experience of God, to have deeper intimacy with Him.

Before we can talk about having a better vision of God, we should consider why we would want to see God in the first place. In the final chapter from the Book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, we hear, “They will look upon his face” (22:4). This vision of God’s face is promised to “his servants,” those who remain faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ. Seeing God face to face is the end for which we are created. We are made and redeemed to eternally enjoy what is called the beatific vision, to “see the Divine Essence,” having a direct intuition of Him without any created thing between us and God. We will then be “truly blessed and possess eternal life and eternal rest.” (Denzinger, *Enchiridion*, ed. 10, n. 530--old edition,

n, 456; cf. nn. 693, 1084, 1458 old, nn. 588, 868.)

Through our Catholic Faith, we know we are made for union with God. To see God’s face, as the Greek word indicates, is to have a real, intimate relationship with Him. This notion of seeking the face of God, the “quest for God’s face,” is expressed 100 times in the Old Testament. For example, Moses converses with God “face to face as a person speaks to a friend” revealed in the Book of Exodus (33:11.) According to Pope Benedict XVI, the desire to see God’s face is a natural desire of everyone. Our dear Pope Emeritus states in a 2013 papal general audience, “The desire to know God truly, that is, to see God’s face, is innate in every human being, even in atheists. And perhaps we unconsciously have this wish simply to see who He is, what He is, who He is for us.” Pope Benedict explains that this natural desire to see God is fulfilled in the mystery of the Incarnation, in the person of our Lord Jesus, and specifically in “following” our Lord Jesus intentionally, always seeking Him as the motivating driver of our lives.

AS WE WORSHIP



Our divinely ordained worship, in the Sacrifice of the Mass and in the Gift of the Holy Eucharist, is one of the most important areas in which we should see God. To improve our spiritual vision, we will provide opportunities throughout this year to enhance our understanding and experience of the Mass. Again in the 2013 audience,

Pope Benedict XVI states, “In the Gospel of St Luke, the passage about the two disciples of Emmaus who recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread is important. Prepared by the journey with Him, by their invitation to Him to stay with them, and by the conversation that made their hearts burn within them, in the end, they saw Jesus. For us, too, the Eucharist is the great school in which we learn to

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see God's face. We enter into a close relationship with Him; and, at the same time, we learn to turn our gaze to the final moment of history when He will satisfy us with the light of His face."

At every Mass, we get a privileged glimpse into heaven. We are mystically united with angels and saints in praise and thanksgiving of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, our Lord truly shows Himself. We can see Jesus who is made present; and, through this greatest gift, we can gaze on God.

IN THE SICK AND THE POOR



In this year of intentionally seeking God's face, we are looking at ways we can more generously and fruitfully serve our dear brothers and sisters who are sick and poor. We will closely consider how we can learn more from the example and inspiration of the many saints who selflessly dedicated their lives to serving those in

need. We will think about how we can better see and serve our Lord Jesus in our suffering brothers and sisters. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus."

THROUGH THE LIGHT OF THE TRUTH

Just as light is needed to see physical objects, the light of the Truth is needed to see the spiritual realm, to see God, His Goodness and Presence. In the opening line of the encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*, St. Pope John Paul II writes, "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth." When seeking God's face, we should be receptive to the light of Truth from its two sources of human reason: what the human mind is able to discover and understand naturally through human learning; and, what could only be known if



revealed by God, Divine Faith. Reason and faith, or "Science and our Catholic Religion," work together to help us see God.

Through our Adult Faith Formation Ministry, we are planning exciting and interesting opportunities to look more closely at this important relationship between reason and faith. We will learn, and be able to explain, how the light of Truth shining on us, from both the human scientific endeavor and the Divinely Revealed Truth of our Catholic religion, give us the needed illumination to see God. How will we do this? We are planning events that will feature Catholic scientists who work and study in the realm of serious science, and who love and practice their Catholic Faith.

In the gift of the new year, we pray to Almighty God, through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, and our patron, St. Joseph, for the grace to see Him more clearly and, in seeing Him, to desire to see Him all the more.



Family Adoration in the Church First Wednesday Nights 6:30-8pm



“A special time for families to visit the church and pray”

February 5/ March 4/ April 1/ May 6

What is the purpose? Adoration is simply to show our love for Jesus, to Adore Him in the Eucharist – and allow Him to love us.

How is Family Adoration different? The purpose of a Family Adoration Hour is to welcome whole families and to help children learn to adore Christ present in the Eucharist.



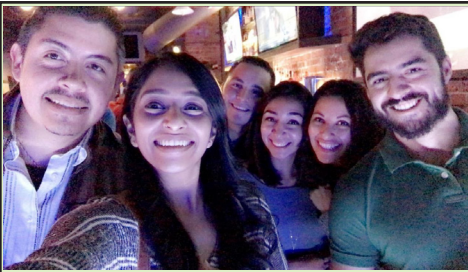
We also offer Perpetual Adoration!

Adoration Chapel open 24 hours a day!!

Try Spending a Holy Hour with Jesus one hour a week!

Access code available at the parish office.

Faith Studies For Men and Women



St. Joseph's Young Adults

A community of young adults (18-35) building fellowship, having fun, and living a Christ-centered life.

Gatherings are every 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month!

Upcoming Events:

1/24 Meet Father Sam!

2/14 Mardi Gras Social

2/28 Talk: Theology of the Body for Beginners

3/13 Lent Bible Study

3/27 Adoration and Praise and Worship

Follow us for event details @STJMODYA



Email: YoungAdults@stjmod.com

Sanctus Cup 3!

Inter-Parish Young Adults Event

July 11, 2020

1416 Maze Blvd, Modesto, CA 95351

Wondering what the Sanctus Cup is? It is an annual event for all Catholic young adults in the Modesto and surrounding areas. We have Mass, food, fun competitive games, and some awesome fellowship with our peers. If you are a Catholic young adult, (18-35) join us for this day full of faith, friendship, and fun on July 11 at St. Stanislaus School.



St. Joseph's Men's Workshop Ministry

Wednesday mornings (6-7:30 AM, light breakfast)
or evenings 7-8:30 PM)

Where: AM in Fr. O'Hare Hall, PM in St. JP2
Center, Room 11

"Men come together to build friendships and
fellowship as they meet weekly to learn more about
our Catholic faith and our place in this world"

More information: stjworkshop@stjmod.com

St. Joseph's Women's Daughters of the King



Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30PM

Where: St. JP2 Center, Room 11

Our Mission:

"To engage the feminine heart with the love of
Christ"

More information:

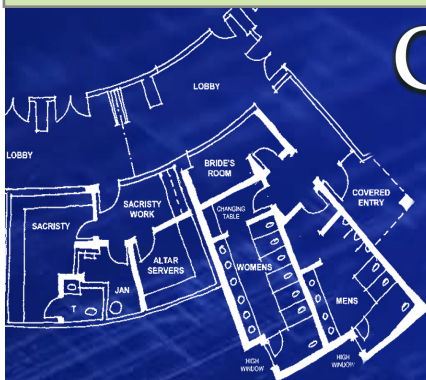
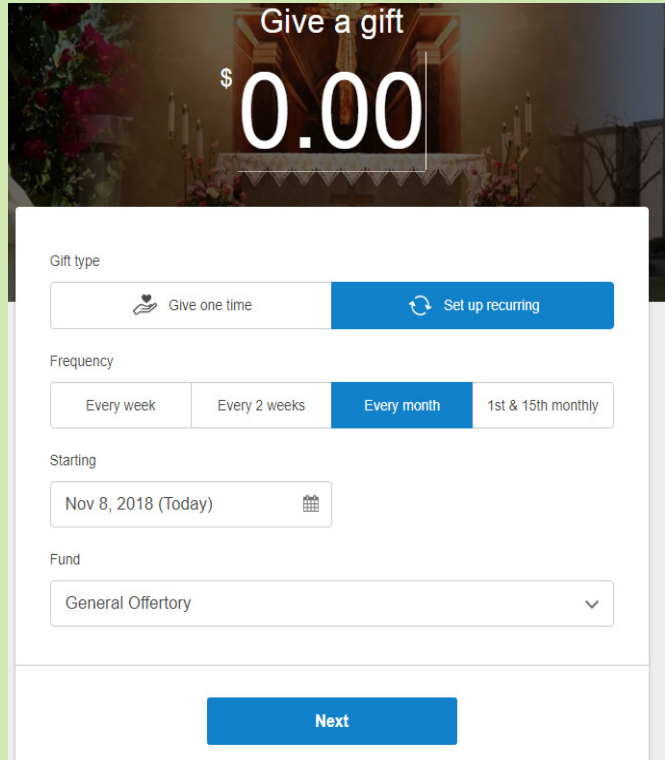
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Stewarding your gifts

“I pay most of my bills online, so I signed up for St. Joseph’s old online giving platform for my offering, but I really wished that I could give to the second offerings online and make my own adjustments. Recently, I was informed that we have a new, better online giving platform and now I CAN MAKE ALL OF THE CHANGES! The amounts, the dates, the offerings, my credit cards, bank accounts and even see what I have given. I WAS THRILLED! I am not a computer genius, but this new platform is so easy, anyone can do it. I know the parish office can help you with this too. Give it a try!”
Colleen Charlton, St. Joseph’s Parishioner



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CHURCH ADDITION AND SACRISTY PROJECT JANUARY- JULY 2020

What: Enlarging and remodeling our Sacristy and Altar Server room; adding larger restrooms and a new Bride’s/Nursing Mothers’ room.

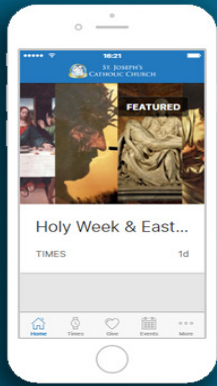
Support: All support donations are welcome and can be made online www.stjmod.com (Facility Improvement Fund) or calling 209.551.4973, X207

Gratitude: Parishioner supporters, Annual Gala Committee, (who dedicated 2018 funds for the project) St. Joseph’s Knights of Columbus and our St. Joseph’s Building Committee, for their planning work.



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Bishop's Ministry Appeal As One, Giving Glory To God

2020 Bishop's Ministry Appeal Trust

2020 Goal: **900** FAMILIES
WE CAN DO IT
 Last Year **775** FAMILIES




Your support transforms our community by:
 Advancing church leadership
 Enriching parish life
 Inspiring future generations

WEBSITE: StocktonDiocese.org/BMA

PHONE: (209) 546-7643
 EMAIL: give@stocktondiocese.org

The Bishop's Ministry Appeal Trust, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, has been created for the sole benefit of the ministries of the Diocese of Stockton.

"For They Shall See God"

St. Joseph's Parish Prayer 2020



O Most Gracious Lord, You created us for Yourself to share in Your Eternal Love between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Your infinite Love for us, You sent Your Divine Son so we can see and know You.

We beg You to inflame in us a more intense desire to see You; for to see Your Face is the deepest longing of our hearts. Your Son tells us, "*Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God*" (Matt 5:8). We humbly beg You, dear Father, in Your Son's Most Holy Name, to make our hearts pure, curing our blindness and removing all that prevents us from seeing Your sublime Beauty, Your Goodness, and Your Love.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and our Patron, St. Joseph, give us, we pray, the divine assistance needed to more clearly see Your ineffable Glory through our Worship in the Sacrifice of the Mass, especially in the Holy Eucharist. Help us to see Your Divine Image in our brothers and sisters, particularly those who are sick or poor. We beseech You to enlighten our minds with Your Divinely revealed Truth, our Lord Jesus, the "*Light of the world*," entrusted to Your One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. With the light of Faith, along with human reason, help us remain on the Way of salvation in our earthly pilgrimage, so we may finally see You Face to Face in heaven. O Lord, let Your Face shine on us always!

We ask this through our *Lord Jesus Christ*, your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen



Knights of Columbus
St. Joseph's Council # 10644
HONORS THE FIRE, LAW ENFORCEMENT &
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OF STANISLAUS COUNTY



Mass and Luncheon
**Saturday,
January 18, 2020**
10 am (with a Luncheon
in the Hall to follow)

Pray together with and for our Fire, Law Enforcement and
Emergency Medical Service First Responders of Stanislaus County

Because Women Deserve Better than Abortion.®

16TH ANNUAL

WALK
for **LIFE** WEST COAST 2020



ADULT TICKETS (AGE 18 AND UP): \$20
YOUTH TICKETS (AGE 14-17): \$5
CHILD TICKETS (AGE 0-13): \$1
T-SHIRTS: \$10

**JOIN ST. JOSEPH'S AS WE
WALK FOR LIFE IN 2020**

**Saturday January 25,
Bus leaves at 9:30am
Returns in the evening**

Rally: 12:30PM
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
Info Faire: 11:00AM
Saturday, January 25, 2020

TICKETS ONLINE
WWW.STJMOD.COM
OR AT THE PARISH OFFICE



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MARY, OUR HOPE

"HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW YOUR STRENGTH" (CF ISAIAH 40:31)

Marian Retreat

SATURDAY, FEB. 1

FREE EVENT RSVP ONLINE

8:00am Mass in Church

8:45am - 1pm in Fr. O'Hare Hall

Free event: (Free will offering taken)

Continental breakfast provided

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, 1813 OAKDALE ROAD, MODESTO WWW.STJMOD.COM



EXITING EARTH 3

CATHOLIC END OF LIFE DECISIONS

MARCH 28

9:30AM-12:30NOON

@ FR. O'HARE HALL

- New Q&A Panel added.
- Faith, Medical, and Legal questions answered
- New Slide handouts provided.



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Save the Date!

Saturday - February 15th, 2020

Crab Feed!



PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL MINISTRIES & CHARITIES:

- Scholarships
- Vocational programs For Parish Youth
- Local Pregnancy Centers For Single Mothers

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St. Joseph's Events Calendar

January Events

Blue Mass (Knights of Columbus)
Saturday, January 18, 10:00am
(see page 7)

Martin Luther King Holiday
Monday, 20 January - Office is closed,
Regular Mass Schedule

February Events

MI retreat - Saturday, Feb. 1

Presentation of the Lord
Sunday, Feb. 2

Procession with candles: Saturday 5:30pm
Vigil, Sunday 1:30pm Spanish and 5:30pm

St. Blaise Feast,
Blessing of the throats
Monday, Feb. 3, 8:00am and 5:45pm

Ash Wednesday - Feb. 26
7:00, 8:00, and 9:30am, 12:00 (distribution
of ashes only,) 2:00pm TLF, 4:00pm
(distribution of ashes only), 5:45pm
(English, Church), 6:00pm (English, Hall),
7:30 pm (Spanish - Church)–7:30pm
(English - Hall)

Mass of Anointing of the Sick - Saturday, Feb. 29, 10:00am

March Events

First Sunday of Lent
March 1

Stations of the Cross
Fridays: March 6, 13, 20 & 27, Apr 3 &
10, 8:45am, 6:30pm Spanish, 7:30pm
English

Confessions - 5:00pm
No Holy Hour during Lent

Daylight savings time
begins- Sunday, March 8

**St. Joseph's
Parish Novena**
March 11–19, After all Masses

Parish Mission
March 17-18, Tuesday-Wednesday
@7pm



**The Feast of
St. Joseph**
Thursday, March 19
5:45pm Mass,
Awards & potluck
after Mass

Annual "Responding
to God's Blessings"
Celebration



May 2, 8am - 11am
Free Breakfast
Pancakes, Eggs, Sausages!

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 2020 HOLY WEEK

CHRISM MASS - APRIL 2

Thursday, 6:00pm, Stockton Cathedral,
There is no 5:45pm mass or Confession

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 5

Sunday Masses regular schedule, 9:00am – Novos Ordo
1:30pm Spanish Mass: procession only with the palms

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 9

8:00am – Tenebrae, 6:00pm Sacred Music Concert
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00pm – Church, English;
7:30pm - Hall, Spanish

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 10

(No confessions today)

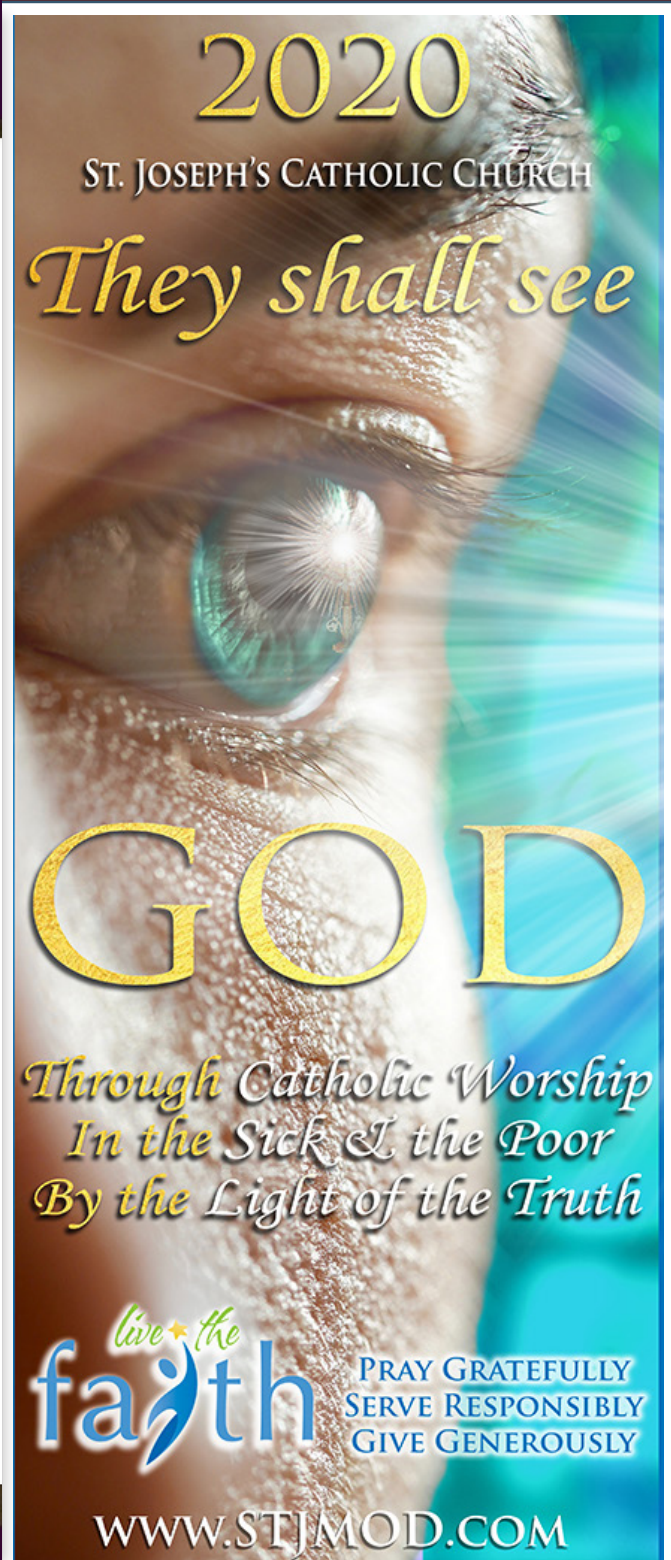
8:00am - Walk for Life, with Prayer Service at St. Joseph's
8:00am – Tenebrae
12:00 noon – Live Stations of the Cross
1:30pm – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
3:00pm – Divine Mercy Novena starts
6:00pm – Our Lady of Sorrows (Spanish)
7:30pm – Stations of the Cross, Church

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 11

8:00am – Tenebrae,
8:15pm – Easter Vigil: Church – English, Hall-Spanish

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 12

5:30am (Salubong Procession to Mass), 6:00am Sunrise Mass, 7:30am, 9:00am TLF,
10:30am (Church), 10:30am (Hall), 12:00noon, 1:30pm (Spanish), 5:30pm. Office closed
on Monday, April 13, but there will be 8:00am and 5:45pm Masses and confessions.



2020
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Lenten Mission 2020

March 17-18

Fr. Michael Hurley, OP
Pastor of St. Dominic's
Church of San Francisco



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

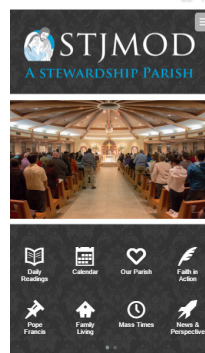
Monday through Thursday 5-5:30pm
Fridays 6:30-7:30pm during Holy Hour
Saturdays 8:30-9:30am & 4-5pm

*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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