

*Our Mission: To Evangelize God's People,
beginning with the Gift of the Holy Eucharist*



A Stewardship Parish

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH • 1813 OAKDALE ROAD • MODESTO, CA 95355

December 2, 2012

**First Sunday of
Advent**

(209) 551-4973

Fax: (209) 551-3213

Visit our website:

www.stjmod.com

Holy Eucharist

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sundays: 7:30am,

9am (Traditional Latin), 10:30am,

noon, 1:30pm (Español),

5:30pm & 7:30pm

Daily Mass:

8am & 5:45pm; Saturdays 8am

Traditional Latin Mass, Fridays at Noon

Perpetual Eucharistic

Adoration:

Chapel access code available in office

Children's Services:

Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Sunday Mass 10:30am

Adoration & Confessions

First Friday 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday thru Thursday 5-5:30pm

Friday 6:30pm-7:30pm

Saturday 4-5pm

This Saturday 8:30-9:30am

confessions are cancelled

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

Clergy:

Fr. Mark Wagner, Pastor

Fr. Francis Joseph, OCD, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Tony Chacko, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinero, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

For the Year of Faith our parish theme is "Live the Faith." Faith is not something intellectual, just between our ears. We must do something about it. We must live it! Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year. It is a good time to begin to truly live our faith. We believe that Jesus came down from heaven and was born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a human life in a family with Mary and Joseph. Let us ask Mary and Joseph to help us live our lives as He did. Jesus prayed, served and gave His life. That is how we can live the faith: by praying, serving and giving.

We are happy to announce that the renowned apologist Tim Staples will direct our Advent Mission here at St. Joseph's on December 16-18! He will speak about the Year of Faith and about Mary, since she is the Patroness of Advent. Tim Staples will speak about how Mary is the best example of living the faith. She was God's perfect creation: the Immaculate Conception. But she also cooperated with perfect faith in God's plan to make her the Mother of God. "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord!" (Luke 1:45)

See you at our Advent Mission!

F. Wagner

Advent Mission 2012

THE YEAR OF FAITH

&

MARY

with Tim Staples

DECEMBER 16, 17 & 18



Each evening will begin at 7pm; there will be two talks with a 20 minute intermission.

**To find out more information about Tim Staples go to:
www.catholic.com/profiles/tim-staples**

Questions?

To make an appointment with a priest or deacon or to register at St. Joseph's please contact Lulu, Rosario, or Donna in our parish office at 551-4973 or stop by during any of the 44 hours our office is open each week.

Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, & Rosario)

Sunday: 10am-3pm.

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday:

8:30am-12noon and 1pm-6:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30am-11:30am and

1pm-6:30pm

Friday 8:30am-12noon

Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed Friday, December 7, in observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

How can we help? 551-4973

Se Habla Español	Rosario x103
Accounting	Barbara x108
Adult Ed & Bible Studies	Michael x203
Altar Servers.....	Svetlana x200
Audio / Video.....	Jeremy x213
Buildings & Grounds.....	Susie x201
Bulletin & Website.....	Jeremy x213
Child Ed & Sacraments	Debbie x205
Choirs & Cantors.....	Svetlana x200
Events & Activities	Susie x201
Faith & Life Magazine	Michael x203
Giving to St. Joseph's.....	Tammy x207
Parish Lending Library.....	x208
Parish Ministries.....	Tammy x207
Parish Registration	Donna x102
Room Reservations.....	Rosario x110
Volunteering.....	Tammy x207
Youth Ministry	Nathan x206



ST. JOSEPH'S JOB OPENING

Adult choir conductor position (10:30am Mass)

at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.
Must have music education and experience. Please call 551-4973, ext. 207 for more information.

Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION — DECEMBER 8

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times:

Friday, December 7: 5:45pm (Vigil Mass)

Saturday, December 8: 7am, 8am, 9:30am,

12noon (Latin), 1:30pm (Spanish)



*There is a Mass on Saturday at 5:30pm but this is the vigil Mass counting for the Sunday obligation. It does not fulfill the Holy Day of Obligation. Also, Saturday morning confessions will be cancelled.



ST. JOSEPH'S BOOKSTORE

Prepare for the Advent season with a trip to the Book Store. Advent candles, wreaths and gifts are available for everyone on your list! Shop early for best selection. Courtesy gift wrap available.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul is on the plaza today and the next two weeks collecting food for their annual food drive to provide Christmas baskets for the poor. New this year, they are also sponsoring a Giving Tree (for toys) this year. The tree is in the church vestibule with paper ornaments for different age groups. Toy price is between \$10-\$20. Please bring gifts to the church. There will be a pick-up of toys after each of the Masses this weekend and the next two weekends.

LAY DOMINICANS

There will be a Lay Dominican (Third Order Dominican) meeting on Saturday, December 8, in the JPII building Room 5 after the 8am Mass. If you would like to learn more about this vocation for the laity, feel free to drop in. For more information, please call Sandy Uyeshiro at 577-1493 or email at sandyopl@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS & LUNCH WITH TIM STAPLES

Everyone is invited to come to Fr. O'Hare Hall on Monday, December 17, 11:30am-1pm. Come learn how to grow in and defend our faith from world renowned Catholic evangelist, Tim Staples. Please bring your own lunch. Lemonade and cookies will be provided.

POINSETTIA SALES

Boy Scout Troop 49 will sell Poinsettias on Dec. 8th & 9th, 15th & 16th on the Plaza between Masses. Poinsettias may be purchased to take home or to be donated to the church altar display. We appreciate your support.



Religious Education

The Icon not made by human hands

By Maria F. Delgado-Braun, Religious Education



In the year 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego, a poor and humble indigenous man. During the first apparition, she spoke to him saying: *"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."* She then asked him to give her message to the bishop. Juan Diego went to the bishop to carry out her wishes, but was not believed. He told the Blessed Mother what had happened and she sent him back again. This time, the bishop asked for a sign. Juan Diego repeated the words to Our Lady and she asked him to climb the hill and gather some roses. He was surprised since the roses did not grow in December, so he cut them, wrapped them in his *tilma* (a cloak-like outer garment) and brought them to her. She picked them up and put them back in his *tilma* saying that this would be the sign for the bishop. When Juan Diego arrived, he showed the roses to the bishop, but as he unfolded his *tilma*, there appeared the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At once, the bishop fell to his knees and asked Our Lady for forgiveness, and sought to carry out her wishes. In the meantime, she had appeared to his uncle who was ill and identified

herself as Tequatlaxopetuh (*victorious over demons*), pronounced Tecuatzasuape, a name that was changed to sound more Castilian to Guadalupe. With her miraculous image, Our Lady of Guadalupe, did away with polygamy, idolatry, human sacrifice and opened hearts to faith in God to millions of native Aztecs in a few years. The supernatural icon has been preserved 480 years, although the fabric of the *tilma* usually has a life expectancy of 20 years. Many are the symbols found within, yet one of the most striking is the tenderness of her eyes, her compassion, humility and beauty. Scientific studies have been done on this image, revealing fascinating details. An amplified view of her eyes, reveals the face of Juan Diego with the same optical angle expected on a living eye. Infrared studies reveal that her hair is soft and with curls and even eyelashes can be seen. The flowers on her dress are made over a transparent fabric and do not follow the folds of the dress underneath, this detail is in itself mysterious, for the *tilma* being a rough fabric would not allow such fine intricacies. The only jewelry that she has is a golden broche with a black cross, the same cross identifying the missionaries of the time. Her mantle has 46 stars which correspond to the position of 15 constellations found at the time of the winter solstice in 1531. Many are the messages that were conveyed to the natives through this icon. The light surrounding it and the moon at her feet point to Rev. 12:1, and would also remind the natives of the sun, their highest god, and her power over the god of darkness, the moon. The angel supporting her and the color of her mantle speak of her royalty and the coming of a new age. The stars indicate she comes from heaven and the high bow of her dress and slight swelling of the abdomen point to her as being "with child." Our Lady of Guadalupe came to the Americas at the time of the Protestant Reformation in Europe to bring conversion to millions in the New World. She is always with us especially in times of great upheaval. Let us ponder in our hearts her words to St. Juan Diego and trust in God's providence: *"Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief... Am I not here who am your Mother?"*

❖ Parish School of Religion Update ❖

Parish School of Religion

psr@stjmod.com

209-551-4973 ext. 217

PSR is now on Facebook... search
St Joseph PSR & like us!

PSR students, please bring canned soup (pull tabs preferred) this month for St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your kindness and stewardship!

December School of Faith Classes

December					Confession
M	T	W	T	F	
8	9 3:30pm	10 4pm	11 7pm	12 7pm	13 7pm
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20					21 7pm
22					23 7pm
24					25 7pm
26					27 7pm
28					29 7pm
30					31 7pm

❖ RCIA ❖

Inquiry classes are for people who want to learn more about Catholicism, but aren't necessarily sure they want to become Catholic. The RCIA process is also for Catholics who have not yet completed their sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion. To start the process: **call Michael Webster (209)581-8477** to make an appointment.

∞ Youth Ministry ∞

Contact Us!



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Life Support: A ministry for parents

The youth ministry department is looking for parent volunteers or coordinators for *Life Support*. This is an excellent opportunity to serve the youth of our parish alongside other parents while enjoying fellowship, support and encouragement. This adult ministry will help serve food at the Sunday youth group meetings once a month. If you feel called to help in any way please contact Nathan today.

Community Service Hours

If you are enrolled in the Confirmation program, remember that 10 service hours are due in **December**. A total of 20 are required for the year. You can turn in your hour sheets to your catechist during your regular class. We will always let you know of any opportunities to serve when they become known.

LifeNight Line-Up

- 12/2: Advent: Hopeful Anticipation
- 12/9: People get Ready
- 12/16: St. Joseph's Advent Mission
- 12/23 & 30: NO Youth Group Meetings!
Enjoy your Christmas Break!



High School Lock-In

All high school teens are invited to join us for our annual Lock-In. This overnight retreat will be located in Fr. O'Hare hall, beginning the evening of Thursday, **January 3**, and ending with daily 8 a.m. Mass on Friday, January 4. The night will include games, movies, snacks, a holy hour and Mass. Dress comfortably and rest up before the night begins so you can stay awake!

Permission slips are available in the youth room and parish office. Cost is \$20.



Save the Date!

The Steubenville San Diego trip will be July 26-28.

Early sign-ups for high school students will begin in January with a small deposit. More details to come!

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Please stop and thank our St. Joseph's Indian Prayer Group for hosting our plaza refreshments Sunday morning.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

St. Joseph's Central Catholic High School and College Scholarship students give back!

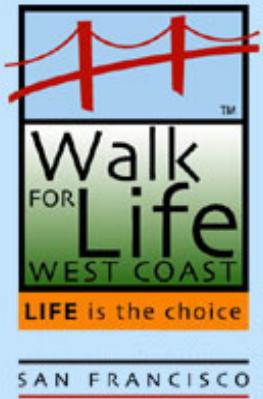
FREE MATH TUTORING for St. Joseph's students DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK

Thursday, Dec. 20 — 5:45-6:45pm

Thursday, Dec. 27 — 5:45-6:45pm

To RSVP: 551-4973, ext. 207
(junior high and high school students
25 maximum per day- must RSVP)

Parish college tutors from:
Stanford University
UC San Diego
UC Davis
UC Berkeley
Ave Maria University
Santa Clara University



Save the Date:
Saturday
January 26

For more information about
how to volunteer, travel or
sponsor a seat, Please call
(209) 551-4973, ext. 207

New to the Parish? Wondering where to start??
Call the Center for Lay Apostolates
551-4973, ext. 207

Profiles in Stewardship

by Michael Webster



Will & Michelle Frey

Will and Michelle have given countless hours of their time and talents in many ministries here at St. Joseph's over the years.

Stewardship truly penetrates all aspects of their lives. However, one area that I would like to highlight (and is the most important), where they exemplify and understand the attitude of stewardship as a way of life, is with their family. They are open to life and have so many beautiful children (7 to be exact). They understand that their children are gifts from God, that He has entrusted them to their care, and they are called to be good stewards of those precious children. They strive as parents to raise their children to know who God is and to live the Catholic faith. They do this by praying as a family, spending time in adoration and, most of all, by attending Mass together. I know it is probably not easy to trek 7 kids and 2 adults to Mass, but they do it. And not just on Sunday they go to daily Mass, too. Their example of fatherhood and motherhood — placing stewardship at the center of their home and family life — is a light and a gift to many families at our parish. We are so grateful for you, Will and Michelle!

In the Diocese

My Dear People,
As we begin the season of Advent and a new Church year, we hear the call to welcome the stranger and to be open to the living Christ. I pray with you that we may be transformed during this season of longing for the presence of Jesus in our lives and in our world. May you and everyone you love be blessed with the light of Christ shining in your lives of faith.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Bishop Stephen E. Blaire



Roman
Catholic
Bishop of
Stockton


**OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE
PROCESSION**
**The 32nd Diocesan
Celebration Today December 2**
Procession: Noon, Saint Mary's
Church, 203 East Washington
Street, Stockton
Mass: 3pm, Stockton Arena,
248 W. Fremont Street, Stockton

Are you hurting from an abortion?



Join us for a

**Rachel's Vineyard
Retreat**

If you are carrying the grief and sorrow of an abortion, you are not alone. Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer a unique opportunity for those affected by an abortion to experience God's compassion and forgiveness.

Our next retreat will be held on

December 7-9, 2012.

*For information, call the
Respect Life Office: 209/465-5433.*

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From our Holy Father in Rome

*REFLECTIONS OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI
PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE OCCASION OF
THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF
THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL Part III*



The second document that was to prove important for the Church's encounter with the modern age came into being almost by chance and it developed in various phases. I am referring to the *Declaration "Nostra Aetate" on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions*. At the outset the intention was to draft a declaration on relations between the Church and Judaism, a text that had become intrinsically necessary after the horrors of the Shoah. The Council Fathers from Arab countries were not opposed to such a text, but they explained that if there were an intention to speak of Judaism, then there should also be some words on Islam. How



right they were, we in the West have only gradually come to understand. Lastly the realization grew that it was also right to speak of two other great religions – Hinduism and Buddhism – as well as the theme of religion in general. Then, following naturally, came a brief indication regarding dialogue and collaboration with the religions, whose spiritual, moral, and socio-cultural values were to be respected, protected and encouraged (*ibid.*, 2). Thus, in a precise and extraordinarily dense document, a theme is opened up whose importance could not be foreseen at the time. The task that it involves and the efforts that are still necessary in order to distinguish, clarify and understand, are appearing ever more clearly. In the process of active reception, a weakness of this otherwise extraordinary text has gradually emerged: it speaks of religion solely in a positive way and it disregards the sick and distorted forms of religion which, from the historical and theological viewpoints, are of far-reaching importance; for this reason the Christian faith, from the outset, adopted a critical stance towards religion, both internally and externally.

If at the beginning of the Council the dominant groups were the Central European Episcopates with their theologians, during the Council sessions the scope of the common endeavor and responsibility constantly broadened. The bishops considered themselves apprentices at the school of the Holy Spirit and at the school of reciprocal collaboration, but at the same time servants of the word of God who were living and working in faith. The Council Fathers neither could nor wished to create a new or different Church. They had neither the authority nor the mandate to do so. It was only in their capacity as bishops that they were now Council Fathers with a vote and decision-making powers, that is to say, on the basis of the Sacrament and in the Church of the Sacrament. For this reason they neither could nor wished to create a different faith or a new Church, but rather to understand these more deeply and hence truly to "renew them". This is why a hermeneutic of rupture is absurd and is contrary to the spirit and the will of the Council Fathers.

In Cardinal Frings I had a "father" who lived this spirit of the Council in an exemplary way. He was a man of great openness and breadth, but he also knew that faith alone leads us out into the open, into that space which remains barred to the positivist spirit. This is the faith that he wished to serve with the authority he had received through the sacrament of Episcopal Ordination. I cannot but be ever grateful to him for having brought me ...as his consultant to the great Church assembly, thereby enabling me, ...to walk the path of the Council from within.

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 2 (First Sunday of Advent)

7:30a	Manuel Borges Victoria	1:30p	Gabriella & Francisco Gonzales
9:00a	Neil Phillips, Jr.	3:30p	Mary Varghese Augustine
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Al Alegria
12:00p	Odette Pimentel	7:30p	Thomas Allt

Monday, December 3

8:00a	Judy Loyd and Benny Cazar	5:45p	Joani Catone and Josephine Corbeil
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Tuesday, December 4

8:00a	Tomasina C. Rabara, Crisologo R. Cabacungan and Fr. Joseph Illo — Special Intention	5:45p	Conrada Decena and Fr. Joseph Illo — Special Intention
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Wednesday, December 5

8:00a	Pat Buhler and Diana Arroyo	5:45p	Jim Trevillyan and Isabel Rodriguez
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Thursday, December 6

9:00a	Josephine Bonfiglio and Daniel Martin	5:45p	Cefus Willian and Andres Cajator
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Friday, December 7

8:00a	John Caratti and Paul Cusenza	5:45p	Alzira Victoria and Edward Villa
12:00p	Neil Phillips, Jr.		

Saturday, December 8 (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7:30a	Matt & Mary Basan	12pm	Penny Lane Wahl
9:00a	Manuel & Alberta Ramirez	1:30p	Concepcion and Rosalina Lopez
10:30a	Irene Routson		
12:00p	John Pimentel		



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Try a Holy Hour with Jesus once a week! Please contact David & Monica: 527-4920.

-Altar Flower Donation-
By Jayne Cunningham & Family
In Loving Memory of
Martin L. Cunningham.



For the previous week of November 18-25.

Remember a special day or person. Call the Development Office for info. 551-4973, x207

This Week

Sunday, December 2, 2012

10:00A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
3:30P	Indian Mass	Chur

Monday, December 3, 2012

9:00A	Iconography 1	JP5
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

8:00A	Iconography 2	JP7
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
10:30A	Light Weigh	JP8
6:00P	ESL Classes	JP4
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer Grp Spanish	JP7

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

1:30P	Women's Bible Study	JP5
5:30P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
5:30P	Alateen	JP8
5:45P	AI Anon Group	JP10

Thursday, December 6, 2012

9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
6:30P	Rosary Makers	JP5
7:00P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2

Friday, December 7, 2012

12:00P	TLF Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:30P	Children's Adoration	Chur

Saturday, December 8, 2012

8:00A	Lay Dominicans	JP5
9:00A	AA Language of the Heart (Women)	JP4
10:00A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6

NOTICE

ESL Classes will resume January 8, every Tuesday at 5:30pm in Rm. 4, JPII bldg.

Readings 12/03-12/09

Monday:

Is. 2:1-5; Mt. 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is. 11:1-10; Mt. 8:5-11

Wednesday:

Is. 25:6-10a;Mt. 15:29-37

Thursday:

Is. 26:1-6;Mt. 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Is. 29:17-24; Mt. 9:27-31

12pm Latin Mass:

II Tim. 4:1-8; Mt. 5:13-19

Saturday:

Gn. 3:9-15, 20; Eph.1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk. 1:26-38

Sunday:

Bar. 5:1-9, Phill.4:4-6, 8-11;Lk. 3:1-6

Latin Mass

Rom. 15:4-15; Mt. 11:2-10

The second offering today will go to Totus Tuus. Totus Tuus specializes in caring for children who are dying of, or in treatment for cancer, or other diseases. They provide medical needs and improve the quality of life for these young patients. Br. Mauricio Torres, from Totus Tuus, will be visiting our parish this weekend. For more information visit: www.totustuusonline.org

Call the parish office at 551-4973 to find out about online offertory gifts instead of writing checks.

Bienvenido a St. Joseph's

Mañanitas a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

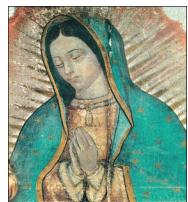
Mañanitas:

Miércoles, 12 de diciembre

5:00am en la Iglesia.

Rosario: 5:30am.

Misa: 6:00am en la Iglesia.



Desayuno: Despues de Misa, con Menudo o Chocolate y pan y el Mariachi Tequiler.

Para más información llame a la oficina al 551-4973.

Clases de Escuela de FE Mes de diciembre

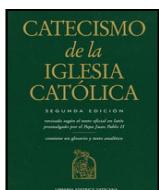
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3 4pm	4	5	6	7	
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17 4, 7pm	18	19	20	21	
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Catecismo 101

7 de diciembre

7pm ,salón #6

El Papa Benedicto XVI nos pide estudiar el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* durante el Año de Fe. Nos reuniremos cada primer jueves del mes.



VIDA PARROQUIAL

Martes: Oración Carismática, 7-9pm
Edificio JPII, salón #7.

Martes: Clases de Inglés, 5:30pm,
Edificio JPII, salón #4.

Miércoles: Hora Santa, 7-8pm,Capilla

Jueves: Introducción a la Biblia,
7-8:30pm, Edificio JPII, salón #10

Jueves: Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos,
7-9pm, Edificio JPII, salón #2.

¡Boletín Parroquial en Español! DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Mark Wagner

Queridos Feligreses,

Para el Año de la Fe, el tema de nuestra parroquia será “Viva la Fe.” La fe no es solamente algo intelectual, que se encuentra en nuestro cerebro. Debemos de hacer algo con ella. ¡Debemos de vivirla! Hoy es el primer Domingo de Adviento, el comienzo del nuevo año litúrgico. Es un buen tiempo para verdaderamente empezar a vivir nuestra fe. Creemos que Jesús vino del cielo y que nació de la Virgen María. El vivió una vida humana en familia con María y José. Pidámosle a María y a José que nos ayuden a vivir nuestras vidas como la de El. Jesús rezó, sirvió y dio su vida. De esta manera podemos vivir la fe: orando, sirviendo y dando.

¡Estamos felices de anunciar que el famoso apologista Tim Staples dirigirá nuestra Misión de Adviento aquí en St. Joseph's el 16-18 de diciembre! El hablará sobre como María es el mejor ejemplo de vivir nuestra fe. Ella es la perfecta creación de Dios: la Inmaculada Concepción. Pero ella también cooperó con fe perfecta en el plan de Dios para hacerla la Madre de Dios. “*¡Dichosa tu por haber creído que se cumplirían las promesas del Señor!*”(Lucas 1:45)

¡Nos veremos en la Misión de Adviento!

Fr. Mark

Misión de Adviento

2012

El Año de la Fe

Con Tim Staples



DICIEMBRE 16, 17 & 18

Cada tarde comenzará a las 7pm, habrán dos charlas con 20 minutos de intermisión.

Para obtener mas información sobre Tim Staples vaya a:
www.catholic.com/profiles/tim-staples

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

*INÉDITO DEL SANTO PADRE BENEDICTO XVI
PUBLICADO CON OCASIÓN DEL 50 ANIVERSARIO
DE LA APERTURA DEL CONCILIO VATICANO II Parte III*



El segundo documento que luego resultaría importante para el encuentro de la Iglesia con la modernidad nació casi por casualidad, y creció en varios estratos. Me refiero a la Declaración “Nostra aetate” sobre las relaciones de la



Iglesia con las religiones no cristianas. Inicialmente se tenía la intención de preparar una declaración sobre las relaciones entre la Iglesia y el judaísmo, texto que resultaba intrínsecamente necesario después de los horrores de la Shoah. Los padres conciliares de los países árabes no se opusieron a ese texto, pero explicaron que, si se quería hablar del judaísmo, también se debía hablar del

islam. Hasta qué punto tenían razón al respecto, lo hemos ido comprendiendo en Occidente sólo poco a poco. Por último, creció la intuición de que era justo hablar también de otras dos grandes religiones — el hinduismo y el budismo —, así como del tema de la religión en general. A eso se añadió luego espontáneamente una breve instrucción sobre el diálogo y la colaboración con las religiones, cuyos valores espirituales, morales y socioculturales debían ser reconocidos, conservados y desarrollados (n. 2). Así, en un documento preciso y extraordinariamente denso, se inauguró un tema cuya importancia todavía no era previsible en aquel momento. La tarea que ello implica, el esfuerzo que es necesario hacer aún para distinguir, clarificar y comprender, resulta cada vez más patente. En el proceso de recepción activa poco a poco se fue viendo también una debilidad de este texto de por sí extraordinario: habla de las religiones sólo de un modo positivo, ignorando las formas enfermizas y distorsionadas de religión, que desde el punto de vista histórico y teológico tienen un gran alcance; por eso la fe cristiana ha sido muy crítica desde el principio respecto a la religión, tanto hacia el interior como hacia el exterior. Mientras que al comienzo del concilio habían prevalecido los episcopados del centro de Europa con sus teólogos, en el curso de las fases conciliares se amplió cada vez más el radio del trabajo y de la responsabilidad común. Los obispos se consideraban aprendices en la escuela del Espíritu Santo y en la escuela de la colaboración recíproca, pero lo hacían como servidores de la Palabra de Dios, que vivían y actuaban en la fe. Los padres conciliares no podían y no querían crear una Iglesia nueva, diversa. No tenían ni el mandato ni el encargo de hacerlo. Eran padres del Concilio con una voz y un derecho de decisión sólo en cuanto obispos, es decir, en virtud del Sacramento y en la Iglesia del Sacramento. Por eso no podían y no querían crear una fe distinta o una Iglesia nueva, sino comprenderlas de modo más profundo y, por consiguiente, realmente “renovarlas”. Por eso una hermenéutica de la ruptura es absurda, contraria al espíritu y a la voluntad de los padres conciliares. En el cardenal Frings tuve un “padre” que vivió de modo ejemplar este espíritu del Concilio. Era un hombre de gran apertura y amplitud de miras, pero sabía también que sólo la fe permite salir al aire libre, al espacio que queda vedado al espíritu positivista. Esta es la visión a la que quería servir con el mandato recibido a través del Sacramento de la ordenación episcopal. No puedo menos que estarle siempre agradecido por haberme llevado a mí — ...como su consultor a la gran asamblea de la Iglesia, permitiéndome ... recorrer desde dentro el camino del concilio.

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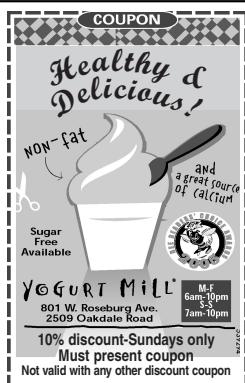
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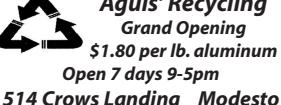


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