

*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 9, 2012 Second Sunday of Advent

(209) 551-4973  
Fax: (209) 551-3213  
Visit our website:  
[www.stjmod.com](http://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 6:30-7:30pm

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday thru Thursday 5-5:30pm

Friday 6:30-7:30pm

Saturday 8:30-9:30am, 4-5pm

*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

On this day, December 9, in the year 1531, a 57-year-old Aztec Indian man named Juan Diego got up before dawn and walked nine miles to go to Mass. His wife had died two years before, and he now lived with his uncle so he could go to Mass more frequently. Before that he had lived with his wife fifteen miles from the church. In those days the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary was celebrated on December 9, and so Juan Diego wanted to attend Mass in honor of the great Mother of Jesus, about whom he had learned from Spanish missionaries. When he came to a place called Tepeyac, Juan Diego heard heavenly music and then saw the Immaculate Virgin Mary herself. She called him gently and affectionately, using the diminutive form of his name: "Juanito, Juan Diegito." Her first words to him revealed that she was the Immaculate One: "Know for certain, dearest of my sons, that I am the *perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary*, and I have the privilege of being the Mother of the True God, through whom everything lives...." The Immaculate Mary sent Juan Diego to Mexico City, which was a slightly longer walk, to ask the bishop there to build a church at Tepeyac hill. On that hill there had once been a pagan temple where human sacrifices had been made to the terrible Aztec Mother Goddess Tonantzin, whose image had snakes for hair! Finally the bishop was persuaded when the beautiful image of Mary appeared miraculously before his eyes on Juan Diego's cloak.

During this holy season we contemplate the beautiful image of Mary, who is the Patron Saint of Advent. December 8 is now the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. December 12 is the day we celebrate the apparition to Juan Diego: the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. December 16-18 will be our Advent Mission here at St. Joseph's, when Tim Staples will speak to us about miracles, especially the miracle of Mary's Immaculate Conception and the miracle of the Virgin Birth of Jesus. Then on December 19 we will have our Advent Penance Service, when each of us can go to confession and become more like the Immaculate One!

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us!

*F. Mark*



*Young boy dressed up as St. Juan Diego at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and celebration in the hall, (2010).*

## 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**

## 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

#### 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). The tree is in the church vestibule with paper ornaments for different age groups. Toy price is between \$10-\$20. Please bring gifts to our table on the plaza today or the next two Sundays or to the parish office during the week.



#### 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.

#### MISA DE GALLO-TRADITIONAL 9-DAY DAWN MASS

Please join the Filipino-American Catholic Liturgy Committee Council and celebrate our Simbang Gabi/Misa De Gallo, in honor of our Blessed Mother, and preparation for the birth of our Lord. Mass starts at 5am, Dec. 16-24, Breakfast fellowship follows immediately in Fr. O'Hare Hall. All Masses are in English. Come celebrate our faith and a 400-year-old novena tradition.



#### 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.



#### ST. JOSEPH'S BOOKSTORE

Visit the Book Store this Advent season! Advent candles, wreaths and gifts are available for everyone on your list! Shop early for best selection. Courtesy gift wrap available.

#### MILITARY SUPPORT MINISTRY THANK YOU

The Military Support Ministry would like to thank the entire Parish for their wonderful generosity this past Veteran's Day. We raised \$1,994 which will be used to send Christmas care boxes to our brave men and women in uniform. This Christmas, most of the care boxes will be going to Camp Leatherneck, which is the largest Marine base in Afghanistan. WE SALUTE YOU!! God Bless America!

# Religious Education

## Vatican II: *Sacrosanctum Concilium*

By Michael Webster, Religious Education

The first document of Vatican II was *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (SC 1963). The name of the document, as many of the documents, encyclicals, or letters that are authored by the pope or Vatican, comes from the first words of the document. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* is Latin for This Sacred Council. However, this document is called the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. Of the sixteen documents of Vatican II, only four constitutions were written.

The designation of constitution indicates the authority and importance of the document. Recognizing the importance of this document, the Council Fathers debated extensively on its content. It is probably one of the most misunderstood or misinterpreted documents of the Second Vatican Council.

I think it is important first to understand the meaning of liturgy. "For the liturgy, 'through which the work of our redemption is accomplished,' most of all in the divine sacrifice of the Eucharist, is the outstanding means whereby the faithful may express in their lives, and manifest to others, the mystery

of Christ and the real nature of the true Church." (SC 2) This document should not be taken lightly because it is dealing with the liturgy, which is so central to our lives as Catholics. Many people know this document simply as the one that reformed the Mass. Many things did change with how Mass is celebrated, but the main goal of this document was for the faithful to understand and enter more deeply into the Mass. "Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy." (SC 14) "The Church, therefore, earnestly desires that Christ's faithful, when present at this mystery of faith, should not be there as strangers or silent spectators; on the contrary, through a good understanding of the rites and prayers they should take part in the sacred action conscious of what they are doing, with devotion and full collaboration." (SC 48)

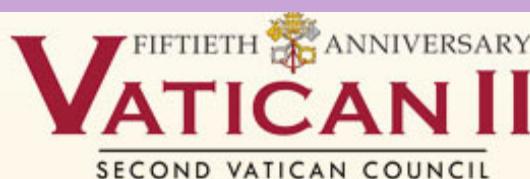
The most notable change was that the document made it permissible for the Mass to be said in the vernacular. It also promoted more scripture to be read at Mass, "the treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so



that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's Word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years." (SC 51)

Liturgy does not just pertain to the Mass, and this document addresses other forms of liturgy, which will be reviewed next week.

**For more info on Vatican II and to see times for EWTN  
Vatican II programming specials, scan  
the QR code or go to:  
[www.ewtn.com/vatican2/](http://www.ewtn.com/vatican2/)**



## 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<br>3:30pm | 10<br>4pm  | 11<br>7pm | 12<br>7pm |
| 13       |             |            | 14        |           |
| 17       | 18          | 19         | 20<br>7pm | 21        |
| 24       | 25          | 26         | 27        | 28        |
| 31       |             |            |           |           |

## 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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Steingrebe

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Nathan@stjmod.com

## Katie Steffanic

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Ksteffanic@stjmod.com



## 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

12/9: People Get Ready!

12/16: St. Joseph's Advent Mission

12/23 & 30: NO Youth Group Meetings! Enjoy your Christmas Break!

1/3-4: High School Lock-In

1/6: Epiphany party

## 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 the Fr. O'Hare hall, beginning in 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 \$20.00.



## Save the Date

The Steubenville San Diego trip will be July 26-28, 2013. There will be a chance to reserve a spot with a small deposit in January. More details to come!

# Center for Lay Apostolates

**FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP:** Please stop and thank our St. Joseph's Boy Scouts 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!*

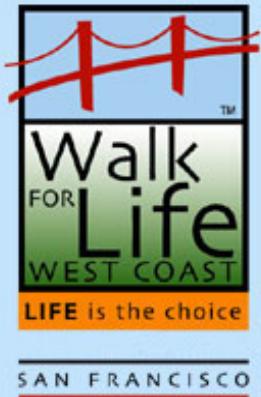
### FREE MATH TUTORING for St. Joseph's students DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK

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 Tammy Menezes



**Jean Diehl**

Jean Diehl, (shown above with one of our Family Promise homeless family guests), has worked diligently during the past six years to build the volunteer and infrastructure base of our Family Promise ministry, which is one of eleven



hosting congregations in Family Promise of Greater Modesto. I am proud of our parish's participation, as we are the only Catholic church participating. Always joined by her husband, David, Jean is leaving as ministry leader for our parish, but has built a fine leadership team, with Glenda Espinoza serving as the new leadership coordinator. Jean has *served responsibly*, balancing her family and work demands with this wonderful opportunity to give back to our greater community. In her words, this volunteer activity has allowed her to see, "How the depth of God's love is felt through a simple offering of a hot, home cooked meal." As we all prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord, please join Jean in remembering that "God is always present to help us tackle any challenges that come our way in a loving and thoughtful way." Thank you, Jean, for showing us how to steward God's gifts.

## In the Diocese

### LITURGICAL TRAINING CELEBRATING THE TRIDUUM

Msgr. John Armistead, Deacon Tom Ciccarelli and Virginia Meagher will lead a day of experiencing and breaking open the Triduum liturgies. This event is for Priests, Deacons, Music Ministers, RCIA Teams and Liturgical Ministers to aid in your planning and preparation of our High Holy Days. (English only)

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday, January 26, 2013

St. Edward Parish, Stockton  
Cost is \$10 per person.

Register with the Office for Worship at (209) 466-0636 or [liturgy@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:liturgy@stocktondiocese.org).



### WALK FOR LIFE 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life West Coast January 26, 12:30 pm

Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco  
Please join us to hear an inspiring series of speeches centering around the theme of abortion's damage to women, to children – unborn and born – and to families. After the rally we will be walking to Justin Herman Plaza to challenge the belief that abortion is a good choice for women.

[www.stocktondiocese.org/2013-walk-for-life](http://www.stocktondiocese.org/2013-walk-for-life) for a list of parishes who are sending buses or [www.walkforlifewc.com/index.htm](http://www.walkforlifewc.com/index.htm) for driving or public transportation options.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK “Catholic Schools Raise the Standards” January 27 to February 2

## From our Holy Father in Rome

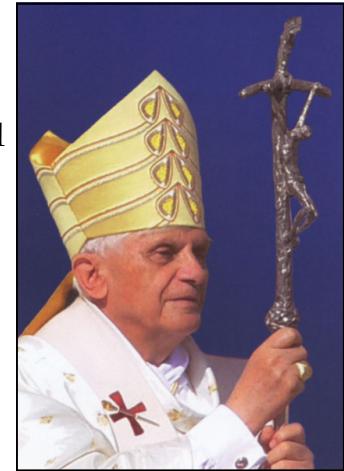
*ANGELUS — Sunday, 18 November 2012*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*



St Mark's version of a part of Jesus' discourse on the end times is proclaimed on this penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year (cf. Mk 13:24-32). This discourse is also found in Matthew and Luke, with some variations, and is probably the most difficult Gospel text. This difficulty stems from both its content and its language: in fact, it speaks of a future that exceeds our own categories and for this reason Jesus uses images and words taken from the Old Testament; but above all he introduces a new centre, which is he himself, the mystery of his Person and of his death and Resurrection.

Today's passage also opens with certain cosmic images that are apocalyptic in character: “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken” (vv. 24-25); but this element is relativized by what follows: “then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory” (v. 26). The “Son of man” is Jesus himself who links the present and the future; the ancient words of the prophets have finally found a centre in the Person of the Nazarene Messiah: he is the True Event which remains the firm and enduring point in the midst of the world's upheavals.



Other words in today's Gospel confirm this. Jesus says: “heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away” (v. 31) Indeed we know that in the Bible the word of God is at the origin of the Creation: all the creatures, starting with the cosmic elements — sun, moon, the firmament — obey the word of God, they exist since they have been “called into being” by it. This creative force of the divine word is concentrated in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, and also passes through his human words, which are the true “firmament” that directs the thought and journey of man on earth.

For this reason Jesus does not describe the end of the world and when he uses apocalyptic images, he does not act as a “seer”. On the contrary, he wishes to prevent his disciples in every epoch from being curious about dates and predictions; he wants instead to provide them with a key to a profound, essential interpretation and, above all, to point out to them the right way on which to walk, today and in the future, to enter eternal life.

Everything passes away, the Lord reminds us, but the word of God does not change and before it each one of us is responsible for his or her own behavior. We are judged on this basis.

Dear friends, in our day too there is no lack of natural disasters nor, unfortunately, of war and violence. Today too we need a permanent foundation for our life and our hope, especially because of the relativism in which we are immersed. May the Virgin Mary help us to accept this center in the Person of Christ and in his word.

# Sacraments

## Our Mass Intentions

### Sunday, December 9 (Second Sunday of Advent)

|        |                               |       |                              |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| 7:30a  | Doroteo Daguna                | 1:30p | Oscar Islas and Maria Bernal |
| 9:00a  | Neil Phillips, Jr.            | 5:30p | Louie Chaves                 |
| 10:30a | All St. Joseph's Parishioners | 7:30p | Dan Martin                   |
| 12:00p | John Pimentel                 |       |                              |

### Monday, December 10

|       |                                      |       |  |
|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|--|
| 8:00a | Fr. Larry Guerrero—Special Intention | 5:45p | Joaquin & Paulina Paim and Floriberto Paim |
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### Tuesday, December 11

|       |  |       |  |
|-------|--|-------|--|
| 8:00a | Elizabeth Machado and Florence Rozelle | 5:45p | Mary Jo Roxas and Elizabeth R. Louthan |
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### Wednesday, December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

|       |   |       |                             |
|-------|---|-------|-----------------------------|
| 6:00a | Maria Guadalupe Castellanos and Angelina Tinoco | 5:45p | Joe Mendes and Kurtis Kraft |
|-------|---|-------|-----------------------------|

### Thursday, December 13

|       |                                  |       |                                   |
|-------|----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 9:00a | Mark Kummerle and Michael DuFour | 5:45p | Paul Urmeneta and Kristen Machado |
|-------|----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|

### Friday, December 14

|       |  |       |  |
|-------|--|-------|--|
| 8:00a | Jim Trevillyan and Francisco Castellanos | 5:45p | Bibiana Alegria and Deceased Members of St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus |
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### Saturday, December 15

|       |                             |       |                            |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| 8:00a | Lee Cottrell and Pat Buhler | 5:45p | St. Joseph's Memorial Mass |
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### Sunday, December 16 (Third Sunday of Advent)

|        |                               |       |                                    |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| 7:30a  | Rozann Platt                  | 1:30p | Alida G. Camacho and George Medina |
| 9:00a  | Neil Phillips, Jr.            | 5:30p | Andrew & Cheryl Longenbaugh        |
| 10:30a | All St. Joseph's Parishioners | 7:30p | Josephina Muratore                 |
| 12:00p | Giovanni Mondelli             |       |                                    |



### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

### Stewardship: A Way of Life

The unconditional love of God presents us with a vision of how to live with one another. For us to live in the image of God is to practice love for our neighbors and responsibility for the world of God's creation. As members of the human race, we feel the most fulfilled when interacting with each other through service. As a child learns from parents about family and responsibility, we learn about the Kingdom of God through scripture and the Church. May our desire for love be fulfilled through service to one another in love.

## This Week

### Sunday, December 9, 2012

|        |                                |     |
|--------|--------------------------------|-----|
| 10:00A | Children's Liturgy of the Word | JP6 |
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### Monday, December 10, 2012

|       |                                    |      |
|-------|------------------------------------|------|
| 7:00P | Charismatic Prayer Group           | JP10 |
| 7:00P | Charismatic Healing Mass - Spanish | Chur |

### Tuesday, December 11, 2012

|        |                                |     |
|--------|--------------------------------|-----|
| 9:00A  | Senior Strength Training       | JP6 |
| 10:30A | Light Weigh                    | JP8 |
| 6:15P  | Legion of Mary                 | JP4 |
| 7:00P  | Charismatic Prayer Grp Spanish | JP7 |

### Wednesday, December 12, 2012

|       |                                 |      |
|-------|---------------------------------|------|
| 1:30P | Widows and Widowers Bible Study | JP5  |
| 5:30P | AA Principle Study Group        | JP5  |
| 5:30P | Alateen                         | JP8  |
| 5:45P | Al Anon Group                   | JP10 |

### Thursday, December 13, 2012

|        |                          |     |
|--------|--------------------------|-----|
| 9:00A  | Senior Strength Training | JP6 |
| 12:00P | Carmel Study Group       | JP4 |
| 6:30P  | Rosary Makers            | JP5 |
| 7:00P  | Spanish Young Adults     | JP2 |

### Friday, December 14, 2012

|        |                     |      |
|--------|---------------------|------|
| 12:00P | Latin Mass          | Chur |
| 3:00P  | Divine Mercy Prayer | Chap |
| 6:00P  | Indian Prayer Group | JP6  |

### Saturday, December 15, 2012

|       |                                  |     |
|-------|----------------------------------|-----|
| 9:00A | AA Language of the Heart (Women) | JP4 |
|-------|----------------------------------|-----|

### Sunday, December 16, 2012

|        |                                |      |
|--------|--------------------------------|------|
| 10:00A | Children's Liturgy of the Word | JP6  |
| 10:30A | Respect Life                   | JP4  |
| 7:00P  | Advent Mission (Tim Staples)   | Hall |

### NOTICE

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

Remember a special day or person.



-Altar Flower Donation- Call the Development Office for info. 551-4973, x207

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

| Diciembre    |    |    |           |    | Confesión |
|--------------|----|----|-----------|----|-----------|
| M            | T  | W  | T         | F  | S         |
| 3<br>4pm     | 4  | 5  | 6         | 7  |           |
| 10<br>3:30pm | 11 | 12 | 13<br>7pm | 14 |           |
| 17<br>4, 7pm | 18 | 19 | 20        | 21 |           |
| 24           | 25 | 26 | 27        | 28 |           |
| 31           |    |    |           |    |           |

### Librería Católica JPII, cuarto 11

Tenemos libros, Películas y CDs.

Lunes & Jueves 10:30-2:30

Martes & Viernes 10:30-12:30

Miércoles 9:30-1:30

Lunes 5-7pm & Jueves 4-6pm

Todo Prestado sin costo alguno.



### 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.

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# ¡Boletín Parroquial en Español!

DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Mark Wagner

En este día, 9 de diciembre del año 1531, un hombre indígena de 57 años llamado Juan Diego se levantó antes del amanecer y caminó 9 millas para llegar a la Misa. Su esposa había fallecido dos años antes, entonces se había movido con su tío para poder asistir a Misa con mas frecuencia. Antes vivía con su esposa a 15 millas de la iglesia. En esos días la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción de María era celebrada el 9 de diciembre, entonces Juan Diego deseaba ir a la Misa en honor a la gran Madre de Jesús, de la cual había aprendido por medio de los misionarios españoles. Cuando llegó al lugar llamado Tepeyac, Juan Diego escuchó música celestial y luego vio a la Inmaculada Virgen María. Ella lo llamó con ternura y afecto, usando la forma diminutiva de su nombre: "Juanito, Juan Dieguito." Sus primeras palabras hacia él le revelaron que era la Inmaculada: "Deseo que sepas de seguro querido de mis hijos, que soy la *perfecta y perpetua Virgen María*, y que tengo el privilegio de ser la Madre del Verdadero Dios, por medio del cual todo tiene vida..." La Virgen Inmaculada mandó a Juan Diego a la Ciudad de México que quedaba a un camino un poco mas lejos, a que le pidiera al obispo que construyese una iglesia en la colina del Tepeyac. ¡En esa colina había un templo donde se habían sacrificado humanos a la terrible diosa azteca la Madre Tonantzin, mostrada en una imagen donde tenía serpientes en vez de pelo! Finalmente el obispo fue persuadido por la hermosa imagen de María que apareció milagrosamente ante sus ojos en la tilma de Juan Diego.

Durante esta santa temporada contemplamos la hermosa imagen de María, que es la Santa Patrona de Adviento. El 8 de diciembre es ahora la Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción. El 12 de diciembre es el día que celebramos la aparición de Juan Diego: la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. El 16-18 de diciembre será nuestra Misión de Adviento aquí en St. Joseph's y Tim Staples hablará sobre el milagro de la Inmaculada Concepción de María y el milagro del nacimiento de Jesús de una Virgen. Luego el 19 de diciembre tendremos el Servicio Penitencial de Adviento, ¡cuando cada uno de nosotros podemos ir a confesarnos y volvernos como la Inmaculada!

¡O María concebida sin pecado,  
ruega por nosotros!



*Fa. Mark*

Un niño vestido como San Juan Diego en la  
Misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y la  
celebración en el salón parroquial, (2010)

# Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

ÁNGELUS — Domingo 18 de noviembre de 2012

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:



En este penúltimo domingo del año litúrgico, se proclama, en la redacción de San Marcos, una parte del discurso de Jesús sobre los últimos tiempos (cf. Mc 13, 24-32). Este discurso se encuentra, con algunas variaciones, también en Mateo y Lucas, y es probablemente el texto más difícil del Evangelio. Tal dificultad deriva tanto del contenido como del lenguaje: se habla de un porvenir que supera nuestras categorías, y por esto Jesús utiliza imágenes y palabras tomadas del Antiguo Testamento, pero sobre todo introduce un nuevo centro, que es Él mismo, el misterio de su persona y de su muerte y resurrección.

También el pasaje de hoy se abre con algunas imágenes cósmicas de género apocalíptico: «El sol se oscurecerá, la luna no dará su resplandor, las estrellas caerán del cielo, los astros se tambalearán» (v. 24-25); pero este elemento se relativiza por cuanto le sigue: «Entonces verán venir al Hijo del hombre sobre las nubes con gran poder y gloria» (v. 26). El «Hijo del hombre» es Jesús mismo, que une el presente y el futuro; las antiguas palabras de los profetas por fin han hallado un centro en la persona del Mesías nazareno: es Él el verdadero acontecimiento que, en medio de los trastornos del mundo, permanece como el punto firme y estable.

Ello se confirma con otra expresión del Evangelio del día. Jesús afirma: «El cielo y la tierra pasarán, pero mis palabras no pasarán» (v. 31). En efecto, sabemos que en la Biblia la Palabra de Dios está en el origen de la creación: todas las criaturas, empezando por los elementos cósmicos —sol, luna, firmamento—, obedecen a la Palabra de Dios, existen en cuanto que son «llamados» por ella. Esta potencia creadora de la Palabra divina se ha concentrado en Jesucristo, Verbo hecho carne, y pasa también a través de sus palabras humanas, que son el verdadero «firmamento» que orienta el pensamiento y el camino del hombre en la tierra. Por esto Jesús no describe el fin del mundo, y cuando utiliza imágenes apocalípticas, no se comporta como un «vidente». Al contrario, Él quiere apartar a sus discípulos —de toda época— de la curiosidad por las fechas, las previsiones, y desea en cambio darles una clave de lectura profunda, esencial, y sobre todo indicar el sendero justo sobre el cual caminar, hoy y mañana, para entrar en la vida eterna. Todo pasa —nos recuerda el Señor—, pero la Palabra de Dios no muta, y ante ella cada uno de nosotros es responsable del propio comportamiento. De acuerdo con esto seremos juzgados.

Queridos amigos: tampoco en nuestros tiempos faltan calamidades naturales, y lamentablemente ni siquiera guerras y violencias. Hoy necesitamos también un fundamento estable para nuestra vida y nuestra esperanza, tanto más a causa del relativismo en el que estamos inmersos. Que la Virgen María nos ayude a acoger este centro en la Persona de Cristo y en su Palabra.

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**Jean Diehl**

Jean Diehl (en la foto con una de nuestras huéspedes del programa de Family Promise), ha trabajado diligentemente por los últimos seis años para edificar la base de la infraestructura y los voluntarios del ministerio de Family Promise, del cual St. Joseph's es una de once congregaciones de alojamiento para familias en Modesto. Yo me siento orgullosa de la participación de nuestra parroquia, ya que somos la única iglesia católica participando. Junto con su esposo, David, Jean está dejando el liderazgo del ministerio pero antes de dejarlo, han edificado un buen equipo de liderazgo con Glenda Espinoza sirviendo como la nueva coordinadora. Jean ha *servido responsablemente* en este ministerio, balanceando las demandas de su familia y su trabajo con esta bella oportunidad de servir en la comunidad. En sus propias palabras, este ministerio le ha permitido ver “Como se puede sentir el gran amor de Dios por medio del simple hecho de ofrecer una comida caliente, hecha en casa”. Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar el nacimiento de nuestro Señor, unámonos a Jean recordando que “Dios está siempre presente para ayudarnos, de una manera amorosa y atenta, a enfrentar cualquier reto que se nos presente.” Gracias Jean, por enseñarnos cómo compartir los dones de Dios.



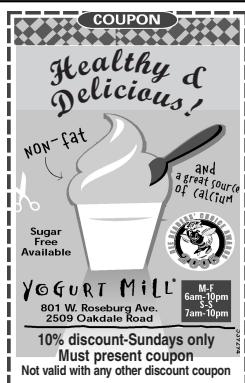
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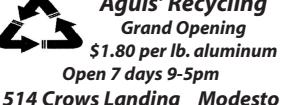
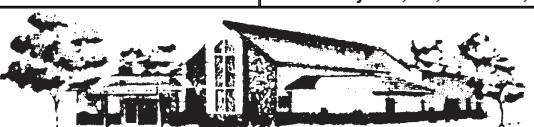
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