

*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

November 11, 2012 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm

Saturdays 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

In today's Gospel, "Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury." Jesus was not just settling down for a pleasant afternoon of "people watching." He was reading the hearts of those who wanted to donate to the support of His father's house. He knew that people gave for different motives. This poor widow gave because of her great love for God, her desire to promote religion, her humble conviction that others had greater need than she, and her perfect trust that God would care for her in her poverty. The Lord is clearly interested and clearly sees the motives with which we give in our offering. He knows that some do not even give of their surplus, some give for the wrong reasons, and some give with a true spirit of sacrifice and love. Jesus was very pleased when He saw the faith, hope and love of this woman. He seems to have gotten very excited because He "called his disciples to himself" and began to speak to them approvingly about "this poor widow." May the Lord be pleased with each one of us and congratulate us for our offering!

Fr. Wagner

"What is happening with our John Paul II Center and radio station buildings?"

The answer is that both buildings have suffered root intrusion, which necessitated removing the dirt berms and trees. After the removal, additional dry rot was discovered and our Parish Building Committee has determined that major repairs will need to be made to both buildings. Fr. Mark met with the Bishop's office and a project that includes repairing, finishing both buildings with stucco and new landscaping has been approved. The project is estimated to take approximately four months to complete and should begin soon.

"How are we paying for this?" The funds for this project are coming from our Building – Capital Improvement Fund. These funds are unrestricted donations as well as the funds from the rent of the radio station.

Your Green Envelopes, Church for Tomorrow and Many Hands, Many Hearts Gala contributions are dedicated to the future building of our parish and are not being used for this project.

We want to thank our parish leadership, including the Building Committee, Parish Council and Finance Council, for carefully considering and approving this needed improvement for our parish. The finished buildings will continue to help fill the need we will have for our active and vibrant parish family.



Looking at the John Paul II Center from Lancey Dr.

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

**Office will be closed Sunday &
Monday in observance of
Veteran's Day.**

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



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Try a Holy Hour with Jesus once a week! We currently need adorers for these hours:

Wednesday 5-6am, Friday 2-3am,
Saturday 9-10am &
3-4pm. Please contact David &
Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick
up one of these hours.

Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities



MILITARY MINISTRY — VETERANS' DAY

St. Joseph's Military Ministry has a mission for you! Please help us with the Christmas mailing of our famous care boxes to our highly deserving military troops in Afghanistan. We will be accepting your generous donations on the Plaza this weekend. Questions? Call Julie and Dean at 522-0887. Thank you for your support and prayers. God Bless America.



OPUS DEI MEN'S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

All men are welcome and encouraged to come to an Opus Dei Men's Evening of Recollection on Thursday, November 15, from 7:15pm-9:15pm in the church. This Evening of Recollection will be conducted by an Opus Dei priest. For further information, please contact Nilo Casiano (209) 324-5926.

St. Josemaria Escrivá

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

If you want to drink, that is your business. If you want to stop, and can't, that is OUR business. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who come together in support of each other as they battle the disease of alcoholism. If you are in need of this support, please join us. Men and women are welcome on Wednesdays at 5:45pm in Room 5 of the JPII center. For women only, there is a meeting on SATURDAY MORNINGS at 9am in the Vatican Room in JPII. Come and experience freedom from the bondage of alcoholism.

ST. JOSEPH'S RESPECT LIFE

Please join us in praying the rosary every Tuesday & Wednesday mornings at the abortion clinic located at 2030 Coffee Rd, Modesto. We begin at 9:15 am. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us!

Around the Area



DISCALCED CARMELITES

Are you interested in learning more about Carmelite spirituality? You are invited to join us next month on November 17 at 9am at Our Lady of Fatima hall to inquire about Secular Carmelites. For more information, please call Marie Fournier at 566-3313l.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Save the date. Our Lady of Fatima Holiday Boutique Saturday, November 17, 9am-4pm and Sunday, November 18, 9am-2pm in the gym. Interested in a space? Contact parish office at 524-7421 or Beth @ bthiegck@aol.com for more information.

Religious Education

- The 16 documents of Vatican Council II
1. Sacrosanctum concilium, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 1963.
 2. Inter Mirifica, Decree on the Means of Social Communication, 1963.
 3. Lumen Gentium, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 1964.
 4. Orientalium Ecclesiarum, Decree on the Catholic Churches of the Eastern Rite, 1964.
 5. Unitatis Redintegratio, Decree on Ecumenism, 1964.
 6. Christus Dominus, Decree Concerning the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church, 1965.
 7. Perfectae Caritatis, Decree on Renewal of Religious Life, 1965.
 8. Optatam Totius, Decree on Priestly Training, 1965.
 9. Gravissimum Educationis, Declaration on Christian Education, 1965.
 10. Nostra Aetate, Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, 1965.
 11. Dei Verbum, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, 1965.
 12. Apostolicam Actuositatem, Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, 1965.
 13. Dignitatis Humanae, Declaration on Religious Freedom, 1965.
 14. Ad Gentes, Decree on the Mission Activity of the Church, 1965.
 15. Presbyterorum Ordinis, Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests, 1965.
 16. Gaudium et Spes, Pastoral Constitution on the Church In the Modern World, 1965.

The Year of Faith, Vatican II documents

By Maria F. Delgado-Braun OCDS, Religious Education

Pope Benedict XVI in his Apostolic letter, *Porta Fidei*, speaks about “*a profound crisis of faith that has affected many people*,” and has called the Church to a renewal in the faith and a spirit of evangelization. Our chaotic time characterized by the battle with secularism, materialism, scandal, relativism and atheism, presents us with the opportunity of a grace-filled renewal in both our personal lives and the Church. Much like the time of great saints such as Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross, who lived during the Protestant Reformation, God is raising new saints who, nourished by His Word and sacred tradition, will go forward to bring light to a world in darkness. We are called to heal the broken Body of Christ and to do so, we must be fed the food of mature Christians and leave aside the milk of babes. The Holy Father has called us to study the documents of Vatican II for “*they need to be read correctly, to be widely known and taken to heart as important and normative texts of the Magisterium, within the Church’s Tradition.*” We will be reviewing these documents throughout the year, and as we delve deeper, let us not forget that our goal is to enter into more intimacy with God and not just to acquire knowledge. Our faith is to be lived and shared with others. Through the practice of the virtues, especially humility and charity, having a prayer life and total abandonment to the will of God, we will come to gaze on the face of Christ and made ready for any battle He has for us. *All is possible through Him!*



Parish School of Religion Update

Parish School of Religion psr@stjmod.com

There is no PSR the next two weeks (November 12-22), except for Grade 8 C2 which will have a Victory Night on November 15 at 7-8:30pm in the Hall.

PSR students, please bring macaroni and cheese this month for St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your kindness and stewardship!

School of Faith Classes

November					Baptism
M	T	W	T	F	
			1 4, 7pm	2	
5	6	7	8	9	
	5:15pm	4pm			
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	
		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 and help with preparation for the fall retreat in Aptos. If you feel called to help in any way please contact Nathan today.

LifeNight line-up:

Our youth group is in Aptos this weekend enjoying the retreat. The theme of the retreat is “There’s no place like home.” The characters from “The Wizard of Oz,” along with a handful of volunteers are speaking about stewardship and using the talents and gifts God has given us, such as a heart, brain, and courage, to get to our heavenly home.

Please keep them in your prayers!!

11/9-11/11: High School Retreat in Aptos!!

There is NO LifeNight tonight because of the retreat.

11/18: Community night in the Fr. O’Hare hall.

11/25: NO LifeNight! Enjoy family time after Thanksgiving!

12/2: 1st Sunday of Advent



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.

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Thank you to our parish Plaza Hospitality Volunteers for serving us coffee and donuts after our morning Masses.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Veterans Salute by Leonard E. Churilla, Ministry Historian



John Stephen Songco Bacay was born in Olongapo City, Philippines and is son of the late Dr. Vicente Bacay and Dr. Carmelina Bacay. John is a graduate of St. Joseph's High School and attended The University of Santo Thomas in the Philippines. John enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1986 and began his first posting in Pearl Harbor, HI as a deck seaman aboard the USS Harold E. Holt. He eventually served on the staff of the Commander, Naval Surface Group, in Pearl Harbor. While in Hawaii, he met his future wife, Sarah, whom he married at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Olongapo City. After serving in various locations, including Japan, Florida and the British Indian Ocean, John retired in 2007. A memorable experience for him was his promotion to Chief Petty Officer in 1998. John is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War, The Global War on Terrorism and the Operations Enduring/Iraqi Freedom.

During his Naval career, John continued his education, eventually earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice Administration and his Master of Arts degree in Human Relations. He presently works for San Joaquin County as the Equal Employment Opportunity Analyst, where he investigates cases of workplace discrimination and harassment. Sarah also works in San Joaquin County as a certified medical coder. They are the proud parents of three children: Timothy John, who recently graduated from UC-Merced, Anne Raquel, a junior at UC-Berkeley and Vincent John, a sophomore at Escalon High School. They have been St. Joseph's parishioners since April, 2007.

A favorite quote of his is, *"I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy.'*

- President John F. Kennedy

Visit the Plaza this weekend to help with the next mailing of our Military Support Care Boxes!

Profiles in Stewardship

by Michael Webster



**Wilma
Cabacungan**

When I think of Wilma I think of Psalm 85:4 (Douay-Rheims translation): Give joy to the soul of thy servant, for to thee, O Lord, I lifted up my soul. Wilma exemplifies this scripture because she has given herself to God. She is dedicated to Him and has such a desire to love God that she prays daily before the Blessed Sacrament and goes to daily Mass. Because of this, God has given her the gift of authentic joy. Wilma is one of the most genuinely joyful people I know, always having a smile on her face and laughing. A Catholic steward must be a witness to and share the gift of joy. Wilma's joy is contagious.

One of the great ways she uses her gift of joy is by volunteering to take pictures at many of the events that we have at the parish (you may have seen her at the parish festival). She is always carrying her camera. You can't help but smile when she points the lens your way because she is smiling at you. We are so grateful that Wilma has captured so many great moments at St. Joseph's and that she is so willing to share them with the whole community.

Thank you Wilma for your ardent love for God and gift of joy which transforms all of our lives and community with joy.

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

In the Diocese

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, Nov 13, Mass: 6:30 at St Stanislaus Church, 7th & J St.; networking 7 am, breakfast and speaker 7:15 am. \$15 members, \$20 non-members at the Doubletree Hotel. Speaker: **Andreas Widmer**, "The Pope and the CEO." Andreas served as a Pontifical Swiss Guard from 1986-1988, protecting Pope John Paul II. He is the co-founder of SEVEN Fund, a philanthropic organization run by entrepreneurs who invest in original research, books, films, and websites to further enterprise solutions to poverty. RSVP: online at cpbc-modesto.com, Cathy [cheart@pacbell.net](mailto:chearst@pacbell.net) 968-8086 or George gerbele2@yahoo.com.

RETREAT

Tuesday, November 27, at Sisters of the Cross Convent 1320 Maze Blvd. with Fr. Manuel Vasquez M.S.P.S. In English 9-12, Spanish 12-5, bring your lunch, donation. For information call 209-526-3525.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PROCESSION The 32nd Diocesan Celebration December 3

Procession: Noon, Saint Mary's Church, 203 East Washington Street, Stockton

Mass: 3pm, Stockton Arena, 248 W. Fremont Street, Stockton

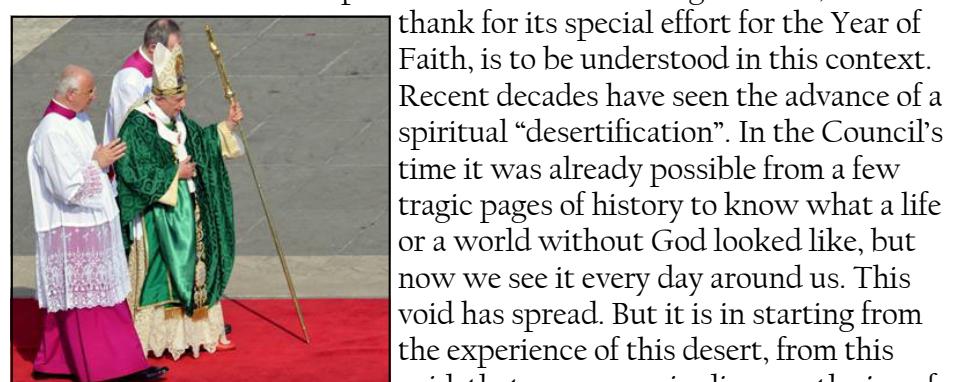
From our Holy Father in Rome

HOLY MASS FOR THE OPENING OF THE YEAR OF FAITH

Thursday, 11 October 2012 Part III



If today the Church proposes a new Year of Faith and a new evangelization, it is not to honor an anniversary, but because there is more need of it, even more than there was fifty years ago! And the reply to be given to this need is the one desired by the Popes, by the Council Fathers and contained in its documents. Even the initiative to create a Pontifical Council for the promotion of the new evangelization, which I



thank for its special effort for the Year of Faith, is to be understood in this context. Recent decades have seen the advance of a spiritual "desertification". In the Council's time it was already possible from a few tragic pages of history to know what a life or a world without God looked like, but now we see it every day around us. This void has spread. But it is in starting from the experience of this desert, from this void, that we can again discover the joy of believing, its vital importance for us, men and women. In the desert we rediscover the value of what is essential for living; thus in today's world there are innumerable signs, often expressed implicitly or negatively, of the thirst for God, for the ultimate meaning of life. And in the desert people of faith are needed who, with their own lives, point out the way to the Promised Land and keep hope alive. Living faith opens the heart to the grace of God which frees us from pessimism. Today, more than ever, evangelizing means witnessing to the new life, transformed by God, and thus showing the path. The first reading spoke to us of the wisdom of the wayfarer (cf. *Sir 34:9-13*): the journey is a metaphor for life, and the wise wayfarer is one who has learned the art of living, and can share it with his brethren – as happens to pilgrims along the Way of Saint James or similar routes which, not by chance, have again become popular in recent years. How come so many people today feel the need to make these journeys? Is it not because they find there, or at least intuit, the meaning of our existence in the world? This, then, is how we can picture the Year of Faith, a pilgrimage in the deserts of today's world, taking with us only what is necessary: neither staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money, nor two tunics – as the Lord said to those he was sending out on mission (cf. *Lk 9:3*), but the Gospel and the faith of the Church, of which the Council documents are a luminous expression, as is the Catechism of the Catholic Church, published twenty years ago.

Venerable and dear Brothers, 11 October 1962 was the Feast of Mary Most Holy, Mother of God. Let us entrust to her the Year of Faith, as I did last week when I went on pilgrimage to Loreto. May the Virgin Mary always shine out as a star along the way of the new evangelization. May she help us to put into practice the Apostle Paul's exhortation, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom [...] And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (*Col 3:16-17*). Amen.

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 11 (Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30a	Tom Alhadate, Jr.	1:30p	Concepcion & Rosalinda Lopez and Luz Perez
9:00a	Neil Phillips, Jr.	5:30p	All Souls
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Nellie & Ralph De Los Santos
12:00p	Paul T. Urmeneta		

Monday, November 12

8:00a	Lenard Ratto and Pat Buhler	5:45p	Albert J. Alegria and Josephine Corbeil
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Tuesday, November 13

8:00a	Jim Cusenza and Frank & Isabell Bavaro	5:45p	Joe Barcelos and Wenceslao Pulma
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Wednesday, November 14

8:00a	Richard Scott and Virgilio Impas	5:45p	Kurtis Kraft and Francisco Catellanos
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Thursday, November 15

8:00a	Nathan Inglima and Ceferina Quijano	5:45p	John & Maria Barcelos
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Friday, November 16

8:00a	Florence Rozelle and Richard Guajardo	5:45p	Concepcion Isip and Manuel Nunes
12:00p	Fr. Joseph O'Hare		

Saturday, November 17

8:00a	Leona Delos Reyes and Tamara Giva	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
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Sunday, November 18 (Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30a	Mary & Matt Basan	1:30p	Laura Ruelas and Oscar Lopez
9:00a	Neil Phillips, Jr.	3:30p	Juan Vaso
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Arthur Canto, Jr.
12:00p	Marie Pesonen	7:30p	Betty Lucilo

Baptisms

Alexia Labrada
Raymond Ramos
Emiliana Harker
Alicia Santacruz
Angel Gutierrez
Briana Rios
Natalie Rosas
Rodrigo Marquez, Jr.
Darwyn Moscoso
Kassandra Falconi
Lucia Zavala
Daniel Herrera
Ayden Garcia
Vivian Escobar
Josephine Sanchez
Ivanna Mendoza
Aaron Ruiz
Misael Bernabe
Myrtle Holmquist
John Juarez
Kenneth Radaich
Marion Radaich
Dulko Monico
Abbygail Gomez

Readings 11/12–11/18

Monday:

Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday:

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday:

Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday:

Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

Friday:

2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

12pm Latin Mass:

II Cor. 10:17-18; II:1-2; Mt. 25:1-13

Saturday:

3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday:

Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18;
Mk 13:24-32

Latin Mass

I Thess. 1:2-10; Mt. 13:31-35

This Week

Sunday, November 11, 2012

Office Closed -Veteran's Day	
10:00A Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
1:00P Youth for Family & Life	JP7

Monday, November 12, 2012

Office Closed -Veteran's Day	
9:00A Iconography 1	JP5
7:00P Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10

Tuesday, November 13, 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 Group Spanish	JP7

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

5:30P AA Principle Study Group	JP5
5:30P Alateen	JP8
5:45P Al Anon Group	JP10

Thursday, November 15, 2012

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

Friday, November 16, 2012

12:00P Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap

Saturday, November 17, 2012

7:00A Planned Giving Seminar	Hall
AA Language of the Heart	
9:00A (Women)	JP4

Sunday, November 18, 2012

7:00A Filipino Longsilog Breakfast	Hall
10:00A Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
10:30A Respect Life	JP4
1:00P Youth for Family & Life	JP7

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



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.

Clases de Escuela de FE este mes de noviembre, por favor vea el calendario.

Noviembre					Bautismo
M	T	W	T	F	
5	6	7	8	9	
			7pm	4pm	
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	
		5:15pm	4pm	7pm	



ESTUDIO BIBLICO

La última etapa de LEVANTATE, comenzará este mes. Para más información, por favor llame al 551-4973 ext. 218 ¡No se requiere experiencia!

RETIRO

Martes, 27 de noviembre En el Convento de Las Hermanas De La Cruz, 1320 Maze Blvd. con Rev. Manuel Vásquez M.S.P.S. En Ingles 9-12 y en Español 12-5 Por favor traiga su "lonche", donación. Para mas información llame al 209-526-3525

¡Boletín Parroquial en Español!

DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Mark Wagner

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús “estaba sentado frente a las alcancías del templo, mirando cómo la gente echaba allí sus monedas.” El no estaba simplemente disfrutando de una tarde placentera “mirando gente.” El se encontraba leyendo los corazones de aquellos que deseaban ayudar donando a “la casa de su Padre.” El sabía que la gente daba por diferentes motivos. Una pobre viuda dio por su gran amor por Dios, su deseo de promover la religión, su humilde convicción que otros tenían mas necesidad que ella, y su perfecta confianza en que Dios se haría cargo de ella en su pobreza. El Señor está claramente interesado y ve los motivos por los cuales damos en nuestro ofertorio. El sabe que algunos ni siquiera dan de lo que les sobra, otros dan por razones erróneas, y otros dan con un espíritu de verdadero sacrificio y amor. El parece haberse alegrado pues llamó “a sus discípulos” y comenzó a hablarles favorablemente sobre “esta pobre viuda.” ¡Que el Señor esté contento con cada uno de nosotros y nos felicite por nuestro ofertorio!

“¿Qué pasará con los edificios del centro de JPII y la estación de radio?” La respuesta es que los dos edificios han sufrido daño a causa de la intrusión de raíces en los edificios, lo cual ha requerido que se remuevan la tierra y los arboles. Despues de que



se removieran, se descubrió mas daño debido a la humedad y nuestro Comité Parroquial de Construcción ha determinado que se tendrán que hacer reparaciones mayores a los dos edificios. El Padre Mark se reunió con la oficina del Obispo y el proyecto para reparar y restaurar los dos edificios y sembrar nuevo pasto y arboles ha sido aprobado. Se estima que el proyecto se terminará en cuatro meses y se comenzará pronto. **“¿Cómo vamos a pagar por esto?”** los fondos para este proyecto provienen de nuestro Fondo para Proyectos Capitales. Estos fondos son donaciones sin restricciones así como los fondos que se reciben del alquiler de la estación de radio. Sus **sobres verdes, Iglesia para el Futuro y las contribuciones a Many Hands, Many Hearts Gala** son dedicados para la construcción de un edificio en el futuro para nuestra parroquia y no se han usado para este proyecto. Deseamos agradecer al liderazgo parroquial , incluyendo el Comité de Construcción, el Consejo Parroquial y el Consejo Financiero, por considerar delicadamente y aprobar estas mejorías para nuestra parroquia. Los arreglos a los edificios continuarán ayudando la necesidad que tendremos para nuestra activa y vibrante familia parroquial.

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

SANTA MISA PARA LA APERTURA DEL AÑO DE LA FE
Jueves II de octubre de 2012 Parte III



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**Wilma
Cabacungan**



Si hoy la Iglesia propone un nuevo *Año de la fe* y la nueva evangelización, no es para conmemorar una efeméride, sino porque hay necesidad, todavía más que hace 50 años. Y la respuesta que hay que dar a esta necesidad es la misma que quisieron dar los Papas y los Padres del Concilio, y que está contenida en sus documentos. También la iniciativa de crear un Consejo Pontificio destinado a la promoción de la nueva evangelización, al que agradezco su especial dedicación con vistas al *Año de la fe*, se inserta en esta perspectiva. En estos decenios ha aumentado la «desertificación» espiritual. Si ya en tiempos del Concilio se podía saber, por algunas trágicas páginas de la historia, lo que podía significar una vida, un mundo sin Dios, ahora lamentablemente lo vemos cada día a nuestro alrededor. Se ha difundido el vacío. Pero precisamente a partir de la experiencia

de este desierto, de este vacío, es como podemos descubrir nuevamente la alegría de creer, su importancia vital para nosotros, hombres y mujeres. En el desierto se vuelve a descubrir el valor de lo que es esencial para vivir; así, en el mundo contemporáneo, son muchos los signos de la sed de Dios, del sentido último de la vida, a menudo manifestados de forma implícita o negativa. Y en el desierto se necesitan sobre todo personas de fe que, con su propia vida, indiquen el camino hacia la Tierra prometida y de esta forma mantengan viva la esperanza. La fe vivida abre el corazón a la Gracia de Dios que libera del pesimismo. Hoy más que nunca evangelizar quiere decir dar testimonio de una vida nueva, transformada por Dios, y así indicar el camino. La primera lectura nos ha hablado de la sabiduría del viajero (cf. *Sir 34,9-13*): el viaje es metáfora de la vida, y el viajero sabio es aquel que ha aprendido el arte de vivir y lo comparte con los hermanos, como sucede con los peregrinos a lo largo del Camino de Santiago, o en otros caminos, que no por casualidad se han multiplicado en estos años. ¿Por qué tantas personas sienten hoy la necesidad de hacer estos caminos? ¿No es quizás porque en ellos encuentran, o al menos intuyen, el sentido de nuestro estar en el mundo? Así podemos representar este *Año de la fe*: como una peregrinación en los desiertos del mundo contemporáneo, llevando consigo solamente lo que es esencial: ni bastón, ni alforja, ni pan, ni dinero, ni dos túnicas, como dice el Señor a los apóstoles al enviarlos a la misión (cf. *Lc 9,3*), sino el evangelio y la fe de la Iglesia, de los que el Concilio Ecuménico Vaticano II son una luminosa expresión, como lo es también el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, publicado hace 20 años.

Venerados y queridos hermanos, el 11 de octubre de 1962 se celebraba la fiesta de María Santísima, Madre de Dios. Le confiamos a ella el *Año de la fe*, como lo hice hace una semana, peregrinando a Loreto. La Virgen María brille siempre como estrella en el camino de la nueva evangelización. Que ella nos ayude a poner en práctica la exhortación del apóstol Pablo: «La palabra de Cristo habite entre vosotros en toda su riqueza; enseñaos unos a otros con toda sabiduría; corregíos mutuamente... Todo lo que de palabra o de obra realicéis, sea todo en nombre del Señor Jesús, dando gracias a Dios Padre por medio de él» (*Col 3,16-17*). Amén

Cuando pienso en Wilma me acuerdo del Salmo 86,4 “Regocija el alma de tu siervo, pues a ti, Señor, elevo mi alma”. Wilma es un buen ejemplo de este versículo porque ella enteramente se ha entregado a Dios. Ella le ha dedicado su vida y su gran deseo de amar a Dios la lleva a orar frente al Santísimo Sacramento y ha asistir a Misa diariamente. Por su entrega, Dios le ha otorgado el don de una auténtica alegría. Wilma es una de las personas más alegres que yo conozco, siempre mostrando una sonrisa. Un corresponsal católico tiene que dar testimonio y compartir el don de la alegría. La alegría de Wilma es contagiosa.

Una de las formas que ella hace uso de su don de la alegría es, como voluntaria, tomar fotos en muchos de los eventos que tenemos en nuestra parroquia (usted tal vez la vio en nuestro festival parroquial). Ella siempre carga con su cámara. No se puede hacer otra cosa que sonreír cuando ella apunta el lente hacia uno porque ella lo hace con una sonrisa. Estamos muy agradecidos de que Wilma ha capturado tantos grandes momentos en St. Joseph's y el hecho de estar dispuesta a compartirlos con la comunidad entera.

Gracias Wilma por tu ardiente amor por Dios y tu don de la alegría, el cual transforma todas nuestras vidas y a nuestra comunidad con alegría.



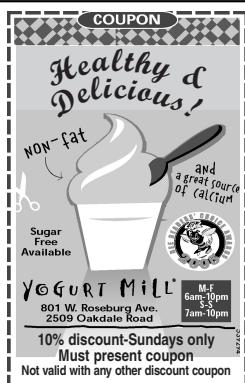
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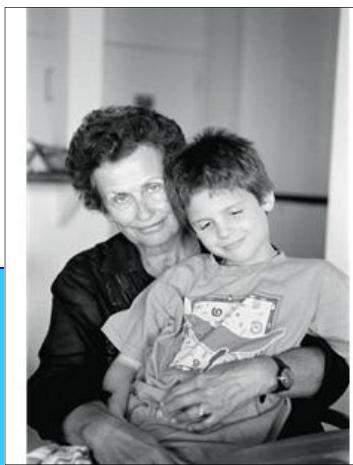
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