

*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 25, 2012

Solemnity of Christ the King

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Visit our website:
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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.*

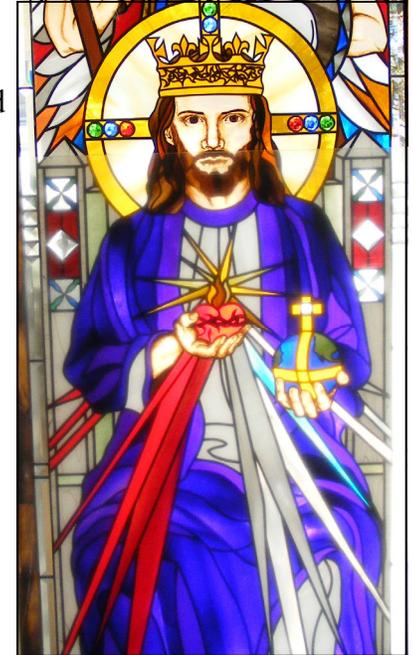
Clergy:

Fr. Mark Wagner, Pastor
Fr. Francis Joseph, OCD, Assoc Pastor
Fr. Tony Chacko, Assoc Pastor
Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain
Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinerio, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

Today is the Feast of Christ the King. We may ask ourselves: What is Jesus the King of? When we look around us in our city and our society, we do not see many signs of His kingship. Is He really King? If you watch two hours of television, is there ever a mention of Christ the King? If you visit someone's living room, are there any signs or images of Christ the King? In our daily lives do we often think or speak of this king? In our hearts, is there prayer and love for Him? If not, then He is not king.

This is the last Sunday of the church year, and next Sunday a new liturgical year begins with the First Sunday of Advent. It is an opportunity to begin again. In this "Year of Faith" we can renew our efforts to truly make Jesus Christ the King in our hearts, in our homes and in our community. We can dedicate an hour a week to adoring our Divine King in our parish Adoration Chapel. We serve Him by serving the church which is His body. We can serve Christ in the poor. We can honor the King by praying gratefully, serving responsibly and giving generously. We can



*Christ the King stained glass
window in the church.*

go to confession and communion, allowing the King to give us His forgiveness and nourishment through the hands of our priests. Christ the King is still present and continues to work powerfully in our church by means of His priests. Long live Christ the King! Sacred Heart of Jesus, your Kingdom come!



*High School teens praying in the adoration
chapel at last year's Lock-In, (January 2012).*

Fr. Mark Wagner

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 today, Sunday, November 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

How can we help? 551-4973

<i>Se Habla Español</i>	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

BLANKETS OF LOVE

This weekend on the plaza we are collecting new or gently used blankets to send to people in need as a result of Hurricane Sandy on the east coast. Church's all over Modesto are joining hands to assist those in need.

ENVIRONMENT TEAM- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are cleaning the church in preparation for the Christmas season. Please come from 11am-1:30pm on Saturday, December 1 and help us clean the church and decorate for Advent.

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.

COURAGE: HELP FOR THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE SAME-SEX ATTRACTIONS

Do you or a loved one experience same-sex attraction (SSA) and desire to live a pure life? The Courage ministry may offer you the spiritual support that you need. If you are interested, please call Fr. Mark Wagner at 551-4973 and schedule a personal appointment or email him at courage@stjmod.com. For more information, see the Courage website at www.couragerc.org.

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 JPPII center. For women only, there is a meeting on SATURDAY MORNINGS at 9am in the Vatican Room in JPPII. 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!

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

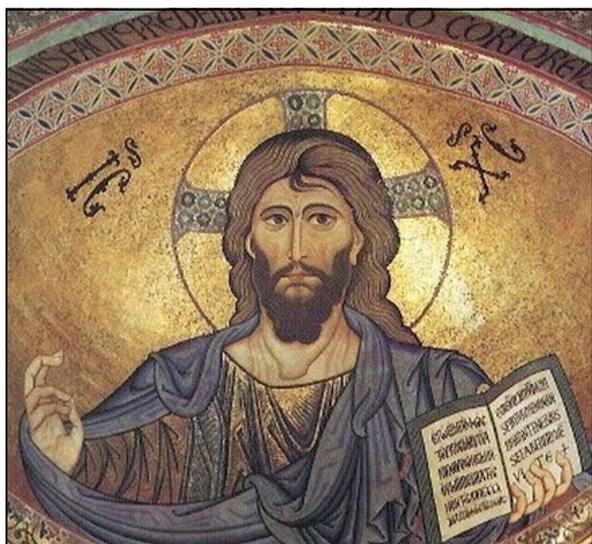


Try a Holy Hour with Jesus once a week! We currently need adorers for these hours: Wednesday 5-6am, Friday 2-3am, Saturday 9-10am & 3-4pm. Please contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up one of these hours.

Religious Education

Christ the King

By Maria F. Delgado-Braun, Religious Education



Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. In this feast, we acknowledge Christ as the King of the Universe; not just of the universal Church, but of all the visible and invisible. His kingdom is not of this earth, yet He has made it present as it was foretold throughout salvation history. The Son of God entered human history as the long-awaited Messiah coming from the Davidic line, a lineage of royalty. He came as King of Israel, and King of all nations, for “His Kingdom has no end.” His kingship rules over all matters, for God’s power is above all human jurisdiction. Pope Pius XI sought to battle the rising forces of secularism by reminding the world of Christ’s authority. How apropos this feast is for us, who live in a world where the false gods of secularism and relativism reign! It was also during the 1920s that the Church was being persecuted in Mexico and in other countries. History has a way of repeating itself, especially when we tend to forget its lessons.

In his encyclical Quas Primas, the Holy Father quotes St. Cyril of Alexandria, one of our illustrious Church fathers; “Christ has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, but his by essence and by nature. His kingship is founded upon the ineffable hypostatic union. From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures.” St. Cyril battled tirelessly against the heresy by Nestorius in the early 400s. This heresy denied the hypostatic union of Christ, the teaching that Jesus is fully human and fully divine. How is this related to the feast of Christ the King? It is a reminder that our lives belong to Him and that, as powerful as the forces prevalent in our world are today, we are assured that He will triumph. But we must do our part. Christ is to reign in our hearts and in our world. Our society cannot be transformed until you and I are transformed. In the words of Pope Pius XI: “When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony.” During this Year of Faith, let us prostrate ourselves before God, our King, and serve Him in humility and love, uniting our voices in praise, Gloria, laus et honor tibi sit, Rex Christe, “Glory, praise and honor be to Thee, Christ, O King!” ¡Vivo Cristo Rey!



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!

We hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving.

All classes resume this week!

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 5:15pm	7 4pm	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28 7pm	29	30

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.

Youth Group Line-Up
11/25: NO LifeNight this evening! Enjoy family time after Thanksgiving!
Youth Group will resume next week
12/2 First Sunday of Advent!



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 8am 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! More details will be available soon along with permission slips.

You don't want to miss this!

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Our Plaza Refreshment Volunteers are enjoying the Thanksgiving weekend with their families.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Occasionally we thank some of our bulletin advertisers, who help to provide our beautiful color bulletin at no cost to our parish. This week we thank and recognize:

- Theresa Martinho, AAA Travel
- McDonald's
- Emergency Glass
- Acacia Park Nursing and Rehabilitation
- Thomas Hogan, Attorney
- Gloria Vasquez, AAA Insurance

Please support these parishioner-owned businesses

Do you have some "bright" ideas for our parish?



How to improve something or just want to offer some compliments?

Please let our Pastoral Council know your thoughts by completing the blue cards located adjacent to their photographs in our church vestibule.
They welcome your suggestions and comments.

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

Profiles in Stewardship

by Maria Delgado-Braun



Daniel Hernandez

Daniel Hernandez is one of those people who is always helping and taking responsibility not only at parish events but also during the week. He is part of the Spanish RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults) where he is a catechist. He is married to his lovely wife, Rosario Hernandez and has three children. He recently became a proud grandparent of a beautiful little girl. For many years, Daniel has been a member of the Guadalupano group and the Knights of Columbus, where he is part of the color guard. He is also the head sacristan for the 1:30 Spanish Mass and a Eucharistic Minister. One always can find Daniel working to make a parish event a wonderful experience for all to enjoy. He takes pride in being an active member of the Knights of Columbus, helping in the Walk for Life in San Francisco and at our local Walk for Life, where he always making sure that those walking are safe. Besides being a great addition to the RCIA Team and to the many other ministries, Daniel participates in many events of the parish and can often be found helping others and showing his great dancing skills. We are so thankful for Daniel's gifts of time, talent and treasure. May God continue to bless you and your family!

In the Diocese

RETREAT

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

PRESENTATION PARISH SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

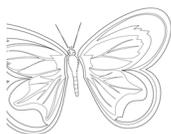
December 1, 10am-4pm & December 2, 8am-4pm arts and crafts, raffle, silent auction, wine tasting & olive oil tasting. Saturday luncheon, Sunday pancake breakfast. All events will be in the gym at Presentation Catholic School, 1515 West Benjamin Holt Drive, Stockton, CA 95207. For information contact Roger Slingerma 403-8878 or email rscofsanjaquin@yshoo.com



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

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 II



This point touches on the real expectations of the Council. The Church, which during the Baroque era was still, in a broad sense, shaping the world, had from the nineteenth century onwards visibly entered into a



negative relationship with the modern era, which had only then properly begun. Did it have to remain so? Could the Church not take a positive step into the new era? Behind the vague expression "today's world" lies the question of the relationship with the modern era. To clarify this, it would have been necessary to define more clearly the essential features that constitute the modern era. "Schema XIII" did not succeed in doing this. Although the Pastoral Constitution expressed many important elements for an understanding of the "world" and made significant contributions to the question of Christian ethics, it failed to offer substantial clarification on this point.

Unexpectedly, the encounter with the great themes of the modern epoch did not happen in the great Pastoral Constitution, but instead in two minor documents, whose importance has only gradually come to light in the context of the reception of the Council. First, there is the *Declaration on Religious Liberty*, which was urgently requested, and also drafted, by the American Bishops in particular. With developments in philosophical thought and in ways of understanding the modern State, the doctrine of tolerance, as worked out in detail by Pius XII, no longer seemed sufficient. At stake was the freedom to choose and practice religion and the freedom to change it, as fundamental human rights and freedoms. Given its inner foundation, such a concept could not be foreign to the Christian faith, which had come into being claiming that the State could neither decide on the truth nor prescribe any kind of worship. The Christian faith demanded freedom of religious belief and freedom of religious practice in worship, without thereby violating the law of the State in its internal ordering; Christians prayed for the emperor, but did not worship him. To this extent, it can be said that Christianity, at its birth, brought the principle of religious freedom into the world. Yet the interpretation of this right to freedom in the context of modern thought was not easy, since it could seem as if the modern version of religious freedom presupposed the inaccessibility of the truth to man and so, perforce, shifted religion into the sphere of the subjective. It was certainly providential that thirteen years after the conclusion of the Council, Pope John Paul II arrived from a country in which freedom of religion had been denied by Marxism, in other words by a particular form of modern philosophy of the State. The Pope had come, as it were, from a situation resembling that of the early Church, so that the inner orientation of the faith towards the theme of freedom, and especially freedom of religion and worship, became visible once more.

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

This Week

Sunday, November 25 (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)			
7:30a	Emil & Anna Carney	1:30p	Oscar Lopez and Juan Ramirez
9:00a	Albert Mendonca	5:30p	Silviano Curiel
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Nick Alves
12:00p	Richard Scott		
Monday, November 26			
8:00a	Pat Buhler and Charles Tidwell	5:45p	Carmen Merfalen and Manuel Nunes
Tuesday, November 27			
8:00a	Doroteo Daguna and Mary Siani	5:45p	Bobby and David Holguin
Wednesday, November 28			
8:00a	Jocelyn Mancebo and Albert Williams	5:45p	Helen Long Cyr and Nick Alves
Thursday, November 29			
9:00a	Neil Phillips, Jr. and Rosa Rutherford	5:45p	Frank Zuccaro and Pedro Garcia
Friday, November 30			
8:00a	Florence Rozelle and Dwaine Stephan	5:45p	Sunny & Dudley Bower
12:00p	Fr. Randy Rainwater		
Saturday, December 1			
8:00a	Allan Mattock and Kristen Machado	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
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

Stewardship: A Way of Life

The prophet Daniel recognized the Son of man as a king, served by all nations and peoples. John's revelation of Jesus Christ was of a ruler of the kings of the earth. Jesus acknowledged His kingship but declared that His mission on earth was to testify to the truth. In faith we develop our understanding of Christ our Savior through the Word of God contained in Holy Scripture. As we put Jesus' teachings into practice in our lives, may our faith be strengthened and draw us ever nearer to heaven.

Readings 11/26-12/02

Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Rom 10:10-18; Mt 4:18-22
12pm Latin Mass:	I Pt. 5:1-4, 10-11; Mt. 16:13-19
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Latin Mass	Rom. 13:11-14; Lk. 21:25-33

Sunday, November 25, 2012		
10:00A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
Monday, November 26, 2012		
9:00A	Iconography 1	JP5
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10
Tuesday, November 27, 2012		
8:00A	Iconography 2	JP7
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
10:30A	Light Weigh	JP8
5:30P	Development Committee	Conf
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:30P	Stewardship Committee	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer Grp Spanish	JP7
Wednesday, November 28, 2012		
1:30P	Women's Bible Study	JP5
5:30P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
5:30P	Alateen	JP8
5:45P	Al Anon Group	JP10
Thursday, November 29, 2012		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
6:30P	Altar Servers Xmas Prep Training	Chur
6:30P	Rosary Makers	JP5
7:00P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
Friday, November 30, 2012		
12:00P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
Saturday, December 1, 2012		
9:00A	AA Language of the Heart (Women)	JP4
11:00A	Altar Servers Xmas Prep Training	Chur
Sunday, December 2, 2012		
10:00A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
3:30P	Indian Mass	Chur

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 JPPII, salón #7.

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

Miércoles: Hora Santa, 7-8pm, Capilla

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

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

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

Noviembre			Bautismo	
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
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	

ALCOHÓLICOS ANONIMOS

Si quiere seguir tomando, ese es su problema. Si usted quiere dejar de tomar pero no puede, nosotros le podemos ayudar. Alcohólicos Anónimos es un grupo de personas que se reúnen para apoyarse el uno al otro mientras luchas contra la enfermedad del alcoholismo. Los miércoles a las 5:45pm es para hombres y mujeres en JPPII 5. Para mujeres los sábados a las 9am en JPPII 4. Venga a liberarse de la esclavitud del alcoholismo.

NOTA: Estas juntas son en Ingles.

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

Hoy es la Fiesta de Cristo Rey. Nos preguntamos: ¿Cristo, es el Rey de qué? Al mirar a nuestro alrededor en nuestra ciudad, nuestra sociedad, no vemos muchos signos de su realeza. ¿Es en realidad El un Rey? Si vemos dos horas de televisión, ¿hay alguna mención de Cristo el Rey? ¿Si usted visita la sala de otra persona, hay imágenes o signos de Cristo el Rey? En nuestras vidas cotidianas ¿pensamos o hablamos de este rey? En nuestros corazones, ¿hay oración y amor por El? Si no, entonces El no es rey.

Este es el ultimo domingo del año eclesial, y el próximo domingo comienza un nuevo año litúrgico con el Primer Domingo de Adviento. Es una oportunidad para comenzar de nuevo. En este "Año de Fe" podemos renovar nuestros esfuerzos para en verdad hacer a Jesucristo el Rey de nuestros corazones, de nuestros hogares, y de nuestra comunidad. Podemos dedicarle una hora a la semana adorando al Rey Divino en nuestra Capilla de Adoración parroquial. Le servimos al servir a la iglesia que es su cuerpo. Podemos servir a Cristo en los pobres. Podemos darle honor al Rey rezando con agradecimiento, sirviendo responsablemente y dando generosamente. Podemos ir a confesión y comunión dejando que el Rey nos perdone y nos nutra por medio de las manos de nuestros sacerdotes. Cristo el

Rey está presente y continua trabajando poderosamente en nuestra iglesia por medio de nuestros sacerdotes. ¡Viva Cristo Rey! ¡Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, que venga vuestro Reino!



Fr. Mark Wagner

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 II*



Aquí se tocaba el punto de la verdadera expectativa del Concilio. La Iglesia, que todavía en época barroca había plasmado el mundo, en un sentido lato, a partir del siglo XIX había entrado de manera cada vez más visible en una relación negativa con la edad moderna, sólo entonces plenamente iniciada. ¿Debían permanecer así las cosas? ¿Podía dar la Iglesia un paso positivo en la nueva era? Detrás de la vaga expresión “mundo de hoy” está la cuestión de la relación con la edad moderna. Para



clarificarla era necesario definir con mayor precisión lo que era esencial y constitutivo de la era moderna. El “Esquema XIII” no lo consiguió. Aunque esta Constitución pastoral afirma muchas cosas importantes para comprender el “mundo” y da contribuciones notables a la cuestión de la ética cristiana, en este punto no logró ofrecer una aclaración sustancial. Contrariamente a lo que cabría esperar, el encuentro con los grandes temas de la época moderna no se produjo en la gran Constitución pastoral, sino en dos documentos menores cuya importancia sólo se puso de relieve poco a poco con la recepción del concilio.

El primero es la Declaración sobre la libertad religiosa, solicitada y preparada con gran esmero especialmente por el episcopado americano. La doctrina sobre la tolerancia, tal como había sido elaborada en sus detalles por Pío XII, no resultaba suficiente ante la evolución del pensamiento filosófico y la auto comprensión del Estado moderno. Se trataba de la libertad de elegir y de practicar la religión, y de la libertad de cambiarla, como derechos a las libertades fundamentales del hombre. Dadas sus razones más íntimas, esa concepción no podía ser ajena a la fe cristiana, que había entrado en el mundo con la pretensión de que el Estado no pudiera decidir sobre la verdad y no pudiera exigir ningún tipo de culto. La fe cristiana reivindicaba la libertad a la convicción religiosa y a practicarla en el culto, sin que se violara con ello el derecho del Estado en su propio ordenamiento: los cristianos rezaban por el emperador, pero no lo veneraban. Desde este punto de vista, se puede afirmar que el cristianismo trajo al mundo con su nacimiento el principio de la libertad de religión. Sin embargo, la interpretación de este derecho a la libertad en el contexto del pensamiento moderno en cualquier caso era difícil, pues podía parecer que la versión moderna de la libertad de religión presuponía la imposibilidad de que el hombre accediera a la verdad, y desplazaba así la religión de su propio fundamento hacia el ámbito de lo subjetivo. Fue ciertamente providencial que, trece años después de la conclusión del concilio, el Papa Juan Pablo II llegara de un país en el que la libertad de religión era rechazada a causa del marxismo, es decir, de una forma particular de filosofía estatal moderna. El Papa procedía también de una situación parecida a la de la Iglesia antigua, de modo que resultó nuevamente visible el íntimo ordenamiento de la fe al tema de la libertad, sobre todo a la libertad de religión y de culto.

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**Daniel
Hernandez**

Daniel Hernandez es una de aquellas personas que siempre está a y u d a n d o y t o m a n d o responsabilidad no solo durante los eventos parroquiales sino también durante la semana. El es parte de RICA (Rito de Iniciación Católica para Adultos) donde ayuda como catequista. El está casado con su encantadora esposa, Rosario Hernandez, tiene tres hijos y hace poco se convirtió en un orgulloso abuelo de una hermosa niña. Por varios años ya, Daniel ha sido un miembro del grupo Guadalupano y de los Caballeros de Colon donde es parte de la guardia. El también es el sacristán en la Misa de la 1:30 en español y un Ministro de la Eucaristía. Siempre se puede encontrar a Daniel trabajando para hacer de cada evento una maravillosa experiencia para el gozo de todos. El toma orgullo en ser un miembro activo de los Caballeros, ayudando con la Marcha por la Vida en San Francisco y localmente, asegurándose que todos los peatones estén seguros. Fuera de ser una gran adición al equipo de RICA y a los otros ministerios, Daniel participa en los varios eventos parroquiales y se le puede encontrar ayudando a otros y demostrando su gran habilidad bailando. Estamos muy agradecidos por los dones de tiempo, talento y tesoro de Daniel, ¡Que Dios lo continúe bendición al igual que su hermosa familia!

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