

*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

October 21, 2012 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Visit our website:
www.stjmod.com

Holy Eucharist

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
Sundays: 7:30am,
9am (Traditional Latin), 10:30am,
noon, 1:30pm (Español),
5:30pm & 7:30pm

Daily Mass:

8am & 5:45pm; Saturdays 8am
Traditional Latin Mass, Fridays at Noon

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:

Chapel access code available in office

Children's Services:

Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Sunday Mass 10:30am

Adoration & Confessions

First Friday 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday thru Thursday 5-5:30pm
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

Today the church has seven new saints! And our country has two new American saints! What an exciting thing it is to be Catholic! So many stories of saints and miracles! (Two scientifically authenticated miracles are required for every canonization!) I feel sorry for people in other religions that don't have such marvels! Among the seven people who were canonized today in Rome (1:00 AM our time), were Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (1656 – 1680), the Mohawk princess who lived near what is now Fonda, New York, and also Saint Marianne Cope (1838-1918), whose family moved from Germany to Utica, New York when she was a one year old.

Marianne Cope wanted to become a sister, but this was delayed for nine years because she had to help care for her nine siblings. At age 24 she became a Franciscan sister, hoping to be a teacher. However, because of her great administrative skills she was given the task of establishing two hospitals in New York. She became the Provincial Mother. Six years later she became head administrator of St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, which was the first hospital in the country to emphasize hygiene and cleanliness, and to provide care for everyone, including outcasts such as alcoholics and minorities.

At age 45 she was the only religious superior in the U.S. to respond to a need to care for lepers in Hawaii. She and six of her sisters went to Oahu and transformed a leper hospital into a clean and orderly home for 200 patients. Within five years Mother Marianne established another hospital, a school and an orphanage for the healthy daughters of leper patients. Throughout her life, Saint Marianne did everything cheerfully. She said, "It would be my greatest delight to minister to the abandoned lepers."

Eventually Marianne and her sisters went to Molokai Island to help Father Damien, the "Apostle of the Lepers," at the famous leper colony on the Kalaupapa Peninsula where 1000 lepers lived isolated from the world by huge cliffs and the churning sea. Saint Damien of Molokai died of leprosy six months later, and the sisters continued his work. Mother Marianne worked with lepers for 30 years until she died at Kalaupapa in 1918. As she had predicted, neither she nor any of her sisters ever contracted leprosy.

In 2006 Sharon Smith was dying of multiple organ failure at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, NY. Many friends and Franciscan sisters prayed to Mother Marianne for her. They brought some soil from the grave of Mother Marianne and pinned it on to Sharon's hospital gown, and within a few weeks she was completely cured! The Vatican Medical Board approved the miracle in December, 2011.

In this Year of Faith we should believe that even in our own country it is possible to become a saint and to obtain miracles!



Sharon Smith



St. Marianne Cope

F. Wagner

Questions?

To make an appointment with a priest or deacon or to register at St. Joseph's please contact Lulu, Alex, Brenda or Donna in our parish office at 551-4973 or stop by during any of the 50 hours our office is open each week.

Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, Alex, Brenda)

Sunday: 10am-3pm.

Monday: 10am-7:30pm

Tuesday through Thursday 8:30am-7:30pm

Closed Wednesday from 11am-1pm

Friday 8:30am-12noon

Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

Se Habla Español..... Alex 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

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Giving to St. Joseph's..... Tammy x207

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Parish Registration Donna x102

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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.

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

Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities

"CHERUBIM" CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Journey in Faith — Fall Concert

Conductor: Holly Olsson
October 27, 6:45pm
Fr. O'Hare Hall



Join us for Music, Prayer,
and a "Sweet" Party



HEALTH MINISTRY — OCTOBER 27

Free Lions Vision/Hearing/Blood Pressure Screening in parking lot of JPII for all ages, provided by Lions and St. Joseph's Health Ministry on Saturday, October 27, 10am-2pm. No appointments needed.

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.



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The Respect Life Committee will be supporting the Modesto Pregnancy Center with its annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Baby Bottles can be dropped off filled with donations for the Pregnancy Center, after Masses on October 27. Please help support our local pregnancy center in its efforts to help women with "problem" pregnancies to bring their child to a healthy life.

Around the Area

THEOLOGY ON TAP — OCTOBER 26

Theology on Tap is food, fellowship and faith for young adults. Join other young adults Friday, October 26 at 6pm to hear Fr. Matt O'Donnell speak on Getting Real about "Relativism." To RSVP and for more information call/text Adrian 209-648-0631.

Religious Education

The Year of Faith

By Michael Webster, Director of Religious Education



In Pope Benedict's homily at the opening Mass for the Year of Faith, October 11, he stresses the importance of a new evangelization that is centered upon a correct interpretation of the documents of Vatican II. "I have often insisted on the need to return, as it were, to the 'letter' of the Council – that is to its texts – also to draw from them its authentic spirit, and (it is) why I have

repeated that the true legacy of Vatican II is to be found in them." The documents of Vatican II have either been misunderstood or forgotten about. Therefore in order to adhere to the pope's hope for this Year of Faith, we will take a look into some of the Second Vatican Council documents on this page in the bulletin. Also, we will reflect upon the lives and teachings of the early Church Fathers and the Doctors of the Church, to help to remember the foundations of our faith. At the opening of Vatican II and all the meetings that were held, the Holy Spirit was invoked to guide the council fathers (see prayer below). I encourage you to pray this prayer throughout the Year of Faith that we all be a livened by the Holy Spirit to come to a greater faith so that the world is set ablaze with the love of God.

To read the Holy Father's entire homily and for more information on the Year of Faith scan QR code go to this link:

www.stjmod.com/the-year-of-faith.html



Photos taken of the Year of Faith Opening Mass, St Peter's Square, October 11, 2012

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives. Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son. You desire justice for all; enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor. Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true. As we gather in your name, may we temper justice with love, so that all our discussions and reflections may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants. We ask this of You who live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Parish School of Religion Update

School of Faith Classes have begun, please refer to the October calendar.

Parish School of Religion
psr@stjmod.com
PSR is now on Facebook...
search St Joseph PSR & like us!

		October		God's	Plan
M	T	W	T	F	
1 4pm	2	3 4pm	4	5	
8 3:30pm	9	10 7pm	11	12	
15	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	25 7pm	26	
29	30	31			

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



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:

10/21: The Holy Prophet Moses

10/28: God's special spokesmen: The Prophets

11/4: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

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

On Sunday, 11/11, there will be **NO** youth group meeting since we will be returning from Aptos. The retreat will end with 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass. See you there!



Junior High Confirmation 1:

There will be **NO Class** on Wednesday, October 31. Hand-outs will be given to you in class to remind you.

Fall Retreat: November 9-11 Aptos, CA

We have started accepting permission slips for the high school fall retreat in Aptos that will take place November 9-11. This annual retreat is open to all students in 9th-12th grade. If you are in the high school Confirmation class, this retreat is mandatory! Permission slips are due by November 1st. Cost is \$100. Please contact the youth office if you have questions about scholarships.

Come and enjoy great fellowship, talks, games, Adoration, and a beautiful beach view!



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

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at St. Joseph's

Monday, November 5, 2012

If you have not received your invitation yet and you were a regular volunteer this past year, we *made a mistake*. Please call the Center for Lay Apostolates so we can add you to our guest list.

To RSVP, please call 551-4973, ext. 202 or 207.



Pictures from last years Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

November 2 - 5th Annual Gala
Many Hands, Many Hearts, One Mission
Tickets now available online

www.stjmod.com

Dinner—Dancing—Silent and Live Auctions—
After Dinner Liquors and Chocolates
Fr. O'Hare Hall—6pm-10pm

Profiles in Stewardship

by Tammy Menezes



Becky Bettencourt

It is a good thing that Becky Bettencourt “loves blessings” (in a photo above from last May’s Responding to God’s Blessings Breakfast). If she did not love blessings, she would not keep on blessing our parish family with her gifts for so many years. Becky and her husband, Dick, are doting grandparents and make family a priority. Fortunately for us, they have also made their parish family a priority. Some people use their gifts for only a short time, sometimes even wavering in their faith as life’s struggles weigh them down. Becky’s faith has been challenged by the same type of challenges we all face, yet she always turns to God. She models this key value at St. Joseph’s, all while keeping a highly developed sense of humor. She currently serves as our Parish Finance Council Chair, and has helped with many areas in the past, including Parish Festival Chair, and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Ministry Leader. Reading this profile, one might think that Becky already understands everything about Stewardship — always giving back the blessings she has received. Becky, however, attended the International Stewardship Conference with Fr. Mark and other leaders last month, and she is bringing back some fresh and inventive ideas for our parish. Thank you, faithful Steward.

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

In the Diocese

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

Ministry Day 2012 is almost here. Come and be spiritually transformed! Saturday, October 27, Modesto Convention Centre Plaza On Site registration at 7:00am Bring a friend! www.stocktondiocese.org/ministryday12

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.

RETREAT

Monday, November 26 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

The Year of Faith

Pope Benedict has proclaimed a "Year of Faith" that begins this month. The Vatican website can be located here: www.annusfidei.va/content/novaevangelizatio/en.html. Videos also are available: www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/videos.cfm



From our Holy Father in Rome

GENERAL AUDIENCE — Wednesday, 5 September 2012

Prayer in the Book of Revelation (Rev. 1:4-3: 22) Part III

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



John hears "a loud voice like a trumpet" (1:10b). The voice orders him to send a message "to the seven churches" (1:11), which are located in Asia Minor and, through them, to all the Churches of all times, together with their Pastors. The words "voice... like a trumpet", taken from the Book of Exodus (cf. 20:18), recall God's self-manifestation to Moses on Mount Sinai and indicate the voice of God who speaks from his heaven, from his transcendence. Here the voice is attributed to the Risen Jesus Christ, who speaks to the assembly in prayer from the glory of the Father, with the voice of God. Turning "to see the voice" (1:12), John sees seven golden lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man" (1:12-13), a term particularly dear to John which means Jesus himself. The golden lampstands, with their candles lit, mean the Church of every time, in an attitude of prayer in the Liturgy: the Risen Jesus, the "Son of man" is among them and, clad in the vestments of the high priest of the Old Testament, carries out the priestly role of mediator with the Father. A dazzling manifestation of the Risen Christ, with characteristics proper to God — that recur in the Old Testament — follows in John's symbolic message. He describes "hair white as white wool, white as snow" (1:14), a symbol of God's eternity (Dan 7:14) and of the Resurrection. Fire is a second symbol which, in the Old Testament, often refers to God, to indicate two of his properties. The first of these is the jealous intensity of his love which motivates his Covenant with man (Deut 4:24). And it is this same burning intensity of love that is perceived in the gaze of the Risen Jesus: "his eyes were like a flame of fire" (Rev 1:14a). The second property is the uncontrollable capacity for overcoming evil, like a "devouring fire" (Deut 9:3). Likewise Jesus' "feet", as he walked on to face and destroy evil, are compared to "burnished bronze" (Rev 1:15). Then Jesus Christ's voice, "like the sound of many waters" (1:15c), has the impressive roar of "the glory of the God of Israel" moving towards Jerusalem, of whom the Prophet Ezekiel speaks 43:2).



Here is Fr. Mark's letter to the editor which appeared in the Sept. 29 Modesto Bee with the added title "Abortion and Welfare." Fr. Mark wants everyone to know that his letter was about abortion and that he made no mention of welfare.

Abortion and Poverty

The news that the poverty rate in Stanislaus County has risen to 23.8 percent is indeed staggering and saddening. Everyone is eager to identify the causes and the possible solutions. I would like to suggest that the solution is love for human beings. When we legalize abortion, it is didactic. We teach our populace that humans do not always need to be loved. We are suggesting that there is such a thing as an unwanted child. A child will look at our law code and wonder whether he or she in particular is wanted. A teen or a homeless person will begin to think that his or her feelings of low self-esteem might be correct. A miserly person is vindicated in the belief that certain categories of persons do not deserve respect. We teach people that they need not help poor since it is now legal to consider some people as unwanted. Mother Teresa said: *"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching the people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."* ~Rev. Mark Wagner

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 21 (Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30a	Alzira Victoria	1:30p	Josefina Salgado and Rosalinda Garcia
9:00a	Neil Phillips, Jr.	3:30p	Dwayne Stephan
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Orly Marcale
12:00p	Mary Carbone	7:30p	Dolores & Bob Perez

Monday, October 22

8:00a	Joanna Soto and Matt Bruno	5:45p	John L. Martin and Neil Phillips, Jr.
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Tuesday, October 23

8:00a	Joseph Cusenza and Dominic McGill	5:45p	Manuel Nunes and Alfonso Ramos
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Wednesday, October 24

8:00a	Paul Urmeneta and Agnes Su	5:45p	Ann and Beth Clark
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Thursday, October 25

8:00a	Federico Santos III and Bernardo Pagong	5:45p	Nick Alves and Lee Tompleins
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Friday, October 26

8:00a	Joseph Cusenza and Victoria Franco	5:45p	Elisa Rivas and Neil Phillips, Jr.
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Saturday, October 27

8:00a	Florencio Cervantez and Pilar Castillo	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
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Sunday, October 28 (Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30a	Michael Ciccarelli	1:30p	Petra Gonzalez and Lino & Felicitas Perez
9:00a	Joe Viveiros	5:30p	Steve Ratto
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Alejandro Tinajero
12:00p	Penny Lane Wahl		

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Today's scripture passages shed light on the mission of our Savior. Jesus, as the Messiah, offered His life for our sins and accomplished the will of God. When Jesus took on our humanity He showed us that he understood our weaknesses and offers mercy and grace when we ask for help. Our journey to heaven is our life's work and is best accomplished when we follow the will of God. Through stewardship we strengthen our faith and open our minds and hearts to the love of God working in the world. May our lives be lived for Christ!

Readings 10/22-10/28

Monday:

Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday:

Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

12pm Latin Mass:

1 Pet. 5:1-4,10-11; Mt. 16:13-19

Saturday:

Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday:

Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126; Heb 5:1-6;
Mk 10:46-52

Latin Mass

Col. 1:12-20; Jn. 18:33-37

This Week

Sunday, October 21, 2012

10:00 A	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	JP6
10:30 A	Respect Life	JP4
1:00 P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

Monday, October 22, 2012

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

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

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

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

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

Thursday, October 25, 2012

9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2

Friday, October 26, 2012

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

Saturday, October 27, 2012

9:00 A	AA Language of the Heart (Women)	JP4
10:00 A	Health Ministry	JP7
6:45 P	Children's Cherubim Fall Concert	Hall

Sunday, October 28, 2012

10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

ST. JOSEPH'S JOB OPENING

Adult choir conductor position (10:30am Mass) St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Must have music education and experience. Please call 551-4973, ext. 207 for more information.



Remember a special day or person.

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

Bienvenido a St. Joseph's

**Clases de Escuela de FE
Comenzaran este mes de octubre,
por favor vea el calendario.**

Octubre			El Plan de Diós		
M	T	W	T	F	S
1 3pm	2 3pm	3 10	4 11	5 12	
15	16 4pm	17 4pm	18 7pm	19	
22 3:30pm	23 7pm	24	25	26	
29	30 3pm	31			

MINISTERIO DE LA SALUD

27 de Octubre 10am-2pm



Gratis: Exámenes de la vista y oído, y presión de sangre para todas las edades. Proveído por Lions y el Ministerio de la Salud de St. Joseph's. No necesita hacer cita.



COMITE DEL RESPETO A LA VIDA

El Comité del Respeto a la Vida estará apoyando al Modesto Pregnancy Center con su campaña anual de Biberones. Los biberones pueden recogerse el domingo, 13 de octubre y regresarlos con su donación el 27 de octubre. Por favor ayude a apoyar a nuestro Centro de Embarazos local, en su esfuerzo de ayudar a mujeres con problemas por su embarazo, y que su niño nazca y crezca sano.

RETIRO

Lunes, 26 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 la Iglesia tiene siete nuevos santos! ¡Y nuestro país tiene dos nuevos santos americanos! ¡Qué emocionante es ser Católico! ¡Tantas historias de santos y de milagros! (se requieren dos milagros científicamente autenticados por cada canonización!) ¡Me da pesar de tantas personas de otras religiones que no tienen tantas maravillas! Entre las 7 personas que fueron canonizadas hoy en Roma (1:00am nuestra hora), se encuentran Santa Kateri Taekakwitha (1656-1680), la princesa de la tribu Mohawk que vivía cerca de lo que hoy es Fonda, New York, y también Santa Marianne Cope (1838-1918), cuya familia se movió de Alemania a Utica, New York cuando ella tenía un año.

Marianne Cope deseaba ser monja, pero tuvo que aplazarlo por nueve años porque tuvo que ayudar a cuidar a sus nueve hermanos. A la edad de 24 entró de monja Franciscana, esperando ser maestra. Pero debido a sus destrezas administrativas se le dio la obra de establecer dos hospitales en New York. Ella se convirtió Madre Superiora. Fue administradora del hospital de St. Joseph's en Syracuse, por seis años el cual fue el primer hospital en el país en poner énfasis en la higiene y la limpieza y proveer ayuda a todas las personas, incluyendo gente aislada como los alcohólicos y las minorías.

A la edad de 45 fue la única religiosa superior en los EEUU de responder al cuidado de los leprosos en Hawái. Trajo con ella seis de sus hermanas y pronto transformaron el hospital de lepra en Oahu en un hogar de organización y limpieza para 200 pacientes. En cinco años la Madre Marianne estableció otro hospital, una escuela y un orfanato para las hijas saludables de pacientes leprosos. Solo las hermanas se hicieron cargo de las hijas de pacientes leprosos. Solo ellas cuidaban a estas niñas tan cercanamente relacionadas con mujeres que tenían esta pavorosa enfermedad.

Durante toda su vida, Santa Marianne hizo todo con gozo. Ella decía, "Será mi mayor gusto el enseñar a los leprosos abandonados."

Eventualmente Marianne y sus hermanas fueron a la isla Molokai a ayudar al Padre Damián, el "Apóstol de los Leprosos," en la famosa colonia en la Península de Kalaupapa donde 1000 leprosos vivian aislados del mundo por inmensos peñascos y el mar. San Damián de Molokai murió de lepra seis meses después y las hermanas continuaron su trabajo. La Madre Marianne trabajó con leprosos por 30 años hasta que murió en Kalaupapa en 1918. Como ella predijo, ni ella ni ninguna de sus hermanas fueron contagiadas de lepra.

En el 2006 Sharon Smith se estaba muriendo de fallo de múltiples órganos en el Hospital de St. Joseph's de Syracuse, NY. Muchos de sus amigos y monjas Franciscanas rezaron a la Madre Marianne por ella. ¡Trajeron tierra de la tumba de la Madre Marianne y la prendieron a la túnica de hospital de Sharon, y después de varias semanas se curó completamente! La Mesa Medica Directiva del Vaticano aprobó el milagro en diciembre, 2011.

¡En este Año de la Fe debemos de creer que hasta en nuestro propio país es posible volverse santo y obtener milagros!



St. Marianne Cope



Sharon Smith

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

AUDIENCIA GENERAL
Miércoles 5 de septiembre de 2012
Parte III



CORRESPONSABILIDAD (STEWARSHIP)

Por Tammy Menezes



Becky
Bettencourt

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Juan oye «una voz potente, como de trompeta» (1, 10b): la voz le ordena enviar un mensaje «a las siete Iglesias» (1, 11) que se encuentran en Asia Menor y, a través de ellas, a todas las Iglesias de todos los tiempos, así como a sus pastores. La expresión «voz... de trompeta»,

tomada del libro del Éxodo (cf. 20, 18), alude a la manifestación divina a Moisés en el monte Sinaí e indica la voz de Dios, que habla desde su cielo, desde su trascendencia. Aquí se atribuye a Jesucristo resucitado, que habla desde la gloria del Padre, con la voz de Dios,

a la asamblea en oración. Volviéndose «para ver la voz» (1, 12), Juan ve «siete candelabros de oro y en medio de los candelabros como un Hijo de hombre» (1, 12-13), término muy familiar para Juan, que indica a Jesús mismo. Los candelabros de oro, con sus velas encendidas, indican a la Iglesia de todos los tiempos en actitud de oración en la liturgia: Jesús resucitado, el «Hijo del hombre», se encuentra en medio de ella y, ataviado con las vestiduras del sumo sacerdote del Antiguo Testamento, cumple la función sacerdotal de mediador ante el Padre. En el mensaje simbólico de san Juan, sigue una manifestación luminosa de Cristo resucitado, con las características propias de Dios, como se presentaban en el Antiguo Testamento. Se habla de «cabellos... blancos como la lana blanca, como la nieve» (1, 14), símbolo de la eternidad de Dios (*Dn 7, 9*) y de la Resurrección. Un segundo símbolo es el del fuego, que en el Antiguo Testamento a menudo se refiere a Dios para indicar dos propiedades. La primera es la intensidad celosa de su amor, que anima su alianza con el hombre (*Dt 4, 24*). Y esta intensidad celosa del amor es la que se lee en la mirada de Jesús resucitado: «Sus ojos eran como llama de fuego» (*Ap 1, 14 b*). La segunda es la capacidad irrefrenable de vencer al mal como un «fuego devorador» (*Dt 9, 3*). Así también los «pies» de Jesús, en camino para afrontar y destruir el mal, están incandescentes como el «bronce bruñido» (*Ap 1, 15*). Luego, la voz de Jesucristo, «como rumor de muchas aguas» (1, 15c), tiene el estruendo impresionante «de la gloria del Dios de Israel» que se mueve hacia Jerusalén, del que habla el profeta Ezequiel (cf. 43, 2).



Es bueno que Becky Bettencourt “ame las bendiciones” (en la foto, en el Desayuno Respondiendo a las Bendiciones de Dios). Si ella no amara las bendiciones, no siguiera con sus dones, bendiciendo nuestra familia parroquial. Ella y su esposo, Dick, son unos adorables abuelos y hacen de la familia una prioridad. Afortunadamente para nosotros, han hecho de su familia parroquial otra prioridad. Algunas personas usan sus dones por poco tiempo, y a veces hasta titubeando en su fe cuando los problemas de la vida los hunden. Becky también ha pasado por los mismos retos que todos nosotros pasamos, sin embargo con su fe, siempre se acerca más a Dios. Ella da un buen ejemplo de este importante valor, manteniendo siempre un desarrollado sentido del humor. En el presente, sirve como presidenta del Consejo Parroquial de Finanzas, y en el pasado nos ha ayudado en muchas otras áreas, Presidenta del Festival Parroquial, y Ministro Encabezado de la Santa Comunión. Al leer este perfil, uno ha de pensar que Becky ya entiende todo sobre la corresponsabilidad siempre devolviendo las bendiciones que ha recibido. Sin embargo, el mes pasado ella asistió a la Conferencia Internacional de Corresponsabilidad con el padre Mark y otros líderes, trayéndonos nuevas ideas. Gracias, fiel corresponsal.

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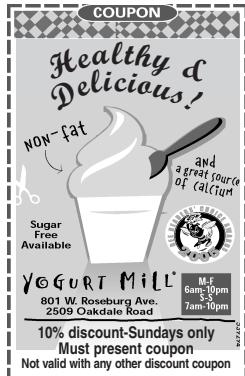
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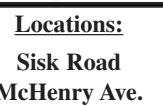
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