

*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

September 2, 2012

**Twenty-Second
Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

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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 Arakal, 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

Dear fellow workers in the vineyard of the Lord,

On this Labor Day weekend one good laborer will be getting back to work: Fr. Francis Arakal! We rejoice at this “second coming” of Fr. Francis here at St. Joseph’s Parish! I look forward to collaborating with him as I begin my work here.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus distinguishes between work that is useless and work that really matters. He refers to the Jewish “works of the law.” He mentions the rites of purification and the dietary laws that they traditionally observed. Then He compares this to the more important work: the work of the heart.

He says: *“Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me...’”*

St. Paul often mentioned the Old Testament “works of the law.” In his letters he spends entire chapters on circumcision, which is another one of the “works” found in “the law” (the first five books of the Old Testament). The whole Protestant Reformation was based on a misunderstanding of these chapters. St. Paul was not speaking about works in general when he said we need faith rather than works.

The most important work is on the inside: we need faith and love in our hearts. Jesus said the things that we do, whether good or bad, come *“from within people, from their hearts.”*

At St. Joseph’s we show the faith and the love that is in our hearts by the works that we do in the many ministries of service. We call that “stewardship.” Our hearts move us to use our time and talent for good. Then on Sunday we offer it all to the Lord at Mass and our worship is not in vain. At our parish festival next week there will be a Stewardship Booth where you can learn about the many volunteer opportunities and where you can turn in your 2012 Annual Stewardship Renewal Card.



Fr. Francis with parishioners at last year's Festival.

God bless all the good and faithful stewards who throughout the year have done such good work! Now come to the festival and play!

Fr. Mark

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

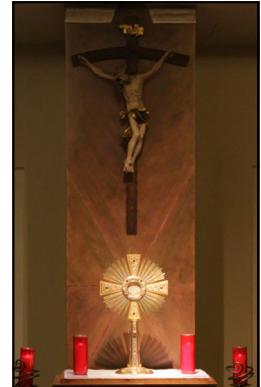
How can we help? 551-4973

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
Events & Activities.....	Susie x201
Faith & Life Magazine	Michael x203
Giving to St. Joseph's.....	Tammy x207
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ST. JOSEPH'S PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Try a Holy Hour with Jesus once a week! Please see the schedule outside the Chapel for hours needing adorers.



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

NONPARTISAN VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

"In the Catholic Tradition, participation in the political process is a moral obligation." Our faith teaches us that to be good Catholics, we must also be engaged citizens and engaged citizens register and vote. For that reason, St. Joseph's will hold a nonpartisan voter registration drive on **September 8 & 9** to provide an opportunity for all of our parishioners to register to vote. Look for the table outside the doors after Mass. For more information or to assist with this project, call Malissa Souza at 209-531-8126.

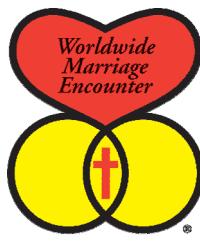
LAY DOMINICAN MEETING

There will be a Lay Dominican (Third Order Dominican) meeting on Saturday, **September 8th**, in the JPII building, Room 5 after the 8am Mass. If you would like to learn more about this vocation for the laity, feel free to drop in. For more information please call Sandy Uyeshiro at 209-577-1493 or email at sandyopl@gmail.com.

THE LIGHT WEIGH- A Catholic Weight Loss Program

Tired of constantly struggling with your weight? Consider giving God a chance to touch your heart, your life and your eating. An information meeting for the Light Weigh Bible Study and Video Series will be held Tuesday, **September 11**, 10:30am, Rm. 8 JP II . For men, women, teens. Call Ann 522-0697 or Mary 551-2921 for more information.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

 Scripture says about married people that "Two shall live as one." How often do you find yourselves living as two? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. The next local weekend is **October 19-21** in Salida. For more information or to register, call Barry and Julia Reynolds 866-825-2046, or John and Angelica Angarita 209-521-7973, or go to <http://sacramentowwme.org>.

ALATEEN GROUP HAS NOW STARTED

Alateen is a part of the Al-Anon family group. It is for young people who have been affected by someone else's drinking. It is not for young people seeking sobriety. We meet every Wednesday, 5:45-6:45pm in JPII Center, Rm 8. There is also an Al-Anon and AA meeting every Wednesday. If you have any questions, call Bev Sousa, 605-0001.

Important Notice

The Parish Office will closed both Sunday, September 2, and Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day.

Religious Education

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

By Maria F. Delgado-Braun



Notice how the icon shows both the righteous and saintly Anna and Joachim pointing with their hands to Mary as she is attended by one of the maids. The attention of the reader is brought to the infant Mother of God, who will have a most prominent role in God's plan of salvation for humanity.

PSR CATECHISTS NEEDED

Our Parish School of Religion is in need of a Grade 5 catechist on Monday and a Grade 2 Catechist on Thursday. If God is calling you to share the Gospel with children please contact Debbie at 551-4973 ext. 205.

Do your children need to receive their First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, or Confirmation?

Parish School of Religion is open for registration!

Office Hours:

Mondays & Tuesdays 10am-5pm
Wednesdays 1pm-7pm
Closed Thursdays & Fridays

Parish School of Religion E-mail:
psr@stjmod.com

The Liturgy of the Church celebrates the birth of only two persons, besides the birth of Jesus: John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is said that this is due to the missions with which they were entrusted. John the Baptist is the precursor, he is to announce the coming of the Messiah, and the Blessed Virgin Mary gives birth to the God Man. She is to carry the Son of God, who will redeem all of humanity. Her birth is the dawn of a new time, the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament. Her womb is to be the living tabernacle of God on earth. For this glorious mission, God has created her *Immaculate*, without sin, and she has been saved through grace before the birth of her son, Jesus. The mystery and dogma of the Immaculate Conception is tightly bound to the celebration of her birth. God could not reside in anything but purity; she is His masterpiece. A woman by nature, but unstained from original sin, she is the new Eve that brings about His Son. She, the daughter of Zion, is to bring forth the Light to the world, the Word Incarnate, "through her the salvation of the world has been revealed to all believers." (*Responsory -Liturgy of the hours*). Her birth is the inauguration of God's plan of stepping into human history. She is also a symbol for the Church and our model for discipleship. Mary is the Church at prayer and faith, rejoicing in the Word of God and bringing all to our heavenly destiny. "She is a teacher of the spiritual life for individual Christians" (*Marialis Cultus*, 21). We are to imitate the Blessed Virgin Mary, in making one's life an offering to God, without knowing or understanding His will, but simply in faith. She is the light that always leads all to Jesus. Her birth disperses the darkness and gives way to hope and strengthens our faith. She is the gateway to heaven and the reason for our joy. Let us always go to Mary's arms and invoke her loving help as we pray the oldest prayer to Mary found in the 3rd. Century, the *Sub Tuum Praesidium*,

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

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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High School Fall Retreat

St. Joseph's high school fall retreat will take place during the weekend of November 9-11. This annual trip takes place in Aptos, at Camp St. Francis retreat center on the beach. The cost is \$100. The weekend event includes Mass, adoration, confession, praise and worship, small groups, games, skits and time to meet new friends and enjoy fellowship!

Youth Mass Volunteers

Are you in high school and feel called to be more involved at Mass? The 5:30 pm Youth Mass on Sunday would be a great place to share your time, talent and treasure serving as a greeter, lector or server. Please contact the youth office for more information and to sign up.



Victory Team

Weekly meetings will start on Monday, September 10, in the youth and family center in the JPII building! Victory is open to high school students and young adults who lead small groups and minister to the youth in first year Confirmation. The C1 class meets on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 pm. We look forward to seeing all returning students and excited to meet anyone that is interested in joining the team!

CORE Team

Weekly meetings for CORE team will begin on Monday, September 10, in the youth room of the JPII center. The CORE team works together to plan LifeNights and lead small groups for St. Joseph's high school youth group on Sunday evenings from 7-8:30 pm. CORE is open to adults and young adults. Please contact Nathan to schedule a meeting if you are interested in more information.



High School Kick-Off:

'So you think you CAN'T Dance'

St. Joseph's annual high school kick-off will be Sunday, September, 16 from 7-8:30 pm in Fr. O'Hare Hall. This is a great opportunity to meet other teens from our parish and our CORE team. Back by popular demand, there will be all-you-can-eat taco truck again! Last year we had a great turnout with 130 teens! Come again and bring a friend to join in the fun and fellowship! Join us in the 'teen section' at the 5:30 pm Youth Mass before our kick-off begins.

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza Refreshments are being served this morning by our Plaza Refreshment Volunteers.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

A special salute this Labor Day Weekend

For all those who labor for our Lord in their home,
in their community and in the family
community of St. Joseph's



Farewell, Fr. Benny!

Thank you for
your labors in our
parish. They have
yielded much
fruit.

*Don't forget to bake
a cake, pie or cupcakes
for the famous parish
musical cake walk!
Bring to John Paul II
Building, Room 6 all
three days.*

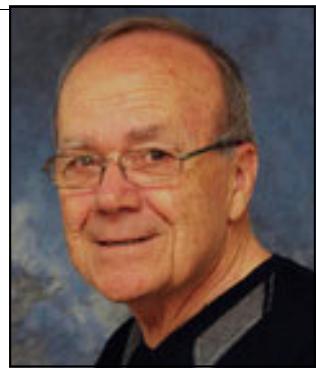


New to the Parish? Wondering where to start??
Call the Center for Lay Apostolates

551-4973, ext. 207

Profiles in Stewardship

by Tammy Menezes



Deacon Ken Ochinero

Stomping out hunger has been a central tenet of Deacon Ken Ochinero's work at St. Joseph's through his leadership in our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry. It is fitting, then, as we recognize this wonderful steward of God's gifts to draw our parishioners' attention to the Parish Festival Promotion, "Stomp Out Hunger," where Festival guests are invited to bring three cans of food in exchange for (1) free game or food ticket. Too many times for me to count, when most people are at work or at home during the day, I have seen Deacon Ken picking up food at the area food bank for use in our St. Vincent de Paul's food bag efforts. There were no photographers taking pictures, no accolades, just Deacon Ken offering his time and commitment to make sure this vital need—the need for food—does not go unmet in our parish outreach efforts. Deacon Ken has been instrumental in building up the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry at St. Joseph's and is now handing over the leadership to Deacon Ernest Ciccarelli. Thank you, Deacon Ken, for your selfless gifts of Catholic Stewardship to help those who are most in need. Let us truly, "Stomp Out Hunger" in Christ's name.

Job Opportunities

Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton Long-Term Care Ombudsman Wanted. Catholic Charities Social Services operates multiple programs for seniors and families that rely on dedicated volunteers.

- Ombudsmen serve on behalf of residents in long-term care and assisted living facilities. They help monitor the quality of care, identify and resolve problems, and respond to complaints received on behalf of elderly residents.

Free training to become a state certified ombudsman volunteer will begin the week of September 11,13,18,& 20. For more information or to sign up for the classes, call Melissa at: 593-6117.

CO-COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Sacred Heart Parish in Turlock seeks to hire a part-time Co-Coordinator of Youth Ministry to assist with both Middle and High School Youth Programs. The candidate must be high energy, passionate about serving youth, and have excellent relational skills with teens as well as strong communication, leadership and organizational skills. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church, knowledge of the commitment to Gospel values and Catholic moral and social teachings. Candidate must also have the ability to organize and work well with volunteers. Spanish language skills are helpful. Please submit resume, and brief letter of intent to the parish office. For more information call the parish office (209) 634-8578.

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From our Holy Father in Rome

HOLY MASS HOMILY Sunday, 15 July 2012 Part II



Dear brothers and sisters, I give thanks to God who has sent me today to proclaim to you once again this Word of salvation! A Word which is at the root of the life and action of the Church and also of this Church which is in Frascati. Your Bishop has told me about the pastoral commitment you have most at heart. It is essentially a commitment to formation, addressed first of all to formation teachers: to form formators. This is just what Jesus did with his disciples; he instructed them, he prepared them and he also trained them through a missionary "apprenticeship", so that they might be able to assume apostolic responsibility in the Church. In the Christian community this is always the first service offered by those in charge: starting with parents who carry out an educational mission for their children in the family. Let us think of parish priests, who are responsible for formation in the community, of all priests in their various fields of work. They all live an important dimension which is educational. Likewise the lay faithful, in addition to the role of parents, mentioned above, are involved in the service of formation with young people or adults, as those in charge of Apostolic Action and other ecclesial movements, or are involved in civil and social contexts, always paying great attention to a person's formation.

The Lord calls everyone, distributing different gifts for different tasks in the Church. He calls people to the priesthood and to the consecrated life and he calls them to marriage and to commitment as lay people, both in the Church herself and in society. It is important that the wealth of gifts be fully accepted, especially on the part of the young; so that they feel the joy of responding to God with the whole of themselves, giving joy on the path of the priesthood or of the consecrated life, or on the path of marriage, two complementary routes that illuminate and enrich each other and together enrich the community. Virginity for the Kingdom of God and marriage are both vocations, calls from God to which to respond throughout one's life.

God calls: it is necessary to listen, to receive and to respond to him, like Mary: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Here too, in the diocesan community of Frascati the Lord sows his gifts by the handful, calls people to follow him and to extend his mission in our day. Here too there is a need for a new evangelization, and for this reason I propose that you live intensely the Year of Faith that will begin in October, 50 years after the opening of the Second Vatican Council. The Council documents contain an enormous wealth for the formation of the new Christian generations, for the formation of our consciences. Consequently, read it, read the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and thereby rediscover the beauty of being Christian, of being Church, of living the great "we" that Jesus formed around him in order to evangelize the world. Be the "we" of the Church, never closed, but ever open and reaching out to proclaim the Gospel.

Dear brothers and sisters of Frascati. May you be united with each other and at the same time open, be missionaries. Stay firm in the faith, rooted in Christ through the Word and the Eucharist; be people who pray, in order to remain linked for ever to Christ, like branches to the vine. At the same time go out, take his message to all, especially the lowly, the poor and the suffering. In every community love one another; do not be divided but live as brothers and sisters so that the world may believe that Jesus is alive in his Church and that the Kingdom of God is at hand. The Patron Saints of the Diocese of Frascati are two Apostles: Philip and James, two of the Twelve. I entrust to their intercession the progress of your community so that it may be renewed in faith and may give a clear witness with works of charity. Amen.

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 2 (Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30a	Sheila Lal	1:30p	Maximino Lucatero and Yosymar Mosqueda
9:00a	Albert Memdonca	3:30p	Indian Mass
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Charles Aguilar
12:00pm	Louise Bettencourt	7:30p	Teresa Presto

Monday, September 3 (Labor Day)

8:00a	Mark Kummerle and Florence Rozelle	No 5:45pm Mass
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Tuesday, September 4

8:00a	Margaret McKeon and Margie Legg	5:45p	Paulino Costa and Lena Wilson
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Wednesday, September 5

8:00a	Judi Gallager and Bill Driscoll	5:45p	Jim Trevillyan and Alfred Bender
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Thursday, September 6

8:00a	Richard Scott and Charles Sivley	5:45p	Jesse and Jason Woodson and Jovencio Sanchez
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Friday, September 7

8:00a	John Caratti and Theresa Cecere	5:45p	Tim Crawley and Helen Denny
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Saturday, September 8

8:00a	Betty Gimbleby and Betty Casale	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
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Sunday, September 9 (Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30a	Salvador Retanan	1:30p	George Medina and Sandra M. Ceja
9:00a	Frank Cusenza	5:30p	John Tracy
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Marie Pesonen
12:00pm	Roy Grimbleby		

In the Diocese

SAVE THE DATE: DIOCESE OF STOCKTON MINISTRY DAY OCTOBER 27

Theme for this year's Ministry Day is "Ever Young in Christ," because the diocese is celebrating its 50th anniversary. This year's event will take place at the Modesto Centre Plaza. Packets with more info can be picked up from St. Joseph's parish office or are available on the diocesan website.

Important Notice:
On September 3
(Labor Day) there
will be no
5:45pm Mass.

Readings 9/03-9/09

Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

12pm Latin Mass:

Gal. 5:16-22; Mt. 6:24-33

Saturday:

Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Sunday:

Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5;
Mk 7:31-37

Latin Mass

Gal. 5:25-26, 6:1-10; Lk. 7:11-16

This Week

Sunday, September 2, 2012

10:00A	CLO W	JP6
1:00P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7
3:00P	Indian Mass	Chur

Monday, September 3, 2012

1:00P	Knights of Columbus	
5:45P	No 5:45 Mass (Labor Day)	
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer Grp	JP10

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
10:30A	Light Weigh	JP8
5:30P	ESL Classes	JP4
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:30P	Stewardship Committee	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer Group Spanish	JP7

Wednesday, September 5, 2012

1:30P	Widows and Widowers Bible Study	JP5
5:30P	AA Principle Study Grp	JP5
5:45P	Al Anon Group	JP10

Thursday, September 6, 2012

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

Friday, September 7, 2012

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

Saturday, September 8, 2012

8:00A	Lay Dominicans	JP5
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Sunday, September 9, 2012

-Altar Flower Donation-
In loving memory of
Donald J. Cleary from
The Cleary Family
Remember a special
day or person. 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

El Verano ha pasado y las Clases resumen:
Inglés como Segunda Lengua

Para las personas que ya entienden y hablan un poco de Inglés pero quieren progresar. Las clases son todos los martes a las 5:30pm en el Edificio JPII salón #4.

Retiro de Otoño Estudiantes de High School

El Retiro de Otoño para estudiantes de high school será del 9-11 de noviembre. Este retiro anual toma lugar en Aptos, en el centro de retiros *Camp St. Francis* en la playa. El costo es de \$100. El retiro incluye la Misa, Adoración al Santísimo, Confesión, alabanza y oración, compartimiento en grupos pequeños, juegos, presentaciones, y ¡tiempo para conocer nuevos amigos!



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

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

Miércoles: Hora Santa, 7-8pm, Capilla

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

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

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

Queridos compañeros trabajadores en la viña del Señor, En este fin de semana del Día del Trabajo un buen trabajador regresa a su labor: ¡El Padre Francis Arakal! ¡Nos alegramos con el “regreso por segunda vez” del Padre Francis a la parroquia de St. Joseph’s! y espero colaborar con él al comenzar mi trabajo aquí.

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús distingue entre el trabajo que no tiene valor y el trabajo que de verdad importa. El se refiere a las “obras de la ley” judía. Menciona los ritos de purificación y las leyes dietéticas que observaban tradicionalmente. Luego compara esto la obra más importante: la obra del corazón.

El dice: “*Bien que profesó Isaías sobre ustedes los hipócritas, así como está escrito: “esta gente me honra con sus labios, pero sus corazones se encuentran lejos de mí; en vano me adoran...*”

San Pablo frecuentemente menciona “las obras de la ley” del Antiguo Testamento. En sus cartas toma capítulos enteros sobre la circuncisión, que es otra clase de “labor” encontrada en “la ley” (los primeros cinco libros del Antiguo Testamento). Toda la Reformación Protestante fue basada en un mal entendido de estos capítulos. San Pablo no estaba hablando sobre las obras en general cuando dijo que necesitamos fe en vez de obras.

La labor mas importante se encuentra en el interior: necesitamos fe y amor en nuestros corazones. Jesús dice que las cosas que hacemos, aun buenas o malas, vienen “desde el interior de la gente, de sus corazones.”

En St. Joseph’s demostramos la fe y el amor que se encuentra en las obras que hacemos en los muchos ministerios de servicio. Esto es lo que llamamos “corresponsabilidad.” Nuestros corazones nos mueven a usar nuestro tiempo y talento para el bien. Luego el domingo le ofrecemos todo al Señor durante la Misa y así nuestra adoración no es en vano. En nuestro festival parroquial la semana entrante habrá una Tienda de Corresponsabilidad donde podrá enterarse de las muchas oportunidades para hacerse voluntario y donde podrá entregar su balota para renovar su corresponsabilidad. ¡Feliz Día del Trabajo a todos aquellos que trabajan por la gloria de Dios!

F. Wagner



El Padre Francis con feligreses en el festival del año pasado.

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

HOMILÍA SANTA MISA
Domingo 15 de julio de 2012 Parte II



CORRESPONSABILIDAD

(STEWARDSHIP)

Por Tammy Menezes



**Deacon
Ken
Ochinero**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas: doy gracias a Dios que me ha enviado hoy a reanunciaros esta Palabra de salvación. Una Palabra que está en la base de la vida y de la acción de la Iglesia, también de esta Iglesia que está en Frascati. Vuestro obispo me ha informado del empeño pastoral que más le importa, que en esencia es un empeño formativo, dirigido ante todo a los formadores: formar a los formadores. Es precisamente lo que hizo Jesús con sus discípulos: les instruyó, les preparó, les formó también mediante el «aprendizaje» misionero, para que fueran capaces de asumir la responsabilidad apostólica en la Iglesia. En la comunidad cristiana éste es siempre el primer servicio que ofrecen los responsables: a partir de los padres, que en la familia cumplen la misión educativa con los hijos; pensemos en los párrocos, que son responsables de la formación en la comunidad; en todos los sacerdotes, en los distintos ámbitos de trabajo: todos viven una dimensión educativa prioritaria; y los fieles laicos, además del ya recordado papel de padres, están involucrados en el servicio formativo con los jóvenes o los adultos, como responsables en Acción Católica y en otros movimientos eclesiales, o comprometidos en ambientes civiles y sociales, siempre con una fuerte atención en la formación de las personas. El Señor llama a todos, distribuyendo diversos dones para diversas tareas en la Iglesia. Llama al sacerdocio y a la vida consagrada, y llama al matrimonio y al compromiso como laicos en la Iglesia misma y en la sociedad. Importante es que la riqueza de los dones encuentre plena acogida, especialmente por parte de los jóvenes; que se sienta la alegría de responder a Dios con uno mismo por entero, donando esa alegría en el camino del sacerdocio y de la vida consagrada o en el camino del matrimonio, dos caminos complementarios que se iluminan entre sí, se enriquecen recíprocamente y juntos enriquecen a la comunidad. La virginidad por el Reino de Dios y el matrimonio son en ambos casos vocaciones, llamadas de Dios a las que responder con y para toda la vida. Dios llama: es necesario escuchar, acoger, responder. Como María: «Heme aquí, que se cumpla en mí según tu palabra» (*Lc 1, 38*).

Aquí también, en la comunidad diocesana de Frascati, el Señor siembra con larguezas sus dones, llama a seguirle y a extender en el hoy su misión. También aquí hay necesidad de una nueva evangelización, y por ello os propongo que viváis intensamente el Año de la fe que empezará en octubre, a los 50 años de la apertura del concilio Vaticano II. Los documentos del Concilio contienen una riqueza enorme para la formación de las nuevas generaciones cristianas, para la formación de nuestra conciencia. Así que leedlos, leed el Catecismo de la Iglesia católica y así redescubrid la belleza de ser cristianos, de ser Iglesia, de vivir el gran «nosotros» que Jesús ha formado en torno a sí, para evangelizar el mundo: el «nosotros» de la Iglesia, jamás cerrado, sino siempre abierto y orientado al anuncio del Evangelio.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas de Frascati: estad unidos entre vosotros y al mismo tiempo abiertos, misioneros. Permaneced firmes en la fe, arraigados en Cristo mediante la Palabra y la Eucaristía; sed gente que ora para estar siempre unidos a Cristo, como sarmientos a la vid, y al mismo tiempo id, llevad su mensaje a todos, especialmente a los pequeños, a los pobres, a los que sufren. En cada comunidad quereos entre vosotros; no estéis divididos, sino vivid como hermanos, para que el mundo crea que Jesús está vivo en su Iglesia y el Reino de Dios está cerca. Los patronos de la diócesis de Frascati son dos apóstoles: Felipe y Santiago, dos de los Doce. A su intercesión encomiendo el camino de vuestra comunidad, para que se renueve en la fe y dé de ella claro testimonio con las obras de la caridad. Amén.

En St. Joseph's, saciar el hambre ha sido la meta central del diácono Ken Ochinero por medio de su liderazgo en nuestro ministerio de San Vicente de Paul. Es apropiado, entonces, que al reconocer a este maravilloso corresponsal de los dones de Dios, el llamar la atención de nuestros feligreses a la promoción de “Saciemos el Hambre” durante nuestro festival parroquial, donde se les pide a los asistentes al festival traer tres botes de comida en cambio de (1) boleto para los juegos o la comida. Son muchas las veces que, cuando la mayoría de la gente está trabajando o en su casa durante el día, he visto al diácono Ken recogiendo comida del almacén de nuestra área para el esfuerzo del reparto de comida de San Vicente de Paul. No hay fotógrafos tomando fotos, únicamente nuestro diácono Ken ofreciendo su tiempo para asegurarse que los que necesitan comida no queden sin ser ayudados. El diácono Ken ha sido instrumental en la edificación del ministerio de San Vicente de Paul en St. Joseph's, y ahora le pasa el liderazgo al diácono Ernest Ciccarelli. Gracias, diácono Ken, por sus generosos dones de corresponsabilidad católica para ayudar a los más necesitados. ¡Verdaderamente, “Saciemos el Hambre!” en el nombre de Cristo.



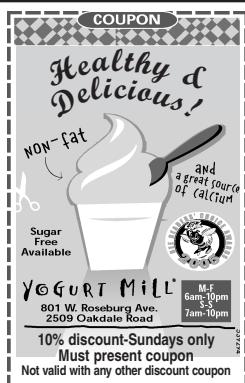
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