

*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 23, 2011 Thirtieth 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

Holy Hour in the Church

Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm

Children's Services:

Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

At the 10:30am Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mondays-Thursdays 5:00-5:30pm

Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm (Holy Hour)

Saturdays 8:30-9:30am; 4:00-5:00pm

Homebound please call 551-4973 for a priest to visit you by appointment.

Clergy:

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor

Fr. Benny Kottathil, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinerio, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

I wish to thank all of you who pledged a gift to our **Bishop's Ministry Appeal** last February. Our parish, as you know, is entrusted with the largest single goal in the Diocese (\$195,000 this year). As a community we pledged \$204,000, thus exceeding our goal. We only have a little less than two months to redeem our pledges for this year, and we have received \$180,000 in gifts, only \$15,000 short of our goal. I realize that some of us will not be able to redeem our pledges due to circumstances. But if you did pledge and somehow forgot about your pledge (debtors — and are we not all debtors to the Good God? — have notoriously poor memories!), please try to redeem it this month. The Diocese will bill us for the remainder in any case, and we will have to pull that out of our operating budget. The Diocese, like all of us, is a bit stretched, but if all of us stretch just a little bit, we can fund the good works of our Diocese as well as our parish.

Remarkably, our parish finances have been holding steady in an unsteady economy over these last five years. Our offertory gifting is just about even with years past, at about \$26,000 a week. We have cut expenses, though, and so are banking about \$90,000 a year from our operations expenses. We are banking another \$100,000 or so into our building fund. After liabilities (accounts payable), we have about \$700,000 in cash in the bank. I am proud and most grateful to all of our parish for pulling together in a difficult economy. At last month's Finance Council meeting, **Kevin MacEgan**, our chairman, expressed confidence and gratitude that our parish is in such a financially stable position. Let us pray that God continues to bless us, and let us bless Him in return with gifts of our own.

One reason our parish is financially stable is that we have made consistent efforts to practice biblically-based money management over the last ten years. We have adhered to basic principles, such as not spending more than we have, tithing as individuals and as a parish, and putting aside a healthy amount into savings every year. Many are not aware of these simple, biblical principles, that make our finances so much less stressful. Would you like to learn God's ways of managing your money? Would you like to discover proven methods of paying down your debts? I invite you to one of our "Seven Steps to Becoming Financially Free" Bible studies. The next one begins November 7 — and many thanks to **Anthony Butera** and **Nickie Miranda** for leading our studies.

Fr. Joseph

☞ Staff Contacts ☞

Parish Office (Lulu, Donna, Brenda, Lauren)

Monday hours: 10:00 to 5:30;
 Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 to 5:30;
 Friday 8:30 to Noon.
 Each day the office will be closed for lunch
 from Noon to 1:00pm
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 ServersSvetlana x200
- Audio / Video.Jeremy x213
- Becoming Catholic, RCIAStacy x211
- Buildings & Grounds Susie x201
- Bulletin & Website..... Jeremy x213
- Child Ed & Sacraments Debbie x205
- Choirs & CantorsSvetlana x200
- Events & ActivitiesSusie x201
- Faith & Life MagazineMichael x203
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- Parish Lending Library x208
- Parish Ministries Tammy x207
- Parish Registration Donna x102
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- Volunteering Tammy x207
- Youth Ministry Nathan x206

☞ Readings 10/24-10/30 ☞

Monday:

Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday:

Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday:

Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35

Friday:

Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
 12pm Latin Mass:
 Eph. 4:7-13; Jn. 15:17-25

Saturday:

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday:

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131; 1 Thes 2:7b-9
 Mt. 23:1-12

9am Mass: Christ the King

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

Sacraments

☞ Our Mass Intentions ☞

Sunday, October 23 (Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Manuel Borges Victoria	1:30p	Louis Gutierrez-Carrillo and Tomas Tapia
9:00a	Paquito De Peralta	5:30p	Cecilio Objero
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Joseph R. Cusenza
12:00p	Manuel III and John Souza		
Monday, October 24			
8:00a	Paquito De Peralta and Caroline Pacheco	5:45p	Maria M. Loza and Alice Hart
Tuesday, October 25			
8:00a	Belmiro Da Rosa Goulart and Paquito De Peralta	5:45p	Lisa Scott and Jose Eduardo Ferreira
Wednesday, October 26			
8:00a	Joseph F. Cusenza and Paquito De Peralta	5:45p	Susie De Guzman and Robert Dwyer
Thursday, October 27			
8:00a	Paquito De Peralta and Lisa Scott	5:45p	Florencio Cervantes and Joe & Maria Viveiros
Friday, October 28			
8:00a	Samaan Kandah and Rosanna Hollander	5:45p	Maria G. Castellanos and Vito Baccellieri
Saturday, October 29			
8:00a	Christina Martinovich and Constanca Aguilar	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 30 (Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Rusty Boyle	1:30p	Bonifasio Ramirez, Guadalupe Chavez
9:00a	Wilton Johns	5:30p	Jacob Bower
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Ramon P. Bamacod, Sr.
12:00p	Hermana Elefante		

☞ Prayer & Interior Life ☞

OCTOBER 23—THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How far do we go in sharing the blessings of God? When God delivered the Israelites from Egypt He charged them to not oppress the alien in their midst for they were once aliens in Egypt. Jesus reminded the Pharisees that upon two commandments the whole law rested: Love the Lord with all your heart and soul and love your neighbor as yourself. If anything we think, say or do does not follow these commandments it is likely we are turning away from God rather than turning to Him. May God enable us to understand and follow these great commandments.

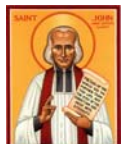


ST. JOSEPH'S PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL


Try a Holy Hour with Jesus Once a Week! Please see the schedule outside the Chapel for hours needing a second person. Please contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up one of these hours.

"We know that Jesus is there in the tabernacle: let us open our hearts to Him, let us rejoice in His sacred presence." "Come to communion, my brothers and sisters, come to Jesus. Come to live from Him in order to live with Him..."

—St. John Marie Vianney



Remember a special day or person
-Altar Flower Donation-
 Call the Development Office for info. 551-4973, x207
 This week's donor: Anonymous
 In loving memory of Deceased Family Member



ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH MINISTRY
HEALTH TIP OF THE WEEK

Snacks are a great way to refuel. Choose snacks from different food groups - a glass of low-fat milk and a few graham crackers, an apple or celery sticks with peanut butter and raisins, or some dry cereal.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHILDREN'S CHERUBIM CHOIR
"GO UP TO THE ALTAR OF GOD"

FALL CONCERT—OCTOBER 29—6:45PM

Join us for Music, Prayer, and Food, as St. Joseph's Children's Cherubim Choir presents their Fall Concert on October 29 in Father O'Hare Hall. You can enjoy a Knights of Columbus "Grab 'n Go Chicken Dinner" to eat during the concert or join us for a potluck following the concert.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS—NOVEMBER 2

St. Stanislaus Cemetery will be having only one Mass for All Souls Day, Wednesday Nov. 2nd. The Reverend Monsignor Bonifacio Balonado will say Mass in English at 9:00am.



ST. JOSEPH'S MILITIA IMMACULATA

Invites you to
 Attend a special talk by
 Fr. Benny Kottarathil
Call to Sanctity

Adult and Spanish Villages —Nov. 5
 after 8am Mass in Room #7 JPII bldg.
Family Village —Nov. 6 after 9am Mass at Fr. O'Hare Hall



MILITARY MINISTRY NEWS

Members of our Military Ministry will be on the Plaza **Veteran's Day weekend (Sat/Sun, 11/12- 13)** collecting donations for their Thanksgiving/ Christmas military support "care-box" mailing.

Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

RETROUVAILLE—MODESTO: November 18-20

Retrouvaille helps couples through times of trouble, disillusionment, and misery in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing marital difficulties. For confidential information about and/or to register for any of the 2011 Central Valley weekends, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Sunday, October 23, 2011		
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7
Monday, October 24, 2011		
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer	JP10
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP4
Tuesday, October 25, 2011		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
10:30 A	Light Weigh	JP8
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:30 P	ESL Classes	JP6
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer	JP7
Wednesday, October 26, 2011		
1:30 P	Widows(ers) Bible Study	JP5
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:45 P	AA Principle Study	JP5
7:00 P	Women's Bible Study	JP5
Thursday, October 27, 2011		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
12:00 P	RE Bible Study	JP4
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP5
Friday, October 28, 2011		
12:00 P	The Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:30 P	Adoration and	Chur
Saturday, October 29, 2011		
8:30 A	Confessions	Chur
9:00 A	AA (Women) Language of the Heart	JP4
9:00 A	Made to Crave	JP4
4:00 P	Confessions	Chur
Sunday, October 30, 2011		
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7

Please remember St. Joseph's when planning your estate. Call 551-4973, ext. 207 for information

☪ PSR Update ☪
Parish School of Religion
551-4973, ext. 217
E-mail: psr@stjmod.com

NEW PSR HOURS
Monday 3:30 - 5:30pm
Tuesday 3:00 - 6:30pm
Wednesday 3:30 - 5:30pm
Thursday 3:30 - 5:30 pm
and 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Closed on Fridays

REMINDER

During this month of October, PSR children are asked to bring a canned fruit item for St Vincent De Paul when they come to class (pull tops preferred).

We thank you for your generosity and stewardship!

☪ **The Catholic Library,** ☪
JP11, room 11

We have Books, Movies and Audio.
Mon. & Thurs. 10:30-2:30
Tues. & Fri. 10:30-12:30
Wed. 9:30-1:30
Mon. 5-7 & Thurs. 4-6pm

Faith & Finances with Phil Lenahan
From today's first reading: "If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him" (Ex. 22:24). The use of debt requires balance. While borrowers are to honor their promises, lenders have a responsibility to avoid placing borrowers in an untenable position.
For information:
Call Anthony Butera (551-6562).

☪ **RCIA Update** ☪
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 Stacy Phillips at **541-8903** to make an appointment.

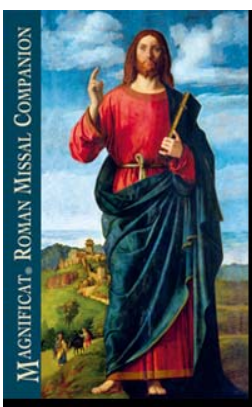
Religious Education

Welcoming the Roman Missal, Third Edition
By Michael Webster, Director of Religious Education



The words we hear and say at the Holy Mass will be changing on November 27th (The First Sunday of Advent). We all have different personalities so we all deal with change differently. I just had lunch with a friend a few weeks ago, who to his own admission, has a hard time with change. I, however, like change, even possibly, to my detriment. My friend posed this question to me: "Is this all worth it, changing a few words at Mass for the chaos that it will be on November 27th and the weeks to follow?" Now I find the change exciting, so respond: "Of course!" (I will explain in weeks to come). As I said, we all deal with change differently. God made us all different but all of us He made very good, in His image and likeness. Regardless of how we deal with change, it occurs in our lives and when it does, we have a choice to make. Thus, we need to be patient, and in charity, work together through it. It is important for us to help each other to accept the change and come to a greater understanding of why these changes are occurring.

First, it is vital to understand the importance of what is changing in the Roman Missal. The Roman Missal (or sometimes called the Sacramentary) is not a "MISSAL" but does come from the same root word *Missio* from where the word Mass also comes. The words and prayers in the Roman Missal help us to know as a Church, what our mission is and call us to that mission. We need to take the love of God, that we receive at Mass into every part of our lives, our workplace, schools, and families. After Sacred Scripture, the Roman Missal is vital to the Church. The words in the Roman Missal are how the Church prays; it is the language we use to commune with God as His family. If we recognize how essential the words contained in the Roman Missal are to our lives, then we understand the importance of making sure that we have those words right.



I will share why it is worth having a new translation of the Roman Missal next week. In the weeks leading up to November 27th we will go through the order of the Mass and share some of those changes. Also, we will explore how we can develop a greater sense of God in the midst of the Holy Mass and how the changes potentially can nurture within us a greater love for God. For more information on the changes, I recommend *the Magnificat Roman Missal Companion* (pictured left & available in our bookstore). Also, please visit our website to view some great videos on the new Mass translation: <http://www.stjmod.com/education.html>.

☪ **Wisdom from the Saints** ☪

"Ultimately, the mystery of language brings us back to the inscrutable mystery of God Himself."
-Blessed John Paul II-



Season 3: In the footsteps of Christ
Small faith sharing and bible study groups. You may still sign up by calling 551-4973 ext. 218.
or e-mail arise@stjmod.com.

Youth Ministry

Life Support A Place for Parents

We are looking for parent **volunteers** and **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. *Life Support* provides food for High School Life Nights on Sunday evenings. Also, we are looking for chaperones for our High School Retreat. Please contact Nathan or Katie with any questions.

GET INVOLVED!!

Looking to share your talent? We are looking for volunteers to fill these liturgical ministry needs for the 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass.

- *Ushers*
- *Lectors*
- *Greeters*

High School Retreat is **COMING SOON!**

"Joyful Noise"

Music is powerful. A single song can evoke emotion, memories, and even change our mood. Scripture contains a book of songs, called Psalms, that have done just that for thousands of years. This retreat will look at the power of music as well as the honest prayer given to us in the Psalms.

We are in need of **PARENT CHAPERONES** and **COOKS** to help with our retreat in Aptos, CA from November 11-13. Please contact Nathan or Katie.

Contact Us!

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High School !!RETREAT!!

November 11-13, 2011

In Aptos, CA

Cost is \$100.00



A.R.M.E.E. Ministry

Adoration
Reconciliation
Mass
Eucharist
Evangelization.



ARMEE meets on Monday nights at 7:30pm at Our Lady of the Assumption in Turlock.



Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Valdovinos

Profiles in Stewardship

Guadalupe and Guadalupe
Valdovinos by Debbie Greco

It takes over 100 volunteer catechists and aides weekly to form the children in our Parish School of Religion. Many are reluctant to volunteer because they do not feel qualified. If you are one of these people I recommend you speak with Guadalupe Valdovinos and his wife, also named Guadalupe. In addition to sharing the same beautiful name, this couple who have two young daughters, Yeudith and Jocelyn, also share a love for Jesus, and the Church which they share with our parish youth. Mrs. V. came to St Josephs with much experience as a catechist, but it took a little encouraging to convince Mr V. that he too would be a wonderful catechist for the boys in our Confirmation program. Once he started with his class his hesitance vanished, replaced with a keen excitement about passing on the faith to the boys. In addition to his class, he took on Fr John Peter's Wednesday evening class when he was transferred last April, and now helps with our CI Youth Program on Sunday nights. Mrs. V. has been spent every Thursday afternoon for the last few years preparing students for First confession and First Holy Communion and now helps where needed on Monday. This parish is truly blessed by the joyful whole hearted service of this husband and wife team.

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza refreshments are hosted this morning by our Plaza Refreshment Volunteers. Please stop by and thank this wonderful group of volunteers and ask them how you can help!

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Stewardship means sharing the talents that you have gratefully received from God with others.

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

at
St. Joseph's

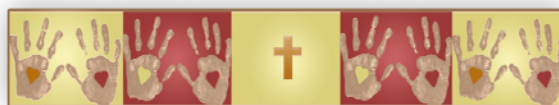
Monday, November 7, 2011

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.

Adult and Youth Volunteers welcomed for the
Parish Gala on
Friday, November 4
Auction Runners, Decorations, Cleanup
Call 551-4973 ext. 207

MANY HANDS, MANY HEARTS,
ONE MISSION.



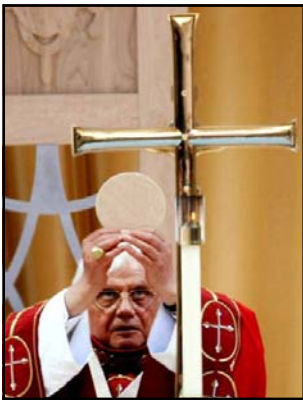
New to the Parish? Wondering where to start??
Call the Center for Lay Apostolates
551-4973, ext. 207

ANGELUS
Sunday, 2 October 2011



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel ends with a particularly severe warning from Jesus, addressed to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it" (Mt 21:43). These are words that call to mind the great responsibility of those in every epoch who are called to work in the Lord's vineyard, especially in roles of authority, and they press for a renewal of full fidelity to Christ.



He is "the very stone which the builders rejected" (cf. Mt 21:42), because they judged him to be hostile to the law and a danger to public order; but he himself, rejected and crucified, is risen, to become the "corner stone" on which the foundations of every human life and of the whole world may rest in total safety.

The truth of this is the subject of the Parable of the Unfaithful Tenants to whom a man entrusted his vineyard so that they might cultivate and harvest the produce. The owner of the vineyard symbolizes God himself, while the vineyard symbolizes his people, as well as the life he gives, so that with his grace and our hard work, we may do good. St Augustine comments: "God does also cultivate us... as a field, that he may make us better" (cf. *Sermo* 87, 1, 2: PL 38, 531). God has a project for his friends, but unfortunately the human response is often oriented to infidelity which is expressed in rejection. Pride and selfishness prevent us from recognizing and welcoming even God's most precious gift: his Only-Begotten Son.

When, in fact, "he sent his son to them", the Evangelist Matthew wrote, "[the tenants] took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him" (Mt 21:37, 39). God puts himself in our hands, agrees to make himself an unfathomable mystery of weakness and manifests his omnipotence in his faithfulness to a plan of love which, in the end, also provides for the proper punishment of the wicked (cf. Mt 21:41).

Firmly anchored in faith to the cornerstone which is Christ, let us abide in him like the branch that can bear no fruit unless it remains attached to the vine. The Church, the People of the New Covenant, is built only in him, for him and with him. On this the Servant of God Paul VI wrote: "The first benefit which We trust the Church will reap from a deepened self-awareness, is a renewed discovery of its vital bond of union with Christ. This is something which is perfectly well known, but it is supremely important and absolutely essential. It can never be sufficiently understood, meditated upon and preached" (Encyclical *Ecclesiam Suam*, 6 August 1964: AAS 56 [1964], 622).

Dear friends, the Lord is ever close and active in humanity's history and accompanies us with the unique presence of his Angels, whom today the Church venerates as "Guardian Angels", that is, ministers of the divine care for every human being. From the beginning until the hour of death, human life is surrounded by their constant protection. And the Angels encircle the august Queen of Victories, the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary, who, on the first Sunday of October, at this very moment, receives the fervent supplication from the Shrine of Pompeii and from the whole world that evil may be defeated and God's goodness revealed in its fullness.

In the Diocese

Central Catholic High School Open House and Pumpkin Patch—October 26

Bring the entire family to this great event. The campus will be decked out in Halloween decorations; also pumpkin patches, games and prizes and much more. There will be a free BBQ and root beer floats at 5:30. All children in costume will receive a special prize. For more information contact Cathi Padula at 524-9611 or padula@cchsc.org.

Catholic Men's Fellowship Weekend Retreat

Friday, October 28, 6pm —
October 30, afternoon

Theme: "Seven Principles To Live By," will be held in the Sierra Mountains, and is sponsored by CMF of Sonora and given by Fr. Ray Abella & Fr. Jerry Jung. Online registration is available at www.Catholicmen.org. For more information, call 209/264-2263 or email: SonoraCMF@gmail.com

Environmental Justice

Weekend—October 29-30

Celebrate Environmental Justice Weekend by signing the "St. Francis of Assisi Pledge to Protect Creation and the Poor." Pledge cards will be available after all Masses. You may also sign the St. Francis Pledge online at www.catholicclimatecovenant.org or the Catholic Charities website at: <http://ccstockton.org/main/environmental-justice>. For more information, contact Betsy Reifsnider, Environmental Justice Coordinator at: betsyr@ccstockton.org or 209-444-5925.

Por Debbie Greco



Guadalupe y Guadalupe
Valdovinos

Toma mas que 100 catequistas y ayudantes voluntarios semanalmente para formar a los niños en nuestra Escuela de Religión Parroquial. Muchos rehúsan ser voluntarios porque no se sienten cualificados. Si usted es una de estas personas le recomiendo que hable con Guadalupe Valdovinos y su esposa, quien también se llama Guadalupe. Además de compartir el mismo hermoso nombre, esta pareja con dos niñas pequeñas, Yeudith y Jocelyn, comparte el amor por Jesús, y la Iglesia, y lo llevan a nuestra juventud parroquial.

La Sra. V. vino a San Joseph's con mucha experiencia como catequista, pero tomó un poco de tiempo convencer al Sr. V. que él también sería un buen catequista para los muchachos en nuestro Programa de Confirmación. Una vez que comenzó con su clase, su temor se desvaneció, y fue reemplazado por un gozo profundo de compartir la fe con los muchachos. Además de su clase, también tomó la del Padre John Peter los miércoles en la tarde cuando este fue transferido el pasado abril, y ahora ayuda con la clase de C1 en el Programa Juvenil los domingos en la noche. La Sra. V. ha pasado todos los jueves en la tarde por los últimos años preparando a los estudiantes para su Primera Confesión y Primera Santa Comunión y ahora ayuda donde se necesite los lunes. Esta parroquia está bendecida teniendo el servicio de todo corazón de este equipo de esposo y esposa.

¡Boletín Parroquial en Español! DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Joseph Illo

Deseo agradecer a todos aquellos que han completado su compromiso a la **Solicitud Ministerial del Obispo** el pasado febrero. Nuestra parroquia, como ya lo sabe, ha sido designada con la suma más grande de la Diócesis (\$195,000 este año). Como comunidad, nos comprometimos con \$204,000, de esta manera sobrepasando nuestra meta. Ahora contamos con un poco menos de dos meses para poder completar nuestros compromisos para este año, y hemos recibido \$180,000 en donaciones, solo nos hacen falta \$15,000 para llegar a nuestra meta. Yo sé que algunos de nosotros no podremos alcanzar nuestra meta debido a las circunstancias. Pero si usted se ha comprometido y de alguna manera se le ha olvidado (deudores— ¿Acaso no somos todos deudores del Buen Dios?—ison notorios por tener mala memoria!), por favor trate de mandarlo este mes. La Diócesis nos mandará una cuenta por el resto del compromiso, y tendremos que sacarlo de nuestro presupuesto para operaciones. La Diócesis, como todos nosotros, se encuentra un poco apretada, y nosotros podemos financiar las buenas obras de nuestra Diócesis y de nuestra parroquia.

Extraordinariamente, las finanzas de nuestra parroquia se encuentran firmes en una inestable economía por los últimos cinco años. Nuestro ofertorio está casi a la misma suma de años pasados, con \$26,000 semanales. Sin embargo, hemos cortado nuestros gastos, entonces podemos ahorrar \$90,000 al año de los fondos para operaciones. También estamos ahorrando más o menos unos \$100,000 en nuestro fondo de construcción. Después de las responsabilidades (cuentas de pago), tenemos unos \$700,000 en efectivo en el banco. Estoy orgulloso y muy agradecido con nuestra parroquia por unirse durante esta difícil economía. Durante la reunión del Consejo Financiero del mes pasado, **Kevin MacEgan**, nuestro presidente, expresó la confianza y gratitud de que nuestra parroquia se encuentre en un estado financiero estable. Oremos para que Dios nos continúe bendiciendo, y bendigámoslo a El con nuestros obsequios.

Una de las razones por las cuales nuestra parroquia se encuentra en un estado financiero estable es que hemos hecho el continuo esfuerzo de implementar el manejo de las finanzas usando la practica basada en la Biblia durante los últimos diez años. Nos hemos adherido a principios básicos, tales como no gastar más de lo que tenemos, dando los diezmos como individuos y como parroquia, y ahorrando una cantidad saludable cada año. Muchos no conocen estos simples, principios bíblicos, los cuales hacen que nuestra finanzas sean menos estresantes. ¿Le gustaría aprender la manera de cómo Dios maneja el dinero? ¿Le gustaría descubrir métodos probados de cómo pagar sus deudas? Lo invito a tomar uno de nuestros estudios bíblicos titulado "Siete Pasos a la Libertad Financiera." El próximo comenzará el 7 de noviembre—agradecemos a **Anthony Butera** y **Nickie Miranda** por dirigir estos estudios.

Fr. Joseph

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

ÁNGELUS

Domingo 2 de octubre de 2011



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

El Evangelio de este domingo concluye con una amonestación de Jesús, particularmente severa, dirigida a los jefes de los sacerdotes y a los ancianos del pueblo: «Por eso os digo que se os quitará a vosotros el reino de Dios y se dará a un pueblo que produzca sus frutos» (Mt 21, 43). Son palabras que hacen pensar en la gran responsabilidad de quien en cada época, está llamado a trabajar en la viña del Señor, especialmente con función de autoridad, e impulsan a renovar la plena fidelidad a Cristo. Él es «la piedra que desecharon los constructores», (cf. Mt 21, 42), porque lo consideraron enemigo de la ley y peligroso para el orden público, pero él mismo, rechazado y crucificado, resucitó, convirtiéndose en la «piedra angular» en la que se pueden apoyar con absoluta seguridad los fundamentos de toda existencia humana y del mundo entero. De esta verdad habla la parábola de los viñadores infieles, a los que un hombre confió su viña para que la cultivaran y recogieran los frutos. El propietario de la viña representa a Dios

mismo, mientras que la viña simboliza a su pueblo, así como la vida que él nos da para que, con su gracia y nuestro compromiso, hagamos el bien. San Agustín comenta que «Dios nos cultiva como un campo para hacernos mejores» (*Sermo* 87, 1, 2: PL 38, 531). Dios tiene un proyecto para sus amigos, pero por desgracia la respuesta del hombre a menudo se orienta a la infidelidad, que se traduce en rechazo. El orgullo y el egoísmo impiden reconocer y acoger incluso el don más valioso de Dios: su Hijo unigénito. En efecto, cuando «les mandó a su hijo —escribe el evangelista Mateo— ... [los labradores] agarrándolo, lo sacaron fuera de la viña y lo mataron» (Mt 21, 37-39). Dios se pone en nuestras manos, acepta hacerse misterio insondable de debilidad y manifiesta su omnipotencia en la fidelidad a un designio de amor, que al final prevé también el justo castigo para los malvados (cf. Mt 21, 41). Firmemente anclados en la fe en la piedra angular que es Cristo, permanezcamos en él como el sarmiento que no puede dar fruto por sí mismo si no permanece en la vid. Solamente en él, por él y con él se edifica la Iglesia, pueblo de la nueva Alianza. Al respecto escribió el siervo de Dios Pablo VI: «El primer fruto de la conciencia profundizada de la Iglesia sobre sí misma es el renovado descubrimiento de su relación vital con Cristo. Cosa conocidísima, pero fundamental, indispensable y nunca bastante sabida, meditada y exaltada». (Enc. *Ecclesiam suam*, 6 de agosto de 1964: AAS 56 [1964], 622). Queridos amigos, el Señor está siempre cercano y actúa en la historia de la humanidad, y nos acompaña también con la singular presencia de sus ángeles, que hoy la Iglesia venera como «custodios», es decir, ministros de la divina solicitud por cada hombre. Desde el inicio hasta la hora de la muerte, la vida humana está rodeada de su incesante protección. Y los ángeles forman una corona en torno a la augusta Reina de las Victorias, la santísima Virgen María del Rosario, que en el primer domingo de octubre, precisamente a esta hora, desde el santuario de Pompeya y desde el mundo entero, acoge la súplica ferviente para que sea derrotado el mal y se revele, en plenitud, la bondad de Dios.



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