

*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 2, 2011
Twenty-Seventh
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

(209) 551-4973

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Visit our website:

www.stjmod.com

Holy Eucharist

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sundays: 7am,

9am (Traditional Latin), 10am,

noon, 1pm (Español),

5pm & 7pm

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 Ochiner, Deacon

Rev. Mr Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

Today is October 2, the Feast of the **Guardian Angels**. Because it is Sunday, we will not celebrate the festive Mass for the Angels this year (we will offer the Sunday Mass for the 27th Week in Ordinary Time). Since the Sunday Feast overrides the Guardian Angel Feast this year, I want to reflect on these spiritual beings and their role in our lives.

Probably most of you remember learning the child's prayer to our angels: "Angel of God/ My Guardian Dear/ To whom God's Love commits me here// Ever this Day be at my Side/ to light and guard, to rule and guide." Our good parents taught us that prayer in the hopes that we would always be mindful of our particular Guardian Angel, and commit ourselves to their guidance and care.



A group of angels from the 2009 Christmas Pageant.

In our parish, the priests of the "Work of the Holy Angels" (Fr. Wolfgang and Fr. Wagner) have given several missions. Many of us have consecrated ourselves to our own Guardian Angels, including yours truly. I renew my consecration to my Angel every day, with these words: "Holy Guardian Angel ... I thank you with all my heart for your loving care. I commit myself to you, and promise you my love and fidelity." Promising fidelity to our own Guardian Angel is promising fidelity to God himself, for the Angels can do nothing apart from the will of God. Think often that you have a friend, one who loves you, of unimaginable protective power and with a superhuman capacity to love you. He is never apart from you, and links you with God, for he has his eyes continually on God's Face, obeying His perfect will in everything. God sends these angels, whose existence is a doctrine of the Catholic Church, to guide us through life. My prayer continues, "I beg of you: protect me against my own weaknesses and the attacks of the wicked spirits." When you are at the end of your rope, you must think of and call on the loving strength of your own Guardian Angel. If you promise your love and fidelity to him, he will guide you through the most difficult and dark moments. Trust, and pray to, your Guardian Angel.

Fr. Joseph

☞ Staff Contacts ☞

Parish Office (Lulu, Donna, Brenda, Lauren)
 Sunday: 10:00-3:00pm.
 Monday: 10:00 to 7:30
 Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 to 7:30
 Closed Wednesday from 11-1pm
 Friday 8:30 to Noon
Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

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☞ Readings 10/3-10/9☞

Monday:
 Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:
 Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:
 Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:
 Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

Friday:
 Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
 12pm Latin Mass:
 Prov. 822-24; 32-35

Saturday:
 Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday:
 Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;
 Mt. 22:1-14 [1-10]
9am Mass: 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Eph. 4:1-6; Mt. 22:34-46

Sacraments

☞ Our Mass Intentions ☞

Sunday, October 2 (Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Rizal Mina	1:30p	Lucas & Virginia Ramirez
9:00a	Fr. Joseph Illo—Special Intention	3:00p	Mary Andudmalio
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Charles Tidwell
12:00p	Thelma Coehlo	7:30p	James Ochinero
Monday, October 3			
8:00a	Penny Lane Wahl and James Dombrovski	5:45p	Onesimo Herrera and Alzira Victoria
Tuesday, October 4			
8:00a	Bertrand Jones and Bernice Alcamo	5:45p	Isabell Bavaro and Pat Paxia
Wednesday, October 5			
8:00a	Steve Yago and Virginia Vas	5:45p	Joe Mendes and Jim Trevillyan
Thursday, October 6			
8:00a	Richard Dinubilo and Daniel Marsella	5:45p	Jack Cant and Frank and Armeda Leali
Friday, October 7			
8:00a	John Caratti and Joe Barratt	5:45p	Antonio Dominguez and Rosanna Hollander
Saturday, October 8			
8:00a	Rizal Mina and Elias Sousa	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 9 (Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Cheryl Adrian	1:30p	Guadalupe Valdez
9:00a	Lisa Scott	5:30p	Jessica and Yvonne Solis
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Janika Marrujo
12:00p	Mario and Ronilo Mahayag		

☞ Prayer & Interior Life ☞



**PUBLIC REPARATION ROSARY
 OCTOBER 15**

A *Public Reparation Rosary* will be offered in front of the abortion clinic, 2030 Coffee Rd. on **Saturday, October 15, at noon**. Our Lady of Fatima has called us to prayer and sacrifice to ease the transgressions and offenses against our Lord. No signs, no protesting, only **PRAYING**, so bring your Rosary! For more information, call Dr. Stephanie at 209-622-0343. Thank You!



St. Joseph's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Try a Holy Hour with Jesus Once a Week!
 Mondays: 9am-10am; 10:am-11am;
 Wednesdays: 10-11am; 11am-noon; 5pm-6pm;
 Fridays: 6pm-7pm;
 Saturdays: 9pm-10pm (Vacant)

Please contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up one of these hours.

Please always remember to call your Captain or the Coordinators if you are unable to make your Holy Hour. Thank you.

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. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD NEEDS FOR OCTOBER

This month we are in need of cereals, dried beans, dry rice, canned fruit and canned vegetables. Each week, we are distributing more than the previous week. Thank you for helping us help others. Donations can be brought to the Parish Office during the week and on Sundays or can be dropped off in the barrels in the vestibule of the Church.



FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS—OCTOBER 4
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Tuesday is the Feast of St. Francis. We will have a special Blessing of the Animals on the front lawn following the 5:45 Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
OKTOBERFEST DINNER

OCTOBER 7, 6:30PM—FATHER O'HARE HALL

Join us for sausage, chicken, sauerkraut, salad, and dessert. Cost: \$10/adults; \$5/children 12 and under if purchased in advance. Tickets at the door are \$15. Tickets are on sale on the plaza today after all Masses, and are available in the parish office. Buy early, save money, and come enjoy the fun!



STEWARDSHIP 101—TWO PART CLASS

Wednesday, October 12, 6:30-8:30pm (JP11, Room 6)

Thursday, October 20, 6:30-8:30 (JP11, Room 7)

- Easy! Free! Light Dinner Included!
- Completion Certificates Provided
- Teens Welcome (age 15+)

Sign up for Class in the Welcome Center or call to RSVP

"I am so glad I attended!" - Jan. 2011 graduate

Stewardship basics for your church, home and workplace

RSVP 551-4973, ext. 207

SEATS ARE LIMITED—RSVPs needed for dinner counts.

SENIORS! - ENJOY A "DAY AT THE RACES"

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Come along to the Golden Gate Racetrack. Gates open at 11:30am; post time is 12:45pm. Cost is \$96 per person. For more information, call Chris Johnson at 209-522-2694 or 209-480-2693.

Sunday, October 2, 2011

10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7
3:00 P	Indian Mass	Chur

Monday, October 3, 2011

5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP4

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
10:30 A	Light Weigh	JP8
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
6:00 P	ESL Classes	JP6
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:15 P	Knights of Columbus	Hall
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP8

7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP7
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Wednesday, October 5, 2011

1:30 P	Widows(ers) Bible Study	JP5
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:45 P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
6:00 P	C1 Parent Orientation	Hall

7:00 P	Women's Bible Study	JP5
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Thursday, October 6, 2011

9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
12:00 P	RE Bible Study	JP4
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur

Friday, October 7, 2011

12:00 P	The Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
5:30 P	Knights of Columbus	Hall
6:30 P	Children's Adoration	Chur

Saturday, October 8, 2011

8:30 A	Lay Dominicans Meeting	JP5
8:30 A	Confessions	Chur
9:00 A	AA (Women) Language of	JP4
4:00 P	Confessions	Chur

Sunday, October 9, 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

Last PSR Parent Orientation
Today, Oct. 2nd at 7pm in
Fr. O'Hare Hall and Room #10
in the JP II bldg. for Spanish.

☞ MI News ☞



All MI members and those wishing to learn more about the *Militia Immaculata* and the spirituality of St. Maximillian Kolbe are invited to attend the MI meetings this weekend, **October 1st and 2nd**. Our speakers this week will be the Fr. Kolbe Missionaries.

MI Adult Village and MI Spanish Village
Meeting October 1 after the 8am Mass in Room 5 in the JP II bldg.

MI Family Village
Meeting October 2 after the 9am Mass in the Fr. O'Hare Hall.

All are welcome!

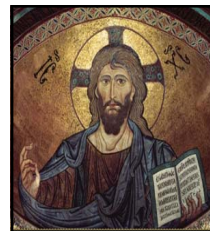
Men's Retreat

"He must increase, I must decrease" (John 3:30) **October 7, 8, 9**
All men are invited; space is limited, so register today! Cost is \$75 per person and scholarships are available. The retreat will take place in Mi-Wuk. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Michael Webster at 551-4973 ext. 203.

☞ 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



Novo Millenio Ineunte

"I am the vine, you are the branches...apart from me you can do nothing," (John 15:5). A common temptation for all of us regardless of our vocation, is to think that all depends on our efforts. God calls us to cooperate with Him, laboring for the kingdom of heaven. But ultimately, without Him, all our efforts are like dust in the wind. We must remember **the primacy of grace!** And just how do we do this? Through prayer, we abide in Him, and through the Sacraments we receive His grace, a share in His divine life. It is in having a life of prayer and practicing the presence of God that we learn to depend on Him, who is everything. How often do we forget and thrust into an activity at home, or at work, invest all our energy, only to find that our efforts have failed? We see this in the disciples, who, after having spent all night fishing, come back with empty nets. Jesus then tells them to cast the nets again, *Duc in Altum!* The disciples listen, even when all human logic suggests the contrary, and they come back with a great catch. This is the case when we abide in Christ; we put forth our effort, rooted in Him and praying for His will to be done. When the results are not what we expected or thought best, then we accept God's perfect will, for we know He is never wrong and always gives us what we need to grow in holiness. "It is prayer that roots us in this truth" (*Millenio Ineunte*, 40). We learn to depend on God, like His children that we are and begin our ascent of the divine ladder. In the words of John Climacus, "Blessed is he who has mortified his will to the very end and has entrusted the care of himself to his teacher in the Lord: indeed he will be placed on the right hand of the Crucified One!" (Papal Audience 2/11/09)



Season 3: In the footsteps of Christ

Small faith sharing and bible study groups begin this week. You may still sign up by calling 551-4973 ext. 218. or e-mail arise@stjmod.com.

Life and Money with Phil Lenahan: God's Way to Financial Freedom © Tithing and Catholic Tuition

Can tuition for Catholic schools be counted as part of one's tithe? Church teaching doesn't provide clear guidance. Code of Canon Law (CCC) 222, which provides instruction on charitable giving, says: "The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for apostolic works and works of charity and for the decent sustenance of ministers." Note that Catholic tuition isn't specifically mentioned. Taking CCC 222 and other Catholic teaching into account, my own opinion is mixed. On the one hand, it seems clear that providing a Catholic education to our children and supporting Catholic schools fits within what Code of Canon Law 222 describes as "apostolic works," which is an argument for allowing tuition as part of the tithe. On the other hand, giving is meant to be outward focused, and tuition for family members provides a level of self-benefit. With that said, because the objective of Catholic education is of such importance, and the financial burden so high, I believe it is reasonable to include Catholic tuition as part of the tithe when necessity dictates. If resources are adequate to provide for Catholic education in addition to a full tithe, that would be preferred. Finally, in the event of limited resources, the full tithe may be fully absorbed just by tuition costs. In this case, I recommend at least some portion of the tithe be reserved for divine worship and assisting with the needs of the poor. God love you. *For information, call Anthony Butera (551-6562).*

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*

Victory Team

We are looking for peer ministers. The "Victory" team is composed of high school students and young adults that volunteer their talent to minister to confirmation students in our parish. If you are interested in claiming "Victory" in the name of Jesus, this ministry is for you!

Parents of C-1

First year
Confirmation:

Oct 5th

Mandatory Parent
Orientation

Schedule

- 5:45 Mass
- 6:15 Parent Orientation
- 7:00 C-1 Night
- 8:30 Pick up

Contact Us!
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High School **!!RETREAT!!**

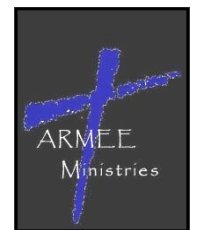
November **11-13, 2011**

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.



Sue Forrest

Profiles in Stewardship

by Michael Webster

Sue Forrest uses her artistic gifts to give glory to God and to lead others to Him. Many of the paintings that you see around the Church and in the various buildings have been painted by Sue. One of my favorites is her painting of Fr. Joseph Illo celebrating Mass, found in the parish office lobby. Sue also loves to share her passion for art and to educate others about the truth, beauty and goodness of sacred art. She recently gave a wonderful talk on iconography and how to paint/write an icon.

There is a small group of Third Order Franciscans (non clergy men and women that aspire to live life like St. Francis of Assisi) at St. Joseph's. Sue being Franciscan at heart joined and is committed in her involvement with the Third Order Franciscans. She commutes with others to Oakland at least one Saturday a month to participate in their gatherings.

Sue is also involved on our stewardship committee so you may have been greeted by her smiling face in the ministry tent during the parish festival this year. Sue is a true blessing to have as a member of our parish family and an example to all of us of giving the gifts God has given each of us back to Him and selflessly to others.

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

St. Joseph's Bread:

Preparing and serving meals for the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter throughout the year



**Annual Sign Up for the
2011-2012 year & meeting:**

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

6:30-8PM

JP II Building

Room 7

Save the Date:

STEWARDSHIP 101— TWO PART CLASS

Wednesday Oct. 12, 6:30-8:30pm

Thursday Oct. 20, 6:30-8:30pm

Free dinner and completion certificates provided

Sign up for class in the Welcome Center

Or call 551-4973, ext. 207

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

From our Holy Father in Ancona

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION
FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE
25th ITALIAN NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
Sunday, 11 September 2011 Part II



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In the Diocese

10TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S
AWARD DINNER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
Church of the Presentation
6715 Leesburg Place, Stockton
6:30 PM hosted cocktails
7:30 PM dinner

Tickets are \$150 per person.
Proceeds benefit Catholic
Charities and SEEDS – Growing
Faith Through Student
Scholarships. Call Rebecca at
(209) 546-7645 for information or
to purchase tickets by October 13.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**
Catholic Charities has launched a
new Family Counseling Services
Program in Stanislaus County.
The mission of the counseling
program is to offer accessible, low-
cost, short-term, out-patient
counseling. Catholic Charities is
currently seeking licensed
therapists (LCSW or LMFT) to
volunteer and assist with
providing needed services in
Patterson and Turlock. Bilingual
English/Spanish or English/
Portuguese therapists are needed.
For more information and details
please submit resume and cover
letter to Peter Munoz at
pmunoz@ccstockton.org, or fax
to 209-529-6083.

**PART-TIME TEACHER
NEEDED**
St. Stanislaus Preschool is
looking for a part-time teacher.
Candidates should have 12 units
in Child Development or be
currently enrolled in classes. For
more info, please call (209) 524-
3428, ask for Mona.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The human being is incapable of giving life to himself, he understands himself only by starting from God: it is the relationship with him that gives our humanity consistence and makes our life good and just. In the "Our Father" we ask that *his* name be hallowed, that *his* kingdom come, that *his* will be done.



It is first and foremost God's primacy that we must recover in our world and in our life, because it is this primacy that enables us to discover the truth of what we are, and it is in knowing and following God's will that we find our own good; giving time and space to God, so that he may be the vital centre of our existence.

Where should we start from, from what source, in order to recover and to reaffirm the primacy of God? From the Eucharist; here God makes himself so close that he makes himself our food, here he makes himself energy on the often difficult journey, here he makes himself a friendly presence that transforms.

The Law given through Moses was already considered as "bread from Heaven", thanks to which Israel became the People of God, but in Jesus the ultimate and definitive word of God becomes flesh, comes to meet us as a Person. He, the eternal Word, is the true manna, the Bread of Life (Jn 6:32-35) and doing the works of God is believing in him (Jn 6:28-29).

At the Last Supper Jesus summed up the whole of his life in an act that is inscribed in the great paschal blessing to God, an act that he lives as Son in thanksgiving to the Father for his immense love. Jesus broke the bread and shared it, but with a new depth, because he was giving himself. He took the cup and shared it so that all might drink from it, but with this gesture he was giving the "new covenant of his Blood", he was giving himself.

Jesus anticipated the act of supreme love, obedience to the Father's will: the sacrifice of the Cross. His life will be taken on the Cross, but he was already offering it himself. So it is that Christ's death is not reduced to a violent execution but was transformed by him into a free act of love, of self-giving, which passed through death itself victoriously and reaffirmed the goodness of creation that came from God's hands, that was humiliated by sin and redeemed at last. This immense gift is accessible to us in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. God gives himself to us, to open our life to him, to involve it in the mystery of love of the Cross, to make it share in the eternal mystery from which we come, and to anticipate the new condition of full life in God, of which we live in expectation. Yet what does starting from the Eucharist in order to reaffirm God's primacy entail for our daily life? Eucharistic communion, dear friends, wrenches us from our individualism, communicates to us the spirit of Christ dead and risen, and conforms us to him. It closely unites us with our brethren in that mystery of communion, which is the Church, where the one Bread makes many one body (1 Cor 10:17), fulfilling the prayer of the Christian community recorded in the Book of the Didaché: "As this broken bread was once scattered on the mountains and after it had been brought together became one, so may your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth unto your kingdom" (ix, 4).

Por Michael Webster



Sue Forrest

Sue Forrest usa su don artístico para dar Gloria a Dios y llevar a otros a El. Muchas de las pinturas que pueden ver en la iglesia y varios de los otros edificios han sido pintadas por Sue. Una de mis pinturas favoritas es la del Padre Joseph Illo celebrando la Misa, la cual se encuentra en la sala de espera de la oficina parroquial. A Sue también le encanta compartir su pasión por el arte para educar a otros sobre la verdad, la belleza y todo lo bueno del arte sagrada. Hace poco que ofreció un taller sobre la iconografía y como pintar/escribir un icono.

En San Joseph's existe un pequeño grupo de Franciscanos de Tercera Orden (hombres y mujeres laicos que aspiran vivir la vida como San Francisco de Asís). Sue siendo una franciscana de todo corazón es parte de ese grupo de Terciarios Franciscanos. Ella viaja con otros por lo menos un sábado de cada mes a Oakland para participar en sus reuniones de comunidad.

Sue también esta involucrada con el Comité de Corresponsabilidad y puede que ella lo haya saludado con una sonrisa en la tienda del festival este año. Es realmente una bendición el tener a Sue en nuestra familia parroquial y como ejemplo para todos nosotros de cómo ofrecer los dones que Dios nos ha dado a cada uno sin egoísmo a El y al prójimo.

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

Hoy es el 2 de octubre, fiesta de los Ángeles de la Guarda. Ya que es un domingo, no celebraremos la Misa del día de fiesta de los Ángeles este año (ofreceremos la Misa Dominical para la semana 27 del tiempo ordinario). Como la Fiesta Dominical toma precedencia sobre la Fiesta de los Ángeles de la Guarda este año, deseo reflexionar sobre estos seres espirituales y el rol que ellos tienen en nuestras vidas.

Probablemente la mayoría de ustedes recuerdan la oración de su niñez a nuestros Ángeles: “Ángel de la guarda, dulce compañía, no me desampares ni de noche ni de día; no me dejes solo, que me perdería. Ni vivir ni morir en pecado mortal. Jesús en la vida, en la muerte, Jesús para siempre, Amén.” Nuestros buenos padres nos enseñaron esta oración esperando que nos acordáramos que tenemos un Ángel de la Guarda, y que nos debemos de someter a su guía y su cuidado.



Un grupo de ángeles de la obra de teatro de Navidad 2009.

Los sacerdotes del “Trabajo de los Santos Ángeles” (Rev. Wolfgang y Rev. Wagner) han ofrecido varias misiones en nuestra parroquia. Muchos de nosotros nos hemos consagrado a nuestros Ángeles de la Guarda, incluyéndome a mí.

Yo renuevo mi consagración a mi Ángel cada día, con estas palabras: “Santo Ángel de la Guarda... te agradezco con todo mi corazón por tu cuidado amoroso. Me someto a ti, y te prometo todo mi amor y fidelidad.” El prometer fidelidad a nuestro Ángel de la Guarda significa prometer fidelidad a Dios mismo, pues los Ángeles no pueden hacer nada fuera de la voluntad de Dios. Piense siempre que tiene un amigo, que lo ama, que tiene un poder de protección inimaginable, y una capacidad sobrenatural de amarlo. El nunca se aparta de usted y lo une a Dios, pues sus ojos están siempre fijos en el rostro de Dios, obedeciendo Su voluntad perfecta en todo. Dios manda estos Ángeles, cuya existencia es una doctrina de la Iglesia Católica, para que nos guíen por la vida. Mi oración continua, “te pido: protégeme contra mis debilidades y los ataques de los espíritus malos.” cuando usted se encuentre sin más recursos, debe de pensar en y pedir la fuerza de su propio Ángel de la Guarda. Si le promete su amor y fidelidad, él lo guiará por los momentos más difíciles y oscuros. Confíe y récele a su Ángel de la Guarda.

Fr. Joseph

Nuestro Santo Padre en Ancona

SANTA MISA PARA LA CLAUSURA DEL XXV CONGRESO
EUCARÍSTICO NACIONAL ITALIANO
Domingo 11 de septiembre de 2011 Parte II



Queridísimos hermanos y hermanas:

El hombre es incapaz de darse la vida a sí mismo, él se comprende sólo a partir de Dios: es la relación con él lo que da consistencia a nuestra humanidad y lo que hace buena y justa nuestra vida. En el Padrenuestro pedimos que sea santificado

su nombre, que venga su reino, que se cumpla su voluntad. Es ante todo el primado de Dios lo que debemos recuperar en nuestro mundo y en nuestra vida, porque es este primado lo que nos permite reencontrar la verdad de lo que somos; y en el conocimiento y seguimiento de la voluntad de Dios donde encontramos nuestro verdadero bien. Dar tiempo y espacio a Dios, para que sea el centro vital de nuestra existencia.



¿De dónde partir, como de la fuente, para recuperar y reafirmar el primado de Dios? De la Eucaristía: aquí Dios se hace tan cercano que se convierte en nuestro alimento, aquí él se hace fuerza en el camino con frecuencia difícil, aquí se hace presencia amiga que

transforma. Ya la Ley dada por medio de Moisés se consideraba como «pan del cielo», gracias al cual Israel se convierte en el pueblo de Dios; pero en Jesús, la palabra última y definitiva de Dios, se hace carne, viene a nuestro encuentro como Persona. Él, Palabra eterna, es el verdadero maná, es el pan de la vida (Jn 6, 32-35); y realizar las obras de Dios es creer en él (Jn 6, 28-29). En la última Cena Jesús resume toda su existencia en un gesto que se inscribe en la gran bendición pascual a Dios, gesto que él, como hijo, vive en acción de gracias al Padre por su inmenso amor. Jesús parte el pan y lo comparte, pero con una profundidad nueva, porque él se dona a sí mismo. Toma el cáliz y lo comparte para que todos pueden beber de él, pero con este gesto él dona la «nueva alianza en su sangre», se dona a sí mismo. Jesús anticipa el acto de amor supremo, en obediencia a la voluntad del Padre: el sacrificio de la cruz. Se le quitará la vida en la cruz, pero él ya ahora la entrega por sí mismo. Así, la muerte de Cristo no se reduce a una ejecución violenta, sino que él la transforma en un libre acto de amor, en un acto de autodonación, que atraviesa victoriosamente la muerte misma y reafirma la bondad de la creación salida de las manos de Dios, humillada por el pecado y, al final, redimida. Este inmenso don es accesible a nosotros en el Sacramento de la Eucaristía: Dios se dona a nosotros, para abrir nuestra existencia a él, para involucrarla en el misterio de amor de la cruz, para hacerla partícipe del misterio eterno del cual provenimos y para anticipar la nueva condición de la vida plena en Dios, en cuya espera vivimos.

¿Pero qué comporta para nuestra vida cotidiana este partir de la Eucaristía a fin de reafirmar el primado de Dios? La comunión eucarística, queridos amigos, nos arranca de nuestro individualismo, nos comunica el espíritu de Cristo muerto y resucitado, nos conforma a él; nos une íntimamente a los hermanos en el misterio de comunión que es la Iglesia, donde el único Pan hace de muchos un solo cuerpo (1 Co 10, 17), realizando la oración de la comunidad cristiana de los orígenes que nos presenta el libro de la *Didaché*: «Como este fragmento estaba disperso sobre los montes y reunido se hizo uno, así sea reunida tu Iglesia de los confines de la tierra en tu reino» (ix, 4).

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Retiro Mariano

Padre Juan Díaz Vilar, S.J.
11 de octubre 6:30-8:30pm
Nuestra Señora de Fatima
Salon Parroquial

505 W. Granger Ave., Modesto
Nuestro Hermano Jesus
Padre Juan Díaz Vilar, S.J.
13 de octubre 7-9pm
Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia



MILICIA INMACULADA
Español

Aprenda sobre la consagración a la Santísima Virgen María y la espiritualidad de S. Maximiliano Kolbe. Este 1 de octubre después de la Misa de 8:00 am en la iglesia salón #5 en el edificio JP II.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
y La Rondalla de Guadalupe

Presentan:

El Amor
esta en el
Aire

Cuando la Rondalla Toca...

CON LA PRESENTACION DE:

Rondalla Monumental, Stockton Ca
Rondalla Ilusion Femenil, Sacramento Ca
Rondalla Voces del Romance, San Jose Ca
Rondalla de Guadalupe, Sacramento Ca
Actuacion Especial: Fernando Rios

22 OCTUBRE 2011 DE 7:00-10:00 PM

Salón: Fr. O'Hare Hall
1813 Oakdale Road Modesto, CA 95355
(209) 551-4973

\$15 POR PERSONA \$25 POR PAREJA



Capilla de
Adoración al
Santísimo

¡Pase una Hora Santa a la semana con Jesús Sacramentado!

Martes: 5pm-6pm;

Miércoles: 10am-11am; 11am-12;

Jueves: 2pm-3pm (Vacante);

Viernes: 9pm-10pm

Si puede cubrir una de estas horas por favor llame a

David & Mónica at 527-4920

Today is Annual Respect Life Sunday

Each year our parish participates in the Respect Life Sunday Appeal.
Half of this second collection stays in our parish.
This is what we have done with that half:



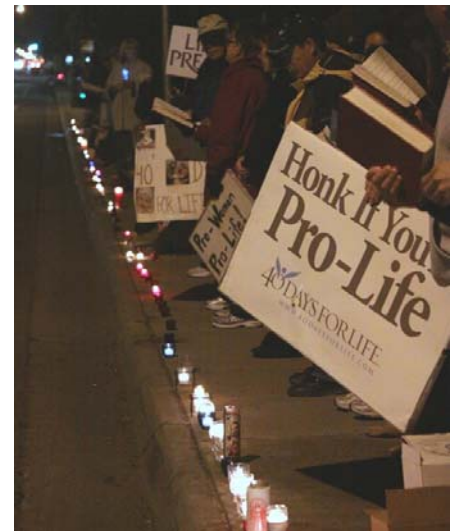
From left:
Parishioners enjoyed wonderful weather as they Walked for Life on Good Friday in Modesto.

Fr. John Peter presents a check to the Modesto Pregnancy Center to help with their purchase of modern ultrasound equipment.



Above: Fr. Illo poses with the West Coast Walk for Life (S.F.) participants.

Right: We led the local effort of the National 40 Days for Life.



Respecting Life

In our “throw away” culture, the value placed on life is not always a priority. Our St. Joseph’s Respect Life Ministry is not only about the unborn; it is respecting *all life*. A two-year old child cannot defend himself just as a person with a physical or mental disability cannot always defend themselves. A person who is in the last decade of their life may not be able to run a 100-yard dash, but they still need to be respected. They represent the gift of life that God has given to all of us. Please consider joining this active and important ministry at St. Joseph’s. There are leadership and volunteer positions open.
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! Please call 551-4973, ext. 207