*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

# June 22, 2014 Corpus Christi Sunday

(209) 551-4973
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Visit our website:
**www.stjmod.com**

## Holy Eucharist

**Sunday Mass:**
Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
Sundays: 7:30am,
9am (Traditional Latin), 10:30am,
Noon, 1:30pm (Español),
5:30pm & 7:30pm

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

**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:**
Chapel access code available in office

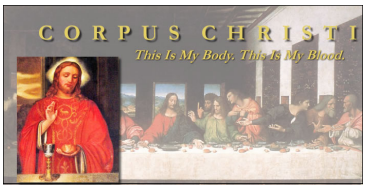
**Children's Services:**
***Liturgy of the Word*** *(CLOW)*
Sunday Mass 10:30am, 1:30 Spanish

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**
Monday thru Thursday 5-5:30pm
Fridays 6:30-7:30pm
Saturdays 8:30-9:30am & 4-5pm
*Homebound please call 551-4973 for a priest to visit you by appointment.*

**Clergy:**
Fr. Mark Wagner, Pastor
Fr. Francis Joseph, OCD, Assoc Pastor
Fr. Hamilton Suarez, Assoc. Pastor
Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinero, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

**RCIA Inquiries:**
Please contact John & Nichole Sablan: 209-581-8477

## From the Pastor's Laptop




Dear parishioners,

Today is Corpus Christi, the great celebration of our union with Christ. Not only did God want to be WITH us, Emmanuel, born in Bethlehem, He also wanted to be WITHIN us, giving us His Body and Blood at the Last Supper in the Upper Room before He died.

Last week on our parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land, we were able to visit and to celebrate Mass in these holy places where Jesus accomplished the wonderful work of saving us, uniting Himself to us and forming us into one Body in Himself in the Church. Here at St. Joseph's we perpetually enjoy the fruits of this great work, which is the gift of the Eucharist.

Fr Mark

## 2014 Bishop's Ministry Appeal
We Made It!!!!!

**Goal: $191,799**
**Pledged: $203,089**

*Thanks to everyone for their one time gifts and pledges! For those still making pledges, thank you for keeping up with them so we will end this year meeting our goal.*
Thank you from your priests and Chair, Ron Cook
*God Bless St. Joseph's!*

## Parking Lot Work this Summer

Our entire parking lot will be seal -coated and striped this July. Thank you for your support and patience as we maintain our parish.
**Save the Date: Saturday, August 2—8am-2pm**
**All Parish Clean Up Day and Free BBQ!**

**Questions?**
To make an appointment with a priest or deacon or to register at St. Joseph's, please contact Lulu, Rosario or Patty in our parish office at 551-4973 or stop in. See open office hours below.

**Parish Office Staff & Hours**
(Lulu, Patty & Rosario)
Monday-Friday:
8:30am-6:30pm
except Wednesday: 1-6:30pm
**Weekend Maintenance**
**568-7558**

**How can we help? 551-4973**

*Se Habla Español..... Rosario x110*
Adult Ed/Bible Studies….Maria x218
Altar Servers……Svetlana x200
Buildings & Grounds.... Tammy x207
Child Ed & Sacraments .... Esperanza x217
Choirs & Cantors.....Svetlana x200
Events & Activities ..... Tammy x207
Financial Services.....Barbara x108
Giving to St. Joseph's... Tammy x207
Parish Lending Library..... x208
Parish Ministries.....Bertha x202
Parish Registration ..... Patty x102
Room Reservations..... Rosario x110
Volunteering.....Bertha x202
Youth Ministry .....Nathan x206

## 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 John and Nichole Sablan 581-8477** to make an appointment.

# Welcome to St. Joseph's

*We're glad you're here!*

# Parish Life

## Upcoming Events & Activities

### MILITARY SUPPORT MINISTRY

St. Joseph's Military Ministry will be handing out the Stars and Stripes after the 8am Mass on July 4th in honor of our nation's birthday. On the Plaza July 6th, we will be asking for your support as we prepare for our December mailing to those men and women serving our country in the military. Please help us honor those who are willing to sacrifice to make this country safe and free! All donations are appreciated! GOD BLESS AMERICA!

### SPANISH MOM'S (MARY OUR MOTHER) GROUP FORMING

Informational Meeting:

Wednesday, June 25
6:30pm - Saint JP2 Building, All Saints Room

All mothers of all ages welcome!

### ADULT SINGLES MINISTRY

CHRIST, WE ADORE YOU. On the last Friday of each month, the Adult Singles Ministry will gather on the plaza outside of St. Joseph's church before going inside to spend an hour with Our Lord. Afterward, we'll head over to Uno's Chicago Grill on Oakdale Road for food, faith and fellowship.
Single and single-again adults 35 years and older can find more information about our ministry as well as our other events online at www.adultsinglesministry.eventbrite.com.

### NOVENA TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

June 19-27
Immediately following the 5:30pm Mass

### 4TH OF JULY MASS TIME/ ADORATION CHAPEL CHANGE

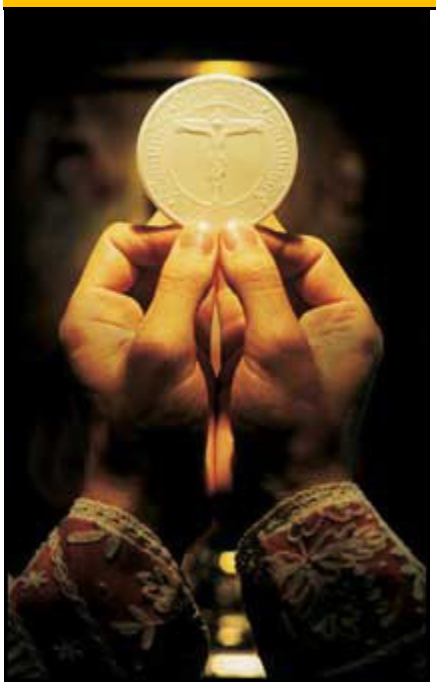
**There will be no 5:45 Mass on Friday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed before the 8am Mass until after the 8am Saturday, July 5, Mass**

### MODEST DRESS IN CHURCH

With the hot weather here, we need to remind everyone of the importance of dressing appropriately in the house of God. Please avoid short dresses or shorts, spaghetti straps, and any other immodest attire which does not cover the shoulders, back and cleavage. We ask that men avoid wearing shorts or sleeveless shirts. Thank you for showing respect to Our Lord, our priests and your fellow parishioners.

## Religious Education

# *Corpus Christi*



On that night before His Passion and Death, Jesus sat at table with His disciples, and as they were eating, He said "*Take, eat; this is my body,*" *and then took the chalice and said "Drink of it all of you, for this is my blood*" (Mathew 26:26). Every Sunday at Holy Mass, we enter into the Eucharistic sacrifice of Christ for our Redemption. This is the pinnacle of our existence, when God Himself gives His Body in sacrifice for our salvation, and we then partake of His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity during Communion. And as we consume His divine essence, our nature is brought up by grace, giving us a taste of our final destiny of union with God. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. And how do we celebrate it? In Christendom, around the world, and even now in many places, the faithful follow the Most Holy Sacrament, the priest and altar servers in procession, taking the Eucharistic Lord to the world, bringing the Light to disperse the darkness. The Holy Eucharist is taken to four parts, signifying the four corners of the world. It is a procession of enthronement of the mystery of God into the world. The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, was established in 1246 by Bishop Robert de Thorte of Liege, and was later extended to the universal Church in 1264 by Pope Urban IV, who requested that St. Thomas Aquinas compose the office for the feast. And consistent with his angelic manner, St. Thomas composed *Pange Lingua Gloriosi* and *Tantum Ergo.* The Holy Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." Pope John Paul II in his *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* writes, "*For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ himself, our Passover and living bread. Through his own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, he offers life to men". Consequently the gaze of the Church is constantly turned to her Lord, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, in which she discovers the full manifestation of his boundless love...the Church was born of the paschal mystery. For this very reason the Eucharist, which is in an outstanding way the sacrament of the paschal mystery, stands at the center of the Church's life.*" Every Sunday at Holy Mass, we are able to receive our Eucharistic Lord, so we can bring Him to the rest of the world. On this most solemn feast and every day, let us accompany St. Thomas and the choir of angels as we sing, Tan*tum Ergo Sacramentum…*

# Parish School of Religion

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For updates and information about our Parish School of Religion
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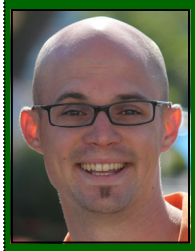
# Youth Ministry

## Contact Us!



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## LifeNight Schedule

Come Join us

# ATTENTION!!!

## Summer Activities Start This Week

Remember to join us for Mass and Breakfast every Tuesday! Starting with 8am Mass and followed by ALL you can eat doughnuts, Games, fellowship and AWESOME round table discussions about the faith and everyday life!!! See you there!! Bring a FRIEND!!!!

Starting in June, Saint Joseph's Youth Ministry is teaming up with YWAM, Youth With A Mission, to serve the homeless and the poor on South 9th Street here in Modesto. Come join us every Friday at 10am , meeting here in the youth room.

## Homeless Ministry Fridays @ 10am

## More Summer FUN!!!

Remember to join us every Tuesday in the Youth Room at 1pm for our Round Table Discussions. This Tuesdays topic of conversation will be, "Rules, What are they good for?" ALL high school teens are welcome! Remember to bring a friend!

# The Count Down Begins!!!

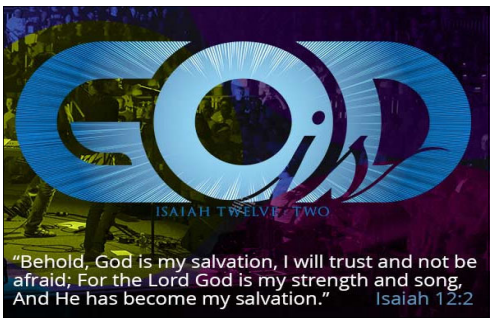
Join thousands of young Catholics at this year's 2014

**Steubenville San Diego Youth Conference!!!**

Have your heart set ablaze with the love of the Lord on July 25-27. Special events and guest speakers include: Ike Ndolo Band, Fr.Mike Schmitz and Tammy Evevard. It's $250 and payments can by made! Permission forms can be found in the front office.

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!!!**

For more information and fun videos about the Steubenville Youth Conference visit: www.allforgodcatholic.com



# Center for Lay Apostolates

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

## Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Opportunity Announcements!
Calling all St. Joseph's parishioners !
In the workforce, retired or?

### Opportunity #1:
Festival Parish Food Booths Assistant

### Opportunity #2
Ushers—all Masses

### Opportunity #3
Welcome Center Booth greeters—all Masses

### Opportunity #4
Parish Development Committee (Like marketing? Sales? Planning? Logistics? Business Development? This is the leadership Committee for you!)

**Not sure? Want to find out more?** We welcome your questions and you! Please call the Center for Lay Apostolates, 551-4973, ext. 202.

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

## Profiles in Stewardship
by Debbie Greco

**Graciela Del Rio**

Every Monday of this PSR year Graciela Del Rio came eagerly to greet her Grade 3 First Holy Communion students. She relates to them well because she too went though our PSR Program. Graciela was in my Confirmation class and made her First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2008.
Graciela says that she wanted to continue to deepen her faith and not fall away as she has seen happen to others. She felt the best way to do so was to plunge in and serve as a catechist. She came to the parish over the summer to be trained and began planning lessons with her co -teacher Jillian Gil. Graciela always comes well - prepared and shows gentle concern for each student, often running out to speak with their parents in the parking lot.
She is a wonderful model of stewardship for her brother Juan who is in First Year Confirmation and serves as an aide in a PSR class, and to her sister Yahaira who was in Grade 2.
Graciela has been accepted into several universities and wherever she decides to study, will be blessed because she truly lives her faith with gratefulness and generosity wherever she goes.

# In the Diocese...

**In re THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF STOCKTON**
a California corporation sole
Case No. 14-20371-C-11
YOU MAY HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF STOCKTON aka THE DIOCESE OF STOCKTON

On January 15, 2014, The Roman Catholic Bishop of Stockton (the "Debtor") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California.

THE LAST DAY TO FILE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTOR IS AUGUST 15, 2014 AT 4:00 P.M. PREVAILING PACIFIC TIME.

IF YOU WERE SEXUALLY ABUSED BY ANY MEMBER OF THE CLERGY OR ANY OTHER PERSON CONNECTED WITH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF STOCKTON aka THE DIOCESE OF STOCKTON, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM BY AUGUST 15, 2014 AT 4:00 P.M. PREVAILING PACIFIC TIME.

For more information, including a complete list of all parishes and schools within the geographic territory of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Stockton, or to receive a proof of claim form and associated documents, please (1) visit the Debtor's designated web page at www.stocktondiocese.org; (2) visit the Debtor's Claims Agent's designated web page at: www.kccllc.net/stocktondiocese; (3) call the Debtor's Claims Agent at (310) 751-1492; or (4) call counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed in this case, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP at (888) 570-6217.

# From our Holy Father in the Holy Land

ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEETING BETWEEN POPE PAUL VI AND PATRIARCH ATHENAGORAS

*Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre (Jerusalem)*
*Sunday, 25 May 2014*

*Your Holiness, Dear Brother Bishops, Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

In this Basilica, which all Christians regard with the deepest veneration, my pilgrimage in the company of my beloved brother in Christ, His Holiness Bartholomaios, now reaches its culmination. We are making this pilgrimage in the footsteps of our venerable predecessors, Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras, who, with courage and docility to the Holy Spirit, made possible, fifty years ago, in this holy city of Jerusalem, an historic meeting between the Bishop of Rome and the Patriarch of Constantinople. I cordially greet all of you who are present. In a special way I express my heartfelt gratitude to those who have made this moment possible: His Beatitude Theophilos, who has welcomed us so graciously, His Beatitude Nourhan Manoogian and Father Pierbattista Pizzaballa.

It is an extraordinary grace to be gathered here in prayer. The empty tomb, that new garden grave where Joseph of Arimathea had reverently placed Jesus' body, is the place from which the proclamation of the resurrection begins: "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead'" (*Mt* 28:5-7). This proclamation, confirmed by the testimony of those to whom the risen Lord appeared, is the heart of the Christian message, faithfully passed down from generation to generation, as the Apostle Paul, from the very beginning, bears witness: "I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" (*1 Cor* 15:3-4). This is the basis of the faith which unites us, whereby together we profess that Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of the Father and our sole Lord, "suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead" (*Apostles' Creed*). Each of us, everyone baptized in Christ, has spiritually risen from this tomb, for in baptism all of us truly became members of the body of the One who is the Firstborn of all creation; we were buried together with him, so as to be raised up with him and to walk in newness of life (cf. *Rom* 6:4).

Let us receive the special grace of this moment. We pause in reverent silence before this empty tomb in order to rediscover the grandeur of our Christian vocation: we are men and women of resurrection, and not of death. From this place we learn how to live our lives, the trials of our Churches and of the whole world, in the light of Easter morning. Every injury, every one of our pains and sorrows, has been borne on the shoulders of the Good Shepherd who offered himself in sacrifice and thereby opened the way to eternal life. His open wounds are like the cleft through which the torrent of his mercy is poured out upon the world. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of the basis of our hope, which is this: *Christòs anesti*! Let us not deprive the world of the joyful message of the resurrection! And let us not be deaf to the powerful summons to unity which rings out from this very place, in the words of the One who, risen from the dead, calls all of us "my brothers" (*Mt* 28:10; *Jn* 20:17).

# Sacraments

## Our Mass Intentions

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| **Sunday, June 22 (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)** | | | |
| 7:30a | Father's Day Novena | 1:30p | Luis & Catalina Ruiz and Michaela Rangel |
| 9:00a | Francisco Rios | 5:30p | Joe Gomes |
| 10:30a | All St. Joseph's Parishioners | 7:30p | John & Virginia Bairos |
| 12pm | Mary Rios | | |
| **Monday, June 23** | | | |
| 8:00a | Father's Day Novena | 5:45p | Carmen Mora and John Brasil |
| **Tuesday, June 24** | | | |
| 8:00a | Virgie Vinluan and Michael Walker | 5:45p | Rudy Taa and Arnaldo Brasil |
| **Wednesday, June 25** | | | |
| 8:00a | Jocelyn Mancebo and John David Garthwald | 5:45p | Ernest Ciccarelli, Sr. and Bill Vermillion |
| **Thursday, June 26** | | | |
| 8:00a | Thomas Judge and Victoria Alcantar | 5:45p | Vickie Tracy and Sr. Libania Correia |
| **Friday, June 27** | | | |
| 8:00a | John N. Belo and Amparo Sandoval | 5:45p | Arnold & Lucille Mosblech and Angela & Antonio Dominguez |
| 12:00p | Eduardo Leal | | |
| **Saturday, June 28** | | | |
| 8:00a | Diane Felix and Ken Breault | 5:30p | St. Joseph's Memorial Mass |
| **Sunday, June 29 (Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles)** | | | |
| 7:30a | John Bourdon | 1:30p | Roberto Madrigal, Rafael Leon and Jorge Garcia |
| 9:00a | Fr. Joseph Illo—Special Intention | 5:30p | Jovita Magana-Cervantez |
| 10:30a | All St. Joseph's Parishioners | 7:30p | Emilio Duran |
| 12pm | Frank Costello | | |

**PERPETUAL**

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*"Could you not keep watch for one hour?" (Mark 14:37)*

Consider spending an hour a week with our Lord. To sign up please contact David & Monica at 527-4920. You will receive many blessings from Our Lord!

**Monday:**
2 Kgs. 17:5-8, 13-15, 18; Mt. 7:1-5

**Tuesday:**
Is. 49: 1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk. 1:57-66, 80

**Wednesday:**
2 Kgs. 22:8-13; , 23:1-3; Mt. 7:15-20

**Thursday:**
2 Kgs. 24:8-17; Mt. 7:21-29

**Friday:**
Dt. 7:6-11; 1 Jn. 4:7-16; Mt. 11:25-30

**12pm Latin Mass:**
Eph. 3:8-12;, 14-19; Jn. 19:31-37

**Saturday:**
Lam. 2:2,10-14,18-19; Mt. 8:5-17 or

**Sunday:**
Acts. 12:1-11; 2 Tm. 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt. 16:13-19

**Latin Mass**
Acts. 12:1-11; Mt. 16:13-19

## This Week

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| **Tuesday, June 24, 2014** | | |
| 9:00 A | Senior Strength Training | JP6 |
| 6:00 P | ESL Classes (Beginners) | JP2 |
| 6:00 P | ESL Classes (Intermediate) | JP4 |
| 6:30P | Stewardship Committee | JP4 |
| 7:00 P | Charismatic Prayer Group Sp | JP7 |
| 7:00 P | Baptism Class | JP6 |
| **Wednesday, June 25, 2014** | | |
| 1:30 P | Widows &Widowers Bible | JP5 |
| 5:30 P | Alateen - Courage to be Me | JP8 |
| 5:45 P | Al Anon -Path to Serenity | JP10 |
| 5:45 P | AA Principles Study Group | JP5 |
| 6:30 P | Our Mother of PH Potluck | Plaz |
| 7:00 P | Baptism Class | JP6 |
| **Thursday, June 26, 2014** | | |
| 9:00 A | Senior Strength Training | Hall |
| 12:00P | Lunch Bible Study | JP8 |
| 7:00P | Spanish EM's Meeting | JP7 |
| **Friday, June 27, 2014** | | |
| 6:30 P | Adoration and Confessions | Chu |
| 7:00 P | Indian Prayer Group | JP6 |
| **Saturday, June 28, 2014** | | |
| 8:30 A | Lay Dominicans | JP5 |
| 9:00 A | AA Language of the Heart | JP4 |

**ALL WEEK—Monday-Friday (Parish Hall) Vacation Bible Retreat 8:30am-12noon**

~Altar Flower Donation~
Remember a special day or person-$145 Per Week
Call the Development Office for info. 551-4973, x202

Call the parish office at 551-4973 to find out about online offertory gifts

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

**Perteneciente al**
**OBISPO CATÓLICO ROMANO**
**DE STOCKTON**
**Una corporación unipersonal**
**Caso No. 14-20371-C-11**

USTED PUEDE TENER UNA QUEJA CONTRA EL OBISPO CATÓLICO ROMANO DE STOCKTON, también conocido como LA DIÓCESIS DE STOCKTON

El 15 de Enero del 2014, el Obispo Católico Romano de Stockton (el "Deudor"), aplicó para protección bajo el capítulo 11 del título 11 del Código de los Estados Unidos, en Corte de Bancarrota de los Estados Unidos, para el Distrito Este de California.

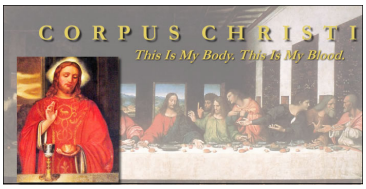
EL ULTIMO DÍA PARA PRESENTAR UNA QUEJA DE ABUSO SEXUAL CONTRA EL DEUDOR ES AGOSTO 15 DE 2014 A LAS 4:00 PM, TIEMPO DEL PACÍFICO.

SI USTED FUE ABUSADO POR UN MIEMBRO DEL CLERO O CUALQUIER OTRA PERSONA CONECTADA CON EL OBISPO CATÓLICO ROMANO DE STOCKTON también conocido como LA DIÓCESIS DE STOCKTON, DEBE PRESENTAR LOS CARGOS A MÁS TARDAR EN AGOSTO 15 DE 2014 A LAS 4:00 PM, TIEMPO DEL PACÍFICO.

Para más información, incluyendo una lista completa de parroquias y escuelas dentro del territorio geográfico del Obispo Católico Romano de Stockton, o para obtener una prueba de cargos presentados y documentos asociados, por favor (1) visite la página de Internet del Deudor en www.stocktondiocese.org; (2) visite la página de Internet designada del Agente de Quejas del Deudor en www.kccllc.net/stocktondiocese; (3) llame al Agente de Quejas del Deudor al (310) 751-1492; (4) llame al concejo del Comité Oficial de Acreedores No Asegurados nombrado para este caso, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, al (888) 570-6217.

# Boletín Parroquial en Español!

## DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre MarkWagner




Queridos parroquianos,

Hoy es Corpus Christi, la gran celebración de nuestra unión con Cristo. No sólo quería Dios estar CON nosotros, Emmanuel, nacido en Belén, también quería estar DENTRO de nosotros, dándonos su Cuerpo y su Sangre en la última cena en el aposento antes de morir.

La semana pasada en nuestra peregrinación parroquial a la Tierra Santa pudimos visitar y celebrar la Santa Misa en estos santos lugares donde Jesús logró la maravillosa labor de salvarnos, uniéndose él a nosotros y formándonos en un solo cuerpo en sí mismo en la iglesia. Aquí en St. Joseph's perpetuamente disfrutamos de los frutos de esta gran obra que es el don de la Eucaristía.

Fr Mark

**Parking Lot Work this Summer**

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**SPANISH MOM'S (MARY OUR MOTHER) GROUP FORMING**

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Informational Meeting::

Wednesday, June 25
6:30pm - Saint JP2 Building, All Saints Room

ROSARIO A LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

El 12 de cada mes a las 7pm se reza el **Rosario en español** en la iglesia en honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe.

# Nuestro Santo Padre en Tierra Santa

**CELEBRACIÓN ECUMÉNICA DEL 50 ANIVERSARIO DEL ENCUENTRO EN JERUSALÉN ENTRE EL PAPA PABLO VI Y EL PATRIARCA ATENÁGORAS**

*Basílica del Santo Sepulcro, Jerusalén*

*Domingo 25 de mayo de 2014*

*Santidad, queridos hermanos Obispos, queridos hermanos y hermanas:*

En esta Basílica, a la que todo cristiano mira con profunda veneración, llega a su culmen la peregrinación que estoy realizando junto con mi amado hermano en Cristo, Su Santidad Bartolomé. Peregrinamos siguiendo las huellas de nuestros predecesores, el Papa Pablo VI y el Patriarca Atenágoras, que, con audacia y docilidad al Espíritu Santo, hicieron posible, hace cincuenta años, en la Ciudad santa de Jerusalén, el encuentro histórico entre el Obispo de Roma y el Patriarca de Constantinopla. Saludo cordialmente a todos los presentes. De modo particular, agradezco vivamente a Su Beatitud Teófilo, que ha tenido a bien dirigirnos unas amables palabras de bienvenida, así como a Su Beatitud Nourhan Manoogian y al Reverendo Padre Pierbattista Pizzaballa, que hayan hecho posible este momento.

Es una gracia extraordinaria estar aquí reunidos en oración. El Sepulcro vacío, ese sepulcro nuevo situado en un jardín, donde José de Arimatea colocó devotamente el cuerpo de Jesús, es el lugar de donde salió el anuncio de la resurrección: "No tengan miedo, ya sé que buscan a Jesús el crucificado. No está aquí: ha resucitado, como había dicho. Vengan a ver el sitio donde yacía y vayan aprisa a decir a sus discípulos: 'Ha resucitado de entre los muertos'" (*Mt* 28,5-7). Este anuncio, confirmado por el testimonio de aquellos a quienes se apareció el Señor Resucitado, es el corazón del mensaje cristiano, trasmitido fielmente de generación en generación, como afirma desde el principio el apóstol Pablo: "Lo primero que les transmití, tal como lo había recibido, fue esto: que Cristo murió por nuestros pecados, según las Escrituras, que fue sepultado y que resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras" (1 *Co* 15,3-4). Lo que nos une es el fundamento de la fe, gracias a la cual profesamos juntos que Jesucristo, unigénito Hijo del Padre y nuestro único Señor, "padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato, fue crucificado muerto y sepultado, descendió a los infiernos, al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos" (*Símbolo de los Apóstoles*). Cada uno de nosotros, todo bautizado en Cristo, ha resucitado espiritualmente en este sepulcro, porque todos en el Bautismo hemos sido realmente incorporados al Primogénito de toda la creación, sepultados con Él, para resucitar con Él y poder caminar en una vida nueva (*Rm* 6,4).

Acojamos la gracia especial de este momento. Detengámonos con devoto recogimiento ante el sepulcro vacío, para redescubrir la grandeza de nuestra vocación cristiana: somos hombres y mujeres de resurrección, no de muerte. Aprendamos, en este lugar, a vivir nuestra vida, los afanes de la Iglesia y del mundo entero a la luz de la mañana de Pascua. El Buen Pastor, cargando sobre sus hombros todas las heridas, sufrimientos, dolores, se ofreció a sí mismo y con su sacrificio nos ha abierto las puertas a la vida eterna. A través de sus llagas abiertas se derrama en el mundo el torrente de su misericordia. No nos dejemos robar el fundamento de nuestra esperanza, que es precisamente éste: *Christós anesti*. No privemos al mundo del gozoso anuncio de la Resurrección. Y no hagamos oídos sordos al fuerte llamamiento a la unidad que resuena precisamente en este lugar, en las palabras de Aquel que, resucitado, nos llama a todos nosotros "mis hermanos" (*Mt* 28,10; *Jn* 20,17).

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## Graciela Del Rio

Every Monday of this PSR year Graciela Del Rio came eagerly to greet her eager Grade 3 First Holy Communion students. She relates to them well because she too went though our PSR Program . Graciela was in my Confirmation class and made her First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2008.

Graciela says that she really wanted to continue to deepen her faith and not fall away as she has seen happen to others. She felt the best way to deepen was to plunge in and serve as a catechist. She came to the parish over the summer to be trained and began planning lessons with her co teacher Jillian Gil.

Graciela always comes well prepared and shows gentle concern for each student often running out to speak with their parents in the parking lot.

She is a wonderful model of stewardship for her brother Juan who in First Year Confirmation and serves as an aide in a PSR class and to her sister Yahaira who was in Grade 2.

Graciela has been accepted into several Universities and where ever she decides to study will be blessed because she truly lives her faith with gratefulness and generosity wherever she goes.

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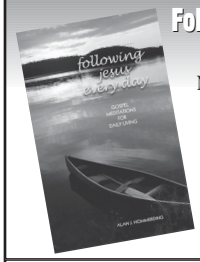
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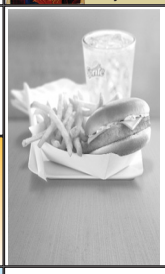
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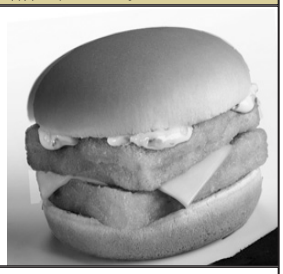

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