

*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

## July 14, 2013 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Holy Eucharist

#### Sunday Mass:

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

#### Daily Mass:

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

#### Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:

Chapel access code available in  
office

#### Children's Services:

*Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)*  
Sunday Mass 10:30am

#### 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. Tony Chacko, Assoc Pastor  
Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital  
Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinero, Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

## From the Pastor's Laptop

In today's Gospel we learn that the first commandment is to love God "with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind..." These words describe the fact that we must really "fall in love" with God. A person who is in love spends all of his or her time occupying the mind with thoughts of the beloved. So the great commandment means that we should love God by filling our minds with more knowledge about God. We should read good Catholic books and watch good catholic videos about God, the church and the saints. But the goal is not just to become more intelligent. The goal is not to feel smarter than other people. The goal is not to understand everything. The goal is to love. The commandment is not "understand with all of your mind." Rather the commandment is "love with all of your mind." We should read and study those things that help us to love God more: things that make us feel blessed by God, attracted to God, grateful to God, and closer to God. Things that make us feel like praying.

But as Pope Francis wrote in his first encyclical "Lumen Fidei," we must put our faith into action by also loving our neighbor. "Precisely because it is linked to love (cf. Gal 5:6), the light of faith is concretely placed at the service of justice, law and peace... it becomes a service to the common good."

*F. Wagner*

## All Night Vigil of Prayer For Priests

Fri. August 2<sup>nd</sup>—Sat. August 3rd

### Friday, August 2nd

5:45pm: Opening Mass for Priests  
in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30pm: Confessions

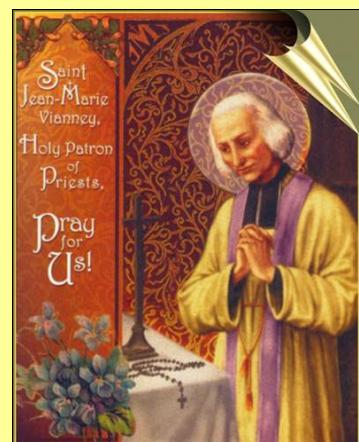
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lowed by Procession of the Blessed Sacra-  
ment and Benediction.

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Immaculate Heart of Mary



## Questions?

To make an appointment with a priest or deacon or to register at St. Joseph's please contact Lulu, Rosario, or Donna in our parish office at 551-4973.

### Parish Office

(**Lulu, Donna, & Rosario**)

Sunday: 10am-3pm.

Monday: 10am-noon and 1-6:30pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

8:30am-noon and 1pm-6:30pm

**Wednesday: 8:30am-11:15am and**

**1pm-6:30pm**

Friday 8:30am-noon

**Weekend Maintenance 568-7558**

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

*Se Habla Español..... Rosario x103*

**Accounting..... Barbara x108**

**Adult Ed & Bible Studies....Michael x203**

**Altar Servers .....Svetlana x200**

**Buildings & Grounds.....Susie x201**

**Child Ed & Sacraments Debbie x205**

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**Volunteering..... Tammy x207**

**Youth Ministry.....Nathan x206**

## Modest Dress in Church

As the hot weather approaches 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 wearing your Sunday best!

# Welcome to St. Joseph's

*We're glad you're here!*

## Parish Life

### Upcoming Events & Activities

#### SENIORS' CLUB

St. Joseph's Seniors are taking a vacation during the month of July & August from their luncheons, instead we are going to Black Oaks on July 17. We will return for our luncheon Sept. 18th. We have still have vacancies on our Sedona Trip Sept. 22-26, 5 days, 4 nights. the cost is \$699. dbl occ. For more info. contact Chris Johnson 522-2694 or 480-2693 Have a wonderful summer. Stay safe & cool. May God bless you.

#### RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Respect Life meetings, every 3rd Sunday of the month in the Vatican Council Room in the John Paul II Building at noon. For more information contact Steven Tubbs at (209) 450-3265 or email at bigdog95351@yahoo.com

#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to achieve sobriety. If you want to stop drinking but don't know how, please join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:45pm in Room 5 of the JPII building. This is a CLOSED meeting, for alcoholics only, and both men and women are welcome. For women only, please join us Saturday mornings at 9am in the Vatican Room in the JPII Center.

#### SUMMER READING CONTEST!

St. Joseph's Parish Library is having a summer reading contest for the month of July (July 1-31). Adults: Pick out a book from our library, read it and write a short review/summary. Your name will be entered into a drawing for a prize worth \$100!!! Review may be published in our parish bulletin. Contest winner will be announced August 11.

Children (13 and under): Read eight books and turn in your reading log, win a prize! Parents read to your small children for 20 minutes a day for 8 days and they will win a prize too! Visit the library to pick up forms and more information.

**Library Hours:**  
**Monday & Tuesday**  
**10:30am-2:30pm**  
**Wednesday 9:30am-11:30am**  
**Thursday 10:30am-2:30pm**  
**&**  
**5-7pm**  
**Friday 10:30am-12:30pm &**  
**1:30-3:30pm**

Released in December 7, 1965, *Gaudium et Spes* (Joy and Hope) is certainly in the “last, but not least” category for Vatican II documents. Called the “Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World,” it is by far the largest in size among the Council’s publications and is second only to *Lumen Gentium* for its use by reference in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (167 times).

Constructed in two major sections, Part I begins with the Church’s “teaching on man, the world he inhabits, and her relationship to him.” Part II discusses “various aspects of life today and human society and in particular deals with those questions and problems which seem to have a greater urgency in our day.”

The underlying theme in Part I is a hard look at mankind in the modern world. Seemingly poised on the zenith of modern human achievement, with great successes in science and technology, man fails to understand how these glorious accomplishments can lead to new forms of slavery and idolatry. Similarly, with all of the abundance produced in the world, yet increasingly greater numbers of people are plagued with hunger, extreme need, and illiteracy.

How can we rightly order our existence in the wake of this? “The Church believes that Christ, who died and was raised for the sake of all, can show man the way and strengthen him through the Spirit in order to be worthy of his destiny: nor is there any other name under heaven given among men by which they can be saved.”

The document moves forward with a look at salvation history, and how man, though made in the image and likeness of God, “abused his freedom at the very start of history.” Man’s dignity, with body and soul, intellect, moral conscience and freedom, requires that he “turn himself towards what is good.” God alone calls man to seek answers for the problems of life and death, guilt and suffering, and offers answers that truly satisfy.

The answer, of course, is the new Adam, Christ, who “fully reveals man to himself and brings to light his most high calling.” Through the Incarnation, “the Son of God has in a certain way united himself with each man. “ All men are called to one and the same destiny, “which is divine.”

Mankind by his very nature “stands completely in need of life in society” and is “greatly helped by life in society.” In our participation in groups, we look at everyone else as another self, who may have need for our aid. We must keep in mind the common good, respect for neighbor, and Christ’s call for love of even our enemies. The Church offers to everyone the mystery of God, three divine Persons in one divine Nature, and in so doing, “opens up to him the meaning of his own existence.”

### CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR 2013-2014 YEAR

The main reasons people say that they can’t be a catechist is: I am too intimidated, I can’t teach children about the faith, I don’t know enough!

And to that we say: Great! You can learn about the Catholic faith, too! God might be calling you, especially during this Year of Faith to take a leap of faith and become a catechist! It is in giving that we receive, so come receive the joy of children learning about the love God has for them. Call Debbie Greco at 551-4973 ext 205 or email her at [dgreco@stjmod.com](mailto:dgreco@stjmod.com). At least pray about it!

### 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.

# Youth Ministry

## Contact Us!



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**Katie Steffanic**  
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**San Diego: Youth Conference**  
**July 26-28**  
For those of who have



turned in permission slips, remember to turn your payments into the parish office or youth office. You will be receiving a packet in the mail with a checklist of what to bring and a schedule for the weekend. A follow-up phone call may be made if paperwork is still needed for a teen.

**Reminder:** The parent/student mandatory information meeting will be held this Wednesday evening, July 10, at 7pm in the John Paul II center in room 6.



## -Summer Events-

Be sure to read the bulletin and be up to date on youth events happening over the summer!



- **Mass and Breakfast** continues over the summer every Tuesday. There has been a great turnout so far! You don't want to miss out. Join us for 8am Mass, then visit the youth room and enjoy breakfast, games and fellowship. Join us for lunch, as well, and stay for the summer sessions, a roundtable discussion of hot topics of the faith such as living out our Catholic faith, same-sex marriage and



modesty.



**Save the Date:  
Aptos High School Retreat  
November 8-10**

It might seem too early to think about, but this retreat will be here before you know it! Permission slips are available in the youth office and parish office. The cost is \$100 for a weekend at the beach while growing and learning more about our faith, attending Mass, confession, adoration and a lot of fun!

## Summer XLT!!!

Join us over the summer in the church for a night of music, prayer and worship. All are welcome! The next night will be held this Thursday, July 11, beginning at 7pm.

# Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza Refreshments are served today by our Plaza Refreshment Volunteers. Please thank them for their service.

## Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Our Parish Bookstore is open most weekends after Masses, and some occasional holidays. Get to know other members of our parish by joining this dynamo volunteer team.

- Have retail store experience? *Wonderful!*
- Need retail store experience? *Wonderful!*
- Love talking to people and being indoors in this hot weather? *Wonderful!*
- Do you just want to help with stocking the store during the week? *Wonderful!*

At right, some of our wonderful bookstore volunteers



Our parish bookstore is *wonderful*, but needs *wonderful* you to help staff it. Call Bertha at 551-4973, ext. 202 to see how easy it is to be *wonderful*.

How many days until our  
43rd Annual Parish Festival?

54!

## Profiles in Stewardship

by Tammy Menezes



Sue Dufour

**Sue Dufour** is the type of individual whom others in our city would look at and think, “She must be a parishioner at St. Joseph’s!”. Sue personifies what being a Steward of God’s many graces is all about. People in our city and parish communities know they can count on her to be the type of friend and Catholic we all strive to be. She is solid, faithful, joyful.....she is a St. Joseph’s parishioner. Blessed by a long marriage, two children and one grandchild, Sue has embraced her life’s journey. Sue’s volunteerism in our greater community is equaled by her service to our parish community. Currently she serves on the leadership team in our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry, is a supporter of our Sister Parish Project and is a regularly scheduled parish library staff volunteer. Her cheerful countenance and attention to detail help our library and St. Vincent de Paul Ministry run smoothly. Some people spend their whole lives trying to get to retirement so they can enjoy time for themselves. Instead, Sue prays faithfully and serves responsibly. Sue, you are an inspiration and a joy!

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

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
**Accounting Assistant – Full Time  
(8am-4:30pm)**

Position provides accounting and administrative assistance, billing and accounts receivable. Requires strong Excel skills and at least 3 years of computer experience using accounting software. **Send resume to Brian Watkins, Finance Director, is 1106 N. El Dorado St., Stockton, CA 95202 or bwatkins@ccstockton.org.**

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE  
ENCOUNTER**

**MARRIED COUPLES:**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a gift for your spouse. It's a breath of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is, register now! The next weekend dates are August 23-25 in Sacramento and October 25-27 in Modesto. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit: [www.sacramentowwwme.org](http://www.sacramentowwwme.org) or contact John & Angelica Angarita at 521-7973.



**SAINT STANISLAUS  
PRESCHOOL NOW  
ENROLLING**

**2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

Saint Stanislaus Preschool offers a fun, faith-filled environment with developmentally appropriate curriculum. We are now enrolling children ages 2-1/2 to 6 years old (must be potty trained) for our Preschool program and our Pre-Kindergarten program. For more information please call (209)524-3428. Spaces are limited.

**From our Holy Father in Rome**

**ANGELUS**

Sunday, 23 June 2013



Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In this Sunday's Gospel resound some of Jesus' most incisive words: "Whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it" (Lk 9:24). This is a synthesis of Christ's message, and it is expressed very effectively in a paradox, which shows us his way of speaking, almost lets us hear his voice.... But what does it mean "to lose one's life for the sake of Jesus"? This can happen in two ways: explicitly by confessing the faith, or implicitly by defending the truth. Martyrs are the greatest example of losing one's life for Christ. In 2,000 years, a vast host of men and women have sacrificed their lives to remain faithful to Jesus Christ and his Gospel. And today, in many parts of the world, there are many, many —



more than in the first centuries — so many martyrs, who give up their lives for Christ, who are brought to death because they do not deny Jesus Christ. This is our Church. Today we have more martyrs than in the first centuries! However, there is also daily martyrdom, which may not entail death but is still a "loss of life" for Christ, by doing one's duty with love, according to the logic of Jesus, the logic of gift, of sacrifice. Let us think: how many dads and moms every day put their faith into practice by offering up their own lives in a concrete way for the good of the family! Think about this! How many priests, brothers and sisters carry out their service generously for the Kingdom of God! How many young people renounce their own interests in order to dedicate themselves to children, the disabled, the elderly.... They are martyrs too! Daily martyrs, martyrs of everyday life! And then there are many people, Christians and non-Christians alike, who "lose their lives" for truth. And Christ said "I am the truth", therefore whoever serves the truth serves Christ. One of those who gave his life for the truth is John the Baptist: tomorrow, 24 June, is his great feast, the Solemnity of his birth. John was chosen by God to prepare the way for Jesus, and he revealed him to the people of Israel as the Messiah, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (cf. Jn 1:29). John consecrated himself entirely to God and to his envoy, Jesus. But, in the end, what happened? He died for the sake of the truth, when he denounced the adultery of King Herod and Herodias. How many people pay dearly for their commitment to truth! Upright people who are not afraid to go against the current! How many just men prefer to go against the current, so as not to deny the voice of conscience, the voice of truth! And we, we must not be afraid! Among you are many young people. To you young people I say: Do not be afraid to go against the current, when they want to rob us of hope, when they propose rotten values, values like food gone bad — and when food has gone bad, it harms us; these values harm us. We must go against the current! And you young people, are the first: Go against the tide and have the daring to move precisely against the current. Forward, be brave and go against the tide! And be proud of doing so. Dear friends, let us welcome Jesus's words with joy. They are a rule of life proposed to everyone. And may St John the Baptist help us put that rule into practice. On this path, as always, our Mother, Mary Most Holy, precedes us: she lost her life for Jesus, at the Cross, and received it in fullness, with all the light and the beauty of the Resurrection. May Mary help us to make ever more our own the logic of the Gospel.

# Sacraments

## Our Mass Intentions

**Sunday, July 14 (Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

7:30a	Rozann Platt	1:30p	Angelica Sanchez and Juan Andres
9:00a	Albert Mendonca	5:30p	Alicia Pena
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Andrew Santana
12:00p	Tony & Alezira Mendes		
<b>Monday, July 15</b>			
8:00a	Teddy Brown and Milan Lacuna	5:45p	Peter Zaborski and Maria Caridad Aplacado
<b>Tuesday, July 16</b>			
8:00a	Robert Isaia and Donald Smith	5:45p	Ramir Rivera
<b>Wednesday, July 17</b>			
8:00a	Kurtis Kraft and Bill Krause	5:45p	Joe Mendes and Pedro Dela Calzada
<b>Thursday, July 18</b>			
8:00a	Cario De Guzman and Paul Partyka	5:45p	Mary Warmuth
<b>Friday, July 19</b>			
8:00a	Gail Friedrich and Mary Rocha	5:45p	Leonardo & Hermana Elefante and Amado Cornejo, Jr.
<b>Saturday, July 20</b>			
8:00a	Jesus Hernandez and Yosimar Mosqueda	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
<b>Sunday, July 21 (Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>			
7:30a	Manuel & Alberta Ramirez and Rusty Boyle	1:30p	Tony Espinoza and Ricardo Munoz
9:00a	Neil Phillips, Jr.	3:30p	Filipino Mass
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Lillian Tacheira
12:00p	John & Filomena Mendes	7:30p	Martha Gonzales

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adorers needed and welcome! Try a Holy Hour with Jesus once a week! Please contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up an hours. You will receive many blessings from Our Lord!



### Readings 7/15–7/21

Monday:

**Ex. 1:8-14, 22; Mt. 10:34-11:1**

Tuesday:

Ex. 2:1-15; Mt. 11:20-24

Wednesday:

Ex. 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt. 11:25-27

Thursday:

Ex. 3:13-20; Mt. 11:28-30

Friday:

**12pm Latin Mass:**

Saturday:

**Ex. 12:37-42; Mt. 12:14-21**

Sunday:

G. 11:8:1-10; Col. 1:24-28; Lk. 10:38-42

### Latin Mass

1 Cor. 10:6-13; Lk. 19:41-47

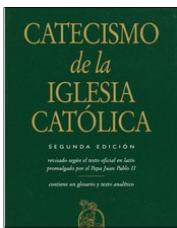
## This Week

<b>Sunday, July 14, 2013</b>		
<b>Monday, July 15, 2013</b>		
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer (English)	JP10
7:00P	Rediscovering the Catechism	Hall
<b>Tuesday, July 16, 2013</b>		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	Hall
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer - Spanish	JP7
<b>Wednesday, July 17, 2013</b>		
1:30 P	Widows and Widowers Bible Study	JP5
5:45P	Principle Study Group	JP5
5:45P	Path to Serenity - ALANON	JP10
5:45P	"Courage To Be Me" Alateen Group	JP8
6:45P	On the Go Adults	JP4
7:00P	Baptism Class-- Spanish	JP6
<b>Thursday, July 18, 2013</b>		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	Hall
12:00P	Carmel Study Group	JP4
6:30P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30P	Compartiendo las Escrituras	JP4
<b>Friday, July 19, 2013</b>		
7:00A	Indian Prayer Group - Novena	JP6
7:00A	Indian Prayer Group in Hall	Hall
<b>Saturday, July 20, 2013</b>		
9:00A	AA Language of the Heart	JP4
10:00A	Baptism Class-English	JP10
12:00P	Seniors' Board Meeting	JP5
<b>Sunday, July 21, 2013</b>		
10:00A	Respect Life	JP4
12:00P	CFC-Kids Prayer Study Program	JP8
2:00P	Filipino Mass Fellowship	Hall
3:00P	Filipino Fellowship	JP6
3:30P	Filipino Mass	Chur

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

## Catecismo para Adultos

Las clases en español para Primera Comunión y Confirmación para adultos comienzan el viernes, 9 de agosto de 7-8:30pm.



Para inscribirse llamar a Rosario en la oficina al 551-4973. Favor de traer el certificado de Bautismo.

## - Eventos de Verano -

**Estudiante de high school:  
acompañanos a misa los martes a  
las 8am y después visita el centro  
juvenil y disfruta de un  
desayuno, juegos, y**

**Aparta el Día:  
Retiro Espiritual para  
Estudiantes de High School,  
Noviembre 9-11**



¡Teparecerá muy temprano para pensar en esto, pero la fecha llegará muy pronto! Las formas para inscribirse están en la oficina. El costo es de \$100 por un fin de semana disfrutando del compañerismo, la Misa, adoración, y grandes presentaciones que nos retaran a

## Vestimenta Modesta para la Iglesia

Al aproximarse el clima caluroso les queremos recordar a todos la importancia de vestirse apropiadamente en la casa de Dios. Por favor evite los vestidos cortos o "shorts", camisas de tirantitos o sin mangas y cualquier otra vestimenta inmodesta que no cubra los hombros, la espalda y el escote. Pedimos que los hombres eviten los "shorts" y las playeras sin mangas. ¡Gracias por vestirse con su mejor atuendo

## ¡Boletín Parroquial en Español!

Querida Familia Parroquial,

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús manda a setenta y dos discípulos antes de él hacia los pueblos que tenía pensado visitar. Los manda en pares “como ovejas en medio de lobos.” El dijo claramente que algunos pueblos los recibirían en paz pero que otros los rechazarían. Jesús se refiere a la historia de Sodoma en el Antiguo Testamento, la cual fue destruida violentamente porque rechazó a aquellos que se oponían a los actos homosexuales. (Génesis 18, 19)

Escuchamos en las noticias mas a menudo en nuestro país, el rechazo contra aquellos que se oponen al matrimonio entre personas del mismo sexo.

Nosotros que somos los hijos del Reino de Dios debemos de vivir en un clima de rechazo. Nos sentimos como ovejas en medio de los lobos que se oponen a las enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre el matrimonio entre un hombre y una mujer. De todas maneras, Jesús nos manda a que vayamos afuera. El mandó a los discípulos en pares para que no estuviesen solos. Nosotros debemos de unirnos y apoyarnos los unos a los otros mientras que vamos al mundo a proclamar sin miedo las verdades del Reino de Dios. Recemos por aquellos Cristianos que son perseguidos en todo el mundo y para que nuestro pueblo y país nos deje vivir en paz con nuestras creencias.

Sinceramente,

F. Marko

### All Night Vigil of Prayer For Priests

**Fri. August 2<sup>nd</sup>—Sat. August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Come and spend a Holy Hour at St. Joseph's**

**Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**5:45pm: Opening Mass for Priests  
in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**6:30pm: Confessions**

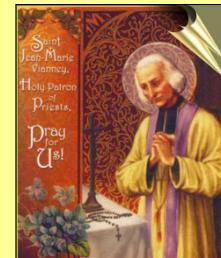
**Prayer groups from St. Joseph's will lead  
each of the holy hours, beginning with:**

**6:45-7:45pm: Children's Adoration/ led by  
MI Villages**

**Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:00-8:00am: Closing talk/reflection followed  
by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.**

**8:00am: Closing Mass in Honor of the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary**



## ADORACION al SANTISIMO

Haga su oración frente al Santísimo Sacramento e inscríbase para pasar una hora por semana con Jesús Sacramentado! Necesitamos ayuda para cubrir algunas horas. Favor de llamar a David y Monica Wood al 5274920.

# Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma...

ÁNGELUS

Domingo 23 de junio de 2013

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, ¡buenos días!

En el Evangelio de este domingo resuena una de las palabras más incisivas de Jesús: «El que quiera salvar su vida la perderá; pero el que pierda su vida por mi causa la salvará» (*Lc 9, 24*). Hay aquí una síntesis del mensaje de Cristo, y está expresado con una paradoja muy eficaz, que nos permite conocer su modo de hablar, casi nos hace percibir su voz... Pero, ¿qué significa «perder la vida a causa de Jesús»? Esto puede realizarse de dos modos: explícitamente confesando la fe o implícitamente defendiendo la verdad. Los mártires son el máximo ejemplo del perder la vida por Cristo. En dos mil años son una multitud inmensa los hombres y las mujeres que sacrificaron la vida por permanecer fieles a Jesucristo y a su Evangelio. Y hoy, en muchas partes del mundo, hay muchos, muchos, muchos mártires —más que en los primeros siglos—, que dan la propia vida por Cristo y son conducidos a la muerte por no negar a Jesucristo. Esta es nuestra Iglesia. Hoy tenemos más mártires que en los primeros siglos.

Pero está también el martirio cotidiano, que no comporta la muerte pero que también es un «perder la vida» por Cristo, realizando el propio deber con amor, según la lógica de Jesús, la lógica del don, del sacrificio. Pensemos: cuántos padres y madres, cada día, ponen en práctica su fe ofreciendo concretamente la propia vida por el bien de la familia. Pensemos en ellos. Cuántos sacerdotes, religiosos, religiosas desempeñan con generosidad su servicio por el Reino de Dios. Cuántos jóvenes renuncian a los propios intereses para dedicarse a los niños, a los discapacitados, a los ancianos... También ellos son mártires. Mártires cotidianos, mártires de la cotidianidad.

Y luego existen muchas personas, cristianos y no cristianos, que « pierden la propia vida» por la verdad. Cristo dijo «yo soy la verdad», por lo tanto quien sirve a la verdad sirve a Cristo. Una de estas personas, que dio la vida por la verdad, es Juan el Bautista: precisamente mañana, 24 de junio, es su fiesta grande, la solemnidad de su nacimiento. Juan fue elegido por Dios para preparar el camino a Jesús, y lo indicó al pueblo de Israel como el Mesías, el Cordero de Dios que quita el pecado del mundo (*Jn 1, 29*). Juan se consagró totalmente a Dios y a su enviado, Jesús. Pero, al final, ¿qué sucedió? Murió por causa de la verdad, cuando denunció el adulterio del rey Herodes y Herodías. ¡Cuántas personas pagan a caro precio el compromiso por la verdad! Cuántos hombres rectos prefieren ir a contracorriente, con tal de no negar la voz de la conciencia, la voz de la verdad. Personas rectas, que no tienen miedo de ir a contracorriente. Y nosotros, no debemos tener miedo. Entre vosotros hay muchos jóvenes. A vosotros jóvenes os digo: No tengáis miedo de ir a contracorriente, cuando nos quieren robar la esperanza, cuando nos proponen estos valores que están pervertidos, valores como el alimento en mal estado, y cuando el alimento está en mal estado, nos hace mal. Estos valores nos hacen mal. ¡ Debemos ir a contracorriente! Y vosotros jóvenes, sois los primeros: Id a contracorriente y tened este orgullo de ir precisamente a contracorriente. ¡Adelante, sed valientes e id a contracorriente! ¡Y estad orgullosos de hacerlo!

Queridos amigos, acojamos con alegría esta palabra de Jesús. Es una norma de vida propuesta a todos. Que san Juan Bautista nos ayude a ponerla por obra. Por este camino nos precede, como siempre, nuestra Madre, María santísima: ella perdió su vida por Jesús, hasta la Cruz, y la recibió en plenitud, con toda la luz y la belleza de la Resurrección. Que María nos ayude a hacer cada vez más nuestra la lógica del Evangelio.



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Por Tammy Menezes



Sue Dufour

Sue DuFour es el tipo de persona quienes los demás al verla piensan, “¡Ella debe de ser feligrés de St. Joseph’s!” Sue personifica lo que es ser un buen corresponsal de las gracias de Dios. La gente de nuestra ciudad y comunidades parroquiales saben que pueden contar con ella por ser la clase de amiga y católica que todos tratamos de llegar a ser. Su fe es sólida y llena de alegría.....es una feligrés de St. Joseph’s. Sue ha sido bendecida en su matrimonio de muchos años con dos hijos y una nieta. Su servicio voluntario en nuestra comunidad de Modesto es semejante a su servicio en nuestra comunidad parroquial. En el presente sirve en el equipo de liderazgo en nuestro ministerio de San Vicente de Paul, apoya el proyecto de nuestra Parroquia Hermana, y cada semana ayuda en nuestra librería parroquial. Su alegre semblante y atención al detalle ayuda a que nuestra librería y el Ministerio de San Vicente de Paul trabajen sin problemas. Alguna gente pasa toda su vida tratando de llegar al día de poder retirarse para poder disfrutar su tiempo libre. Sue ha pasado toda su vida tratando de ser la mejor corresponsal con lo que Dios la ha bendecido. Ella fielmente ora y sirve responsablemente. ¡Sue, eres una gran inspiración y alegría!

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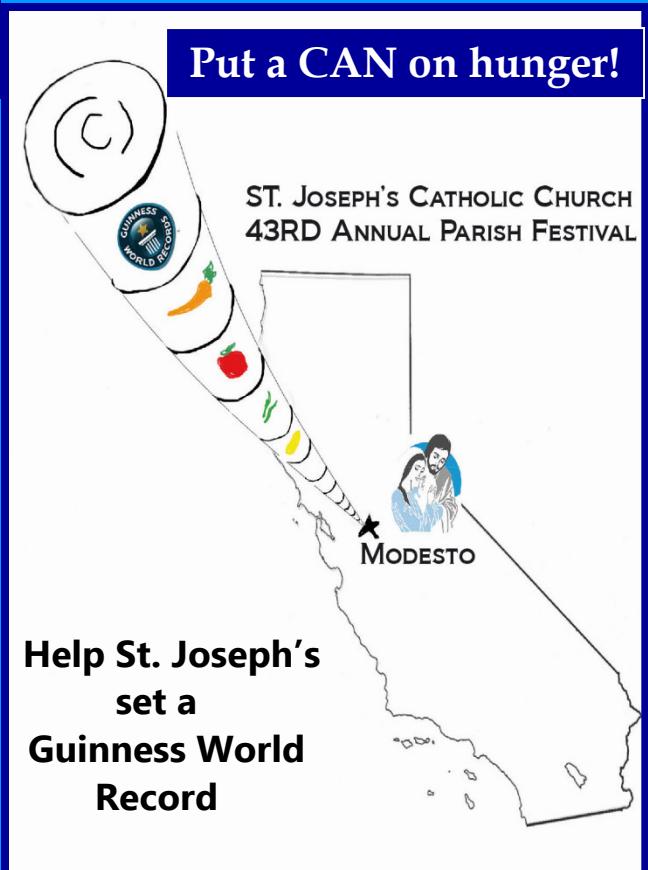
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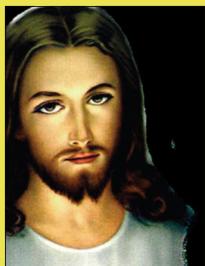
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Registration: \$100 Family  
(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included)

**Fr. Roy Palatty CMI, Sr. Elsis Mathew MSMI and Team  
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**Prayer Line (610) 214-0000, Pass code 902855# (Every Thursday at 9:00pm)**

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