

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

April 21, 2013 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Visit our website:

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Holy Eucharist

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sundays: 7:30am,

9am (Traditional Latin), 10:30am,

Noon, 1:30pm (Español),

5:30pm & 7:30pm

Daily Mass:

8am & 5:45pm; Saturdays 8am

Traditional Latin Mass, Fridays at
Noon

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:

Chapel access code available in office

Children's Services:

Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Sunday Mass 10:30am

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

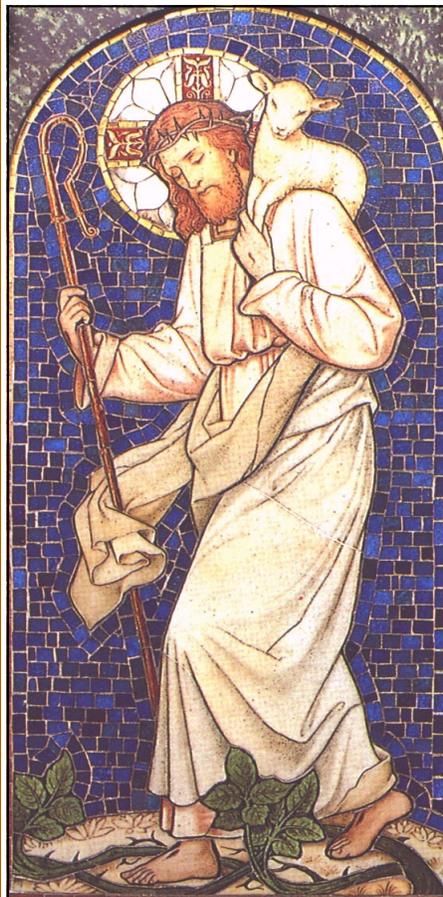
Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinerro, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

The fourth Sunday after Easter is always "Good Shepherd Sunday." Every year we hear one of the passages from chapter ten of John's Gospel in which Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd. This year our Gospel passage is very short. It is the conclusion of Jesus' sermon about the Good Shepherd. He says: *"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."* (John 10: 27-28)

This is the joyful Good News of the Easter season! Jesus knows and loves each one of us. Jesus knows me! He calls me by name! He knows and cares about each one of my desires, my plans, my worries and my fears. He knows everything about



me, even my faults, and still He loves me and lays down His life for me. He is a strong shepherd who can protect me so that I do not perish. This is what is so astonishing: the mighty shepherd becomes a silent lamb led to the slaughter: *"I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again."* (John 10:17) In our second reading today we hear that the all-powerful king on heaven's throne is the gentle lamb who will lead us to eternal life: *"The lamb on the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water."* (Rev. 7:17)

Fr. Mark Wagner

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, 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
 Audio / Video.....Jeremy x213
 Buildings & Grounds.....Susie x201
 Bulletin & Website.....Jeremy x213
 Child Ed & Sacraments.....Debbie x205
 Choirs & Cantors.....Svetlana x200
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If you have been away from the Catholic Church, check out this video and visit www.catholicscomehome.org

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Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities

BUSY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

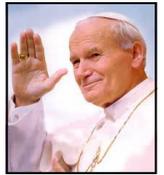
Lessons from the Fisherman and First Pope: A Study of 1 Peter
Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8pm, JP II Room 5



It is not too late to join us. Come this Tuesday. Through study of this first letter, St. Peter will enlighten us to grow and change in positive ways through life's struggles. Contact Donna Roeck, 863-2944, for more information. The Busy Woman's Bible Study welcomes women of all ages who seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ through the study of Sacred Scripture.

JOHN PAUL II LECTURE SERIES — APRIL 28

Everyone is invited to this month's lecture focusing on human fulfillment in Catholic worship. Our speaker this month is Fr. Sam West. The lecture will take place in the John Paul II building, room 7 at 2pm.



ST. JOSEPH'S LIBRARY JUNE BOOK SALE!



We are collecting books for our June book sale: children's books, Catholic theology, spirituality, prayer, bibles, missals and books about saints. Any and all are welcome! Please drop off all donations to the library, located in JP II rm. 10. Thanks for supporting this great ministry!

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 JP II 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 JP II Center.

FAMILY PROMISE MINISTRY

The Family Promise Ministry would like to thank the many volunteers who helped during our hosting week of March 31. We are very grateful for the love shown by all of those who participated. The families were moved by all our volunteers. They expressed such kind words for all of our team.

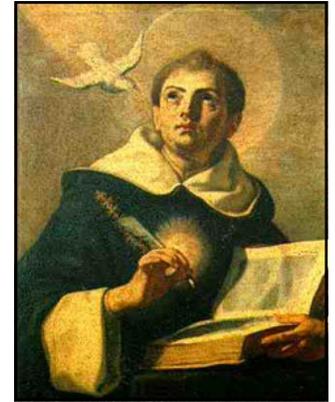
We thank the set-up and take-down teams, those who brought in the meals, those who brought the food items, those who picked up the laundry, those who brought the flowers, the gifts for the children, the evening hosts and the overnight hosts. Thanks to each and every one of you. God Bless you all.

Religious Education

Vatican II Documents... *Gravissimum Educationis*

By Michael Webster, Religious Education

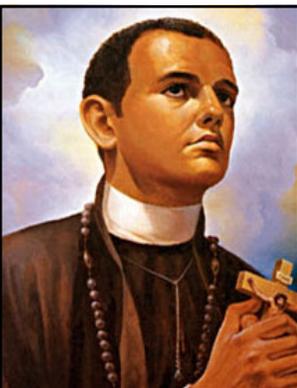
Gravissimum Educationis (GE), written in October of 1965, is a small document of Vatican II and focuses on Christian education. Although it is one of the smaller documents, it does hold some great insights to reflect upon. The document starts off by stating that each person, by virtue of their dignity, has the right to an education and explains the Church's role in education. "The duty of educating belongs to the Church, not merely because she must be recognized as a human society capable of educating, but especially because she has the responsibility of announcing the way of salvation to all men, of communicating the life of Christ to those who believe, and, in her unfailing solicitude, of assisting men to be able to come to the fullness of this life. The Church is bound as a mother to give to these children of hers an education by which their whole life can be imbued with the spirit of Christ and at the same time do all she can to promote for all peoples the complete perfection of the human person, the good of earthly society and the building of a world that is more human," (GE 3).



St. Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of Catholic schools, pray for us.

The primary role of parents to educate their children is something we believe in strongly at St. Joseph's and is stressed by this document. "Since parents have given children their life, they are bound by the most serious obligation to educate their offspring and therefore must be recognized as the primary and principal educator. Parents are the ones who must create a family atmosphere animated by love and respect for God and man, in which the well-rounded personal and social education of children is fostered. Hence the family is the first school of the social virtues that every society needs," (GE 3).

In our Parish School of Religion we only have an hour each week to teach children about God and the Catholic faith, and we only have them for 26 weeks of the year. If parents are not reinforcing what we teach them, then children will never understand their faith. I know that some parents feel that they don't know the faith, so how can they share something they don't know. That is why we offer



St. Martin de Porres, patron saint of public education, pray for us.

our parent classes called "School of Faith," to help parents better understand the faith in order to better teach their children. Also, a great way to learn the faith is by attending the various classes or bible studies we offer throughout the year. The key is to get involved. However, the most important aspect of this education is developing a family prayer life. Pray as a family every night before bed. You don't necessarily need to be educated to pray — just go to God with all your heart, express to Him how you are feeling, what you are grateful for, what you need help with. Don't over complicate it. You can pray a decade of the rosary (one Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, and a Glory Be), read a bible passage each night or play a song to meditate on. Again, don't over complicate things!

Lastly, an emphasis is made in the document for Catholic schools, in particular Catholic universities make sure that, "by careful attention to the current problems of these changing times... the convergence of faith and reason in the one truth be seen more clearly," (GE 10).

PSR Parish School of Religion

PSR Registration June 1-3

Does your child need their First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Save the date for our Parish School of Religion registration weekend. Details such as hours and enrollment cost will be given soon.

PSR students, please bring canned vegetables this month for St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks for your kindness and stewardship!

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

School of Faith Classes

	April		Last		Things
M	T	W	T	F	
1	2	3	4	5	
8	9	10	11	12	
	4pm		4pm		
15	16	17	18	19	
			7pm		
22	23	24	25	26	
	5:15pm	7pm			
29	30				

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 (209)581-8477** to make an appointment.

Contact Us!



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Youth Ministry at

STJ

Did you know?

42 Teens from youth ministry participated in Live Stations this year.

High School Confirmation 2 Students

Important dates:

Mandatory meeting/practice for Confirmation.
Thursday, May 2,
7-8:30pm in the church. Your sponsor or a parent must attend with you.

LifeNight Line-Up

4/21: Destination: Heaven

4/28: What's next?

5/5: LAST LifeNight! What better way to end the year than with a Cinco de Mayo celebration?!

Our parish was blessed to have the National Evangelization Team (NET) #10 help lead our C2 Retreat. 110 teens experienced small groups discussions, Mass, games, skits, confession, talks and team testimonies all focused on the Theme: "Why Catholic?"



-Summer Events-

Mass and Breakfast is back for the summer! Starting Tuesday, June 4, teens are invited to join us every Tuesday over summer for 8 am daily Mass. After Mass the youth room will be open for breakfast and hang out time. This year there will be a new twist! See you there!

San Diego: Youth Conference

15 spots left!

The Steubenville Conference: San Diego trip will be July 26-28, 2013. The cost of the trip \$200.00. Join 5,000 other teens in Adoration, Mass, praise and worship, men's and women's sessions, and confession. Spots are filling already! You do not want to miss out! Completed Permission slips are due no later than June 1!

Center for Lay Apostolates

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

Parish Stewardship—a way of life

Share your love of our parish-
join one of our leadership committees!

Stewardship Committee Openings

Our Stewardship Committee is accepting applications for membership. St. Joseph's Stewardship Committee is an advisory body to the Pastoral Council and Pastor. If selected, the member will be expected to serve a total of three years. Some of the duties of the Stewardship Committee include, but are not limited to: Annual Ministry Tent and Stewardship Renewal process, Parish Movie Nights and developing an awareness of appreciation and stewardship formation for the parish. Please send a letter of interest to tmenezes@stjmod.com or bring it to the parish office. Please include a brief description of yourself and your relationship to the parish, your areas of education and work, why you wish to serve on the Stewardship Committee and one recommendation you could make to improve parish life.

Development Committee Openings

Our Development Committee is accepting applications for membership. St. Joseph's Development Committee is an advisory body to the Pastoral Council and Pastor. If selected the member will be expected to serve a total of 3 years. Some of the duties of the Development Committee include, but are not limited to: Coordinating the Annual "Counting our Blessings Month of Celebrations," Planned Giving initiatives and focusing on a vision statement of: "As the St. Joseph's campus and her number of parishioners grow we will seek to find the human and financial resources necessary to provide for this growth, according to God's will." Current members include those in the legal, business, insurance, and real estate communities and other parishioners who love their parish. Please send a letter of interest to the Development Office at tmenezes@stjmod.com or bring to the parish office. Please include a brief description of yourself and your relationship to the parish, your areas of education and work, why you wish to serve on the Development Committee and one recommendation you could make to improve parish life.

Questions for either Committee, please call 551-4973, ext. 207

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

Profiles in Stewardship

Gerianne Jones by Debbie Greco



Gerianne Jones enjoying the sun

We read in Luke 18:16, "But Jesus called them [unto him], and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Gerianne Jones has been bringing children to Jesus for many years as a PSR catechist.

For the past several years Gerianne has taught grade 3-4 students who are in their first year of formation. Along with her wonderful aide, Nga, Geri teaches her students to pray, brings them to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and helps them understand and love the Catholic faith. She creatively uses many hands-on activities to share the faith. She has the gift of patience and a wonderful way of very gently calming down wriggly 10 year old little ones.

In addition to serving as a catechist, Gerianne works as a fulltime teacher in the public school system with special needs children.

She enjoys travelling with her husband, Robert, and spending time with her daughters, Rachelle and Stephanie.

St Augustine said "Every generation must stand on the shoulders of the previous generation and reach higher." Gerianne's shoulders are enabling our children to see and reach the Kingdom of God. Our parish is very blessed by her generous stewardship.

In the Diocese

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month



Ten Ways to Help Prevent Child Abuse

- ◆ Be a nurturing parent. Children need to know that they are special, loved and capable of following their dreams.
- ◆ Help a friend, neighbor or relative. Being a parent isn't easy. Offer a helping hand to take care of the children, so the parent(s) can rest or spend time together.
- ◆ Help yourself. When the big and little problems of your everyday life pile up to the point you feel overwhelmed and out of control – take time out. Don't take it out on your child.
- ◆ If your baby cries... It can be frustrating to hear your baby cry. Learn what to do if your baby won't stop crying. Never shake a baby – shaking a child may result in severe injury or death.
- ◆ Get involved. Ask your community leaders, clergy, library and schools to develop services to meet the needs of healthy children and families.
- ◆ Help to develop parenting resources at your local library.
- ◆ Promote programs in school. Teaching children, parents and teachers prevention strategies can help to keep children safe.
- ◆ Monitor your child's television and video viewing. Watching violent films and TV programs can harm young children.
- ◆ Volunteer at a local child abuse prevention program. For information about volunteer opportunities, call 1.800.CHILDREN.
- ◆ Report suspected abuse or neglect. If you have reason to believe a child has been or may be harmed, call your local department of children and family services or your local police department.

From our Holy Father in Rome

REGINA CAELI — Easter Monday, 1st April 2013



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Good Morning and a Happy Easter to you all! I thank you for coming here today too in such large numbers, to share in the joy of Easter, the central mystery of our faith. May the power of Christ's Resurrection reach every person — especially those who are suffering — and all the situations most in need of trust and hope.

Christ has fully triumphed over evil once and for all, but it is up to us, to the people of every epoch, to welcome this victory into our life and into the actual situations of history and society. For this reason it seems to me important to emphasize what we ask God today in the liturgy. "O God, who give constant increase/to your Church by new offspring,/grant that your servants may hold fast in their lives/to the Sacrament they have received in

faith" (Collect, Monday within the Octave of Easter).



It is true, yes, Baptism that makes us children of God and the Eucharist that unites us to Christ must become life, that is, they must be expressed in attitudes, behavior, gestures and decisions. The grace contained in the Sacraments of Easter is an enormous potential for the renewal of our

personal existence, of family life, of social relations. However everything passes through the human heart: if I let myself be touched by the grace of the Risen Christ, if I let him change me in that aspect of mine which is not good, which can hurt me and others, I allow the victory of Christ to be affirmed in my life, to broaden its beneficial action. This is the power of grace! Without grace we can do nothing! And with the grace of Baptism and of Eucharistic Communion I can become an instrument of God's mercy, of that beautiful mercy of God.

To express in life the sacrament we have received: dear brothers and sisters, this is our daily duty, but I would also say our daily joy! The joy of feeling we are instruments of Christ's grace, like branches of the vine that is Christ himself, brought to life by the sap of his Spirit!

Let us pray together, in the name of the dead and Risen Lord and through the intercession of Mary Most Holy, that the Paschal Mystery may work profoundly within us and in our time so that hatred may give way to love, falsehood to truth, revenge to forgiveness, and sadness to joy.



Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

This Week

Sunday, April 21 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

7:30a	Kay Baggett	1:30p	Guillermo Padilla and Roberto Madrigal
9:00a	Maria Vieira	3:30p	Gregoria Dioso and Irene Bumidang
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Matthew Bixler
12:00p	Paul Urmeneta	7:30p	Maria Caridad Fuentes

Monday, April 22

8:00a	George Bringas and Jose & Jesuina Bairos	5:45p	Jose Acorda and Catherine Aliola
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Tuesday, April 23

8:00a	Verdie Williams and Catherine Dickson	5:45p	Priscilla West and Alicia Pena
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Wednesday, April 24

8:00a	Florence M. Rozelle and Kurtis Kraft	5:45p	Carmen Foster and Mary Wormuth
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Thursday, April 25

8:00a	Gary Sholer and Susan Karabinis	5:45p	John & Filomena Mendes and Nick Alves
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Friday, April 26

8:00a	Doris Yago and Joseph Cusenza	5:45p	George Griffin and Mary Wormuth
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Saturday, April 27

8:00a	Carmen Espinoza	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
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Sunday, April 28 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

7:30a	Jack Bulmer	1:30p	Antonio Alvarez and Jose Mercado
9:00a	Albert Mendonca	5:30p	Jim Trevillyan
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Wilma Lee
12:00p	Elizabeth Lopez		

Sunday, April 21, 2013		
10:00A	Respect Life	JP4
	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	JP6
10:30A		
12:00P	CFC-Kids Prayer Study Program	JP8
2:00P	Filipino Mass Fellowship	Hall
3:30P	Filipino Mass	Chur

Monday, April 22, 2013		
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer (English)	JP10

Tuesday, April 23, 2013		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	Hall
10:30A	Light Weigh	JP8
6:00P	ESL Classes - Intermediates	JP4
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:30P	Stewardship Committee	JP4
6:30P	ESL Classes - Beginners	JP10
6:30P	Busy Women's Bible Study	JP5
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer - Spanish	JP6

Wednesday, April 24, 2013		
7:30A	Light Weigh One King	JP10
1:30P	Widows & Widowers Bible Study	JP5
5:45P	Priciple Study Group	JP5
5:45P	Path to Serenity - ALANON	JP10
5:45P	"Courage To Be Me" Alateen Grp	JP8
6:30P	M.I. Joint Village Leadership Mtg.	JP4

Thursday, April 25, 2013		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	Hall
12:00P	Carmel Study Group	JP4
12:00P	Lunch Bible Study	JP5
6:30P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30P	Compartiendo las Escrituras	JP4

Friday, April 19, 2013		
12:00P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap

Saturday, April 27, 2013		
9:00A	AA Language of the Heart	JP4
10:00A	Baptism Class- Spanish	JP10

Sunday, April 28, 2013		
10:30A	CLOW	JP6
2:00P	JPII Lectures	JP7

Remember a special day or person
-Altar Flower Donation-
Call the Development Office for info. 551-4973, x207

Pay your bills online?
Call the parish office at 551-4973 to find out about online offertory gifts, instead of writing checks.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adorers welcome! Try a Holy Hour with Jesus once a week! Please contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up an hour.



Readings 04/22-04/28

Monday:
Acts 11:1-18; Jn. 10:1-10

Tuesday:
Acts 11:19-26; Jn. 10:22-30

Wednesday:
Acts 12:24-13-13:5; Jn. 12:44-50

Thursday:
1 Pt. 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Friday:
Acts 13:26-33; Jn. 14:1-6
12pm Latin Mass:
II Tim. 4:1-8; Mt. 5:13-19

Saturday:
Acts 13:44-52; Jn. 14:7-14

Sunday:
Acts 14:21-27; Rv. 21:1-5a; Jn. 13:31-33a, 34-35
Latin Mass

Jas. 1:17-21; Jn. 16:5-14

Bienvenido a St. Joseph's

Pase una Hora Santa con Jesús en la Capilla de Adoración al Santísimo. Llame a David & Mónica al 527-4920.



ESCUELA DE FE

	Abril		Ultima	Cosas
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9 5:15pm	10	11	12
15	16	17 4, 7pm	18	19
22 4pm	23	24	25 7pm	26
29	30			

Encuentro de Parejas

La Renovación Carismática de la Diócesis de Stockton les invita al Encuentro de Parejas. Del 27 al 28 de Abril del 2013 de las 8:00am - 6:00pm. Se llevará acabo en el Centro Comunitario de la Iglesia San Estanilao, 1416 Maze Blvd. Modesto. Entrada gratis. Estarán con nosotros Lucia y Ricardo Luzondo.

VENTA DE LIBROS

Necesitamos sus libros usados para nuestra venta de libros el domingo, en junio. Por favor deje su donación en la librería o la oficina parroquial. ¡Muchas gracia!



¡Boletín Parroquial en Español!

DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Mark Wagner

El cuarto domingo de Pascua es siempre el “Domingo del Buen Pastor”. Cada año escuchamos uno de los pasajes del capitulo diez del evangelio de Juan en el que Jesús se describe a sí mismo como el Buen Pastor. Este año nuestro pasaje del Evangelio es bien corto. Es la conclusión del sermón de Jesús sobre el Buen Pastor. El dice: *“Mis ovejas escuchan mi voz; yo las conozco y ellas me siguen. Les doy vida eterna y ellas nunca perecerán.”* (Juan 10:27-28)

¡Estas son las Buenas Nuevas de gozo de la temporada Pascual! Jesús nos conoce y nos ama a cada uno de nosotros. ¡Jesús me conoce! ¡El me llama por nombre! El sabe y se preocupa por cada uno de mis deseos, mis planes, mis preocupaciones y mis temores. El conoce todo lo mío, hasta mis faltas, y todavía me ama y da su vida por mí. El es un fuerte pastor que puede protegerme



para que yo no perezca. Esto es lo mas sorprendente: el poderoso pastor se vuelve un silencioso cordero llevado al sacrificio: *“Yo doy mi vida para recobrarla. Nadie me la quita, sino que la doy por mí mismo. Tengo el poder de darla y de recobrarla.”* (Juan 10:17) En nuestra segunda lectura de hoy escuchamos que el poderoso Rey en el trono del cielo es el tierno cordero que nos llevará a la vida eterna: *“el Cordero que está junto al trono será su pastor y los guiará a las manantiales de las aguas de la vida”* (Apoc. 7:17).

Fr. Mark

Abril, Mes de Prevencion del Abuso a los Niños

- ♦ Sea un padre amoroso. Los niños necesitan saber que son amados y capaces de alcanzar sus sueños.
- ♦ Ayude a un amigo, vecino o familiar. Ofrézcase a cuidar a los niños, para que los padres puedan pasar un tiempo juntos.
- ♦ Ayúdese usted mismo. Cuando los problemas lo abrumen—tome un descanso. No se desquite con los niños.
- ♦ Si su niño llora... Aprenda que hacer si no deja de llorar. Nunca sacuda a un niño—puede resultar en una severa lesión o muerte.
- ♦ Envuélvase. Hable con los líderes de su comunidad, clero, librería y escuelas para desarrollar servicios que llenen las necesidades de los niños y familias sanas.
- ♦ Ayude a desarrollar recursos para padres de familia en la librería.
- ♦ Promueva programas en la escuela. Enseñando a los niños, padres y maestros estrategias de prevención, puede ayudar a mantener a los niños seguros.
- ♦ Monitoree los programas de televisión y videos de sus niños. Ver programas con violencia puede dañar a sus niños.
- ♦ Ayude en un programa local de prevención de abuso a los niños. Llame al 1.800.CHILDREN para hacerse voluntario.
- ♦ Reporte sospechas de abuso o negligencia. Llame la policía.

Nuestro Santo Padre en México

REGINA CAELI

Lunes del Ángel, 1 de abril de 2013



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

¡Buenos días y feliz Pascua a todos vosotros! Os agradezco por haber venido también hoy tan numerosos, para compartir la alegría de la Pascua, misterio central de nuestra fe. Que la fuerza de la Resurrección de Cristo llegue a cada persona —especialmente a quien sufre— y a todas las situaciones más necesitadas de confianza y de esperanza.

Cristo ha vencido el mal de modo pleno y definitivo, pero nos corresponde a nosotros, a los hombres de cada época, acoger esta victoria en nuestra vida y en las realidades concretas de la historia y de



la sociedad. Por ello me parece importante poner de relieve lo que hoy pedimos a Dios en la liturgia: «Señor Dios, que por medio del bautismo haces crecer a tu Iglesia, dándole siempre nuevos hijos, concede a cuantos han renacido en la fuente bautismal vivir siempre de acuerdo con la fe que profesaron» (*Oración Colecta del Lunes de la Octava de Pascua*).

Es verdad. Sí; el Bautismo que nos hace hijos de Dios, la Eucaristía que nos une a Cristo, tienen que llegar a ser vida, es decir, traducirse en actitudes, comportamientos, gestos, opciones. La gracia contenida en los Sacramentos pascuales es un potencial de renovación enorme para la existencia personal, para la vida de las familias, para las relaciones sociales. Pero todo esto pasa a través del corazón humano: si yo me dejo alcanzar por la gracia de Cristo resucitado, si le permito cambiarme en ese aspecto mío que no es bueno, que puede hacerme mal a mí y a los demás, permito que la victoria de Cristo se afirme en mi vida, que se ensanche su acción benéfica. ¡Este es el poder de la gracia! Sin la gracia no podemos hacer nada. ¡Sin la gracia no podemos hacer nada! Y con la gracia del Bautismo y de la Comunión eucarística puedo llegar a ser instrumento de la misericordia de Dios, de la bella misericordia de Dios.

Expresar en la vida el sacramento que hemos recibido: he aquí, queridos hermanos y hermanas, nuestro compromiso cotidiano, pero diría también nuestra alegría cotidiana. La alegría de sentirse instrumentos de la gracia de Cristo, como sarmientos de la vid que es Él mismo, animados por la savia de su Espíritu.

Recemos juntos, en el nombre del Señor muerto y resucitado, y por intercesión de María santísima, para que el Misterio pascual actúe profundamente en nosotros y en este tiempo nuestro, para que el odio deje espacio al amor, la mentira a la verdad, la venganza al perdón, la tristeza a la alegría.



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Gerianne Jones

Leemos en Lucas 18,16 - Jesús pidió que se los trajeran, diciendo: “Dejen que los niños vengan a mí y no se lo impidan, porque el Reino de Dios pertenece a los que son como ellos.” Como catequista del PSR (Escuela Parroquial de Religión) Gerianne Jones ha estado llevando a los niños a Jesús por muchos años. Gerianne ha estado enseñando a estudiantes del 3-4 grados quienes están en su primer año de formación. Junto a su maravillosa asistente, Nga, Geri enseña a los niños a rezar, los lleva a visitar a Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento y los ayuda a entender y amar su fe católica. Ella creativamente usa actividades para compartir la fe, tiene el don de la paciencia y una maravillosa manera de calmar a activos niños de 10 años con mucha delicadeza. En adición a servir como catequista Gerianne trabaja como maestra de tiempo completo con niños con necesidades especiales en las escuelas públicas. A ella le gusta viajar con su esposo Robert y pasar tiempo con sus hijas Rachelle y Stephanie. San Agustín dijo “Cada generación tiene que apoyarse en los hombros de la previa generación para alcanzar más arriba.” Los hombros de Gerianne le permiten a nuestros niños ver y alcanzar el Reino de Dios. Nuestra Parroquia está bendecida por su generosa corresponsabilidad.

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Saturday, May 4, (8am-11 am)
Pancakes, Eggs, Sausages — the works!
*(Prepared by our Knights of Columbus
& Ministry Leaders)*

Our Parish Leadership Committee members will welcome you and be your hosts! Highlights will include ministry statistics and a display of our PSR student art and poetry. Enjoy a cup of coffee and a relaxing breakfast with other parishioners! Entertainment will be provided by our Children’s Cherubim Choir.

Sunday, May 5: Our PSR student art and poetry entries will be on display on the Plaza. Fr. Mark will talk about the importance of reflecting on our blessings at all Masses. “I Love Blessings” stickers for all!

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