

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 30, 2013 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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 Ochinerio, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh..." (Gal. 5:13)

This week we will celebrate our God-given freedom as we observe Fourth of July as well as the conclusion of the "Fortnight for Freedom." The Bishops of the United States have asked us to pray during these two weeks for our government, which is attacking our freedom of religion with its "HHS Mandate," which forces Catholics and Catholic institutions to pay for contraceptives for their employees. Here at St. Joseph's we invite everyone to come on July 3 at 7pm in the hall for an evening of prayer and reflection about the importance of our religious freedom.

Last Sunday Fr. Dan Mauer from our sister parish in Vladovostok, Russia, spoke to us about the consequences of destroying religion in society. In Russia, communism attacked the rights of the church and abolished religious liberty. The result was the destruction of all the decent and wholesome human things that the church promotes: marriage, family and human life itself. I was shocked to hear about how socialism not only destroyed religion in Russia, but also the family. 80 percent of marriages there end in divorce within four years. Single moms have 8-10 abortions and only one child. It is frightening that our government is showing total disrespect for the consciences of Catholics, for Catholic schools, for the institution of marriage and for human life.

Fr. Mark Wagner

STAND UP FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM EVENT



7PM

Fr. O'Hare Hall



As part of the Fortnight for Freedom happening across the country, we will have a family friendly evening focusing on religious freedom. We will have several speakers with time for Q&A. Speakers include: RoseMary Johnson who will talk about what we can learn from the life of St. Thomas More, Gary Nelson will speak on the legal aspect of religious freedom and Fr. Dan Mauer will speak on his personal experience of religious freedom in Russia. There will be patriotic music (with virtual fireworks).

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
Choirs & Cantors Svetlana x200
Events & Activities Susie x201
Faith & Life Magazine... Michael x203
Giving to St. Joseph's Tammy x207
Parish Lending Library x208
Parish Ministries Tammy x207
Parish Registration Donna x102
Room Reservations Rosario x110
Volunteering Tammy x207
Youth Ministry Nathan x206

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, July 4.

Also, there will be no 5:45pm Mass on July 4.

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

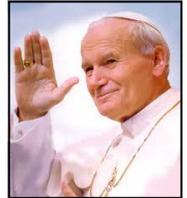
We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

☞ Upcoming Events & Activities ☞

JOHN PAUL II LECTURE SERIES — TODAY

Everyone is invited to this month's lecture that will take place in the John Paul II building, room 7 at 2pm. Mrs. Mercedes Hollcraft will speak on "The Role of Grace in *The Lord of the Rings* and *Les Miserables*." Refreshments will be provided. Visit our new website: www.jp2lectures.net.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



All women are invited to our summer women's bible study. We will be taking a deeper look into the letters of St. John. We will meet on Tuesdays: July 9, 16 & 23, 6:30-8pm in the John Paul II building room 5. There is no cost to this bible study. Bring your own bible and a friend.

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.

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: Read 8 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

Religious Education

The Search for God...the Ultimate Truth

By Maria F. Delgado-Braun, Religious Education

“Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms,” (Eph. 6:12). The words of St. Paul refer to the never ending struggle of the human person as an individual and in the public sphere. Jesus said; “I am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me”, He is the truth that has been and continues to be proclaimed by the Church He founded. Even before Jesus’ public life, we have the courageous example of St. John the Baptist who stood and boldly proclaimed the truth of an immoral act being performed by the government risking imprisonment and death. The last 2000 years of the Church have been marked by numerous persecutions, beginning with St. Stephen’s martyrdom as he proclaimed Jesus, Son of God, sent to rescue us from the grips of sin; the expulsion of Christians from Jerusalem; the martyrdoms brought about by the Roman government; the battles against the many heresies; the schisms; the reformation, and the government persecutions of past centuries, to name a few. And here we are today, in a seemingly peaceful state, living lives with comforts that our ancestors could not even fathom, but still fighting the same pernicious enemies. The battle has moved from the bloody battlegrounds and the rhetorical arguments of the past, to the courtrooms and the insensible lies of the powerful media flooding the psyche of modern society. Yes, the enemy is the same, except now dressed in a garment of deceptive light calling for tolerance and rights for all. Truth for modern man, who for the most part lives dissociated from God, has become a subjective word, and is continuously being redefined in the public square. Christian worldview and the words of Jesus often resonate as something from medieval and backward thought, and therefore with seemingly no relevance for modern culture. Our world of relativism simply states that there is no such thing as “truth”, but what one makes it to be. Pilot’s famous question as Jesus stood before him, “*Quid est veritas?*”, has become the modern ethos. How did we get here? By the slow erosion of our Christian values as they were replaced by more “advanced” thought based on human logic and self-centeredness. But let us not fall into despair, our current situation just clamors for valiant Christians. So many holy men and women have courageously battled against the tide throughout the ages. Now it is our turn. God is the ultimate truth and He has wired our intellect and will to be directed to know and love Him so we can live in beatitude for all eternity. The modern world, with all its propaganda and brainwashing, can never do away with this hunger and thirst in the human person. This fact is our advantage, God and truth will always prevail. Like St. Justin Martyr who gave one of the finest defenses of Christian truth during the 2nd century, or St. Athanasius who defended the faith during the Roman, then Arian, then pagan persecution of the 3rd century and never gave up, we are also called to do likewise. During the Fortnight for Freedom, the U.S. Bishops have called the faithful to pray, act and be heard for religious freedom. Let us wake up the Catholic “sleeping giant” and help to bring back Christian values to our society. But above all, we must remember that the battle is against a supernatural enemy that seeks our perdition and that of humanity. We must reach out in prayer, sacrifice and charity, living lives of authentic servants of a loving God. *Viva Cristo Rey!*

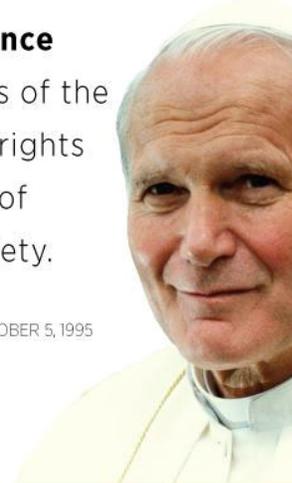
For more information on the Fortnight for Freedom visit: www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/life-marriage-liberty.cfm

The fundamental right to **freedom of religion** and **freedom of conscience** are the cornerstones of the structure of human rights and the foundation of every truly free society.

POPE JOHN PAUL THE GREAT
ADDRESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS • OCTOBER 5, 1995

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✠ 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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San Diego: Youth Conference July 26-28



For those of you that 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 paper work is still needed for a teen.

Reminder: The parent/student mandatory information meeting will be held Wednesday evening, **July 10**, 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 turn-out so far! You don't want to miss out. Join us for 8 am 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 round table 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, having Mass, confession, adoration, and a lot of fun!

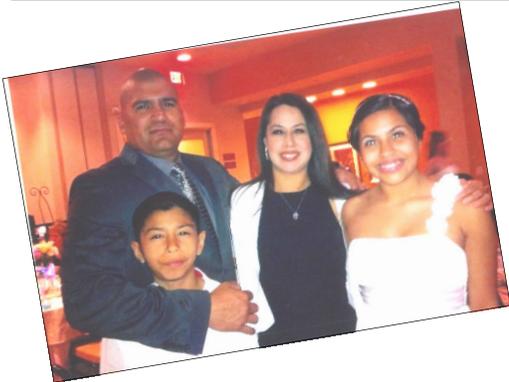
Summer XLT!!!

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 on Thursday, July 11 beginning at 7 pm

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



Veterans Salute

Raul Miranda

by Leonard E. Churilla, Military Ministry Historian

This Independence Day (Thursday) we salute Raul Miranda, an active duty Marine who, with his wife Leticia, have been members of St. Joseph's since 2007. Raul's family emigrated from the Nuevo Leon and Tamualipas, Mexico area and he grew up in Dos Palos, graduating from Firebaugh High School. Raul declared his goal to "Be the first in his family to join that branch of the service (United States Marines) and make his parents and siblings proud of his service to their country".

Raul's service years have taken him to many places, including deployments on the USS Denver, USS Mt. Vernon and the USS Boxer. Achieving the rank of Gunnery Sergeant in 2009, he became a Marine recruiter and the Staff Non-commissioned Officer in Charge at the Modesto sub-station from 2007-2010.

Still on active duty, Raul is assigned to Marine Wing Support Squadron 372, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Camp Pendleton as the Mess Chief and Staff Non-commissioned Officer in Charge. He is looking forward to getting reassigned to Combined Arms Training Center, Camp Fuji, Japan by the end of July for his last year in the Corps, though it will be unaccompanied. After that, he will "hang up his boots" and retire in Modesto. Raul married his Firebaugh H.S. sweetheart, Leticia Sanchez, in St. Joseph's Church, Firebaugh. Daughter Alexandria attends Beyer HS and son, De Marco attends Savage Middle School.

"My wife is a dedicated homemaker," Raul says. Leticia adds, "There is a saying that the toughest job in the military is the military wife, who makes a lot of sacrifices while her husband is deployed overseas." We salute this St. Joseph's family member and thank Raul (and Leticia) for their service to our country. God Bless America and the Miranda Family!

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

Profiles in Stewardship

by Michael Webster



Steven Tubbs

Steven Tubbs is a fairly new member of St. Joseph's and the Catholic Church. He was just baptized at the Easter Vigil in 2012. Steven developed a great love for God and the Catholic faith through the RCIA process and has continued to grow. He has sustained his faith by *Living the Faith*. He nourishes his faith by prayer. Steven attends Mass not just on Sundays, but daily, as well. He also attends many of the adult catechesis classes that we offer, like Rediscovering the Catechism and various bible studies. He also cultivates his faith by serving. He recently agreed to head the Respect Life Committee, which helps coordinate many activities at our parish, including our participation in the Walk for Life West Coast. The group also meets the third Sunday of the month and prays the rosary for the respect of every human life (which everyone is invited to join). Steven's fervor and joy for our faith is contagious and it is a blessing to have him here at St. Joseph's. I am excited to see how much more Steven will grow in his faith and all the awesome things he will do for God and the Church.

Around the Area

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.

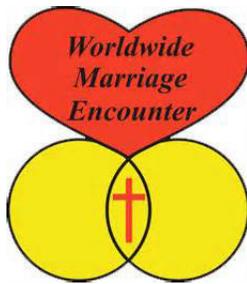
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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.sacramentowwme.org or contact John & Angelica Angarita at 521-7973.



Read Bishop Blaire's
latest statements about the
current diocesan financial status.



www.stocktondiocese.org/financial-news

From our Holy Father in Rome

ANGELUS

St Peter's Square — Sunday, 9 June 2013



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Good morning! The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the greatest human expression of divine love. In fact last Friday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and this feast sets the tone for the entire month. Popular piety highly values symbols, and the Heart of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of God's mercy. But it is not an imaginary symbol; it is a real symbol which represents the centre, the source from which salvation flowed for all of humanity.

In the Gospels we find various references to the Heart of Jesus. For example there is a passage in which Christ himself says: "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke



upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart" (Mt 11:28-29). Then there is the key account of Christ's death according to John. Indeed this Evangelist bears witness to what he saw on Calvary, that is, when Jesus was already dead a soldier pierced his side with a spear and blood and water came out of the wound (cf. Jn 19:33-34). In that apparently coincidental sign John recognizes the fulfillment of the prophecies: from the Heart of Jesus, the Lamb sacrificed on the Cross, flow forgiveness and life for all people. The mercy of Jesus is not only an emotion; it is a force which gives life that

raises man! Today's Gospel also tells us this in the episode of the widow of Nain (Lk 7:11-17). With his disciples, Jesus arrives in Nain, a village in Galilee, right at the moment when a funeral is taking place. A boy, the only son of a widow, is being carried for burial. Jesus immediately fixes his gaze on the crying mother. The Evangelist Luke says: "And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her" (v. 13). This "compassion" is God's love for man, it is mercy, thus the attitude of God in contact with human misery, with our destitution, our suffering, our anguish. The biblical term "compassion" recalls a mother's womb. The mother in fact reacts in a way all her own in confronting the pain of her children. It is in this way, according to Scripture, that God loves us.

What is the fruit of this love and mercy? It is life! Jesus says to the widow of Nain: "Do not weep" and then he calls the dead boy and awakes him as if from sleep (cf. vv. 13-15). Let's think about this, it's beautiful: God's mercy gives life to man, it raises him from the dead. Let us not forget that the Lord always watches over us with mercy; he always watches over us with mercy. Let us not be afraid of approaching him! He has a merciful heart! If we show him our inner wounds, our inner sins, he will always forgive us. It is pure mercy Let us go to Jesus!

Let us turn to the Virgin Mary: her Immaculate Heart, a mother's heart, has fully shared in the "compassion" of God, especially in the hour of the passion and death of Jesus. May Mary help us to be mild, humble and merciful with our brothers.

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

This Week

Sunday, June 30 (Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Napoleon Marcale	1:30p	Linda Escobar and Apolinar Andres & Jacoba Coria
9:00a	Neil Phillips	5:30p	Helen Warda
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Idalina Rocha
12:00p	Anthony Cusenza		
Monday, July 1			
8:00a	Eladio & Isabel Goroza and Herbert & Marcella Kummerle	5:45p	Alejandro & Filipina Fama and Rafael Rodriguez
Tuesday, July 2			
8:00a	Rafael Rodriguez and Armando Quadros	5:45p	Tomasina C. Rabara and Shannon Owings
Wednesday, July 3			
8:00a	Deacon Ken Ochiner—Special Int.	5:45p	Doring Marcale and Ellen Peyton
Thursday, July 4			
8:00a	Robert Patterson and Hazel Call	5:45p	No 5:45pm Mass
Friday, July 5			
8:00a	Jim Trevillyan and Dan Martin	5:45p	Dolores Cajator and Manuel B. Victoria
Saturday, July 6			
8:00a	Don Cleary and All Souls in Purgatory	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, July 7 (Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Kay Baggett	1:30p	Consuelo Monjaraz and Valentin Vargas
9:00a	Fr. Joseph O'Hare	3:30p	Indian Mass
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Angelica Sanchez
12:00p	Paul Urmeneta	7:30p	Cefus Williams

Sunday, June 30, 2013		
10:30A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
2:00P	JPII Lectures	JP7
Monday, July 1, 2013		
6:30P	Stewardship Committee	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer (English)	JP10
Tuesday, July 2, 2013		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	Hall
9:00A	St. Vincent De Paul	JP4
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer - Spanish	JP7
Wednesday, July 3, 2013		
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
7:00P	Baptism Class--English	JP6
Thursday, July 4, 2013		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	Hall
12:00P	Carmel Study Group	JP4
6:30P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30P	Compartiendo las Escrituras	JP4
Friday, July 5, 2013		
12:00P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
Saturday, July 6, 2013		
9:00A	AA Language of the Heart	JP4
Sunday, July 7, 2013		
9:00A	Militia Immaculata-Family	Hall
10:30A	CLOW	JP6
3:30P	Indian Mass	Chur

Baptisms

Katerina Lopez
 Daisha Morman
 Thomas Marczyk
 Arkin Jordan
 Emmanuel Padilla
 Sophia Gutierrez
 Alex Rodriguez
 Juan Valdovinos
 Paul Stroud
 Judith Tamez
 Jeandri Gavina
 Brenna Lacuna
 Amelia Lacuna
 Anthony Hill
 Samuel Vasquez, Jr.
 Cecelia Vasquez
 Leila Gutierrez
 Kamden Ray
 Kennedy Ray
 Adrianna Calo
 Camilla Calo
 Julian Anguiano
 Julian Padilla
 Sofia Andrade

Readings 7/01-7/07

Monday:	Gn. 18-16-33; Mt. 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Gn. 19:15-29; Mt. 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Eph. 2:19-22; Jn. 20:24-29
Thursday:	Gn. 22:1b-19; Mt. 9:1-8
Friday:	Gn. 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt. 9:9-13
12pm Latin Mass:	1 Tim. 4:8-16; Mk. 10:15-21
Saturday:	Gn. 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt. 9:14-17
Sunday:	Is. 66:10-14c; Gal. 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
Latin Mass	Rom. 6:29-23; Mt. 7:15-21

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



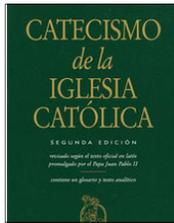
Adorers needed and welcome! Try a Holy Hour with Jesus once a week! Please contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up one of these hours. You will receive many blessings from Our Lord!

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

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

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: acompáñanos a misa los martes a las 8am y después visita el centro juvenil y disfruta de un desayuno, juegos, y compañerismo.

Aparta el Día:

Retiro Espiritual para Estudiantes de High School, Noviembre 9-11



¡Te parecerá 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 crecer en nuestra fe.

Vestimenta Modesta para la Iglesia

Al aproximarse el clima caluroso los 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 para la Misa!

¡Boletín Parroquial en Español! DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Mark Wagner

Querida Familia Parroquial,

"Nuestra vocación, hermanos, es la libertad. No hablo de esa libertad que encubre los deseos de la carne, .."(Gal. 5:13)

Esta semana celebraremos la libertad que nos ha dado Dios, al celebrar el Cuatro de Julio y la conclusión de la "Quincena por la Libertad." Los Obispos de los Estados Unidos nos han pedido que recemos durante estas dos semanas por nuestro gobierno, el cual está atacando nuestra libertad de religión con el "Mandato del HHS", el cual obliga a que los católicos y las instituciones católicas paguen por anticonceptivos para sus empleados. Aquí en St. Joseph's los invitamos a todos a que vengan el 3 de julio a las 7pm al salón parroquial para una tarde de reflexión y oración sobre la importancia de la libertad religiosa.

El domingo pasado, el Padre Dan Mauer de nuestra parroquia hermana en Vladivostok, Rusia nos habló sobre las consecuencias de la destrucción de la religión en la sociedad. En Rusia, el comunismo atacó los derechos de la Iglesia y abolió la libertad religiosa. El resultado ha sido la destrucción de todas las cosas decentes y buenas de los humanos las cuales la Iglesia promueve: el



matrimonio, la familia y la vida humana. Quedé impresionado al escuchar como el socialismo no solamente ha destruido la religión en Rusia, pero también la familia. 80 por ciento de los matrimonios allá terminan en divorcio a los cuatro años. Las madres solteras tienen entre 8-10 abortos y solo un hijo.

Fr. Mark Wagner

Foto de la fiesta de retiro del Padre Larry la semana pasada.



ADORACION al SANTISIMO

Haga su oración frente al Santísimo Sacramento e inscribese 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 México

ÁNGELUS

Plaza de San Pedro — Domingo 9 de junio de 2013

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, ¡buenos días!

El mes de junio está tradicionalmente dedicado al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, máxima expresión humana del amor divino. Precisamente el viernes pasado, en efecto, hemos celebrado la solemnidad del Corazón de Cristo, y esta fiesta da el tono a todo el mes. La piedad popular valora mucho los símbolos, y el Corazón de Jesús es el símbolo por excelencia de la misericordia de Dios; pero no es un símbolo imaginario, es un símbolo real, que representa el centro, la fuente de la que brotó la salvación para toda la humanidad.

En los Evangelios encontramos diversas referencias al Corazón de Jesús, por ejemplo en el pasaje donde Cristo mismo dice: «Venid a mí todos los que



estáis cansados y agobiados, y yo os aliviaré. Tomad mi yugo sobre vosotros y aprended de mí, que soy manso y humilde de corazón» (Mt 11, 28-29). Es fundamental, luego, el relato de la muerte de Cristo según san Juan. Este evangelista, en efecto, testimonia lo que vio en el Calvario, es decir, que un soldado, cuando Jesús ya estaba muerto, le atravesó el costado con la lanza y de la herida brotaron sangre y agua (cf. Jn 19, 33-34). Juan reconoce en ese signo, aparentemente casual, el cumplimiento de las profecías: del corazón de Jesús, Cordero inmolado en la cruz, brota el perdón y la vida para todos los hombres. Pero la misericordia de Jesús no es sólo un sentimiento, ¡es una fuerza que da vida, que

resucita al hombre! Nos lo dice también el Evangelio de hoy, en el episodio de la viuda de Naín (Lc 7, 11-17). Jesús, con sus discípulos, está llegando precisamente a Naín, un poblado de Galilea, justo en el momento que tiene lugar un funeral: llevan a sepultar a un joven, hijo único de una mujer viuda. La mirada de Jesús se fija inmediatamente en la madre que llora. Dice el evangelista Lucas: «Al verla el Señor, se compadeció de ella» (v. 13). Esta «compasión» es el amor de Dios por el hombre, es la misericordia, es decir, la actitud de Dios en contacto con la miseria humana, con nuestra indigencia, nuestro sufrimiento, nuestra angustia. El término bíblico «compasión» remite a las entrañas maternas: la madre, en efecto, experimenta una reacción que le es propia ante el dolor de los hijos. Así nos ama Dios, dice la Escritura. Y ¿cuál es el fruto de este amor, de esta misericordia? ¡Es la vida! Jesús dijo a la viuda de Naín: «No llores», y luego llamó al muchacho muerto y le despertó como de un sueño (cf. vv. 13-15). Pensemos esto, es hermoso: la misericordia de Dios da vida al hombre, le resucita de la muerte. El Señor nos mira siempre con misericordia; no lo olvidemos, nos mira siempre con misericordia, nos espera con misericordia. No tengamos miedo de acercarnos a Él. Tiene un corazón misericordioso. Si le mostramos nuestras heridas interiores, nuestros pecados, Él siempre nos perdona. ¡Es todo misericordia! Vayamos a Jesús.

Dirijámonos a la Virgen María: su corazón inmaculado, corazón de madre, compartió al máximo la «compasión» de Dios, especialmente en la hora de la pasión y de la muerte de Jesús. Que María nos ayude a ser mansos, humildes y misericordiosos con nuestros hermanos.



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Steven Tubbs

Steven Tubbs es un nuevo miembro de St. Joseph's y de la Iglesia Católica. El fue bautizado durante la Vigilia Pascual del 2012. Steven ha desarrollado un gran amor por Dios y por la fe Católica por medio del proceso de RCIA y ha continuado creciendo. El sostiene su fe *Viviendo la fe*. El alimenta su fe con la oración. Steven también atiende a varias de las clases de catecismo que ofrecemos para adultos, tales como Redescubriendo el Catecismo, y varios estudios bíblicos. El también cultiva su fe sirviendo. Recientemente accedió a dirigir el Comité de Respeto por la Vida, el cual ayuda a coordinar muchas actividades en nuestra parroquia, incluyendo nuestra participación en la Caminata por la Vida de la Costa Oeste. El grupo se reúne una vez por mes para rezar el rosario por el respeto de cada vida humana (al cual están todos invitados a asistir). El fervor de Steven y su gozo por la fe son contagiosos y son una bendición el tenerlos aquí en St. Joseph's. Estoy dichoso de ver como Steven crece en su fe cada vez mas y todas las cosas extraordinarias que hace por Dios y por la Iglesia.

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