

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 9, 2013 Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Visit our website:

[www.stjmod.com](http://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

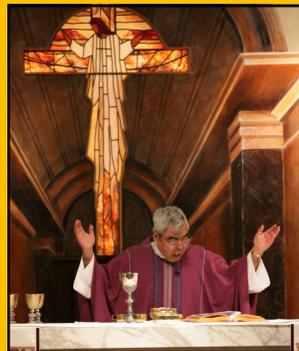
*"When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her, and said to her, 'Do not weep'." (cf. Luke 7:11-17)*

This short passage uses the word "her" three times. Who was this woman? She was a widow who was now walking in the funeral procession of her only son. She was a wife and a mother whose great heart no longer had anyone to love. Jesus knew from his own experience that a mother has a big heart which suffers because of love.

It is interesting that Jesus raises this woman's son from the dead because He has pity on *her!* He raises *him* because of *her*. Of course this makes us think of Mary, our sorrowful mother. Jesus raises *us* because of *her*. Jesus looks at her Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart and *for that reason* gives blessings of new life to us, her children. I am like that dead son. She carries me because I am lifeless and powerless because of my sin, but Jesus looks with pity upon her prayers for me and raises me up! With graces that come because of her I am able to get up with new strength and do good things! We all want to live fully. The only way for us to live fully and happily is to become a saint with the graces that come to us from Jesus through Mary! *"Young man, I tell you, arise!"*

*Fr. Mark Wagner*

## Fr. Larry's Retirement Party



**June 22**  
**Fr. O'Hare Hall**  
**after the 5:30pm Mass**

The dinner will be a potluck,  
please bring a dish to share.

## 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

### 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**

☞ **Second Offering** ☞

Today's second offering is for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Sisters Carole Proctor and Kay McMullen will be speaking at all Masses. They will be grateful for your prayers and your support.

# Welcome to St. Joseph's

*We're glad you're here!*

## Parish Life

☞ **Upcoming Events & Activities** ☞

### CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS CLUB — JUNE 11

The meeting starts with Mass at St. Stanislaus Church (7th & J) at 6:30am, then continues at the Doubletree Hotel: networking 7:15am, breakfast 7:30am, speaker 7:45am. Our speaker this month is Sue Garcia. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Please RSVP: online at cpbc-modesto.com or email Cathy Hearst at chearst@pacbell.net.

### LIGHT WEIGH ONE KING PROGRAM

Are you tired of constantly struggling with your weight? Do you need to break free of other addictions: Internet, shopping, drinking or gambling? Consider giving God a chance to touch your heart and your life. Break free from the vicious cycle of dieting and learn to achieve real peace with food through the Christ-centered principles taught in this 12-week bible study. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm. Come to an orientation June 12 at 7:30pm. For more information call Cheryl, 545-7992 or Ann, 522-0697.

### 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 JPPII 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 JPPII Center.

☞ **Thank you** ☞

### MILITARY SUPPORT MINISTRY

Would like to thank the parish for their generous donations of \$1,931.53 over the Memorial Day weekend on the plaza. These dollars will go towards supporting our next mailing to our military members in Afghanistan and Korea. Thank you again for your continued support and assistance!

☞ **Job Opportunity** ☞

### ST. JOSEPH'S IMMEDIATE JOB OPENING

**Part-time IT System Manager and  
Technical/AV Support**



This position is part time only and offers some flexibility with scheduling. Position description and application are available in the Parish office. Open until filled.

# Religious Education

## Vatican Documents... Decree on Ecumenism

By Maria F. Delgado-Braun, Religious Education



*Unitatis Redintegratio*-the Decree on Ecumenism, aimed as the restoration of unity among all Christians, was introduced as one of the principal concerns of the Vatican Council. Its goal rests on the prayer of Jesus to the Father before His sacrifice on the cross, “that all may be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I in you; I pray that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you sent me” (Jn. 17:21). His Church makes all efforts to reach out to our separated brothers and sisters. This document sets forth methods for calling all Christians to unity within the Catholic Church. Jesus established the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and gave the commandment of teaching, ruling and sanctifying to His twelve Apostles, with Peter as the head of the Church, and gave him the keys to the kingdom of heaven. He promised the coming and the guidance of the Church by the Holy Spirit in

the administering of the sacraments, the confession of one faith and the common celebration of divine worship in fraternal harmony as the family of God. The Church, the Body of Christ, is to be visible for the whole world as a standard of peace for mankind on its way to heaven. *Unitatis Redintegratio* firmly states that “Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only.” It also affirms that “it is through Christ’s Catholic Church alone, which is the universal help towards salvation, that the fullness of the means of salvation can be obtained,” thus calling humanity to the unity of faith. All those “who have been properly baptized are put in some, though imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church,” even if many disparities exist in worship and doctrine. The Decree reminds all Catholics, clergy and laity alike, of the responsibility of entering into dialogue with our separated brethren. This dialogue however, must be based on competent knowledge of the faith and in a spirit of charity and love. Besides dialogue, all Catholics are called to pray for others, to make an “honest appraisal of whatever needs to be renewed and done in the Catholic household itself,” and to live the faith. We are all called to Christian perfection “be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect,” (Mt. 5:48) and it is through a life of holiness that we give witness to the truth of the faith. *Unitatis Redintegratio* goes on to remind us “for although the Catholic Church has been endowed with all divinely revealed truth and with all means of grace, yet its members fail to live by them with all the fervor that they should. As a result the radiance of the Church’s face shines less brightly in the eyes of our separated brethren and of the world at large, and the growth of God’s kingdom is retarded.” Ecumenism is not the “watering down” of the faith to reach a common place for dialogue, it is the honest presentation of a Catholic faith lived to the fullest and explained in a competent manner. To do this, we must have interior conversion, a life of prayer asking the Holy Spirit for the grace of humility, self-denial and gentle service to others. This Year of Faith is particularly important, as we have been called to deepen our faith through prayer and study, so that we may share it with our separated brothers and sisters in the spirit of ecumenism and with our Catholic brethren in the new evangelization. *Unitatis Redintegratio* makes reference to the Eastern Churches and urges all to work on the restoration of the full communion desired between the Eastern Churches and the Catholic Church. It affirms the beauty with which the East celebrates the sacred liturgy and the Eucharistic mystery, and states that although they are separated from us, they possess true sacraments by apostolic succession, the priesthood and the Eucharist. The Council’s desire is that every effort should be made toward unity with the Eastern Church. In the words of Blessed Pope John Paul II, “The Church must breathe with her two lungs!” (Ut Unum Sint, no. 54)

### ✠ 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.

### ✠ Parish School of Religion ✠

**PSR OFFICE IS CLOSED  
UNTIL AUGUST 12.  
HAVE A BLESSED  
SUMMER!**

## Contact Us!



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## San Diego: Youth Conference July 26-28

For those of you 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 check list 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, June 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 is every Tuesday during the summer. Join us for 8am Mass, then visit the youth room and enjoy breakfast, games and fellowship.
- Summer Sessions: LifeNights may be over but we will offer summer sessions discussing topics you have chosen to hear and learn more about. The sessions will be part of Mass and Breakfast on Tuesdays after fellowship. Stay connected over the summer and join us!
- Volunteer for VBR! Sign ups will be available soon to help lead small groups at Vacation Bible Retreat. If you are, or will be, in Confirmation class next year this is a great opportunity to fulfill all of your service hours before the school year even starts!



## Save the Date: Aptos High School Retreat November 9-11



It might seem too early to think about, but this retreat will be here before you know it! Permission slips will be available in June in the youth office and at PSR registration, where you will be able to turn in the fee. The cost is 100.00 for a weekend enjoying fellowship, Mass, adoration and great talks to help challenge us and grow in our faith.

# Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza Refreshments are served today by volunteers from our Vladivostok Sister Parish.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

REMINDER  
Lay Apostolate Leader Meeting  
*Wednesday, June 19*  
6:30-8:00 PM,  
Room 6— JPII Building



Hundreds of parents signed up their children for Parish School of Religion classes last weekend

Many thanks to our adult and youth volunteers who helped welcome and process our returning and new Parish School of Religion parents and children



## Profiles in Stewardship

by Maria Delgado-Braun



### Helen Lal

Helen, who regularly attends the daily 8am Mass, has been a St. Joseph's parishioner for several years, and since 2010 has been active in different ministries. Her quiet and cheerful demeanor are gifts that she puts to use in every aspect of her work. She has helped at the bookstore, as a greeter at Sunday Mass, and in the volunteer center when needed. Helen works diligently every day helping Sally Evans with the upkeep of the candles for Holy Mass and straightening the missals and hymnals on weekdays so our beautiful church can be a clean and inviting place for God and our parishioners. Besides helping at Church, she also does volunteer work in the community, taking seniors shopping and to doctors' appointments, working at Gould Medical Center and at the Gallo Arts Center. Mother Teresa always said, "Joy is a net by which you catch souls," and Helen is one of those people who are always joyful and ready to help others and bring them closer to God. We thank her for her untiring and generous work for God and His people.

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

## In the Diocese

### OUR SEMINARIANS

Next year we will have 11 studying for the diocesan priesthood. David Gentry-Akin and Ronald Manango will be in their Pastoral Year in our Diocese. Cesar Martinez will be returning to St. Patrick's Seminary after a pastoral year at Annunciation. Also studying theology at St. Patrick's are Abraham Barrera. Adrian Cisneros and Raymond Philip Napuli will be studying Pre-Theology. Tom Orlando and Daniel Barba will be attending seminary in Chicago at Mundelein Seminary for their first year of Theology. The newest member of the Seminarian Program is Michael Rocha from St. Joseph's in Modesto who is completing his degree from UC/Riverside.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Annual Finance Report for 2011-2012 and the full audit report are available in pdf format on our diocesan website at:

[www.stocktondiocese.org/annual-reports](http://www.stocktondiocese.org/annual-reports).

### STOCKTON DIOCESE ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE BLESSING AND FUN RUN

Join Bishop Blaire at the Cathedral of the Annunciation on Saturday, June 15. Registration for the run begins at 8am (Coffee and Donuts provided). Liturgy of the Word and Motorcycle Blessing presided by Bishop Stephen E Blaire at 9am. Questions: please contact Deacon Greg: 209-595-5891 or [deacongreg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deacongreg@sbcglobal.net).

## From our Holy Father in Rome

HOLY MASS AND CANONIZATIONS  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter, 12 May 2013*



*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

On this Seventh Sunday of Easter we gather together in joy to celebrate a feast of holiness. Let us give thanks to God who made his glory, the glory of Love, shine on the Martyrs of Otranto, on Mother Laura Montoya and on Mother Maria Guadalupe Garcia Zavala. I greet all of you who have come for



this celebration — from Italy, Colombia, Mexico and other countries — and I thank you! Let us look at the new saints in the light of the word of God proclaimed. It is a word that has invited us to be faithful to Christ, even to martyrdom; it has reminded us of the urgency and beauty of bringing Christ and his Gospel to everyone; and it has spoken to us of the testimony of charity, without which even martyrdom and the mission lose their Christian savour.

1. When the Acts of the Apostles tell us about the Deacon Stephen, the Proto-Martyr, it is written that he was a man “filled with the Holy Spirit” (6:5; 7:55). What does this mean?

It means that he was filled with the Love of God, that his whole self, his life, was inspired by the Spirit of the Risen Christ so that he followed Jesus with total fidelity, to the point of giving up himself. Today the Church holds up for our veneration an array of martyrs who in 1480 were called to bear the highest witness to the Gospel together. About 800 people, who had survived the siege and invasion of Otranto, were beheaded in the environs of that city. They refused to deny their faith and died professing the Risen Christ. Where did they find the strength to stay faithful? In the faith itself, which enables us to see beyond the limits of our human sight, beyond the boundaries of earthly life. It grants us to contemplate “the heavens opened”, as St Stephen says, and the living Christ at God’s right hand. Dear friends, let us keep the faith we have received and which is our true treasure, let us renew our faithfulness to the Lord, even in the midst of obstacles and misunderstanding. God will never let us lack strength and calmness. While we venerate the Martyrs of Otranto, let us ask God to sustain all the Christians who still suffer violence today in these very times and in so many parts of the world and to give them the courage to stay faithful and to respond to evil with goodness.

2. We might take the second idea from the words of Jesus which we heard in the Gospel: “I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us” (Jn 17:20). St Laura Montoya was an instrument of evangelization, first as a teacher and later as a spiritual mother of the indigenous in whom she instilled hope, welcoming them with this love that she had learned from God and bringing them to him with an effective pedagogy that respected their culture and was not in opposition to it. In her work of evangelization Mother Laura truly made herself all things to all people, to borrow St Paul’s words (cf. 1 Cor 9:22). Today too, like a vanguard of the Church, her spiritual daughters live in and take the Gospel to the furthest and most needy places.

# Sacraments

## Our Mass Intentions

## This Week

Sunday, June 9 (Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Florence M. Rozelle	1:30p	Felix Oliveros and Jose de Jesus Gonzalez
9:00a	Albert Mendonca	5:30p	Mary Benenati
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Idalina Rocha
12:00p	Georgina Rocha		
Monday, June 10			
8:00a	John & Virginia Bairos and Gail Friedrich	5:45p	Angelica Sanchez and Jonno
Tuesday, June 11			
8:00a	Joseph F. Alegria and Loren Pohl	5:45p	Andres Rodriguez and Janice O. Brennan
Wednesday, June 12			
8:00a	Lynn Ehret and Armando Quadros	5:45p	Arlene Alegria and Alzira B. Victoria
Thursday, June 13			
8:00a	Alejandro & Filipina Fama and Craig D. Wolff	5:45p	Virginia Celeridad and Frank & Isabell Bavaro
Friday, June 14			
8:00a	Elsie Souza and Debra Reineking Gonsalves	5:45p	Paciencia Bensi and Deceased Members of the St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus
Saturday, June 15			
8:00a	Manuel Vaz Dinis and Manuel Nunes	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, June 16 (Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Joe Mendes and Rusty Boyle	1:30p	Antonio Dominguez and Luis Ruiz
9:00a	Fathers' Day Novena	3:30p	Reynaldo Ramos
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Joanne Steffanic
12:00p	Onesimo Herrera	7:30p	James Routson

Sunday, June 10, 2013		
10:30A	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	JP6
Monday, June 10, 2013		
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer (English)	JP10
Tuesday, June 11, 2013		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	Hall
6:00P	ESL Classes - Intermediates	JP4
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:30P	ESL Classes - Beginners	JP10
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer - Spanish	JP7
Wednesday, June 12, 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
6:30P	Health Ministry	JP4
7:00P	Baptism Class--English	JP6
Thursday, June 13, 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, June 14, 2013		
12:00P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:00P	Indian Prayer Group (children)	JP8
6:00P	Indian Prayer Group	JP6
7:30P	M.I. Prayer Village Leadership	JP4
Saturday, June 15, 2013		
9:00A	AA Language of the Heart	JP4
10:00A	Baptism Class- Spanish	JP10
12:00P	Seniors' Board Meeting	JP5
Sunday, June 16, 2013		
10:00A	Respect Life	JP4
10:30A	CLOW	JP6
12:00P	CFC-Kids Prayer Study Program	JP8
2:00P	Filipino Mass Fellowship	Hall
3:30P	Filipino Mass	Chur

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adorers needed and welcome! Try a Holy Hour with Jesus once a week! Vacant hours: Tuesday: 1am-2am; Saturday: 1am-2am. Please contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up one of these hours. You will receive many blessings from Our Lord!



## Readings 6/10 - 6/16

Monday:

2 Cor. 1:1-7; Mt. 5:1-12

Tuesday:

Acts. 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Mt. 5:13-16

Wednesday:

2 Cor. 3:4-11; Mt. 5:17-19

Thursday:

2 Cor. 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Mt. 5:20-26

Friday:

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt. 5:27-32

12pm Latin Mass:

II Tim. 4:1-8; Mt. 5:13-19

Saturday:

2 Cor 5:14-21; MT. 5:33-37

Sunday:

2 Sm 12:7-10, 13; Gal 2:16, 19-21; Lk 7:36-

Latin Mass

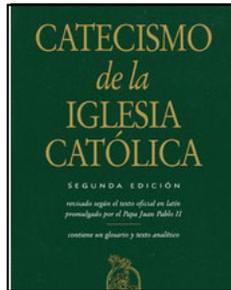
Rom. 8:18-23; Lk. 5:1-11

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 inscripciones para las clases de catecismo para adultos que no han recibido la Primera Comunión o Confirmación serán del 3 de junio al 26 de julio. Favor de traer el certificado de Bautismo. Las clases comienzan el viernes, 9 de agosto a las 7:00pm. Para más información llamar a Rosario al 551-4973.



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 527-4920.



### CLASES DE INGLES

Clases de Ingles como segunda lengua los martes. Para intermediarios de 6-7pm en el cuarto JP 4 All Saints Room. Para comenzantes de 6:30-7:30pm, cuarto 10. Regístrese en la oficina e invite a las personas interesadas en asistir a las clases.

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

Queridos Feligreses,

*“Cuando el Señor la vio, se conmovió por ella, y le dijo, ‘no llores.’” (Lucas 7:11-17).*

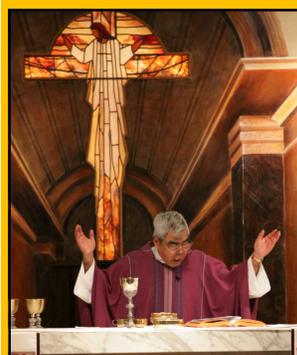
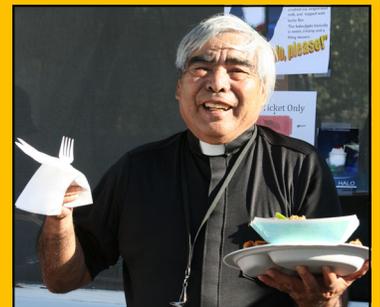
Este corto pasaje usa la palabra “ella” tres veces. ¿Quién era esta mujer? Ella era la viuda que ahora caminaba en la procesión funeraria de su único hijo. Ella era la mujer y la madre cuyo gran corazón ya no tenía a nadie a quien amar. Jesús sabía por su propia experiencia que una madre tiene un gran corazón que sufre por amor.

Es interesante que Jesús vuelve a la vida al hijo de esta mujer porque le da pesar de ella. Por supuesto que esto nos hace pensar en Maria, nuestra madre dolorosa. Jesús nos vuelve a la vida por ella. Jesús mira a su Doloroso e Inmaculado Corazón y por esta razón nos bendice con nueva vida a nosotros, sus hijos. Yo soy como el hijo muerto. Ella me carga porque no tengo vida ni poder a raíz de mis pecados. ¡Pero Jesús mira con pesar sus oraciones por mí y me vuelve a la vida! ¡Con gracias que vienen por ella puedo levantarme con nuevo vigor y hacer cosas buenas! Todos deseamos vivir con plenitud. ¡La única manera para que nosotros vivamos plenamente y felices es volvernos santos con las gracias que vienen de Jesús por medio de Maria!

*“¡Joven, te digo, levántate!”*

*Fr. Mark Wagner*

## Fiesta de Retiro del Padre Larry



**22 de junio**  
**Salón parroquial,**  
**Fr. O'Hare**  
**Después de la Misa**  
**de las 5:30pm**

La comida será un “potluck” por favor traiga un platillo para compartir.

# Nuestro Santo Padre en México

SANTA MISA Y CANONIZACIONES  
VII Domingo de Pascua 12 de mayo de 2013



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

En este séptimo domingo del Tiempo Pascual, nos reunimos con alegría para celebrar una fiesta de la santidad. Damos gracias a Dios que ha hecho resplandecer su gloria, la gloria del Amor, en los Mártires de Otranto, la Madre Laura Montoya y la Madre María Guadalupe García Zavala. Saludo a todos los que habéis venido a esta fiesta —de Italia, Colombia, México y otros países— y os lo agradezco. Miremos a los nuevos santos a la luz de la



Palabra de Dios que ha sido proclamada. Una palabra que nos invita a la fidelidad a Cristo, incluso hasta el martirio; nos ha llamado a la urgencia y la hermosura de llevar a Cristo y su Evangelio a todos; y nos ha hablado del testimonio de la caridad, sin la cual, incluso el martirio y la misión pierden su sabor cristiano.

1. Los *Hechos de los Apóstoles*, cuando hablan del diácono Esteban, el protomártir, insisten en decir que él era un hombre «lleno del Espíritu Santo» (6,5; 7,55). ¿Qué significa esto? Significa que estaba lleno del amor de Dios, que toda su persona, su vida, estaba animada por el Espíritu de Cristo resucitado hasta el punto de seguir a Jesús

con fidelidad total, hasta hasta la entrega de sí mismo.

Hoy la Iglesia propone a nuestra veneración una multitud de mártires, que en 1480 fueron llamados juntos al supremo testimonio del Evangelio. Casi 800 personas, supervivientes del asedio y la invasión de Otranto, fueron decapitadas en las afueras de la ciudad. No quisieron renegar de la propia fe y murieron confesando a Cristo resucitado. ¿Dónde encontraron la fuerza para permanecer fieles? Precisamente en la fe, que nos hace ver más allá de los límites de nuestra mirada humana, más allá de la vida terrena; hace que contemplemos «los cielos abiertos» —como dice san Esteban— y a Cristo vivo a la derecha del Padre. Queridos amigos, conservemos la fe que hemos recibido y que es nuestro verdadero tesoro, renovemos nuestra fidelidad al Señor, incluso en medio de los obstáculos y las incomprensiones. Dios no dejará que nos falten las fuerzas ni la serenidad. Mientras veneramos a los Mártires de Otranto, pidamos a Dios que sostenga a tantos cristianos que, precisamente en estos tiempos, ahora, y en tantas partes del mundo, todavía sufren violencia, y les dé el valor de ser fieles y de responder al mal con el bien.

2. La segunda idea la podemos extraer de las palabras de Jesús que hemos escuchado en el Evangelio: «Ruego por los que creerán en mí por la palabra de ellos, para que sean uno, como tú, Padre, en mí y yo en ti, que ellos también lo sean en nosotros» (Jn 17,20). Santa Laura Montoya fue instrumento de evangelización primero como maestra y después como madre espiritual de los indígenas, a los que infundió esperanza, acogiéndolos con ese amor aprendido de Dios, y llevándolos a Él con una eficaz pedagogía que respetaba su cultura y no se contraponía a ella. En su obra de evangelización Madre Laura se hizo verdaderamente toda a todos, según la expresión de san Pablo (cf. 1 Co 9,22). También hoy sus hijas espirituales viven y llevan el Evangelio a los lugares más recónditos y necesitados, como una especie de vanguardia de la Iglesia.

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Helen, asiste regularmente a la Misa diaria de las 8am, ha sido una feligrés de St. Joseph's por varios años y desde el 2010 ha participado en diferentes ministerios. Su personalidad callada y llena de gozo son dones que ella invierte en cada aspecto de su trabajo. Ella ha ayudado en la tienda parroquial, dando la bienvenida en las Misas Dominicales y en el centro de voluntarios cuando la necesitan. Helen trabaja diligentemente ayudándole a Sally Evans en el mantenimiento de las veladoras para la Santa Misa y arreglando los misales y libros de cantos durante la semana para que nuestra linda iglesia sea un lugar limpio e invitador para Dios y para nuestros feligreses. Fuera de ayudar en la Iglesia, ella también trabaja como voluntaria en la comunidad, llevando a los ancianos a sus citas de medico, trabajando en el Centro Medico de Gould y en el Centro de Artes de Gallo. La Madre Teresa siempre decía, “*el gozo es una red por la cual se pescan almas,*” y Helen es una de aquellas personas que siempre esta llena de gozo y lista para ayudar a otros y acercarlos a Dios. Le agradecemos a ella por su incansable y generosa labor por Dios y su pueblo.

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