

*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

May 15, 2011 Fourth Sunday of Easter

(209) 551-4973

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Holy Eucharist Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm

Sundays: 7:30am,

9:00 am (Traditional Latin), 10:30 am,
noon, 1:30 pm (Español),
5:30 pm & 7:30 pm

Daily Mass:

8:00am & 5:45pm; Saturdays 8:00am
Traditional Latin Mass, Fridays at Noon

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:

Chapel access code available in office
Holy Hour in the Church
Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm

Children's Services:

Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

At the 10:30am Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm (Holy Hour)
Saturdays 8:30-9:30am; 4:00-5:00pm
*Homebound please call 551-4973 for a
priest to visit you by appointment.*

Clergy:

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor

Fr. Benny Kottarathil, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Carlos Vega, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinerio, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop Blessed John Paul II

Two weeks ago, I attended the beatification of Pope John Paul II by Pope Benedict XVI. The two men are like the apostles Peter and Paul — opposites by temperament, but united in one mission. These two men, so different, love each other with the affection of brothers and together work toward one goal — to make Christ known and loved. At the end of his beatification homily, Benedict allowed himself a brief personal reminiscence. “For 23 years, I was at his side ... My own service was sustained by his spiritual depth and by the richness of his insights. His example of prayer continually impressed and edified me...”

I also had a personal encounter with John Paul that day. Before Mass, I was fighting my way into St. Peter's Square. In the good-natured pushing and shoving typical before papal Masses, someone tapped me on the shoulder. I turned to see the honest face of Fr. Vincent Siret, a seminary rector from Ars, France, who spent a week in our parish last summer bringing the relic of John Vianney's heart. I followed him and his brother priests and sat with them. We had two hours before Mass, so we spoke of John Paul II, what he has meant to the Church, the world and our own vocations. The Mass eventually began, and just after the Penitential Rite the Pope led the Rite of Beatification. Some biographical notes of John Paul's life were read, the Vicar General petitioned Benedict to declare John Paul “Blessed,” and our current Pope obligingly pronounced the decree of beatification (“we declare that the venerable servant of God John Paul II, pope, from now on will be called Blessed...”). Two million people began clapping and cheering, the choir began a thunderous hymn of joy, bells were ringing ... but Fr. Vincent and I noticed some quiet movement to our left. A small procession was passing by, not ten feet from us. It was the humble Belgian nun, Sister Marie Pierre-Simon, whose instant cure of Parkinson's served as the miracle needed for John Paul's beatification. She and some children bearing flowers were bringing Blessed John Paul's “relic” to the altar — a vial of his blood, drawn during his last illness. The Choir began singing “John Paul's theme,” *Be not afraid. Open wide the doors of your hearts to the love of Christ.* Fr. Vincent began furtively swiping at tears and my own eyes filled to the brim. We realized that John Paul was alive and passing near us. He was the priest that led us each to the priesthood; he who taught us to love Christ and His Church. He taught the world to fear not God's love.

“Beatification” declares that a person is already in heaven. He also was very much on Earth for all of us priests that day.



Fr. Joseph

☞ Staff Contacts ☞

Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, Alex, Lauren)

Monday 10am-7:30pm

Tuesday-Thursday 8:30am-7:30pm

*Closed Wednesday 11:15am-1pm

Friday 8:30 am-5 pm

Sunday 10 am-3 pm

Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

- Se Habla Español*..... Alex x103
- Accounting..... Barbara x108
- Adult Ed & Bible Studies Michael x203
- Altar Servers..... Svetlana x200
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☞ Readings 5/16-5/22 ☞

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

12p Low Mass:

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

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2:4-9;

Jn 14:1-12

9:00am Mass: 4th Sunday After Easter

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

Sacraments

☞ Our Mass Intentions ☞

Sunday, May 15			
7:30a	Manuel Borges Victoria	1:30p	Arturo Salazar Bonilla & Joe Ramirez
9:00a	Rose Lammey	3:00p	Aurelio Yanos y Liza de Peralta
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Verde and Cefus William
12:00p	Jim Sangeo	7:30p	Franco Bautista
Monday, May 16			
8:00a	John Peyton , Mother's Day Novena	5:45p	Frank & Maria Silva and Frank Lowry
Tuesday, May 17			
8:00a	Jose Quidayan and Helen Sivley	5:45p	Bert Trajano and Maria Gonzalez
Wednesday, May 18			
8:00a	Elizabeth Machado and Kurtis Kraft	5:45p	Bill Cant and Anthony A. Cabral
Thursday, May 19			
8:00a	Alzira Victoria and Belmiro Da Rosa Gouldart	5:45p	Joaquin Rocha and Helen Elizabeth Sivley
Friday, May 20			
8:00a	Fr. John Peter Pragasm Anniversary	5:45p	Manuel Brazil and Sabina Fink
Saturday, May 21			
8:00a	John Peyton Jr. and Enriqueta Gonzalez	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 22			
7:30a	Sofonias & Enriqueta Gonzales	1:30p	Maria Gonzalez, Juan Ramirez and Maria Guadalupe Castellanos
9:00a	Domelio Berlotti	5:30p	John & Filomena Mendes
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners (Fr. L)	7:30p	Rita Roeck
12:00p	Manuel & Olivia Souza		

☞ Prayer & Interior Life ☞

“Stewardship: Recognizing and Receiving God’s Gifts”

May 15, 2011—Fourth Sunday of Easter

As a Christian disciple, we listen for the words of our Lord to guide and direct us. Jesus’ parable of the sheepfold and gatekeeper reminds us that we must be wary of impostors who are constantly trying to turn us away from God. Only by following the true shepherd will we be able to find green pastures. We can recognize the voice of truth when we listen with knowledge attained through a familiarity and understanding of the scriptures. May we seek our Lord and find Him in the Word of God.



St. Joseph's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
Try a Holy Hour with Jesus Once a Week!

Wednesdays: 10am to 11am;

Thursdays: 1pm to 2pm (vacant);

Fridays: 2am-3am (vacant);

and 2pm to 3pm;

Saturdays: Noon to 1pm

Please contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up one of these hours.

FILIPINO BREAKFAST THIS MORNING!

Filipino-American Catholic Liturgy Council is serving breakfast **THIS MORNING** in Fr. O'Hare Hall from 7:30am until 12:00 noon. Price: \$6.00. Menu: Fried Rice/Steamed rice, marinated sausages, eggs, fruits, coffee/tea and refreshment. Fresh sausages are also available for \$5.00/lbs/pkg. Tickets available at the door.



FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING WEEK—MAY 22

St. Joseph's Family Promise assists families experiencing temporary homelessness within our community. Volunteers are needed for our upcoming hosting week of May 22. Please stop by the table in the Plaza (or contact the parish office) to find out how you can assist.



MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

May is Military Appreciation Month. Our Military Ministry will be sending out special mailings to our troops in gratitude for their continued vigilance. We will be on the Plaza May 29, Memorial Day weekend. If you would like to help mail a care box to a brave soldier, please bring a check to the Parish office, attention Military Ministry. Postage has gone up to \$12.95 per box. We have product, but we are in need of monetary donations to mail packages.

ST. STANISLAUS PRE-SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

St. Stanislaus, a fun, faith-filled environment with developmentally appropriate curriculum, is now enrolling children ages 2-years, 9-months to 6-year-olds for the 2011-2012 school year. For more information please call (209) 524-3428. Spaces are limited. Also, **Substitute Teachers** are needed for the Pre-School. Candidates should have 3-6 units in Child Development or Early Childhood Education or be currently enrolled in classes. For more information please call the above number.

REQUESTS FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TO FEED THE HUNGRY

All types of canned goods with pull tops for homeless who do not have can openers are needed. We also would welcome any fresh fruit from an over-abundance from your yard that currently is in season, e.g. oranges, lemons, etc. A parishioner has donated a refrigerator, so now we have the capability to refrigerate perishable foods. SVDP is very grateful for everything that has been done and all the food that has been donated, which makes it possible to assist families during these hard times. Thank you for your generosity.



SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

St. Stanislaus Parish School is offering two Summer School Programs (3 sessions to choose from) for grades 1 thru 3 and another for grades 4 thru 7. Program is from 8am-12noon. Two hours will be devoted to academics and two hours devoted to elective enrichment. Extended care will be available after the program if needed (\$3.10 an hour for the first child and \$3.00 an hour for each sibling). The cost is \$125/per student/per session. For complete details on the courses and an application, please visit our website @ www.ststansparishschool.com.

Sunday, May 15		
7:00 A	Filipino Fellowship	Hall
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
11:30 A	Respect Life Meeting	JP4
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7
3:00 P	Filipino Mass	Chur
6:45 P	Youth Life Night	JP2
Monday, May 16		
4:00 P	STJ Youth Jam Session	Mus
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10
Tuesday, May 17		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:30 P	Development Committee	JP4
Wednesday, May 18		
10:00 A	St. J. Seniors' Lunch	Hall
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:45 P	Principle Study Group	JP5
6:00 P	ESL Classes	JP6
7:00 P	On the Go Adults	JP4
Thursday, May 19		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
12:00 P	RE Bible Study	JP4
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP8
7:00 P	Liturgy of the Hours	JP7
7:30 P	Homeschool Group	JP5
Friday, May 20		
12:00 P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:30 P	Adoration & Confessions	Chur
Saturday, May 21		
8:00 A	Blessings Annual Breakfast	Hall
8:30 A	Confessions	Chur
9:00 A	AA (Women) Language of the Heart	JP4
2:30 P	Indian Prayer Gathering	Hall
4:00 P	Confessions	Chur
Sunday, May 22		
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7
6:45 P	Youth Life Night	JP2

Planned Giving

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

☞ PSR Update ☜

Parish School of Religion

551-4973, ext. 217

E-mail: psr@stjmod.com

PSR Office Hours

Mon. 3:30-5:30pm

Tue.-Wed. 3:30-8:30pm

Thur. 3-6:30pm

☞ SAVE THE DATE! ☜
PSR REGISTRATION

Saturday, June 4

10am to 5pm

Sunday, June 5

10am to 7pm

Monday, June 6

10am to 4pm

Faith & Finances with Phil
Lenahan—

veritasfinancialministries.com

Tracking spending is an important part of managing your money.

Fr. Celestine Strub, writing in 1934, said "If keeping tab on one's expenses teaches economy, it should be done in every Christian home; for economy, super naturalized, is nothing but the Christian virtue of moderation."

There is a timeless wisdom to those words! *Steps to Becoming Financially Free* —Call Nicki Miranda (526-4704)

☞ The Catholic Library, ☜

JPII, room 11

For featured titles, visit our page on the website: *Stjmod.com*

☞ RCIA Update ☜

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.

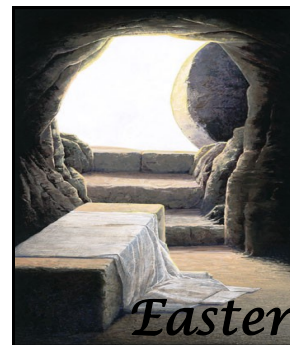
To start the process: call Stacy Phillips at 541-8903 to make an appointment.

Religious Education

Prayer: The Liturgy of the Hours

by Maria F. Delgado-Braun

In the parables about prayer, Jesus instructs us to pray always and at all times. I remember being a bit confused about this. Pray at all times... perhaps that meant to say formal prayers at every moment of the day, or was it more than this? Brother Lawrence, a 16th century Carmelite, calls us to practice the presence of the Lord during every moment of the day and, in this way, everything that we do becomes a prayer, a sharing between two friends. If the Lord is our friend and we wish to know, love and serve Him, how can we



Blessed John Paul II at prayer

ignore His presence in some of our daily activities? He is there and we can share every moment with Him. Our prayer life must be a mix of Martha and Mary... busy at serving the Lord, but open to His gift of contemplation. Every word that we say to Him must be said attentively, for we are addressing God. This brings to mind a book entitled "The Way of the Pilgrim," in which a Russian pilgrim sets out to find the secret of praying always, of mental prayer. One of the points made in the book is that to understand ceaseless prayer is a call from God; it does not stem from our worldly wisdom, but is discovered in the "spirit of poverty and simplicity of heart..." The pilgrim is told to read scripture always and to pray "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me!"

unceasingly so that the only contribution that one can make is our constancy and regularity. Holy Mother Church, in her wisdom, has a way of doing this through liturgical prayer, both Holy Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours or the Divine Office. The saying of the Office at different times sanctifies our day. The Mystical Body of Christ throughout the world offers her prayer to God for all of humanity. We can be sure that at the same time that we pray the Office, other members of the Church somewhere in the world also are praying it and that another soul is benefiting from our prayers. Having to take time to pray helps us to do something that we would not do with such frequency on our own. The Liturgy of the Hours provides regularity to our prayer and reminds us of the presence of God throughout the day. We invite you to discover the richness of the Liturgy of the Hours in the presentation scheduled by Fr. Benny below:

Discovering the Liturgy of the Hours

With Fr. Benny Kottarathil

May 19

6:30pm to 8pm in John Paul, Room 6

Snacks and Refreshments will be provided



Please remember to bring the text of the Liturgy of the Hours vols. 1 & 2. Those who do not have the four-volume set may bring the single-volume set called "Christian Prayer."



Join the MI "Family Village"

Today, May 15, after the 9am Mass in the Family and Youth Center

For more information,

please call John & Malissa Souza 531-8126

For Youth Ministry Information contact **Carlos Gonzales** at 551-4973, ext. 206 or e-mail cgonzales@stjmod.com Visit www.stiyouth.com



Recent Youth Events at St. Joseph's

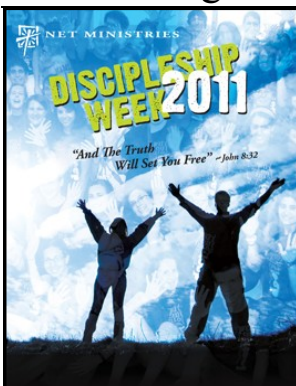
By Carlos Gonzales, Director of Youth and Family Ministries



Youth Live Stations of the Cross



High School NET Ministries Retreat



NET MINISTRIES D-WEEK NOR*CAL

Date: June 14-17 (Tues-Fri)
Location: California State University, Stanislaus, Turlock, CA.
Cost: \$230 (Includes Food & Lodging); \$265 after June 5
Ages: Teenagers 13-18
For more Information and Registration
www.dweeknorcal.com

∞ High School Ministry ∞

Life Nights, Sunday 6:45-8:30 pm in the Youth and Family Center

**TONIGHT:
Multiple Choice**



Next Week:

You've Got a Friend in Me!

Youth Soccer League

We are in need of a volunteer to lead our K-8 youth soccer league.

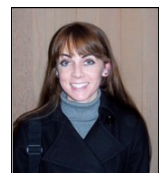


If you are interested please contact Carlos Gonzales at 551-4973 ext. 206, by email at cgonzales@stjmod.com.



WYD 2011 MADRID

"I want to go to WYD to experience Mass with the Pope and other youth from around the world."



- Caroline Mullins, 29 Yrs.
- Employee, Raley's Supermarket



Nell Fuentez

Profiles in Stewardship

by Svetlana Avetisyan

Nell Fuentez centers her heart in prayer when she sings.

Nell Fuentez joined St. Joseph's adult choir in 1995 – the time when our church did not even have a choir loft, so the choir members sat at the 1st two rows along with the congregation. Besides being a choir member (alto) she helped choir directors prepare music binders for adult and children's choirs as well as for the performance tour at St. Peter's Basilica and concert in Rome in 2005. Nell also worked with the fund-raisers to help the choir pay for the trip: two of them - "The Light of Hope" (7 years) and " St. Joseph's Drive-Thru Taco Stand" was her favorite. Nell was St. Joseph's Choir Historian for 2 terms and prepared the music weekly for the choir since the year 2004. She loved music from her childhood; her first performance was at the age of six. She sang and played guitar in the San-Jose Spanish-speaking radio stations and different vocal bands.

Nell has the natural capacity for the spiritual life. She shares her gift of love in every deed she does selflessly and every song that comes from her heart.

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza Refreshments are suspended for today as the Filipino American Liturgy Group is serving a breakfast in the Hall this morning.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Volunteer Opportunities:

Join the Planning Committee
4th Annual Parish Gala
Dinner-Dancing-Silent and Live Auctions
Friday, November 4

**MANY HANDS, MANY HEARTS,
ONE MISSION.**



Youth Volunteers Welcome
Responding to God's Blessings
Free Parish Breakfast
Saturday, May 21—8am-noon

Summer Office Volunteers Welcome

Please call the Center for Lay Apostolates for
these and other
Volunteer Opportunities!

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

BENEDICT XVI
GENERAL AUDIENCE
Wednesday, 13 April 2011
Holiness (Part II)



In the Diocese

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If you are a Eucharistic Minister to the sick and home bound in your parish, please consider becoming a volunteer at St Joseph's Medical Center in Stockton. Eucharistic Ministers bring communion to all Catholic patients; we need more ministers to provide this service each day. Please contact Sr. Katherine Hamilton, OP 461-5112 or email:

Katherine.Hamilton@chw.edu

CLASSROOM AIDE NEEDED

Our Lady of Fatima School is accepting applications for a part-time aide for second grade for the 2011-2012 school year. Applications are available in the school office and the parish office and will be accepted until May 18. Applicants must be practicing Catholics, high school graduates with some college education, child development classes, experience working with young children ages 5-8, initiative in handling tasks as directed by the teacher. Please include a copy of high school diploma and college transcript. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. School office phone number is 524-4170.

JOB OPENING

The Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Stockton is seeking a full-time, exempt, Facility Director. The application form and detailed job description and other expectations can be found at www.presentationchurch.net. Click "Administration." To apply, please send application form and resume including a list of three work related references to Jim Falcone, Administrator, 6715 Leesburg Place, Stockton, CA 95207 or email to officemgr@presentationchurch.net.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

How can we take the path to holiness in order to respond to this call? Can I do this on my own initiative? The answer is clear. A holy life is not



primarily the result of our efforts, of our actions, because it is God, the three times Holy (Is 6:3) who sanctifies us, it is the Holy Spirit's action that enlivens us from within, it is the very life of the Risen Christ that is communicated to us and that transforms us. To say so once again with the Second Vatican Council, "the followers of Christ,

called by God not in virtue of their works but by his design and grace, and justified in the Lord Jesus, have been made sons of God in the baptism of faith and partakers of the divine nature, and so are truly sanctified. They must therefore hold onto and perfect in their lives that sanctification which they have received" (*ibid.*, n. 40).

Holiness, therefore, has its deepest root in the grace of baptism, in being grafted on to the Paschal Mystery of Christ, by which his Spirit is communicated to us, his very life as the Risen One. St Paul strongly emphasizes the transformation that baptismal grace brings about in man and he reaches the point of coining a new terminology, forged with the preposition "with": *dead-with*, *buried-with*, *raised-with*, brought to *life-with*, with Christ; our destiny is indissolubly linked to his. "We were buried therefore with him by baptism" he writes, "into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead ... we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:4). Yet God always respects our freedom and asks that we accept this gift and live the requirements it entails and he asks that we let ourselves be transformed by the action of the Holy Spirit, conforming our will to the will of God.

How can it happen that our manner of thinking and our actions become thinking and action with Christ and of Christ? What is the soul of holiness? Once again the Second Vatican Council explains; it tells us that Christian holiness is nothing other than charity lived to the full. "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him" (1 Jn 4:16). Now God has poured out his love in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us (cf. Rom 5:5); therefore the first and most necessary gift is charity, by which we love God above all things and our neighbor through love of him. But if charity, like a good seed, is to grow and fructify in the soul, each of the faithful must willingly hear the word of God and carry out his will with deeds, with the help of his grace. He must frequently receive the sacraments, chiefly the Eucharist, and take part in the holy liturgy; he must constantly apply himself to prayer, self-denial, active brotherly service and the exercise all the virtues. This is because love, as the bond of perfection and fullness of the law (Col 3:14; Rom 13:10) governs, gives meaning to, and perfects all the means of sanctification" (*Lumen Gentium* 42).

Por Svetlana Avetisyan



Nell Fuentez

Nell Fuentez centra su corazón en la oración cada vez que canta.

Nell Fuentez se unió al coro de St. Joseph's en 1995-en el tiempo en que nuestra iglesia todavía no tenía un ático para el coro, así que los miembros del coro se sentaban en las primeras dos bancas con la congregación. Aparte de ser miembro del coro ella ayuda los directores del coro a preparar las carpetas de la música para el coro de adultos y niños y también para el concierto cuando visitaron la Basílica de San Pedro en Roma en el 2005. Nell también ayudó con eventos para recaudar fondos para el viaje del coro: dos de ellos—"La luz de la Esperanza" (7 años) y "St. Joseph's Drive-Thru parada de tacos" que fue su favorito. Nell era una Historiadora del Coro de St. Joseph's por un periodo de 2 años y preparaba la música semanalmente para el coro desde el 2004. Ella ama la música desde su niñez, su primer desempeño fue a la edad de seis años. Ella cantaba y tocaba la guitarra en las estaciones de radio hispanohablantes de San José y en diferentes bandas de música.

Nell tiene una capacidad natural para la vida espiritual. Ella comparte sus dones de amor en cada acto que hace generosamente y cada alabanza que sale de su

¡Boletín Parroquial en Español! DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Joseph Illo

Hace dos semanas que fui a la beatificación del Papa Juan Pablo II celebrada por el Papa Benedicto XVI. Los dos hombres como los apóstoles Pedro y Pablo—opuestos en temperamento, pero unidos en una misión. Estos dos hombres tan diferentes, se amaban con un afecto fraterno y han trabajado unidos hacia una sola meta— el hacer que Cristo sea conocido y amado. Al final de la homilía de beatificación, Benedicto tomó unos minutos para recordar. "Por 23 años, estuve a su lado...mi propio servicio fue sostenido por su profundidad espiritual y la riqueza de sus pensamientos. Su ejemplo de oración me impresionó y edificó continuamente..."



También yo tuve un encuentro personal con Juan Pablo II ese día. Antes de la Misa, me encontraba tratando de llegar a la Plaza de San Pedro, mientras empujaba a otros en la manera típica antes de cada Misa Papal, cuando de pronto, sentí que alguien tocaba mi hombro. Volteé y vi el rostro honesto del Padre Vincent Siret, el rector del seminario de Ars, Francia; quien estuvo en nuestra parroquia por una semana el verano pasado cuando trajo consigo la reliquia del corazón de San Juan Vianney. Lo seguí y a sus hermanos sacerdotes y me senté con ellos. Tuvimos dos horas antes de la Misa, entonces hablamos sobre Juan Pablo II, lo que él significaba para la Iglesia, el mundo y nuestras vocaciones. La Misa eventualmente comenzó, y un poco después del Acto Penitencial, el Papa dirigió el Rito de Beatificación. Algunas notas biográficas fueron leídas, y el Vicario General hizo la petición a Benedicto de que declarase a Juan Pablo II "Beato," y nuestro Papa con gusto pronunció el decreto de beatificación ("declaramos que el venerable servidor de Dios, Juan Pablo II, Papa, de ahora en adelante será llamado Beato..."). Dos millones de personas comenzaron a aplaudir y gritar porras, el coro comenzó a cantar un himno de gozo con estruendo, las campanas sonaron... pero el Padre Vicente y yo notamos un movimiento silencioso hacia nuestra izquierda. Una pequeña procesión estaba pasando cerca a nosotros, a unos diez pies de donde nos encontrábamos. Era la humilde monja Bélgica, Sor Marie Pierre-Simón, la cual su cura instantánea de Parkinson había servido como el milagro para la beatificación de Juan Pablo II. Ella y algunos niños cargando flores, traían la "reliquia" del Beato Juan Pablo II al altar—un frasco con su sangre, la cual había sido extraída durante su última enfermedad. El Coro comenzó a cantar "el tema de Juan Pablo II," *No tengas miedo. Abre las puertas de tu corazón al amor de Cristo.* El Padre Vicente comenzó a limpiar sus lágrimas furtivamente, mientras mis ojos se llenaban hasta el borde. Nos dimos cuenta que Juan Pablo estaba vivo, y estaba pasando por donde nosotros. El fue el sacerdote que nos llevó a cada uno a nuestro sacerdocio; el que nos enseñó a amar a Cristo y a su Iglesia. El enseñó al mundo a no temer al amor de Dios.

La "Beatificación" declara que esa persona ya se encuentra en el Cielo. El también estaba en la tierra para todos nosotros los sacerdotes aquel día.

Fr. Joseph

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

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VIDA PARROQUIAL

Martes: Grupo de Oración

Carismático de

7:00pm-9:00pm., en la Iglesia.

Miércoles: Clases de Inglés de 6:00pm
-7:30pm en el Salón # 6.

Miércoles: Hora Santa en español de
7:00pm-8:00pm., en la Capilla.

Jueves: Estudio de Biblia de 6:30pm-
8:30pm en el Salón # 4-All Saints de JPIL

Jueves: Grupo de Jóvenes-Adultos de
7:00pm-9:00pm en el salón #7.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

¿Cómo podemos recorrer el camino de la santidad para responder a esta llamada? ¿Puedo hacerlo con mis fuerzas? La respuesta es clara: una vida santa no es fruto principalmente de nuestro esfuerzo, de nuestras acciones, porque es Dios, el tres veces santo (Is 6, 3), quien nos hace santos; es la



acción del Espíritu Santo la que nos anima desde nuestro interior; es la vida misma de Cristo resucitado la que se nos comunica y la que nos transforma. Para decirlo una vez más con el concilio Vaticano II: «Los seguidores de Cristo han sido llamados por Dios y justificados en el Señor Jesús, no por sus propios méritos, sino por su designio de gracia. El bautismo

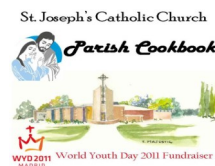
y la fe los ha hecho verdaderamente hijos de Dios, participan de la naturaleza divina y son, por tanto, realmente santos. Por eso deben, con la gracia de Dios, conservar y llevar a plenitud en su vida la santidad que recibieron» (*Lumen gentium*, 40). La santidad tiene, por tanto, su raíz última en la gracia bautismal, en ser insertados en el Misterio pascual de Cristo, con el que se nos comunica su Espíritu, su vida de Resucitado. San Pablo subraya con mucha fuerza la transformación que lleva a cabo en el hombre la gracia bautismal y llega a acuñar una terminología nueva, forjada con la preposición «con»: *con-muertos, con-sepultados, con-resucitados, con-vivificados* con Cristo; nuestro destino está unido indisolublemente al suyo. «Por el bautismo — escribe — fuimos sepultados con él en la muerte, para que, lo mismo que Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos (...), así también nosotros andemos en una vida nueva» (*Rm* 6, 4). Pero Dios respeta siempre nuestra libertad y pide que aceptemos este don y vivamos las exigencias que conlleva; pide que nos dejemos transformar por la acción del Espíritu Santo, conformando nuestra voluntad a la voluntad de Dios.

¿Cómo puede suceder que nuestro modo de pensar y nuestras acciones se conviertan en el pensar y el actuar con Cristo y de Cristo? ¿Cuál es el alma de la santidad? De nuevo el concilio Vaticano II precisa; nos dice que la santidad no es sino la caridad plenamente vivida. «Dios es amor y el que permanece en el amor permanece en Dios y Dios en él» (*1 Jn* 4, 16). Dios derramó su amor en nuestros corazones por medio del Espíritu Santo que se nos ha dado (cf. *Rm* 5, 5). Por tanto, el don principal y más necesario es el amor con el que amamos a Dios sobre todas las cosas y al prójimo a causa de él. Ahora bien, para que el amor pueda crecer y dar fruto en el alma como una semilla buena, cada cristiano debe escuchar de buena gana la Palabra de Dios y cumplir su voluntad con la ayuda de su gracia, participar frecuentemente en los sacramentos, sobre todo en la Eucaristía, y en la sagrada liturgia, y dedicarse constantemente a la oración, a la renuncia de sí mismo, a servir activamente a los hermanos y a la práctica de todas las virtudes. El amor, en efecto, como lazo de perfección y plenitud de la ley (*Col* 3, 14; *Rm* 13, 10), dirige todos los medios de santificación, los informa y los lleva a su fin» (*Lumen gentium*, 42).

REGISTRO DE

CATECISMO PARA NIÑOS (PSR)

El 4 de junio de 10am a 5pm, el 5 de junio de 10am a 7pm y el 6 de junio de 10am a 4pm. **Todo estudiante ya inscrito deberá reinscribirse, durante estos 3 días para evitar pagar cuota extra. Todo estudiante nuevo tiene que traer el Certificado de Bautismo, si el niño/a fue bautizado en otro país favor de irlo pidiendo para tenerlo listo el día del registro.**



Los Jóvenes de la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud estarán vendiendo libros de recetas justo a tiempo para

el día de las Madres. El libro contiene más de 400 diferentes recetas de nuestros feligreses, el Padre Joseph, Padre Larry, Padre Peter Carota, Padre Ramón Bejarano y el Diácono Ken también contribuyeron para este recetario, que incluye: aperitivos, sopas, postres, ensaladas y platillos principales. Los libros se venderán en la Plaza por \$15.00. Gracias por su contribución para que estos jóvenes asistan a la Jornada.

El Grupo de Jóvenes-Adultos, te invita a sus reuniones los jueves de 7:00pm a 9:00pm en el Salón #7, ven y comparte con ellos, la Palabra de Dios, temas, Hora Santa Juvenil, convivencia y mucho más.

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May 2011 is our First "Responding to God's Blessings" *Month of Celebration*

During May we will reflect on the many ways God has blessed us, our families and how we individually and as a parish have blessed others.

Saturday, May 21: FREE PARISH BREAKFAST

(8am-noon in the Hall) Prepared by our Knights of Columbus. Our Parish Leadership Committee Members will welcome you and be your hosts! Highlights will include ministry statistics and a proud display of our PSR Student artwork.

Enjoy a cup of coffee and a relaxing breakfast with other parishioners!



Sunday, May 22: Join us as we recognize our PSR Student contest winners, and Fr. Illo will communicate the importance of reflecting on our blessings. If you love blessings, you won't want to miss it!

Thursday, May 19th, 2011

DISCOVERING THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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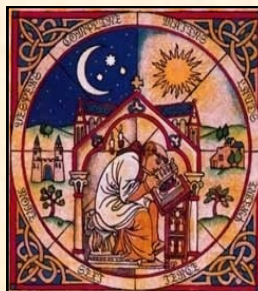
FR. BENNY

6:30pm to 8:00pm

John Paul II, Room 6



Snacks and Refreshments will be provided. Please remember to bring the text of the Liturgy of the Hours vols. 1 & 2. Those who do not have the four-volume set may bring the single volume set called 'Christian Prayer.'



Save the Date!



You are invited to join our Council for its 20th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, June 18, 2011 after the 5:30 pm Mass.

Adult-\$10.00,
Senior (60 or older)/Children 6-12
\$5.00

Advance purchase required. Tickets will be on sale in the Parish Office or after Sunday Masses June 5th and 12th.

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