

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 22, 2011 Fifth 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 Ochiner, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

I'm writing this from a bouncing, swerving, honking taxi racing through downtown Lima (Peru). Can you tell? The *taxista* told me to take my watch off if I want to put my arm out the window. Otherwise I might lose both my arm *and* my watch. This is the last retreat I'm giving to the sisters for a while and will be glad to be back in Modesto by the time you read this.

This Saturday our parish enjoys a free "Blessings Breakfast" in Fr. O'Hare Hall. I hope you will join me after Mass!

We are tempted to moan and groan these days about most things in life: the awful economy, the worsening planet, the crumbling state of the family, the Islamic threat, etc. We have grown accustomed to moaning and groaning. The news media certainly help us in this effort....

But this Saturday, and really every Sunday, we would do better to recognize the *good* things all around us. God is certainly a loving and all-provident Father, and to complain is to disrespect Him. A glum Christian is a poor Christian indeed, and a complaining Catholic does no credit to our name.

A most healthy Christian exercise is to *count our blessings*, for we have many. Take a piece of paper, draw a line down the middle, and put curses on the left, blessings on the right. If you are honest, you will have twice as many items in the right column. Why? Because everything we have is deep-down good. "Stuff" is inherently good. Creation is good. It tends to get dirty, it has a way of getting messed up, but just under the surface, it is good.

That problem teenager? 99% blessing and only 1% curse, if we take the time to see the good in him. *Global Warming?* Mostly good, and mostly from God, and mostly beyond our control, so why moan about it? *A slow economy?* Makes us stay home more, which helps the planet and helps our families to bond. Those are some of the things that *seem* bad, but have huge silver linings. But most of life is obviously good. The sky. The trees. The fact that we got up today. The money we do have in our pockets. The food we do have on our tables. Our friends, our relatives. Our free, democratic government. Our faith.



Earlier this year Modesto Pregnancy Center received a new state of the art ultrasound, donated by St. Joseph's Knight of Columbus Council

One of the greatest blessings is **our fine parish**: faithful, dynamic, joyful. Beautiful Masses. A well-organized parish staff. Thousands of well-formed and joyful volunteers. A solid Catholic education system. Extensive support to the poor. Do we have problems? Sure. Can we do better? Of course. But let's thank God for a beautiful parish, and the privilege of being contributing members of this parish community.

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
- Audio / VideoJeremy x213
- Becoming Catholic, RCIA Stacy x211
- Buildings & Grounds..... Susie x201
- Bulletin & Website Jeremy x213
- 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
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- Volunteering Tammy x207
- Youth Ministry..... Carlos x206

Readings 5/23-5/29

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

12p Low Mass:

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

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18; or
1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

9:00am Mass: 5th Sunday After Easter

Jas. 1:22-27; Jn. 16:23-30

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 22 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)			
7:30a	Sofonias & Enriqueta Gonzales (Fr. J)	1:30p	Maria Gonzalez, Juan Ramirez and Maria Guadalupe Castellanos (Fr. J)
9:00a	Domenico Bertolotti (Fr. B)	5:30p	John & Filomena Mendes (Fr. L)
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners (Fr. L)	7:30p	Rita Roeck (Fr. C)
12:00p	Manuel & Olivia Souza (Fr. B)		
Monday, May 23			
8:00a	Erv Keller and Cornelious & Mary Herlihy	5:45p	Charlene Martin and Giacomo & Annuziata Bertolotti
Tuesday, May 24			
8:00a	Richard Scott and Cora Roberts	5:45p	David Terra and Oscar Lopez
Wednesday, May 25			
8:00a	Melito Retanan and Joe Barratt	5:45p	David and Sara Terra and Jason and Jesse Woodson
Thursday, May 26			
8:00a	Florence Elkes and Gilberto Ochoa	5:45p	Catherine Wanken and Angelo & Batista Bertolotti
Friday, May 27			
8:00a	Virgil, Julia and Bob Shaw	5:45p	John Walter Cant and Alzira Victoria
Saturday, May 28			
8:00a	Joseph Lammey and Ramiro Tellez	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass (Fr. B)
Sunday, May 29 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)			
7:30a	Rozann Platt (Fr. B)	1:30p	George Medina, Joaquin Rocha and Diego Zendejas (Fr. C)
9:00a	Joaquin Rocha (Fr. J)	5:30p	Silena Locklear (Fr. B)
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners (Fr. L)	7:30p	Alexander Gundersen (Fr. J)
12:00p	Primo & Lula Manrique (Fr. J)		

Prayer & Interior Life

"Stewardship: Recognizing and Receiving God's Gifts"

May 22, 2011—Fifth Sunday of Easter

When the Apostles shared the gospel with the people in Jerusalem, many new disciples joined the group. While the Apostles practiced stewardship regarding the faith and the Word of God, they appointed helpers to act as stewards of the physical gifts they possessed. In this way all members were able to participate in the life of the community. Their sharing and serving is an example for us to model our lives in stewardship. May we exemplify the dedication of the first disciples in our service to others.



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.



NEW MASS TRANSLATIONS

Fr. Illo's May 25th talk on the New Mass Translations has been postponed to late June, early July.

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.



OFFICE CLOSED

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th. It will re-open at the regular time on Tuesday, May 31st.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery will have only one Memorial Day Mass this year, May 30, 2011. Mass will be at 9:00am in English with Fr. Ramon Bejarano. Thank You.

SAVE ON 2011 FESTIVAL RIDE, GAME AND FOOD TICKETS!

The 2011 Festival Committee will be selling carnival, game and ride tickets at a fantastic savings all three days of PSR Signups in JP11 Building: Saturday, June 4, 10am-5pm; Sunday, June 5, 10am-7pm, and Monday, June 6, 10am-7pm. Total Value: \$30. Your Cost: \$15. You get \$25 of Carnival tickets and \$5 parish game/food tickets!

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.

**APPLICATIONS FOR ST. STANISLAUS
2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

"Tradition, Excellence and Faith." St. Stanislaus is now accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year. Applications are available online or may be picked up at the school office. You may also call 524-9036 to arrange a school tour or to have an application mailed to you.

Sunday, May 22nd		
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7
6:45 P	Youth Life Night	JP2
Monday, May 23rd		
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer	JP10
Tuesday, May 24th		
9:00 A	Senior Strength	JP7
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
6:30 P	Stewardship Committee	JP4
Wednesday, May 25th		
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:45 P	Principle Study Group	JP5
6:00 P	ESL Classes	JP6
Thursday, May 26th		
9:00 A	Senior Strength	JP7
12:00 P	RE Bible Study	JP4
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP5
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP7
Friday, May 27th		
12:00 P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:30 P	Adoration & Confessions	Chur
Saturday, May 28th		
8:30 A	Confessions	Chur
9:00 A	AA (Women) Language	JP4
4:00 P	Confessions	Chur
Sunday, May 29th		
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.

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☞ 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

Passing on the faith to our children is one of our greatest responsibilities. Pope St. Gregory the Great said, "For true doctrine tries both to teach by words and example...when one practices first and preaches afterwards, one is really teaching with power." Are you modeling what it means to be a steward of Providence to your children?

Steps to Becoming Financially Free
Call Nicki Miranda (526-4704)

☞ The Catholic Library, ☜
JP II, 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

Parish School of Religion
(Catechism Classes) Registration is only
2 weeks away!

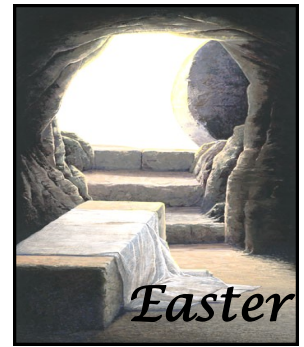
Registration weekend for
Returning and
New students is
June 4th, 5th, & 6th.

Hours

June 4th 10:00am-5:00pm
June 5th 10:00am-7:00pm
June 6th 10:00am-4:00pm

Fees for 2011-2012

\$75 for one student, \$100 for two students,



Easter



Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis for all students. However, you do not have to come first thing on Saturday morning to obtain the class your child needs. No classes filled at last year's registration until Sunday evening. We plan enough space for every returning child.

The process includes choosing a class time from the available spaces and fee payment or applying for a scholarship (we offer a limited number of partial and full scholarships and payment plans).

Returning Students must complete registration by June 6th or a late fee of \$25.00 per family will apply. If your family will be out of town during this time, you must contact us prior to June 6th to avoid the late fee and register at a later date.



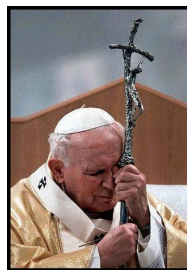
New Students (families must be registered in the parish) may register for classes during the registration weekend, but they must already be registered as parishioners at the parish. At the time of registration parents of new students must include a copy of each child's baptism certificate (or registration cannot be taken). We encourage you to register at the parish office and provide a copy of

your child's baptism certificate before June 4th. Registration for new students ends Sept. 2, after 9-2-2011 a late fee of \$25 per family applies.

☞ Wisdom from the Saints ☜

"Do not be afraid to go out on the streets and into public places like the first apostles who preached Christ and the Good News of salvation in the squares of cities, towns and villages. This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is time to preach it from the rooftops."

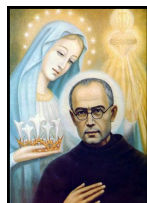
(World Youth Day 1993) — *Blessed John Paul II*



Join the MI "Family Village"

Every second Sunday, after the 9am Mass in the Family and Youth Center

For more information,
please call John & Malissa Souza 531-8126

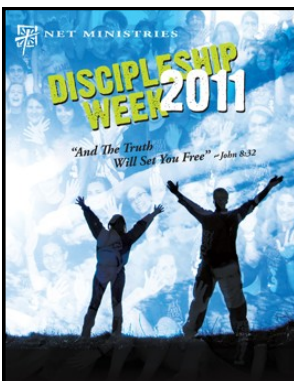


∞ Total Youth Ministry ∞

Family Life

Upcoming Youth Events at St. Joseph's

By Carlos Gonzales, Director of Youth and Family Ministries



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



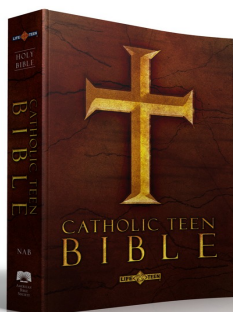
Watch The D-Week - Nor*Cal Promotion Video Today At
www.youtube.com/StJosephsYouth

"Caminando Hacia Cristo" (Walking Towards Christ)

For Spanish speakers ages 18 and up. Meet Thursdays at 7pm, John Paul II Center, Room #7. Holy Hour every fourth Thursday of the month. Contact Alex in the parish office for more information.



∞ Catholic Teen Bible | Parish Book Store ∞



The Catholic Teen Bible meets teenagers where they are in their faith walk with authentic and clear language. A New American Translation (the translation we read at Mass) and 128 supplemental pages of distinctively Catholic resources, this teen Bible helps teens grow in their love for the Sacred Scriptures and introduces them to God's plan for their lives as revealed in His Sacred Word.

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



∞ High School Ministry ∞

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

TONIGHT:
You've Got a Friend in Me!



Next Week:
Graduation Celebration

ARMEE is a ministry devoted to ..
Adoration
Reconciliation
Mass
Eucharist
Evangelization.

ARMEE meets on Monday nights at 7:30PM at Our Lady of the Assumption in Turlock.



WYD 2011 MADRID

"I want to become a priest, so I think this would be a great experience."

- Eduardo Torres, 15 Yrs.
- Freshman, Home Schooled



13 Weeks to World Youth Day



Juan and Don Jesus

Profiles in Stewardship

by Maria F. Delgado-Braun

Jesus Guzman and Juan Gonzales can be seen every morning Monday through Friday at the 8:00 am Mass, arriving usually around 6:45 am to set up candles, refill the holy water dispensers and straighten the church and the chapel. Jesus has been volunteering in this ministry close to five years, since Lorraine Ottoboni asked him for help. Juan has also been serving for the past year and a half after being asked by Jesus to help while he was away visiting his mother in Mexico. Quiet and out of the "spot light" they do their volunteer work without recognition, and sometimes not even a "thank you." These gentlemen are truly examples of stewardship, of giving their time and talent. Their humble work, as well as that of so many others, is what makes this a great Parish. Our magnificent God is a personal God, who looks at each of our works and rejoices when we offer them for His kingdom. In the words of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta; "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Thank you Jesus and Juan for all the work that you do for God and His people!

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Thank you to our Plaza Refreshment Volunteers for hosting our coffee and donuts after morning Masses. Please thank them for all the blessings they bring to our parish!

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Veterans Salute!

By Leonard Churilla, Military Ministry Historian



Veterans Salute is a celebration of the St. Joseph's Military Support Ministry. To help with their military support box mailings, call Dean or Julie 522-0887

Roland S. Noack and his wife, Marimel (lovingly called Mel), have been members of St. Joseph's parish since 1990. He is a lector at Thursday evening Masses and helps his wife with various tasks in her role as our lead sacristan. Roland was born near Dresden in the former East Germany on April 15, 1929. Near the end of World War II he was drafted into the German army at the age of 16. After the war he was able to get away to attend school in Chicago, Illinois, staying with relatives there. His parents and two younger brothers were left behind in East Germany but managed to escape later, spending a year in a refugee camp in Hamburg, West Germany.



Roland S. Noack

Anxious to become a U.S. citizen so he could send for his family in Germany, Roland joined the U.S. Air Force in March 1952 under the "Army Alien Bill" sponsored by President Eisenhower. He wanted to become a pilot so he signed up for the Aviation Cadet program. When his commanding officer learned of this he said it was a mistake because only U.S. citizens could apply for that program. Thus, Roland settled for the flight mechanical engineering field, working on B-25 planes. While assigned to the Air Training Command at Sheppard Air

Force Base in Oklahoma he was often asked to help translate at social affairs with foreign students since he spoke German, French and Spanish. Roland later pursued a career as a civilian pilot, working for Pan American Airlines for 27 years before retiring in 1980. The wife of a pilot friend introduced Roland to Mel and they were married in St. Patrick's Church in Angels Camp. The couple eventually moved to Oakdale where Mel could continue her career. They are the proud parents of four grown children. God bless them both for their gifts to our parish.

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 III)



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What is the essential? The essential means never leaving a Sunday without an encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist; this is not an additional burden but is light for the whole week. It means never beginning and never ending a day without at least a brief contact with God. And, on the path of our life it means following the “signposts” that God has communicated to us in the Ten Commandments, interpreted with Christ, which are merely the explanation of what love is in specific situations. It seems to me that this is the true simplicity and greatness of a life of holiness: the encounter with the Risen One on Sunday; contact with God at the beginning and at the end of the day; following, in decisions, the “signposts” that God has communicated to us, which are but forms of charity.

“Hence the true disciple of Christ is marked by love both of God and of neighbor” (*Lumen Gentium*, n. 42). This is the true simplicity, greatness and depth of Christian life, of being holy. This is why St Augustine, in commenting on the fourth chapter of the First Letter of St John, could make a bold statement: “*Dilige et fac quod vis* [Love and do what you will]” And he continued: “If you keep silent, keep silent by love; if you speak, speak by love; if you correct, correct by love; if you pardon, pardon by love; let love be rooted in you, and from the root nothing but good can grow” (7,8 pl 35). We might ask ourselves: can we, with our limitations, with our weaknesses, aim so high? During the Liturgical Year, the Church invites us to commemorate a host of saints, the ones, that is, who lived charity to the full, who knew how to love and follow Christ in their daily lives. They tell us that it is possible for everyone to take this road. In every epoch of the Church’s history, on every latitude of the world map, the saints belong to all the ages and to every state of life, they are actual faces of every people, language and nation. And they have very different characters. I must say that also for my personal faith many saints, not all, are true stars in the firmament of history. And I would like to add that for me not only a few great saints whom I love and whom I know well are “signposts”, but precisely also the simple saints, that is, the good people I see in my life who will never be canonized. They are ordinary people, so to speak, without visible heroism but in their everyday goodness I see the truth of faith. This goodness, which they have developed in the faith of the Church, is for me the most reliable apology of Christianity and the sign of where the truth lies. In the Communion of Saints, canonized and not canonized, which the Church lives thanks to Christ in all her members, we enjoy their presence and their company and cultivate the firm hope that we shall be able to imitate their journey and share one day in the same blessed life, eternal life.

How great and beautiful, as well as simple is the Christian vocation seen in this light! We are all called to holiness: it is the very measure of Christian living. I would like to ask all to open themselves to the action of the Holy Spirit, who transforms our life, to be, we too, as small pieces in the great mosaic of holiness that God continues to create in history, so that the face of Christ may shine out in the fullness of its splendor. Let us not be afraid to aim high, for God’s heights; let us not be afraid that God will ask too much of us, but let ourselves be guided by his Word in every daily action, even when we feel poor, inadequate, sinners. It will be he who transforms us in accordance with his love.

In the Diocese

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.

TWO OPENINGS MUST BE BILINGUAL ST. STANISLAUS FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education Coordinator: (Part Time) To coordinate the religious activities in the parish under the supervision of the Director of Religious Education.

Director of Religious Education (Full Time) To administer a total parish catechetical program and provide leadership to assist a parish community in building a solid foundation for spirituality, Christian living, ministry and outreach. To apply please send your resume to vsnuffer@ststansparish.org or fax it to (209) 524-1910.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If you are a Eucharistic Minister to the sick and home bound in your parish, please consider volunteering at St Joseph’s Medical Center in Stockton. We need more ministers to provide this service each day. Please contact Sr. Katherine Hamilton, OP 461-5112 or email: Katherine.Hamilton@chw.edu.



Juan and Don Jesus

A Jesús Guzmán y Juan Gonzales se les puede ver cada mañana de lunes a Viernes en la Misa de las 8:00am, llegando casi siempre a las 6:45am para poner velas, llenar los abastecedores del agua bendita y limpiar la iglesia y la capilla. Jesús ha sido voluntario de este ministerio cerca ya de 5 años, desde que Lorraine Ottoboni le pidió hacerlo. Juan también ha estado sirviendo por el último año y medio después de que Jesús le pidió que le ayudara mientras él estaba fuera visitando a su mamá en México. Callados y fuera de “la luz pública” ellos hacen su trabajo de voluntarios sin ningún reconocimiento, y a veces ni siquiera un “gracias.” Estos caballeros son verdaderos ejemplos de la corresponsabilidad, al dar de su tiempo y talento. Su humilde trabajo, al igual que el de muchos otros, es lo que hace esto una Gran Parroquia. Nuestro magnífico Dios, es un Dios personal, quien mira a cada uno de nuestros trabajos y se alegra cuando se los ofrecemos a Él para Su reino. En las palabras de la Bendita Madre Teresa de Calcuta; “No todos nosotros podemos hacer grandes cosas. Pero podemos hacer pequeñas cosas con mucho amor.” ¡Gracias Jesús y Juan por todo el trabajo que hacen por Dios y por Su gente!

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

Escribo esta mientras me encuentro rebotando en un taxi que anda pitando y corriendo carreras por el centro de Lima (Perú). ¿Pueden notarlos? El taxista me acaba de decir que me quite el reloj si deseo sacar mi brazo por la ventana, de otra manera, puedo perder el brazo y el reloj. Este es el último retiro que le doy a las hermanas por algún tiempo, y estaré contento de haber regresado a Modesto cuando estén leyendo este artículo.

Este sábado, nuestra parroquia celebrará un desayuno gratis en el hall titulado “Desayuno de Bendiciones.” Espero que vengan a disfrutarlo conmigo después de la Misa.

Siempre sentimos la tentación de estar quejándonos sobre la mayoría de las cosas en esta vida: la horrible economía, el planeta empeorándose, el desmoronamiento de la familia, la amenaza islámica, etc. Nos hemos acostumbrado a quejarnos, y las noticias y los medios de comunicación nos ayudan a hacerlo...

Pero este sábado, haríamos mejor en reconocer las cosas buenas alrededor. Dios Padre es todo amor y toda providencia, el quejarnos es faltarle al respeto. Un Cristiano triste no es un buen Cristiano y un Católico que se queja mucho no nos da un buen nombre.

Un buen ejercicio para los Cristianos es el de *contar nuestras bendiciones*, pues tenemos muchas. Tome una hoja de papel, y trace una línea por el medio, escriba las cosas malas en el lado izquierdo y las bendiciones en el derecho. Si usted es honesto, tendrá el doble de cosas en el lado derecho de la columna. ¿Por qué? Porque todo lo que tenemos es algo bueno en el fondo. “todas las cosas” de por sí son buenas. Toda la creación es buena. A veces se ensucia, se pone problemática, pero debajo de la superficie, todo es bueno.

¿Ese adolescente problemático? Si tomamos el tiempo para pensar, es 99% bendición y 1% malo. ¿El calentamiento de la tierra? Bueno más que todo, y la mayoría es de parte de Dios y no está bajo nuestro control, entonces ¿Por qué quejarnos de esto? ¿la mala economía? Nos hace quedarnos en casa más a menudo, lo cual ayuda al planeta y a la unión familiar. Estas son algunas de las cosas que nos parecen malas, pero en el fondo no lo son. La mayoría de la vida es obviamente buena. El cielo. Los arboles. El que nos hayamos levantado hoy. El dinero que tenemos en nuestros bolsillos. La comida en nuestras mesas. Nuestros amigos, familiares, nuestro gobierno libre y democrático. Nuestra fe.

Una de las bendiciones más grandes es *nuestra hermosa parroquia*: llena de fe, dinamismo y gozo. Misas hermosas. Un personal bien organizado.



Earlier this year Modesto Pregnancy Center received a new state of the art ultrasound.

Miles de voluntarios bien formados y llenos de gozo. Un sólido sistema de educación Católica. Apoyo extenso a los pobres. ¿Tenemos algunos problemas? Claro. ¿Podemos mejorar? Por supuesto. Pero démosle gracias a Dios por la parroquia y el privilegio de ser miembros de una parroquia que contribuye a la comunidad.

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 JP11

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

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

¿Qué es lo esencial? Lo esencial es nunca dejar pasar un domingo sin un encuentro con Cristo resucitado en la Eucaristía; esto no es una carga añadida, sino que es luz para toda la semana. No comenzar y no terminar nunca un día sin al menos un breve contacto con Dios. Y, en el camino de nuestra vida, seguir las «señales de tráfico» que Dios nos ha comunicado en el Decálogo leído con Cristo, que simplemente explicita qué es la caridad en determinadas situaciones. Me parece que esta es la verdadera sencillez y grandeza de la vida de santidad: el encuentro con el Resucitado el domingo; el contacto con Dios al inicio y al final de la jornada; seguir, en las decisiones, las «señales de tráfico» que Dios nos ha comunicado, que son sólo formas de caridad. «Por eso, el amor a Dios y al prójimo es el sello del verdadero discípulo de Cristo» (*Lumen gentium*, 42). Esta es la verdadera sencillez, grandeza y profundidad de la vida cristiana, del ser santos. Esta es la razón por la cual san Agustín, comentando el capítulo cuarto de la *primera carta de san Juan*, puede hacer una afirmación atrevida:

«*Dilige et fac quod vis*», «Ama y haz lo que quieras». Y continúa: «Si callas, calla por amor; si hablas, habla por amor; si corriges, corrige por amor; si perdonas, perdona por amor; que esté en ti la raíz del amor, porque de esta raíz no puede salir nada que no sea el bien» (7, 8: PL 35). Quien se deja guiar por el amor, quien vive plenamente la caridad, es guiado por Dios, porque Dios es amor.

Así, tienen gran valor estas palabras: «*Dilige et fac quod vis*», «Ama y haz lo que quieras». Quizás podríamos preguntarnos: nosotros, con nuestras limitaciones, con nuestra debilidad, ¿podemos llegar tan alto? La Iglesia, durante el Año litúrgico, nos invita a recordar a multitud de santos, es decir, a quienes han vivido plenamente la caridad, han sabido amar y seguir a Cristo en su vida cotidiana. Los santos nos dicen que todos podemos recorrer este camino. En todas las épocas de la historia de la Iglesia, en todas las latitudes de la geografía del mundo, hay santos de todas las edades y de todos los estados de vida; son rostros concretos de todo pueblo, lengua y nación. Y son muy distintos entre sí. ...Quiero añadir que para mí no sólo algunos grandes santos, a los que amo y conozco bien, son «señales de tráfico», sino también los santos sencillos, es decir, las personas buenas que veo en mi vida, que nunca serán canonizadas. Son personas normales, por decirlo de alguna manera, sin un heroísmo visible, pero en su bondad de todos los días veo la verdad de la fe. Esta bondad, que han madurado en la fe de la Iglesia, es para mí la apología más segura del cristianismo y el signo que indica dónde está la verdad. En la comunión de los santos, canonizados y no canonizados, que la Iglesia vive gracias a Cristo en todos sus miembros, nosotros gozamos de su presencia y de su compañía, y cultivamos la firme esperanza de poder imitar su camino y compartir un día la misma vida bienaventurada, la vida eterna.

¡Qué grande y bella, y también sencilla, es la vocación cristiana vista a esta luz! Todos estamos llamados a la santidad: es la medida misma de la vida cristiana. Quiero invitaros a todos a abriros a la acción del Espíritu Santo, que transforma nuestra vida, para ser también nosotros como teselas del gran mosaico de santidad que Dios va creando en la historia, a fin de que el rostro de Cristo brille en la plenitud de su esplendor. No tengamos miedo de tender hacia lo alto, hacia las alturas de Dios; no tengamos miedo de que Dios nos pida demasiado; dejémonos guiar en todas las acciones cotidianas por su Palabra, aunque nos sintamos pobres, inadecuados, pecadores: será él quien nos transforme según su amor.

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