

*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 26, 2013 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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### Holy Eucharist

#### Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sundays: 7:30am,

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

Noon, 1:30pm (Español),

5:30pm & 7:30pm

#### Daily Mass:

8am & 5:45pm; Saturdays 8am

*Traditional Latin Mass, Fridays at  
Noon*

### Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:

Chapel access code available in office

### Children's Services:

*Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)*

Sunday Mass 10:30am

### Sacrament of

#### Reconciliation:

Monday thru Thursday 5-5:30pm

Fridays 6:30-7:30pm

Saturdays 8:30-9:30am & 4-5pm

*Homebound please call 551-4973  
for a priest to visit you by  
appointment.*

### Clergy:

Fr. Mark Wagner, Pastor

Fr. Francis Joseph, OCD, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Tony Chacko, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinerio, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

## From the Pastor's Laptop

In the Year of Faith we ask ourselves why we believe in God. And today, the Feast of the Holy Trinity, we reflect on why we believe that God is one in three. Why do we believe this? Jews and Moslems believe in one God, but they cannot understand why we believe in the Trinity. Atheists accuse us of blindly accepting something that is a "mystery."

How can we make sense of our belief that God is one, but He is also three? Our belief is that even before creation, from all eternity, God has always been one, but never alone. We believe in a "threeness" in the cosmos. Saints and scholars point to the "threes" that exist in creation which are signs that perhaps three is the greatest, most holy, most perfect number. Water exists in three forms: liquid, solid (ice) and vapor (steam). St. Augustine spoke of a psychological "trinity" in the human soul, made up of memory, intellect and will. We find the most beautiful three in the love of our families: there is husband/father, wife/mother and child. All these "threes" help us believe that the one who made it all is three.

In heaven we will finally see, and be drawn into the family life of the Trinity. The "Spirit of Adoption" (Romans 8:15) will unite us as one with the Son so that we can receive all of the Father's love. In the meantime, we enjoy the beauty of God's creation and content ourselves with faith, hope and love!

*Fr. Mark Wagner*

## June 7 Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Join Fr. Mark and our parish community on Friday, June 7 after the 5:45pm Mass for adoration and the blessing of our new cross (located on the Lancey Rd side of the John Paul II building).



## Questions?

To make an appointment with a priest or deacon or to register at St. Joseph's please contact Lulu, Rosario, or Donna in our parish office at 551-4973.

### Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, & Rosario)

Sunday: 10am-3pm.

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday:

8:30am-noon and 1pm-6:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30am-11:15am and

1pm-6:30pm

Friday 8:30am-noon

**Weekend Maintenance 568-7558**

## How can we help? 551-4973

*Se Habla Español* ..... Rosario x103  
 Accounting ..... Barbara x108  
 Adult Ed & Bible Studies .... Michael x203  
 Altar Servers ..... Svetlana x200  
 Audio / Video ..... Jeremy x213  
 Buildings & Grounds ..... Susie x201  
 Bulletin & Website ..... Jeremy x213  
 Child Ed & Sacraments ..... Debbie x205  
 Choirs & Cantors ..... Svetlana x200  
 Events & Activities ..... Susie x201  
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## ST. JOSEPH'S LIBRARY JUNE BOOK SALE!

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

### 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**

# Welcome to St. Joseph's

*We're glad you're here!*

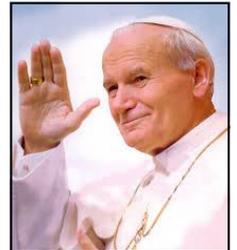
## Parish Life

☞ Upcoming Events & Activities ☛

**Parish Office is closed today (May 26) and tomorrow (May 27) due to Memorial Day.**

### JOHN PAUL II LECTURE SERIES — TODAY

Everyone is invited to this month's lecture that will take place in the John Paul II building, room 7 at 2pm. Mr. Tom Hollcraft will speak on "Applying the New Evangelization for Youth." Christ, through the Church, has always called upon young people to embrace their role within the Church. This lecture will discuss practical ways to challenge young people in understanding their role as evangelists to people in their lives. Refreshments will be provided.



### MILITARY SUPPORT MINISTRY



Our Military Support Ministry will be on the plaza today after Masses, in honor of Memorial Day weekend. Please stop by to pick up a flag and a brochure to learn how you can help our military members and families.

Consider a donation to assist the mailing of care boxes and to support the members of our armed services who are ensuring we remain a free and independent nation. Thanks!

### FAMILY PROMISE

St. Joseph's Family Promise assists families experiencing temporary homelessness within our community. Volunteers are needed for our upcoming hosting week of June 9-15. Please stop by the table today in the plaza to find out how you can help.

### LIGHT WEIGH ONE KING PROGRAM

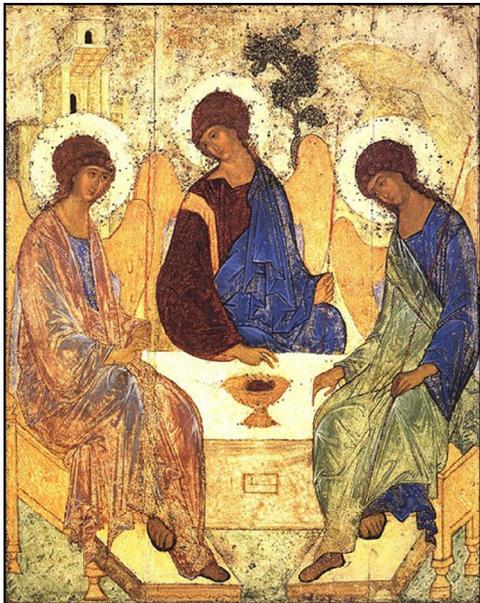
Are you tired of constantly struggling with your weight? Do you need to break free of other addictions: Internet, shopping, drinking or gambling? Consider giving God a chance to touch your heart and your life. Break free from the vicious cycle of dieting and learn to achieve real peace with food through 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.

### ST. JOSEPH'S IMMEDIATE JOB OPENING

Part-time IT System Manager and Technical/AV Support

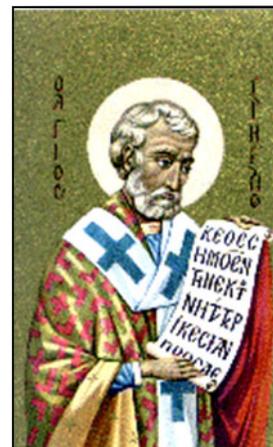


This position is part time only and offers some flexibility with scheduling. Position description and application are available in the Parish office. Open until filled.



Hearing the word “mystery” calls to mind something that needs to be solved, yet a mystery of the faith is something completely different; “a Mystery in short, is an invitation to the mind. For there is an inexhaustible well of Truth from which the mind may drink and drink in the certainty that the well will never run dry, that there will always be water for the mind’s thirst” -Frank Sheed. A divine mystery never can be fully comprehended by our human mind. So why bother? Because you and I have been created with an intellect and a will, and this intellect is forever in search of the Truth, which is God. What a miracle it is to ponder on the nature of the human person who has been formed in the likeness of God Himself! This formidable creation of the human person, a being with soul and body, ultimately destined for union with God, but who often seems the furthest creature from heaven, sheds light into our impoverished understanding of the Holy Trinity. *The trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the “consubstantial Trinity.” (CCC 253) One God in Three Persons — Father, Son and Holy Spirit.* God is pure spirit, infinite and exists outside of time and space. Easy to say this, but hard for us to wrap our minds around the idea, for we live in time and

space. Everything that we do and think is shaped by this reality. Our minds are finite, and so are our memories and imaginations. The divine persons are “consubstantial” which means that they are one in nature, although three different Persons. Let us define the words “nature” and “person” to get a better glimpse into the mystery. A person cannot exist without a nature, every being has one. The essence or nature of the person answers the “what” the being is and is the source of what the being can do. The person answers the question of “who” the being is and it is the one that does the actions. For us, there is one nature to one person, but not for God. He is not limited by our finitude. He is three Persons in one infinite nature. The three different Persons do not share this divine nature, but possess it totally because they are infinite and there are no parts to infinity, but perfect simplicity. Each of the three Persons can do all the things that go with being God. They know with the same intellect and love with the same will. Father, Son and Holy Spirit are not simply different names to call God according to different modes of acting. Each Person is solely distinct in relation of origin: “It is the Father who generates, the Son who is begotten, and the Holy Spirit who proceeds.” When we look at their origin, we must try not to apply our thoughts based on time. God is outside of time. The Father generates the Son, but the Father did not come first and then made the Son, for God is outside of time and if this were not the case, there would be something lacking in the Son which cannot be so, since He is God who is infinite, perfect. Father and Son are totally equal and eternal, since there is no division in eternity. The Son then proceeds from the Father by way of knowledge (Intellect). The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son, and it is by way of love (Will). The Father and Son love each other with a perfect act of love and pour all that they have and are, thus their lovingness is infinite, eternal, a Person, equal in all things to both Father and Son, the Holy Spirit. The difference lies in the way of love and the pouring of the Two Persons. We can ponder this mystery as did St. Gregory Nazianzen, Church Doctor, “When I think of any one of the three I think of Him as the whole, and my eyes are filled, and the greater part of what I am thinking of escapes me. ...When I contemplate the three together, I see but one torch, and cannot divide or measure out the undivided light.” *St. Gregory, pray for us!*



### ✠ 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 ✠

**Thank you for a great year!**  
**Please see the back page for details on how to register for classes next year.**

## Contact Us!



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## San Diego: Youth Conference July 26-28

For those of you that have turned in permission slips, remember to turn your payments into the parish office or youth office. You will be receiving a packet in the mail with a 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.

## Youth Ministry at STJ Did you know?

The average attendance for Mass and breakfast last summer was 30 teens. Will YOU be joining us this summer?



## -Summer Events-

Be sure to read the bulletin and be up to date on youth events happening over the summer!



- Mass and Breakfast will be every Tuesday over the summer starting June 4. Join us for 8 am 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! Sign-ups and more info will be available at PSR registration June 1-3.



## 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 our Plaza Refreshment Volunteers. Please thank them for their service.

## Parish Stewardship — a way of life



### Veterans Salute

Clare Smith (left)

Laura Shaw (right)



(by Leonard E. Churilla, Military Ministry Historian)

This Memorial Day we would like to salute a couple of St. Joseph parishioners who helped support our troops during World War II by volunteering with the **United Service Organization (USO)**. *Clare Smith* was born in Peoria, Illinois, but lived with an uncle and aunt for seven years at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. She saw a need to boost the morale of troops being sent overseas so she volunteered with the USO. She also met her husband Burl Smith at the USO, who was in the Air Force at that time. She moved to Modesto nine years ago when one son got a job in this area but soon she will be moving to Walnut Creek to live closer to him. Clare has 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She is proud of the fact that she raised most of her grandchildren herself because her children were busy working. One of her grandsons graduated from Stanford University and is now a physician in San Jose. Clare is a member of the St. Joseph Military Support Ministry.

The other USO volunteer is *Laura Shaw*, born in Stockton. "My father's family came to the United States from Italy in the 1870s when he was just a baby and the family had a farm near Crows Landing," she reflected. Laura attended Fortner Brothers College in Stockton and worked in banking and finance for most of her adult life. During World War II, the city of Martinez was a stopping-off point for trains carrying soldiers between Seattle and various parts of California. "It was such an ideal place that the city opened up a USO right across from the train station," Laura said. "Troops that were able to spend some time in town could take a shower there and have a hot meal. If the train was only stopping for a short while, the ladies at the USO made turkey sandwiches and passed them through the train windows to the troops inside," she said. Her late husband, John Shaw, served in the army earlier but they did not meet until 1949. Grandson Brian is with the Airborne Infantry while his brother Steven is waiting to join the Marine Corps. One nephew is an attorney in the Modesto area.

New to the Parish? Wondering where to start??

Call the Center for Lay Apostolates

551-4973, ext. 207

## Profiles in Stewardship

by St. Joseph's Youth Ministry



**Paul Smith**

1 Peter 3:15 says, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks for a reason for your hope." This verse comes to mind when Paul is around our youth ministry department, and we are blessed to have him serve with us. After graduating from Central Catholic High School, he got involved in ministry at different parishes around Modesto and Turlock. He came to our parish last year, eager to serve as a member of the CORE team, ready to help plan youth events, lead small groups and share his love for the history of the Catholic Church. Paul is always ready to defend the faith and give anyone, and we really mean anyone, the true reason for his joy and hope.

After committing to the CORE team, Paul continued to get more involved in our ministry by speaking at Confirmation classes and youth group meetings, and assisting the Victory Team. He always greets others with a warm welcome, encouraging them and affirming others in their walk with the Lord. It's a joy to see the way Paul is so open to be God's instrument and see him grow in his faith. Thank you, Paul!

## In the Diocese



**WORLD  
YOUTH DAY  
(WYD)**  
Sending  
Forth Liturgy

Sunday, June 2, St. Anthony's in Hughson 5pm. All are welcome to celebrate with Bishop Blaire and bless the pilgrims representing our Diocese. WYD is a testimony of a living Church that is continually being renewed. It is also true that through the young people, the young "face" of Jesus is shown to the world. For more information contact Ann Marie at [youngadult@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:youngadult@stocktondiocese.org)

### THANKING OUR DEACONS

Join Bishop Blaire on Saturday, June 8, to give thanks for the ministry of our Deacons. A Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm at the Cathedral in Stockton.



### 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

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST — *Sunday, 19 May 2013*



*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

Today we contemplate and re-live in the liturgy the outpouring of the Holy Spirit sent by the risen Christ upon his Church; an event of grace which filled the Upper Room in Jerusalem and then spread throughout the world.



But what happened on that day, so distant from us and yet so close as to touch the very depths of our hearts? Luke gives us the answer in the passage of the *Acts of the Apostles* which we have heard (2:1-11). The evangelist brings us back to Jerusalem, to the Upper Room where the apostles were gathered.

The first element which draws our attention is the sound which suddenly came from heaven "like the rush of a violent wind", and filled the house; then the "tongues as of fire" which divided and came to rest on each of the apostles. Sound and tongues of fire: these are clear, concrete signs which touch the apostles not only from without but also within: deep in their minds and hearts. As a result, "all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit", who unleashed his irresistible power with amazing consequences: they all "began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them ability". A completely unexpected scene opens up before our eyes: a great crowd gathers, astonished because each one heard the apostles speaking in his own language. They all experience something new, something which had never happened before: "We hear them, each of us, speaking our own language". And what is it that they are they speaking about? "God's deeds of power".

In the light of this passage from *Acts*, I would like to reflect on three words linked to the working of the Holy Spirit: newness, harmony and mission.

1. *Newness* always makes us a bit fearful, because we feel more secure if we have everything under control, if we are the ones who build, program and plan our lives in accordance with our own ideas, our own comfort, our own preferences. This is also the case when it comes to God. Often we follow him, we accept him, but only up to a certain point. It is hard to abandon ourselves to him with complete trust, allowing the Holy Spirit to be the soul and guide of our lives in our every decision. We fear that God may force us to strike out on new paths and leave behind our all too narrow, closed and selfish horizons in order to become open to his own. Yet throughout the history of salvation, whenever God reveals himself, he brings newness - God always brings newness -, and demands our complete trust: Noah, mocked by all, builds an ark and is saved; Abram leaves his land with only a promise in hand; Moses stands up to the might of Pharaoh and leads his people to freedom; the apostles, huddled fearfully in the Upper Room, go forth with courage to proclaim the Gospel. This is not a question of novelty for novelty's sake, the search for something new to relieve our boredom, as is so often the case in our own day. The newness which God brings into our life is something that actually brings fulfillment, that gives true joy, true serenity, because God loves us and desires only our good. Let us ask ourselves today: Are we open to "God's surprises"? Or are we closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit? Do we have the courage to strike out along the new paths which God's newness sets before us, or do we resist, barricaded in transient structures which have lost their capacity for openness to what is new? We would do well to ask ourselves these questions all through the day.

# Sacraments

## Our Mass Intentions

## This Week

Sunday, May 26 (The Most Holy Trinity)			
7:30a	Matt & Mary Basan	1:30p	Soledad Hernandez and Diego Zendejas
9:00a	Robert Aguiar and Nick Alves	5:30p	Richard Guajardo
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Fr. Andrew F. Magennis
12:00p	Paul Urmeneta		
Monday, May 27			
8:00a	Mark Stephens and Daniel and Robert Dwyer	5:45p	George Heilman and Alejandro & Filipina Fama
Tuesday, May 28			
8:00a	Gail Friedrich and Verdie Williams	5:45p	Angie Denison and Mary Loumena
Wednesday, May 29			
8:00a	Eileen Barrett and Len Ratto	5:45p	Eddie Alicante and Ivan Harrill
Thursday, May 30			
8:00a	Paul Cusenza and Arthur Marsella	5:45p	Sandra Cruzes and Isabell Bavaro
Friday, May 31			
8:00a	Katen Souza and Bernard J. Kraemer	5:45p	Eddie Orozco and Denis Shanahan
Saturday, June 1			
8:00a	Dora Desiga and Luis Alberto Gutierrez	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, June 2 (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)			
7:30a	John & Mae Noxon	1:30p	Antonio and Salvador Ruiz and Francisco Rios
9:00a	Robert Aguiar and Nick Alves	3:30p	Indian Mass
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Gary Harty
12:00p	Cefus Williams	7:30p	Bob Timmermyer

Sunday, May 26, 2013		
10:30A	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	JP6
2:00P	JPII Lectures	JP7
Monday, May 27, 2013		
Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed		
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer (English)	JP10
Tuesday, May 28, 2013		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	Hall
10:30A	Light Weigh	JP8
6:00P	ESL Classes - Intermediates	JP4
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:30P	Stewardship Committee	JP4
7:00P	ESL Classes - Beginners	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer - Spanish	JP7
Wednesday, May 29, 2013		
1:30P	Widows & Widowers Bible Study	JP5
5:45P	Priciple Study Group	JP5
5:45P	Path to Serenity - ALANON	JP10
5:45P	"Courage To Be Me" Alateen Grp	JP8
7:00P	Baptism Class--English	JP6
7:30P	Light Weigh - One King	JP8
Thursday, May 30, 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, May 31, 2013		
12:00P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
Saturday, June 1, 2013		
8:30A	M.I. Adult Prayer Village Mtg.	JP5
8:30A	Militia Immaculata-Spanish	JP10
8:30A	M.I. Spanish - Children	JP8
9:00A	AA Language of the Heart	JP4
10:00A	PSR Registration	PSR
2:00P	Library Book Sale	Plaza
Sunday, June 2, 2013		
9:00A	Militia Immaculata-Family	Hall
10:00A	PSR Registration	PSR
10:30A	CLOW	JP6
3:30P	Indian Mass	Chur

Corpus Christi June 1 & 2 Processions will be taking place after the 5:30pm Saturday Mass, 1:30pm and 5:30pm Sunday Masses.

Sacred Heart Parish Novena  
May 30 — June 7  
Novena will be after morning and evening daily Masses.

### 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 05/27 - 06/02

Monday:	17:20-24; Mk. 10:17-27
Tuesday:	Sir. 35:1-12; Mk. 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Sir. 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk. 10:32-45
Thursday:	Sir. 42:15-25; Mk. 10:46-52
Friday:	Zep. 3:14-18a or Rom. 12:9-16; Lk. 1:39-56
12pm Latin Mass:	Eccclus. 24:5,7,9-11,30-31; Lk. 1:26-33
Saturday:	Sir. 51:12cd-20; Mk. 11:27-33
Sunday:	Gen. 14:18-20; 1Cor. 11:23-26; Lk. 9:11b-17
Latin Mass	1 Jn. 3:13-18; Lk. 14:16-24

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 Niños

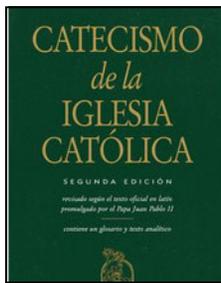


Las inscripciones para recibir la Primera Comunión y Confirmación para niños y adolescentes de 6-

17 años serán del 1-3 de junio, en el Edificio Juan Pablo II. Favor de traer el certificado de Bautismo de cada niño. Las clases comienzan en septiembre.

### 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.



### Fortaleciendo Mi Matrimonio

Fortaleciendo Mi Matrimonio es un programa diocesano, una LUZ de esperanza para matrimonios en crisis. El próximo fin de semana será el 25 y 26 de Mayo en la Iglesia Santa Francisca de Roma en Riverbank. Para registrarse llamar a David y Lupe Aguilar al 622-6083 o 622-8064.



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



En el Año de la Fe nos preguntamos por que creemos en Dios. Y hoy, en la Fiesta de la Santísima Trinidad, reflexionamos en el por que creemos que Dios es uno en tres. ¿Por qué creemos esto? Los Judíos y los Musulmanes creen en un Dios, pero no pueden comprender por que creemos en la Trinidad. Los ateos nos acusan de aceptar ciegamente lo que es un “misterio.”

¿Cómo podemos explicar nuestra creencia que Dios es uno, pero que también es trino? Nuestra creencia es que inclusive antes de la creación, desde toda la eternidad, Dios ha sido siempre uno, pero nunca solo. Creemos en la “trinidad” en el cosmos. Los santos y académicos indican a los “tres” que hay en la creación los cuales son signos de que tal vez el tres es el mejor , mas santo y mas perfecto numero . El agua existe en tres formas: liquido, solido (hielo) y vapor (gas). San Agustín habló sobre una “trinidad” psicológica en el alma humana, compuesta por la memoria, el intelecto y la voluntad. Encontramos el mas hermoso tres en el amor de nuestras familias: mi esposo(a), nuestro hijo(a) y yo. Todos estos “tres” nos ayudan a creer que aquel que ha creado todo es tres.

En el cielo veremos finalmente, y seremos parte de la vida familiar de la Trinidad. El “Espíritu de Adopción” (Rm. 8:15) nos unirá como uno con el Hijo para que recibamos todo el amor del Padre. ¡Mientras tanto gozamos de la belleza de la creación de Dios y nos contentamos con la fe, la esperanza y el amor!

*Fr. Mark*

### 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.

### Horario de la Librería:

**Lunes & Martes**  
10:30am-2:30pm  
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# Nuestro Santo Padre en México

SOLEMNIDAD DE PENTECOSTÉS

Domingo 19 de mayo de 2013



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

En este día, contemplamos y revivimos en la liturgia la efusión del Espíritu Santo que Cristo resucitado derramó sobre la Iglesia, un acontecimiento de gracia que ha desbordado el cenáculo de Jerusalén para difundirse por todo el mundo.



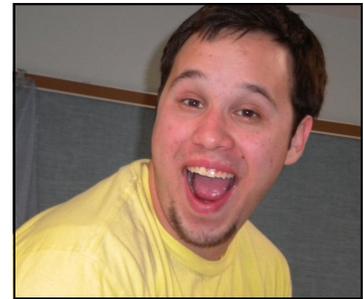
Pero, ¿qué sucedió en aquel día tan lejano a nosotros, y sin embargo, tan cercano, que llega adentro de nuestro corazón? San Lucas nos da la respuesta en el texto de los *Hechos de los Apóstoles* que hemos escuchado (2,1-11). El evangelista nos lleva hasta Jerusalén, al piso superior de la casa donde están reunidos los Apóstoles. El primer elemento que nos

llama la atención es el estruendo que de repente vino del cielo, «como de viento que sopla fuertemente», y llenó toda la casa; luego, las «lenguas como llamaradas», que se dividían y se posaban encima de cada uno de los Apóstoles. Estruendo y lenguas de fuego son signos claros y concretos que tocan a los Apóstoles, no sólo exteriormente, sino también en su interior: en su mente y en su corazón. Como consecuencia, «se llenaron todos de Espíritu Santo», que desencadenó su fuerza irresistible, con resultados llamativos: «Empezaron a hablar en otras lenguas, según el Espíritu les concedía manifestarse». Asistimos, entonces, a una situación totalmente sorprendente: una multitud se congrega y queda admirada porque cada uno oye hablar a los Apóstoles en su propia lengua. Todos experimentan algo nuevo, que nunca había sucedido: «Los oímos hablar en nuestra lengua nativa». ¿Y de qué hablaban? «De las grandezas de Dios». A la luz de este texto de los *Hechos de los Apóstoles*, deseo reflexionar sobre tres palabras relacionadas con la acción del Espíritu: novedad, armonía, misión.

1. La *novedad* nos da siempre un poco de miedo, porque nos sentimos más seguros si tenemos todo bajo control, si somos nosotros los que construimos, programamos, planificamos nuestra vida, según nuestros esquemas, seguridades, gustos. Y esto nos sucede también con Dios. Con frecuencia lo seguimos, lo acogemos, pero hasta un cierto punto; nos resulta difícil abandonarnos a Él con total confianza, dejando que el Espíritu Santo anime, guíe nuestra vida, en todas las decisiones; tenemos miedo a que Dios nos lleve por caminos nuevos, nos saque de nuestros horizontes con frecuencia limitados, cerrados, egoístas, para abrirnos a los suyos. Pero, en toda la historia de la salvación, cuando Dios se revela, aparece su novedad —Dios ofrece siempre novedad—, transforma y pide confianza total en Él: Noé, del que todos se ríen, construye un arca y se salva; Abrahán abandona su tierra, aferrado únicamente a una promesa; Moisés se enfrenta al poder del faraón y conduce al pueblo a la libertad; los Apóstoles, de temerosos y encerrados en el cenáculo, salen con valentía para anunciar el Evangelio. No es la novedad por la novedad, la búsqueda de lo nuevo para salir del aburrimiento, como sucede con frecuencia en nuestro tiempo. La novedad que Dios trae a nuestra vida es lo que verdaderamente nos realiza, lo que nos da la verdadera alegría, la verdadera serenidad, porque Dios nos ama y siempre quiere nuestro bien. Preguntémosnos hoy: ¿Estamos abiertos a las “sorpresas de Dios”? ¿O nos encerramos, con miedo, a la novedad del Espíritu Santo? ¿Estamos decididos a recorrer los caminos nuevos que la novedad de Dios nos presenta o nos atrincheramos en estructuras caducas, que han perdido la capacidad de respuesta? Nos hará bien hacernos estas preguntas durante toda la jornada.

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Por el Ministerio Juvenil



**Paul Smith**

1 de Pedro 3,15 dice, “Bendigan en sus corazones al Señor, a Cristo; estén siempre dispuestos para dar una respuesta a quien les pida cuenta de su esperanza”. Este verso me viene a la mente cuando Paul se encuentra con nosotros, y nos sentimos bendecidos de tenerlo sirviendo aquí. Después de graduarse de Central Catholic High School, se envolvió en el ministerio juvenil en diferentes parroquias en Modesto y Turlock. Llegó a nuestra parroquia el año pasado dispuesto a servir como miembro del equipo CORE, listo para ayudar a planear eventos para el grupo juvenil, ser líder de grupos pequeños, y compartir su amor por la historia de la Iglesia Católica. Paul está siempre listo para defender su fe y darle a quien sea, y en verdad decimos a quien sea, la verdadera razón por su alegría y esperanza. Después de comprometerse con el equipo CORE, Paul continuó envolviéndose más y más con nuestro ministerio presentando en clases de Confirmación, juntas del grupo juvenil, y asistiendo al equipo Victory. Él siempre saluda a los demás con una calurosa bienvenida, dándoles ánimo, y reafirmando a los demás en su camino con el Señor. Es una alegría el ver a Paul tan abierto para ser el instrumento de Dios, y ver como resplandece en su fe. ¡Gracias Paul!

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# Parish School of Religion Registration (Catechism Classes for Children)

## June 1, 2 & 3

Registration for returning and new students!

Open 10am-5pm all three days!

In the PSR Office

(Entrance right of Fr. O'Hare Hall)



### Fees for 2013-2014

\$90 for one student, \$115 for two students,  
\$135 for three or more students



Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis for all students. However, you do not have to come first thing 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 (Payment plans are available. A limited number of partial scholarships are offered only during the June registration).

Returning students must complete registration by June 3 or a late fee of \$25 per family will apply. If your family will be out of town during this time, you must contact PSR prior to June 1 to avoid the late fee. You will be able to register after the PSR office reopens on August 5.



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 time of registration parents of new students must include a copy of each child's baptism certificate (or registration cannot be taken). Registration for new students ends Sept. 11. A late fee of \$25 per family applies for students registered after Sept. 11.

\*First year confirmation (7th and 8th grades) preparation will occur on Thursdays, second year confirmation preparation (8th grade) will occur on Wednesdays. ALL high school students will attend Life Nights on Sundays after the 5:30pm Mass. Students must be registered for confirmation 1 and *reregistered* for confirmation 2. Confirmation 1 students registering for confirmation 2 must turn in a sponsor form before or at registration.

Retreats: High school students are required to attend the offsite Aptos retreat in November. Cost \$100 per student. Payments plans available. All 7th and 8th grade students are required to attend an onsite retreat in early spring. Cost: \$25 per student.

\*Students over the age of 7 who have never been baptized, will enter in the Right of Christian Initiation program. Parents MUST bring in a BIRTH CERTIFICATE for their children (or registration cannot be taken).

\*\*All tuition balances from 2012-2013 MUST be paid in full before registration.

\*\*\*A minimum payment of \$25 will be due on the day you register your child.

Cash, check and credit card will be accepted at registration.



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