

*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

August 19, 2012 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(209) 551-4973
Fax: (209) 551-3213
Visit our website:
www.stjmod.com

Holy Eucharist Sunday Mass:

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

Daily Mass:

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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:

Chapel access code available in office

Children's Services:

Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Sunday Mass 10:30am

Adoration & Confessions

First Friday 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday thru Thursday 5-5:30pm
Fridays 6:30pm-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. Benny Kottarathil, OSB, 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

Today's Gospel is that classic text that we always can point to when people ask us why we are Catholic. In this short passage, Jesus repeats six times in six different ways that eating His flesh is necessary (John 6:53-58). As Catholics we believe what Jesus said: that this is the way to "remain in him," to be "raised up" and to "have eternal life." This is the faith that unites us with Catholics all over the world.

As I meet new friends here at St. Joseph's Parish, I feel that wonderful Catholic feeling that we already are friends. It's like we already know each other because we already have much in common: the Catholic faith. And of course we have a mutual friend. We have a mutual friend in your former pastor, Fr. Joseph Illo. According to the old expression, "a friend of Fr. Joseph is a friend of mine."

Of course our greatest mutual friend is Jesus Christ. A friend of Jesus is a friend of mine! Someone who loves Jesus in the Eucharist is someone with whom I have everything in common. Most of us have similar childhood memories of special moments like First Communion. We have warm memories of special moments and profound experiences while receiving Jesus in Holy Communion or adoring Him in an adoration chapel. Since adolescence, I have been committed to daily communion and a daily holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament. I have fond memories of attending 6:30am daily Mass at Presentation Parish in Stockton before going to class at Lincoln High School. I remember riding my bike to the next village for Mass each day when I was a foreign exchange student in France. I cherish memories of countless hours spent in European churches and shrines during my five years studying for the priesthood in Rome. But in every church, I was with our mutual friend:

the same Jesus whom you know and love here at St. Joseph's Church.

I look forward to getting to know my new friends at our St. Joseph's Parish Festival, September 7-9, which will be a special time for us to rejoice in our mutual friendship and our common faith!



*A photo taken at last year's Parish Festival from
the Fr. O'Hare hall roof*

Fr. Mark Wagner

Questions?

To make an appointment with a priest or deacon or to register at St. Joseph's please contact Lulu, Alex, Brenda or Donna in our parish office at 551-4973 or stop by during any of the 50 hours our office is open each week.

Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, Alex, Brenda)

Sunday: 10am-3pm.

Monday: 10am-7:30pm

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

Closed Wednesday from 11am-1pm

Friday 8:30am-12noon

Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

Se Habla Español..... Alex x103
 AccountingBarbara 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 & SacramentsDebbie x205
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ST. JOSEPH'S JOB OPENING PARISH ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

Part time, non-benefitted.
Must have accounts payable-receivable experience.
Proficient with Excel and Quickbooks. Applications available in parish office and are currently being accepted until August 19.

Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities



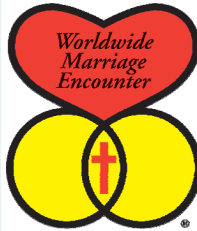
SAVE THE DATE:

**42ND PARISH FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 9**



Carnival rides, old fashion live auction, 6th annual Fun-Run, valley wine and food expedition, & so much more! Come and join us!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



Scripture says about married people that "Two shall live as one." How often do you find yourselves living as two? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. The next local weekend is October 19-21, in Salida. For more information or to register, call Barry and Julia Reynolds 866-825-2046, or John and Angelica Angarita 209-521-7973, or go to <http://sacramentowwme.org>.

ALATEEN GROUP HAS NOW STARTED

Alateen is a part of the Al-Anon family group. It is for young people who have been affected by someone else's drinking. It is not for young people seeking sobriety. We meet every Wednesday, 5:45-6:45pm in JPII Center, Rm 8. There is also an Al-Anon and AA meeting every Wednesday. If you have any questions, call Bev Sousa, 605-0001.

Interior Life

ST. JOSEPH'S PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Try a Holy Hour with Jesus once a week! Please see the schedule outside the Chapel for hours needing adorers. Contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up one of these hours.



Stewardship: A Way of Life

August 19 — Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first two readings today invite us to forsake foolishness and seek wisdom. To gain wisdom is to gain life and reject the evil in the world, but we must actively seek wisdom. Jesus offers his body and blood as food and drink that will strengthen us on our journey in this world. To enable us to participate in the heavenly life we need spiritual food. Let us always nourish the life of God within us and share gratefully the food we receive.

Religious Education

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

By Maria F. Delgado-Braun



Shortly after the Annunciation by the Angel, the Blessed Virgin Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who after hearing her greeting, exclaims, "...and why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk. 1 :43) "The mother of my Lord," this title brings forth the mystery of Mary's divine motherhood. She is the Mother of God announced by the prophets throughout history, yet it is not until the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus (AD 431) that the Church declared her "*Teothokos*," Mother of God, and shortly after, the title Queen of Heaven is given to her.

Her Queenship has scriptural roots, as can be seen in 1 Kg. 2:19 with the queen mother of Solomon. She is the Queen of all Angels and Saints as affirmed by Pope Pius XII, not only due to her motherhood, but also for her role as the New Eve, her Immaculate Conception and her intercessory power.

In the liturgical calendar, Mary's Queenship follows her Assumption, for these mysteries are tightly bound. Christ who ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father (in biblical language meaning "sharing in His power"), receives His mother in Heaven and crowns her Queen. This title confers the

power given to her to carry her mission of spiritual motherhood to all of humanity. The humble handmaid of Nazareth is the Queen of Heaven, she intercedes for all her earthly children. Throughout the centuries, the faithful have raised and entrusted their petitions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We know that the Holy Trinity will not refuse her anything for she is the magnificent creation of the Father, the mother of the Redeemer and the spouse of the Holy Spirit. We direct our supplications to her as we pray the many beautiful Marian prayers, trusting that she will receive our small gifts of love and transform them into precious stones for God. So we turn to Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, and we implore her help as we journey to our home in heaven: *Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy...*



Do your children need to receive their First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, or Confirmation?

**Parish School of Religion is
open for registration!**

Office Hours:

Mondays & Tuesdays 10am-5pm
Wednesdays 1pm-7pm
Closed Thursdays & Fridays

Parish School of Religion E-mail:
psr@stjmod.com

REDISCOVERING
THE CATECHISM

**AUGUST 20
7-8:30PM
FR. O'HARE HALL**

This month's class will be presented by Leslie Klinger and will include Catechism paragraphs: 198-421 on God the Father.

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 **Stacy Phillips: (209)541-8903** to make an appointment.

∞ Youth Ministry ∞

Contact Us!

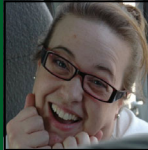


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High School Fall Retreat

St. Joseph's high school fall retreat will take place during the weekend of November 9-11. This annual trip takes place in Aptos, at Camp St. Francis retreat center on the beach. The cost is \$100. The weekend event includes Mass, adoration, confession, praise and worship, small groups, games, skits and time to meet new friends and enjoy fellowship!

Youth Mass Volunteers

Are you in high school and feel called to be more involved at Mass? The 5:30 pm Youth Mass on Sunday would be a great place to share your time, talent and treasure serving as a greeter, lector or server. Please contact the youth office for more information and to sign up.



Steubenville San Diego Conference 2012

St. Joseph's youth ministry had a group of 30 that attended the Steubenville conference from July 27-29. We were blessed to have Fr. Benny join us for the conference and it was a great success. The event was held at the University of San Diego and had 5,000 people in attendance. It was beautiful to see so many Catholic youth participate in Mass, adoration, and confession, and sing praise together!



Youth Group Kick-Off

St. Joseph's annual high school youth group kick-off will be on Sunday, September 16! Teens and young adults are invited to join us for the 5:30pm youth Mass that evening and sit in the "teen section." The kick-off will be after Mass in the Fr. O'Hare hall from 7-8:30 pm. Last year 130 teens were in attendance and would love to see even more teens this year so bring a friend (or two or three). Take this wonderful opportunity to meet your fearless youth minister, Nathan, and meet the CORE team that will be serving you and leading small groups this year! More exciting details coming soon!



Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza Refreshments are being served this morning by our Plaza Refreshment Volunteers.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Giving talents to help defend our faith



Spanish Apologetics Bible Course Graduates:
R-L: Melesio Montoya, Gabriel Montoya, Angelica Bañuelos, Veronica Cruz and Carlos Murillo. Thank you to the course instructor, Mr. Adan Avila.

Thank you for the Festival Live Country Auction Items! Please bring small items to the Volunteer Center in JP11.
THANK YOU

Summer is over and classes resume:
English as a Second Language Classes
(for all non-native English speakers, regardless of native language)
will resume Sept. 4, every Tuesday at 5:30pm in Rm. 4, JP11 bldg.

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

Profiles in Stewardship

by Maria Delgado-Braun



Marie Fournier, OCDS

“Well done good and faithful servant...” (Mt. 25:21), the words of our Lord to the servant who industriously produced more talents for His Master. These are the words that we would all like to hear at the end of our earthly lives when we come before God and give account of the use of our talents, and these words are certainly the ones He will use for stewards such as, Marie Fournier. Marie has been teaching PSR for many years, sharing her time and talents as a catechist. Besides teaching, she also helps with our beautiful First Holy Communion Masses. The day, when so many children receive the Lord in the Eucharist, should be the most memorable of events in someone’s life. Marie certainly puts all her energy into assuring that it is for the children of St. Joseph’s. Some might not know, but Marie also forms adults in the Carmelite Spirituality. She has been a member of the Secular Carmelites for a number of years. Her love for the Lord permeates all that she does in her teaching, as well as for her latest role at St. Joseph’s. She has agreed to coordinate the prayer of Vespers (Evening Prayer) Monday through Friday at 5:15 before the 5:45 Mass. Come and join her and others in praying the Liturgy of the Hours. Thank you Marie, for all your work!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Modesto Pregnancy Center Board of Directors would like to announce that after blessing the Center as its Executive Director for eight years, Delores Wolterstorff has decided to retire. Please pray with us for the Lord's guidance as we search for a new director to continue in this vital mission. Applications are available now and interested applicants may call Delores at 209-550-5923, or e-mail her at mpc@modestopc.org.

SCRIP COORDINATOR

Central Catholic High School is accepting applications for the position of Scrip Coordinator. Experience in Scrip management, Quickbooks and bookkeeping preferred. This position is a 12-month part-time position. Mail resume to: 200 S. Carpenter Road, Modesto, CA 95351, Attn. Business Manager. Or fax resume to 209-524-5646 Attn. Business Manager.

REGISTERED NURSE

Part-time, 10-15 hours per week. RN license and professional liability insurance must be current. Responsible for making home visits to seniors living in San Joaquin County and assessing whether or not they are skilled nursing certified and eligible for MSSP services. LiveScan (background check) required. Flexible schedule. For more information, contact Bianca Agassi (209) 444-5916 or Leslie Lee (209) 444-5909. Send resumes: Catholic Charities -MSSP
ATTN: Bianca Agassi,
Clinical Supervisor
1106 N. El Dorado St.
Stockton, CA 95202

From our Holy Father in Rome

BENEDICT XVI
ANGELUS — Sunday, 22 July 2012



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Word of God this Sunday presents us once again with a fundamental, ever fascinating theme of the Bible; it reminds us that God is the Shepherd of humanity. This means that God wants life for us, he wants to guide us to good pastures where we can be nourished and rest. He does not want us to be lost and to perish, but to reach the destination of our journey which is the fullness of life itself. This is what every father and mother desires for their children: their good, their happiness and their fulfillment.



In today's Gospel Jesus presents himself as the Shepherd of the lost sheep of the House of Israel. He beholds the people, so to speak, with a "pastoral" gaze. For example, this Sunday's Gospel says: As he disembarked, "he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like

sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things" (Mk 6:34). Jesus embodies God the Shepherd with his manner of preaching and his works, caring for the sick and sinners, for those who are "lost" (cf. Lk 19:10), in order to bring them back to safety through the Father's mercy. Among the "lost sheep" that Jesus rescued there was also a woman called Mary, a native of the village of Magdala on the Sea of Galilee, who for this reason was known as "Magdalene". It is her liturgical Memorial in the Church Calendar of today. Luke the Evangelist says that Jesus cast out seven demons from her (cf. Lk 8:2), that is, he saved her from total enslavement to the Evil One. In what does this profound healing which God works through Jesus consist? It consists in true, complete peace, brought about by the inner reconciliation of the person, as well as in every other relationship: with God, with other people and with the world. Indeed, the Evil One always seeks to spoil God's work, sowing division in the human heart, between body and soul, between the individual and God, in interpersonal, social and international relations, as well as between human beings and creation. The Evil One sows discord; God creates peace. Indeed, as St Paul says, Christ is our peace, he who made us both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh (cf. Eph 2:14). In order to carry out this work of radical reconciliation Jesus the Good Shepherd had to become a Lamb, "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). Only in this way could he keep the marvelous promise of the Psalm: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me / all the days of my life; / and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord / forever" (Ps 23 [22]:6).

Dear friends, these words make our heart beat fast for they express our deepest desire, they say what we are made for: life, eternal life! These are the words of those who, like Mary Magdalene, have experienced God in their life and know his peace. They are words truer than ever on the lips of the Virgin Mary, who already lives for eternity in the pastures of Heaven where the Shepherd-Lamb led her. Mary, Mother of Christ our peace, pray for us!

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

St. Joseph's average attendance for all Sunday Masses during this summer: 3960 people per week

This Week

Sunday, August 19 (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Selustriano Padilla	1:30p	Jose Manuel Robles and Joaquin Rocha
9:00a	Alfonso and Francisco Perez	3:30p	Marcela Vasco
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Catherine Baudino
12:00p	Apollonia La Forges	7:30p	Juliette Aboona
Monday, August 20			
8:00a	Ann Schaufel and Christine Zirps	5:45p	James White and Manuel B. Victoria
Tuesday, August 21			
8:00a	Verdie Willian and George Owens	5:45p	Jose Scotto and Jean Trevillyan
Wednesday, August 22			
8:00a	Elizabeth Machado and Jonah E. Martinez	5:45p	Maria Viveiros and Domenic Zuccaro
Thursday, August 23			
8:00a	Alberta & Manuel Ramirez and Robert Zimmerman	5:45p	Marie Louise Pesonen and Susan Pacheco
Friday, August 24			
8:00a	Florence Rozelle and Miguel Ray	5:45p	Genevieve Worley and Penny L. Wahl
Saturday, August 25			
8:00a	Adelaida Botelho and Nick Alves	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, August 26 (Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Mark Kummerly	1:30p	Eufrosina Ley and Anita Garcia
9:00a	Rafael Perez	5:30p	Michael Pitts
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Betty Casale
12:00p	Joel Pimentel		

Sunday, August 19, 2012		
10:00 A	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	JP6
10:30 A	Respect Life	JP4
1:00 P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

Monday, August 20, 2012		
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Grp	JP10
7:00 P	Rediscovering the Catechism	Hall

Tuesday, August 21, 2012		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group Spanish	JP7

Wednesday, August 22, 2012		
1:30 P	Widows and Widowers Bible Study	JP5
5:30 P	AA Principle Study Grp	JP5
5:45 P	Al Anon Group	JP10
6:30 P	Lay Apostolates Leaders	JP6

Thursday, August 23, 2012		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30 P	Compartiendo la Biblia	JP4
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
7:00 P	Introduccion a la Biblia	JP10

Friday, August 24, 2012		
12:00 P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap

Saturday, August 25, 2012		
Sunday, August 26, 2012		
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

NOTICE
English Language Classes will resume Sept. 4, every Tuesday at 5:30pm in Rm. 4, JPII bldg.

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



In the Diocese

SAVE THE DATE: DIOCESE OF STOCKTON MINISTRY DAY OCTOBER 27

Theme for this year's Ministry Day is Ever Young in Christ, because the diocese is celebrating its 50th anniversary. This year's event will take place at the Modesto Centre Plaza. Packets with more info can be picked from St. Joseph's parish office or are available on the diocesan website.

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

Readings 8/20-8/26

Monday:	Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
12pm Latin Mass:	I Cor. 12:27-31; Lk. 6:12-19
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7b; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69
Latin Mass	Gal. 3:16-22; Lk. 17:11-19

Bienvenido a St. Joseph's

RETIRO ESPIRITUAL
Adolescentes (14-17) años
Septiembre 7-9

Retiro para adolescentes. Para inscribirse contacte a José López en la oficina de la juventud hispana de la diócesis de Stockton (209) 546-7632 o por email: jlopez@stocktondiocese.org



INTRODUCCION A LA BIBLIA

¿Desea aprender mas sobre la Palabra de Dios y profundizar mas su fe? Nos reunimos todos los jueves, comenzando el 16 de agosto, en el salón # 10 de JP II de 7-8:30pm.



PEREGRINACION A TIERRA SANTA, ROMA Y GRECIA

Peregrinación con el padre Jairo del 8 al 19 de octubre. Costo: \$4795 por persona. Para mas información, por favor llame a Gisele Navas @ 632-4932 o 968-1095.

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



VIDA PARROQUIAL

Martes: Oración Carismática, 7-9pm
Edificio JP II, salón #7.

Martes: Clases de Inglés, 5:30pm,
Edificio JP II, salón #6.

Miércoles: Hora Santa, 7-8pm, Capilla

Jueves: Compartiendo la Biblia, 6:30,
Edificio JP II, salón #4 All Saints

Jueves: Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos,
7-9pm, Edificio JP II, salón #2.

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

Queridos nuevos amigos de la Parroquia de St. Joseph's,

Hoy el Evangelio es un texto clásico al cual podemos acudir cuando nos pregunten por qué somos Católicos. En este pequeño pasaje Jesús repite seis veces en seis diferentes maneras que el comer su carne es necesario (Jn. 6:53-58). Como Católicos creemos lo que Jesús dijo: que esto es la manera de "quedarnos con El", y ser "levantados," y "tener vida eterna" Esta es la fe que nos une como Católicos en todo el mundo.

Al conocer nuevos amigos aquí en la Parroquia de St. Joseph's, siento como si ya fuésemos amigos. Es como si ya nos conociésemos porque tenemos mucho en común: la fe Católica. Y por supuesto, un mutuo amigo. Tenemos un mutuo amigo en su pastor anterior, el Padre Joseph Illo y de acuerdo con el viejo dicho, "un amigo del Padre Joseph es un amigo mio."

Pero por supuesto que tenemos un mutuo amigo, Cristo Jesús. ¡Un amigo de Jesús es un amigo mio! Y alguien que ama a Jesús en la Eucaristía es alguien con quien yo tengo todo en común. La mayoría de nosotros tenemos memorias de nuestra niñez de momentos especiales tales como la Primera Comunión. Tenemos memorias cálidas de momentos especiales y profundas experiencias al recibir a Jesús en la Santa Comunión o adorándolo en la capilla. Desde la adolescencia me he comprometido a recibir comunión a diario y pasar una hora diaria frente al Santísimo. Tengo cariñosas memorias atendiendo a la Misa diaria de las 6:30am en la Parroquia de Presentation en Stockton antes de ir a clases en Lincoln High School. Me acuerdo de tener que montar en bicicleta hasta la próxima aldea para ir a la Misa cada día cuando era un estudiante de intercambio en Francia. Guardo las memorias de las muchas horas que pasé en las iglesias y santuarios europeos durante mis cinco años estudiando para el sacerdocio en Roma. Pero en cada iglesia he estado con nuestro mutuo amigo: el mismo Jesús que ustedes conocen y aman aquí en la Iglesia de St. Joseph's.



Una foto tomada desde el techo del salón parroquial durante el Festival Parroquial el año pasado

Espero conocer a mis nuevos amigos aquí en el Festival de la Parroquia de St. Joseph's, el 7-9 de septiembre, el cual ¡será un tiempo especial para nosotros de festejar en nuestra nueva amistad y nuestra fe común!

Fr. Mark Wagner

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

BENEDICTO XVI

ÁNGELUS — Domingo 22 de julio de 2012



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

La Palabra de Dios de este domingo nos vuelve a proponer un tema fundamental y siempre fascinante de la Biblia: nos recuerda que Dios es el Pastor de la humanidad. Esto significa que Dios quiere para nosotros la vida, quiere guiarnos a buenos pastos, donde podamos alimentarnos y reposar; no quiere que nos perdamos y que muramos, sino que lleguemos a la meta de nuestro camino, que es precisamente la plenitud de la vida. Es lo que desea cada padre y cada madre para sus propios hijos: el bien, la



felicidad, la realización. En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús se presenta como Pastor de las ovejas perdidas de la casa de Israel. Su mirada sobre la gente es una mirada por así decirlo «pastoral». Por ejemplo, en el Evangelio de este domingo se dice que, «habiendo bajado de la barca, vio una gran multitud; tuvo compasión de ellos, porque eran como ovejas sin pastor, y se puso a

enseñarles muchas cosas» (Mc 6, 34). Jesús encarna a Dios Pastor con su modo de predicar y con sus obras, atendiendo a los enfermos y a los pecadores, a quienes están «perdidos» (cf. Lc 19, 10), para conducirlos a lugar seguro, a la misericordia del Padre.

Entre las «ovejas perdidas» que Jesús llevó a salvo hay también una mujer de nombre María, originaria de la aldea de Magdala, en el lago de Galilea, y llamada por ello Magdalena. Hoy es su memoria litúrgica en el calendario de la Iglesia. Dice el evangelista Lucas que Jesús expulsó de ella siete demonios (cf. Lc 8, 2), o sea, la salvó de un total sometimiento al maligno. ¿En qué consiste esta curación profunda que Dios obra mediante Jesús? Consiste en una paz verdadera, completa, fruto de la reconciliación de la persona en ella misma y en todas sus relaciones: con Dios, con los demás, con el mundo. En efecto, el maligno intenta siempre arruinar la obra de Dios, sembrando división en el corazón humano, entre cuerpo y alma, entre el hombre y Dios, en las relaciones interpersonales, sociales, internacionales, y también entre el hombre y la creación. El maligno siembra guerra; Dios crea paz. Es más, como afirma san Pablo, Cristo «es nuestra paz: el que de los dos pueblos ha hecho uno, derribando en su cuerpo de carne el muro que los separaba: la enemistad» (Ef 2, 14). Para llevar a cabo esta obra de reconciliación radical, Jesús, el Buen Pastor, tuvo que convertirse en Cordero, «el Cordero de Dios... que quita el pecado del mundo» (Jn 1, 29). Sólo así pudo realizar la estupenda promesa del Salmo: «Sí, bondad y fidelidad me acompañan / todos los días de mi vida, / habitaré en la casa del Señor / por años sin término» (22/23, 6).

Queridos amigos: estas palabras nos hacen vibrar el corazón, porque expresan nuestro deseo más profundo; dicen aquello para lo que estamos hechos: la vida, la vida eterna. Son las palabras de quien, como María Magdalena, ha experimentado a Dios en la propia vida y conoce su paz. Palabras más ciertas que nunca en los labios de la Virgen María, que ya vive para siempre en los pastos del Cielo, donde la condujo el Cordero Pastor. María, Madre de Cristo nuestra paz, ruega por nosotros.

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Marie Fournier, OCDS

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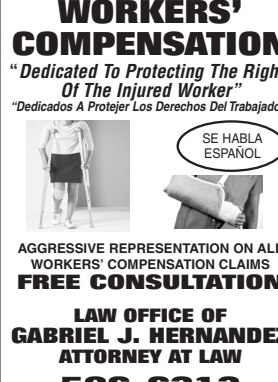
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