

*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 5, 2012 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Holy Eucharist

#### Sunday Mass:

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

#### Daily Mass:

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

#### Perpetual Eucharistic

##### Adoration:

Chapel access code available in office

#### Children's Services:

##### Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Sunday Mass 10:30am

##### 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



From Sacred Heart Parish in Turlock the Lord in His love is now sending me to serve as a spiritual father to St. Joseph's parish. As my first official act, I hereby "go to Joseph" in my heart and entrust to him all the work that I will do as a priest in this new church, since he is, after all, a patron saint of workers, of priests, and of the universal Church. St. Joseph will help me to work diligently, to be devoted to Immaculate Mary and to love the Body of Christ, whom I hold in my hands, as he did.

After the great pastor, Fr. Joseph Illo, I have been appointed, a simple and humble worker in the Lord's vineyard. The fact that the Lord can work and act even with insufficient means consoles me, and above all, I entrust myself to your prayers. In the joy of the resurrected Lord, we go on with His help. He is going to help us and Mary will be on our side. These, of course, are words borrowed from our pope. In my own words, I will say that I look forward to serving you and working with you as good stewards of all that has been entrusted to me, and to all of us, in this wonderful parish. There is much work that lies ahead. We must prepare for the Year of Faith, which begins on October 11, so that it is a year in which we all "rediscover the joy of believing." We must also prepare for the elections in November, so that we all know the importance of voting pro-life, pro-family, pro-marriage and pro-religious freedom.

There is reason for hope. I am heartened by the announcement that Bishop Salvatore Joseph Cordileone will be our Metropolitan Bishop in San Francisco. Have you noticed that in recent years God has been blessing our world, our country and now our state with some wonderfully strong and saintly popes, bishops and pastors of souls? I thank our Bishop Stephen Blaire, for appointing me as pastor of St. Joseph's. Since Fr. Illo and I have been great friends and brothers ever since we were bright-eyed seminarians in Rome, I take it as a mandate to continue what he has begun. I am grateful to be called to oversee all of the excellent devotions, programs and ministries that both Fr. Joseph and I love.

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## 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  
 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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 Parish Ministries ..... Tammy x207  
 Parish Registration ..... Donna x102  
 Room Reservations..... Rosario x110  
 Volunteering ..... Tammy x207  
 Youth Ministry..... Nathan x206



## 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.  
Applications currently being accepted.

# Welcome to St. Joseph's

*We're glad you're here!*

## Parish Life

### Upcoming Events & Activities

#### THE GOSPEL OF JOHN — AUGUST 6

Come and discover 10 things you need to know about the Gospel of John. All are invited to come to part 1 of this series on the Gospel of John, led by Gary Nelson. This class will start at 7pm in JP II, Rm 8.

#### OPUS DEI MEN'S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

All men are welcome and encouraged to come to an Opus Dei Men's Evening of Reflection on Thursday, August 16, from 7:15pm-9:15pm in the church. This Evening of Reflection will be conducted by an Opus Dei priest. For further information, please contact Nilo Casiano (209) 324-5926.



St. Josemaria Escriva

#### JOIN ST. JOSEPH'S CHOIR

If you love to sing or play musical instruments, join our St. Joseph's music ministry. Try-out dates:

Adult choir and Handbells choir, August 16, 6:15pm, JP II, Rm 1.

Cherubim children's choir, August 17, 6:00pm JP II, Rm 1.

#### INSTRUMENTALIST NEEDED

St. Joseph's music ministry is looking for an instrumentalist to play Sunday Mass. If you are interested, please contact our Music Director, Svetlana, for details: 241-7437

#### Pastor's Laptop (cont. from front page)

Please pray especially for local vocations to the priesthood so there will be more holy and capable priests from our local families to become shepherds and pastors of every parish. As of yet no one has been appointed to pastor my beloved parish of Sacred Heart in Turlock. Please pray for the future pastor of Sacred Heart, whoever he may be!

It has been somewhat of a leap of faith for me to accept this new assignment, this new mission. God will give me the strength to defend and develop the mission that has been established here. Much like the film *The Mission* Fr. Illo has defended the faith here at St. Joseph's a bit like Robert De Niro, while I'm more of a Jeremy Irons (*The Mission* DVD is available in our parish library). But the important thing is that there is a pastor walking ahead of the flock, carrying the Eucharist which is our standard and our all. We must resist the enemies of the faith by many and various means, so that the mission can continue. This parish must continue to be a peaceful and secure haven where our families can thrive in a Catholic culture and our children can learn the true faith.

Sincerely,

**Fr. Mark Wagner**

On August 6 (tomorrow) of the liturgical calendar the Church celebrates Christ's Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor. We find this event in Sacred Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-8 and Luke 9:28-36. The Transfiguration is also the Fourth Luminous Mystery of the Holy Rosary.

In this depiction of the Transfiguration painted by Paolo Veronese in 1556, we see a true representation of the sacred text and an emphasis on the mystical. The scriptures tell us that His garments and face became radiant, white as snow, and shone as the sun which is beautifully illustrated in this painting. You can see Christ is the focal point, He is what our eyes are drawn to first and He is the source of the light in this painting. He is conversing with Moses (on the left holding the Commandments) and Elijah (on the right) and both are bowing to him as a sign of reverence. Moses and Elijah represent the law and the prophets of the Old Testament/Covenant and Christ is the fulfillment of the Old and the establishment of the New. The three disciples that Jesus brought with Him to the mountain are Peter (bottom left holding the keys), James and John. Masterfully, Veronese shows in this painting the fear and awe of the apostles being overshadowed by the cloud, as it says in Luke 9:34-5, *there came a cloud and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him."* What a moment for those apostles to experience the profound glory of God, throwing them to the ground in amazement.

Christ's glory is present in the Holy Eucharist. When we are at Mass maybe we are not thrown to the ground but are we filled with amazement and awe for the love and glory of God as we approach to receive Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament?



Paolo Veronese, *Transfiguration of Christ*, 1556  
Altarpiece at the Cathedral of Santa Maria, Montagnana, Italy

### PSR Office will re-open for registration on August 13

Registrations will be taken at the PSR Office Mondays and Tuesdays from 10am-5pm, and Wednesdays from 1pm-7pm. The office is closed on Thursday and Friday. All new students must bring a copy of their Baptism Certificate and if they have attended class elsewhere, a transfer letter.

Fees are \$90 for 1 student, \$115 for 2 students, and \$135 for 3 or more students. There will be a \$25 late fee for returning families. Payment plans are available.

Parish School of Religion E-mail: [psr@stjmod.com](mailto:psr@stjmod.com)

### 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!

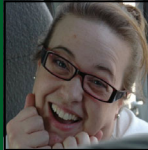


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## Youth Choir



The 5:30 Youth Mass ensemble meets on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9 p.m. in the JP II center. Sunday practices will start on September 9 from 4-5 p.m. before Mass. If you would like to join or would like more information, please contact Katie in the youth office.

## 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, treasure, and talent serving as a greeter, lector, or server. Please contact the youth office for more information and to sign up.



## 2012 Summer Events:



### Tuesday Mass and Breakfast

Every Tuesday, through the end of the summer break, teens and young adults are invited to join us for 8 am Mass. Immediately following Mass, there will be breakfast in the youth room with some time to hang out and enjoy fellowship.

### High School Kick-Off

The annual high school kick off and first youth group meeting for next year will be on Sunday, September 16, immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass!

### Habitat for Humanity

Members of our youth group helped clear and clean property in downtown Modesto that will be used to build a house. This will be a monthly volunteer opportunity for our youth and young adult ministry until the house is finished and presented to a family in need. If you are interested in more information, contact Nathan in the youth office.



## High School Fall Retreat

Mark your calendars! St. Joseph's high school fall retreat will take place November 9-11. This annual trip takes place in Aptos, and the cost is \$100. Get ready to grow in faith and fellowship through Mass, adoration, praise and worship, confession, small groups, and games!



# 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

Have you spent any time in the hospital lately?

Visited a fellow Catholic in the hospital who was recovering from surgery or being tested?

Every week, we are blessed to have our own Fr. Larry Guerrero visit Catholics both in the hospital and those recovering at home. Often, these are critical visits.

Many may not know that we also have volunteers from our parish—Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Hospital, who bring communion every week to those spending time in Memorial Medical Center.

There is a place for you in this ministry, bringing the Body of Christ to those who are patients at Memorial. Please call the Center for Lay Apostolates for more information about this important ministry. This ministry serves those who are Catholic and indicate they would like to receive the Body of Christ.

Please call 551-4973, ext. 207  
for more information

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

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

## Profiles in Stewardship

by Michael Webster



**Ellen  
Vager**

Ellen has been involved in various ministries at St. Joseph's for many years. Most recently she agreed to coordinate our Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW). Every Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, children are invited to follow one of our CLOW volunteers or clergy to hear the Mass readings and a short reflection while the adults/parents are in the church hearing the same readings and a homily. Ellen is so generous with her time because there is a great deal of behind-the-scenes work, such as, coordinating/scheduling the other volunteers, creating/copying handouts, and many other logistics for this weekly ministry. All of this she does with a joyful heart and a faithful "yes."

She possesses a great desire for the children of our parish to experience Christ's presence especially in the proclamation of the Word of God (Sacred Scripture). She is truly a faithful disciple heeding Christ's words in Matthew's Gospel, "Let the children come to me" (19:14). Through the dedication of her time and her talents, Ellen has led and continues to lead so many of the children of our parish closer to Christ. Thank you Ellen!

If you would like to inquire in becoming a CLOW volunteer, please call the Lay Apostolate Office at 551-4973 ext. 207.

## In the Diocese

### ST. STANISLAUS PARISH PRESCHOOL

Now enrolling for 2012-2013 Saint Stanislaus Preschool, offers a fun faith-filled environment with developmentally appropriate curriculum. We are enrolling children ages 2 1/2 to 6 years old for our preschool program and our newly expanded pre-kindergarten program. For more information please call (209)524-3428, Spaces are limited.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY ST. STANISLAUS PRESCHOOL

St. Stanislaus Preschool is looking for a teacher's aide, and for substitute teachers, Candidates should have units in child development or be currently enrolled in classes. For more information please call (209)524-3428, Ask for Mona.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY 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 the 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 to:

Catholic Charities -MSSP  
ATN: Bianca Agassi,  
Clinical Supervisor  
1106 N. El Dorado Street  
Stockton, CA 95202

## From our Holy Father in Rome

### BENEDICT XVI GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday, 27 June 2012—Part II



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the contrary, he “stripped” himself, he emptied himself, the Greek text says, taking the “*morphe doulos*”, the “form of a slave”, human reality marked by suffering, poverty and death; he assumed the likeness of men in all things save sin, so as to behave as a servant totally dedicated to serving others.

In this regard Eusebius of Caesarea said: — in the fourth century — “he took upon himself the labors of the suffering members, and made our sicknesses his and suffered on our account all our woes and labors by the laws of love, in conformity with his great love for humanity” (*Demonstratio Evangelica* [*Proof of the Gospel*], 10, 1, 22 ).

St Paul continues, delineating the “historical” background in which Jesus’ humbling of himself took place: “he humbled himself and became obedient unto death” (Phil 2:8). The Son of God truly became man and completed a journey of total obedience and fidelity to the Father’s will, even to the point of making the supreme sacrifice of his life. Furthermore the Apostle specifies: “unto death, even death on a cross.” On the Cross Jesus Christ attained the greatest degree of humiliation, because crucifixion was the penalty kept for slaves and not for free men: “*mors turpissima crucis*,” Cicero wrote (*In Verrem*, V, 64, 165).

Through the Cross of Christ man is redeemed and Adam’s experience is reversed. Adam, created in the image and likeness of God, claimed to be like God through his own effort, to put himself in God’s place and in this way lost the original dignity that had been given to him. Jesus, instead, was “in the form of God” but humbled himself, immersed himself in the human condition, in total faithfulness to the Father, in order to redeem the Adam who is in us and restore to man the dignity he had lost. The Fathers emphasize that he made himself obedient, restoring to human nature, through his own humanity and obedience, what had been lost through Adam’s disobedience. In prayer, in the relationship with God, we open our mind, our heart and our will to the action of the Holy Spirit to enter into this dynamic of life, as St Cyril of Alexandria — whose feast we are celebrating today — tells us: “the work of the Spirit seeks to transform us by grace into a perfect copy of his humbling” (*Festal Letter*, 10, 4).

Human logic, instead, often seeks self-fulfillment in power, in domination, in forceful means. Man still wants to build the Tower of Babel with his own efforts, to reach God’s heights by himself, to be like God. The Incarnation and the Cross remind us that complete fulfillment lies in conforming our human will to the will of the Father, in emptying ourselves of our selfishness, to fill ourselves with God’s love, with his charity, and thereby become capable of truly loving others.

Man does not find himself by remaining closed in on himself, by affirming himself. Man finds himself only by coming out of himself; only if we come out of ourselves do we find ourselves. And if Adam wanted to imitate God, this was not a bad thing in itself but he had the wrong idea of God. God is not someone who only wants greatness. God is love which was already given in the Trinity and was then given in the Creation. And imitating God means coming out of oneself, giving oneself in love.

# Sacraments

## Our Mass Intentions

## This Week

Sunday, August 5 (Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Alzira Victoria	1:30p	Rafael & Ofelia Ramos
9:00a	Albert Mendonca	3:30p	Thomas Chettiyasseril
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Jim Trevillyan
12:00p	Rebecca Crome	7:30p	Sean Dunne
Monday, August 6			
8:00a	Penny Lane-Wahl and Laronda Meese	5:45p	Alan Bautista and Sean Dunne
Tuesday, August 7			
8:00a	Wendy Leigh Pety and Paul Urmeneta	5:45p	Mark Kummerle and Joe R. Fernandes
Wednesday, August 8			
8:00a	Mario Mahayag and Edward Villafana,	5:45p	Elizabeth Morotti and Gonzalo Kennedy
Thursday, August 9			
8:00a	Frances Rife and Judith S. Gallagher	5:45p	Mary Avila and Richard Rowan
Friday, August 10			
8:00a	John Caratti and Rose Cusenza	5:45p	Tomas & Valentina Aquino and Deceased Members of St. Joseph's Knight of Columbus
12:00p	Nick Alves		
Saturday, August 11			
8:00a	Ciacomo & Annunziata Bertolotti and Frederick Klingler	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, August 12 (Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Louise & Al Seronello	1:30p	Carlos Sanchez and Francisco Meda
9:00a	Charles Aguilar	5:30p	Jack & Helen Gregg
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Rigo Flores
12:00p	Thelma Coelho		

Sunday, August 5, 2012		
10:00 A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
3:30 P	Indian Mass	Chur
Monday, August 6, 2012		
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Grp	JP10
Tuesday, August 7, 2012		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
5:30 P	ESL Classes	JP4
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group Spanish	JP7
Wednesday, August 8, 2012		
1:30 P	Widows and Widowers	JP5
5:30 P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
5:45 P	Al Anon Group	JP10
Thursday, August 9, 2012		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30 P	Compartiendo la Biblia (Sharing the Bible)	JP4
6:30 P	Charismat Healing Mass (Fr. J. Domingo)	Chur
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
Friday, August 10, 2012		
12:00 P	TLF Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Cha
6:00 P	Indian Prayer Group	JP6
7:00 P	Filipino "ARISE" Prayer Meeting	JP5
Saturday, August 11, 2012		
8:00 A	Lay Dominicans	JP5
Sunday, August 12, 2012		
10:00 A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
1:00 P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

## Baptisms

Galen McMillen  
 Matthew Vieira  
 Natalia Lopez  
 Tatiana Hernandez  
 Mia Azevedo  
 Aileen Vargas  
 Luke Sanchez  
 Belinda Renteria  
 Celeste Barragan  
 Salma Khoury  
 Analucia Quinonez  
 Aaliyah Dominguez  
 Julian Botero  
 Lilliana Del Real  
 Trey Avelino  
 Jane Cariloria  
 Regina Barriguete  
 Olivia McKenzie  
 Gianna Dominguez  
 Allena Chacon  
 Raquel Chacon  
 Ranielle Funtaneres  
 Landon Easterday  
 Ciena Easterday

## Readings 8/06-8/12

**Monday:**  
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

**Tuesday:**  
 Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or  
 Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:**  
 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

**Thursday:**  
 Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:**  
 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

**12pm Latin Mass:**  
 II Cor. 9:6-10; Jn. 12:24-26

**Saturday:**  
 Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday:**  
 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34;  
 Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

**Latin Mass**  
 1 Cor. 15:1-10; Mk. 7:31-37

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

Remember a special day or  
 person  
 ~Altar Flower Donation~

Call the Development  
 Office for info.  
 551-4973, x207



# Bienvenido a St. Joseph's

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



Desde la Parroquia de Sacred Heart en Turlock, el Señor en Su amor me ha mandado ahora a servir como padre espiritual a la parroquia de St. Joseph's. Como mi primer acto oficial, "me dirijo a San José" en mi corazón y le encomiendo todo el trabajo que yo haga como sacerdote en esta nueva iglesia, ya que él es el santo patrón de los trabajadores, los sacerdotes y de la Iglesia Universal. San José me ayudará a trabajar diligentemente, a devotarme a María Inmaculada y a amar el Cuerpo de Cristo, a quien sostengo en mis manos como lo hizo él. Después del gran pastor, el Padre Joseph Illo, yo he sido nombrado, un simple y humilde trabajador de la Viña del Señor. Me consuela el hecho de que el Señor puede trabajar con medios insuficientes, y más que todo, me encomiendo a sus oraciones. En el gozo del Señor Resucitado, seguiremos con Su ayuda. El nos ayudará y María estará a nuestro lado. Estas, por supuesto, son palabras prestadas de nuestro papa. En mis propias palabras, diré que deseo servirles y trabajar con ustedes como buenos corresponsales de todo lo que se me ha encomendado, y a todos nosotros en esta magnífica parroquia. Nos espera mucho trabajo.

Nos debemos de preparar para el Año de la Fe, el cual comienza el 11 de octubre, durante el cual "descubriremos el gozo de la fe." También debemos de prepararnos para las elecciones en noviembre, para que todos sepamos la importancia de votar por la vida, por la familia, por el matrimonio y por la libertad religiosa.

Hay razón por la esperanza. Estoy animado con el anuncio que el Obispo Salvatore Joseph Cordileone será nuestro Obispo Metropolitano en San Francisco. ¿Han notado que en años recientes Dios ha bendecido a nuestro mundo, nuestro país, y ahora a nuestro estado con maravillosos, fuertes y santos papas, obispos y pastores para nuestras almas? Agradezco al Obispo Stephen Blaire, por nombrarme como pastor de St. Joseph's. Ya que el Padre Illo y yo hemos sido buenos amigos, y hermanos desde que éramos seminaristas en Roma, tomo como mandato, el seguir lo que él ha comenzado. Estoy agradecido de haber sido llamado a supervisar todas las excelentes devociones, programas y ministerios que el Padre Joseph y yo amamos.

Por favor recen especialmente por vocaciones locales al sacerdocio para que hayan mas hábiles y santos sacerdotes en nuestras familias para que sean pastores de cada parroquia. Hasta ahora, nadie ha sido nombrado pastor de mi amada parroquia de Sacred Heart en Turlock. ¡Por favor recen por el futuro pastor de Sacred Heart, quienquiera que sea!

Ha sido un acto de fe para mí el aceptar este nuevo trabajo, esta nueva misión. Dios me dará la fuerza para defender y desarrollar la misión que ha sido establecida aquí. Muy parecido a la película *The Mission*, el Padre Illo ha defendido a St. Joseph's como Robert De Niro, mientras que yo soy más como Jeremy Irons (La película *The Mission* se puede encontrar en nuestra biblioteca). Pero la cosa más importante es que hay un pastor caminando delante del rebaño, cargando la Eucaristía, la cual es nuestra meta y nuestro todo. Tenemos que resistir los enemigos de la fe empleando muchos y diferentes métodos, para que la misión continúe. Esta parroquia continuará siendo un pacifico y seguro refugio donde nuestras familias puedan crecer en una cultura Católica y nuestros hijos puedan aprender la verdadera fe.

**Fr. Mark Wagner**



### RETIRO ESPIRITUAL

Agosto 10-12

*Jóvenes Adultos (18-30) años*

El Ministerio Hispano de nuestra diócesis de Stockton tendrá un retiro en el centro de retiros Madonna of Peace.

*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](mailto:jlopez@stocktondiocese.org)

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### 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.

# Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

BENEDICTO XVI *AUDIENCIA GENERAL*  
*Miércoles 27 de junio de 2012—Parte II*



*Queridos hermanos y hermanas:*

Más aún, «se despojó de sí mismo», se vació de sí mismo asumiendo, dice el texto griego, la «*morphe doulou*», la «forma de esclavo», la realidad humana marcada por el sufrimiento, por la pobreza, por la muerte; se hizo plenamente semejante a los hombres, excepto en el pecado, para actuar como siervo completamente entregado al servicio de los demás. Al respecto, Eusebio de Cesarea, en el siglo iv, afirma: «Tomó sobre sí mismo las pruebas de los miembros que sufren. Hizo tuyas nuestras humildes enfermedades. Sufrió y padeció por nuestra causa y lo hizo por su gran amor a la humanidad» (*La demostración evangélica*, 10, 1, 22). San Pablo prosigue delineando el cuadro «histórico» en el que se realizó este abajamiento de Jesús: «Se humilló a sí mismo, hecho obediente hasta la muerte» (*Flp* 2, 8). El Hijo de Dios se hizo verdaderamente hombre y recorrió un camino en la completa obediencia y fidelidad a la voluntad del Padre hasta el sacrificio supremo de su vida. El Apóstol especifica más aún: «hasta la muerte, y una muerte de cruz». En la cruz Jesucristo alcanzó el máximo grado de la humillación, porque la crucifixión era el castigo reservado a los esclavos y no a las personas libres: «*mors turpissíma crucis*», escribe Cicerón (cf. *In Verrem*, v, 64, 165). En la cruz de Cristo el hombre es redimido, y se invierte la experiencia de Adán: Adán, creado a imagen y semejanza de Dios, pretendió ser como Dios con sus propias fuerzas, ocupar el lugar de Dios, y así perdió la dignidad originaria que se le había dado. Jesús, en cambio, era «de condición divina», pero se humilló, se sumergió en la condición humana, en la fidelidad total al Padre, para redimir al Adán que hay en nosotros y devolver al hombre la dignidad que había perdido. Los Padres subrayan que se hizo obediente, restituyendo a la naturaleza humana, a través de su humanidad y su obediencia, lo que se había perdido por la desobediencia de Adán. En la oración, en la relación con Dios, abrimos la mente, el corazón, la voluntad a la acción del Espíritu Santo para entrar en esa misma dinámica de vida, como afirma san Cirilo de Alejandría, cuya fiesta celebramos hoy: «La obra del Espíritu Santo busca transformarnos por medio de la gracia en la copia perfecta de su humillación» (*Carta Festal 10*, 4). La lógica humana, en cambio, busca con frecuencia la realización de uno mismo en el poder, en el dominio, en los medios potentes. El hombre sigue queriendo construir con sus propias fuerzas la torre de Babel para alcanzar por sí mismo la altura de Dios, para ser como Dios. La Encarnación y la cruz nos recuerdan que la realización plena está en la conformación de la propia voluntad humana a la del Padre, en vaciarse del propio egoísmo, para llenarse del amor, de la caridad de Dios y así llegar a ser realmente capaces de amar a los demás. El hombre no se encuentra a sí mismo permaneciendo cerrado en sí mismo, afirmándose a sí mismo. El hombre sólo se encuentra saliendo de sí mismo. Sólo si salimos de nosotros mismos nos reencontramos. Adán quiso imitar a Dios, cosa que en sí misma no está mal, pero se equivocó en la idea de Dios. Dios no es alguien que sólo quiere grandeza. Dios es amor que ya se entrega en la Trinidad y luego en la creación. Imitar a Dios quiere decir salir de sí mismo, entregarse en el amor.

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