

*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

## July 1, 2012 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(209) 551-4973  
Fax: (209) 551-3213  
Visit our website:  
[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. Joseph Ilo, Pastor  
Fr. Benny Kottarathil, OSB, Assoc Pastor  
Fr. Tony Chacko, Assoc Pastor  
Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain  
Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinerro, Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

## From the Pastor's Laptop

I ride my bike for exercise on the levy along Briggsmore every other day. I've made friends with a mallard family. In March, I noticed ducks and drakes congregating in the canal waters. In April, a little family appeared— Mom and Dad with a dozen hatchlings. They would swim together and, if on the bank of the levy, would flee into the water at my brisk approach. By May, the bravest (usually Dad and a few of his strapping boys) would hold their ground on the bank as I wheeled by, while the others would scatter into the water. In the month of June, Mom and Dad calmly would eye my approach, while the mallard children — now teenagers — barely ruffled a feather as I sped by.

What impresses me most about my duck friends is their family unity. They swim together, a tiny flotilla of family strength, and huddle close while on land. In nature, it is the family — composed of a father, a mother and children — that cradles life and sustains growth.

I often ride my bike to dispel stress and despondency. The aggressions of the anti-family movement cause me stress and despondency. Movies that mock spousal fidelity, politics that force gay “marriage” on us, a culture that thinks only of selfish satisfaction — these things depress me. How naturally refreshing, then, to see my duck family every day! How rational, how *right*, to see God's natural law unfolding on the banks of the Briggsmore levy, uncorrupted by man's sophisticated irrationality.

Let's learn from the mallards. Let's learn from their natural goodness. They glorify God as they follow the natural rhythms of the natural law.

On Wednesday, we celebrate our Nation's Birthday. America was founded upon the Natural Law. To quote from the first line of our

Declaration of Independence: we are entitled to certain inalienable rights by the “Laws of Nature and of Nature's God.” What will you do to defend our nation from attacks — by selfish and/or lazy people — on our freedoms? Faith plays an irreplaceable role in establishing and defending true freedom. What will you, a man or woman of faith, do to defend our freedoms?



*Parishioners John & Malissa Souza and Jayne Cunningham encouraging people to join the Catholic Legislative Network (March 2007).*

*Fr. Joseph*

## 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

<i>Se Habla Español</i> .....	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
Faith & Life Magazine .....	Michael x203
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Parish Registration.....	Donna x102
Room Reservations.....	Rosario x110
Volunteering .....	Tammy x207
Youth Ministry .....	Nathan x206

## ST. JOSEPH'S PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

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 an hour.



# Welcome to St. Joseph's

*We're glad you're here!*

## Parish Life

### Upcoming Events & Activities



### JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER

Beginning July 2, the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites will lead evening prayer (Vespers) every Monday-Friday in the church at 5:15pm (before our 5:45 Mass). Please come and pray with us. All are welcome!

### MILITIA IMMACULATA ANNUAL PICNIC

The MI Villages invite you to our annual Picnic at the Park on Saturday, July 7, at 11am. Come and join us at Downey Park. All are invited to our potluck celebration!

For more information, call 551-4973, ext. 218.



### AA MEETINGS

If you want to keep drinking, that's your business. If you want to stop drinking, and can't, that's our business. Please join us on Wednesday nights at 5:45 in room 5 in the JPPII Center for an hour of fellowship and sobriety. Saturday mornings, 9am, there is an AA meeting for Women ONLY in the Vatican Room.

### PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

**O God our Creator, through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.**

**We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.**

**Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome — for the sake of our children, our grandchildren and all who come after us — this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# Religious Education

## What price would you pay for freedom?

By Maria F. Delgado-Braun, Religious Education Department

JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2012

**FORTNIGHT  
FOR FREEDOM**

FORTNIGHT4FREEDOM.ORG

This week, we celebrate *4th of July, Independence Day*. We can choose to spend this day having a barbecue, watching the city parade or going to the park, or we can take some time to reflect upon the freedoms that were won for us today. The average American doesn't give much thought to such things, a natural pattern for us; it is not until we lose something that we realize how important it was. Our Right of Religious

Freedom slowly but surely is being taken away, in the same way that one boils a frog, by raising the temperature in small increments until the frog is finally boiled to death without even knowing it. Most will say that we who voice this are alarmists, yet even our Bishops have spoken about this imminent threat in their *Statement on Religious Liberty-Our First, Most Cherished*

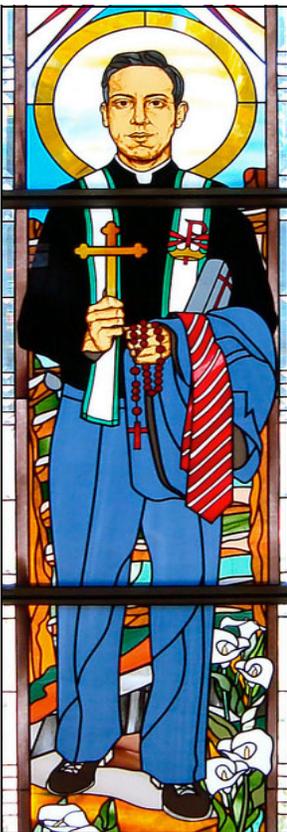
*Liberty*;" ...We need, therefore, to speak frankly with each other when our freedoms are threatened. Now is such a time. As Catholic bishops and American citizens, we address an urgent summons to our fellow Catholics and fellow Americans to be on guard, for religious liberty is under attack, both at home and abroad."

Why all the talk about the film *For Greater Glory* or the Cristero War in Mexico? This is the U.S., no such thing can happen here! Or can it? Why talk about a Mexican priest martyr in this article? Because all these are relevant to our current situation in our country. In 1926, the President of Mexico declared it illegal for priests to say Mass, wear their vestments and provide the sacraments. Many were deported, others were executed, and people took to the streets to fight the unjust government. Blessed (Bl.) Miguel Pro, who is featured in one of our church stained-glass windows, would go around the towns disguised in order to offer Mass, baptize, hear confessions and marry people. He finally was apprehended and allowed a few minutes of prayer before he was shot to death, as he extended his arms and called out "*Viva Cristo Rey*." He died after forgiving his executioners and offered his death for the right of Mexicans to worship God. A few weeks after watching *For Greater Glory*, a very faithful friend from our parish posed this question; "Do you think we would be able to



Bl. Miguel Pro taken to be executed.

withstand this kind of persecution? Would we be faithful in the midst of coercion, public humiliation or torture? I hope that our answer is *yes*, that we can trust that if God has called us to give our property, our job or even our life for Him and our faith, He also will give us the grace to go through with it! Our Bishops have called for "*All the Energies the Catholic Community Can Muster*" (*Our First, Most Cherished Liberty*). We have a battle to fight, "For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness..." (Eph. 6:12). To fight this battle, we must be true to our faith, speak up in a well-informed manner, receive the sacraments, be obedient to the Church and, above all, trust in God and pray like never before. There is a reason why you and I were born at this time. Let us entrust all our efforts to the Blessed Mother and ask her to walk hand in hand with us. God has given us the right of religious freedom and has written in our hearts our thirst for Him. *¡Viva Cristo Rey!*



Bl. Miguel Pro...  
pray for us!

## CLOSING MASS

Wednesday, July 4 at 12:10 p.m.

Basilica of the National Shrine of  
the Immaculate Conception

Washington, DC

Celebrated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl  
Homilist Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM Cap

Televised nationwide on EWTN

## 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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## XLT

XLT is a night of charismatic prayer, praise and worship, and Adoration. All families are invited to attend. Summer dates are coming soon!



## Contemporary Choir

The 5:30 p.m. choir will start back at Mass on Sunday, August 5. If you are new or returning, or have any questions or interest, please come to an informational meeting on Wednesday, July 11 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Music Room located in the JPII Center. Please be ready to sing a little bit. If you have any questions please contact Katie in the Youth Office. Hope to see you there.



## 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. As always, there are board games, the Ping-Pong table and the Wii to keep us all entertained. We have had a great turn out, so come join us!



## 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!



## Steubenville San Diego July 27-29

We are still accepting permission slips and there are only 5 spots left!!! This conference is open to all high school teens, graduating 8th grade through 12th grade. Guest speakers and musicians this year include Ike Ndolo, Fr. Michael Schmitz, Matt Smith and Jackie Francois. Righteous B will be the host. We will be taking a bus to and from the conference and spots are filling up! Space is limited. Cost is \$150. Payment options are available. The bus leaves from St. Joe's at 6 am on Friday morning and will return on Sunday evening around 11 pm. If you have already reserved a spot, please visit the youth office ASAP and pick up a list of what to bring.

# Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza refreshments are being served this weekend by our Plaza Refreshment Volunteers. Please stop by and thank them when you get your coffee and donuts.

## Parish Stewardship — a way of life

**Helen Juette**



## Veterans Salute

by Leonard E. Churilla  
Military Ministry Historian



Helen (Clark) Juette, age 92, has been a St. Joseph's parishioner for the past 25 years. Her family lived in Needles for a while, then moved to Bakersfield where Helen attended St. Francis Catholic Elementary School and Bakersfield High, where she "discovered boys and my grades fell, so my parents shipped me off to boarding school in South San Francisco." Thereafter, Helen trained to be a nurse at St. Mary's in San Francisco. After three years, she received her registered nurse (RN) certificate. "Whenever I took a street car in San Francisco I passed the recruiting station and saw posters to join the navy. She decided one day to sign up and found herself stationed at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland. "The patients in my ward were usually returning from overseas so I invited some of them to my parents' home in Oakland. Mom would prepare food while dad would engage them in conversation." Later, Helen was transferred to Camp Pendleton near Oceanside, California where she enjoyed dancing in the Officers Club and eventually met her fiancé, "Leslie."

When World War II ended they were both released from the service. She took Leslie to Oakland and introduced him to her parents, who "insisted that we both get degrees before we got married. We attended San Francisco State University together. As soon as I graduated a year later, we got married in June 1947. Leslie still had four more years to graduate so we got an apartment in San Francisco and stayed there for a while." Leslie, who was a cook in the navy, became a science teacher, first at Ceres High School and later at Downey High School, while Helen became a teacher of nursing at Modesto Junior College. She also worked for the state, screening patients for Medicaid, working until she was 79. The couple had seven children: five girls and two boys. Leslie passed away five years ago. "I had a lot of fun in life and enjoyed traveling," Helen said with a smile as she showed off some photos and post cards from some of her trips. "We went to Europe, Costa Rica, Japan, Hawaii, Alaska and drove across the United States three times."

Helen is still active in St. Joseph's Health Ministry and Seniors. She is looking forward to the upcoming Seniors' trip to Yosemite.

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



**John Singh**

John Singh is a very familiar face before and during the daily 8am Mass. John has been helping at the daily Mass for many years now. He always is willing and ready to step in and be an altar server. John arrives at St. Joseph's earlier than most. He makes sure that the candle by the Holy of Holies, the Tabernacle, is lit or changes it, if needed. He also leads morning prayer and the rosary before Mass. John always makes sure that those who lead the day's prayers have the correct pages and hymns. Morning prayer is the communal prayer of the Church in addition to Holy Mass. It is part of the Divine Office, or Liturgy of the Hours which is said throughout the world by the clergy, men and women in religious communities and also by the laity. With the Divine Office, the day is sanctified and one maintains the presence of God throughout; *Ora et Labora* (pray and work). John's love for Sacred Liturgy clearly is seen in his faithful stewardship. We are so blessed at St. Joseph's to have him, as well as so many faithful men and women who daily give of their time, treasure and talent. It is thanks to them that we have such a beautiful parish.

In addition to praying Morning Prayer, we will be having Evening Prayer led by the Carmelites beginning July 2 at 5:15 pm.

## In the Diocese

SAVE THE DATE!

### BISHOP'S AWARDS

Celebrating the

50th Anniversary of the Diocese

Saturday, October 20

St. Bernard's Holy Family Center

Tickets \$150 each

### HONOREES

Bob & Marie Gallo

José & Digna R. López

Deacon Jack & Mrs. Jennie Ryan

Msgr. Richard Ryan

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### PILGRIMAGE TO

ROME, GREECE AND THE

HOLY LAND

October 8- 19

Travel with Father Jairo from  
Sacred Heart Parish in Turlock.

Cost 4,795 per person. For any  
questions please call

Gisele Navas @ 632-4932 or

Patricia Pereira @ 968-1095.

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### Job Opportunity

Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

COORDINATOR

Full Benefits, 40 Hours per week.

Purpose: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton proposes to identify and outreach to youth at risk. This position will organize; coordinate youth engagement services through parishes, particularly by increasing the opportunities and reducing risk for youth by coordinating mentoring and tutoring services. Youth engagement will include faith building opportunities and developing leadership.

For job description and qualifications, or to send resume contact:

Jose Lopez-Higareda, Director of Family Counseling Services 400 12th Street, Suite 4 Modesto, Ca. 95354 By e-mail

jlopez@ccstockton.org or

Fax (209)529-6083.

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## From our Holy Father in Rome

APOSTOLIC LETTER "MOTU PROPRIO DATA"  
PORTA FIDEI



FOR THE INDICATION OF THE YEAR OF FAITH (Part VIII)

14. The Year of Faith will also be a good opportunity to intensify the witness of charity. As Saint Paul reminds us: "So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor 13:13). With even stronger words – which have always placed Christians under obligation – Saint James said: "What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled', without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But some one will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith" (Jas 2:14-18).

Faith without charity bears no fruit, while charity without faith would be a sentiment constantly at the mercy of doubt. Faith and charity each require the other, in such a way that each allows the other to set out along its respective path. Indeed, many Christians dedicate their lives with love to those who are lonely, marginalized or excluded, as to those who are the first with a claim on our attention and the most important for us to support, because it is in them that the reflection of Christ's own face is seen. Through faith, we can recognize the face of the risen Lord in those who ask for our love. "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). These words are a warning that must not be forgotten and a perennial invitation to return the love by which he takes care of us. It is faith that enables us to recognize Christ and it is his love that impels us to assist him whenever he becomes our neighbour along the journey of life. Supported by faith, let us look with hope at our commitment in the world, as we await "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Pet 3:13; cf. Rev 21:1).

15. Having reached the end of his life, Saint Paul asks his disciple Timothy to "aim at faith" (2 Tim 2:22) with the same constancy as when he was a boy (2 Tim 3:15). We hear this invitation directed to each of us, that none of us grow lazy in the faith. "That the word of the Lord may speed on and triumph" (2 Th 3:1): may this Year of Faith make our relationship with Christ the Lord increasingly firm, since only in him is there the certitude for looking to the future and the guarantee of an authentic and lasting love. The words of Saint Peter shed one final ray of light on faith: "In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls" (1 Pet 1:6-9). The life of Christians knows the experience of joy as well as the experience of suffering. How many of the saints have lived in solitude! How many believers, even in our own day, are tested by God's silence when they would rather hear his consoling voice! The trials of life, while helping us to understand the mystery of the Cross and to participate in the sufferings of Christ (cf. Col 1:24), are a prelude to the joy and hope to which faith leads: "when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor 12:10). We believe with firm certitude that the Lord Jesus has conquered evil and death. With this sure confidence we entrust ourselves to him: he, present in our midst, overcomes the power of the evil one (Lk 11:20); and the Church, the visible community of his mercy, abides in him as a sign of definitive reconciliation with the Father.

# Sacraments

## Our Mass Intentions

## This Week

Sunday, July 1 (Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Jerome Ignash	1:30p	Rigo Dena Flores and Jacoba Andres
9:00a	Jose Luis Sanchez Meza	3:30p	
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Nap Marcale
12:00p	Georgina Rocha	7:30p	Charles Aguilar
Monday, July 2			
8:00a	Polly M. Strong and Mark Kummerle	5:45p	Shannon Owings and Maxine Fisher
Tuesday, July 3			
8:00a	Deacon Ken Ochinerro Special Intention	5:45p	Tomasina C. Rabara and Doring Marcale
Wednesday, July 4			
8:00a	Ellen Peyton and Robert Patterson	5:45p	No Mass
Thursday, July 5			
8:00a	Hazel Call and Eladio & Isabel Goroza	5:45p	Jim Trevillyan and Nawarat Photikoe
Friday, July 6			
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and Bill Armell	5:45p	Ruben & Blanca Hernandez and Dolores Cajaton
Saturday, July 7			
8:00a	Jeff Bland and Frank Chimenti	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, July 8 (Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Manuel Borges Victoria	1:30p	Bonifacio Ramirez and Arturo Cubillas
9:00a	Ana Gomez	5:30p	Perfecto Magno
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Lenny Ratto
12:00p	Angelito Lamanilao		

Sunday, July 1, 2012		
10:00A	Children's Liturgy of the	JP6
1:00P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7
3:00P	Indian Mass	Chur
Monday, July 2, 2012		
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer Grp	JP10
Tuesday, July 3, 2012		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
5:30P	ESL Classes	JP4
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer	JP7
Wednesday, July 4, 2012		
1:30P	Widows and Widowers	JP5
5:30P	AA Principle Study	JP5
5:45P	No 5:45 Mass	
5:45P	AI Anon Group	JP10
Thursday, July 5, 2012		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
6:30P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30P	Compartiendo la Biblia	JP4
7:00P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
Friday, July 6, 2012		
12:00P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:30P	Children's Adoration	Chur
Saturday, July 7, 2012		
10:00A	New Altar Servers Training #2	Chur
Sunday, July 8, 2012		
10:00A	CLOW	JP6
1:00P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

### Important Notice

Please note the parish office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Also, there will be only one daily Mass that day at 8am, the 5:45pm Mass is cancelled. Have a blessed and safe 4th of July!



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

### Readings 7/02-7/08

#### Monday:

Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22

#### Tuesday:

Eph 2:19-22; Jn 10:24-29

#### Wednesday:

Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For Public Needs," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

#### Thursday:

Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8

#### Friday:

Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13

#### 12pm Latin Mass:

Heb. 9:11-15; Jn. 19:30-35

#### Saturday:

Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

#### Sunday:

Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a  
Latin Mass

Rom. 6:3-11; Mk. 8:1-9

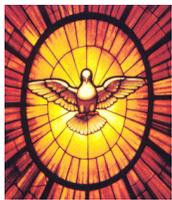
**~Altar Flower Donation~  
In Memory of  
Pauline Reese,  
with Love from her  
Family**

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



**MILICIA  
INMACULADA**

Los grupos de la Milicia Inmaculada de St. Joseph's lo invitan cordialmente a su picnic y potluck anual, el 7 de Julio a las 11am en el Parque Downey. Venga con toda su familia, y traiga su plato predilecto. Para mas información, llame al 551-4973 ext. 218



**LA RENOVACION  
CARISMATICA  
CATOLICA DE LA  
DIOCESIS DE  
STOCKTON**

Te invita al **Retiro para Hombres** los días 30 de junio y 1 de julio de 8am -5pm en la Parroquia de San Antonio en Hughson, 7820 Fox Rd. Habrá Misa de Sanación y Hora Santa. Para mas información, llamar a Francisco al 735-0523 y Marcos al 541-8603.

**CONGRESO JUVENIL  
INTERCULTURAL**



Los jóvenes aprenderán la manera de ser líderes en sus parroquias, mientras tienen la oportunidad de compartir diversas experiencias culturales, religiosas, de alimentación, danza, etc. Costo \$ 295, Julio 19-22, Universidad de Santa Clara.

Las sesiones de entrenamiento son para líderes jóvenes católicos. Para información escriba a [youth@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:youth@stocktondiocese.org) o llame al 209-546-7633. Es necesaria la inscripción previa. Hay becas disponibles.

Para hacer ejercicio, monto mi bicicleta al lado del canal en Briggsmore cada día de por medio. Me he hecho amigo de una familia de patos. En marzo noté los patos congregándose en las aguas del canal. En abril apareció una familia—la mamá y el papá y una docena de paticos recién nacidos. Ellos nadaban juntos y cuando estaban en los bancos del canal, volaban al agua al acercarme apresuradamente. En mayo, el más valiente (usualmente el papá y unos de sus hijos) se quedaban en la orilla cuando yo pasaba montando, mientras los demás se echaban al agua. En el mes de junio, la mamá y el papá calmadamente miraban mientras me acercaba, y los paticos— ahora adolescentes— apenas si movían una pluma mientras que yo pasaba apresuradamente.

Lo que más me impresiona en mis amigos patos es la unidad familiar. Ellos nadan juntos, una flotilla pequeña de fortaleza familiar, y se paran juntos en la orilla. En la naturaleza, la familia— está compuesta por un padre, una madre y sus hijos— la cual nutre y sostiene su crecimiento.

Casi siempre monto mi bicicleta para aclarar el estrés y la desilusión. La agresión del movimiento anti-familiar me causa estrés y desilusión. Las películas que hacen mofa de la fidelidad de los esposos, la política que nos trata de forzar a aceptar el “matrimonio” entre homosexuales, una cultura que solo piensa en la satisfacción egoísta—todas estas cosas me deprimen. ¡Cuan natural y refrescante, entonces es ver mi familia de patos cada día! ¡que racional, y verdadero es ver la ley natural de Dios desarrollándose en la orilla del canal de Briggsmore, incorrupta por la sofisticada irraciocinación del hombre!

Aprendamos de la familia de estos patos. Aprendamos de su estado natural. Ellos glorifican a Dios mientras que siguen el ritmo natural de la ley natural.

El miércoles celebramos el Cumpleaños de nuestra Nación, América fue fundada en la Ley Natural. Esta es una de las primeras líneas de nuestra Declaración de la Independencia: “tenemos el derecho a ciertos inalienables derechos de acuerdo con “las Leyes Naturales y la Naturaleza de Dios.”



¿Qué hará usted para defender a nuestra nación de los ataques – por personas perezosas y/o egoístas? La Fe tiene un rol irreemplazable en establecer y defender la verdadera libertad. ¿Qué hará usted, un hombre o mujer de fe, para defender nuestras libertades?

Fr. Joseph

Feligreses John y Malissa Souza y Jayne Cunningham motivando a otros a unirse a la Organización Legislativa Católica (marzo 2007).

# Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

CARTA APOSTÓLICA *PORTA FIDEI*  
CON LA QUE SE CONVOCA EL AÑO DE LA FE (Parte VIII)



14. El Año de la fe será también una buena oportunidad para intensificar el testimonio de la caridad. San Pablo nos recuerda: «Ahora subsisten la fe, la esperanza y la caridad, estas tres. Pero la mayor de ellas es la caridad» (1 Co 13, 13). Con palabras aún más fuertes —que siempre atañen a los cristianos—, el apóstol Santiago dice: «¿De qué le sirve a uno, hermanos míos, decir que tiene fe, si no tiene obras? ¿Podrá acaso salvarlo esa fe? Si un hermano o una hermana andan desnudos y faltos de alimento diario y alguno de vosotros les dice: “Id en paz, abrigaos y saciaos”, pero no les da lo necesario para el cuerpo, ¿de qué sirve? Así es también la fe: si no se tienen obras, está muerta por dentro. Pero alguno dirá: “Tú tienes fe y yo tengo obras, muéstrame esa fe tuya sin las obras, y yo con mis obras te mostraré la fe”» (St 2, 14-18).

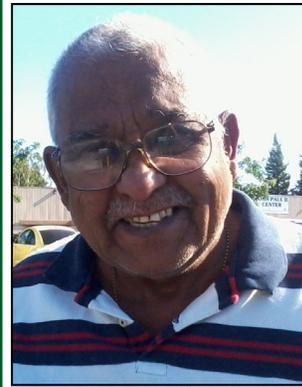
La fe sin la caridad no da fruto, y la caridad sin fe sería un sentimiento constantemente a merced de la duda. La fe y el amor se necesitan mutuamente, de modo que una permite a la otra seguir su camino. En efecto, muchos cristianos dedican sus vidas con amor a quien está solo, marginado o excluido, como el primero a quien hay que atender y el más importante que socorrer, porque precisamente en él se refleja el rostro mismo de Cristo. Gracias a la fe podemos reconocer en quienes piden nuestro amor el rostro del Señor resucitado. «Cada vez que lo hicisteis con uno de estos, mis hermanos más pequeños, conmigo lo hicisteis» (Mt 25, 40): estas palabras tuyas son una advertencia que no se ha de olvidar, y una invitación perenne a devolver ese amor con el que él cuida de nosotros. Es la fe la que nos permite reconocer a Cristo, y es su mismo amor el que impulsa a socorrerlo cada vez que se hace nuestro prójimo en el camino de la vida. Sostenidos por la fe, miramos con esperanza a nuestro compromiso en el mundo, aguardando «unos cielos nuevos y una tierra nueva en los que habite la justicia» (2 P 3, 13; cf. Ap 21, 1).

15. Llegados sus últimos días, el apóstol Pablo pidió al discípulo Timoteo que «buscara la fe» (2 Tm 2, 22) con la misma constancia de cuando era niño (2 Tm 3, 15). Escuchemos esta invitación como dirigida a cada uno de nosotros, para que nadie se vuelva perezoso en la fe.

«Que la Palabra del Señor siga avanzando y sea glorificada» (2 Ts 3, 1): que este Año de la fe haga cada vez más fuerte la relación con Cristo, el Señor, pues sólo en él tenemos la certeza para mirar al futuro y la garantía de un amor auténtico y duradero. Las palabras del apóstol Pedro proyectan un último rayo de luz sobre la fe: «Por ello os alegráis, aunque ahora sea preciso padecer un poco en pruebas diversas; así la autenticidad de vuestra fe, más preciosa que el oro, que, aunque es perecedero, se aquilata a fuego, merecerá premio, gloria y honor en la revelación de Jesucristo; sin haberlo visto lo amáis y, sin contemplarlo todavía, creéis en él y así os alegráis con un gozo inefable y radiante, alcanzando así la meta de vuestra fe; la salvación de vuestras almas» (1 P 1, 6-9). La vida de los cristianos conoce la experiencia de la alegría y el sufrimiento. Cuántos santos han experimentado la soledad. Cuántos creyentes son probados también en nuestros días por el silencio de Dios, mientras quisieran escuchar su voz consoladora. Las pruebas de la vida, a la vez que permiten comprender el misterio de la Cruz y participar en los sufrimientos de Cristo (Col 1, 24), son preludio de la alegría y la esperanza a la que conduce la fe: «Cuando soy débil, entonces soy fuerte» (2 Co 12, 10). Nosotros creemos con firme certeza que el Señor Jesús ha vencido el mal y la muerte. Con esta segura confianza nos encomendamos a él: presente entre nosotros, vence el poder del maligno (Lc 11, 20), y la Iglesia, comunidad visible de su misericordia, permanece en él como signo de la reconciliación definitiva con el Padre.

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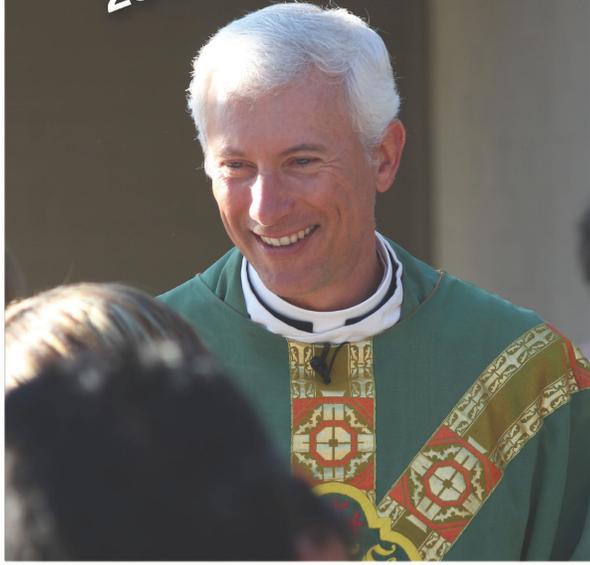
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