

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

October 28, 2012 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Visit our website:

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Holy Eucharist

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sundays: 7:30am,

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

noon, 1:30pm (Español),

5:30pm & 7:30pm

Daily Mass:

8am & 5:45pm; Saturdays 8am

Traditional Latin Mass, Fridays at Noon

Perpetual Eucharistic

Adoration:

Chapel access code available in office

Children's Services:

Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Sunday Mass 10:30am

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. Francis Joseph, OCD, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Tony Chacko, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinerio, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

As we begin this Year of Faith, we are presented in today's Gospel with the perfect example for all of us: Blind Bartimaeus! He was cured because he humbly admitted his need for Jesus, cried out to Him, cast aside his cloak and allowed himself to be led to Jesus, (Mark 10:46-52). Beggars used to spread their cloaks on the ground to collect coins tossed to them. By throwing away his cloak, he gave up all he had to follow Jesus. But his cure was only the beginning of a life of following the new "way" of Jesus. ("The new way" was the first secret code word used to refer to the persecuted church.) Jesus told Bartimaeus: "Go your way: your faith has saved you," and then Bartimaeus "followed him on the way."

At the concluding Mass for the 2009 synod of African Bishops, Pope Benedict XVI compared Bartimaeus to the people of God, the Church. The Pope beautifully described the intersection of the paths of God and man. He said that the poor people in Africa "are like the blind man of the Gospel, Bartimaeus, who 'sat begging by the road.' ... The Lord meets Bartimaeus, who has lost his sight, on that road. There two paths meet and they become the one path. 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' the blind man confidently says. Jesus answers: 'Call him!'

and adds: 'What do you want me to do for you?' God is light and the creator of light. Man is son of the light, made to see the light, but he has lost his sight, and he finds himself forced to beg. The Lord, who has made Himself a beggar for our sake, passes by him: hungry for our faith and our love. 'What do you want me to do for you?' God knows but asks; He desires it to be man who speaks. He wants man to stand up on his feet, to rediscover the courage to ask for what belongs to his dignity." The Pope concluded his homily by crying out: "Courage! Get on your feet, continent of Africa!"

During this Year of Faith let us have the humility and courage to get on our feet and follow Jesus!

Fr. Mark Wagner



A teenager praying before a cross at a recent high school life night.

A Prayer for the Elections

O Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States of America, pray for us during this time of elections. May God grant that we may be given good leaders who respect the dignity of the human person and the rights of the church, and who enact just laws that defend human life, family and marriage. In your mercy, hear and answer me! Amen!

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
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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 Michael Webster: (209)581-8477** to make an appointment.

Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

NOVEMBER 1

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times:

7am, 8am, 9:30am, 12noon (Latin),
5:45pm, & 7:30pm (Spanish)

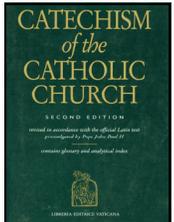


RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The Respect Life Committee will be supporting the Modesto Pregnancy Center with its annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Please drop off your donation-filled Baby Bottles after Masses this weekend. Please help support our local pregnancy center in its efforts to help women with "problem" pregnancies to bring their child to a healthy life.

CATECHISM 101: "SCHOOL OF THE ROCK" - OCTOBER 30

October marks the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Don't let the "big green book" intimidate you, come to an introduction to the Catechism given by Michael Webster on October 30, 7pm in John Paul II, Rm 6. *This is an encore presentation given on June 18.*



Would you like to learn more about Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary?

Join us at the Militia Immaculata!

November 3 — Monthly Meetings for the Prayer and Spanish Villages, following 8am Mass in Rm. 5, JP II bldg.

November 4 — Family Village Monthly meeting after 9am Mass in the Hall.



MILITARY MINISTRY — VETERANS' DAY

St. Joseph's Military Ministry has a mission for you! Please help us with our Christmas mailing of our "famous care boxes" to our highly deserving military troops in Afghanistan. We will be accepting your generous donations on the Plaza on Veterans' Day, November 11th. Questions? Call Julie and Dean at 522-0887. Thank you for your support and prayers. God Bless America.

Around the Area

ALL SOULS DAY — NOVEMBER 2

St. Stanislaus Cemetery will be having Mass on All Souls Day, November 2nd. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Sam West at 9am in English. All are invited to attend.

Religious Education

Faith & Reason, an Informed Conscience

By Maria F. Delgado-Braun, OCDS, Religious Education

We have certainly heard this phrase before.. *Catholics must vote based on "an informed conscience."* I recall the elections in 2008 and how our Beloved Bishops asked the laity to vote based on an informed conscience. However, what does this mean to the average Catholic in our world? Have our pastors forgotten that we have been immersed in a secular mentality for the past four or five decades, and that this concept does not register in the common psyche? If one says this phrase to any person in the secular world it, means take into account both sides of the issue and decide what you "feel" is best for the common good. In other words, what are the pros and cons of the issue. It does not translate to the concept of "make an informed decision based on knowledge." The word "conscience" means *with-science, with knowledge*. Knowledge of the truth, and the truth only comes from God. The truth is not something that is different for each person. In Sacred Scripture, we find Pontius Pilate asking Jesus, "*Quid est veritas?*" What is truth (*Jn. 18:33-38*)? And this question reigns in our world today. We are told there is no such thing as a universal truth, that what matters is your own opinion and that what is true for one person may not be true for another. Wrong! This is one of the most heinous lies the deceiver has inculcated in our minds. We have looked at the forbidden fruit and lusted after it, forgetting the mandate of our Loving Father not to eat of it, lest we die, and this we have done in our want to become god. The Church and the Bishops have been in the forefront battling against the infringement on religious freedom by our government, and the inherent right for life of all persons. In the meantime, society seeks to restrict the Church from the public square, to take God out of the equation and relegate religion to something one does on Sunday and keeps it private. The Church continues to fulfill its missionary mandate from God to proclaim the Good News to all nations and to teach all that He has taught to save souls. So what does it mean to have "conscience," to have knowledge? It means to know what God teaches. God has created us not because He needed us, but because He loves us and He created us in His image and likeness. All of us, no matter how frail or unwanted, have the right to life. For there is only one of us in this world, and our loving Father loves us infinitely. So what other issues are at stake in this election like all others? Marriage, economic crisis, immigration law, war, etc. All these become secondary to life, for without life, there is no other right. We as Catholics have the responsibility of being the light to the world, the salt of the earth, but if we have become just like those who do not know God, if the salt has become insipid... (*Mt. 5:13*). "*The obligation of spreading the faith falls individually on every disciple of Christ*" (*Ad Gentes, 23*), this means you and me. We are called to evangelize the world, and the best way to do it is by living a life that gives witness to our faith, a zealous Christian life in both the public and private spheres. Let us harken to the words of Bl. John Henry Newman; "*I wish to lead (Christians)... to open their minds to the greatness of the work before them, to dissipate the meager and carnal view in which the Gospel has come to them, to warn them that they must never be contented with themselves or stand still and relax their efforts, but must go on unto perfection...*" What a formidable opportunity this is to give witness, especially during the Year of Faith declared by Pope Benedict XVI! We can profess our faith when we vote with an "*informed conscience*" this November!



Bl. John H. Newman

"Dear friends may no adversity paralyze you. Be afraid neither of the world, nor the future, nor your weakness. The Lord has allowed you to live in this moment of history so that, by your faith, His name will continue to resound throughout the world." — Pope Benedict XVI

Parish School of Religion Update

School of Faith Classes
please refer to the November calendar.

Parish School of Religion
psr@stjmod.com
PSR is now on Facebook...
search St Joseph PSR & like us!

November			Baptism		
M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	
			4, 7pm		
5	6	7	8	9	
	5:15pm	4pm			
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	
		7pm			



PSR students, please bring macaroni and cheese this month for St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your kindness and stewardship!

CHILDREN'S ADORATION FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Join us November 2 and every first Friday after the 5:45pm Mass for Children's Adoration in the church. This month we will have a fellowship afterward on the plaza with pizza, cake, and lemonade.



∞ Youth Ministry ∞

Contact Us!



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Life Support:

A ministry for parents

The youth ministry department is looking for parent volunteers or coordinators for “*Life Support.*” This is an excellent opportunity to serve the youth of our parish alongside other parents while enjoying fellowship, support and encouragement. This adult ministry will help serve food at the Sunday youth group meetings once a month and help with preparation for the fall retreat in Aptos. If you feel called to help in any way please contact Nathan today.

LifeNight line-up:

10/28: God’s special spokesmen: The Prophets

11/4: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

11/9-11/11: **High School Retreat in Aptos!!**

On Sunday, 11/11, there will be **NO** youth group meeting since we will be returning from Aptos. The retreat will end with 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass. See you there!

11/18: The Saving Mission of Jesus



PSR Update:

There will be **NO Confirmation 1 Class** on Wednesday, October 31. **All other** PSR classes on Wednesday afternoon are still scheduled as normal.

Fall Retreat: November 9-11

Aptos, CA

We have started accepting permission slips for the high school fall retreat in Aptos that will take place November 9-11. This annual retreat is open to all students in 9th-12th grade. If you are in the high school Confirmation class, this retreat is mandatory! Permission slips are due by November 1st. Cost is \$100. Please contact the youth office if you have questions about scholarships.

Come and enjoy great fellowship, talks, games, Adoration, and a beautiful beach view!



Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Thank you to our parish Plaza Hospitality Volunteers for serving us coffee and donuts after our morning Masses.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
at
St. Joseph's

Monday, November 5, 2012

If you have not received your invitation yet and you were a regular volunteer this past year, *we made a mistake*. Please call the Center for Lay Apostolates so we can add you to our guest list.

To RSVP, please call 551-4973, ext. 202 or 207.



Pictures from last years Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

November 2 - 5th Annual Gala
Many Hands, Many Hearts, One Mission
Tickets now available online

www.stjmod.com

*Dinner—Dancing—Silent and Live Auctions—
After Dinner Liquors and Chocolates
Fr. O'Hare Hall—6pm-10pm*

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

Profiles in Stewardship

by Katie Steffanic



Josh & Hope Myers

Some of you might remember the youth kick-off video we showed a few months back featuring 'Suave Bailador'? Well, the video paid off. Hope and Josh Myers were attending their first Mass at St. Joseph's that weekend after moving to Modesto from Louisiana a few days earlier. They wanted to meet our youth director, Nathan, who invited them to join our CORE team for young adults. Recently, they also joined an ARISE bible study group and continue to meet new people with a smile.

Josh and Hope moved here from Monroe, LA after being hired at Foster Farms. Josh is working on his MBA at Louisiana Tech and Hope earned her Masters in English at University of Louisiana Monroe. They have been married for 5 years and have 3 beautiful dogs. The couple said they felt God was leading them to be more involved in a parish, so what better place to be than an active stewardship parish. 'We are very impressed with how active the parish is in different ministries and in the community. Y'all have around 95 ministries!' We are blessed to have this wonderful couple as new members of our parish family.

In the Diocese

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, Nov 13, Mass: 6:30 at St Stanislaus Church, 7th & J St.; networking 7 am, breakfast and speaker 7:15 am. \$15 members, \$20 non-members at the Doubletree Hotel. Speaker: **Andreas Widmer**, "The Pope and the CEO". Andreas served as a Pontifical Swiss Guard from 1986-1988, protecting Pope John Paul II. He is the co-founder of SEVEN Fund, a philanthropic organization run by entrepreneurs who invest in original research, books, films, and websites to further enterprise solutions to poverty. RSVP: online at cpbc-modesto.com, Cathy cheerst@pacbell.net 968-8086 or George gerbele2@yahoo.com.

RETREAT

Tuesday, November 27 at Sisters of the Cross Convent 1320 Maze Blvd. with Fr. Manuel Vasquez M.S.P.S. In English 9-12, Spanish 12-5, bring your lunch, donation. For information call 209-526-3525.

The Year of Faith

Pope Benedict has proclaimed a "Year of Faith" that begins this month. The Vatican



website can be located here:

www.annusfidei.va/content/novaevangelizatio/en.html

Videos also are available:

www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/videos.cfm

From our Holy Father in Rome

HOLY MASS FOR THE OPENING OF THE YEAR OF FAITH Thursday, 11 October 2012 Part I



Dear Brother Bishops, dear brothers and sisters!



Today, fifty years from the opening of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, we begin with great joy the Year of Faith... - this celebration has been enriched by several special signs: the opening procession, intended to recall the memorable one of the Council Fathers when they entered this Basilica; the enthronement of the Book of the Gospels with the same book that was used at the Council; the consignment of the seven final Messages of the Council, and of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which I will do before the final blessing. These signs help us not only to remember, ... They invite us to enter more deeply into the spiritual movement which characterized Vatican II, to make it ours and to develop it according to its true meaning. And its true meaning was and remains faith in Christ, the apostolic faith, animated by the inner desire to communicate Christ to individuals and all people, in the Church's pilgrimage along the pathways of history.

The Year of Faith which we launch today is linked harmoniously with the Church's whole path over the last fifty years: from the Council, through the Magisterium of the Servant of God Paul VI, who proclaimed a Year of Faith in 1967, up to the Great Jubilee of the year 2000, with which Blessed John Paul II re-proposed to all humanity Jesus Christ as the one Savior, yesterday, today and forever. Between these two Popes, Paul VI and John Paul II, there was a deep and complete convergence, precisely upon Christ as the center of the cosmos and of history, and upon the apostolic eagerness to announce him to the world. Jesus is the center of the Christian faith. The Christian believes in God whose face was revealed by Jesus Christ. He is the fulfillment of the Scriptures and their definitive interpreter. Jesus Christ is not only the object of the faith but, as it says in the *Letter to the Hebrews*, he is "the pioneer and the perfecter of our faith" (12:2).

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus Christ, consecrated by the Father in the Holy Spirit, is the true and perennial subject of evangelization. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor" (Lk 4:18). This mission of Christ, this movement of his continues in space and time, over centuries and continents. It is a movement which starts with the Father and, in the power of the Spirit, goes forth to bring the good news to the poor, in both a material and a spiritual sense. The Church is the first and necessary instrument of this work of Christ because it is united to him as a body to its head. "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" (Jn 20:21), says the Risen One to his disciples, and breathing upon them, adds, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (v.22). Through Christ, God is the principal subject of evangelization in the world; but Christ himself wished to pass on his own mission to the Church; he did so, and continues to do so, until the end of time pouring out his Spirit upon the disciples, the same Spirit who came upon him and remained in him during all his earthly life, giving him the strength "to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed" and "to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Lk 4:18-19).

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

This Week

Sunday, October 28 (Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Michael Ciccarelli	1:30p	Petra Gonzalez and Lino & Felicitas Perez
9:00a	Joe Viveiros	5:30p	Steve Ratto
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Alejandro Tinajero
12:00p	Penny Lane Wahl		
Monday, October 29			
8:00a	Manuel Joaquin and Arlete Flores	5:45p	Manuel Bairos and Vito Baccellieri
Tuesday, October 30			
8:00a	Matt Bruno and Helen T. Denieva	5:45p	Lloyd Fugett and Neil Phillips, Jr.
Wednesday, October 31			
8:00a	Dwaine Stephan and Victoria Franco	5:45p	John L. Martin and George L. Martin
Thursday, November 1 (All Saints' Day)			
7:00a	Emil & Anna Carney	12:00	Fr. Joseph O'Hare
8:00a	Antonio Dominguez	5:45p	Joe Mendes
9:30a	Angela Dominguez	7:30p	Luis, Catalina, Antonio, Salvador y Rosa Maria Ruiz
Friday, November 2 (All Souls' Day)			
8:00a	All Souls	5:45p	All Souls
12:00p	All Souls		
Saturday, November 3			
8:00a	Violet Cusenza and Apolonia & Venancio Bautista	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, November 4 (Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Florence Rozelle	1:30p	Luis, Catalina, Antonio, Salvador y Rosa Maria Ruiz
9:00a	Charles Aquilar	3:30p	Steven Chakko
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Manuel Dinis
12:00p	Eladio & Isabel Gorozza	7:30p	Danny Vele

Sunday, October 28, 2012		
10:00A	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	JP6
1:00P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7
Monday, October 29, 2012		
9:00A	Iconography 1	JP5
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10
Tuesday, October 30, 2012		
8:00A	Iconography 2	JP7
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
10:30A	Light Weigh	JP8
6:00P	ESL Classes	JP4
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer Grp Span	JP7
7:00P	Catholicism 101	JP6
Wednesday, October 31, 2012		
5:30P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
5:30P	Alateen	JP8
5:45P	AI Anon Group	JP10
Thursday, November 1, 2012 Feast of All Saints Holy Day of Obligation (for Mass Times see page 2)		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
7:00P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
Friday, November 2, 2012		
12:00P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:30P	Children's Adoration	Chur
Saturday, November 3, 2012		
8:30A	Spanish Militia Immaculata	JP7
8:45A	Militia Immaculata - Adult	JP5
9:00A	AA Language of the Heart (Women)	JP4
Sunday, November 4, 2012		
10:00A	CLOW	JP6
1:00P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7
3:30P	Indian Mass	Chur



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Try a Holy Hour with Jesus once a week! We currently need adorers for these hours:

Wednesday 5-6am, Friday 2-3am, Saturday 9-10am & 3-4pm. Please contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up one of these hours.

Remember a special day or person.

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

Readings 10/29-11/04

Monday:
Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:
Eph 5:21-33 [2a, 25-33]; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday:
Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday:
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Friday:
Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;
Jn 6:37-40

12pm Latin Mass:
I Cor. 15:51-57; Jn. 5:25-29

Saturday:
Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday:
Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18; Heb 7:23-28;
Mk 12:28b-34

Latin Mass
Phil. 1:6-11; Mt. 22:15-21

ST. JOSEPH'S JOB OPENING
Adult choir conductor position (10:30am Mass) St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Must have music education and experience. Please call 551-4973, ext. 207 for more information.

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

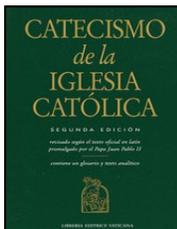
Bienvenido
a St. Joseph's

**Clases de Escuela de FE
este mes de noviembre,
por favor vea el calendario.**

Noviembre			Bautismo	
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7 7pm	8 4pm	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27 5:15pm	28 4pm	29 7pm	30

**Catecismo 101
8 de noviembre
7pm, salón #6**

¡Preparémonos para el Año de Fe! El Papa Benedicto XVI nos pide estudiar el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* durante el Año de Fe.



Nos reuniremos cada primer jueves del mes, con la excepción de este noviembre.



ESTUDIO BIBLICO

La última etapa de LEVANTATE, comenzará este mes. Para más información, por favor llame al 551-4973 ext. 218 ¡No se requiere experiencia!

RETIRO

Martes, 27 de noviembre En el Convento de Las Hermanas De La Cruz, 1320 Maze Blvd. con Rev. Manuel Vásquez M.S.P.S. En Ingles 9-12 y en Español 12-5 Por favor traiga su "lonche", donación. Para mas información llame al 209-526-3525

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

Al comenzar este Año de Fe, se nos presenta el Evangelio de hoy con el ejemplo perfecto para todos nosotros: ¡El ciego Bartimeo! quien fue curado por admitir humildemente que necesitaba a Jesús, al estar clamando por El, tirar a un lado su capa y dejarse conducir por Jesús (Marcos 10: 46-52). Los mendigos solían tirar sus capas en el suelo para recoger las monedas que les arrojaban. Al tirar su capa en el suelo, dejó todo para seguir a Jesús. Pero su cura solo fue el comienzo de una nueva vida siguiendo el nuevo "camino" a Jesús. ("el nuevo camino" fue el primer código secreto para referirse a la Iglesia perseguida). Jesús le dijo a Bartimeo: "*Sigue nuestro camino; tu fe te ha salvado,*" y luego Bartimeo "*lo siguió en el camino.*"

En la Misa de conclusión para el Sínodo de Obispos Africanos en el 2009, el Papa Benedicto XVI comparó a Bartimeo con el pueblo de Dios, la Iglesia. El Papa describió hermosamente la intersección de los caminos de Dios y del hombre. Dijo que la gente pobre de África "son como el hombre ciego del Evangelio, Bartimeo, quien "se encontraba pidiendo limosna en el camino."... El Señor se encuentra en ese camino con Bartimeo quien ha perdido la vista. Los dos caminos se unen y se convierten en uno solo. "*¡Jesús, Hijo de David, ten misericordia de mí!*" dice confidentemente el hombre ciego. Jesús le responde: "¡llámenlo!" y añade: "¿Qué deseas que haga por ti?" Dios



Una de las muchachas rezando ante la cruz durante el grupo juvenil.

es luz y el creador de la luz. El hombre es hijo de la luz, ha sido creado para ver la luz, pero ha perdido su vista, y se encuentra forzado a mendigar. El Señor, quien se hizo un mendigo por nosotros, pasa por donde él: hambriento por nuestra fe y nuestro amor. "¿Qué deseas que haga por ti?" Dios sabe pero pregunta: El desea que el hombre sea el que hable. El desea que el hombre se levante, a redescubrir la valentía de pedir lo que pertenece a su dignidad." El Papa concluye esta homilía gritando: "*¡Valentía! Levántense, continente de África!*" Durante este Año de Fe tengamos la humildad y la valentía de levantarnos y seguir a Jesús!

Fr. Mark Wagner

Oracion para los Elecciones

O Imaculada Concepcion, Patrona de los Estados Unidos de America, ruega por nosotros en este tiempo de elecciones. Que Dios nos otorgue lideres buenos que sepan respetar la dignidad de la persona humana y los derechos de la iglesia, y que promueven leyes justos para defender la vida humana, la familia y el matrimonio. ¡ No desatiendas mis súplicas, antes bien acógelas benignamente! Amén

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SANTA MISA PARA LA APERTURA DEL AÑO DE LA FE
Jueves 11 de octubre de 2012 Parte I



Venerables hermanos, queridos hermanos y hermanas,



Hoy, con gran alegría, a los 50 años de la apertura del Concilio Ecuuménico Vaticano II, damos inicio al *Año de la fe*... Para recordar el Concilio,...esta celebración se ha enriquecido con algunos signos específicos: la procesión de entrada, que ha querido recordar la que de

modo memorable hicieron los Padres conciliares cuando ingresaron solemnemente en esta Basílica; la entronización del Evangelario, copia del que se utilizó durante el Concilio; y la entrega de los siete mensajes finales del Concilio y del *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, que haré al final, antes de la bendición. Estos signos no son meros recordatorios,... Nos invitan a entrar más profundamente en el movimiento espiritual que ha caracterizado el Vaticano II, para hacerlo nuestro y realizarlo en su verdadero sentido. Y este sentido ha sido y sigue siendo la fe en Cristo, la fe apostólica, animada por el impulso interior de comunicar a Cristo a todos y a cada uno de los hombres durante la peregrinación de la Iglesia por los caminos de la historia.

El *Año de la fe* que hoy inauguramos está vinculado coherentemente con todo el camino de la Iglesia en los últimos 50 años: desde el Concilio, mediante el magisterio del siervo de Dios Pablo VI, que convocó un «Año de la fe» en 1967, hasta el Gran Jubileo del 2000, con el que el beato Juan Pablo II propuso de nuevo a toda la humanidad a Jesucristo como único Salvador, ayer, hoy y siempre. Estos dos Pontífices, Pablo VI y Juan Pablo II, convergieron profunda y plenamente en poner a Cristo como centro del cosmos y de la historia, y en el anhelo apostólico de anunciarlo al mundo. Jesús es el centro de la fe cristiana. El cristiano cree en Dios por medio de Jesucristo, que ha revelado su rostro. Él es el cumplimiento de las Escrituras y su intérprete definitivo. Jesucristo no es solamente el objeto de la fe, sino, como dice la *carta a los Hebreos*, «el que inició y completa nuestra fe» (12,2). El evangelio de hoy nos dice que Jesucristo, consagrado por el Padre en el Espíritu Santo, es el verdadero y perenne protagonista de la evangelización: «El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque él me ha unguido. Me ha enviado a evangelizar a los pobres» (Lc 4,18). Esta misión de Cristo, este dinamismo suyo continúa en el espacio y en el tiempo, atraviesa los siglos y los continentes. Es un movimiento que parte del Padre y, con la fuerza del Espíritu, lleva la buena noticia a los pobres en sentido material y espiritual. La Iglesia es el instrumento principal y necesario de esta obra de Cristo, porque está unida a Él como el cuerpo a la cabeza. «Como el Padre me ha enviado, así también os envío yo» (Jn 20,21). Así dice el Resucitado a los discípulos, y soplando sobre ellos, añade: «Recibid el Espíritu Santo» (v. 22). Dios por medio de Jesucristo es el principal artífice de la evangelización del mundo; pero Cristo mismo ha querido transmitir a la Iglesia su misión, y lo ha hecho y lo sigue haciendo hasta el final de los tiempos infundiendo el Espíritu Santo en los discípulos, aquel mismo Espíritu que se posó sobre él y permaneció en él durante toda su vida terrena, dándole la fuerza de «proclamar a los cautivos la libertad, y a los ciegos la vista»; de «poner en libertad a los oprimidos» y de «proclamar el año de gracia del Señor» (Lc 4,18-19).

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Josh and Hope Myers

Algunos de ustedes han de recordar el video para el comienzo del grupo juvenil algunos meses atrás presentando al “Suave Bailador”. Bueno, el video trabajó. Esa semana, Hope y Josh Myers estaban asistiendo a su primer misa en St. Joseph’s después de moverse de Louisiana a Modesto. Tenían curiosidad por conocer a Nathan, director del ministerio juvenil, quien los invitó a participar en el equipo CORE de jóvenes adultos. Recientemente, también se unieron a un grupo de Biblia LEVANTATE y continúan conociendo más gente nueva sonrientemente.

Josh y Hope se vinieron de Monroe, Louisiana después que Foster Farms les ofreciera trabajo. Josh está por recibir su MBA de Louisiana Tech y Hope recibió su maestría en Inglés en la universidad de Monroe. Ellos tienen 5 ños de casados y tienen 3 hermosos perros. La pareja sintió que Dios los estaba guiado a ser más activos en una parroquia, así es que, ¿qué mejor lugar que una activa parroquia *corresponsal*? “Estamos impresionados sobre lo activa que es la parroquia en diferentes ministerios y en la comunidad. ¡Es impresionante, la parroquia tiene como 95 ministerios!”

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