

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

September 23, 2012 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Holy Eucharist Sunday Mass:

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

Daily Mass:

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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:

Chapel access code available in office

Children's Services:

Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
Sunday Mass 10:30am
Adoration & Confessions
First Friday 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday thru Thursday 5-5:30pm
Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm
Saturdays 8:30-9:30am & 4-5pm
Homebound please call 551-4973 for
a priest to visit you by appointment.

Clergy:

Fr. Mark Wagner, Pastor
Fr. 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

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today as a parish family we recommit ourselves to one another and to the mission that unites us. We call this "stewardship." God has entrusted us with the care of one another and with the task of serving our community. Life is not about "what's in it for me." Today we fill out a commitment card to rededicate ourselves to doing things for others. Today's Gospel is very appropriate for this recommitment Sunday. Jesus tells His disciples that life is not all about "getting ahead" in a selfish way.

He asks them what they were arguing about on the way. They respond with silence because they already know that it was shameful for them to argue about "who was the greatest." But Jesus drives the point home by saying: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

I want to thank everyone in the parish who has this attitude of service. God will bless everyone who makes a commitment to use their gifts of time, talent and treasure to serve others!



Women praying a rosary in front of an abortion clinic at last year's 40 Days for Life vigil.

Fr. Mark Wagner

Annual Stewardship Renewal Parish Renewal Weekend: September 22 & 23

*Stewardship is
your response to
the many gifts that
God has given you...*

**Please return your Annual
Renewal Cards by mail or fill out
at Mass this weekend and put in
the second basket.**

Everything we have is a gift from God:

- Our TIME (prayer time)
- Our TALENTS (using our talents for service)
- Our TREASURE (Giving back some of what God has gifted us)

Time Commitments are between you and God. Talent Commitments/Interests will be followed up by ministry leaders.



Questions?

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

Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, Alex, Brenda)

Sunday: 10am-3pm.

Monday: 10am-7:30pm

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

Closed Wednesday from 11am-1pm

Friday 8:30am-12noon

Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

Se Habla Español..... Alex x103
 AccountingBarbara x108
 Adult Ed & Bible Studies.... Michael x203
 Altar Servers..... Svetlana x200
 Audio / Video.....Jeremy x213
 Buildings & Grounds.....Susie x201
 Bulletin & Website.....Jeremy x213
 Child Ed & SacramentsDebbie x205
 Choirs & Cantors..... Svetlana x200
 Events & Activities.....Susie x201
 Faith & Life Magazine Michael x203
 Giving to St. Joseph's..... Tammy x207
 Parish Lending Library..... x208
 Parish Ministries..... Tammy x207
 Parish RegistrationDonna x102
 Room Reservations.....Rosario x110
 Volunteering..... Tammy x207
 Youth MinistryNathan x206



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.

Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities

A DAY FOR LIFE CONFERENCE — OCTOBER 6

Do you (or the group that you associate with) do work to support the teachings of the Church by supporting life from the womb until the tomb? Would you like to hear more information about life efforts? Would you like to network with others doing the same? The Respect Life Committee of St. Joseph's is partnering with the Diocesan Respect Life Office for a one-day conference with many powerful and informative speakers. This event is FREE. The day starts with Mass at 8am presided by the Bishop. Coffee, snacks, and lunch are included. Registration forms (with a list of speakers) can be obtained on the plaza after Masses this weekend and next weekend or at the parish office. Please RSVP by September 30.

Speakers include: Most Rev. Stephen Blaire, Carol Hogan, Dr. John English, Dr. Lynn Keenan, Dr. Bob Forester, Rev. Walter B Hoye II, & many more...

Scan the QR code with your smart phone to RSVP for the conference.



FAITH SHARING AND BIBLE STUDY

The last season of ARISE will begin the week of October 7. Sign ups for participants are being taken on the plaza today and next weekend. No experience necessary, just bring your enthusiasm!



ST. JOSEPH'S FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise assists families experiencing temporary homelessness within our community. Volunteers are needed for our upcoming hosting week of Oct. 7th - please stop by the table today in the plaza to find out how you can help.

STEWARDSHIP 101 — OCTOBER 13

Your annual "spiritual" exam. Come to this seminar on Saturday, October 13, from 9am-1pm to better understand the Mass and to get plugged into our parish community. A free continental breakfast is included. Please RSVP: 209-551-4973 ext. 207.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



Religious Education

Upcoming Canonizations: Kateri Tekakwitha

By Maria F. Delgado-Braun, Religious Education



Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha (also known as Catherine Tegakwitha/Takwita) will be the first Native American saint to be canonized this October.

Kateri was born in 1656 in Canada, and was a member of the Mohawk tribe. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin who had been captured by the Iroquois and saved by who would become Kateri's father. She lost her parents and brother to small pox when she was only four years old, and was then adopted by her aunts and uncle who was the chief of the Turtle Clan. Kateri had visible marks from small pox, and impaired eyesight, but her aunt still tried to set her up for marriage, to which Kateri refused. In 1667 Jesuit missionaries accompanying Mohawks, spent three days in her uncle's lodge. From them she received her first knowledge of Christianity, but was not baptized. When she was eighteen, Father Jacques de Lamberville took charge of the mission including the Turtle Can and it was then that Kateri was baptized. She practiced Christianity with zeal and under unbearable opposition until she had to escape and move to Caughnawaga where she

moved in with Anastasia, a Christian Indian woman. Kateri became known by her people for her sanctity, her extreme mortifications, and her fervent prayer in union with God. Devotion to her began upon her death in 1680, with many pilgrims visiting her grave. Pope John Paul II beatified her in June 1980, and her feast day is celebrated July 14.

Kateri, holy saint of the new world, intercede for us!

Collect for July 14 Memorial of Kateri Tekakwitha

O God, who desired the Virgin Kateri Tekakwitha to flower among the Native Americans in a life of innocence, grant through her intercession, that when all are gathered in your Church from every nation, tribe and tongue, they may magnify you in a single canticle of praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



☞ Parish School of Religion Update ☜

PSR has started!

This is the last week to register your child!

We will continue taking late registrations this Monday – Wednesday from 1- 3pm. The office will be open during class time but no registrations will be taken.

Mandatory Parent Meeting

Tuesday, September 25

7pm Fr. O'Hare Hall

We also offer faith formation for children or youth with special needs. Special Education Classes are held on Tuesdays beginning September 18. The catechist is bi-lingual, in English and Spanish. For more info, please contact the PSR office at 551-4973, ext. 217.

Parish School of Religion E-mail: 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 Michael Webster: (209)581-8477** to make an appointment.

∞ Youth Ministry ∞

Contact Us!



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Confirmation 1 Catechists Needed!

St. Joseph's first year Confirmation class meets Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 pm in the Fr. O'Hare Hall. We are in need of adult men volunteers to help teach 7-8th grade and lead small groups. Please contact the youth office if interested.

High School Fall Retreat

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

Last week's kick-off was a fantastic way to start our year! It is JUST the beginning!

...and just in case you were wondering, 668 tacos were consumed at all-you-can-eat taco truck.

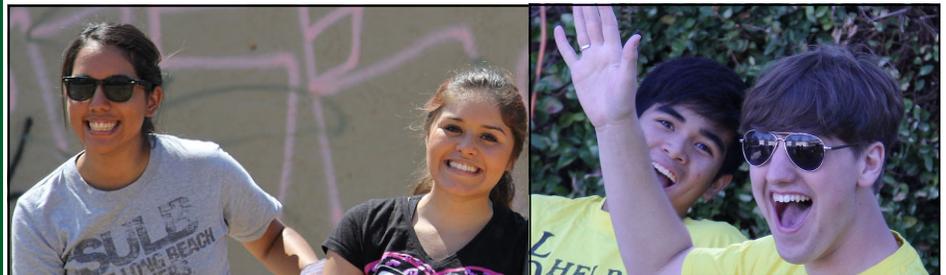
High School line-up:

9/23: Knowing God through Creation

9/30: Divine Revelation

10/7: God's plan of Salvation

All high school teens are invited to join us in the Fr. O'Hare hall every Sunday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. Come and enjoy prayer, games, talks, and fellowship. Food is always provided!



Life Support

We are 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.

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Thank you to our parish Plaza Hospitality Volunteers for serving us coffee and donuts on those Sundays when our Ministries are unable.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life



Festival Raffle Winners:

- T. Monachan—Computer Laptop
- L. Holm—Kindle Fire
- J. Hotop—Kindle Fire
- R. Cook—Big Screen TV
- R. Beall—iPad
- J. Eivaz—Ciccarelli Diamond Cross Pendant

Recognizing and Thanking the 2012 Festival Committee:

Bob Shannon and Ken Kramer — Co-Chairs

Mike and Linda Fleming, Don and Janet Baker, Cheryl Schultz, Lucy Conkey, Stacy Phillips, Elizabeth Manix, Patrick Garcia, Erika Zepeda, Alphonso, Judy and Ashley Chavez, Becky Bettencourt, Andre Del Curto, Kathy Olsson, Ron Cook, Danielle Quiroz, Ed and Sue Gamboa, Kent and Laura Harker, Toni Perkins, Tyson Murphy, Dorothy Butler, Donna Roeck and Richard Braun.

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

Profiles in Stewardship

by Svetlana Avestiyan



Anastasia Legatos

After 3 years of hard work as an Adult Choir Conductor, our very own Anastasia Legatos is leaving her St. Joseph's family to dedicate more time to her husband and one-year old daughter Alexandra.

Anastasia has conducted many special events for us : Christmas and Easter concerts, choir presentation at the Gallo Center for the Arts, Chrism Mass and many others. In addition to serving as the primary conductor for St. Joseph's Adult Choir, she is the Choral Director and Piano Instructor at Modesto High School. She has also taught at Modesto Junior College, and conducted musicals for various musical troupes.

Anastasia Legatos has been a very important addition to the success of St. Joseph's Adult Choir: her positive attributes, music skills, vast knowledge of many religious and contemporary music selections took our choir to the highest level of accomplishment. Anastasia is very much a "people person," she can be funny, but when it's a time to do serious singing, she gets the best out of each selection. She always has the choir ready to go when "they are on stage and the curtain rises."

As her "good bye" event, Anastasia is preparing combined parishes' choir "Jubilant Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Diocese of Stockton" at St. Stanislaus church on September 28th.

In the Diocese



Respect Life
Sunday
October 6-7
2nd Collection

Your donation supports the ministry and programs of the Diocesan Respect Life Office.

- ☛ Community of Caring, reaching out to pregnant and parenting teens
- ☛ Project Rachel, offering post-abortion reconciliation and healing
- ☛ Natural Family Planning
- ☛ Educational efforts on all life issues

Thank you for your generous gift for life!

MINISTRY DAY 2012 ON A NEW DAY, IN A NEW LOCATION! October 27,

at the Modesto Centre Plaza
Ministry Day is approaching fast! Have you registered yet? Don't miss out on the opportunity to hear some great speakers, like Bishop Stephen Blaire, Rev. Tony Ricard, Valimar Jansen and more. Registration packets are here at the Parish or visit www.stocktondiocese.org/ministryday12

FILIPINO CONCERT AT GALLO ARTS CENTER

An Inter-Parish base group of the Filipino Pastoral Ministry of Stockton Diocese will host a concert entitled "Amerikana, Made in the Philippines" featuring Fe Delos Reyes on Saturday, September 29 at 7pm. There will be free reception from 6-7pm. (The show will be in English language). The proceeds will benefit the vocation for priesthood in the Diocese of Stockton. Ticket prices \$15, 20, 35 & 45. Contact Monet Florendo 209 322-3429 or 846-9274 or GALLOARTS.ORG.

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From our Holy Father in Rome

GENERAL AUDIENCE — Wednesday, 22 August 2012
Liturgical Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Part II



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let us remember that Jesus on the Cross was proclaimed king with this inscription written by Pilate: "The King of the Jews" (Mk 15:26). On the Cross, at that moment, he is shown to be King; and how is he King? By suffering with us and for us, by loving to the end, and in this way governing and creating truth, love and justice. Let us also think of another moment: at the Last Supper he bows down to wash the feet of his followers.

Consequently Jesus' kingship has nothing to do with that of the powerful of this earth. He is a King who serves his servants; he demonstrated this throughout his life; and the same is true of Mary. She is Queen in her service to God for humanity, she is a Queen of love who lives the gift of herself to God so as to enter into the plan of man's salvation. She answered the Angel: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord" (cf. Lk



1:38) and in the *Magnificat* she sings: God has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden (cf. Lk 1:48). She helps us. She is Queen precisely by loving us, by helping us in our every need; she is our sister, a humble handmaid. And so we have already reached this point: how does Mary exercise this queenship of service and love? By watching over us, her children: the children who turn to her in prayer, to thank her or to ask her for her motherly protection and her heavenly help, perhaps after having lost our way, or when we are oppressed by suffering or anguish because of the sorrowful and harrowing vicissitudes of life. In serenity or in life's darkness let us address Mary, entrusting ourselves to her continuous intercession so that she may obtain for us from the Son every grace and mercy we need for our pilgrimage on the highways of the world.

Through the Virgin Mary let us turn with trust to the One who rules the world and holds in his hand the future of the universe. For centuries she has been invoked as the celestial Queen of Heaven; in the Litany of Loreto after the prayer of the holy Rosary, she is implored eight times: as Queen of Angels, of Patriarchs, of Prophets, of Apostles, of Martyrs, of Confessors, of Virgins, of all the Saints and of Families. The rhythm of these ancient invocations and daily prayers, such as the *Salve Regina*, help us to understand that the Blessed Virgin, as our Mother beside her Son Jesus in the glory of heaven, is always with us in the daily events of our life. The title "Queen" is thus a title of trust, joy and love. And we know that the One who holds a part of the world's destinies in her hand is good, that she loves us and helps us in our difficulties.

Dear friends, the devotion to Our Lady is an important element of spiritual life. In our prayers let us not fail to address her with trust. Mary will not fail to intercede for us with her Son. Looking at her, let us imitate her faith, her full availability to God's plan of love, her generous acceptance of Jesus. Let us learn how to live from Mary. Mary is the Queen of Heaven who is close to God but she is also the Mother who is close to each one of us, who loves us and listens to our voice.

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

This Week

Sunday, September 23 (Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Romeo & Juanita Taylan	1:30p	Tony Espinoza and Yosymar Mosqueda
9:00a	Kathryn Bruna	5:30p	Jose & Jesuina Bairos
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Joe Vultaggio
12:00p	Paul Serpa		
Monday, September 24			
8:00a	Fr. Mark Wagner—Special Intentions	5:45p	Jane Crivello and Alzira Victoria
Tuesday, September 25			
8:00a	Joe Evangelho and Margaret McKeon	5:45p	Cefus Willian and Nick Alves
Wednesday, September 26			
8:00a	Christopher John Perino and Neil Phillips, Jr.	5:45p	Manuel Nunes and James Conway
Thursday, September 27			
8:00a	Elizabeth Machado and Joyce Fitzgerald	5:45p	Juan Ramirez and Oscar Lopez
Friday, September 28			
8:00a	Maria Pesado and Maria G. Castellanos	5:45p	Dwaine Stephan and Josephine Corbeil
12:00p	Nick Alves		
Saturday, September 29			
8:00a	Perfecto Valdez and Mary Dineen	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, September 30 (Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	T. L. Andress	1:30p	Joaquin Gutierrez
9:00a	Neil Phillips, Jr.	5:30p	John Sielicki
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Dinorah Ribeiro
12:00p	Rudolf Mendibil		

Sunday, September 23, 2012		
10:00A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
1:00P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7
Monday, September 24, 2012		
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10
Tuesday, September 25, 2012		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
10:30A	Light Weigh	JP8
6:00P	ESL Classes	JP4
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:30P	Stewardship Committee	JP4
6:30P	PSR Parent orientation	Hall
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer Grp Spanish	JP7
Wednesday, September 26, 2012		
5:30P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
5:45P	Al Anon Group	JP10
Thursday, September 27, 2012		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
12:00P	Lunch Bible Study	JP5
7:00P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
Friday, September 28, 2012		
12:00P	TLF Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
Saturday, September 29, 2012		
9:00A	AA Language of the Heart (Women)	JP4
Sunday, September 30, 2012		
10:00A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
1:00P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Our human nature often builds itself up with pride and is offended when confronted with the reality of our actions. Our first impulse is often to strike back and overwhelm our adversary. St James tells us that we can have what we ask for if we ask rightly and our purpose is worthy. Jesus uses a child to explain that a true disciple is a person of humility and those who accept such a person will in effect be accepting Him. May we be on guard against the attitude that comes to us through an abundance of sinful pride.

Readings 9/24-9/30

Monday:	Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prv. 30:5-9; Lk. 9:1-6
Thursday:	Ecll 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Ecll 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
12pm Latin Mass:	Wis. 10:10-14; Mt. 10:34-42
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
Sunday:	Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Latin Mass	1 Cor. 1:4-8; Mt. 9:1-8

Remember a special day or person.



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

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

Bienvenido a St. Joseph's



Respeto por
la Vida
Domingo
6-7 de Octubre
2da Colecta

Su donativo ayudara al ministerio y programas
de la Oficina de Respeto por la Vida.

- ☛ Comunidad que se preocupa, llegar a las embarazadas y padres adolescentes
- ☛ Proyecto Rachel, ofreciendo reconciliación y sanación después del aborto
- ☛ Planeacion Familiar Natural
- ☛ Esfuerzos Educativos en todos los aspectos de la vida

¡Gracias por su generosa ayuda a la Vida!

Retiro de Otoño Estudiantes de High School

El Retiro de Otoño para estudiantes de high school será del 9-11 de noviembre. Este retiro anual toma lugar en Aptos, en el centro de retiros *Camp St. Francis* en la playa. El costo es de \$100. El retiro incluye la Misa, Adoración al Santísimo, Confesión, alabanza y oración, compartimiento en grupos pequeños, juegos, presentaciones, y ¡tiempo para conocer nuevos amigos!



ESTUDIO BIBLICO

La última etapa de LEVANTATE, comenzará la semana del 7 de octubre. Registros para líderes y participantes se están tomando este fin de semana y los próximos dos en la plaza. ¡No se requiere experiencia, solo entusiasmo!

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

Queridos Hermanos y hermanas,
Hoy como familia parroquial nos comprometemos de nuevo el uno al otro y a la misión que nos une. Esto lo llamamos "corresponsabilidad." Dios nos ha confiado con el cuidado del uno por el otro y con el trabajo de servir a nuestra comunidad. La vida no es "lo que me trae a mí." Hoy llenamos nuestras balotas de compromiso y nos dedicamos de nuevo a hacer cosas por otros. El Evangelio de hoy es muy apropiado para este domingo de compromiso. Jesús le dice a sus discípulos que la



Mujeres rezando el Rosario frente a la clínica de aborto el año pasado durante los 40 Días de Vigilia por la Vida.

vida nos es "el salir adelante" de una manera egoísta.

El les pregunta de que estaban argumentando mientras estaban en camino. Ellos responden en silencio porque ya saben muy bien que era vergonzoso el estar argumentando sobre "quien era el mejor." Pero Jesús les enfatiza diciéndoles: "Si alguien desea ser el primero, él deberá de ser el ultimo y el servidor de todos."

Quiero agradecerles a todos los que tienen esta actitud de servicio en la parroquia. Dios bendicirá a todos los que se comprometan a usar sus dones de tiempo y talento para servir a otros.

Fr. Mark Wagner

Renovación Anual de Corresponsabilidad

La Corresponsabilidad es su respuesta a los muchos dones que Dios le ha dado...

Por favor devuelva su Tarjeta de Renovación por el correo o llénela en la Misa este fin de semana y deposítela en la segunda canasta.

Todo lo que tenemos es un don de Dios:

- Nuestro TIEMPO (tiempo de oración)
- Nuestros TALENTOS (usando sus talentos para servicio)
- Nuestro TESORO (Devolviendo algo de los dones que Dios nos ha dado)



El Compromiso de Tiempo es entre Dios y usted. Los Compromisos de Talento serán seguidos por los líderes de ministerios. El Compromiso de Tesoro es confidencial.



Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

AUDIENCIA GENERAL

Miércoles 22 de agosto de 2012 Parte II



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

O pensemos también en otro momento: en la última Cena se abaja a lavar los pies de los suyos. Por lo tanto, la realeza de Jesús no tiene nada que ver con la de los poderosos de la tierra. Es un rey que sirve a sus servidores; así lo demostró durante toda su vida. Y lo mismo vale para María: es reina en el servicio a Dios en la humanidad; es reina del amor que vive la entrega de sí a Dios para entrar en el designio de la salvación del hombre. Al ángel responde: He aquí la esclava del Señor (*Lc 1, 38*), y en el *Magnificat* canta: Dios ha mirado la humildad de su esclava (*Lc 1,*



48). Nos ayuda. Es reina precisamente amándonos, ayudándonos en todas nuestras necesidades; es nuestra hermana, humilde esclava.

De este modo ya hemos llegado al punto fundamental: ¿Cómo ejerce María esta realeza de servicio y de amor? Velando sobre nosotros, sus hijos: los

hijos que se dirigen a ella en la oración, para agradecerle o para pedir su protección maternal y su ayuda celestial tal vez después de haber perdido el camino, oprimidos por el dolor o la angustia por las tristes y complicadas vicisitudes de la vida. En la serenidad o en la oscuridad de la existencia, nos dirigimos a María confiando en su continua intercesión, para que nos obtenga de su Hijo todas las gracias y la misericordia necesarias para nuestro peregrinar a lo largo de los caminos del mundo. Por medio de la Virgen María, nos dirigimos con confianza a Aquel que gobierna el mundo y que tiene en su mano el destino del universo. Ella, desde hace siglos, es invocada como celestial Reina de los cielos; ocho veces, después de la oración del santo Rosario, es implorada en las letanías lauretanas como Reina de los ángeles, de los patriarcas, de los profetas, de los Apóstoles, de los mártires, de los confesores, de las vírgenes, de todos los santos y de las familias. El ritmo de estas antiguas invocaciones, y las oraciones cotidianas como la *Salve Regina*, nos ayudan a comprender que la Virgen santísima, como Madre nuestra al lado de su Hijo Jesús en la gloria del cielo, está siempre con nosotros en el desarrollo cotidiano de nuestra vida.

El título de reina es, por lo tanto, un título de confianza, de alegría, de amor. Y sabemos que la que tiene en parte el destino del mundo en su mano es buena, nos ama y nos ayuda en nuestras dificultades.

Queridos amigos, la devoción a la Virgen es un componente importante de la vida espiritual. En nuestra oración no dejemos de dirigirnos a ella con confianza. María intercederá seguramente por nosotros ante su Hijo. Mirándola a ella, imitemos su fe, su disponibilidad plena al proyecto de amor de Dios, su acogida generosa de Jesús. Aprendamos a vivir como María. María es la Reina del cielo cercana a Dios, pero también es la madre cercana a cada uno de nosotros, que nos ama y escucha nuestra voz. Gracias por la atención.

CORRESPONSABILIDAD (STEWARDSHIP)

Por Svetlana Avetisyan



Anastasia Legatos

Después de tres años de trabajo como conductora del coro de adultos, Anastasia Legatos deja el coro para dedicarle más tiempo a su esposo e hija, Alexandra de un año.

Anastasia ha conducido al coro en muchos eventos: conciertos de Navidad y Pascua, presentaciones del coro en el Gallo Center, Misa de Santos Oleos y muchos más. Además de servir como conductora principal para el coro de St. Joseph's, dirige al coro y es instructora de piano en la escuela Modesto High. Ella también ha enseñado en el Modesto Junior College, y conducido musicales para varios grupos.

Anastasia Legatos ha jugado un papel muy importante en el éxito del coro de St. Joseph's: sus atributos positivos, habilidad musical, su gran conocimiento de selecciones musicales religiosas y contemporáneas llevó a nuestro coro al más alto nivel de éxito. Anastasia es una persona graciosa, pero cuando es tiempo de cantar le saca el mejor provecho a cada selección. Ella siempre tiene al coro listo para comenzar cuando sube el telón.

Como despedida, Anastasia está preparando coros combinados de varias parroquias para la "Celebración Jubilosa del 50 Aniversario de la Diócesis de Stockton" en la Iglesia de San Estanislao el 28 de septiembre. "Gracias Anastasia, por cederme el participar en la increíble jornada musical a tu lado. Extrañaré no solo tu amistad sino la peregrinación musical que hemos dirigido cada domingo juntas. Que Dios te bendiga y te proteja. ¡Musicalmente tuya! Anastasia".



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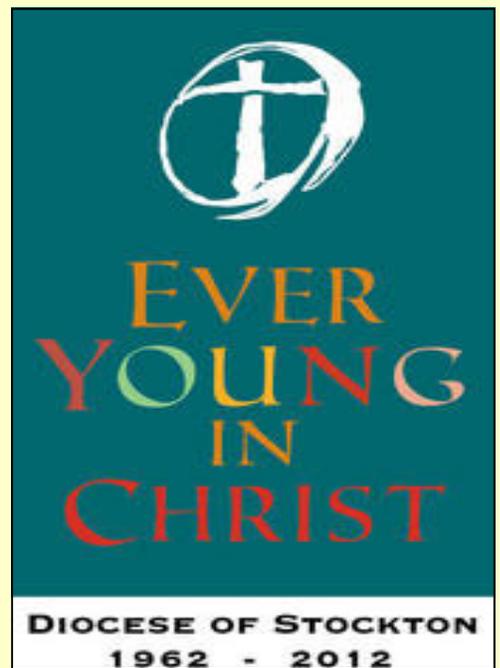
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