

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 9, 2012 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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. Mark Wagner, Pastor  
Fr. Francis Arakal, 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,

The time is here to come together and enjoy our 2012 Parish Festival, celebrating our festival theme of "Faith in Action." The "Year of Faith" that begins next month should not be just a year of private prayer

and reading our catechisms, because authentic faith must be put into action and shared. Our festival exhibits "faith in action" because we all come together to support the parish and uplift one another in joy and friendship!

Today's Gospel (Mark 7:31-37) gives examples of some things we can do during the festival weekend to put our faith into action. It is the beautiful story of what happened to a man who was deaf, which means that he probably felt lonely and isolated. The Gospel says that "people brought him to Jesus." We can do something similar by bringing a lonely person to our festival!

The Gospel then relates that Jesus took the deaf man "off by himself away from the crowd... He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (that is, 'Be opened!')." Sometimes people feel alone in a crowd. If you notice someone who is perhaps a newcomer to our parish, or maybe dropped by to check out the festival, you can give that person individual attention as Jesus did (but you probably shouldn't put your fingers in the person's ears or spit!). A few kind words and a little human contact can really help a person to "be opened" to the love of Christ. At the end of the Gospel story it says:

"They were exceedingly astonished and they said, 'He has done all things well.'" I feel astonished and grateful because our volunteers and staff have "done all things well" to make our festival a success, and to put their faith into action! See you at the festival!



*Fa. Market*

## Questions?

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

### Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, Alex, Brenda)

Sunday: 10am-3pm.

Monday: 10am-7:30pm

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

Closed Wednesday from 11am-1pm

Friday 8:30am-12noon

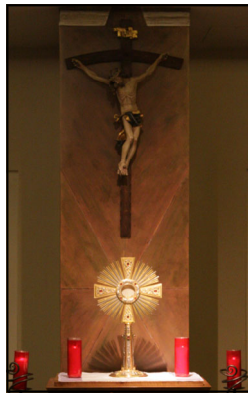
**Weekend Maintenance 568-7558**

## How can we help? 551-4973

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

## ST. JOSEPH'S 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.

# Welcome to St. Joseph's

*We're glad you're here!*

## Parish Life

### Upcoming Events & Activities

#### YOUTH SOCCER CHALLENGE — SEPTEMBER 15

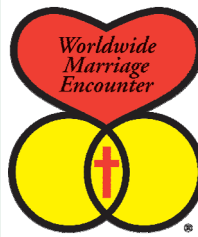
The Knights of Columbus would like to invite all boys and girls ages 10-14, to a soccer challenge. This free event will take place on September 15, from 9am to 12noon, at the Riverbank Sports Complex. Pick up entry forms at the Parish office, and for more information, please call Carlos Torres at 869-6201.



#### THE LIGHT WEIGH- A Catholic Weight Loss Program

Tired of constantly struggling with your weight? Consider giving God a chance to touch your heart, your life and your eating habits. An information meeting for the Light Weigh Bible Study and Video Series will be held Tuesday, September 11, 10:30am, Rm. 8 JP II. For men, women, teens. Call Ann 522-0697 or Mary 551-2921 for more information.

#### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



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

Angelica Angarita 209-521-7973, or go to <http://sacramentowwme.org>.

#### ALATEEN GROUP HAS NOW STARTED

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

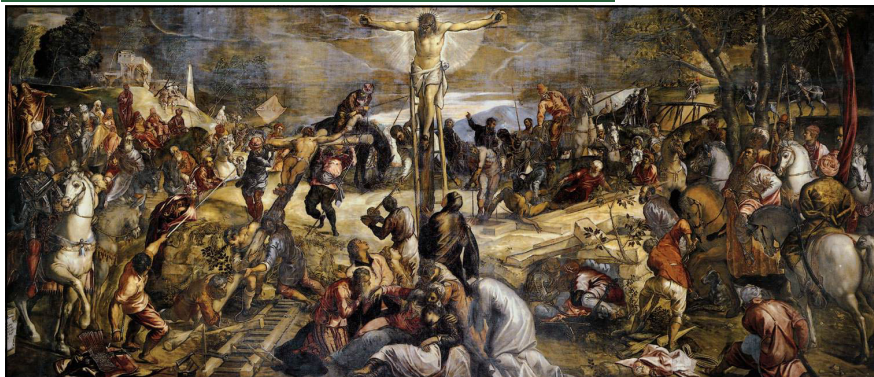
## Stewardship: A Way of Life

When Jesus performed miraculous healings, the people who witnessed the cures began to believe in Him and pay more attention to His teaching. Their faith was nourished by His words and actions. We too, by our words and actions, can influence the faith of others. With simple trust in the love of God, we respond by sharing love with those around us. The Holy Spirit uses us and guides us to enlighten the world and strengthen it in the struggle against the forces of Satan. May we listen to God's Word with open hearts and may our faith be strengthened for the journey.

# Religious Education

## *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

By Michael Webster, Director of Religious Education

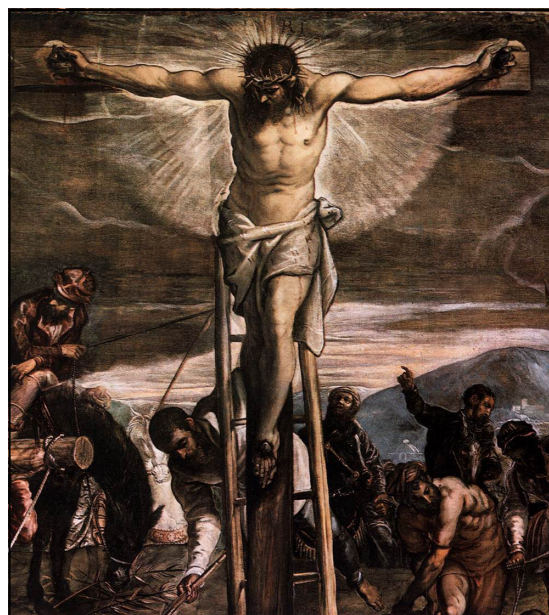


*Tintoretto's Crucifixion, 1565 Scuola Grande di San Rocco, Venice, Italy*

On September 14, (this Friday) in the Church's liturgical calendar we celebrate the feast: Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

*Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer:*

**For you placed the salvation of the human race on the wood of the Cross, so that, where death arose, life might again spring forth and the evil one, who conquered on a tree, might likewise on a tree be conquered through Christ our Lord.**



**Check out a couple videos of Fr. Robert Barron commenting on the Triumph of the Cross. Scan the QR code or use the link below.**



<http://wordonfire.org/WoF-Blog/WoF-Blog/September-2011/Spirituality-Feast-Triumph-of-the-Cross.aspx>

## ☞ Parish School of Religion Update ☜

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

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

Office Hours:

Mondays & Tuesdays 10am-5pm

Wednesdays 1pm-7pm

Closed Thursdays & Fridays

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 information, please contact the PSR office at 551-4973, ext. 217.

### **PSR CATECHISTS NEEDED**

Our Parish School of Religion is in need of a Grade 5 Catechist on Monday and a Grade 2 Catechist on Thursday. If God is calling you to share the Gospel with children, please contact Debbie at 551-4973 ext. 205.

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

## ☞ RCIA ☜

**Inquiry classes** are for people who want to learn more about Catholicism, but aren't necessarily sure they want to become Catholic.

The RCIA process is also for Catholics who have not yet completed their sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion.

To start the process: **call Michael Webster: (209)581-8477** to make an appointment.

# ∞ Youth Ministry ∞

## Contact Us!

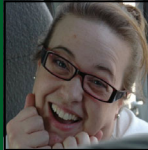


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## Confirmation 1 Catechists Needed!

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!

## Victory Team

Weekly meetings will start on Monday, September 10, in the youth and family center in the JP II building! Victory is open to high school students and young adults who lead small groups and minister to the youth in first year Confirmation. The C1 class meets on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 pm. We look forward to seeing all returning students and excited to meet anyone that is interested in joining the team!

## CORE Team

Weekly meetings for CORE team will begin on Monday, September 10, in the youth room of the JP II center. The CORE team works together to plan LifeNights and lead small groups for St. Joseph's high school youth group on Sunday evenings from 7-8:30 pm. CORE is open to adults and young adults. Please contact Nathan to schedule a meeting if you are interested in more information.



## High School Kick-Off:

### 'So you think you CAN'T Dance'

St. Joseph's annual high school kick-off will be Sunday, September 16, from 7-8:30 pm in Fr. O'Hare Hall. This is a great opportunity to meet other teens from our parish and our CORE team. Back by popular demand, there will be all-you-can-eat taco truck again! Last year we had a great turnout with 130 teens! Come again and bring a friend to join in the fun and fellowship! Join us in the 'teen section' at the 5:30 pm Youth Mass before our kick-off begins.

# Center for Lay Apostolates

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

Parish Stewardship — a way of life



## FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	GROUP/ACTIVITY
Saturday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> Country Music Night	4 PM	Catholic Family Feud
	5 PM	
	6 PM	Elvis Impersonator
	7 PM	Gottschalk's Band
	8 PM	Del Curto Family Band
	9 PM	
Sunday, September 9 <sup>th</sup> Local talent and Big Band	1 PM	Ana from the Schola
	2 PM	Male Quintet
	2:30 PM	Talent Show
	3 PM	
	4:30 PM	Live Auction
	5 PM	
	5:30 PM	Trade Winds Dance Band Raffle Drawing & Closing Prayer
	6 PM	
8 PM		

*New this year:*

### ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FESTIVAL FOOTBALL?

1:35 pm Sharp! Sunday, September 9 in Fr. O'Hare Hall:

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS VS. GREEN BAY PACKERS**

Free Admission – Refreshments Available

New to the Parish? Wondering where to start??

Call the Center for Lay Apostolates

551-4973, ext. 207

## Profiles in Stewardship

by Katie Steffanic



**Richard Marquez**

If you have ever attended the Youth Mass on a Sunday night within the last 15 years, then you have probably seen or walked right by Richard, our sound technician. He has been loyal to his post, sharing his time and talent since 1995 after Dave Scott announced at Mass one day that the parish needed a volunteer to work the sound board. Richard and his wife of 26 years, Lyz, along with their two children, Kymberley (22) and Mason (18), joined our parish in 1990 when they moved here from the Bay area. He spends his days working for Bambacigno Steel Co. as quality control, but music is his passion. As a child, he remembers his parents listening to a lot of Dean Martin and Mexican music, so naturally he got into rock and roll and jazz. In high school he played flute and saxophone in jazz band, and later played in bands with his brothers and became a 'roadie' setting up drum-sets, stage equipment, and testing vocals. Richard loves the challenge of sound, vocals and acoustics. He loves "Listening to the voices in my head," aka, the youth ensemble every Sunday evening. Thank you, Richard!

## In the Diocese

### A DAY FOR LIFE CONFERENCE

October 6 — at St. Joseph's

The conference begins with the Bishop celebrating Mass at 8am  
The conference is free to attend.  
Come hear great speakers on many important life issues.

### 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? The deadline for early registration is September 14. 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](http://www.stocktondiocese.org/ministryday12)

### Job Opportunities

Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton Long-Term Care Ombudsman Wanted. Catholic Charities Social Services operates multiple programs for seniors and families that rely on dedicated volunteers.

Ombudsmen serve on behalf of residents in long-term care and assisted living facilities. They help monitor the quality of care, identify and resolve problems, and respond to complaints received on behalf of elderly residents.

Free training to become a state certified ombudsman volunteer will begin the week of September 11,13,18,& 20. For more information or to sign up for the classes, call Melissa at: 593-6117.

## From our Holy Father in Rome

ANGELUS — Sunday, 5 August 2012



*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

The Reading of the sixth chapter of John's Gospel continues in the Liturgy of the Word of this Sunday. We are in the synagogue of Capharnaum where Jesus was giving his well-known discourse after the multiplication of the loaves. The people had sought to make him king but Jesus had withdrawn, first, to the mountain with God, with the Father, and then to Capharnaum. Since they could not see him, they began to look for him, they boarded the boats in order to cross the lake to the other shore and had found him at last. However, Jesus was well aware of the reason for this great enthusiasm in following him and he says so, even clearly: "you seek me, not because you saw signs, [because you were deeply impressed] but because you ate your fill of the loaves" (v. 26).

Jesus wants to help the people go beyond the immediate satisfaction — albeit important — of their own material needs. He wants to open them to a horizon of existence that does not consist merely of the daily concerns of eating, of being clothed, of a career. Jesus speaks of a food that does not perish, which it is important to seek and to receive. He says: "do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you" (v. 27).

The crowd does not understand, it believes that Jesus is asking for the observance of precepts in order to obtain the continuation of that miracle, and asks: "what must we do, to be doing the works of God?" (v. 28). Jesus' answer is unequivocal: "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent" (v. 29). The centre of existence — which is what gives meaning and certain hope in the all too often difficult journey of life — is faith in Jesus, it is the encounter with Christ.

We too ask: "what must we do to have eternal life?". And Jesus says: "believe in me". Faith is the fundamental thing. It is not a matter here of following an idea or a project, but of encountering Jesus as a living Person, of letting ourselves be totally involved by him and by his Gospel. Jesus invites us not to stop at the purely human horizon and to open ourselves to the horizon of God, to the horizon of faith. He demands a single act: to accept God's plan, namely, to "believe in him whom he has sent" (v. 29).

Moses had given Israel manna, the bread from heaven with which God himself had nourished his people. Jesus does not give some thing, he gives himself: he is the "true bread that which comes down from heaven". He is the living Word of the Father; in the encounter with him we meet the living God.

"What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" (v. 28), the crowd asks, ready to act in order to perpetuate the miracle of the loaves. But Jesus, the true bread of life that satisfies our hunger for meaning and for truth, cannot be "earned" with human work; he comes to us only as a gift of God's love, as a work of God to be asked for and received.

Dear friends, on days that are busy and full of problems, but also on days of rest and relaxation, the Lord asks us not to forget that if it is necessary to be concerned about material bread and to replenish our strength, it is even more fundamental to develop our relationship with him, to reinforce our faith in the One who is the "bread of life" which satisfies our desire for truth and love. May the Virgin Mary, on the day on which we recall the dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome, sustain us on our journey of faith.

# Sacraments

## Our Mass Intentions

## This Week

Sunday, September 9 (Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Salvador Retanan	1:30p	George Medina and Sandra M. Ceja
9:00a	Frank Cusenza	5:30p	John Tracy
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Marie Pesonen
12:00p	Roy Grimbleby		
Monday, September 10			
8:00a	Peter Quijano and Frank Perasso	5:45p	Ramon P. Bumacod, Sr. and Rita Santos
Tuesday, September 11			
8:00a	Paul Urmeneta and Alejandro Tinajero	5:45p	Paulino Costa and Tim Crawley
Wednesday, September 12			
8:00a	Florentino Rodrigo and Penny Lane Wahl	5:45p	Virginia Mitchell and Ruben Hernandez
Thursday, September 13			
8:00a	Deacon Ken Ochiner—Special Int.	5:45p	Steven Ratto and Maria Emma Ortega
Friday, September 14			
8:00a	Francisco Castellanos and Florence Rozelle	5:45p	Anthony Stratas and The Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
12:00p	Neil Phillips, Jr.		
Saturday, September 15			
8:00a	Joyce Fitzgerald and Felipe & Andrea Dacalos Piloto	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, September 16 (Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Manuel Borges Victoria	1:30p	Joe and Irma Silva and Modesta Galvan
9:00a	Betty Casale	3:30p	Polo & Carlina Miranda
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Margaret Govea
12:00p	Joe Mendes	7:30p	Frances Rife

Sunday, September 9, 2012		
Monday, September 10, 2012		
6:30P	Development Dept.	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic PrayerGrp	JP10
Tuesday, September 11, 2012		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
10:30A	Light Weigh	JP8
5:30P	ESL Classes	JP4
5:30P	ESL Classes	JP7
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer	JP7
Wednesday, September 12, 2012		
1:30P	Widows and Widowers	JP5
5:30P	AA Principle Study Grp	JP5
5:45P	AI Anon Group	JP10
Thursday, September 13, 2012		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
12:00P	Lunch Bible Study	JP5
6:30P	Rosary Makers	JP5
7:00P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
7:00P	Introduccion a la Biblia	JP10
7:00P	ESL Classes	JP4
Friday, September 14, 2012		
12:00P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:00P	Indian Prayer Group	JP6
Saturday, September 15, 2012		
Sunday, September 16, 2012		
10:00A	CLOW	JP6
10:30A	Respect Life	JP4
1:00P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

## Baptisms

Orlando Mejia  
 Quetzalli Sotelo  
 Jayvian Hernandez  
 Ashley Lopez  
 Beatrice Espina  
 Taylor Feinberg  
 Athena Andrade  
 Arah Tugade  
 Ava Peral  
 Hannah Villarreal  
 Lee Thomsen  
 Lacey Thomsen  
 Francine DeOcampo  
 Rhian Fermil  
 Alyssa Pimentel  
 Joaquin Ortega  
 Gary Legris  
 Arianna Pineda

## Readings 9/10-9/16

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
<b>Friday:</b>	Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
<b>12pm Latin Mass:</b>	Phil. 2:5-11; Jn. 12:31-36
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Cor 10:14-22; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35
<b>Latin Mass</b>	Eph. 3:13-21; Lk. 14:1-11

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

El Verano ha pasado y las  
Clases resumen:

## Inglés como Segunda Lengua

Para las personas que ya  
entienden y hablan un poco de  
Inglés pero quieren progresar.  
Las clases son todos los martes a  
las 5:30pm en el Edificio JP II  
salón #4.

## 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!



### VIDA PARROQUIAL

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

Martes: Clases de Inglés,  
5:30pm, Edificio JP II, salón #4.

Miércoles: Hora Santa, 7-8pm, Capilla

Jueves: Introducción a la Biblia,  
7-8:30pm, Edificio JP II, salón #10

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

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

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Ha llegado el tiempo  
de reunirnos y  
disfrutar del Festival  
Parroquial del 2012,  
el cual tiene como  
tema "Fe en  
Acción." El "Año de  
Fe" que comienza el



próximo mes no solo debe de ser un año de oración y lectura de nuestro catecismo en privado, pues la autentica fe es la que se pone en acción y se comparte. ¡Nuestro festival exhibe "Fe en acción" porque todos nos reunimos y brindamos apoyo a la parroquia y el uno al otro en gozo y amistad!

El Evangelio de hoy (Marcos 7:31-37) nos da ejemplos de algunas cosas que podemos hacer durante el fin de semana del festival para poner nuestra fe en acción. Es la hermosa historia de lo que le aconteció a un hombre que era sordo, y que seguro que se sentía aislado y solo. El Evangelio dice que "la gente lo trajo donde Jesús." ¡Nosotros podemos hacer algo similar trayendo a alguien que se sienta solo al festival.

El Evangelio luego relata que Jesús, "apartándolo de la gente a un lado, le metió los dedos en los oídos y con la saliva le tocó la lengua. Y, mirando al cielo, suspiró y le dijo: "Effetá", esto es "Ábrete". A veces las personas se sienten solas aunque estén con otros. Si usted nota a alguien que tal vez sea nuevo en la parroquia, o que tal vez ha venido a chequear el festival, puede darle a esa persona la atención que Jesús le dio (¡pero tal vez no debe de meterle sus dedos en los oídos ni escupir!). Unas pocas palabras de aliento y un poco de calor humano pueden realmente ayudar a que una persona "se abra" al amor de Cristo.

Al final la historia del Evangelio dice: "Y en el colmo del asombro decían: "Todo lo ha hecho bien." ¡Me siento maravillado y agradecido porque nuestros voluntarios y personal han "hecho todo bien" para



hacer que nuestro festival sea un éxito, y para poner la fe en acción! ¡Nos vemos en el festival!

*Fr. Mark*

# Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

ÁNGELUS — Domingo 5 de agosto de 2012



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

En la liturgia de la Palabra de este domingo prosigue la lectura del capítulo sexto del Evangelio de san Juan. Nos encontramos en la sinagoga de Cafarnaúm donde Jesús está pronunciando su conocido discurso después de la multiplicación de los panes. La gente había tratado de hacerlo rey, pero Jesús se había retirado, primero al monte con Dios, con el Padre, y luego a Cafarnaúm. Al no verlo, se había puesto a buscarlo, había subido a las barcas para alcanzar la otra orilla del lago y por fin lo había encontrado. Pero Jesús sabía bien el porqué de tanto entusiasmo al seguirlo y lo dice también con claridad: «Me buscáis no porque habéis visto signos (porque vuestro corazón quedó impresionado), sino porque comisteis pan hasta saciaros» (v. 26). Jesús quiere ayudar a la gente a ir más allá de la satisfacción inmediata de sus necesidades materiales, por más importantes que sean. Quiere abrir a un horizonte de la existencia que no sea simplemente el de las preocupaciones diarias de comer, de vestir, de la carrera. Jesús habla de un alimento que no perece, que es importante buscar y acoger. Afirma: «Trabajad no por el alimento que perece, sino por el alimento que perdura para la vida eterna, el que os dará el Hijo del hombre» (v. 27).

La muchedumbre no comprende, cree que Jesús pide observar preceptos para poder obtener la continuación de aquel milagro, y pregunta: «¿Qué tenemos que hacer para realizar las obras de Dios?» (v. 28). La respuesta de Jesús es clara: «La obra de Dios es esta: que creáis en el que él ha enviado» (v. 29). El centro de la existencia, lo que da sentido y firme esperanza al camino de la vida, a menudo difícil, es la fe en Jesús, el encuentro con Cristo. También nosotros preguntamos: «¿Qué tenemos que hacer para alcanzar la vida eterna?». Y Jesús dice: «Creed en mí». La fe es lo fundamental. Aquí no se trata de seguir una idea, un proyecto, sino de encontrarse con Jesús como una Persona viva, de dejarse conquistar totalmente por él y por su Evangelio. Jesús invita a no quedarse en el horizonte puramente humano y a abrirse al horizonte de Dios, al horizonte de la fe. Exige sólo una obra: acoger el plan de Dios, es decir, «creer en el que él ha enviado» (cf. v. 29). Moisés había dado a Israel el maná, el pan del cielo, con el que Dios mismo había alimentado a su pueblo. Jesús no da algo, se da a sí mismo: él es el «pan verdadero, bajado del cielo», él la Palabra viva del Padre; en el encuentro con él encontramos al Dios vivo. «¿Qué tenemos que hacer para realizar las obras de Dios?» (v. 28) pregunta la muchedumbre, dispuesta a actuar, para que el milagro del pan continúe. Pero Jesús, verdadero pan de vida que sacia nuestra hambre de sentido, de verdad, no se puede «ganar» con el trabajo humano; sólo viene a nosotros como don del amor de Dios, como obra de Dios que es preciso pedir y acoger.

Queridos amigos, en los días llenos de ocupaciones y de problemas, pero también en los de descanso y distensión, el Señor nos invita a no olvidar que, aunque es necesario preocuparnos por el pan material y recuperar las fuerzas, más fundamental aún es hacer que crezca la relación con él, reforzar nuestra fe en Aquel que es el «pan de vida», que colma nuestro deseo de verdad y de amor. Que la Virgen María, en el día en que recordamos la dedicación de la basílica de Santa María la Mayor en Roma, nos sostenga en nuestro camino de fe.

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Por Katie Steffanic



**Richard  
Marquez**

Si en los últimos 15 años usted ha asistido a la misa juvenil el domingo por la tarde, entonces usted ha visto o caminado al lado de Richard, nuestro técnico de sonido. Él ha sido fiel a su puesto, compartiendo su tiempo y talento desde 1995 después que Dave Scott anunció en la misa que en la parroquia necesitábamos un voluntario para el sonido.

Richard y Lyz, su esposa por 26 años, junto con sus dos hijos Kymberly (22) y Mason (18), se registraron como feligreses de nuestra parroquia en 1990 cuando dejaron el área de la bahía y se vinieron a Modesto. Él pasa el día trabajando para Bambacigno Steel en el departamento de control de calidad, pero la música es su pasión. Cuando era niño, recuerda que sus papás escuchaban mucho a Dean Martin y la música Mexicana, así es que naturalmente, a él le gustó el rock and roll y el jazz. En la preparatoria tocaba la flauta y el saxofón con al banda de jazz, y después tocó en bandas con sus hermanos, viajando mucho y preparando las baterías, el equipo del escenario, y los micrófonos.

A Richard le encanta trabajar con el sonido y acústicos. Le gusta “escuchar las voces en mi cabeza”, como el coro juvenil cada domingo por la tarde. ¡Gracias Richard!

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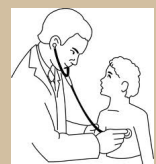


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