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

March 2, 2014
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(209) 551-4973
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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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Monday thru Friday 5-5:30pm
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. Hamilton Suarez, Assoc. Pastor
Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinero, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

RCIA Inquiries:
Please contact John & Nichole Sablan: 209-581-8477

From the Pastor's Laptop

Each of today's readings contains an image. The first reading presents the image of a ***mother*** who could never forget her child. The responsorial psalm compares God to a ***rock*** of safety and strength and refuge. The second reading describes a ***steward***, who is a person put in charge of someone else's property and who must be found trustworthy. The Gospel reading refers to the most important image, which is the theme of the entire Gospel of Matthew: the ***Kingdom of God***.

What does each of these four images have in common? Each of them is said to be images of the CHURCH. God gave us the Catholic Church to be our **"Mother Church"** who cares for us and nourishes us. The Church is our solid ***rock*** established on the rock of Peter. We can also say that the Church is *all of us* who are "the ***stewards*** of the mysteries of God." We are required to be trustworthy because God has left His church in our hands to care for and continue. And the Church is the ***Kingdom of God***. The King has gone to heaven and put us in charge of His Church, which is "the seed and beginning of the Kingdom of God," as the Catechism tells us. The Kingdom is already among us but Jesus has left us in charge of building it up: "seek ye first the Kingdom of God!"

We need the Church. We are the Church. We build the Church. Today we have an opportunity to show our allegiance to, and our good stewardship of, the Church which God has entrusted to us. We are connected to the entire local church which is the Diocese of Stockton, and we bear responsibility for building up the Catholic ministries in our area. Please be generous when you ***make your pledge to the Bishop's Ministry Appeal*** so that you can help many other people will find a strong support in the rock of refuge and in the motherly embrace of the Church!

Fr. Mark

MARCH 5 — ASH WEDNESDAY

ST. JOSEPH'S MASS TIMES:

7am, 8am, 9:30am, 12noon (Latin), 5:45pm, 6pm English-Hall, 7:30pm Spanish-Church, 7:30 pm English-Hall

Questions?
To make an appointment with a priest or deacon or to register at St. Joseph's please contact Lulu, Rosario, or Donna in our parish office at 551-4973 or stop in. See open office hours below.

Parish Office Staff & Hours
(Lulu, Donna, & Rosario)
Monday-Friday:
8:30am-6:30pm
except Wednesday: 1-6:30pm
Weekend Maintenance
568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

Se Habla Español	*Rosario x110*
Adult Ed/Bible Studies	Michael x203
Altar Servers	Svetlana x200
Buildings & Grounds	Tammy x207
Child Ed & Sacraments	Debbie x205
Choirs & Cantors	Svetlana x200
Events & Activities	Tammy x207
Financial Services	Barbara x108
Live the Faith Magazine	Michael x203
Giving to St. Joseph's	Tammy x207
Parish Lending Library	x208
Parish Ministries	Bertha x202
Parish Registration	Donna x102
Room Reservations	Rosario x110
Volunteering	Bertha x202
Youth Ministry	Nathan x206

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 John and Nichole Sablan 581-8477** to make an appointment.

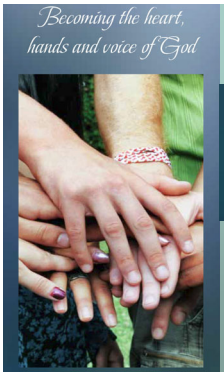
Welcome to St. Joseph's
We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities

For many of our Lenten events please see the back page...

If you have your palms from last year's Palm Sunday, we will burn them today (March 2) after the 5:30pm Mass. You can either bring them then or to the vestibule of the church. The ashes will be used for this week's Ash Wednesday Masses. See the front page for Mass times.



Today and next weekend:

2014 Bishop's Ministry Appeal

St. Joseph's Goal: $191,799

ADULT SINGLES MINISTRY

St. Joseph's NEW Adult Singles Ministry is a safe place where single and single-again adults can connect with God and others through social, spiritual and service activities. Please join us at one of our upcoming March events:
March 2 - "Hooray For Hollywood" red carpet party & dinner at The State Theatre (4-8PM).
March 12 - "Tap Your Faith" discussion and Q&A on Evangelizing Through Story Telling with John Marsella at the new Uno's on Dale Rd. (6-8:30PM).
March 17 - "St. Patrick's Day" at P. Wexford's Pub (6-8PM)
Sign-up online for these, and to view our other upcoming events at www.adultsinglesministry.eventbrite.com or email Don at daspito@yahoo.com.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGES

There are still a few spaces available to join Fr. Mark's Holy Land Pilgrimage taking place June 9-19. There will be an info meeting tomorrow, March 3 at 7pm in the church. If the dates for Fr. Mark's pilgrimage don't work for you, limited space is available for a Holy Land Pilgrimage May 12-22, led by Fr. Jeff Wilson of St. Patrick's, Ripon. For more information, please call St. Joseph's parish office, 551-4973.

ST. JOSEPH'S POSITION OPENING
DIRECTOR OF
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Joseph's Church in Modesto is accepting applications for this full-time position, which oversees the Parish School of Religion, RCIA, Adult Education, Youth Ministry and publication responsibilities for the parish. This position offers a generous benefit package and provides a workplace that is vibrant, holy and fulfilling.

Please send your resume and letter of interest for confidential consideration to: tmenezes@stjmod.com. Applications accepted until position filled.

In the Area

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS CLUB OF MODESTO

The Catholic Professional & Business Club will meet on Tuesday, March 11. This month's speaker, Karin Hennings of St Luke's Family Practice will speak on practical aspects of the Affordable Care Act for our families, businesses, and neighbors.

Mass: 6:30 AM at St Stanislaus Church, 7th & J St.
Networking: 7 AM,
Breakfast and Speaker: 7:15 AM at the Old Mill Café, 600 9th St.
Please RSVP at cpbcmodesto@gmail.com, or call Cathy (209) 968-8086

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

Natural Family Planning will be taught by the Couple to Couple League at a series of three classes beginning at 2:30pm on Sunday, March 16, 2014. The method taught, the Sympto-Thermal Method, is safe and highly effective, different from calendar rhythm and not the same as the Billings (mucus only) Method. For further information and registration, please call Susan at 209.537.1243 or go to www.ccli.org.

Religious Education

Preparing for Lent as a Family

Decide on Lenten sacrifices appropriate to the age of each child, reminding them that our souls need this spiritual exercise to gain strength for living as Christians, just as our bodies need exercise to remain healthy. Our sacrifices are like a gift offered to God, and all real gifts "cost" the giver something. Our Lenten spiritual preparation should not be confined only to "giving up" things; we should "take on" things, also - extra prayers, for example, especially family prayers. If your family has not already established some form of family prayer, Lent is a good time to begin. Praying together as a family, in our busy times, is difficult, so do set aside some time this Lent to do it. Fathers and mothers can plan together what form this will take - whether as simple as saying the Angelus every night at dinner, or more difficult like saying the rosary together every evening before bed.

See more ideas at:
www.wf-f.org/LentSeason.html

This year, journey through Lent with Fr. Robert Barron...

Go to the links below or scan the QR code to sign up to receive a daily email with Lenten meditations from Fr. Robert Barron.

www.lentreflections.com

www.wordonfire.com

Parish School of Religion

psr@stjmod.com
551-4973 ext. 217
PSR is on Facebook... search St Joseph PSR & like us!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION

PSR students, please bring peanut butter this month for St. Vincent de Paul. Food donations can be put in the red shopping cart next to the PSR office. Thank you for your kindness and stewardship!

March schedule School of Faith

March			Vocation	
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5 Ash Wednesday	6 4pm	7
10	11 5:15pm	12	13	14
17 4pm	18	19	20	21
24	25	26 7pm	27	28

Youth Ministry

Contact Us!

Nathan Steingrebe
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Nathan@stjmod.com

Samantha Jordan
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SJordan@stjmod.com

C2 Wednesday Nights!!!

March 5th is Ash Wednesday. Class will be Mass in the hall.

See you there!

Confirmation Retreat Dates!!!

First year Confirmation (C1) March 29
10am-6:30pm
Second year Confirmation (C2) April 12
10am-6:30pm
Permission forms can be found in the PSR Office or in the Front Office.

LifeNight Schedule
March 2
March 9
Confirmation (C2) Schedule
March 5 Ash Wednesday, Mass in the hall
March 12

Exciting things to look out for:

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Calling ALL Parents and Teens!!!

Please join us for 40 Days for Life and represent our youth program every Tuesday during Lent from 4pm-5pm praying in front of the abortion clinic. Help us pray for an end to abortion.

Remember to Sign Up!!!

Join thousands of young Catholics at this year's 2014

Steubenville San Diego Youth Conference!!!

Have your heart set ablaze with the love of the Lord on July 25-27. Special events and guest speakers include: Ike Ndolo Band, Fr.Mike Schmitz and Tammy Evevard. It's $250 and payments can by made!
Permission forms can be found in the front office.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!!!

For more information and fun videos about the Steubenville Youth Conference visit: www.allforgodcatholic.com

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Please thank our Parish Plaza Hospitality Volunteers for hosting today's Plaza Hospitality.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

"If you knew that trading in an hour of TV for an hour of prayer could save someone's life, would you do it?" Consider giving up just an hour a week during Lent to join the 40 Days for Life campaign.

Last year Laura Harker (above) joined other parishioners who prayed and carried inspirational signs, receiving many car "honks of support." Consider giving God *an hour* -for life -this Lent! Join your fellow parishioners and parishioners from nearby parishes.

To sign up or get more information, please contact:
www.40daysforlife.com/modesto

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

Profiles in Stewardship

by Bertha Malfavon

Annette Forsman

Annette is a very sweet person, who just recently retired, but she is also very active. She has stewardship down to a science. She prays gratefully as a member of the lunch bible study every Thursday, and enjoys meeting and learning from other lay leaders and clergy. Her eyes light up when she speaks about the class and how gifted the leaders are. Annette serves responsibly through her involvement in Family Promise, which provides shelter for homeless families. She also donates a few hours on Fridays as part of office support. There are times when Annette tells me she has to leave early to run an errand; however, when the time comes, I have to remind her to leave, or she will be late. It is refreshing to see her love of service to God and her parish family. She gives generously, and with joy, the gifts she has been blessed to receive from God. Annette enjoys exercising, and is a part of our Senior Strength training; she helps me learn/ remember my French, something we both enjoy. You can meet Annette on Fridays around the church. It is a blessing to work with her. Thank you, Annette, for your stewardship.

In the Diocese...

RETROUVAILLE
A Lifeline for Marriages

You Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are 'Happily Married'. For everyone else, there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue … or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples rebuild their marriages. For information or to register for the Modesto program beginning with a weekend on March 14-16, call 209-232-5315 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

An amazing weekend away with your spouse. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! Join millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive. Just call John and Angelica Angarita 866-825-2046 for weekend dates and locations scheduled in your area or at: applications@sacramentowwme.org

SCHOLARSHIPS

All Saints University Parish in Turlock is offering scholarships to any student, regardless of religious affiliation, who is attending or planning to attend CSU Stanislaus. This is one of the ways that we are supportive of the college. Scholarship application forms are available from the church office or call Carol Parks 634-1142. Application forms due by March 17.

From our Holy Father in Rome

GENERAL AUDIENCE
Wednesday, 5 February 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today I will speak to you about the Eucharist. The Eucharist is at the heart of "Christian initiation", together with Baptism and Confirmation, and it constitutes the source of the Church's life itself. From this Sacrament of love, in fact, flows every authentic journey of faith, of communion and of witness. What we see when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, the Mass, already gives us an intuition of what we are about to live. At the centre of the space intended for the celebration there is an altar, which is a table covered with a tablecloth, and this makes us think of a banquet. On the table there is a cross to indicate that on this altar what is offered is the sacrifice of Christ: he is the spiritual food that we receive there, under the species of bread and wine. Beside the table is the ambo, the place from which the Word of God is proclaimed: and this indicates that there we gather to listen to the Lord who speaks through Sacred Scripture, and therefore the food that we receive is also his Word.

Word and Bread in the Mass become one, as at the Last Supper, when all the words of Jesus, all the signs that he had performed, were condensed into the gesture of breaking the bread and offering the chalice, in anticipation of the sacrifice of the cross, and in these words: "Take, eat; this is my body… Take, drink of it; for this is my blood".

Jesus' gesture at the Last Supper is the ultimate thanksgiving to the Father for his love, for his mercy. "Thanksgiving" in Greek is expressed as "eucharist". And that is why the Sacrament is called the Eucharist: it is the supreme thanksgiving to the Father, who so loved us that he gave us his Son out of love. This is why the term Eucharist includes the whole of that act, which is the act of God and man together, the act of Jesus Christ, true God and true Man. Therefore the Eucharistic Celebration is much more than simple banquet: it is exactly the memorial of Jesus' Paschal Sacrifice, the mystery at the centre of salvation. "Memorial" does not simply mean a remembrance, a mere memory; it means that every time we celebrate this Sacrament we participate in the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. The Eucharist is the summit of God's saving action: the Lord Jesus, by becoming bread broken for us, pours upon us all of his mercy and his love, so as to renew our hearts, our lives and our way of relating with him and with the brethren. It is for this reason that commonly, when we approach this Sacrament, we speak of "receiving Communion", of "taking Communion": this means that by the power of the Holy Spirit, participation in Holy Communion conforms us in a singular and profound way to Christ, giving us a foretaste already now of the full communion with the Father that characterizes the heavenly banquet, where together with all the Saints we will have the joy of contemplating God face to face.

Dear friends, we don't ever thank Lord enough for the gift he has given us in the Eucharist! It is a very great gift and that is why it is so important to go to Mass on Sunday. Go to Mass not just to pray, but to receive Communion, the bread that is the Body of Jesus Christ who saves us, forgives us, unites us to the Father. It is a beautiful thing to do! And we go to Mass every Sunday because that is the day of the resurrection of the Lord. That is why Sunday is so important to us. And in this Eucharist we feel this belonging to the Church, to the People of God, to the Body of God, to Jesus Christ. We will never completely grasp the value and the richness of it. Let us ask him then that this Sacrament continue to keep his presence alive in the Church and to shape our community in charity and communion, according to the Father's heart…

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 2 (Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Joseph & Mildred Cernick	1:30p	Pedro Gutierrez and Antonia Rodriguez
9:00a	Henry DeVilliers	3:30p	Mathew Cheriyan
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Edmund Hall
12:00p	Joe Gomes	7:30p	Alfredo Antonio
Monday, March 3			
8:00a	Blake Hennings and John & Agnes Thompson	5:45p	Reynaldo N. Briones and Mo Mashenchi
Tuesday, March 4			
8:00a	Jasper Cusenza and Gertrude Gordin	5:45p	Orlando Tascon and Steven Wiens
Wednesday, March 5 (Ash Wednesday)			
7:00a	James & Irene Routson	5:45p	Mary Aliotti—Church
8:00a	John N. Belo	6:00p	Jim Trevillyan—Hall
9:30a	Crisologo R. Cabacungan	7:30	Jose Luiz Antonio—Church
12pm	Jason Wutlmuth	7:30p	Mary Touraine—Hall
Thursday, March 6			
8:00a	George Medina and John Sivley	5:45p	Leonel Saravia Lacayo and Albert Badal
Friday, March 7			
8:00a	John Caratti and Ellen Peyton	5:45p	Angela Dominguez and Dan Martin
12:00p	Margarita Franco		
Saturday, March 8			
8:00a	Deceased Dominicans and Margarita Franco	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, March 9 (First Sunday of Lent)			
7:30a	Herbert & Marcella Kummerle	1:30p	Margarita Ruelas and Miguel Angel & Micaela Segovia
9:00a	Lee Tompkins	5:30p	Franco Agazzi
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Carl Schenewark
12:00p	Bienvenida De Leon		

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Could you not keep watch for one hour?" (Mark 14:37)

Lent begins Wednesday, consider spending an hour a week with our Lord. To sign up please contact David & Monica at 527-4920. You will receive many blessings from Our Lord!

Readings 2/24– 3/2

Monday:
1 Pt. 1:3-9; Mk. 10:17-27

Tuesday:
1 Pt. 1:10-16; Mk. 10:28-31

Wednesday:
Jl. 2:12-18; 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2;

Thursday:
Dt. 30:15-20; Lk. 9:22-25

Friday:
Is. 58:1-9; Mt. 9:14-15

12pm Latin Mass:
Is. 58:1-9; Mt. 5:43-48, 6:1-4

Saturday:
Is. 58:9-14; Lk. 5:27-32

Sunday:
Gn. 2:7-9,3:1-7;
Rom. 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt. 4:1-11

Latin Mass
II Cor. 6:1-10; Mt. 4:1-11

This Week

Sunday, March 2, 2014		
3:30P	Indian Mass	Chur
Monday, March 3, 2014		
4:00P	School of Faith-Espanol	JP7
Tuesday, March 4, 2014		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	Hall
10:30A	Light Weigh	JP8
6:00P	ESL Classes (Beginners)	JP2
6:00P	ESL Classes (Intermediate)	JP4
6:30P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer Group Spanish	JP7
Wednesday, March 5, 2014		
1:30P	Widow & Widowers Bible Study	JP5
5:30P	Alateen Group - Courage to be Me	JP8
5:45P	Al Anon Group - Path to Serenity	JP10
5:45P	AA Principles Study Group	JP5
6:30P	Mary Our Mother MOMs Group	JP2
Thursday, March 6, 2014		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	Hall
12:00P	Lunch Bible Study	JP8
4:00P	School of Faith	JP7
6:30P	Rosary Makers	JP5
7:00P	Sp. Bible Study (Fr. Hamilton)	JP7
Friday, March 7, 2014		
8:45A	Stations of the Cross	Chur
9:15A	Rosary at Abortion Clinic (Fr. H.)	
11:00A	Seniors' Boards Meeting	JP4
12:00P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:30P	Stations of the Cross - Spanish	Chur
7:30P	Stations of the Cross - English	Chur
Saturday, March 8, 2014		
8:30A	Lay Dominicans	JP5
9:00A	AA Language of the Heart	JP4
10:00A	Anointing of the Sick Mass	Chur
Sunday, March 9, 2014		
	Daylight Savings Time	

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

-Altar Flower Donation-
Remember a special day or person
Call the Development Office for info. 551-4973, x202

Please remember St. Joseph's when planning your estate. Call 551-4973, ext. 207 for more information.

Bienvenido a St. Joseph's

CALENDARIO DE CELEBRACIONES Y EVENTOS PARROQUIALES

Queridos hermanos hispanos,
A continuación les presentamos un breve recordatorio de las celebraciones y actividades que para estos tiempos fuertes la parroquia les ofrece para nuestra santificación:

Miércoles de Ceniza—5 de marzo 7am, 8am, 9:30 am, 12:00 -Latín, 5:45 pm, 6pm en el salón parroquial, y 7:30pm en español en la iglesia.

Misión de Cuaresma —9-11 de marzo (en ingles) temas y confesiones

Talleres de Cuaresma sobre la conversión– marzo 12 de 7-9pm, salón #7, marzo 22 de 11am-1pm, salón #6, 2 de abril 7pm-9pm, salón #7, y 5 de abril 11am-2pm, salón# 7.

Viacrucis en español—todos los Viernes de cuaresma (comenzando el 7 de marzo), a las 6:30 en la iglesia.

Novena a San José— después de cada Misa desde el 11 de marzo

Fiesta de San José — 19 de marzo Esperamos muy buena participación de ustedes.

El 12 de cada mes se reza el **Rosario en español** en la iglesia en honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe.

Servicio Penitencial (confesiones)-**9 de abril** a las 7pm. Tendremos varios sacerdotes de la diócesis.

Misa Crismal—10 de abril a las 6pm. (renovación de las promesas sacerdotales, bendición de los oleos y consagración del Crisma) en la Catedral con el Obispo.

Horario de Clases de la Escuela de Fe

Marzo Vocacion				
M	T	W	T	F
3 4pm	4	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7
10	11	12	13 4pm	14
17	18 5:15pm	19	20	21
24	25	26	27 7pm	28

¡Boletín Parroquial en Español!

DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Mark Wagner

Cada una de las lecturas de hoy contiene una imagen. La primera lectura presenta la imagen de una ***madre*** que no podía olvidar a su hijo. El Salmo Responsorial compara a Dios con una ***roca*** de seguridad, fortaleza y refugio. La segunda lectura describe a un ***corresponsal***, una persona que ha sido puesta a cargo de la propiedad de otra persona y que debe de ser confiable. La lectura del Evangelio se refiere a la imagen mas importante, la cual es el tema de todo el Evangelio de Mateo: el ***Reino de Dios***.

¿Qué tienen en común estas cuatro imágenes? Cada una de ellas son imágenes de la IGLESIA. Dios nos ha dado la Iglesia Católica para que sea nuestra "**Madre Iglesia**" la cual nos cuida y da vida. La Iglesia es nuestra ***roca*** solida establecida sobre Pedro que es la roca. También podemos decir que la Iglesia somos *todos nosotros* quienes somos "los ***corresponsables*** de los misterios de Dios." Tenemos que ser confiables porque Dios ha dejado a la Iglesia en nuestras manos para que la edifiquemos y para que continúe. Y la Iglesia es el ***Reino de Dios***. El Rey se ha ido al cielo y nos ha dado el mando de su Iglesia, la cual es "la semilla y el comienzo del Reino de Dios," como nos lo indica el Catecismo. El Reino ya se encuentra entre nosotros pero Jesús nos ha dejado el cuidado de edificarla: "¡buscad primero el Reino de Dios!"

Necesitamos a la Iglesia. Somos la Iglesia. Edificamos a la Iglesia. Hoy tenemos la oportunidad de demostrar nuestra alianza y buena corresponsabilidad con la Iglesia que nos ha sido confiada por Dios. Estamos unidos con toda la Iglesia local la cual es la Diócesis de Stockton, y tenemos la responsabilidad de edificar los ministerios Católicos en nuestra área. ¡Por favor sea generoso ***cuando llene su compromiso para la Apelación Ministerial del Obispo*** y así ayudar a que otros encuentren un fuerte apoyo en la roca o refugio y en el abrazo maternal de la Iglesia!

Fr Mark

MISA Y UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS

Los Grupos de la Milicia Inmaculada y el Ministerio de Salud Lo invitan a atender a la Misa de Unción para los Enfermos el **8 de marzo a las 10am.**

La Renovación Carismática Católica de la Diócesis de Stockton extiende una cordial invitación a un retiro sólo para hombres. El 15 y 16 de Marzo, aquí en nuestra Parroquia de San José. La entrada es gratis. Para más información comunicarse con Ramón al (209)214-2778.

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

AUDIENCIA GENERAL—*Miércoles 5 de febrero de 2014*

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, ¡buenos días!

Hoy os hablaré de la Eucaristía. La Eucaristía se sitúa en el corazón de la «iniciación cristiana», juntamente con el Bautismo y la Confirmación, y constituye la fuente de la vida misma de la Iglesia. De este sacramento del amor, en efecto, brota todo auténtico camino de fe, de comunión y de testimonio.

Lo que vemos cuando nos reunimos para celebrar la Eucaristía, la misa, nos hace ya intuir lo que estamos por vivir. En el centro del espacio destinado a la celebración se encuentra el altar, que es una mesa, cubierta por un mantel, y esto nos hace pensar en un banquete. Sobre la mesa hay una cruz, que indica que sobre ese altar se ofrece el sacrificio de Cristo: es Él el alimento espiritual que allí se recibe, bajo los signos del pan y del vino. Junto a la mesa está el ambón, es decir, el lugar desde el que se proclama la Palabra de Dios: y esto indica que allí se reúnen para escuchar al Señor que habla mediante las Sagradas Escrituras, y, por lo tanto, el alimento que se recibe es también su Palabra.

Palabra y pan en la misa se convierten en una sola cosa, como en la Última Cena, cuando todas las palabras de Jesús, todos los signos que realizó, se condensaron en el gesto de partir el pan y ofrecer el cáliz, anticipo del sacrificio de la cruz, y en aquellas palabras: «Tomad, comed, éste es mi cuerpo... Tomad, bebed, ésta es mi sangre».

El gesto de Jesús realizado en la Última Cena es la gran acción de gracias al Padre por su amor, por su misericordia. «Acción de gracias» en griego se dice «eucaristía». Y por ello el sacramento se llama Eucaristía: es la suprema acción de gracias al Padre, que nos ha amado tanto que nos dio a su Hijo por amor. He aquí por qué el término Eucaristía resume todo ese gesto, que es gesto de Dios y del hombre juntamente, gesto de Jesucristo, verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre.

Por lo tanto, la celebración eucarística es mucho más que un simple banquete: es precisamente el memorial de la Pascua de Jesús, el misterio central de la salvación. «Memorial» no significa sólo un recuerdo, un simple recuerdo, sino que quiere decir que cada vez que celebramos este sacramento participamos en el misterio de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo. La Eucaristía constituye la cumbre de la acción de salvación de Dios: el Señor Jesús, haciéndose pan partido por nosotros, vuelca, en efecto, sobre nosotros toda su misericordia y su amor, de tal modo que renueva nuestro corazón, nuestra existencia y nuestro modo de relacionarnos con Él y con los hermanos. Es por ello que comúnmente, cuando nos acercamos a este sacramento, decimos «recibir la Comunión», «comulgar»: esto significa que en el poder del Espíritu Santo, la participación en la mesa eucarística nos conforma de modo único y profundo a Cristo, haciéndonos pregustar ya ahora la plena comunión con el Padre que caracterizará el banquete celestial, donde con todos los santos tendremos la alegría de contemplar a Dios cara a cara.

Queridos amigos, no agradeceremos nunca bastante al Señor por el don que nos ha hecho con la Eucaristía. Es un don tan grande y, por ello, es tan importante ir a misa el domingo. Ir a misa no sólo para rezar, sino para recibir la Comunión, este pan que es el cuerpo de Jesucristo que nos salva, nos perdona, nos une al Padre. ¡Es hermoso hacer esto! Y todos los domingos vamos a misa, porque es precisamente el día de la resurrección del Señor. Por ello el domingo es tan importante para nosotros. Y con la Eucaristía sentimos precisamente esta pertenencia a la Iglesia, al Pueblo de Dios, al Cuerpo de Dios, a Jesucristo. No acabaremos nunca de entender todo su valor y riqueza. Pidámosle, entonces, que este sacramento siga manteniendo viva su presencia en la Iglesia y que plasme nuestras comunidades en la caridad y en la comunión, según el corazón del Padre...

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Annete, quien se jubiló hace poco es una persona muy dulce y activa. Ella conoce muy bien lo que es ser corresponsable. Ella ora agradecidamente como miembro del grupo de estudio bíblico cada jueves y le encanta reunirse y aprender de otros lideres y sacerdotes. Sus ojos se resplandecen cuando habla sobre la clase y lo mucho que saben los que la enseñan. Ella sirve responsablemente ayudando por unas horas los viernes en la oficina del ministerio de Family Promise cada tres meses, el cual provee refugio a familias sin hogar. A veces ella me dice, “Bertha hoy tengo que irme a tal y tal hora porque tengo que hacer un mandado,” pero cuando llega la hora de irse tengo que acordarle algunas veces para que no llegue tarde. Es refrescante ver su amor por servir a Dios y a su familia parroquial. Ella da generosamente los dones con que Dios la ha bendecido y lo hace con gozo porque sabe que todos son dones de Dios y actos de misericordia para con nosotros. Annete también es una persona muy divertida, a ella le encanta hacer ejercicio y forma parte de nuestro grupo de ejercicios para mayores. También me ayuda a aprender y a acordarme de lo que aprendí en francés. ¡Quisiera tener mas espacio para contarles mas, pero tendrán que conocerla ustedes mismos! Es una bendición trabajar con ella. ¡Gracias Annette!

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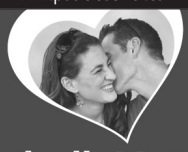
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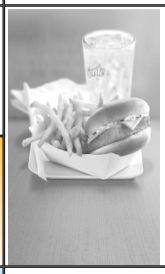
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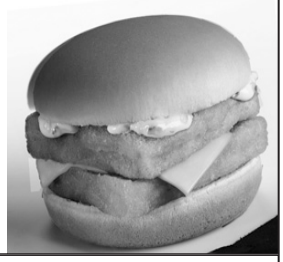

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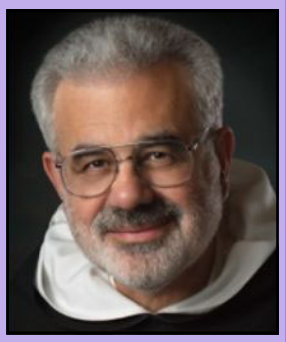

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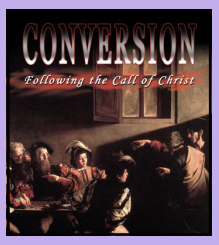

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