

Our Mission: To Evangelize God's People,
beginning with the Gift of the Holy Eucharist



A Stewardship Parish

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH • 1813 OAKDALE ROAD • MODESTO, CA 95355

October 14, 2012
Twenty-Eighth
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 Ochiner, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

Today our Psalm response reveals the theme of all the Mass Readings: "Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!" (Psalm 90. Nothing truly can fill our hearts except God's love. We all know that wealth and pleasures don't really make us happy. We know why the rich young man "went away sad, for he had many possessions." He would have been happier if he had left everything and followed Jesus. He would have experienced what Jesus promises us in the church: "a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

On October 21, Pope Benedict will canonize Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, who was the daughter of a Mohawk Indian chief. She lost her whole family in a smallpox epidemic when she was 6 years old. She was persecuted by her Mohawk tribesmen because she wanted to belong to Jesus, about whom she had learned from her mother. But eventually she was able to escape to a Catholic Indian village in Canada where she found many "brothers and sisters" who supported her and helped her to receive the sacraments. She was able to receive Jesus in her heart, who alone can satisfy!

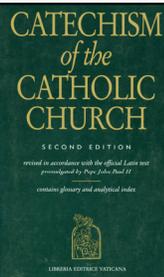


Fr. Mark Wagner

To watch a video on the life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, scan the QR code or enter this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2KLkQByyZA0&NR=1&feature=endscreen>

YEAR OF FAITH

REDISCOVERING THE CATECHISM



OCTOBER 15

7-8:30PM

JOHN PAUL II, ROOM 6

Michael Webster, Director of Religious Education
will present on the Holy Spirit:
Catechism Paragraph #'s 683-747



**The series of presentations will go through the entire Catechism and will be held the third Monday of every month through November 2013.*

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

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.

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

Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities

ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

Sue Forrest will lead workshops where you can write your own icons. There are two levels of workshops:

Beginners will meet six weeks on Mondays 9am-12noon starting October 22.

Advanced (for those who attended the previous beginners workshop) will meet six weeks on Tuesdays 9am-12noon starting October 23.

Cost is \$40 for materials. Please register by October 17 in the front office. For more information please call Maria 551-4973, ext 218, or email mbraun@stjmod.com.



ST. JOSEPH'S BREAD

A ministry dedicated to feeding the homeless will have an informational meeting and sign ups on Thursday, October 18 at 6:45pm in JP II Rm. 6. If you are interested in helping prepare or serve a dinner meal, please plan to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Pam at 524-3757.



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The Respect Life Committee will be supporting the Modesto Pregnancy Center with its annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Baby Bottles can be picked up during the weekend of October 14 and be dropped off again, filled with donations for the Pregnancy Center, after Masses on October 27. Please help support our local pregnancy center in its efforts to help women with "problem" pregnancies to bring their child to a healthy



Around the Area

FEAST OF ST. LUKE WHITE MASS — OCTOBER 18

"Conscience, Contraception, and the Constitution: what every Catholic should know" is the topic for the 7th annual White Mass and dinner on Thursday, October 18. Bishop Thomas J. Curry from Santa Barbara joins the Central California Guild of the Catholic Medical Association and Bishop Blaire to address these timely issues. Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Fatima; dinner immediately follows in the OLF Hall. Dinner is \$50 per person payable at the door. To reserve your dinner seats in advance, please call 549-1057 ext. 217.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

A fundraiser brunch will be held on October 21 from 9am-2pm. Proceeds are for local charities and scholarships. A flier is needed to participate; for more information and fliers please, contact one of the following: Madeline Holloway 524-8347, June McCarthy 524-1336.

Religious Education

Porta Fidei — The Year of Faith

By Maria Delgado-Braun, Religious Education



“The ‘door of faith’ (*Acts 14:27*) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into His Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime.” (*Porta Fidei, I*) Pope Benedict XVI has declared the Year of Faith, now through Nov. 24, 2013. Since the beginning of his pontificate, he has called for a New Evangelization that

seeks to call modern man out of the crisis of faith that affects our world. In his words, “The people of today can still experience the need to go to the well, like the Samaritan woman, in order to hear Jesus, who invites us to believe in him and to draw upon the source of living water welling up within him (*Jn 4:14*). We must rediscover a taste for feeding ourselves on the word of God, faithfully handed down by the Church, and on the bread of life, offered as sustenance for his disciples (*Jn 6:51*).” In his letter, *Porta Fidei*, he calls the entire Church to renew its faith through the study of Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, as well as the lives of the saints. On October 7, Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed two new Doctors of the Church: St. John of Avila and St. Hildegard of Bingen, and began the thirteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which will last until October 28. The theme for the synod is “The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith.” October 11, the Year opened with a Mass in St. Peter’s Square presided by Pope Benedict and concelebrated by bishops who like him, served as members of the Second Vatican Council. On October 21, six martyrs of the faith will be canonized, including Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. To find more information and details about the Holy See’s plan for the year, please visit: <http://www.annusfidei.va/content/novaevangelizatio/en.html>. Let us begin this Year of Faith by pondering the words of the Holy Father: “*Faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love received and when it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy... Only through believing, then, does faith grow and become stronger; there is no other possibility for possessing certitude with regard to one’s life apart from self-abandonment, in a continuous crescendo, into the hands of a love that seems to grow constantly because it has its origin in God.*” (*Porta Fidei, 7*)

Pope Benedict XVI will grant the faithful a Plenary Indulgence for the occasion of the Year of Faith. The indulgence will be valid from the opening of the Year on October 11, 2012 until its end on November 24, 2013. For details: <http://www.news.va/en/news/plenary-indulgence-for-the-year-of-faith>

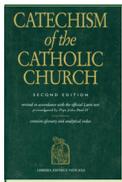
Parish School of Religion Update

School of Faith Classes have begun, please refer to the October calendar.

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

October			God's	Plan
M	T	W	T	F
1 4pm	2	3 4pm	4	5
8	9 3:30pm	10 7pm	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25 7pm	26
29	30	31		

PSR students, please bring canned fruit (preferred flip top) this month for St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your kindness and stewardship!



Have you ever wanted to read the whole Catechism? Do it during the Year of Faith, subscribe to this link to receive a daily email containing a reading from the Catechism.



www.flocknote.com/catechism

∞ Youth Ministry ∞

Contact Us!



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Life Support:

A ministry for parents

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

LifeNight line-up:

10/14: Men’s/Women’s session
**Youth Group will meet in the John Paul II center
TONIGHT IN ROOM 6**

10/21: The Holy Prophet Moses
10/28: God’s special spokesmen: The Prophets
11/4: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

We mustache you a question:
Will YOU be at LifeNight this week?!



Fall Retreat: November 9-11

Aptos, CA

We have started accepting permission slips for the high school fall retreat in Aptos that will take place November 9-11. This annual retreat is open to all students in 9th-12th grade. If you are in the high school Confirmation class, this retreat is mandatory! Permission slips can be found in the front office or youth room and can be turned in at the same place. Cost is \$100. Come and enjoy great fellowship, talks, games, Adoration and a beautiful beach view!

Center for Lay Apostolates

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

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
at
St. Joseph's
Monday, November 5

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

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



Pictures from last years Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

MANY HANDS, MANY HEARTS,
ONE MISSION.



Adult and Youth Volunteers welcomed
for the Parish Gala on
Friday, November 2
Auction Runners, Decorations, Cleanup
Call 551-4973 ext. 207

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

Profiles in Stewardship

by Michael Webster



Mel Noack

The mission statement for St. Joseph's is: *To Evangelize God's People, beginning with the Gift of the Holy Eucharist*. One volunteer who values and lives our mission is Mel Noack. Mel has been involved in many ministries as a parishioner at St. Joseph's for many years. Two of those ministries are head sacristan and leader of the Environment Committee.

The gift of the Holy Eucharist comes to us through the Mass. Mel has an admirable love for the Mass. Much of what Mel does is humbly done behind-the-scenes to make sure that the priests and the church are prepared for Mass. It is not abnormal for Mel to spend the majority of her Sunday at the church helping with one or all of the seven Masses at St. Joseph's. It is not just hours on Sundays; it is also hours of preparation meetings to work out the logistics, especially for Holy Days, special Masses and when the bishop comes to St. Joseph's. She is very dedicated and reliable to this important work.

We have beautiful and reverent liturgical celebrations and this is one of the reasons for the vibrancy of our faith community. I know that Mel's humble and dedicated service behind-the-scenes ministry has helped me and so many others be evangelized by the Mass and the Eucharist. Thank you Mel!

In the Diocese

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October is Respect Life Month and this year's theme is "*Faith opens our eyes to human life in all its grandeur and beauty.*"

Resources are available to promote dignity and respect for life at all its stages at www.usccb.org/respectlife. See www.stocktondiocese.org/Respect-Life for information about our ministry.

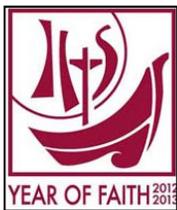
MINISTRY DAY 2012 OCTOBER 27

Rev. Tony Ricard is perhaps one of the leading speakers in this country when it comes to speaking to youth, about youth and how to raise faith-filled children. Youth teams, catechists and parents will walk away energized and with tons of ideas for their respective ministries. Did you know Catechists and Catholic School teachers can earn up to 8 clock hours toward their required Certification. Register now at www.stocktondiocese.org or call 209-466-0636.

The Year of Faith

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

here: www.annusfidei.va/content/novaevangelizatio/en.html. Videos also are available: www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/videos.cfm

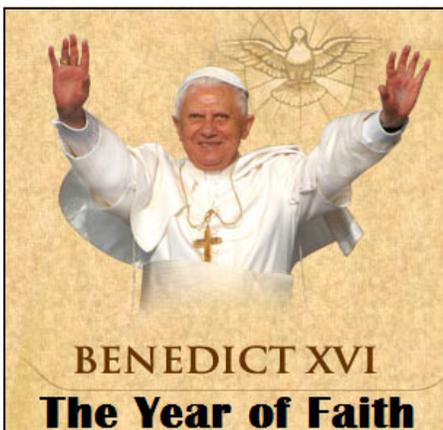


From our Holy Father in Rome

*GENERAL AUDIENCE — Wednesday, 5 September 2012
Prayer in the first part of Revelation (Rev. 1:4-3: 22) Part II*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A further intervention of the speaker then refers to the assembly, held by Christ's love, the commitment to accept his presence in its own life. He says: "Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him,



every one who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him" (1:7a). After being lifted up to heaven on "a cloud", the symbol of transcendence (Acts 1:9), Jesus Christ will return, just as he was taken up into heaven (Acts 1:11b). Then all the peoples will recognize him and, as St John predicts in the fourth Gospel, "they shall look on him whom they have pierced" (19:37). They will remember their sins, the cause of his crucifixion and, like those who witnessed it

directly on Calvary, will beat their breasts (Lk 23:48), asking him to forgive them so as to follow him in life and thus to prepare full communion with him after his final Coming. The assembly reflects on this message and says: "Even so. Amen" (Rev 1:7b). The assembly's "even so" expresses its full acquiescence with all that has been said to them and they ask that it may truly become reality. It is the prayer of the assembly which meditates on the love of God in its supreme manifestation on the Cross and asks to live consistently as disciples of Christ. And there is God's answer: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the One who is, who was and who is to come, the Almighty" (1:8). God, who reveals himself as the beginning and the end of history, accepts the assembly's request and takes it to heart. He was, is and will be present and active in his love in the future, as he was in the past, until the final destination is reached. This is God's promise. And here we find another important element: constant prayer reawakens within us the sense of the Lord's presence in our life and in history. His is a presence that sustains us, guides us and gives us great hope, even amidst the darkness of certain human events; furthermore, every prayer, even prayer in the most radical solitude, is never isolation of oneself and is never sterile: rather, it is the life blood of an ever more committed and consistent Christian life. The second stage in the assembly's prayer (1:9-22) examines in greater depth the relationship with Jesus Christ: the Lord makes himself seen, he speaks, acts, and the community, ever closer to him, listens, reacts and understands. In the message presented by the speaker, St John recounts his personal experience of an encounter with Christ: he was on the Island of Patmos, on account of the "word of God and of the testimony of Jesus" (1:9), and it was the "Lord's day" (1:10a), Sunday, on which the Resurrection is celebrated. And St John was "in the Spirit" (1:10a). The Holy Spirit permeated him and renewed him, expanding his ability to receive Jesus who asks him to write. The prayer of the assembly which is listening, gradually takes on a contemplative attitude, punctuated by the verb "to see", "to look" that is, it contemplates what the speaker suggests, interiorizing it and making it its own.



Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

This Week

Sunday, October 14 (Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30a	Francisco Castellanos	1:30p	Catalina & Luis Ruiz and Martin Salgado
9:00a	Albert Mendonca	5:30p	Nivea Ferreira
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Teresa Presto
12:00p	Manuel III and John Souza		

Monday, October 15

8:00a	Anecita Rodrigo and John Flynn, Jr.	5:45p	John & Virginia Bairos and Melvin Blanton
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Tuesday, October 16

8:00a	Verdie Willian and Imogene & Quentin Stoeckel	5:45p	Warren Cant and Alfonso Ramos
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Wednesday, October 17

8:00a	Joe Barratt and Manuel & Alberta Ramirez	5:45p	Kurtis Kraft and Neil Phillips, Jr.
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Thursday, October 18

8:00a	Juliana Retanan and Elizabeth Machado	5:45p	Nelda Majeski and Vernon & Liza De Peralta
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Friday, October 19

8:00a	Everett Souza and Florence Rozelle	5:45p	Ernest Ciccarelli and Manuel B. Victoria
12:00p	Neil Phillips, Jr.		

Saturday, October 20

8:00a	Melitona U. Omega and Cesar Omega	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
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Sunday, October 21 (Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30a	Alzira Victoria	1:30p	Josefina Salgado and Rosalinda Garcia
9:00a	Neil Phillips, Jr.	3:30p	Dwayne Stephan
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Orly Marcale
12:00p	Mary Carbone	7:30p	Dolores & Bob Perez

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Our readings today direct us to the things that should be important to us - wisdom, the Word of God, and following Jesus. Things of this world such as gold and silver and possessions pale in comparison to Wisdom and often will impede our journey to heaven. Jesus makes it clear that the riches of the world can hinder our journey. When we recognize that our many blessings come from God and steward them accordingly, our actions help us grow in holiness and enable a reliance on God rather than a focus on possessions. May we see others as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Readings 10/15-10/21

Monday:

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 - 5:1; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday:

Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday:

Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Friday:

Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

12pm Latin Mass:

Phil. 3:7-12; Lk. 12:32-34

Saturday:

Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday:

Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

Latin Mass

Eph. 6:10-17; Mt. 18:23-35

Sunday, October 14, 2012

10:00A	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	JP6
1:00P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

Monday, October 15, 2012

7:00P	Rediscovering the Catechism	JP6
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
10:30A	Light Weigh	JP8
5:30P	Development Committee	Confr
6:00P	ESL Classes	JP4
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer Grp Span	JP7

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

10:00A	Seniors' Lunch	Hall
5:30P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
5:30P	Alateen	JP8
5:45P	Al Anon Group	JP10
6:30P	Health Ministry	JP4
7:00P	On the Go Adults	JP4

Thursday, October 18, 2012

9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
7:00P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2

Friday, October 19, 2012

12:00P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap

Saturday, October 20, 2012

9:00A	AA Language of the Heart (Women)	JP4
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Sunday, October 21, 2012

10:00A	CLOW	JP6
10:30A	Respect Life	JP4
1:00P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

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.

Remember a special day or person.

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

**Bienvenido
a St. Joseph's**

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

Octubre			El Plan de Dios	
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
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**MINISTERIO DE LA
SALUD**

27 de Octubre 10am-2pm



Gratis: Exámenes de la vista y oído, y presión de sangre para todas las edades. Proveído por Lions y el Ministerio de la Salud de St. Joseph's. No necesita hacer cita.



**COMITE
DEL RESPETO A LA
VIDA**

El Comité del Respeto a la Vida estará apoyando al Modesto Pregnancy Center con su campaña anual de Biberones. Los biberones pueden recogerse el domingo, 13 de octubre y regresarlos con su donación el 27 de octubre. Por favor ayude a apoyar a nuestro Centro de Embarazos local, en su esfuerzo de ayudar a mujeres con problemas por su embarazo, y que su niño nazca y crezca sano.



ESTUDIO BIBLICO

La última etapa de LEVANTATE, comenzará la semana del 7 de octubre. Registros para lideres y participantes este fin de semana y el próximo en la plaza. ¡No se requiere experiencia!

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

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

El Salmo responsorial de hoy nos revela el tema de todas las lecturas de la Misa: “¡*Sáccianos Señor con tu misericordia y cantaremos de gozo!*” (Salmo 90) nada puede verdaderamente llenar nuestros corazones excepto el amor de Dios. Todos sabemos que las riquezas y los placeres no nos hacen felices. Sabemos por qué el joven rico “se fue triste, pues tenía muchas pertenencias.” El podría haber sido mucho mas feliz si hubiera dejado todo y seguido a Jesús. Hubiera experimentado lo que Jesús promete en la Iglesia: “cien veces mas ahora en este tiempo: casas, hermanos y hermanas, madres e hijos y tierras con persecuciones y vida eterna en la época que viene.”

El 21 de octubre, el Papa Benedicto canonizará a la Beata Kateri Tekakwitha quien era la hija de un jefe de la tribu Mojica. Ella perdió a toda su familia durante la epidemia de viruela cuando tenía 6 años. Fue perseguida por los miembros de la tribu Mojica porque ella quería pertenecer a Jesús, sobre quien había aprendido de parte de su mamá. Pero eventualmente ella pudo escaparse al pueblo indígena Católico en Canadá, donde encontró muchos “hermanos y hermanas” que le ofrecieron apoyo y la ayudaron a recibir los sacramentos. Ella pudo recibir a Jesús en su corazón, ¡el único que satisface!

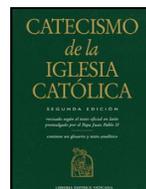
F. Mark Wagner



Para ver un video de la vida de San Juan de Avila scan the QR code o http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=FYO9Njqz9Q8



Catecismo 101– Año de la Fe



Esta serie de presentaciones cubrirá todo el Catecismo durante un año. Venga, aprenda y profundice mas su fe. Nos reunimos cada primer jueves del mes, de 7-8:30pm, en el salón JP 6.

Apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe
El sábado 8 de diciembre Si tienes ganas de actuar, cantar, bailar o ayudar detrás de las escenas participa en esta obra. ¡Personas de todas las edades son necesitadas y bienvenidas! Para apuntarse llame a Bertha 551-4973 ext.202



Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

AUDIENCIA GENERAL — Miércoles 5 de septiembre de 2012
Parte II

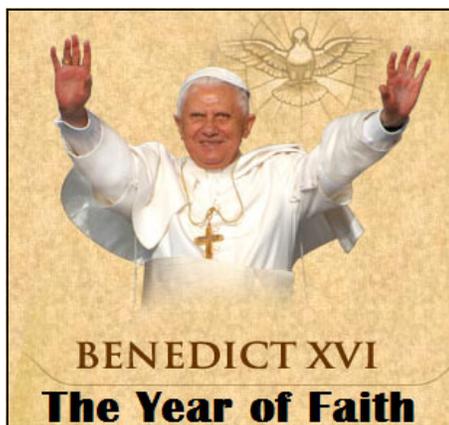


CORRESPONSABILIDAD (STEWARDSHIP)

Por Michael Webster

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Una nueva intervención del lector recuerda luego a la asamblea, aferrada por el amor de Cristo, el compromiso de descubrir su presencia en la propia vida. Dice así: «Mirad: viene entre las nubes. Todo ojo lo verá, también los



que lo traspasaran. Por él se lamentarán todos los pueblos de la tierra» (1, 7a). Después de subir al cielo en una «nube», símbolo de la trascendencia (*Hch* 1, 9), Jesucristo volverá tal como subió al cielo (*Hch* 1, 11b). Entonces todos los pueblos lo reconocerán y, como exhorta san Juan en el cuarto Evangelio, «mirarán al que traspasaran» (19, 37). Pensarán en sus propios pecados, causa de su crucifixión y, como los que asistieron directamente a ella en el Calvario, «se

darán golpes de pecho» (*Lc* 23, 48) pidiéndole perdón, para seguirlo en la vida y preparar así la comunión plena con él, después de su regreso final. La asamblea reflexiona sobre este mensaje y dice: «Sí. Amén!» (*Ap* 1, 7b).

Expresa con su «sí» la aceptación plena de lo que se le ha comunicado y pide que eso se haga realidad. Es la oración de la asamblea, que medita en el amor de Dios manifestado de modo supremo en la cruz y pide vivir con coherencia como discípulos de Cristo. Y luego viene la respuesta de Dios: «Yo soy el Alfa y la Omega, el que es, el que era y ha de venir, el todopoderoso» (1, 8). Dios, que se revela como el inicio y la conclusión de la historia, acepta y acoge de buen grado la petición de la asamblea. Él ha estado, está y estará presente y activo con su amor en las vicisitudes humanas, en el presente, en el futuro, como en el pasado, hasta llegar a la meta final. Esta es la promesa de Dios. Y aquí encontramos otro elemento importante: la oración constante despierta en nosotros el sentido de la presencia del Señor en nuestra vida y en la historia, y su presencia nos sostiene, nos guía y nos da una gran esperanza incluso en medio de la oscuridad de ciertas vicisitudes humanas; además, ninguna oración, ni siquiera la que se eleva en la soledad más radical, es aislarse; nunca es estéril; es la savia vital para alimentar una vida cristiana cada vez más comprometida y coherente.

La segunda fase de la oración de la asamblea (1, 9-22) profundiza ulteriormente la relación con Jesucristo: el Señor se muestra, habla, actúa; y la comunidad, cada vez más cercana a él, escucha, reacciona y acoge. En el mensaje presentado por el lector, san Juan narra su experiencia personal de encuentro con Cristo: se halla en la isla de Patmos a causa de la «Palabra de Dios y del testimonio de Jesús» (1, 9) y es el «día del Señor» (1, 10a), el domingo, en el que se celebra la Resurrección. Y san Juan es «arrebatao en el Espíritu»

(1, 10a). El Espíritu Santo lo penetra y lo renueva, dilatando su capacidad de acoger a Jesús, el cual lo invita a escribir. La oración de la asamblea que escucha asume gradualmente una actitud contemplativa ritmada por los verbos «ver» y «mirar»: es decir, contempla lo que el lector le propone, interiorizándolo y haciéndolo suyo.



Mel Noack

La declaración de la misión de St. Joseph's es de: *Evangelizar al Pueblo de Dios comenzando con el Don de la Santa Eucaristía*. Una de nuestras voluntarias que valúa y vive nuestra misión es Mel Noack. Por muchos años ya, Mel ha participado en varios ministerios en St. Joseph's y uno de esos ministerios es ser sacristán.

El don de la Santa Eucaristía lo recibimos por medio de la misa. Mel tiene un admirable amor por la misa. Mucho de lo que Mel hace, es hecho humildemente detrás del telón para asegurarse que los sacerdotes y la iglesia están preparados para la misa. Es muy normal para Mel el pasar una gran parte de su domingo en la iglesia ayudando con una o todas las siete misas en St. Joseph's. Esto no únicamente en domingo, también pasa horas en juntas de preparación y colabora para coordinar la logística. Ella es muy dedicada y fiable en este hermoso servicio. Tenemos en St. Joseph's, hermosas y reverentes celebraciones litúrgicas, y esa es una de las razones por lo vibrante de esta comunidad de fe. Yo sé que el humilde y dedicado servicio de Mel detrás del telón me ha ayudado a mi y a muchos otros más al ser evangelizados por la misa y la Eucaristía.

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