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 29, 2013
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Holy Eucharist

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

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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:
Chapel access code available in office

Children's Services:
***Liturgy of the Word** (CLOW)*
Sunday Mass 10:30am

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

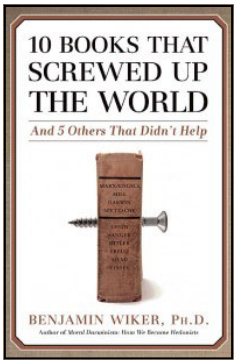
Clergy:
Fr. Mark Wagner, Pastor
Fr. Francis Joseph, OCD, Assoc Pastor
Fr. Hamilton Suarez, Assoc. Pastor
Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinero, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

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

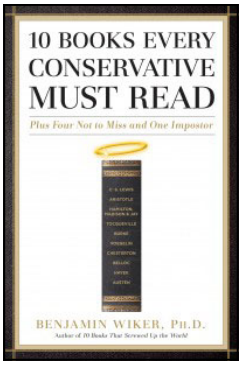
From the Pastor's Laptop

"A great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing…" These words of Jesus describe the frightening truth that there is a great separation between heaven and hell. But it is important to realize that God is love and therefore it is not GOD but rather it is each individual soul that causes the separation. Those who love are like God and will be with Him. Those who have no authentic love separate themselves from God and CANNOT be with Him.

The separation begins already in this life. The two kinds of people begin to have little in common. They are "into" different things. Perhaps you have felt the tension when you try to converse with people who do not accept our views on religion, pro-life, marriage and family.



I hope that everyone will come on October 5th when our parish will host the renowned Catholic author Dr. Benjamin Wiker (see back page for details), thanks to a generous donor who has made it possible. Dr. Wiker has written many books which analyze the difference between these two different world views. One is entitled "Ten Books that Screwed up the World" because it analyzes harmful books that promoted atheism, hedonism, racism, eugenics and secularism (harmful books written by people like Machiavelli, Rousseau, Marx, Darwin, Nietzsche, Lenin, Margaret Sanger, Hitler, Freud, Kinsey.)



Dr. Wiker explains that when philosophers lose their belief in God, they begin to lose respect for human life, family, etc. Then Wiker wrote "Ten Books Every Conservative Should Read," which describes ancient and modern authors who helped the world by promoting respect for religion, family and human life. Please come October 5th to learn about the things that we have in common, uniting us to one another and to God!

Fr. Mark

For more on Dr. Benjamin Wiker and his books, visit his website:
www.benjaminwiker.com

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

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Child Ed & Sacraments	Debbie x205
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This week's second offering is for St. Joseph's St. Vincent de Paul.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Could you not keep watch for one hour?" (Mark 14:37)
Adorers needed for one hour a week! Please contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up an hour. You will receive many blessings from Our Lord!

Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS — OCTOBER 4

For the feast day of St. Francis (October 4) it is a tradition to have a blessing of the animals. This blessing will occur after the 5:45pm Mass on the church front lawn.

TRI TIP IN THE RAIN DINNER — OCTOBER 4

Come enjoy some delicious TriTip and support a worthy cause at the same time, our St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus. The dinner will be on October 4 5-8pm in Fr. O'Hare Hall. Cost: $12 adult, $10 seniors and $5 Children 10 and under. Tickets can be purchased in the parish front office.

INTERNATIONAL ROSARY — OCTOBER 7

Everyone is invited to an International Rosary on the feast of our Lady of the Rosary on Monday, October 7. The rosary will be prayed directly after the 5:45pm Mass. A decade will be prayed in each of the following languages: English, Latin, Spanish, Tagalog, and Indian.

MILITIA OF THE IMMACULATA

The Prayer and Spanish Villages will be attending the "Day of Faith" with Dr. Ben Wiker on Saturday, October 5, after the 8am Mass to 12:30pm in Fr. O'Hare Hall, instead of our monthly meetings. The Family Village is encouraged to attend as well and will meet on Sunday. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from Dr. Ben Wiker, who will focus on the crisis of faith in our world today. We will return to our regularly scheduled meetings in November. *May the Immaculata guide us and bring us ever closer to the Lord!*

ST. JOE'S ¡YA!,

The young adult group for 20-35 year olds of St. Joseph's invites young adults to join us on our upcoming events. On October 5th, we will be taking a trip to the Dell Ozzo Farms Corn Maze in Lathrop. On October 19th, we will be on pilgrimage to Mission San Rafael and Napa Valley wine tasting. Visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/St Joe's YA or our website at stjoesya.weebly.com/ for details about when we are meeting to carpool together from St. Joseph's.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Please join us in praying the Rosary to end abortion. We pray in front of the abortion clinic located at 2030 Coffee Rd., every Tuesday & Wednesday morning. We begin at 9:15am. Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.

Religious Education

St. Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church

By Maria F. Delgado-Braun, Religious Education

On September 30 the Church celebrates the feast of the illustrious St. Jerome, revered as the most learned of the Fathers of the Western Church. St. Jerome was born in the Balkans in the year 342 and is known for translating the bible into the vulgate, that is, from Greek to Latin. Jerome had a great ability for oratory and his penmanship was equally gifted. In this great saint of the past, we not only learn from his achievements, but we are also nourished with the hope of serving God with the talents that He has given us. Jerome's extraordinary intellect and hunger for knowledge and the Truth, led him to explore other parts of the world and learn about their cultures. He spent time with different communities of monks seeking to learn their ascetical life. After doing this, he left his secular pursuits and decided to dedicate his life to God. He learned other languages such as Hebrew and Chaldaic. From his writings we see a man who although very learned, was able to write about his weaknesses; *"when my soul was on fire with wicked thoughts, as a last resort, I became a pupil to a monk who had been a Jew in order to learn the Hebrew alphabet..."* St. Jerome had great courage in combating heresy (he is often depicted with a lion, signifying his courage) and defending the Church, and his manner of expressing this, often won him the resentment of others. However, he was not only critical of those in error, but much harder on himself. Jerome lived in the desert of the holy land for some years, where he led an ascetic life, totally dedicated to his work on Sacred Scripture. We read in his writings, *"In the remotest part of a wild and stony desert, burnt up with the heat of the scorching sun so that it frightens even the monks that inhabit it, I seemed to myself to be in the midst of the delights and crowds of Rome. In this exile and prison to which for the fear of hell I had voluntarily condemned myself, I many times imagined myself witnessing the dancing of the Roman maidens as if I had been in the midst of them: In my cold body and in my parched-up flesh, which seemed dead before its death, passion was able to live. Alone with this enemy, I threw myself in spirit at the feet of Jesus, watering them with my tears, and I tamed my flesh by fasting whole weeks. I am not ashamed to disclose my temptations, but I grieve that I am not now what I then was"* ("Letter to St. Eustochium"). St. Jerome was ordained a priest and later became a bishop. His life and his witness of brokenness by original sin is a great testimony of the greatness of God, who can work with any and all of us in any circumstance and state of life to bring us to holiness. St. Jerome's often famous quote referring to scripture, is a great reminder for us, especially in the Year of Faith; *"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."* Let us be steeped in the Word of God, until He permeates our thoughts and our lives and we cannot keep from spreading the perfume of His presence to all around us. *St. Jerome, pray for us!*

Parish School of Religion (PSR) has started!

psr@stjmod.com
209-551-4973 ext. 217
PSR is on Facebook… search St Joseph PSR & like us!

October School of Faith class schedule

October God's Plan				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7 4pm	8	9	10 4pm	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22 5:15pm	23	24 7pm	25
28	29	30	31	

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 big blue barrel next to the PSR office. Thank you for your kindness and stewardship!

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.

Youth Ministry

Contact Us!

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SJordan@stjmod.com

Save the Date:
Aptos High School Retreat
November 8-10

It might seem too early to think about, but this retreat will be here before you know it! Permission slips are available in the youth office and parish office. The cost is $100 for a weekend at the beach while growing and learning more about our faith, attending Mass, confession, adoration and a lot of fun! Spots fill up fast, so be sure to sign-up soon.

LifeNight Line-Up:
9/29: The Wave of a New Generation
10/6: Finding God in Beauty
10/13: God is All Goodness

Mark Your Calendars!!!
At our October 20th LifeNight we are excited to welcome guest speakers Katie and Mark Hartfiel!

Mark and Katie are passionate about helping young people in their pursuit of purity. They give a new outlook on dating and having it centered on prayer for ones future spouse. They encourage and give practical advice on personal prayer, spiritual growth, modesty and chaste relationships! This is a LifeNight you DON'T want to miss!!!

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza Refreshments are served today by our Plaza Refreshment Volunteers. Please thank them for their service.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

www.stjmod.com/guinnessrecord.html

With great appreciation, St. Joseph's St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Food Pantry thanks the many donors and volunteers who helped make this successful record attempt happen.

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

Profiles in Stewardship

by Bertha Malfavon

Maria Dolores Ponce

Caring, loving, helpful, committed. These are all words that come to mind when I think of **Maria Dolores Ponce**. Many of you may know her by the delicious flautas (rolled, fried, tacos) she makes for the parish fall festivals, which are made with a lot of love and dedication on her part. Maria also cooks once a month for the youth who attend the Life Nights, and the teens all look forward to the Mexican food. Truly understanding the meaning of "Praying Gratefully" and "Serving Responsibly," Maria prays the rosary with St. Joseph's Grupo Guadalupano every 12th of the month in the church and a novena every year with parish families for Our Lay of Guadalupe, during the month of December. She is a member of the Militia Immaculata Spanish Village and you can spot her with her beautiful smile every Sunday during the 1:30pm Mass at the entrance of the church greeting all who come to celebrate the risen Lord. I am truly grateful and blessed to know Maria Dolores and proud to call her my friend.

In the Diocese...

LIVING ROSARY CONCERT FOR LIFE

Everyone is invited to a FREE concert featuring Catholic recording artists Gretchen Harris and Donna Lee. The Concert for Life will take place on Friday, October 4, at 7pm at St. Stanislaus Parish (1200 Maze Blvd., Modesto). St. Joseph's parishioner Wil Frey will be a special guest. For more information call Anne Fultz at 209-484-2633.

DIOCESE OF STOCKTON MINISTRY DAY

Can't go to L. A. Congress? We'll bring Congress to you: outstanding speakers like Msgr. Ray East, Dr. Hosffman Ospino, Jack Jazreel, Christine Watkings, Donna Pena. Whether you work for the church or are a stay at home mom /dad, we have something for everyone. Like us on Facebook and join us: October 26, Modesto Centre Plaza. Call Sr. Gloria, 466-0636 if you wish to serve as a volunteer.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is, call now! The next weekend dates are October 11-13 in Reno, NV and October 25-27 in Modesto. For more information visit: www.sacramentowwme.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton would like to invite all adults over the age of 21 to consider being a mentor. MENTORS NEEDED!!! Would you like to make a difference in the life of a young teen? If your answer is YES, please contact Edgar Garibay, Mentor Assistant Coordinator, for more information at 444-5927 or email: egaribay@ccstockton.org.

From our Holy Father in Rome

VIGIL OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
Saturday, 7 September 2013 Part II

All of us! And even today we continue this history of conflict between brothers, even today we raise our hands against our brother. Even today, we let ourselves be guided by idols, by selfishness, by our own interests, and this attitude persists. We have perfected our weapons, our conscience has fallen asleep, and we have sharpened our ideas to justify ourselves. As if it were normal, we continue to sow destruction, pain, death! Violence and war lead only to death, they speak of death! Violence and war are the language of death!

After the chaos of the flood, when it stopped raining, a rainbow appeared and the dove returned with an olive branch. Today, I think also of that olive tree which representatives of various religions planted in the Plaza de Mayo in Buenos Aires in 2000, asking that there be no more chaos, asking that there be no more war, asking for peace.

3. And at this point I ask myself: Is it possible to walk the path of peace? Can we get out of this spiral of sorrow and death? Can we learn once again to walk and live in the ways of peace? Invoking the help of God, under the maternal gaze of the *Salus Populi Romani*, Queen of Peace, I say: Yes, it is possible for everyone! From every corner of the world tonight, I would like to hear us cry out: Yes, it is possible for everyone! Or even better, I would like for each one of us, from the least to the greatest, including those called to govern nations, to respond: Yes, we want it! My Christian faith urges me to look to the Cross. How I wish that all men and women of good will would look to the Cross if only for a moment! There, we can see God's reply: violence is not answered with violence, death is not answered with the language of death. In the silence of the Cross, the uproar of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue, and peace is spoken. This evening, I ask the Lord that we Christians, and our brothers and sisters of other religions, and every man and woman of good will, cry out forcefully: violence and war are never the way to peace! Let everyone be moved to look into the depths of his or her conscience and listen to that word which says: Leave behind the self-interest that hardens your heart, overcome the indifference that makes your heart insensitive towards others, conquer your deadly reasoning, and open yourself to dialogue and reconciliation. Look upon your brother's sorrow – I think of the children: look upon these... look at the sorrow of your brother, stay your hand and do not add to it, rebuild the harmony that has been shattered; and all this achieved not by conflict but by encounter! May the noise of weapons cease! War always marks the failure of peace, it is always a defeat for humanity. Let the words of Pope Paul VI resound again: "No more one against the other, no more, never! ... war never again, never again war!" (*Address to the United Nations*, 1965). "Peace expresses itself only in peace, a peace which is not separate from the demands of justice but which is fostered by personal sacrifice, clemency, mercy and love" (*World Day of Peace Message*, 1975). Brothers and Sisters, forgiveness, dialogue, reconciliation – these are the words of peace, in beloved Syria, in the Middle East, in all the world! Let us pray this evening for reconciliation and peace, let us work for reconciliation and peace, and let us all become, in every place, men and women of reconciliation and peace! So may it be.

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 29 (Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Perfecto Valden	1:30p	Roberto Madrigal and Lupita Farias
9:00a	Donald Smith	5:30p	Judge Pea
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Ruben Miranda
12:00p	Paul T. Urmeneta		
Monday, September 30			
8:00a	Tess & Les Andress and Dwaine Stephan	5:45p	Hermana & Leonardo Elefante, Sr.
Tuesday, October 1			
8:00a	Fr. Mark Wagner—Special Intention	5:45p	James Routson and Angela Dominguez
Wednesday, October 2			
8:00a	Katherin Fontana and Jim Fosnaugh	5:45p	O'Tillie Votruba
Thursday, October 3			
8:00a	John N. Belo	5:45p	Maria Padilla
Friday, October 4			
8:00a	Francisca Anaya and Cristobal Anaya	5:45p	Onesimo Herrera and Joe Mendes
Saturday, October 5			
8:00a	Steve Yago and Louise Kozma	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 6 (Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Joseph & Mildred Cernick	1:30p	Sandra Ceja and Jose Manuel Robles
9:00a	Beatrice Teixeira	3:30p	Mary Andumalil
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Jim Trevillyan
12:00p	Michael Baccellieri	7:30p	Edward Nunez

Baptisms

Daniel Rubalcava
Savannah Zimmer
Isabella Garcia
Cyleigh Estrada
Daniel Moraca
Annabel Webster
Audriana Valdovinos
Itzel Torres
Antonia Del Rio
Diana Claros
Julyanna Valencia
Stacy Sloan
Konrad Rosell
Juel Cervantes
Axel Dumas
Catherine Spengler
Priscilla Hernandez
Irazu Chavarria
Emiliano Rubio
Giselle Galvan
Lucas Fortino
Aylani Zambrana
Alexio Zambrana
Olivia Fausto

Readings 9/30–10/06

Monday:
Zec. 8:1-8; Lk. 9:46-50

Tuesday:
Zec. 8:20-23; Lk. 9:51-56

Wednesday:
Neh. 2:1-8; Mt. 18:1-5, 10

Thursday:
Neh. 8:1-4,5-6,7-12; Lk. 10:1-12

Friday:
Bar. 1:15-22; Lk. 10:13-16

12pm Latin Mass:
Gal. 6:14-18; Mt. 11:25-30

Saturday:
Bar. 4:5-12,27-29; Lk. 10:17-24

Sunday:
Hb. 1:2-3;2:2-4; 2Tm. 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk. 17:5-10

Latin Mass
Prov. 8:22-24, 32-35; Lk. 1:26-38

This Week

Sunday, September 29, 2013		
10:30A	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	JP6
Monday, September 30, 2013		
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer (English)	JP10
Tuesday, October 1, 2013		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	Hall
10:30A	Light Weigh	JP8
6:00P	ESL Classes - Intermediates	JP4
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:30P	ESL Classes - Beginners	JP10
6:30P	Stewardship Committee	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer - Spanish	JP7
7:00P	Indian Prayer Group - Novena	JP6
Wednesday, October 2, 2013		
1:30P	Widows & Widowers Bible Study	JP5
5:45P	Principles Study Group	JP5
5:45P	Path to Serenity - ALANON	JP10
5:45P	"Courage To Be Me" Alateen Grp	JP8
7:00P	Indian Prayer Group - Novena	JP6
Thursday, October 3, 2013		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	Hall
6:30P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30P	Compartiendo las Escrituras	JP4
7:00P	Indian Prayer Group - Novena	JP7
7:00P	Filipino Liturgy Committee	JP4
Friday, October 4, 2013		
12:00P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
7:00P	Indian Prayer Group - Novena	JP6
Saturday, October 5, 2013		
8:30A	Ben Wiker Conference Day	Hall
9:00A	AA Language of the Heart	JP4
7:00P	Indian Prayer Group - Novena	JP6
Sunday, October 6, 2013		
9:00A	Militia Immaculata-Family	Hall
10:30A	CLOW	JP6
3:30P	Indian Mass	Chur
7:00P	Indian Prayer Group - Novena	JP6

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

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

Bienvenido a St. Joseph's

MILICIA DE LA INMACULADA

Los grupos de Oración y Español de la Milicia Inmaculada estarán atendiendo el "Día de Fe" con el Dr. Ben Wiker el sábado, 5 de octubre después de la Misa de 8am hasta las 12:30 en el salón parroquial Fr. O'Hare en vez de nuestras reuniones mensuales. Invitamos al grupo de Familia a tomar parte de esta presentación y tendrán su reunión el domingo. No pierdan la oportunidad de escuchar al Dr. Ben Wiker, quien presentará sobre la crisis de fe en nuestro mundo. Tendremos nuestras reuniones regulares en noviembre. *¡Que la Inmaculada nos guie todos los días y nos acerque más al Señor!*

DIOCESIS DE STOCKTON DIA DE MINISTERIOS

¿No puedes ir a Congreso de Los Angeles? Traeremos el Congreso aquí: oradores destacados como Monseñor Ray East, Dr. Hosffman Ospino, Jack Jazreel, Christine Watkings, Donna Pena. Si eres un ministro en la Iglesia a tiempo completo o mamá /papá a tiempo completo, tendrá algo justo para ti. Lea más acerca del Día de Ministerios en Facebook, 'Ministerio Day', "like us" y únase a nosotros: 26 de octubre, Modesto Centro Plaza. Llamar a Sor Gloria, 466-0636 si deseas servir como voluntario ese día.

CARIDADES CATÓLICAS

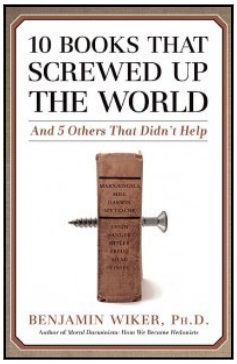
Caridades Católicas de la Diocesis de Stockton les invita a todos los adultos de mas de 21 años de edad que consideren ser mentores. SE BUSCAN MENTORES!!! ¿Estarías dispuesto a hacer la diferencia en la vida de un joven? Si tu respuesta es SI, favor de comunicarse con Edgar Garibay Asistente del Programa de Mentoria al (209) 444 5927 o a traves del correo electronico a egaribay@ccstockton.org.

¡Boletín Parroquial en Español!

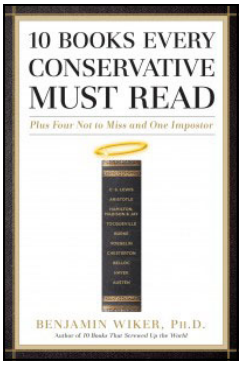
DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Mark Wagner

"Se abre un abismo inmenso, que nadie puede cruzar…" Estas palabras de Jesús describen la miedosa verdad que existe una gran separación entre el cielo y el infierno. Pero es importante darse cuenta que Dios es amor y que no es DIOS sino cada alma individua que causa la separación. Aquellos que aman son como Dios y estarán con El. Aquellos que no tienen un amor auténtico se separan ellos mismos de Dios y NO PUEDEN estar con El.

La separación comienza ya en esta vida. Las dos clases de personas comienzan a tener poco en común. Ellos "se interesan" por diferentes cosas. Tal vez usted ha sentido la tensión cuando trata de conversar con personas que no aceptan el punto de vida de religión, pro-vida, matrimonio y familia. Espero que todos ustedes vengan el 5 de octubre cuando nuestra parroquia tendrá la presentación por el conocido autor católico Dr. Benjamin Wiker, gracias a un generoso donador que lo ha hecho posible. El Dr. Wiker ha escrito muchos libros que analizan la diferencia entre estas dos clases de punto de vista. Uno se titula *Ten Books that Screwed up the World"*(Diez libros que dañaron al mundo) porque analiza libros dañinos que promueven el ateísmo, hedonismo, racismo, eugénica y secularismo (libros dañinos escritos por personas como Machiavelli, Rousseau, Marx, Darwin, Nietzsche, Lenin, Margaret Sanger, Hitler, Freud, Kinsey.)



El Dr. Wiker explica que cuando los filósofos pierden la fe en Dios, comienzan a perder el respeto por la vida humana, la familia, etc. Luego Wiker escribió *"Ten Books Every Conservative Should Read,"*(Diez libros que todo conservativo debe de leer) el cual describe autores antiguos y modernos que han ayudado al mundo promoviendo el respeto por la religión, la familia y la vida humana.



¡Por favor venga el **5 de octubre** y aprenda sobre las cosas que tenemos en común, uniéndonos el uno con el otro y con Dios!

Fr Mark

Para mas información sobre el Dr. Benjamin Wiker y sus libros, visite su website:

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

VIGILIA DE ORACIÓN POR LA PAZ
Sábado 7 de septiembre de 2013 Parte II

Basta ver el sufrimiento de tantos hermanos y hermanas. No se trata de algo coyuntural, sino que es verdad: en cada agresión y en cada guerra hacemos renacer a Caín. ¡Todos nosotros! Y también hoy prolongamos esta historia de enfrentamiento entre hermanos, también hoy levantamos la mano contra quien es nuestro hermano. También hoy nos dejamos llevar por los ídolos, por el egoísmo, por nuestros intereses; y esta actitud va a más: hemos perfeccionado nuestras armas, nuestra conciencia se ha adormecido, hemos hecho más sutiles nuestras razones para justificarnos. Como si fuese algo normal, seguimos sembrando destrucción, dolor, muerte. La violencia, la guerra traen sólo muerte, hablan de muerte. La violencia y la guerra utilizan el lenguaje de la muerte.

Tras el caos del Diluvio, dejó de llover, apareció el arco iris y la paloma trajo un ramo de olivo. Pienso también hoy en aquel olivo que los representantes de las diferentes religiones plantamos en Buenos Aires, en la Plaza de Mayo, el año 2000, pidiendo que no haya más caos, pidiendo que no haya más guerra, pidiendo paz.

3. Y en estas circunstancias, me pregunto: ¿Es posible seguir el camino de la paz? ¿Podemos salir de esta espiral de dolor y de muerte? ¿Podemos aprender de nuevo a caminar por las sendas de la paz? Invocando la ayuda de Dios, bajo la mirada materna de la *Salus populi romani*, Reina de la paz, quiero responder: Sí, es posible para todos. Esta noche me gustaría que desde todas las partes de la tierra gritásemos: Sí, es posible para todos. Más aún, quisiera que cada uno de nosotros, desde el más pequeño hasta el más grande, incluidos aquellos que están llamados a gobernar las naciones, dijese: Sí, queremos. Mi fe cristiana me lleva a mirar a la Cruz. ¡Cómo quisiera que por un momento todos los hombres y las mujeres de buena voluntad mirasen la Cruz! Allí se puede leer la respuesta de Dios: allí, a la violencia no se ha respondido con violencia, a la muerte no se ha respondido con el lenguaje de la muerte. En el silencio de la Cruz calla el fragor de las armas y habla el lenguaje de la reconciliación, del perdón, del diálogo, de la paz. Quisiera pedir al Señor, esta noche, que nosotros cristianos y los hermanos de las otras religiones, todos los hombres y mujeres de buena voluntad gritasen con fuerza: ¡La violencia y la guerra nunca son el camino para la paz! Que cada uno mire dentro de su propia conciencia y escuche la palabra que dice: Sal de tus intereses que atrofian tu corazón, supera la indiferencia hacia el otro que hace insensible tu corazón, vence tus razones de muerte y ábrete al diálogo, a la reconciliación; mira el dolor de tu hermano —pienso en los niños, solamente en ellos...—, mira el dolor de tu hermano, y no añadas más dolor, detén tu mano, reconstruye la armonía que se ha roto; y esto no con la confrontación, sino con el encuentro. ¡Que se acabe el sonido de las armas! La guerra significa siempre el fracaso de la paz, es siempre una derrota para la humanidad. Resuenen una vez más las palabras de Pablo VI: «Nunca más los unos contra los otros; jamás, nunca más... ¡Nunca más la guerra! ¡Nunca más la guerra!» (*Discurso a las Naciones Unidas*, 4 octubre 1965: *AAS* 57 [1965], 881). «La Paz se afianza solamente con la paz; la paz no separada de los deberes de la justicia, sino alimentada por el propio sacrificio, por la clemencia, por la misericordia, por la caridad» (*Mensaje para la Jornada Mundial de la Paz 1976*: *AAS* 67 [1975], 671). Hermanos y hermanas, perdón, diálogo, reconciliación son las palabras de la paz: en la amada nación siria, en Oriente Medio, en todo el mundo. Recemos esta noche por la reconciliación y por la paz, contribuyamos a la reconciliación y a la paz, y convirtámonos todos, en cualquier lugar donde nos encontremos, en hombres y mujeres de reconciliación y de paz. Así sea.

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Maria Dolores Ponce

Amorosa, comprometida, comedida, cariñosa, estas son las palabras que vienen a mi mente cuando pienso en **Maria Dolores Ponce**. Muchos de ustedes la conocen por sus deliciosas flautas (tacos enrollados y fritos) que hace para el festival parroquial con un gran amor y dedicación de su parte. Maria también cocina para el Ministerio Juvenil que atiende a las "life Nights" una vez al mes.

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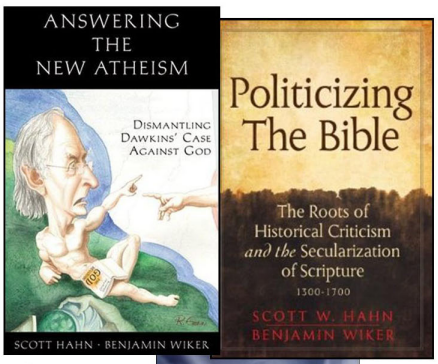

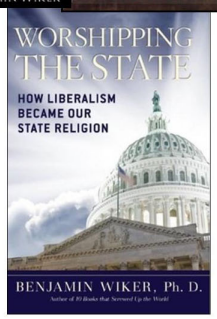

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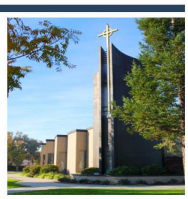
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