

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

April 15, 2012 Divine Mercy

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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,

12noon, 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. Joseph Illo, Pastor

Fr. Benny Kottarathil, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Tony Chacko, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinerio, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

It's that **quiet time after Easter**, at least for those who work in a Catholic parish. Lent reached its crescendo with the Sacred Triduum, and the crowds poured in for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The Catholic liturgies of Holy Week place us squarely into Jerusalem during the Passover Festival in AD 33, truly walking with Christ. All sorts of folks come to "the temple" here on Oakdale Road just like folk in Jesus' time: to worship, to see a spectacle, to fulfill an annual obligation, to make Mom or Dad happy or just "because it's there." Thank God we have a Catholic parish in Modesto! How empty the year would be without it!

Thousands of folks come for the Paschal Festival each year. Between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, over 16,000 people attended 32 liturgical services at St. Joseph's, including one thousand at our Live Stations of the Cross and another thousand at our public Walk for Life. We came in droves to stand at the foot of the Cross as Jesus was crucified, and we came in the thousands to witness to His resurrection from the tomb. By His death, He dealt death a deadly blow. He has trampled death by death!



The Sixth Station of the Cross, 2011

Today is **Mercy Sunday**, also called Low Sunday, the "Little Easter" within the Paschal Octave. Thousands of us came to St. Joseph's over Holy Week, a complete mix of saints and sinners, and God has had mercy on us all. Jesus said to St. Faustina (*Diary*, 699): "On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity." Today I am helping at a "Retrouvaille" weekend for troubled marriages, and so will not see you at Mass. Thirty couples, many from our parish, are making one last attempt to find mercy, to rediscover lost love. They do this on Mercy Sunday! Let the floodgates of God's infinite love open; let His divine mercy pour over all of us. Let us praise Him for casting wide open His heart to us in His glorious Passion and Resurrection!

Fr. Joseph

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 fifty hours our office is open each week.

Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, Alex, Brenda)

Sunday: 10am-3:00pm.

Monday: 10am-7:30pm

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

Closed Wednesday from 11am-1pm

Friday 8:30am-12noon

Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

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

Interested in becoming Catholic? Have you not received the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion?

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 Stacy Phillips: (209)541-8903 to make an appointment.

Welcome to St. Joseph's

If you never have been to a Catholic church, welcome! If you are new to the area, welcome! If you have been away from the Catholic church for a while, welcome back! If you are an active member of St. Joseph's, welcome! We are glad you are here no matter who you are.

Happy Feast Day of Divine Mercy! God's mercy is greater than our sin. We encourage you to come back to church, come to one of our daily times for confession (listed right and on front cover), and come back to Mass with a clean heart. Come and be transformed by God's grace available to us in the sacraments. Get plugged into our community, it is not the same without each one of you!

We truly are blessed to have this community; come join us and receive the great gift of our parish. Please consider becoming a registered member of our parish (see back page), so that you can grow closer to God. Benefit from our monthly emails, our parish publications *Faith & Life* and *Simply Stewardship*, and all that St. Joseph's has to offer.



If you have been away from the Catholic Church, we are here to help, contact the parish office. Also, check out this video and visit www.catholicscomehome.org



Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities

ST. JOSEPH'S LIBRARY SALE

We need your used books for our book sale on April 29. Please drop off any donations to the library or the Parish office. Thank You!



MASS 101 — MAY 12

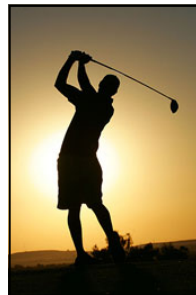
9am-2pm Fr. O'Hare Hall

Do you want to get more out of the Mass? Did you know that most of the words we hear and say at Mass come from the bible? Save the date for this workshop on the Holy Mass. Details coming soon!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT — MAY 18

Take Friday off and join us on the links for a beautiful day of golf followed by a prime rib dinner in Fr. O'Hare Hall. Cost is \$85/ women, \$100/men, includes greens fees, cart, lunch & dinner. Proceeds raised benefit scholarships and local charities. Contact Michael Loschke 572-2271 for more information. Deadline for



Opportunities to Help

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We are having difficulty keeping our food pantry full. Deacon Ken has a plea to our parishioners: please help us to help those who count on us to have food on their table, especially for their children. We are in need of canned vegetables, fruit, meat, baby food, toiletries, packaged pasta, packaged beans and cereals. Please contact Deacon Ken, if you know of food suppliers who will work with SVDP to purchase food at wholesale or discount prices. God Bless all of you, thank you for the support of our ministry.

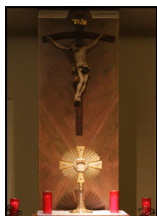


St. Vincent de Paul

Interior Life & Prayer

ST. JOSEPH'S PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

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



Divine Mercy Sunday

During the course of Jesus' revelations to St. Faustina He asked that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. This feast was granted to the Universal Church by Bl. John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina (April 30, 2000). The church stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." Concerning the Feast of Mercy Jesus said to St. Faustina: *This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. (Diary 420)*

Confession Schedule

Monday - Thursday
5:00-5:30pm

Fridays
6:30pm-7:30pm

Saturdays
8:30am & 4:00pm

Homebound please call
551-4973
for a priest to visit you by
appointment.

Remember a special day or person
-Altar Flower Donation-
Call the Development Office for info.
551-4973, x207

In Loving Memory of
Adeline Soares Souza Lemacher
-Fr. Wade Menezes &
The Menezes/Souza Families

In Loving Memory of
Clara Campbell and her life
-The Cervantes Family

Parish School of Religion
E-mail: psr@stjmod.com

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
PARENT MEETING SPANISH**
April 16, 7pm, in the Hall
**Mandatory meeting for all parents
whose children are receiving FHC
at Spanish Mass May 20.**

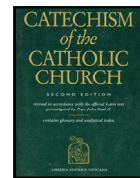
PSR students,
please bring canned
fruit this month for
St. Vincent de Paul.
Thanks for your
kindness and
stewardship!



Religious Education

Parish School of Religion Registration — June 9-11
Does your child need their First Holy Communion or Confirmation?
Save the date for our Parish School of Religion registration weekend.
Details such as hours and enrollment cost will be given soon.

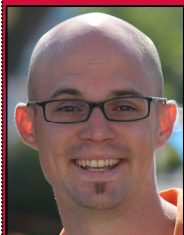
Catechism 101 — June 18
Join Michael Webster, St. Joseph's DRE, and discover the richness of our Catholic faith. On the third Monday of every month, we will have a workshop on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We will meet at 7pm in JP II Rm 8.



Vacation Bible Retreat (VBR) June 25-29
VBR is a treat for the children of St. Joseph's and always fills quickly. Be watching for upcoming announcements for opportunities to sign up your child and to volunteer.

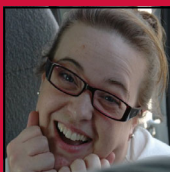
Youth Ministry

Contact Us!



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Upcoming LifeNights:
4/15: Divine Mercy
4/22: The Holy Spirit

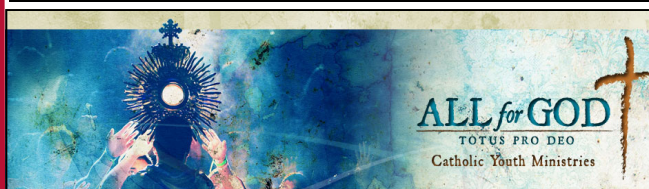
All high school teens are invited to join us for Youth Group! Come and enjoy prayer, games and fellowship.



Confirmation Retreat

This is an important reminder that the Confirmation 2 retreat is Saturday, April 28. It will take place in the Hall from 9am-9pm. If you have not turned in your permission slip please do so ASAP. Forms can be picked up and turned in to the parish office.

St. Joseph's youth ministry challenges young people to love Christ and embrace the Catholic Church. We have High School Life Nights after the 5:30pm Sunday Mass in the hall. Also we have our CI nights for 7th graders on Wednesdays at 7pm in the hall.



**Steubenville
San Diego
July 27-29**

We are now accepting permission slips! This conference is open to all high school teens, graduating 8th grade through 12th grade. Guest speakers and musicians this year include Ike Ndolo, Fr. Michael Schmitz, Matt Smith, Jackie Francois and Righteous B will be the host. Space is limited. Cost is \$150. Payment options are available. Please contact the youth office for a permission slip and more information.

Center for Lay Apostolates

New to the Parish? Wondering where to start??

Call the Center for Lay Apostolates 551-4973, ext. 207

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza Refreshments are being served this morning by our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Share your love of our parish - join one of our leadership committees!

Stewardship Committee Openings

Our Stewardship Committee is accepting applications for membership. St. Joseph's Stewardship Committee is an advisory body to the Pastoral Council and Pastor. If selected, the member will be expected to serve a total of three years. Some of the duties of the Stewardship Committee include, but are not limited to: Annual Ministry Tent and Stewardship Renewal process, Parish Movie Nights, Stewardship 101 and developing an awareness of appreciation and stewardship formation for the parish. Please send a letter of interest to Ron Cook, Chairperson, at byhimandforhim@yahoo.com, or bring it to the parish office.

Development Committee Openings

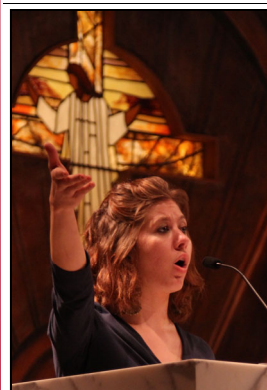
Our Development Committee is accepting applications for membership. St. Joseph's Development Committee is an advisory body to the Pastoral Council and Pastor. If selected, the member will be expected to serve a total of three years. Some of the duties of the Development Committee include, but are not limited to: Coordinating the annual "Responding to God's Blessings Month of Celebrations," Planned Giving initiatives and focusing on a vision statement of: "As the St. Joseph's campus and her number of parishioners grow we will seek to find the human and financial resources necessary to provide for this growth, according to God's will." Current members include those in the legal, business, insurance, real estate and other parishioners who love their parish. Please send a letter of interest to the Development Office at tmenezes@stjmod.com, or bring to the parish office.

Please include a brief description of yourself and your relationship to the parish, your areas of education and work, why you wish to serve on the Development Committee and one recommendation you could make to improve parish life.

Questions for either committee,
please call 551-4973, ext. 207

Profiles in Stewardship

by Svetlana Avetisyan



Holly Olsson

Holly Olsson has been a cantor and Cherubim Choir Director for three years at St. Joseph's.

She has been involved in music her entire life starting with piano lessons when she was five. Playing trumpet and singing in the choir became her life through her teen years. Then she started studying with Dawn Peterson, her coach and friend who prepared her for upcoming college years. She applied to CSU Stanislaus and received a wonderful music scholarship that enabled her to be both a Vocal Performance and Choral Education major. Currently she is about to complete her junior year in college and has grown so much musically.

We hear Holly's beautiful voice every Sunday Mass, especially at 7:30am, she works with Cherubim children's choir, training them and preparing for Mass and concerts. She is also a part of our Bel Canto Cantor's Chorale. "I have to thank our music ministries in helping me grow here at St. Joseph's. The opportunities I have received at the church are innumerable and I am so very blessed!"

All are invited to join Holly's junior recital on Saturday, April 28th at 4pm. It will take place at the Bernell Snider Recital Hall at CSU Stanislaus. It is a half hour recital that she is happy to share with family, friends, and colleagues. "My family at St. Joseph's definitely qualifies! It is free, please come and enjoy!"

The ABC's of Divine Mercy

The message of mercy is that God loves us - all of us - no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC.



A — Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B — Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C — Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Who is St. Faustina?



On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to a simple nun, Sister Faustina (Helen Kowalska) in Cracow, Poland bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all mankind. Saint Faustina tells us in her diary under this date:

In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'"

All above are taken from www.ewtn.com

For more on Divine Mercy scan the QR code or visit:

<http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/index.htm>



From our Holy Father in Rome

REGINA CAELI

Second Sunday of Easter, 30 March 2008



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During the Jubilee of the Year 2000 the beloved Servant of God John Paul II established that throughout the Church the Sunday after Easter should be called *Domenica in Albis* and *Divine Mercy Sunday*. This occurred contemporaneously with the canonization of Faustina Kowalska, a humble Polish Sister who was born in 1905 and died in 1938, a zealous messenger of the Merciful Jesus. Indeed, mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message; it is the very name of God, the Face with which he revealed himself in the Old Covenant and fully in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of creative and redemptive Love. May this merciful love also shine on the face of the Church and show itself through the sacraments, in particular that of Reconciliation, and in works of charity, both communitarian and individual. May all that the Church says and does manifest the mercy God feels for man, and therefore for us. When the Church has to recall an unrecognized truth or a betrayed



good, she always does so impelled by merciful love, so that men and women may have life and have it abundantly (Jn 10: 10). From divine mercy, which brings peace to hearts, genuine peace flows into the world, peace between different peoples, cultures and religions. Like St. Faustina, John Paul II in his turn made himself an apostle of Divine Mercy. In the evening of the unforgettable Saturday, 2 April 2005, when he closed his eyes on this world, it was precisely the eve of the Second Sunday of Easter and many people noted the rare coincidence that combined the Marian dimension - the first Saturday of the month - and the dimension of Divine Mercy. This was in fact the core of John Paul II's long and multi-faceted Pontificate. The whole of his mission at the service of the truth about God and man and of peace in the world is summed up in this declaration, as he himself said in Krakow-Łagiewniki in 2002 when he inaugurated the large Shrine of Divine Mercy: "Apart from the mercy of God there is no other source of hope for mankind". John Paul II's message, like St. Faustina's, thus leads back to the Face of Christ, a supreme revelation of God's mercy. Constant contemplation of this Face is the legacy he bequeathed to us which we joyfully welcome and make our own...

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

In the Diocese

Sunday, April 15 (Divine Mercy Sunday)			
7:30a	Agatha Olsson	1:30p	Anastasia Curiel and Joaquin Rocha
9:00a	Albert Mendonca	3:00p	Divine Mercy Prayer
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Robert and Elena Gutierrez
12:00p	Juanita Pesado	7:30p	Jim Trevillyan
Monday, April 16			
8:00a	Ida Ramos and Charles Aguilar	5:45p	Alexander Gundersen and Paul Strauch
Tuesday, April 17			
8:00a	Imogene & Quentin Stoeckel and Judith Gomez	5:45p	Roberto and David Holguin
Wednesday, April 18			
8:00a	Anecita Rodrigo and Kurtis Kraft	5:45p	Alfonso & Francisca Perez
Thursday, April 19			
8:00a	Juliana Retanan and Coralynn Lootens	5:45p	Mary A. Avilla and Ann Hale
Friday, April 20			
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and Helen E. Sivley	5:45p	George Bringas and Billie Tanson
Saturday, April 21			
8:00a	Charles Aguilar and Helen E. Sivley	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, April 22 (Third Sunday of Easter)			
7:30a	Justina Scaramuzzino	1:30p	Adela Andujar and Anastacio & Maria Gomez
9:00a	Felix Cortes	5:30p	Leona De Los Santos
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Robert and Elena Gutierrez
12:00p	Frank and Joseph Ferreira		

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Central Catholic High School in Modesto will host a special open house on Thursday, April 26, from 6-8pm. This is a great family event to check out the academics, athletics and the arts at CCHS. Come out and meet the teachers and coaches, sign your youngsters up for summer athletic camps and enjoy a free family BBQ. Eighth graders will have the opportunity to sign up for CCHS sports teams. Additional information about scholarships and tuition assistance will be available. Please call Cathi Padula at 524-9611 for more information.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas invite you to join us for our Spring Luncheon and fashion show "100 Years of Fashion" on Saturday, April 28 at SOS Club. Tickets \$35 dollars; doors open at 11:00 am. For tickets and/or information contact Patty at 529-2940.

THE CATHOLIC TOUR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

The Catholic Tour, a 32-year old Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate is pleased to announce a Pilgrimage to Rome for the Opening of our Holy Father's proclaimed "Year of Faith" plus a Mediterranean Cruise followed by the Canonization Ceremony for 7 new Catholic Saints, two of which are from the United States: Mother Marianne Cope and Blessed Kateri Tekawitha. Also to be canonized will be Blessed Pedro Calungsod. Dates for the entire trip are October 9-21. Please call The Catholic Tour (1-877-627-4268) for prices, itinerary, reservations and to answer any of your questions. You also may e-mail jimadair@thecatholictour.com We look forward to serving you.

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Readings 4/16-4/22

Monday:

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday:

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

12pm Latin Mass:

1 Jn. 5:4-10; Jn. 20:19-31

Saturday:

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Latin Mass:

1 Pt. 2:21-25; Jn. 10:11-16

World Youth Day



WYD Cookbooks

Looking for some great food recipes? These books have 200 pages full of favorite recipes and ideas from Parishioners here at St. Joseph's. Contents include appetizers, salads, breads, candies, cookies to beverages. The books are available in our bookstore and the cost is \$15. Proceeds go toward WYD Rio 2013.

Bienvenido a St. Joseph's



Si usted nunca ha estado en una Iglesia Católica, ¡le damos la bienvenida! Si ha estado fuera de la Iglesia Católica por un tiempo, ¡bienvenido a casa! Si usted es un miembro activo de St. Joseph's, ¡bienvenido! Nos alegramos de que esté aquí, cualquiera dondequiera que se encuentre.

¡Feliz Día de la Divina Misericordia! La misericordia de Dios es más grande que todos nuestros pecados. Los animamos a que regresen a la Iglesia, vengán a una de nuestras confesiones diarias (el horario se encuentra en la primera página), y regresen a la Misa con un corazón limpio. Estamos verdaderamente bendecidos de tener esta comunidad; venga y reciba el gran regalo que es esta parroquia. Sea parte de nuestra comunidad, ¡no será la misma sin cada uno de ustedes! Por favor considere ser un miembro registrado de nuestra parroquia, para que pueda crecer más en Dios y beneficiarse de todo lo que St. Joseph's tiene para ofrecer.

Cena y Baile de Primavera

Sábado, 21 de Abril

Salón Fr. O'Hare Hall de la
Iglesia de St. Joseph's

La comunidad de St. Joseph's le invita a la Cena y Baile amenizado por el grupo (X-02) Éxodos.

**Costo: \$20 Adultos,
\$10 Niños mayores de 12 años**

Cena: 5:30-7pm

Baile: 7-11pm

VENTA DE LIBROS

Necesitamos sus libros usados para nuestra venta de libros el domingo, 29 de abril. Por favor deje su donación en la librería o la oficina parroquial. ¡Muchas gracias!



¡Boletín Parroquial en Español!

DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Joseph Illo

Es el tiempo **callado después de la Pascua**, por lo menos para aquellos que trabajan en una parroquia Católica. La Cuaresma llegó a su tiempo culminante con el Santo Triduo y las multitudes que vinieron para el Viernes Santo y el Domingo de Pascua. Las liturgias Católicas de la Semana Santa nos conducen a Jerusalén durante el Festival de Pascua del AD 33, caminando justamente con Cristo. Toda clase de gente vino al "templo" aquí en Oakdale Road así como también venían en el tiempo de Jesús: a adorar, a mirar el espectáculo, a cumplir con una obligación anual, por darle gusto a sus padres, o solo "porque ha llegado." ¡Gracias a Dios, que tenemos una parroquia Católica en Modesto! ¡Qué vacío sería el año sin ella!

Miles de personas vienen al Festival Pascual cada año. Entre el Domingo de Ramos y el Domingo de Pascua, entre 16,000 vienen a nuestros 32 servicios litúrgicos en St. Joseph's, incluyendo unos mil a nuestro Viacrucis en Vivo y otros mil a nuestra Caminata por la Vida abierta al público.

Vinimos por montones al pie de la Cruz cuando Jesús fue crucificado y

vinimos entre miles a ser testigos de su resurrección de la tumba. Por su muerte, El le dio a la muerte un gran golpe. ¡El pisoteó la muerte con la muerte!



La novena estación del Vía Crucis, 2011

Hoy es el **Domingo de Misericordia**, también llamado Domingo Bajo, La "Pequeña Pascua" durante la Octava Pascual. Miles de nosotros vinimos a St. Joseph's durante la Semana Santa, una mezcla completa de santos y pecadores, y Dios ha tenido misericordia con todos nosotros. Jesús le dijo a Santa Faustina (Diario, 699): "En ese día están abiertas todas las compuertas divinas a través de las cuales fluyen las gracias. Que ningún alma tema acercarse a Mí, aunque sus pecados sean como escarlata. Mi misericordia es tan grande que en toda la eternidad no la penetrará ningún intelecto humano ni angélico." Hoy estoy ayudando en un fin de semana de "Retrouvaille" para matrimonios con problemas, entonces no los veré durante la Misa. Treinta parejas, muchas de nuestra parroquia, están tratando de encontrar misericordia y descubrir el amor perdido. ¡Lo hacen durante el Domingo de Misericordia! Que se abran las compuertas del manantial del amor infinito de Dios; que su divina misericordia se derrame sobre todos nosotros. ¡Adorémoslo por abrimos Su corazón durante Su gloriosa Pasión y Resurrección!

Fr. Joseph

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

REGINA CAELI

Domingo de la Misericordia divina, 30 de marzo de 2008



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Durante el jubileo del año 2000, el amado siervo de Dios Juan Pablo II estableció que en toda la Iglesia el domingo que sigue a la Pascua, además de *Dominica in Albis*, se denominara también *Domingo de la Misericordia Divina*. Esto sucedió en concomitancia con la canonización de Faustina Kowalska, humilde religiosa polaca, celosa mensajera de Jesús misericordioso, que nació en 1905 y murió en 1938.

En realidad, la misericordia es el núcleo central del mensaje evangélico, es el nombre mismo de Dios, el rostro con el que se reveló en la Antigua Alianza y plenamente en Jesucristo, encarnación del Amor creador y redentor. Este amor de misericordia ilumina también el rostro de la Iglesia y se manifiesta mediante los sacramentos, especialmente el de la Reconciliación, y mediante las obras de caridad, comunitarias e individuales.

Todo lo que la Iglesia dice y realiza, manifiesta la misericordia que Dios tiene para con el hombre.

Cuando la Iglesia debe recordar una verdad olvidada, o un bien traicionado, lo hace siempre impulsada por el amor misericordioso, para que los hombres tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia (cf. *Jn* 10, 10). De la misericordia divina, que pacifica los corazones, brota además la auténtica paz en el mundo, la paz entre los diversos pueblos, culturas y religiones.

Como sor Faustina, Juan Pablo II se hizo a su vez apóstol de la Misericordia divina. La tarde del inolvidable sábado 2 de abril de 2005, cuando cerró los ojos a este mundo, era precisamente la víspera del segundo domingo de Pascua, y muchos notaron la singular coincidencia, que unía en sí la dimensión mariana —era el primer sábado del mes— y la de la Misericordia divina. En efecto, su largo y multiforme pontificado tiene aquí su núcleo central; toda su misión al servicio de la verdad sobre Dios y sobre el hombre y de la paz en el mundo se resume en este anuncio, como él mismo dijo en Cracovia-Lagiewniki en el año 2002 al inaugurar el gran santuario de la Misericordia Divina: «Fuera de la misericordia de Dios no existe otra fuente de esperanza para el hombre» (*Homilía durante la misa de consagración del santuario de la Misericordia Divina*, 17 de agosto: *L'Osservatore Romano*, edición en lengua española, 23 de agosto de 2002, p. 4). Así pues, su mensaje, como el de santa Faustina, conduce al rostro de Cristo, revelación suprema de la misericordia de Dios. Contemplar constantemente ese Rostro es la herencia que nos ha dejado y que nosotros, con alegría, acogemos y hacemos nuestra...



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Holly Olsson

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Después comenzó a estudiar con Dawn Peterson, su profesora y amiga quien la preparó para los años de la universidad. Aplicó en la CSU Stanislaus y recibió una maravillosa beca por la música que la habilitó como Interprete Vocal y para una Educación en Coro. En el presenta está por completar el tercer año en la universidad y ha crecido mucho musicalmente. Nosotros escuchamos la bella voz de Holly cada domingo en misa, especialmente a las 7:30am, ella trabaja con el coro Cherubim de niños, entrenándolos y preparándolos para la misa y conciertos. Ella también toma parte en nuestro Bel Canto Corale de cantores. "¡Yo tengo que agradecerle mucho al ministerio de música por ayudarme a crecer aquí en St. Joseph's. Las oportunidades que he recibido en la iglesia son innumerables y me siento tan bendecida!"

Todos están invitados a asistir al recital de Holly el sábado, 28 de abril a las 4:00pm en el Bernell Snider Recital Hall en la universidad CSU Stanislaus. Es un recital de media hora por el cual ella se siente muy contenta de compartir con su familia, amigos, y colegas. "¡Mi familia de St. Joseph's definitivamente califica! Es gratis, por favor asistan y disfruten!"

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