

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 1, 2012 Palm Sunday

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Visit our website:

[www.stjmod.com](http://www.stjmod.com)

### Holy Eucharist

#### Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sundays: 7:30am,

9am (Traditional Latin), 10:30am,

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

#### 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 Ochiner, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

## From the Pastor's Laptop

Welcome to St. Joseph's for this glorious **Palm Sunday**! It may be a bit rainy outside, but inside our church Jesus Christ shines upon all us all. We cast our palms before His glorious entrance into the Holy City, represented by the priest advancing up the aisle to the altar, and we take those palms home to place on our walls for the rest of the year.

Is Holy Week, just a myth—the most powerful myth in world history, but nonetheless just a legend? So declares **secularist atheism**.

We must realize that our society has been soaking in secularist atheism for fifty years. We are just about pickled in disbelief. In 1991, Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict pointed out a consequence of the growing atheist mentality of our time. It is the historically unprecedented problem of drug abuse. Most teens use some form of illegal drugs on a weekly basis—this has never happened in world history. But what about adults? Stop to think that many people you know are addicted to *legal* drugs: Vicodin, Ambien, alcohol, marijuana. Why has the world become so unbearable to contemporary man?

No one can peacefully face the specter of a world without God, a world where nobody really knows me or cares about me. We cannot face a world where suffering has no meaning, where we cannot “offer it up” because there is no one to offer it up to. We must find some way of escaping such a world. Such was the sad fate, apparently, of Whitney Houston. The real problem, however, is not “drug abuse,” it is atheism. If God does not exist, our existence has no meaning either.

The solution? Maintain a robust belief in God, and *practice* that belief. Don't be a fool—admit that someone greater than you governs the world, and all will be well in the end. Things have a way of working out, because Someone up there is governing the universe. Let us throw our palms before Him this Sunday, and persevere in practicing that faith throughout the year.

Fr. Joseph



*Kent & Laura Harker were given the St. Joseph's Award for their humble service to our parish. Thank you Kent & Laura for all that you have done throughout the years. **Left:** Fr. Joseph presenting the award and statue at the 5:45pm Mass on May 19. **Right:** Kent & Laura at the 2008 World Youth Day - Sydney.*

**Questions?**

To make an appointment with a priest or deacon or to register at St. Joseph's please contact Lulu, Alex, Lauren, 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, Lauren)**

Sunday: 10:00-3:00pm.

Monday: 10:00 to 7:30

Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 to 7:30

Closed Wednesday from 11-1pm

Friday 8:30 to Noon

**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
- Becoming Catholic, RCIA ..... Stacy x211
- 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

**Readings 04/02-04/08**

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Lord's Supper:  
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116;  
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb  
4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118;  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8;  
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

**Latin Mass:** 1 Cor. 5:7-8; Mk 16:1-7

# Welcome to St. Joseph's

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



Please come and participate in our Holy Week events (see back page for details) and be transformed by God's grace. Don't let this holy season just pass by, let this be the Easter that your life changes: participate, be active and get

involved! We are truly blessed to have this community; come join us and receive the great gift this parish is. Get plugged into our community, it is not the same without each one of you! Please consider becoming a registered member of our parish, 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 are interested in becoming Catholic or have been away from the Catholic Church and would like help returning, see Religious Education page 6...**



## Parishioner Registration/Parishioner Update

We welcome you to St. Joseph's Catholic Church! Whether a long-time resident or newly arrived we would love to keep in touch! If you are not registered, or need to update contact information, please stop complete this form and place it in the collection basket, stop by the parish office, or mail it to the address on the front of the bulletin.

Name(s): _____	New Parishioner
Phone _____	New Address
Address _____	Moving, please remove from directory
City _____ Zip Code _____	Would like to receive envelopes
E-mail Address _____	

# Parish Life

## Upcoming Events & Activities

### RETROUVAILLE — APRIL 13-15

*a lifeline for marriages*

Concerned about your marriage? *Retrouvaille* helps couples through times of trouble, disillusionment, and misery in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing marital difficulties. Spots are still available and no couple is turned away for financial reasons. Contact Mando & Bonnie Santiesteban: (209) 883-4291 or email: Modesto@RetroCA.com



### FREE PARISH MOVIE NIGHT — APRIL 13

*Horton Hears a Who!*

Bring your family and friends to see this Dr. Seuss classic on the big screen in Fr. O'Hare Hall at 7pm. Popcorn & lemonade will be provided. Bring cookies to share.



### 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



### MASS 101 — MAY 12

9am-2pm Fr. O'Hare Hall



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

## On the Plaza

### EASTER LILIES FOR SALE

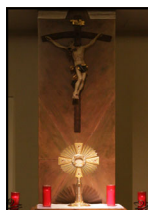


Boy Scout Troop 49 will be selling Easter Lilies this weekend and next after Masses on the Plaza. Plants are \$10.00 each. Proceeds are used by each participating boy to help pay for summer camp.

## 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.



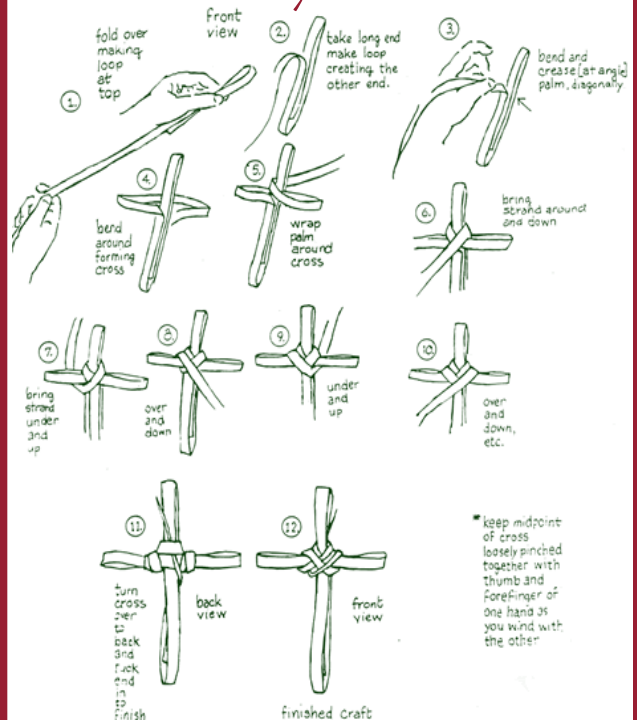
# What is the meaning of Palm Sunday?

On Palm Sunday also called Passion Sunday Catholics receive blessed palms to commemorate the glorious procession of Jesus into Jerusalem...

*"On the next day, when the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.' Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: 'Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt.'" (John 12:12-15)*

Today, Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem to fulfill the plan of God. A week later, He will mount the Cross, the Tree of Life for the salvation of all humanity. **Continued on page 5...**

## How To Make Palm Sunday Crosses



## Profiles in Stewardship

by Stacy Phillips



**Jamie Thai**

The RCIA Team is blessed to have **Jamie Thai** as a member. Jamie has been a Catechist for 6 years and last year qualified to be honored at the Pius X Catechist Award ceremony for 5 years of continuous service. In addition, she is 1 of our “certified” Catechists, having attended 5 St. John Bosco Conferences. Jamie is a past-participant of RCIA, having been initiated at the Easter Vigil in 2005 (receiving Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). She brings a first-hand understanding of how it feels to come to faith. Recently, she gave a presentation on “How to make a Sacred Space” in your home, bringing sacred and beautiful items to share and we were all soaking up her wisdom. In addition, Jamie trains Sponsors and leads the Sunday “Scripture Breaks.” As a Team member, she is always ready to help with whatever is needed, especially in the area of prayer. Jamie keeps all the participants in her intentions and makes a regular Holy Hour.

Jamie has worked with Fr. Bob Lombardo, traveling to Chicago to donate her time and talent to help the poor. She also helped with last year’s 40 Days for Life campaign.

Lastly, Jamie is a 3rd Order Carmelite and her gentle and peaceful demeanor is a gift to all who know her.

# Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza Refreshments are being served this morning by the St. Joseph’s Boy Scouts

Parish Stewardship—a way of life

## ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH HOSTS THE 14TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6 8:00 AM

Please park and gather at Eastridge Community Church  
(on the corner of Briggsmore at Oakdale Road)

Prayer walk will conclude at St. Joseph’s  
Walk is approx. 4 miles  
Please bring a rosary, pro-life sign and a friend!  
All are welcome

For more information visit:  
[www.WalkForLifeModesto.webs.com](http://www.WalkForLifeModesto.webs.com)  
or call:

Nicole Menezes at 209-642-6336

Consider becoming active in our St. Joseph’s Respect Life Committee!



Please contact the Center for Lay Apostolates for more information:  
(209) 551-4973, ext. 207

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

## From our Holy Father in Rome



### ANGELUS

Sunday, 11 March 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this Third Sunday of Lent the Gospel - in St John's version - refers to the famous episode of Jesus who drives the animal dealers and the money-changers out of the Temple of Jerusalem (Jn 2:13-25). The event, recorded by all the Evangelists, happened in the Passover Feast and made a



deep impression on both the crowd and the disciples. How should we interpret Jesus' action? First of all it should be noted that it did not provoke any repression from the keepers of public order because it was seen as a typical prophetic action: indeed, in God's name prophets often reported abuse and sometimes did so with symbolic gestures. The expulsion of the dealers from the Temple has also been interpreted in a political and revolutionary sense, placing Jesus on a par with the zealots' movement. ...In fact it is impossible to interpret Jesus as violent: violence is contrary to the Kingdom of God, it is a tool of the antichrist. Violence is never useful to humanity but dehumanizes it. Let us listen to the words that Jesus spoke while he was carrying out this action. "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade". And the disciples then remembered that in a Psalm is written: "zeal for your house has consumed me" (69[68]:10). This Psalm is a call for help in a situation of extreme danger, because of the hatred of enemies: the plight that Jesus was to live through in his Passion.

In fact the "sign" that Jesus was to give as proof of his authority would be his very death and Resurrection. "Destroy this temple", he said, "and in three days I will raise it up". And St John recorded: "he spoke of the temple of his body" (Jn 2:20-21). With the Pasch of Jesus a new form of worship begins, the cult of love, and a new temple which is he himself, the Risen Christ, through whom every believer can worship God "in spirit and truth" (Jn 4:23).

Dear friends, the Holy Spirit began to build this new temple in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Let us pray through his intercession that every Christian may become a living stone of this spiritual building.

## What is the meaning of Palm Sunday?

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His entrance, mounted on a colt recalls the messianic prophecy of Zechariah, who talks about the king who comes in peace and humility, not mounted on a horse for war. This triumphant entrance into the Holy City recalls psalm 118 where the Jewish pilgrims receive Him with branches and leaves to signify His kingship. They exclaim Hosanna "save us" "Blessed...in the name of the Lord," thereby proclaiming He is the Messiah, the One sent by God to redeem His people. They also throw their garments on the ground to receive Him, these garments will later be replaced by the martyrs who lay down their lives in order to testify to Jesus being the Savior. Jesus' kingship is the antithesis of human monarchy. He, the Son of God, denudes Himself from His divinity and enters amidst the crowds mounted on a humble beast of burden. He sets an example of patient endurance and suffering for all His followers. We must divest ourselves of all our self centeredness and embrace the humble monarchy of our Lord. When we are able to embrace the Cross daily and for some perhaps as a final coronation, then we will be part of that divine royalty awaiting us in heaven.

### Palm Sunday Collect:

*Let us pray:* Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



For more information on Holy Week scan the QR code or visit: <http://www.wf-f.org/Passiontide.html>



Watch Fr. Robert Barron's commentary on Palm Sunday.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpVbF1k0h-o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpVbF1k0h-o)

## In the Diocese

### NET MINISTRIES BENEFIT DINNER



NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries is a Catholic youth mission organization. They have been doing retreats for young people in the Diocese of Stockton for over 10 years.

The benefit dinner will take place at St. Stanislaus School

Community Center, 1416 Maze Blvd, in Modesto on Friday, April 13, from 6-9pm. The cost is \$15/person. To reserve your seats e-mail Jim Hastings at [jim.hastings@netusa.org](mailto:jim.hastings@netusa.org) by April 10. Special presentations will be given by Net Team 6.



**“NET Ministries...is the new evangelization on steroids! I thank God for them.”**

*Timothy Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York*

## Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

### Sunday, April 1st (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)

7:30a	Harvey Osberg	1:30p	Antonio & Esperanza Suarez
9:00a	Jose B. Scoto	3:00p	Philip Thomas Pallivathucal
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Danny Vele
12:00p	Leslie Pongase	7:30p	Manuel G. Nunes

### Monday, April 2

8:00a	Charles Tidwell and Manuel Ayala	5:45p	Bill Vermillion and Nell Fuentez
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### Tuesday, April 3

8:00a	Lupe Suniga and Rudolf Mendibil	5:45p	Josephine Paluzzi
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### Wednesday, April 4

8:00a	Manuel & Alberta Ramirez and Jim Trevillyan	5:45p	Tom Freehan and Alejandro Melendrez
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### Thursday, April 5 (Holy Thursday)

8:00a	Tenebrae Prayer	7:30p	Mass of the Lord's Supper
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### Friday, April 6 (Good Friday)

8:00a	Tenebrae Prayer	12:00	Live Stations of the Cross
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### Saturday, April 7 (Holy Saturday)

8:00a	Tenebrae Prayer	8:30p	Easter Vigil Mass
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### Sunday, April 8 (Easter Sunday)

6:00a	Fr. Joseph O'Hare	12:00	Rusty Boyle
7:30a	Rosanna Hollander	1:30p	Antonio Dominguez and Alejandro Blandon
9:00a	Christopher John Perino	5:30p	Fr. Joseph O'Hare
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners		No 7:30pm Mass

## Religious Education

PSR Update

Parish School of Religion  
551-4973, ext. 217  
E-mail: [psr@stjmod.com](mailto:psr@stjmod.com)

**THERE ARE NO PSR CLASSES FOR TWO WEEKS: APRIL 2-5 & APRIL 9-12**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING SPANISH**  
April 16 7pm rms 6, 7 & 8 in the Hall  
Mandatory First Holy Communion Parent Meeting for all parents whose children are receiving First Holy Communion May 20 Spanish Mass

PSR Students, please bring canned fruit this month for St. Vincent de Paul.

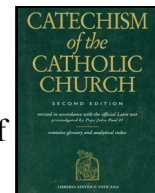


Thanks for your kindness and stewardship, especially during this Lenten and Easter Season!

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### 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.



### 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 at (209)541-8903 to make an appointment.



# Youth Ministry

## **Upcoming LifeNights:**

- 4/1: Stations of the Cross
- 4/8: No Life Night-Happy Easter!
- 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.  
Every Sunday from 7-8:30 in the Hall.



A Special Thank You  
St. Joseph's World Youth Day Pilgrims  
wish to thank the Knights of Columbus and  
all parishioners who attended the fish fries.  
We appreciate all of your continued pray-  
ers and financial support!

## **Confirmation Retreats**

- Confirmation 1-Saturday, April 14  
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost \$30.00
- Confirmation 2-Saturday, April 28  
9 a.m.-9 p.m. Cost \$30.00

Extra permission slips are available in the parish office.  
Please turn them in by today.

## **Coming Spring Break 2012**

You've heard of 'Where's Waldo?' but what about 'Where's Nathan?' From April 10-13 Nathan Steingrebe will be at a different restaurant each day for his lunch hour. He will post a picture with a clue to where he is on his Facebook page. Any teen that figures out where he is and meets him within the designated time will win a free lunch with him. Be sure to 'friend' him on Facebook and let the games begin!



## **Contact Us!**

### **Nathan Steingrebe**

C. 209.247.7863  
W. 551-4973, ext. 206  
Nathan@stjmod.com

### **Katie Steffanic**

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Ksteffanic@stjmod.com

## **Save the Date:**

**Steubenville**

**San Diego**

**July 27-29**

Open to all high school  
teens, graduating 8th grade  
through 12th grade in high  
school. Guest speakers and  
musicians this year include  
Ike Ndolo,  
Fr. Michael Schmitz, Matt  
Smith, Jackie Francois and  
Righteous B!!

Space is limited. Cost is  
\$150.00. Fundraising and  
payment options are  
available.

## **World Youth Day Cookbooks**

Looking for some Lenten  
food recipes? These books  
have 200 pages full of  
favorite recipes and ideas  
from Parishioners here at St.  
Joseph's. Contents range  
from appetizers, salads, and  
bread to candies, cookies,  
and beverages. Each book  
is \$15.00 and proceeds go  
towards 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.

No deje que esta santa temporada pase desapercibida, haga que esta sea la Pascua que cambia su vida: ¡participe e involúcrese! 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.



### SEMANA SANTA

**Abril 1, Domingo de Ramos**  
Misa 1:30pm

**Abril 5, Jueves Santo**  
Misa 7:30pm

**Abril 6, Viernes Santo**  
Viacrucis en Vivo  
a las 12 Mediodía

Procesión de la Virgen Dolorosa a  
las 8:00pm en la iglesia

**Abril 7, Sábado de Gloria**  
Misa de la Vigilia Pascual a las  
8:30pm y bendición del agua.

## ¡Boletín Parroquial en Español! DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Joseph Illo

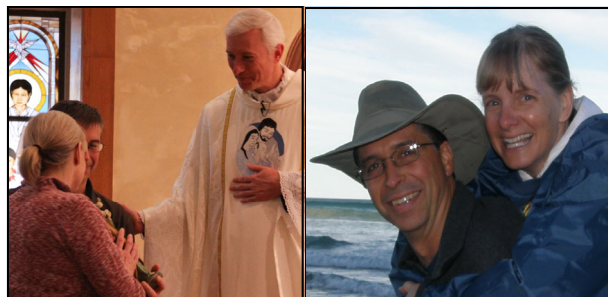
¡De la bienvenida! Domingo de Ramos, Domingo de la Pasión. Arrojamus nuestras palmas ante su gloriosa entrada, solo para crucificarlo cinco días después. ¿Es la próxima semana, la Semana Santa, solo un mito—el mito mas poderoso en la historia del mundo, pero tal vez solo una leyenda basada en la vida de un rabino carismático? ¿Cuántos de nosotros venimos entre la multitud al Domingo de Ramos de veras creyendo en Dios?

Debemos de realizar que nuestra sociedad ha estado sumergida en el ateísmo secular por los últimos cincuenta años. Estamos encurtidos en la incredulidad. Joseph Ratzinger, ahora el Papa Benedicto, escribió un libro en 1991 titulado *Turning Point for Europe*. Benedicto es uno de los hombres vivos con mas presentimiento—esto quiere decir, que él puede ver mucho mas que otros, las cosas claramente desde una distancia. En aquel libro en 1991, él declara un fenómeno sin precedentes en la historia del mundo: el difundido abuso de las drogas. Por supuesto que endémico abuso de la drogas nos preocupa. Pare y piense que muchas de las personas que usted conoce son adictas, aunque viven vidas normales. Simplemente no podemos vivir sin nuestro vicodin o el whisky o ambient. ¿Por qué se ha vuelto el mundo tan insoportable? ¿Acaso no solíamos pasar por las cosas?

El abuso de las drogas es el resultado en gran parte de la mentalidad ateísta. El adicto no puede enfrentarse con el espectro de un mundo sin Dios, un mundo donde nadie me conoce o se preocupa por mí. No podemos enfrentarnos a un mundo donde el sufrimiento no tiene significado, donde no podemos “ofrecerlo” porque no hay nadie a quien ofrecerlo. Entonces encontramos otra manera de escapar aquel mundo. Los adictos terminan escapando por completo ya sea bebiendo hasta la muerte o tomando una sobredosis. Aquel fue el triste destino de Whitney Houston. No nos gusta hablar sobre el problema que tenemos, porque tenemos miedo de enfrentarnos a él. El problema que existe es el ateísmo. Si Dios no existe, nuestra existencia tampoco tiene razón.

¿La solución? Trabaje robustamente por la creencia en Dios, y *practique* esa creencia. No sea bobo—admita que hay alguien mas grande que usted que gobierna el mundo, y todo será mejor al final. Las cosas tienen una manera de arreglarse, porque alguien allá arriba está trabajando por nosotros. Arrojemus nuestras palmas hacia El este domingo y perseveremos en practicar nuestra fe durante todo el año.

Fr. Joseph



Kent y Laura Harker recibieron el premio de St. Joseph's por su humilde trabajo para nuestra parroquia. Gracias Kent y Laura por todo lo que han hecho durante estos años. **Izquierda:** El Padre Joseph presentando el premio y estatua durante la Misa de las 5:45pm el 19 de mayo. **Derecha:** Kent y Laura en la Jornada Mundial Juvenil del 2008 en Sydney.

# Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

ÁNGELUS

Domingo 11 de marzo de 2012



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

El Evangelio de este tercer domingo de Cuaresma refiere, en la redacción de san Juan, el célebre episodio en el que Jesús expulsa del templo de Jerusalén a los vendedores de animales y a los cambistas (Jn 2, 13-25). El hecho, recogido por todos los evangelistas, tuvo lugar en la proximidad de la fiesta de la Pascua y suscitó gran impresión tanto entre la multitud como entre sus discípulos. ¿Cómo



debemos interpretar este gesto de Jesús? En primer lugar, hay que señalar que no provocó ninguna represión de los guardianes del orden público, porque lo vieron como una típica acción profética: de hecho, los profetas, en nombre de Dios, con frecuencia denunciaban los abusos, y a veces lo hacían con gestos simbólicos. La expulsión de los mercaderes del templo también se ha interpretado en sentido político revolucionario, colocando a Jesús en la línea del movimiento de los zelotes... En realidad, es imposible interpretar a Jesús como violento: la violencia es contraria al reino de Dios, es un instrumento del anticristo. La violencia nunca sirve a la humanidad, más aún, la deshumaniza. Escuchemos las palabras que Jesús dijo al realizar ese gesto: «Quitad esto de aquí: no convirtáis en un mercado la casa de mi Padre» (Jn 2, 16). Sus discípulos se acordaron entonces de lo que está escrito en un Salmo: «El celo de tu casa me devora» (69, 10). Este Salmo es una invocación de ayuda en una situación de extremo peligro a causa del odio de los enemigos: la situación que Jesús vivirá en su pasión. De hecho, el «signo» que Jesús dará como prueba de su autoridad será precisamente su muerte y resurrección. «Destruid este templo —dijo—, y en tres días lo levantaré». Y san Juan observa: «Él hablaba del templo de su cuerpo» (Jn 2, 19. 21). Con la Pascua de Jesús se inicia un nuevo culto, el culto del amor, y un nuevo templo que es él mismo, Cristo resucitado, por el cual cada creyente puede adorar a Dios Padre «en espíritu y verdad» (Jn 4, 23). Queridos amigos, el Espíritu Santo comenzó a construir este nuevo templo en el seno de la Virgen María. Por su intercesión, pidamos que cada cristiano sea piedra viva de este edificio espiritual.

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Jamie Thai

Para el Equipo del RCIA es una bendición el tener a **Jamie Thai** como miembro. Jamie ha sido catequista por 6 años y por sus 5 años de servicio continuo el año pasado calificó para ser honrada en la ceremonia del Premio Pío X para Catequistas. En adición, ella es una de nuestras catequistas “certificadas”, habiendo asistido a 5 Conferencias de San Juan Bosco. Anteriormente, Jamie fue participante del RCIA, siendo iniciada en la Vigilia Pascual en el 2005 (recibiendo el Bautismo, Confirmación y la Eucaristía). Ella tiene un buen entendimiento sobre lo que se siente llegar a la fe. Recientemente, ella dio una presentación sobre “Como Hacer un Lugar Sagrado” en tu casa, trayendo hermosos artículos sagrados para compartir y todos absorbimos su sabiduría. Jamie también entrena a padrinos y sponsors y los domingos guía la “Explicación de la Escritura”. Como miembro del Equipo, ella siempre está lista para ayudar en lo que se necesite, especialmente en la oración. Jamie pide por todos los participantes en sus oraciones y regularmente hace una Hora Santa. Jamie ha trabajado con el padre Bob Lombardo, viajando a Chicago para donar su tiempo y talentos para ayudar a los pobres. También ayudó el año pasado en la campaña de 40 Días por la Vida. En el presente, Jamie es Terciana de la Orden Carmelita y su semblante gentil y lleno de paz es un don para todos los que la conocen.

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ABRIL 2-5 Y ABRIL 9-12

REUNION PARA PADRES  
DE FAMILIA PARA LA  
PRIMERA COMUNION

16 de abril a las 7pm  
en los salones 6, 7 and 8  
en el Hall

Reunión obligatoria para padres  
de familia de los niños que van a  
hacer  
su Primera Comunión en la Misa  
en español el 20 de mayo.

## TALLER DE CIUDADANIA

Iglesia Santa  
Francisca, Riverbank  
Lunes, 2 de Abril a  
las 5:00pm



¿Interesado en hacerse ciudadano de los Estados Unidos? Asista a las presentaciones de abogados, alcaldes de Riverbank y Patterson y el juez de Modesto, Ricardo Córdova. ¡Las fotografías, huellas digitales y las formas serán gratis el sábado, 14 de abril en la Universidad de Stockton! Transportación gratis desde la Iglesia de Santa Francisca en Riverbank a las 8:00am. Para más información llame a la oficina parroquial al (209) 869-2996.

# EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE



## HOLY THURSDAY

Tenebrae 8am, *in the church*  
Holy Thursday Concert 6pm, *in the church*  
Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm  
(*English - Church, Spanish - Hall*)



## GOOD FRIDAY

Tenebrae 8am, *in the church*  
Walk for Life Modesto 8am,  
*Eastridge Community Church - See page 4 for details*  
Live Stations of the Cross 12noon  
Veneration of the Cross 1:30pm



## HOLY SATURDAY

Tenebrae 8am, *in the church*  
Easter Vigil 8:30pm  
(*English - Church, Spanish - Hall*)

## EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

6am, 7:30am, 9am (*Latin*), 10:30am Church,  
10:30am Hall, 12noon, 1:30pm (*Spanish*),  
5:30pm (*Christian Initiation of Children & Teens*)

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