

*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

August 4, 2013 Eighteenth 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. Larry Guerrero, in residence
Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinerro, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarella, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

Today's first reading says: *"Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill..."* (Ecclesiastes 2:21) I would like to use these words to acknowledge and thank Susie Dickert for her skillful service to St. Joseph's parish. Susie has served St. Joseph's faithfully for the past eight years, beginning as a Youth Minister, continuing to Events and Activities Coordinator and most recently the past five years as our Director of Operations. Susie has accepted a position as a teacher at Delta Charter School in Tracy, with hopes of furthering her former career in the field of education and with a goal of eventually becoming a school administrator. Susie's last day will be August 8. Thank you, Susie for responding to the call of God (and of Fr. Illo!) to serve responsibly in God's Church! We wish and pray the best for her.

As we go forward Susie's workload will be shouldered by several of our current employees, with Bertha Malfavon becoming a full time employee as Lay Apostolate Supervisor; Tammy Menezes will become Director of Operations and Barbara Auen will become Director of Financial Services. A part time assistant will be hired to help Bertha oversee the Lay Apostolates.

As I serve as shepherd of this parish, I ask the intercession of



*Susie Dickert and husband Tim at last year's
Many Hands, Many Hearts event.*

St. Jean Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, the anniversary of whose death we celebrate today (August 4, 1859). As the Cure of Ars, he did not "do it alone." He had the help of catechists and directors for his orphanage and school. Please pray for your parish priests and for all of the staff and volunteers who support our ministry!

Fr. Mark Wagner

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.

Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, & Rosario)

Sunday: 10am-3pm.

Monday: 10am-noon and 1-6:30pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

8:30am-noon and 1pm-6:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30am-11:15am and

1pm-6:30pm

Friday 8:30am-noon

Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

Se Habla EspañolRosario x103
Accounting.....Barbara x108
Adult Ed & Bible StudiesMichael x203
Altar Servers..... Svetlana x200
Buildings & Grounds.....Susie x201
Child Ed & Sacraments ..Debbie x205
Choirs & Cantors..... Svetlana x200
Events & Activities.....Susie x201
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Parish Registration.....Donna x102
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Volunteering..... Tammy x207
Youth MinistryNathan x206

Modest Dress in Church
With the hot weather here, we need to remind everyone of the importance of dressing appropriately in the house of God. Please avoid short dresses or shorts, spaghetti straps, and any other immodest attire which does not cover the shoulders, back and cleavage. We ask that men avoid wearing shorts or sleeveless shirts. Thank you for wearing your Sunday best!

Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

✪ Upcoming Events & Activities ✪

LAY DOMINICAN PROFESSIONS

Join Lay Dominicans in the Church immediately following 8am Mass on Saturday, August 10, as 5 of their members make professions. Refreshments in JP Room 5 to follow ceremony of profession. For more information contact Judy Chamberlain 529-7545



MI NOVENA TO ST. MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE

August 8-14

The MI Villages invites you to pray the novena to St. Maximilian Kolbe. Novena booklets can be found in the Adoration Chapel for your use.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

August 15
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

August 14, Vigil Mass, 5:45 pm

August 15, 7am, 8am,

9:30am, 12noon Latin Mass,

5:45pm (with Adult Choir),

7:30pm (Spanish)

All Masses will be in the church



Year of Faith

REDISCOVERING THE CATECHISM

AUGUST 19, 7PM IN THE HALL

CATECHISM
of the
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

SECOND EDITION
revised in accordance with the official Latin text
promulgated by Pope John Paul II
contains glossary and analytical index



LIBRERIA EDITRICE VATICANA

Maria Delgado-Braun will present on Part III of the Catechism: Commandments 4-6. Also Fr. Mark Wagner will come for the first part and give a brief talk on the commandments.

“Rediscover the joy of believing”

By Maria F. Delgado-Braun, Religious Education



This icon of the Transfiguration of Christ written in the 12th Century and held in St. Catherine's monastery, Sinai, depicts in great detail the mystery in which our Lord's divinity is made visible to the chosen disciples. Jesus is shown with light around Him and rays emanating from Him going in four directions: to Moses and Elijah and to the disciples who are overwhelmed by this revelation. Both His divine and human natures are seen. He is the fulfillment of the law and prophecy as attested by the figures from Scripture. "After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them..." (Mt. 17:1-2). Jesus chose the disciples, who would later hold important offices for the Church, for this pivotal moment. The Transfiguration is preceded and followed by the foretelling of His Death and Resurrection in Jerusalem and His declaration that "any man (who) would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross

and follow me." Jesus, the Messiah, is a king unlike any expected on earth. He is to be the suffering servant, the lowest of all who will lay His life on the cross, a symbol of dishonor, as a lamb who is slaughtered, for the redemption of all sin. He is the king who is both human and divine, who will turn the preconceived ideas of the kingdom upside down and who will redefine what is needed to enter the celestial kingdom. This moment is also a revelation of the Holy Trinity, where God the Father speaks and the Holy Spirit is present, "...a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." (17:5-8). The Transfiguration makes visible for us the mercy and love of God, who takes on a lowly nature to commune with His creatures, and bring them back to Himself. We experience this vividly when we receive the Holy Eucharist, and the Holy Trinity comes to dwell in our lowly bodies. We meditate on this mystery every time we pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The Transfiguration is a reminder of the omnipotence and humility of God, of His divinity and Humanity, and of our relationship with Him. He was not just showing them who He is, but reminding them of our destiny. Jesus came to cleanse our soiled nature and make us pure, so we can enjoy heavenly bliss forever in His presence, in the beatific vision! This mystery reminds us of our dignity as adopted sons and daughters of the great God, of our call to holiness and of being freed from the chains of sin that degrade our heavenly calling! "The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when He 'will change our lowly body to be like His glorious body'... it also recalls that 'it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God.'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 556) Just as the Master endured His Passion and Crucifixion before His Resurrection, so are we to follow in His footsteps; perhaps not in martyrdom, but in the passion of the everyday pin-pricks of life, painful heart wounds and illnesses offered to the Lord with love as the Little Flower did! *St. Therese, pray for us!*



Parish School of Religion

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PSR is now on Facebook... search

St Joseph PSR & like us!

Office reopens August 12

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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Our trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference in San Diego was blessed! On the long bus ride home, the teens shared their experiences from the weekend. Highlights included men's and women's sessions, the live music, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession at anytime with Fr. Mark, lots of new friends and fellowship, and closing Mass with the Bishop who prayed over teens that have ever felt a calling to a religious vocation.

Thank you for your prayers and support!



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 100.00 for a weekend at the beach while growing and learning more about our faith, attending Mass, confession, adoration and a lot of fun!

-Summer Events-

- This Tuesday is our LAST Mass and Breakfast session. Thank you all for participating and we are praying for you as you begin school this week!
- High School Youth Group kick-off will be held Sunday, September 15, starting at 7 p.m.



Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza Refreshments are served today by the volunteers of our Sister Parish Project. Please thank them for their service.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life



St. Vincent de Paul

In an effort to provide healthy food to our food pantry clients, We are ready for any fresh fruit and vegetable “extras” from your garden!

To coordinate your donation delivery,
please telephone:
Carole: 551-0501
Yvonne: 544-9256



How many days until our
43rd Annual Parish Festival?
33!

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

Profiles in Stewardship

by Maria Delgado-Braun



Bernadette Rausch

Bernadette is one of those beautiful people who works and loves intensely behind the scenes and is never in the spotlight. For many years, she has practiced the spirituality of St. Maximilian Kolbe and the Militia Immaculata (MI) and shared it with those around her. Bernadette, her husband and their beautiful family of six children and one on the way, are very involved in all the aspects of the MI Family Village. She is also the treasurer for the MI Council, a post with much responsibility and which calls for a lot of patience and attention to detail. Bernadette’s love for Our Lady is seen in the witness that she provides by being a loving wife and mother first and foremost, and then sharing her talents and abilities with the rest of the parish. Thank you for your stewardship, Bernadette and for the labor of love for your family, parish and community.

WE NEED YOUR VOICES!

As a good Steward, dedicate your talent to sing praises to God – you are welcome to our music department choirs try-outs.

Try-outs dates:

Adult Choir and Hand bells choir,
Thursday, August 22, 6:15pm,
music room JP 1

Chant Choir, any Monday in July-
August, 6:30pm, music room JP 1,
Choir Director - Anna Maich

Cherubim Children`s Choir,
Fridays, August 16 and 23, 6:15 pm,
music room JP 1

If you have any questions, you can
call our Music Director Svetlana,
551-4973, ext. 200



AL-ANON OR ALATEEN

If you have been affected by someone else's drinking of alcohol, whether a family member or just a friend, these programs can help you. Al-Anon is for adults and Alateen is for young people. Al-Anon meets Wednesday evening from 5:45-7:15pm in room 10 of the John Paul II Building. Alateen meets at 5:45pm also, in room 8 in the same location and the same day.

In the Diocese...

SAVE THE DATE:

DEACON ORDINATION

Saturday, September 21 at 10am

Cathedral of the Annunciation

Save the date for the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Oscar Cervantes, Ed Formosa and Ben Joe.

From our Holy Father in Brazil

HOLY MASS IN THE BASILICA OF THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE CONCEPTION OF APARECIDA

Wednesday, 24 July 2013 Part I



Your Eminence, My Brother Bishops and Priests, Dear Brothers and Sisters,
What joy I feel as I come to the house of the Mother of every Brazilian, the Shrine of our Lady of Aparecida! The day after my election as Bishop of Rome, I visited the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome, in order to entrust my ministry to Our Lady. Today I have come here to ask Mary our Mother for the success of World Youth Day and to place at her feet the life of the people of Latin America.

There is something that I would like to say first of all. Six years ago the Fifth General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean was held in this Shrine. Something beautiful took place here, which I witnessed at



first hand. I saw how the Bishops – who were discussing the theme of encountering Christ, discipleship and mission – felt encouraged, supported and in some way inspired by the thousands of pilgrims who came here day after day to entrust their lives to Our Lady. That Conference was a great moment of Church. It can truly be said that the Aparecida Document

was born of this interplay between the labours of the Bishops and the simple faith of the pilgrims, under Mary's maternal protection. When the Church looks for Jesus, she always knocks at his Mother's door and asks: "Show us Jesus". It is from Mary that the Church learns true discipleship. That is why the Church always goes out on mission in the footsteps of Mary.

Today, looking forward to the World Youth Day which has brought me to Brazil, I too come to knock on the door of the house of Mary – who loved and raised Jesus – that she may help all of us, pastors of God's people, parents and educators, to pass on to our young people the values that can help them build a nation and a world which are more just, united and fraternal. For this reason I would like to speak of three simple attitudes: hopefulness, openness to being surprised by God, and living in joy.

1. *Hopefulness.* The second reading of the Mass presents a dramatic scene: a woman – an image of Mary and the Church – is being pursued by a Dragon – the devil – who wants to devour her child. But the scene is not one of death but of life, because God intervenes and saves the child (cf. Rev 12:13a, 15-16a). How many difficulties are present in the life of every individual, among our people, in our communities; yet as great as these may seem, God never allows us to be overwhelmed by them. In the face of those moments of discouragement we experience in life, in our efforts to evangelize or to embody our faith as parents within the family, I would like to say forcefully: Always know in your heart that God is by your side; he never abandons you! Let us never lose hope! Let us never allow it to die in our hearts! The "dragon", evil, is present in our history, but it does not have the upper hand. The one with the upper hand is God, and God is our hope! It is true that nowadays, to some extent, everyone, including our young people, feels attracted by the many idols which take the place of God and appear to offer hope: money, success, power, pleasure. Often a growing sense of loneliness and emptiness in the hearts of many people leads them to seek satisfaction in these ephemeral idols.

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

This Week

Sunday, August 4 (Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Manuel B. Victoria	1:30p	Macario Meza and Manuel Hernandez
9:00a	Irene Enos	3:30p	Thomas Chettiyasseril
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Ruben Zuniga, Jr.
12:00p	Paul T. Urmeneta	7:30p	Irene Routson
Monday, August 5			
8:00a	Elizabeth Elson	5:45p	Jim Trevillyan
Tuesday, August 6			
8:00a	Al Brazil and Jim Radcliff	5:45p	Josephine Corby and Blanca Ramos
Wednesday, August 7			
8:00a	Jose & Jesuina Bairos and Mario Mahayag	5:45p	Blanca Ramos
Thursday, August 8			
8:00a	Special Intention : Fr. Francis's Birthday	5:45p	Raymondo Campos and Ann McAndrews
Friday, August 9			
8:00a	Michael DuFour and Edward VillaFama	5:45p	Deceased members of St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus
Saturday, August 10			
8:00a	Fred Klinger and Cefus Williams	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, August 11 (Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Florence Rozelle	1:30p	Carlos Sanchez and Ricardo Munoz
9:00a	Flora Patterson		
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Al Alegria
12:00p	Rebecca Crome	7:30p	Andree Laird

Sunday, August 4, 2013		
9:00A	Militia Immaculata-Family	Hall
10:30A	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	JP6
3:30P	Indian Mass	Chur
Monday, August 5, 2013		
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer (English)	JP10
Tuesday, August 6, 2013		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	Hall
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer - Spanish	JP7
7:00P	Baptism Class--English	JP6
Wednesday, August 7, 2013		
1:30P	Widows & Widowers Bible Study	JP5
5:45P	Priciple Study Group	JP5
5:45P	Path to Serenity - ALANON	JP10
5:45P	"Courage To Be Me" Alateen Grp	JP8
6:30P	Festival Committee	JP7
Thursday, August 8, 2013		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	Hall
6:30P	Compartiendo las Escrituras	JP4
Friday, August 9, 2013		
12:00P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:00P	Indian Prayer Group (children)	JP8
6:00P	Indian Prayer Group	JP6
Saturday, August 10, 2013		
7:30A	Lay Dominicans	JP5
9:00A	AA Language of the Heart	JP4
Sunday, August 11, 2013		
10:30A	CLOW	JP6

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adorers needed and welcome! Try a Holy Hour with Jesus once a week! Please contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up an hour. You will receive many blessings from Our Lord!



Readings 8/05-8/11

Monday:

Nm. 11:L4b-15; Mt. 14:13-21

Tuesday:

Dn. 7:9-10, 13-14; 2Pt. 1:16-19; Lk. 9:28b-36

Wednesday:

Nm. 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt. 15:21-28

Thursday:

Nm. 20:1-13; Mt. 16:13-23

Friday:

Dt. 4:32-40; Mt. 16:24-28

12pm Latin Mass:

Eccclus. 51:1-8, 12; Mt. 16:24-27

Saturday:

2 Cor. 9:6-10; Jn. 12:24-26

Sunday:

Wis. 18:6-9; Heb. 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk. 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Latin Mass

II Cor. 3:4-9; Lk. 10:23-37

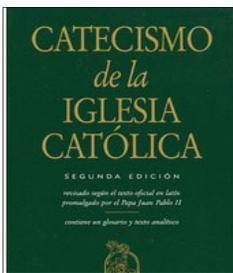
Remember a special day or person
-Altar Flower
-Donation-
Call the Development Office for info.
551-4973, x202

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

**INTRODUCCION A TEOLOGIA
PARA MINISTERIOS**

Los cursos del Programa de Formación para Ministerios comenzaran en septiembre. Estos cursos se ofrecen en ingles y en español. El espacio es limitado, por favor llame a la Oficina de Ministerios para registrarse y recibir mas información al 209 546-7630.

**CATECISMO
PARA ADULTOS**



Las clases en español para Primera Comunión y Confirmación para adultos comienzan el viernes, 9 de agosto de 7-8:30pm.

Para inscribirse llamar a Rosario en la oficina al 551-4973. Favor de traer el certificado de Bautismo.

RETIRO ESPIRITUAL

Estudiantes de High School

Noviembre 9-11

¡La fecha llegará muy pronto! Las formas para inscribirse están en la oficina. El costo es de \$100 por un fin de semana disfrutando del compañerismo, la Misa, adoración, y grandes presentaciones que nos retaran a crecer en nuestra fe.



NUEVO SACERDOTE

Se han hecho grandes esfuerzos para traer al Padre Hamilton Suarez de Colombia a servir en nuestra parroquia. El nos ha visitado varias veces y ahora finalmente su visa de inmigración ha sido aprobada y comenzará a servir en St. Joseph's en el mes de agosto. ¡Durante este tiempo agradecemos al Padre Larry por ayudarnos después de su retiro!

Queridos Feligreses,

La primera lectura de hoy dice: *“Aquí hay alguien que ha trabajado con sabiduría y ciencia y habilidad...”* (Eclesiastés 2:21). Deseo usar estas palabras para reconocer y agradecer a Susie Dickert por su hábil servicio a la parroquia de St. Joseph's.. Susie ha servido en St. Joseph's fielmente por los últimos ocho años comenzando como Ministro Juvenil y continuando coordinando Eventos y Actividades y recientemente siendo Director de Operaciones por los últimos cinco años. Susie ha aceptado un trabajo como maestra en la Escuela Charter de Delta en Tracy, esperando avanzar su carrera en educación y entrar en administración escolar. El ultimo día de Susie será el 8 de agosto. ¡Gracias, Susie por responder al llamado de Dios (¡y del Padre Illo!) a servir responsablemente a la Iglesia de Dios! Rezamos deseándole lo mejor para ella.

Al seguir adelante, el trabajo de Susie será realizado por varios empleados, Bertha Malfavon será empleada de tiempo completo como Supervisor de Ministerios Laicos; Tammy Menezes será Directora de Operaciones y Barbara Auen, Directora de Servicios Financieros. Se empleará un asistente de medio tiempo para ayudar a Bertha con el trabajo de los Ministerios.

Mientras sirvo como pastor de esta parroquia, pido la intercesión de San Juan Vianney, el santo patrón de los sacerdotes parroquiales, mientras celebramos el aniversario de su muerte hoy

(4 de agosto, 1859). Como Cura de Ars, el no “lo hizo solo.” El tenia la ayuda de catequistas y directores de su orfanato y escuela. ¡Por favor recen por los sacerdotes de su parroquia y por todos los empleados y voluntarios que sostienen nuestros ministerios.



Susie Dickert y su esposo Tim en la cena de Many Hands, Many Hearts el año pasado.

Fr. Mark Wagner

ADORACION al SANTISIMO

Haga su oración frente al Santísimo Sacramento e inscribese para pasar una hora por semana con Jesús Sacramentado! Necesitamos ayuda para cubrir algunas horas. Favor de llamar a David y Monica Wood al 5274920.



Nuestro Santo Padre en Brasil

SANTA MISA EN LA BASÍLICA DEL SANTUARIO DE
NUESTRA SEÑORA DE APARECIDA
HOMILÍA DEL SANTO PADRE FRANCISCO

Miércoles 24 de julio de 2013 Parte I



Señor Cardenal, Venerados hermanos en el episcopado y en el sacerdocio,
Queridos hermanos y hermanas

¡Qué alegría venir a la casa de la Madre de todo brasileño, el Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Aparecida! Al día siguiente de mi elección como Obispo de Roma fui a la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor, en Roma, con el fin de



encomendar a la Virgen mi ministerio. Hoy he querido venir aquí para pedir a María, nuestra Madre, el éxito de la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud, y poner a sus pies la vida del pueblo latinoamericano.

Quisiera ante todo decirles una cosa. En este santuario, donde hace seis años se celebró la V Conferencia General del Episcopado de América

Latina y el Caribe, ha ocurrido algo muy hermoso, que he podido constatar personalmente: ver cómo los obispos —que trabajaban sobre el tema del encuentro con Cristo, el discipulado y la misión— se sentían alentados, acompañados y en cierto sentido inspirados por los miles de peregrinos que acudían cada día a confiar su vida a la Virgen: aquella Conferencia ha sido un gran momento de Iglesia. Y, en efecto, puede decirse que el Documento de Aparecida nació precisamente de esta urdimbre entre el trabajo de los Pastores y la fe sencilla de los peregrinos, bajo la protección materna de María. La Iglesia, cuando busca a Cristo, llama siempre a la casa de la Madre y le pide: «Muéstranos a Jesús». De ella se aprende el verdadero discipulado. He aquí por qué la Iglesia va en misión siguiendo siempre la estela de María. Hoy, en vista de la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud que me ha traído a Brasil, también yo vengo a llamar a la puerta de la casa de María —que amó a Jesús y lo educó— para que nos ayude a todos nosotros, Pastores del Pueblo de Dios, padres y educadores, a transmitir a nuestros jóvenes los valores que los hagan artífices de una nación y de un mundo más justo, solidario y fraterno. Para ello, quisiera señalar tres sencillas actitudes, tres sencillas actitudes: mantener la esperanza, dejarse sorprender por Dios y vivir con alegría.

1. *Mantener la esperanza.* La Segunda Lectura de la Misa presenta una escena dramática: una mujer —figura de María y de la Iglesia— es perseguida por un dragón —el diablo— que quiere devorar a su hijo. Pero la escena no es de muerte sino de vida, porque Dios interviene y pone a salvo al niño (cf. Ap 12,13a-16.15-16a). Cuántas dificultades hay en la vida de cada uno, en nuestra gente, nuestras comunidades. Pero, por más grandes que parezcan, Dios nunca deja que nos hundamos. Ante el desaliento que podría haber en la vida, en quien trabaja en la evangelización o en aquellos que se esfuerzan por vivir la fe como padres y madres de familia, quisiera decirles con fuerza: Tengan siempre en el corazón esta certeza: Dios camina a su lado, en ningún momento los abandona. Nunca perdamos la esperanza. Jamás la apaguemos en nuestro corazón. El «dragón», el mal, existe en nuestra historia, pero no es el más fuerte. El más fuerte es Dios, y Dios es nuestra esperanza. Es cierto que hoy en día, todos un poco, y también nuestros jóvenes, sienten la sugestión de tantos ídolos que se ponen en el lugar de Dios y parecen dar esperanza: el dinero, el éxito, el poder, el placer. Con frecuencia se abre camino en el corazón de muchos una sensación de soledad y vacío, y lleva a la búsqueda de compensaciones, de estos ídolos pasajeros.

CORRESPONSABILIDAD (STEWARDSHIP)

Por Maria Delgado-Braun



Bernadette Rausch

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*First year confirmation (7th and 8th grades) preparation will occur on Thursdays; second year confirmation preparation (8th grade) will occur on Wednesdays. ALL high school students will attend Life Nights on Sundays after the 5:30pm Mass. Students must be registered for confirmation 1 and *reregistered* for confirmation 2. Confirmation 1 students registering for confirmation 2 must turn in a sponsor form before or at registration.

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