

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

December 11, 2011

**Third Sunday
of Advent**

(209) 551-4973

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Visit our website:

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**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

Holy Hour in the Church

Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm

Children's Services:

Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

At the 10:30am Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mondays-Thursdays 5:00-5:30pm

Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm (Holy Hour)

Saturdays 8:30-9:30am; 4:00-5:00pm

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

Clergy:

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor

Fr. Benny Kottathil, Assoc Pastor

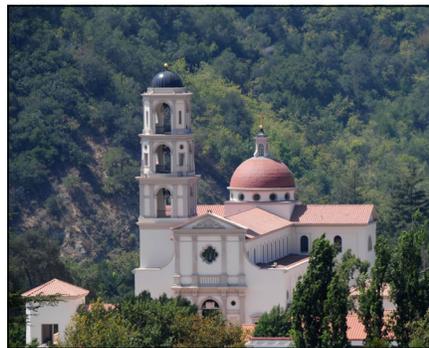
Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochiner, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop Our Lady of Guadalupe

America is rich with various cultural traditions. Along with ethnic foods, music, and art, religious cultural traditions express themselves with distinct radiance. One such tradition are the Mexican festivities surrounding **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, which will take place tomorrow. On an early December dawn in 1531, the poor indigenous man Juan Diego met the Mother of God. All around her, the cold desert blossomed with flowers and birdsong. Mexico will never forget that morning, and neither can the rest of the Americas. I invite you to share this Dawn with St. Juan Diego, his fellow Mexicans, and the Blessed Mother. The Festive Mass is at 6am tomorrow (Monday), and if you want the full experience, "*mañanitas*" at 5am, and rosary at 5:30am, in the church.



Thomas Aquinas College Chapel

And now an **Announcement**. I will be leaving St. Joseph's on August 1, 2012. Bishop Blaire has given me permission to spend three years as chaplain to Thomas Aquinas College near Los Angeles for three years. I came to St. Joseph's in September 1999 and was named pastor on July 1, 2000, for a six-year term, renewable once. In 2006 the Bishop renewed my term for another six years. Over the past five years I've been asking to spend some time in college work after my second term was complete. It will be very hard for me to leave our parish. It is the longest I've ever spent (13 years) in one place all my life. I have developed a deep love for this parish and her people, and I think the parish also loves me, despite my human inadequacies. It will be most difficult for me to leave you. And of course many of you will find the transition to a new pastor difficult as well. I am fairly sure, however, that it is God's will, and I do look forward to working with Catholic students and faculty. The Bishop's office and I hope to name a new pastor in a few months and to work on a smooth transition. I will reflect more on what this parish means to me in months to come. Please pray for me.

Fr. Joseph

Staff Contacts

Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, Alex, Brenda, & 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 12/12-12/18

Monday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

Tuesday:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday:

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday:

Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Friday:

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

12pm Latin Mass:

Is. 11:1-5; Lk 1:37-47

Saturday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

9am Mass: Fourth Sunday of Advent

1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 3:1-6

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 11 (Third Sunday of Advent)

7:30a	Mathew & Mary Basan	1:30p	Luis, Catalina, Rosa, Salvador and Antonio Ruiz and George Medina
9:00a	Natalie Wasmund	5:30p	Andrew & Cheryl Longenbaugh
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Elena Gutierrez Brisco
12:00p	Michael Ciccarelly		

Monday, December 12

6:00a	Luis, Catalina, Rosa, Salvador and Antonio Ruiz and George Medina	5:45p	Oscar Lopez and Juan Ramirez
8:00a	Joaquin and Natividad Rocha		

Tuesday, December 13

8:00a	Kurtis Kraft and Milia Haddad	5:45p	Joe Mendes and Michael DuFour
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Wednesday, December 14

8:00a	Elizabeth Machado and Jim Sangco	5:45p	Bibiana Alegria and Jim Trevillyan
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Thursday, December 15

8:00a	Lee Cottrell and Danny Vele	5:45p	Antonio Bairos and Pat Paxia
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Friday, December 16

8:00a	John Caratti and Rosanna Hollander	5:45p	Frank & Maria Silva and Manuel Brazil
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Saturday, December 17

8:00a	Robert Ricci and John Flynn	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
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Sunday, December 18 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

5:00a	Bert Trajano	12:00	John & Filomena Mendes
7:30a	Rozann Platt	1:30p	Dolores Garcia
9:00a	Lisa Scott	5:30p	Julia Rieker
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Margaret Geringer

Prayer & Interior Life

**“Stewardship: Sharing These Gifts in Love of God and Neighbor”
December 11 — The Third Sunday of Advent**

The Lord is coming and we get ready with great anticipation. Isaiah proclaims the wonderful things that will announce the presence of our savior and describes the glory of his coming. St Paul also teaches us to be joyful and prepare with diligence for the coming of the kingdom. When we hear the words of John the Baptist: “there is one among you whom you do not recognize, whose sandal strap I am unworthy to untie,” we pause to wonder if we would recognize Jesus if he walked among us. May we see the face of Jesus in every person we meet and, in love, share our very selves.

MISA DE GALLO-TRADITIONAL 9-DAY DAWN MASS

Please Join the Filipino-American Catholic Liturgy Committee Council and celebrate our Simbang Gabi/Misa De Gallo, in honor of our Blessed Mother, and preparation for the birth of our Lord. Mass starts 5am, December 16-24, Breakfast fellowship follows immediately at Fr. O'Hare Hall. All masses are in English. Come celebrate our faith and 400-year-old novena tradition.

PRAY TO END ABORTION

Please join us to pray the rosary to end abortion. We meet every Tuesday & Wednesday mornings around 9:15am in front of the abortion clinic at 2030 Coffee Rd, Modesto. Holy Mary Mother of God, Pray for Us.

Remember a special day or person

-Altar Flower Donation-

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

In Loving Memory of Dr. Lee Cottrell

-Mrs. Elizabeth Cottrell and Family



COATS FOR KIDS



The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring a "Coats for Kids" drive. Donations of new or used coats can be left in the barrels in the vestibule of the Church through December.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Purchase your "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets for \$5.00, after Mass every Sunday until Christmas.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

This year's walk will be on Saturday, January 21. It will be EASIER than in past years with the walk beginning at San Francisco Civic Center and ending at Justin Herman Plaza. There are NO HILLS on this 2 mile demonstration to show support for life, especially the unborn. The Respect Life Committee will be selling tickets for the 5 buses attending the walk after all Masses the first weekends in January. You can pre-order your t-shirts for the walk after Masses this weekend. If you cannot attend, but would like to help out, donations for scholarships for those who cannot afford the bus will be accepted (and greatly appreciated). Come show your support for life!

POINSETTIAS FOR SALE

The Boy Scouts (Troop 49) are selling poinsettias for \$10 on the plaza after Masses today and next Sunday. You may buy them for yourselves or donate them to the church. The proceeds help the boys go to summer camp. Thank you for your support.

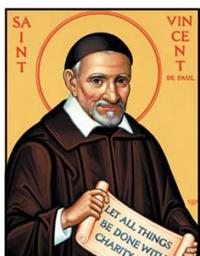


SENIORS LUNCH SOCIAL

December 21st. Social, Wine, & Snacks at 10:00am, followed by meeting and Downey Singers at 11:30am. Join us for a traditional Ham Dinner with all the trimmings at noon. Members eat FREE. Guests are welcome, cost is \$7. Reservations must be made in advance, please call Dr. Bob or Lita, 578-3773. Join our club and receive a FREE December lunch.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is a 9-member body whose purpose is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Pastor. We are interested in hearing from you about your praises and concerns in our parish! Council members will be greeting at all Masses next Sunday, 12/18, and you can place your written questions or comments in our new comment box in the vestibule. God bless you!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We are in urgent need to fill Christmas Baskets for the needy. The demand is great and it is hard to keep our pantry filled for weekly distribution. We especially need the following: 5 lb. canned hams, canned fruit cocktail/pineapples, boxed potatoes, brownie mix and canned green beans/yams.

TOYS/BABY ITEMS

We are in need of gently used toys for children and teens, as well as diapers, baby food and formula. You also may make a cash donation.

We thank you for your generosity and stewardship.

Sunday, December 11, 2011		
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7
3:30 P	7 Steps	JP8
Monday, December 12, 2011		
5:00 A	OLG Celebrations	Chur
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:30 P	7 Steps	JP8
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10
Tuesday, December 13, 2011		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
10:30 A	Light Weigh	JP8
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:30 P	ESL Classes	JP6
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group Spanish	JP7
Wednesday, December 14, 2011		
1:30 P	Widows(ers) Bible Study	JP5
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:45 P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
Thursday, December 15, 2011		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
12:00 P	RE Bible Study	JP4
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30 P	Men's Group	JP10
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
Friday, December 16, 2011		
4:00 A	Filipino "Dawn Mass" Fellowship	Hall
5:00 A	Filipino Dawn Mass	Chur
12:00 P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:30 P	Adoration & Confessions	Chur
Saturday, December 17, 2011		
4:00 A	Filipino Fellowship	Hall
5:00 A	Filipino Dawn Mass	Chur
8:30 A	Confessions	Chur
9:00 A	AA (Women) Language of the Heart	JP4
4:00 P	Confessions	Chur
Sunday, December 18, 2011		
4:00 A	Filipino Fellowship	Hall
5:00 A	Filipino Dawn Mass	Chur
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
10:30 A	Respect Life	JP4
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7

Please remember St. Joseph's when planning your estate. Call 551-4973, ext. 207 for information

PSR Update

Parish School of Religion
551-4973, ext. 217
E-mail: psr@stjmod.com

PSR HOURS

Monday 3:30 - 5:30pm
Tuesday 3:00 - 6:30pm
Wednesday 3:30 - 5:30pm
Thursday 3:30 - 5:30 pm
and 6:30-8:30 pm
Closed on Fridays

SCHOOL OF FAITH

Change in Schedule:

Classes added:

December 14 4:00-5:15pm (English)
December 15 7:00-8:15pm (Bilingual)

REMINDER

During this month of December, PSR children are asked to bring Canned Soup (pull tops preferred) for St Vincent DePaul when they come to class. *We thank you for your generosity and stewardship!*

SAVE THE DATE:

February 4
8:00am — 4:30pm



Militia Immaculata
presents...

6th annual
Diocesan Silent
Marian Retreat
at St. Joseph's

RCIA Update

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 541-8903 to make an appointment.

Religious Education

Welcoming the Roman Missal, Third Edition

You may have noticed some new words during the Mass said by both the people and the priest. The language is more poetic and formal, as to lift us up and recognize the seriousness and dignity of the Mass. Here are just a few words with definitions that you might find helpful:



Angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, thrones and dominions:

Spiritual, personal and immortal creatures with intelligence and free will, who glorify God and serve him as messengers of his saving plan. Traditionally, the choirs of angels have been divided into various ranks, including archangels, cherubim, seraphim, thrones, dominions, principalities and powers (see Col 1:16).

Consubstantial: The belief, articulated in the Nicene Creed, about the relationship of the Father and the Son that "in the Father and with the Father, the Son is one and the same God" (CCC, no. 262).

Only-Begotten Son: This title "signifies the unique and eternal relationship of Jesus Christ to God his Father: he is the only Son of the Father (cf. Jn 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18); he is God himself (cf. Jn 1:1)" (CCC, no. 454). Jesus is the Son of God not by adoption, but by nature.

Paschal: Referring to Christ's work of redemption accomplished through his Passion, death, Resurrection and Ascension. Through the Paschal Mystery, Jesus destroyed our death and restored us to life. The Paschal Mystery is celebrated and made present in the Liturgy so that we can obtain the fruit of Jesus' death and Resurrection; that is, the forgiveness of our sins and the new life of the Holy Spirit. *Taken from, and for more info: <http://www.strichardchurch.org/3ed/usccb/WRMTE.pdf>*



Another observation that you may have made is we, the people in the pews, do not have nearly as many new prayers to say as the priests do. Fr. Illo recently said at a daily Mass that it will probably take him six months to get used to using the new Roman Missal. Some of the most significant changes have happened with not the words that we say, but the words that we hear. Each Collect (when the priests at the beginning of Mass says "let us pray") for every Sunday has changed. Below are the old and new prayers for this Sunday:

At first glance it might not seem like much of a difference. However, when you look deeper you will notice two vital changes: the language is more formal and exact (birthday vs. Nativity) and there is a greater sense of humility and dependency on God (enable us, we pray). If we truly reflect on and pray the new translation of the Collects, we will grow in holiness, recognizing that we are God's children and He desires to lavish us with His love and mercy.

Old Translation

Lord God, may we, your people who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving.

New Translation

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.



Scan this image with your smart phone and go directly to St. Joseph's webpage on the Roman Missal, Third Edition to view resources and videos to better understand the changes.

Youth Ministry

Upcoming Life Nights:

12/11: Know your Mama - A night on Mary

12/18: Y'all come back now, ya hear? -

Active membership in the Church

12/25: No Life Night (there is a 5:30pm Mass)

1/1/2012: No Life Night (there is a 5:30pm Mass)

1/8: Once upon a time - A night on Scripture

All high school teens are invited to join us for our Life Nights, Sundays, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Bring a friend! See you there!

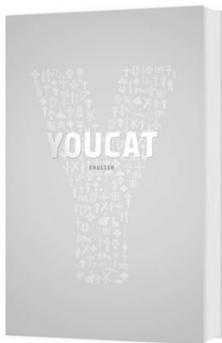
GET INVOLVED!!

Looking to share your talent? We are looking for volunteers to fill these liturgical ministry needs for the 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass.

- *Ushers*
- *Lectors*
- *Greeters*

Looking for a good Christmas gift for that youth in your life...

YOUCAT– Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church



Available in the St. Joseph's Bookstore.

‘Study this Catechism! This is my heartfelt desire. You need to know what you believe. You need to know your faith with that same precision with which an IT specialist knows the inner workings of a computer. You need to understand it like a good musician knows the piece he is playing. Yes, you need to be more deeply rooted in the faith than the

generation of your parents so that you can engage the challenges and temptations of this time with strength and determination. You need God's help if your faith is not going to dry up like a dewdrop in the sun, if you want to resist the blandishments of consumerism, if your love is not to drown in pornography, if you are not going to betray the weak and leave the vulnerable helpless’

-Pope Benedict XVI (Foreward of the YOUCAT)

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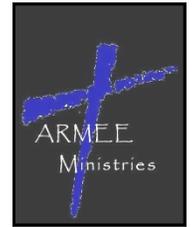
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A.R.M.E.E. Ministry

Adoration
Reconciliation
Mass
Eucharist
Evangelization.



ARMEE meets on Monday nights at 7:30pm at Our Lady of the Assumption in Turlock.

Victory Team

The “Victory” team is composed of high school students and young adults that volunteer their talent to minister to confirmation students in our parish. Meetings are on Monday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the youth and family center.



Jessica Jimenez

Profiles in Stewardship

by Debbie Greco

In December of 2005 I attended the Our Lady of Guadalupe outdoor festivities in Stockton. I had forgotten my jacket and was shivering in the cold, damp air when a pretty red-headed little girl tapped me on the back and offered me a warm shawl. Her name, I later found out, was Jessica Jimenez and she was 8 years old.

Jessica had been in our PSR program since 2004 when she entered as a first grader. She was confirmed last May and is no longer a PSR student, but comes to the office almost every day after school where she serves everywhere and anywhere that is needed. Jessica is part of a large Catholic family with 8 brothers and sisters, so she knows just how to be a sister to younger students, she helps them with their prayers, and lesson, mentoring Confirmation students and earning service hours by volunteering in the PSR Office and assisting as a catechist aide. Jessica uses her office skills to make copies and file papers and her artistic talents keep our monthly PSR bulletin board fresh and colorful.

In addition to PSR, Jessica also volunteers at the Parish Festival, Vacation Bible Retreat and other events

As an 8th grade student, Jessica is looking forward to being able to join our High School Youth Group next year. Our parish is very blessed by Jessica and her faithful, joyful service.

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: We thank our Plaza Refreshment Volunteers for hosting our Plaza Refreshments this weekend. Please thank them as you enjoy your morning coffee and donuts.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

St. Joseph's Central Catholic High School and College Scholarship students give back!

FREE MATH TUTORING

for St. Joseph's students
DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK
(junior high and high school students
25 maximum per day-must RSVP)

Parish college tutors from:

- Stanford University
 - UC San Diego
 - UC Davis
 - UC Berkeley
- Ave Maria University
- Santa Clara University

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 5:45-6:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 27, 5:45-6:45 p.m.
JP II Building, Room 7

To RSVP: 551-4973, ext. 207

Bring: current math work or tests, pencil and questions

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

ANGELUS
Sunday, 27 November 2011



In the Diocese

RUSSIA SISTER PARISH PROJECT

Our Russia Sister Parish committee is distributing free SHARES cards to help the mission parishes in Vladivostok, Russia. Present the card every time you shop at Save Mart, Lucky, Food Maxx and Smart Foods. The mission will earn up to 3% of your grocery sales! It costs you nothing! Contact Jim Emerson at (209)496-1542 or daughterciti@sbcglobal.net to get your free cards! You also may pick one up in the vestibule, outside the chapel.



Today, together with the Church, we are beginning the new liturgical year: a new journey of faith to experience together in Christian communities but, as always, also to be taken within world history so as to open it to God's mystery, to the salvation that comes from his love. The liturgical year begins with the Season of Advent. It is a marvellous period in which the expectation of Christ's return and the memory of his first Coming — when he emptied himself of his divine glory to take on our mortal flesh — reawakens in hearts.

"Watch!" This is Jesus' call in today's Gospel. He does not only address it to his disciples but to everyone: "Watch!" (Mk 13:37). It is a salutary reminder to us that life does not only have an earthly dimension but reaches towards a "beyond", like a plantlet that sprouts from the ground and opens towards the sky. A thinking plantlet, man, endowed with freedom and responsibility, which is why each one of us will be called to account for how he/she has lived, how each one has used the talents with which each is

endowed: whether one has kept them to oneself or has made them productive for the good of one's brethren too.

Today, Isaiah, too, the prophet of Advent, with a heartfelt entreaty addressed to God on behalf of the people, gives us food for thought. He recognized the shortcomings of his people and said at a certain point: "There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our iniquities" (cf. Is 64:6).

How can we fail to find this description striking? It seems to reflect certain panoramas of the post-modern world: cities where life becomes anonymous and horizontal, where God seems absent and man the only master, as if he were the architect and director of all things: construction, work, the economy, transport, the branches of knowledge, technology, everything seems to depend on man alone. And in this world that appears almost perfect at times disturbing things happen, either in nature or in society, which is why we think that God has, as it were, withdrawn and has, so to speak, left us to ourselves.

In fact, the true "master" of the world is not the human being but God. The Gospel says: "Watch therefore — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning — lest he come suddenly and find you asleep" (Mk 13:35-36).

The Season of Advent returns every year to remind us of this in order that our life may find its proper orientation, turned to the face of God. The face is not that of a "master" but of a Father and a Friend. Let us make the Prophet's words our own, together with the Virgin Mary who guides us on our Advent journey. "O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay and you are our potter: we are all the work of your hand" (Is 64:8).

ST. LUKE'S PARISH SACRED CONCERT

"CHRISTMAS MEDITATIONS"
directed by Carol Zeni Wiss

Sunday, December 18, 2011

Immediately following the 5:30 Mass
(Around 7PM)

3847 N. Sutter Street Stockton
(in the Church)

Featuring Christmas Choral and
Ensemble Literature

With Special readings of the season

By Alberta Musgrove

(no charge or offering taken)

Job Announcement

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton has an immediate opening for a Full-Time Bilingual Spanish Speaking Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) for the Family Counseling Services Program located in Stanislaus County. The mission of the counseling program is to offer accessible, low-cost, short-term, outpatient counseling. For more information, please submit resume and cover letter to Peter Muñoz at pmunoz@ccstockton.org, or fax to 209-529-6083.

Por Debbie Greco



Jesica Jiménez

En diciembre del 2005 asistí a la celebración en honor a nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Stockton. Se me había olvidado mi chamarra y estaba temblando de frío cuando una bonita niña pelirroja me tocó el hombro ofreciéndome un calentito reboso. Más tarde me di cuenta que su nombre era Jesica Jiménez y tenía 8 años.

Jesica ha estado en nuestro programa de PSR desde el 2004 cuando comenzó el primer grado. Ella recibió su Confirmación en mayo, y ya no es estudiante del PSR sino que, después que sale de la escuela viene a la oficina donde sirve en lo que se necesite hacer. Jesica es parte de una familia católica con 8 hermanos así es que ella sabe cómo ser hermana con los estudiantes menores, ayudándolos con sus oraciones y lecciones, y como mentor para estudiantes de Confirmación trabajando para ganar horas de servicio en la oficina y como ayudante de catequista. Jesica hace copias, archiva documentos y sus talentos artísticos mantienen nuestra tabla de noticias llamativa y al corriente.

En adición al PSR, Jesica también ayuda en nuestro festival parroquial, en VBR y otros eventos. Como estudiante del octavo grado, Jesica espera pronto poder asistir a las juntas del Grupo de Jóvenes de High School el año que viene. Nuestra parroquia es muy bendecida por Jesica y su fiel y alegre servicio.

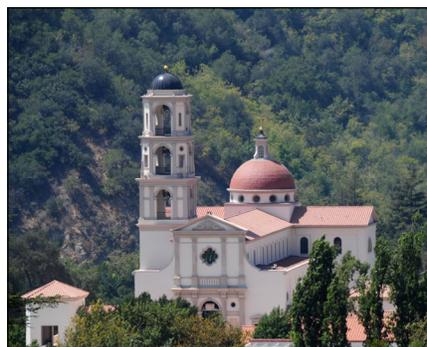
¡Boletín Parroquial en Español! DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Joseph Illo

América tiene una variada riqueza de tradiciones culturales. Al mismo tiempo que la comida étnica, la música, y el arte, las tradiciones religiosas culturales se expresan con un distinto esplendor. Una de aquellas tradiciones son las festividades alrededor de **Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**, la cual se llevará a cabo mañana. Un diciembre en la madrugada en 1531, un hombre pobre e indígena llamado Juan Diego fue visitado por la Madre de Dios. Alrededor de ella, el desierto frío se rebosaba de flores y cantos de los pájaros. México nunca se olvida de aquella mañana, ni tampoco el resto de las Américas.



Los invito a que compartan este amanecer con Juan Diego, sus compañeros Mexicanos, y la Santísima Madre. La Misa para la festividad comienza Mañana a las 6am (lunes), y si gustan disfrutar de toda la experiencia, “*las mañanitas*” serán a las 5am, y el Rosario a las 5:30am en la iglesia.

Y ahora un **Anuncio**, estaré dejando a St. Joseph's el 1 de agosto, 2012. El Obispo Blaire me ha dado permiso de pasar tres años como sacerdote para el Colegio Thomas Aquinas cerca de los Ángeles. Vine a St. Joseph's en septiembre de 1999 y fui nombrado pastor el 1 de julio del 2000, por un término de seis años, pudiendo ser renovado por una vez. En el 2006 el Obispo lo renovó por otros seis años. Por los



Capilla de Thomas Aquinas College

últimos cinco años he pedido pasar algún tiempo trabajando en un colegio después de completar mi segundo término. Me va a ser muy difícil dejar nuestra parroquia. Es el tiempo más largo que he pasado en toda mi vida en una parte (13 años). He desarrollado un gran amor por esta parroquia y su gente y creo que la parroquia también me ama, a pesar de todos mis defectos humanos. Va a ser muy difícil para mí dejarlos. Y por supuesto a muchos de ustedes también se les hará difícil hacer la transición a un nuevo pastor. Sin embargo, estoy seguro de que es la voluntad de Dios y espero trabajar con los estudiantes y el profesorado católicos. La oficina del Obispo y yo esperamos nombrar al nuevo pastor en los próximos meses y trabajar en una transición sin problemas. en los próximos meses reflejaré mas sobre lo que esta parroquia significa para mí. Por favor recen por mí.

Fr. Joseph

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma



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ANGELUS

Domingo, 27 de noviembre de 2011

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Hoy, en compañía con la Iglesia, comenzamos un nuevo año Litúrgico; un nuevo camino de fe para compartir juntos en nuestras comunidades Cristianas, y como siempre siendo parte de la historia del mundo para poder así abrirlo al misterio de Dios, a la salvación que proviene de su amor. El año Litúrgico comienza con la temporada de Adviento. Es un periodo maravilloso en el cual la espera del retorno de Cristo y la memoria de su primera Llegada— cuando El se deshace por completo de su gloria divina para tomar nuestro cuerpo mortal—despierta nuestros corazones.



“¡Velen!” Este es el llamado de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy. El no solamente se refiere a sus discípulos sino a todos nosotros:

“¡Velen!” (Mc 13:37). Es un saludo acordándonos que la vida no solamente consiste en la dimensión terrena, pero que se dirige al “mas allá,” como una planta que brota de la tierra y se abre hacia el cielo. Una planta pensante, el hombre, dotado con libertad y responsabilidad, por lo cual cada uno de nosotros seremos llamados a dar

cuentas de cómo hemos vivido, como hemos usado los talentos que hemos recibido; si los hemos guardado o los hemos hecho producir también para el bien de nuestros hermanos.

Hoy también, Isaías, el profeta de Adviento, dirigiéndose a Dios con un pedido desde su corazón en nombre de su pueblo, nos da tema para reflexionar. El reconoció las flaquezas de su pueblo y dice en cierto punto: “No hubo nadie que invocara tu nombre, que despertara para apoyarse en tí, pues tú habías escondido tu rostro de nosotros y nos habías dejado a merced de nuestras iniquidades” (Is 64:6). ¿Como podemos dejar de notar esta descripción? Parece reflejar ciertos panoramas del mundo moderno: ciudades donde la vida se vuelve anónima y horizontal, donde Dios parece estar ausente y el hombre ser su único dueño, como si fuese el arquitecto y director de todas las cosas: la construcción, trabajo, economía, transporte, las sucursales de la sabiduría, la tecnología, todo parece que dependiese solo del hombre. Y este mundo que parece casi perfecto trae consigo ciertas cosas que perturban, sean en la naturaleza o en la sociedad, por esto es que pensamos que Dios se ha alejado, dejándonos a merced de nosotros mismos.

En verdad, el verdadero “dueño” del mundo no es el hombre sino Dios. El Evangelio dice: “Estad en vela, porque no sabéis cuándo viene el dueño de la casa, si por la tarde, si a medianoche, al canto del gallo o de madrugada; no sea que llegue de repente y os encuentre dormidos” (Mc 13:35-36).

La temporada de Adviento vuelve cada año para acordarnos de esto, para que nuestra vida encuentre su verdadera orientación, hacia el rostro de Dios. El rostro no es el del “dueño” sino el de un Padre y un Amigo. Hagamos las palabras del profeta las nuestras, junto con la Virgen Maria quien nos guía en este nuestro camino de Adviento. “O Dios, tu eres nuestro Padre; somos el barro y tu el alfarero; somos todos el trabajo de tu mano” (Is 64:8).

Mañanitas a la VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

12 de Diciembre

5am: Mañanitas con la Rondalla Guadalupe de Sacramento

5:30am: Rosario

6am: Misa

7am: Desayuno, Salón Parroquial



Servicios de Adviento y Navidad

Dic 21: Servicio Penitencial, 7:00pm en la iglesia.

Dic 24: Presentación del Nacimiento de Jesús, 4:30pm, Salón.

Dic 25: Misas—horario regular de domingo, 1:30pm en Español.

Dic 31: Hora Santa, 11:30pm.

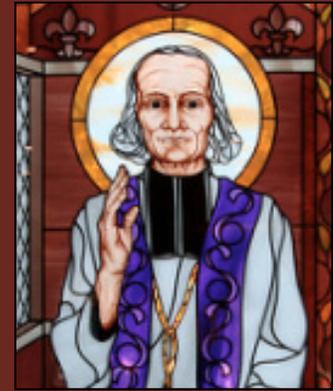
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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

DECEMBER 21

7:00PM IN THE CHURCH

Priests from around the diocese will be at St. Joseph's to hear your confessions. The priests hope to see you at the St. Joseph's Penance service on December 21st!



Modesto-area Advent Penance Services

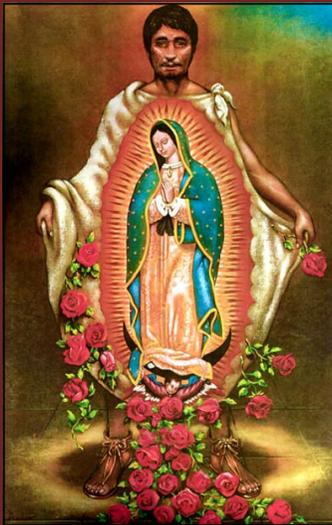
December 13th - Our Lady of Fatima

December 14th - St. Stanislaus

December 19th - St. Anthony in Hughson

December 22nd - St. Jude in Ceres

*Please note: There will be no daily confessions heard Dec. 19 - Dec. 24. The regular daily confession schedule will resume on Dec. 26.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

DECEMBER 12

5:00AM MAÑANITAS

5:30AM ROSARY

6:00AM MASS

7:00AM BREAKFAST

NEW LOCATION:
CIVIC CENTER
PLAZA
12:30PM

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