

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 18, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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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,

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

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:

There will be no daily confessions this week, due to the multiple Penance Services in the area.

St. Joseph's: Dec. 21, 7pm

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 Ochinerio, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

Singing Our Christmas Joy

I want to congratulate all of you on transitioning so well into the **new Mass prayers**. Everyone has shown great "spirit" in learning the new responses. The "new Mass prayers" are really the ancient Mass prayers, but in a new translation that restores their vibrancy and depth. The new translation is a thorough restoration of a great artwork, revealing colors and textures that had been obscured by decades of dirt and dust.

On December 17 we entered the **Second Stage of Advent**, our immediate preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas. Now is the time to put up your Christmas tree (if you haven't already!). You will notice we wait until December 17 to put up our parish Christmas trees and wreaths. Unlike the shopping malls, where they put up Christmas decorations in early October, the Church exercises wise restraint in making only a novena of nine days (December 17-25) to prepare for the great feast. Yes, we think about Christmas for months before it arrives, but psychologically we cannot sustain more than about nine days of immediate preparation. Now is the time to really enter into the Christmas spirit. Hopefully we have not been worn out by pre-Christmas commercialization and can summon up true Christmas joy in these last nine days of Advent. Jesus is waiting for us, not so much at Walmart or even at our Christmas parties, but most perfectly at the sacred altars of our churches.



Sacred Music expressed the heart of Advent and Christmas. The Parish Music Department has broadened our repertoire this year, incorporating polyphony, Baroque, Classical and Gregorian Chant throughout the Masses. We have **seven choirs** here at St.

Joseph's—seven choirs of angels *and* seven cantors. This Christmas they all will be singing to the glory of God. 127 voices in total sing in our Children's Choir, Bells Choir, Spanish Choir, Chant Choir, Bell Canto Choir, Adult Choir and Youth Choir. Pick your choir and join your voices to theirs this Christmas!

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 / VideoJeremy x213
- Becoming Catholic, RCIA.....Stacy x211
- Buildings & GroundsSusie x201
- Bulletin & Website.....Jeremy x213
- Child Ed & SacramentsDebbie x205
- Choirs & Cantors Svetlana x200
- Events & ActivitiesSusie x201
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- Room Reservations Rosario x110
- Volunteering Tammy x207
- Youth Ministry Nathan x206

Readings 12/19-12/25

Monday:
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday:
Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday:
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday:
1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Friday:
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
12pm Latin Mass:
Rom. 15:4-13;Mt. 11:2-10

Saturday:
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday:
9am Mass Latin Mass: Nativity of the Lord
Tit. 2:11-15;Lk. 2:1-14

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 18 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)			
5:00a	Bert Trajano and Ramon & Victoria Yanos	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
Monday, December 19			
5:00a	Augustin & Laureana Labason	5:45p	Jesse & Vera Ibarra and Alzira Victoria
8:00a	Belmiro Da Rosa and Paul Lanoie		
Tuesday, December 20			
5:00a	Zenaida Ruiz and Reynaldo Ramos	5:45p	Romualdo & Mamerta Impas and Bill R. Sousa
8:00a	Arlene Enos and Tom Trombetta		
Wednesday, December 21			
5:00a	Genaro & Sabrina Ruiz and Roderico Villaroya	5:45p	Pacita Maliano and Bertrand Jones
8:00a	Agatona Fornoies and Frank & Isabell Bavaro		
Thursday, December 22			
5:00a	Ralph Lavalette and Carlos & Cecilia Sipin	5:45p	Al & Mary Kamann and The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and Maria Machado		
Friday, December 23			
5:00a	Francisco & Delam Dimapilis and Leslie Pongase	5:45p	Elias Sousa and Penny Lane Wahl
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and Bill R. Sousa		
Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)			
5:00a	Felix & Conrada Albarico and Theodoro & Anatalia Andres	7:30p	George Cant
8:00a	Lisa Scott	12am	Robert Gutierrez
4:30p	Rafael Ochoa		
Sunday, December 25 (Nativity of the Lord)			
7:30a	Rizal Mina	1:30p	Antonio & Angela Dominguez
9:00a	Albert Mendonca	5:30p	Jessica and Yvonne Solis
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Danny Vele
12:00p	Primo & Lula Manrique		

Prayer & Interior Life

“Stewardship: Sharing These Gifts in Love of God and Neighbor”


The Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 18

In today's gospel Mary is acknowledged through the angel Gabriel as being sinless and finding favor with God. Her response in thankfulness was “May it be done to me according to your word.” Mary understood that her action would be for the benefit of mankind. May our approach to the kingdom overflow with peace and love so that others come to join us on our journey.

MASS READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

- Sunday Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
- Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
- Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
- Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18[1-5, 9-14]

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




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, after Mass every Sunday until Christmas.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

This year's walk will be on Saturday, January 21st. 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

This Sunday is your last chance to buy poinsettias for yourself or to donate them to the church. The Boy Scouts (Troop 49) are selling poinsettias for \$10 on the plaza. The proceeds help the boys go to summer camp. Thank you for your support.



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 in the hall. All masses are in English. Come celebrate our faith and 400-year-old novena tradition.

SENIORS LUNCH SOCIAL—December 21

Social, Wine & Snacks at 10am, 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 today, 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 TOYS/BABY ITEMS

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

ALANON FAMILY GROUP

Starting at St. Joseph's on Wednesday Jan. 4, 2012 at 5:45pm in JP 10. ALANON is for any family member or friend who has been affected by another persons drinking. It is an anonymous fellowship, where we share our experience, strength, and hope with each other. For more information call Guadalupe at (209) 540-1277 or Bev at (209) 605-0001.

Sunday, December 18, 2011

5:00 A	Filipino Dawn Mass	Chur
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
10:30 A	Respect Life	JP4
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7

Monday, December 19, 2011

5:00 A	Filipino Dawn Mass	Chur
5:30 P	7STEP	JP8
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

5:00 A	Filipino Dawn Mass	Chur
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
5:45 P	Math Tutors	JP7
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Span.	JP7

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

5:00 A	Filipino Dawn Mass	Chur
10:00 A	St. J. Seniors' Lunch	Hall
1:30 P	Widows(ers) Bible Study	JP5
5:45 P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
7:00 P	On the Go Adults	JP4
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adult	JP7
7:00 P	Penance Service	Chur

Thursday, December 22, 2011

5:00 A	Filipino Dawn Mass	Chur
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30 P	Men's Group	JP10

Friday, December 23, 2011

5:00 A	Filipino Dawn Mass	Chur
12:00 P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:30 P	Adoration	Chur

Saturday, December 24, 2011

5:00 A	Filipino Dawn Mass	Chur
	AA (Women) Language of the Heart	JP4
9:00 A		
10:30 P	Christmas Concert	Chur

Sunday, December 25, 2011

	Christmas Day Regular Sunday Mass Schedule	
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The bans of marriage between Marvin Dickson Aquino and Jenny L Manalo: If anyone knows of a cause or just impediment why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.

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

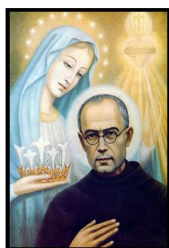
Important Notice:
No PSR classes until the week of January 9th for Christmas Break. Please also note that the PSR Office is closed until January 9th. Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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 4th
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

As noted last week, most of the changes to the translation of the words at Mass are actually the priest's parts. Significant changes were made to the Eucharistic Prayers. The Eucharistic Prayer begins after the Sanctus or the Holy, Holy, Holy and ends just before we say the Our Father. There are four Eucharistic Prayers that the priest can choose from at any particular Mass. Eucharistic Prayer II is the one that is most often used at St. Joseph's. If you listen closely, you hear some beautiful language and imagery. For example, the priest now says "You are indeed Holy O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall..." This imagery of the Holy Spirit is very telling as to how the Holy Spirit works — quietly and secretively. This is evident in the Old Testament: In the beginning, the Holy Spirit brood upon the waters at Creation (Genesis 1:2); in the desert, God gave the manna to the Israelites (Exodus 16:13-14). Also in the New Testament, the Holy Spirit overshadowed the womb of the Virgin Mary (Luke). Another example is when the priest says, "At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion..." We need to remember the seriousness of sin, for we betray God by our sins. Jesus united His will with the Father's (Luke 22:42). It was an act of His will, just as Adam and Eve willingly sinned in Genesis and sin entered the world. So it was an act of Jesus' will that He died for us to redeem us from sin so that we can enter eternal life in heaven with God the Father. Later, the priest says: "Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation..." These words echo the very words of Christ when He says: "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35). When we partake of the Eucharist, we unite ourselves so closely with Christ and partake of Him who is the way, the truth and the life.



At the end of Mass or the Concluding Rites, we often hear: "Go forth, the Mass is ended," (which is Form A).

However, with the new translation there are two additional forms that the priest or deacon can use for dismissing the people. Form B is: "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." Form C is: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." These are very significant because they remind us that the Mass and our lives are deeply connected. The word that we translate as Mass actually comes from the same word for mission which hints to a sending-forth or a task to accomplish. We are sent from



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.

the Mass to be true disciples, just as He commissioned and sent His apostles to go to peoples of all nations baptizing and teaching them all that Jesus had instructed them (Matthew 28:16-20).



☞ Wisdom from the Saints ☜

"Without a doubt, the Lord grants all favors which are asked of Him at the Holy Mass, provided they be fitting for us."

-St. Jerome

∞ Youth Ministry ∞

SAVE THE DATE

High School 'Lock In' Retreat:

Looking for something to do during Christmas Break?
Come meet us in Fr. O Hare Hall on Wednesday, January 4,
2012, at 9p.m. The retreat will end on Thursday, January 5 at
9a.m., after the 8am morning Mass.
More details coming soon!

Upcoming LifeNights:

12/18: Y'all come back now, ya hear? - A night on
active membership in the church.

12/25: **No LifeNight** after the 5:30 Mass.

1/1/2012: **No LifeNight** after the 5:30 Mass.

1/8: Once Upon a Time — A Night on Scripture.

All high school teens are invited to join us most
Sunday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. Bring a friend!
See you there!

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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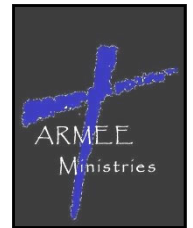
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A.R.M.E.E. Ministry

Adoration
Reconciliation
Mass
Eucharist
Evangelization.



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

CORE Team:

St. Joseph's CORE Team is
made up of adults and young
adults who minister to the
high school youth group
every Sunday night. We
meet Monday evenings from
6-7:30p.m. where we pray
together,

enjoy fellowship and plan the
HS LifeNights.

If you are interested, or know
someone who might be,
please contact
Nathan or Katie.



Bob and Judy Shannon

Profiles in Stewardship

by Michael Webster

Bob and Judy Shannon are a tremendous blessing to St. Joseph's. They have been parishioners for several years. You can see them regularly at daily Mass and in the Adoration Chapel. They have been given many gifts from God, but one that is most evident is their heart to serve. They are always looking for new ways to be involved at St. Joseph's and to lend a helping hand. One of the new ways that they are getting involved has been their recent acceptance of a leadership role within the Militia Immaculata Family Village. They are a great role model of a marriage centered on God and His love. There are many other ways in which they participate at St. Joseph's. Often times Bob is helping with Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul. Both Bob and Judy have acted as sponsors several times for those going through the RCIA process. They both, through their lives, truly recognize what stewardship is all about. They realize that their time is a gift from God and they use their time not for themselves but to serve others in our community and they always do it with a smile and authentic joy. Thank you Bob and Judy!

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, 4 December 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 may also pick one up in the vestibule, outside the chapel.



PRAY THE ROSARY!

Join us to pray the Rosary the first Thursday of each month at noon in the

Kaiser Spiritual Care Meditation Room (2nd Floor- 2H1) at Kaiser Permanente. Come or teleconference, by calling 1-888-858-2133 & access code: 9649484. Holy Family Catholic Church and Spiritual Care Department, Kaiser Permanente. For more information, contact Eileen Nicholson, 521-9594 or chaplain Quincy, 735-7646.

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, out-patient counseling. For more information, please submit resume and cover letter to Peter Muñoz at pmunoz@ccstockton.org, or fax to 209-529-6083.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday marks the second stage of the Season of Advent. This period of the liturgical year brings into the limelight the two figures who played a preeminent role in the preparation for the historic coming of the Lord Jesus: the Virgin Mary and St. John the Baptist.



Today's text from Mark's Gospel focuses on the latter. Indeed, it describes the personality and mission of the Precursor of Christ (Mk 1:2-8). Starting with his external appearance, John is presented as a very ascetic figure: he was clothed in camel-skin and his food was locusts and wild honey that he found in the Judaean desert (Mk 1:6).

Jesus himself once compared him to the people "in kings' houses" who are "clothed in soft raiment" (Mt 11:8). John the Baptist's style must remind all Christians to opt for a lifestyle of moderation, especially in preparation for the celebration of the Christmas festivity, in which the Lord, as St Paul would say, "though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Cor 8:9).

With regard to John's mission, it was an extraordinary appeal to conversion: his baptism "is connected with an ardent call to a new way of thinking and acting, but above all with the proclamation of God's judgment" (*Jesus of Nazareth*, I, p. 14; English translation, Doubleday, New York, 2007) and by the imminent appearance of the Messiah, described as "he who is mightier than I", who "will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (Mk 1:7, 8).

John's appeal therefore goes further and deeper than a lifestyle of moderation: it calls for inner conversion, based on the individual's recognition and confession of his or her sin. While we are preparing for Christmas, it is important that we reenter ourselves and make a sincere examination of our life. Let us permit ourselves to be illuminated by a ray of light that shines from Bethlehem, the light of the One who is "the Mightiest" who made himself lowly, "the Strongest" who made himself weak.

All four Evangelists describe John the Baptist's preaching with reference to a passage from the Prophet Isaiah: "A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God'" (Is 40:3). Mark also inserted a citation from another prophet, Malachi, who said: "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way" (Mk 1:2; cf. Mal 3:1).

These references to Old Testament Scriptures "envisage a saving intervention of God, who emerges from his hiddenness to judge and to save; it is for this God that the door is to be opened and the way made ready" (*Jesus of Nazareth*, I, *op. cit.*, p. 15).

Let us entrust to Mary, the Virgin of expectation, our journey towards the Lord who comes, as we continue on our Advent itinerary in order to prepare our hearts and our lives for the coming of the Emmanuel, God-with-us.



Bob and Judy Shannon

Bob and Judy Shannon son una tremenda bendición para St. Joseph's, ellos han sido feligreses por varios años ya. Regularmente los puede usted ver asistir a misa diariamente y orando juntos en la Capilla de Adoración al Santísimo. Ellos han recibido muchos dones de Dios pero el más evidente es el servir de todo corazón. Ellos están siempre dispuestos a ayudar y buscando de qué otra manera pueden involucrarse en otros apostolados. Una de las otras maneras que ellos han encontrado para seguir sirviendo es su reciente aceptación de un papel de liderazgo con la Milicia Inmaculada. Ellos son un gran ejemplo de un buen matrimonio centrado en Dios y Su amor. Ellos participan en St. Joseph's de muchas maneras, usted puede ver a Bob ayudando con los Caballeros de Colón y con nuestra Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul. Los dos, Bob y Judy han sido sponsors varias veces ya de personas en el proceso de RCIA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos). Ellos dos, por medio de sus vidas, verdaderamente reconocen de qué se trata la Corresponsabilidad. Ellos reconocen que su tiempo es un don de Dios y lo usan no para ellos mismos, sino para servir a los demás en nuestra comunidad y siempre lo hacen con una gran sonrisa y una auténtica alegría.

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

Deseo felicitarlos a todos por la buena transición que han hecho con las **Nuevas Oraciones de la Misa**. Todos han demostrado un gran “espíritu” en aprender las nuevas respuestas. Las “nuevas oraciones de la Misa” en realidad son las oraciones antiguas de la Misa, pero en la nueva traducción se ha restaurado su vitalidad y profundidad. La nueva traducción es una restauración más completa de un trabajo de arte, revelando los colores y texturas que han sido oscurecidos por décadas de polvo y mugre.

El 17 de diciembre entramos en la **Segunda Etapa de Adviento**, nuestra preparación inmediata para la Solemnidad de la Navidad. Esta es la hora para poner nuestro árbol de Navidad (¡Si todavía no lo ha hecho!). Notarán que nosotros esperamos hasta el 17 de diciembre para poner los árboles de Navidad y las Coronas. A diferencia de los centros comerciales, los cuales ponen sus decoraciones al principio de octubre, la Iglesia ejercita sabia restricción en llevar a cabo solo una novena de nueve días (17-25 de diciembre) para prepararse para la gran fiesta. Sí, pensamos en la Navidad meses antes de que llegue, pero psicológicamente no podemos sostener más que nueve días de preparación inmediata. Es la hora de entrar realmente en el espíritu Navideño. Espero que ya no estén cansados por la comercialización pre-Navideña y puedan tener todavía gozo Navideño en estos nueve días de Adviento. Jesús nos espera, no tanto en el Walmart ni tampoco en nuestras fiestas de Navidad, pero más perfectamente en los sagrados altares de nuestras iglesias.

La Música Sagrada expresa el corazón de Adviento y de la Navidad. El Departamento de Música de la Parroquia ha expandido su repertorio



este año, incorporando el canto polifono, Clásico, y Gregoriano durante las Misas. Tenemos **siete coros** aquí en St.

Joseph's—siete coros de ángeles, y siete cantantes. Durante esta Navidad, estarán todos cantando la gloria de Dios. 127 voces en total cantando en el Coro Infantil, El Coro de las

Campanas, el Coro en Español, El Coro de Canto, el Coro Bel Canto, el Coro de Adultos y el Coro de Jóvenes. ¡Escoja su coro y una su voz a las de ellos en esta Navidad!

Fr. Joseph



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Este domingo marca la segunda etapa del Tiempo de Adviento. Este período del año litúrgico pone de relieve las dos figuras que desempeñaron un papel destacado en la preparación de la venida histórica del Señor Jesús: la Virgen María y san Juan Bautista. Precisamente en este último se concentra el texto de hoy del Evangelio de san Marcos. Describe la personalidad y la misión del Precursor de Cristo (Mc 1, 2-8). Comenzando por el aspecto exterior, se presenta a Juan como una figura muy ascética: vestido de piel de camello, se alimenta de saltamontes y miel silvestre, que encuentra en el desierto de Judea (Mc 1, 6). Jesús mismo, una vez, lo contraponen a aquellos que «habitan en los palacios del rey» y que «visten con lujo» (Mt 11, 8). El estilo de Juan Bautista debería impulsar a todos los cristianos a optar por la sobriedad como estilo de vida, especialmente en preparación para la fiesta de Navidad, en la que el Señor — como diría san Pablo— «siendo rico, se hizo pobre por vosotros, para enriqueceros con su pobreza» (2 Co 8, 9).



Por lo que se refiere a la misión de Juan, fue un llamamiento extraordinario a la conversión: su bautismo «está vinculado a un llamamiento ardiente a una nueva forma de pensar y actuar, está vinculado sobre todo al anuncio del juicio de Dios» (*Jesús de Nazaret*, I, Madrid 2007, p. 36) y de la inminente venida del Mesías, definido como «el que es más fuerte que yo» y «bautizará con Espíritu Santo» (Mc 1, 7.8). La llamada de Juan va, por tanto, más allá y más en profundidad respecto a la sobriedad del estilo de vida: invita a un cambio interior, a partir del reconocimiento y de la confesión del propio pecado. Mientras nos preparamos a la Navidad, es importante que entremos en nosotros mismos y hagamos un examen sincero de nuestra vida. Dejémonos iluminar por un rayo de la luz que proviene de Belén, la luz de Aquel que es «el más Grande» y se hizo pequeño, «el más Fuerte» y se hizo débil.

Los cuatro evangelistas describen la predicación de Juan Bautista refiriéndose a un pasaje del profeta Isaías: «Una voz grita: “En el desierto preparadle un camino al Señor; allanad en la estepa una calzada para nuestro Dios”» (Is 40, 3). San Marcos inserta también una cita de otro profeta, Malaquías, que dice: «Yo envío a mi mensajero delante de ti, el cual preparará tu camino» (Mc 1, 2; cf. Mal 3, 1). Estas referencias a las Escrituras del Antiguo Testamento «hablan de la intervención salvadora de Dios, que sale de lo inescrutable para juzgar y salvar; a él hay que abrirle la puerta, prepararle el camino» (*Jesús de Nazaret*, I, p. 37).

A la materna intercesión de María, Virgen de la espera, confiamos nuestro camino al encuentro del Señor que viene, mientras proseguimos nuestro itinerario de Adviento para preparar en nuestro corazón y en nuestra vida la venida del Emmanuel, el Dios-con-nosotros.

Servicios de 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.

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

Caminata por la Vida en San Francisco

Demuestre su apoyo por la vida el sábado, 21 de enero. Compre su boleto para el autobús en la plaza o la oficina parroquial. Apoye la Vida!



Free Parish Movie Night Saturday, January 7, 2012 7pm-9pm in Fr. O'Hare Hall *"The Ultimate Gift"*

*Life is how you live it....
Not how you spend it.*

Rated PG

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Some material may not be suitable for children.

NEW YORK (CNS) - In perhaps his most eloquent passage, St. Paul declares that love is the true measure of one's life, a view affirmed in "The Ultimate Gift" (Fox Faith),
-Catholic News Service

Free lemonade, coffee & popcorn! Bring cookies to share! Chairs provided or bring a blanket!

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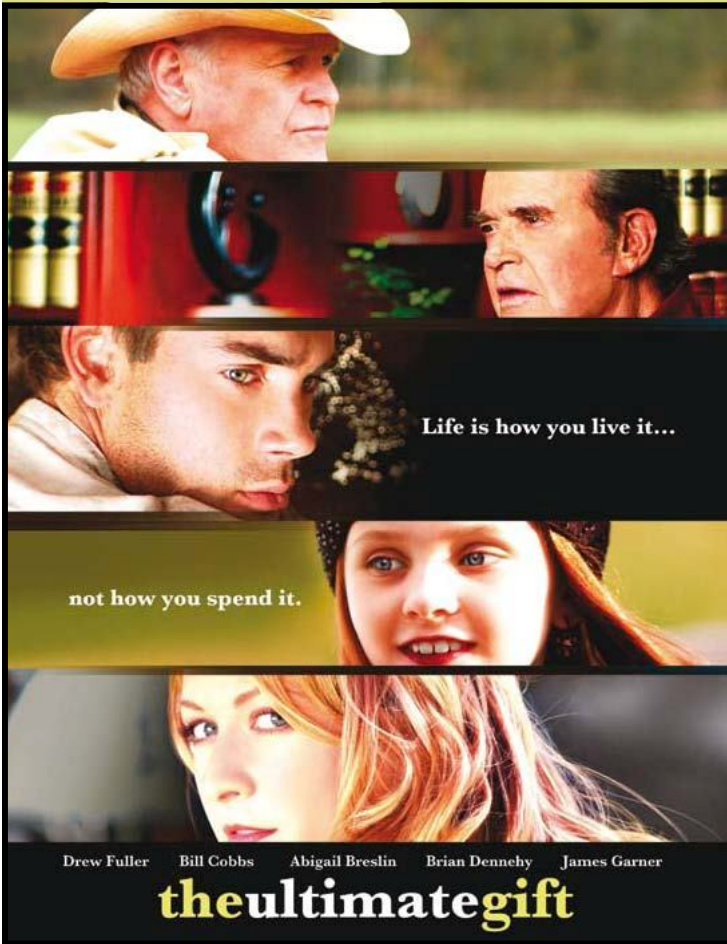


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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

December 24 Christmas Eve:

4:30pm Children's Pageant & Mass in the hall

7:30pm Youth Mass in the church

10:30pm Christmas Concert in the church

12:00 Midnight Mass in the church

December 25 Christmas Day: (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule)

7:30am, 9:00am (Latin), 10:30am, 12:00noon,

1:30pm (Spanish), 5:30pm, 7:30pm

