

*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

Christmas December 25, 2011

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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)

Sunday Mass 10:30am

Adoration & Confessions

First Friday 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday thru Thursday 5-5:30pm

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

Saturdays 8:30-9:30am & 4-5pm

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

Clergy:

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor

Fr. Benny Kottarathil, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochiner, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop Christmas Joy

A Warm and Merry Christmas to all! Let this Christmas Message be my Christmas Card to all who read it. May it express my love and esteem for all of you at St. Joseph's Parish.

Today we mark, once again, the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior

Jesus Christ. Today, or tonight, depending on which Mass you will attend, a Child is born to us, which is Christ the Lord.

A week before Christmas we all were scrambling to buy gifts for our loved ones and finish those Christmas cards to dear friends. This year, as I was preparing the annual Christmas publications for the parish, I spent an evening going through twelve years of photographs from my time at St. Joseph's. How many beautiful faces and how many precious memories did I uncover! What a grace every day has been! At the end of the year, and I hope at the end of life, we won't remember the hard times, but we will thank God with undivided hearts for the good times. What a blessing this parish and this life are to me!

All of the good memories, and the lasting friendships, are from that small babe lying in a manger, hugging his mother's arms tight, curling Joseph's finger in his tiny hands. Let us thank the Good God for such a life as we will ever enjoy. Let us be good stewards of his gifts by recognizing all that He has given us, and thanking him for it. God bless you all for coming to Mass this Christmas, for thanking Him for the gift of Himself in Bethlehem, and in Modesto.



Fr. Joseph

f Staff Contacts g

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

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Monday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday:

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday:

1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday:

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Friday:

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

12pm Latin Mass:

Tit. 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Saturday:

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday:

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

9am Mass Latin Mass:

Tit. 2:11-15; Lk. 2:21

Sacraments

g Our Mass Intentions f

| Sunday, December 25 (Nativity of the Lord) | | | |
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| 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 | | |
| Monday, December 26 | | | |
| 8:00a | David Daniel Cardenas and Merritt Simpson | 5:45p | Clara Maruthanaoy and Tommaso Alfonsi |
| Tuesday, December 27 | | | |
| 8:00a | Lorraine Ottoboni and Judith Gomez | 5:45p | Elizabeth Cant and Serafina Barcellos |
| Wednesday, December 28 | | | |
| 8:00a | Pat Gallagher and Carol Ann Smith | 5:45p | Maria Guadalupe Castellanos and John D. Flynn |
| Thursday, December 29 | | | |
| 8:00a | Edward Villafana and Leona De Los Reyes | 5:45p | Joseph Micolich and Zachary Mendonsa |
| Friday, December 30 | | | |
| 8:00a | Doris Yago and Rosanna Hollander | 5:45p | Serafina Barcellos and Margaret Geringer |
| Saturday, December 31 | | | |
| 8:00a | Jose Solevilla and Teresa Presto | 5:30p | St. Joseph's Memorial Mass |
| Sunday, January 1 | | | |
| 7:30a | Lisa Scott | 1:30p | Luis, Catalina, Rosa Maria and Salvador Ruiz and Adriana Inostroza |
| 9:00a | Albert Mendonca | 3:00p | Indian Mass |
| 10:30a | All St. Joseph's Parishioners | 5:30p | Sara Kilano |
| 12:00p | James Ochinero | 7:30p | Gretchen Hohenberg |

Not Catholic?

Do you want to know what Catholicism is all about? Interested in possibly becoming Catholic? Are you an adult and have not received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation? You're invited to investigate the Catholic faith at St. Joseph's. Our Inquiry group meets year-round. Call 541-8903 to begin. (This is called RCIA.)

g Prayer & Interior Life f

**“Stewardship: Sharing These Gifts in Love of God and Neighbor”
December 25 — The Nativity of the Lord**


Whether young or old, each of us can experience real joy at Christmas when we focus on the overwhelming love of God represented by Jesus coming to earth as a child. The scriptures today shout the message to us that God is with us and we should be proclaiming it from the mountaintops. As we accept the enormity of this gift it becomes apparent that only by sharing the Good News can we fully express our gratitude to God the Father. May the joy of Christmas fill us and bring all people together.

ST. JOSEPH'S PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL




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

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



FIRST RESPONDERS MASS — SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
Pray with and for those who put their lives on the line every day
Please join St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus for Mass honoring all First Responders of Stanislaus County on Saturday, January 7, at 10am. Following the blessing of the emergency vehicles in the parking lot after Mass, everyone is invited to a lunch in Fr. O'Hare Hall.

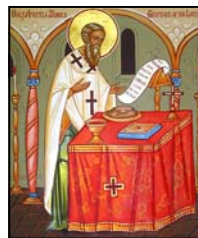
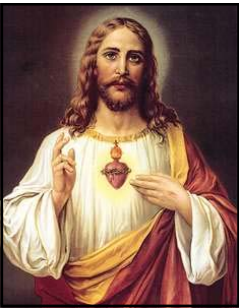
WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE — SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
Show Support for Life — Especially the Unborn!
There are no hills to climb on this year's 2-mile Walk for Life. It will begin at San Francisco Civic Center and end at Justin Herman Plaza. The Respect Life Committee will be selling tickets after all Masses the weekends of January 7 & 8 and 14 & 15 to fill 5 buses leaving from our Parish. You can pre-order your t-shirts for the Walk after Masses this weekend. If you cannot attend, but want to support the Walk, scholarship donations for those who cannot afford the bus will be greatly appreciated.



St. Joseph's Militia Immaculata Villages Present
6th Annual Diocesan Silent Marian Retreat
Saturday, February 4, 8:00am—4:30pm
REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS:
Discover with Mary the Great Joy of Christians

AL ANON FAMILY GROUP
Wednesday, January 4, at 5:45pm in JP11, Room 10
Al Anon is for any family member or friend who has been affected by another person's drinking. It is an anonymous fellowship, where we share our experience, strength, and hope with each other. Please call Guadalupe at 209-540-1277 or Bev at 209-605-0001 with any questions.

THE BUSY WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY
Women of all ages are invited to seek a closer relationship with Christ through the study of Sacred Scripture. Theme for this session: **Staying Motivated in the New Year: Lessons from the Letter of St. James.** We will meet five consecutive Wednesdays from January 11 — February 8, 6:30 to 8pm, JP11 Room 8. The cost is free! Bring your own bible & invite a friend!

HOME ENTHRONEMENT APOSTOLATE
*"Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
make my heart like unto Thine"*
Through the Militia of the Immaculata Family Village, Home Enthronement Apostolate, you have the opportunity to make your very home the heart of Jesus! If you are interested in enthroning your home by consecrating it and your family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, please call Kent and Laura Harker at: 571-5471.

| Sunday, December 25, 2011 | | |
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| 10:00 A | CLOW | JP6 |
| 1:00 P | CFCFFL - Youth | JP7 |
| Monday, December 26, 2011 | | |
| 5:00 P | Confessions | Chur |
| 7:00 P | Charismatic Prayer | JP10 |
| Tuesday, December 27, 2011 | | |
| 9:00 A | Senior Strength Training | JP7 |
| 5:00 P | Confessions | Chur |
| 5:45 P | Math Tutoring | JP7 |
| 6:15 P | Legion of Mary | JP4 |
| 6:30 P | Stewardship Committee | JP4 |
| | Charismatic Prayer | |
| 7:00 P | Group Spanish | JP7 |
| Wednesday, December 28, 2011 | | |
| 1:30 P | Widows(ers) Bible Study | JP5 |
| 5:00 P | Confessions | Chur |
| 5:45 P | AA Principle Study Group | JP5 |
| Thursday, December 29, 2011 | | |
| 9:00 A | Senior Strength Training | JP7 |
| 12:00 P | RE Bible Study | JP4 |
| 5:00 P | Confessions | Chur |
| 6:30 P | Men's Group | JP10 |
| 7:00 P | Spanish Young Adults | JP2 |
| Friday, December 30, 2011 | | |
| 12:00 P | Latin Mass | Chur |
| 3:00 P | Divine Mercy Prayer | Chap |
| 6:30 P | Adoration&Confessions | Chur |
| Saturday, December 31, 2011 | | |
| 8:30 A | Confessions | Chur |
| 9:00 A | AA (Women) Language of the Heart | JP4 |
| 4:00 P | Confessions | Chur |
| 11:30 P | New Years Day (Holy Hour) | Chur |
| Sunday, January 1, 2012 | | |
| 10:00 A | Children's Liturgy of the Word | JP6 |

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

Scan this image with your smart phone and go directly to St. Joseph's webpage to view upcoming events and latest blogs.



£ PSR Update g

Parish School of Religion
551-4973, ext. 217

E-mail: psr@stjmod.com

Important Reminder:

PSR classes will resume the week of January 9th and the PSR Office will be closed until then. Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

£ Militia Immaculata g



Have you been consecrated to Our Blessed Mother? Would you like a deeper consecration?

Speaker: Fr. Joseph Illo

The Militia Immaculata (MI) Villages
Invite you to attend one of the following:

Prayer and Spanish Villages

Jan 7.— Following 8am Holy Mass in Room #5, JP II bldg.

Family Village

Jan 8.— Following 9am Holy Mass at the Hall.

£ RCIA Update g

NEOPHYTE BIBLE STUDY

If you have gone through the RCIA process and become Catholic anytime in the past 5 years, you are invited to a bible study led by Gary Nelson on the second Monday of every month starting in January. This bible study will take place in JP II building room 8 from 7-8pm. Gary will go through the books of the New Testament, starting with the Gospels. This bible study is a great way to get connected again with the community and makes a good New Year's resolution.

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

The Twelve Days of Christmas

from *Women for Faith & Family* www.wf-f.org/Hymns-carols.html

This very interesting carol originated as a Hebrew hymn, which begins, "In those twelve days ..." The hymn was originally arranged as a dialogue between cantor and choir. Each of the verses was repeated like the nursery rhyme, "This is the house that Jack built." In the Middle Ages, the song was rewritten in Latin with Christian images. The final verse and its English translation follows:

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| Dic mihi quid duodecim? | Tell me, what are the twelve things? |
| Duodecim apostele; | Twelve apostles; |
| Undecim stellae a Joesphon visae; | Eleven stars seen by Joseph; |
| Decem mandate Dei; | Ten Commandments of God; |
| Novem angelorum chori; | Nine choirs of angels; |
| Octo beatitudines; | Eight beatitudes; |
| Septem sacramenta; | Seven sacraments; |
| Sex hydriae positae In Cana Galileae; | Six water jars in Cana Galilee; |
| Quinque libri Moyses; | Five Books of Moses; |
| Quatuor evangelistae; | Four Evangelists; |
| Tres patriarchae; | Three Patriarchs; |
| Duo testamenta; | Two Testaments; |
| Unus est Deus, Qui regnat in Coelis. | One God who reigns in Heaven. |

By 1645, an English version of the Latin hymn had appeared and by the 18th Century that had, in turn, become the Christmas carol we know today.

One author describes this traditional English carol as a catechetical mnemonic device that Catholics used to teach their children the truths of the faith during the years that the Catholic faith was suppressed in England. The numerical symbolism, which follows closely on the Latin version, goes like this:

- Partridge** -- The One True God;
- Two turtle doves** -- Old and New Testaments;
- Three French hens** -- Three Persons of the Trinity (or the Three Patriarchs -- Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.)
- Four colley birds** (colley means black) -- the Four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John;
- Five gold rings** -- the first five books of the Bible, believed to be written by Moses, called the Pentateuch;
- Six geese** -- six jars of water, turned to wine by Jesus at the wedding at Cana;
- Seven swans** -- seven Sacraments;
- Eight maids a-milking** -- eight Beatitudes;
- Nine ladies dancing** -- nine Choirs (or ranks) of Angels;
- Ten lords a-leaping** -- Ten Commandments;
- Eleven pipers** -- eleven faithful disciples (not including Judas), or the eleven stars seen in the Old Testament account of Joseph's dream;
- Twelve drummers** -- twelve Apostles, or the twelve tribes of Israel.



f Youth Ministry g

Looking for something to do during Christmas Break?

High School 'Lock In' Retreat:

Where: Fr. O Hare Hall

Start: Wednesday, 1/4/2012 at 9 p.m.

End: Thursday, 1/5/2012 at 9 a.m.

How much? \$20

What's going on? All high school teens are invited to come and hang out all night long! We will have indoor laser tag, ping-pong, board games, food, great fellowship, adoration and end with morning Mass on Thursday at 8 a.m. All families are invited to join us for Mass! Please pick up an information sheet from the parish office or youth room.

Upcoming LifeNights:

12/25: **No LifeNight** — Merry Christmas!!

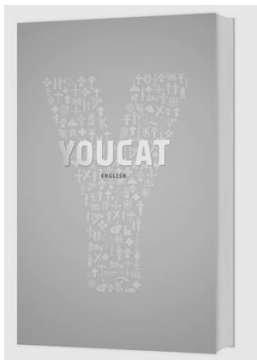
1/1/2012: **No LifeNight** — Happy New Year!!

1/8: **Once Upon a Time** — A night on scripture.

All high school teens are invited to join us every Sunday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. Bring a friend!

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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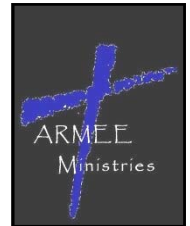
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A.R.M.E.E. Ministry

Adoration
Reconciliation
Mass
Eucharist
Evangelization.



AR.M.E.E. 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 6-7:30 p.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.



Matthew and Wendy Bettencourt

Profiles in Stewardship

by Stacy Phillips

In RCIA, we share the lives of those who we see every week. Two people who have shared much are **Matthew & Wendy Bettencourt**. Wendy began "Inquiry" as an un-baptized adult early in 2008 and was baptized at the 2009 Easter Vigil. Wendy picked St. Francis as her Confirmation name, very appropriate since she works in the Veterinary field. Matthew, a fully initiated Catholic & a Veterinarian, agreed to be a Parish Sponsor for men in RCIA. In time, they began a *courtship* (a beautiful time where a couple considers if God is calling them to the Sacrament of Matrimony) and eventually married 1 year ago. Matt and Wendy found their vocation in marriage and are an example of a couple building a "Domestic Church" in their home. They pray together, have a Sacred Space, Holy items adorn their walls and Christ is the center of their home. Last July they both agreed to become RCIA Team members; Wendy leads our hospitality and Matthew is a Catechist. He also has a regular Hour in the Adoration Chapel. His 1st presentation was on...Matrimony and everyone in the room knew that they were living this Sacrament.

When serving the Church, we lay the foundation at home. We are grateful for the example that Matthew and Wendy have shared in finding their vocation and giving of their time to St. Joseph's.

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: We are thankful for our Plaza Refreshment Volunteers, who are enjoying time with their families at Christmas.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them"
(Matt. 18:20)



Preparing for our Lord's birth:
Left: Archie McDowell mops the church floor

Below: Lupe Cardenas sweeps debris in front of our Blessed Lady
Bottom: Bea Nolte, Kyle Kemper, Juliana Silvey, Marlene Greiman and Gert Gordin work on a Saturday to make sure the St. Vincent de Paul food basket inserts are in the bulletin.

Christmas Blessings
from the

Center for Lay Apostolates



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



In the Diocese

RUSSIA SISTER PARISH PROJECT

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

“You are my son, this day I have begotten you” – with this passage from Psalm 2 the Church begins the liturgy of this holy night. She knows that this passage originally formed part of the coronation rite of the kings of Israel. The king, who in himself is a man like others, becomes the “Son of God” through being called and installed in his office. ... The reading from the prophet Isaiah ... presents the same process even more clearly in a situation of hardship and danger for Israel: “To us a child is born, to us a son is given. The government will be upon his shoulder” (Is 9:6). Installation in the office of king is like a second birth. As one newly born through God’s personal choice, as a child born of God, the king embodies hope. On his shoulders the future rests. He is the bearer of the promise of peace. On that night in Bethlehem this prophetic saying came true in a way that would still have been unimaginable at the time of Isaiah. Yes indeed, now it really is a child on whose shoulders government is laid. In him the new kingship appears that God establishes in the world. This child is truly born of God. It is God’s eternal Word that unites humanity with divinity. ... He bears in himself God’s wisdom and God’s counsel. In the weakness of infancy, he is the mighty God and he shows us God’s own might in contrast to the self-asserting powers of this world. Truly, the words of Israel’s coronation rite were only ever rites of hope which looked ahead to a distant future that God would bestow. ... Thus the fulfillment of the prophecy, which began that night in Bethlehem, is both infinitely greater and in worldly terms smaller than the prophecy itself might lead one to imagine. It is greater in the sense that this child is truly the Son of God, truly “God from God, light from light, begotten not made, of one being with the Father”. The infinite distance between God and man is overcome. God has not only bent down, as we read in the Psalms; he has truly “come down”, he has come into the world, he has become one of us, in order to draw all of us to himself. This child is truly Emmanuel – God-with-us. His kingdom truly stretches to the ends of the earth. ... Part of this night is simply joy at God’s closeness. We are grateful that God gives himself into our hands as a child, begging as it were for our love, implanting his peace in our hearts. But this joy is also a prayer: Lord, make your promise come fully true. Break the rods of the oppressors. Burn the tramping boots. Let the time of the garments rolled in blood come to an end. Fulfill the prophecy that “of peace there will be no end” (Is 9:7). We thank you for your goodness, but we also ask you to show forth your power. Establish the dominion of your truth and your love in the world – the “kingdom of righteousness, love and peace”. “Mary gave birth to her first-born son” (Lk 2:7). ... In the language which developed within the sacred Scripture of the Old Covenant, “first-born” does not mean the first of a series of children. Israel is designated by God in the *Book of Exodus* (4:22) as “my first-born Son”, and this expresses Israel’s election, its singular dignity, the particular love of God the Father. ...and is as it were destined for sacrifice. In Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross this destiny of the first-born is fulfilled in a unique way. In his person he brings humanity before God and unites man with God in such a way that God becomes all in all. Man can be the image of God because Jesus is both God and man, the true image of God and of man. In the resurrection he has broken down the wall of death for all of us. He has opened up to man the dimension of eternal life in fellowship with God. ... Grant that we may join with you in love more and more and thus become people of peace. Amen.

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.



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.

Por Stacy Phillips



Matthew y Wendy Bettencourt

En el RCIA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos), compartimos la vida de las personas que vemos cada semana. Dos personas que han compartido mucho son **Matthew y Wendy Bettencourt**. Como persona no bautizada, Wendy comenzó a “investigar” al comienzo del 2008 y fue bautizada en la Vigilia Pascual del 2009. Como su nombre de Confirmación Wendy escogió a San Francisco, muy apropiado ya que ella trabaja en el campo veterinario. Matthew, como católico activo y veterinario, aceptó ser sponsor en el RCIA. Con el tiempo, comenzó a *pretenderla* (un tiempo hermoso donde la pareja considera si Dios los está llamando al Sacramento del Matrimonio) y eventualmente se casaron hace un año. Matt y Wendy encontraron su vocación en el matrimonio y son un buen ejemplo de una pareja construyendo la “iglesia domestica” en su casa. Ellos oran juntos, asignaron en su casa un lugar sagrado, artículos religiosos adornan sus paredes, y Cristo es el centro de su casa. El pasado julio los dos aceptaron ser miembros del equipo del RCIA; Wendy se encarga de la hospitalidad y Matthew es catequista. Su primer presentación fue sobre el Matrimonio, y todos en el salón confirmaron que ellos viven el Sacramento. Él también se comprometió a orar por una hora en la Capilla de Adoración al Santísimo. Cuando servimos a la Iglesia, ponemos la fundación en nuestras casas. Estamos muy agradecidos del ejemplo que Matthew y Wendy han compartido sobre cómo encontraron su vocación y cómo dan su tiempo a St. Joseph's.

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



¡Una cálida y **Feliz Navidad** para todos ustedes! Que este mensaje sea la tarjeta de Navidad para todos los que la lean. Que exprese mi amor y afecto por todos ustedes en la Parroquia de St. Joseph's.

Hoy celebramos de nuevo, la Natividad de Nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. Hoy, o esta noche, dependiendo en la Misa que usted atienda, un niño ha de nacer, Cristo nuestro Señor.

Una semana antes de Navidad nos encontrábamos tratando de comprar regalos para nuestros seres queridos y tratando de terminar las tarjetas de Navidad para nuestros queridos amigos. Este año, mientras que estaba preparando las publicaciones anuales para la parroquia, pasé una tarde viendo todas las fotos de mis doce años aquí en St. Joseph's. ¡Cuántos hermosos rostros y cuantas preciosas memorias que descubrí! ¡Que gracia ha sido cada día! Al final del año, y espero al final de la vida, no recordaremos los tiempos difíciles sino que agradeceremos a Dios de entero corazón por todos los tiempos felices. ¡Que bendición tan grande han sido esta parroquia y esta vida para mí!

Todos los buenos recuerdos, y las perdurables amistades, provienen de aquel bebé en un pesebre, abrazando estrechamente el brazo de su madre, y teniendo un dedo de José en sus pequeñas manos.

Agradecemos al Buen Dios por la vida que gozamos. Seamos buenos corresponsales de los dones que El nos ha dado y démosle gracias. Que Dios los bendiga por venir a la Misa esta Navidad, por agradecerle a El por el regalo de Si mismo en Belén y en Modesto.



Fr. Joseph

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

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Orador: Padre Joseph Illo

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

«Tú eres mi hijo, yo te he engendrado hoy». La Iglesia comienza la liturgia del Noche Santa con estas palabras del *Salmo* segundo. Ella sabe que estas palabras pertenecían originariamente al rito de la coronación de los reyes de Israel. El rey, que de por sí es un ser humano como los demás hombres, se convierte en «hijo de Dios» mediante la llamada y la toma de posesión de su cargo....La lectura tomada del profeta Isaías, que acabamos de escuchar, presenta de manera todavía más clara el mismo proceso en una situación de turbación y amenaza para Israel: «Un hijo se nos ha dado: lleva sobre sus hombros el principado» (9,5). La toma de posesión de la función de rey es como un nuevo nacimiento. Precisamente como recién nacido por decisión personal de Dios, como niño procedente de Dios, el rey constituye una esperanza. El futuro recae sobre sus hombros. Él es el portador de la promesa de paz. En la noche de Belén, esta palabra profética se ha hecho realidad de un modo que habría sido todavía inimaginable en tiempos de Isaías. Sí, ahora es realmente un niño el que lleva sobre sus hombros el poder. En Él aparece la nueva realeza que Dios establece en el mundo. Este niño ha nacido realmente de Dios. Es la Palabra eterna de Dios, que une la humanidad y la divinidad....Él es el Dios fuerte, y nos muestra así, frente a los poderes presuntuosos del mundo, la fortaleza propia de Dios.

A decir verdad, las palabras del rito de coronación en Israel eran siempre sólo ritos de esperanza, que preveían a lo lejos un futuro que sería otorgado por Dios. ... El cumplimiento de la palabra que da comienzo en la noche de Belén es a la vez inmensamente más grande y —desde el punto de vista del mundo— más humilde que lo que la palabra profética permitía intuir. Es más grande, porque este niño es realmente Hijo de Dios, verdaderamente «Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre». Ha quedado superada la distancia infinita entre Dios y el hombre. Dios no solamente se ha inclinado hacia abajo, como dicen los Salmos; Él ha «descendido» realmente, ha entrado en el mundo, haciéndose uno de nosotros para atraernos a todos a sí. Este niño es verdaderamente el Emmanuel, el Dios-con-nosotros. Su reino se extiende realmente hasta los confines de la tierra. En la magnitud universal de la santa Eucaristía, Él ha hecho surgir realmente islas de paz. En cualquier lugar que se celebra hay una isla de paz, de esa paz que es propia de Dios. Este niño ha encendido en los hombres la luz de la bondad y les ha dado la fuerza de resistir a la tiranía del poder. Te damos gracias por tu bondad, pero también te pedimos: Muestra tu poder. Erige en el mundo el dominio de tu verdad, de tu amor; el «reino de justicia, de amor y de paz».

«María dio a la luz a su hijo primogénito» (Lc 2,7). San Lucas describe con esta frase, sin énfasis alguno, el gran acontecimiento que habían vislumbrado con antelación las palabras proféticas en la historia de Israel. Designa al niño como «primogénito». En el lenguaje que se había ido formando en la Sagrada Escritura de la Antigua Alianza, «primogénito» no significa el primero de otros hijos. «Primogénito» es un título de honor, independientemente de que después sigan o no otros hermanos y hermanas. Así, en el Libro del *Éxodo* (Ex 4,22), Dios llama a Israel «mi hijo primogénito», expresando de este modo su elección, su dignidad única, el amor particular de Dios Padre.... El destino del primogénito se cumple de modo único en el sacrificio de Jesús en la cruz. Él ofrece en sí mismo la humanidad a Dios, y une al hombre y a Dios de tal modo que Dios sea todo en todos. ... El hombre puede ser imagen de Dios, porque Jesús es Dios y Hombre, la verdadera imagen de Dios y el Hombre. Haz que

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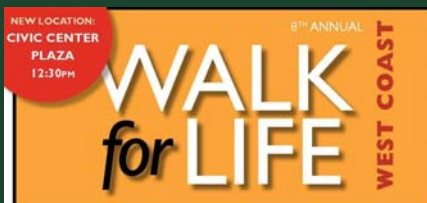
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If you are new to our parish, welcome! If you have been away for awhile, welcome back! Please pick up a CD and "The Gift" booklet after Mass, as St. Joseph's gift to you. St. Joseph's Catholic Church is a gift, too. Here are some upcoming events for you and your family to attend to get plugged into our community and to recognize how St. Joseph's is truly a gift:

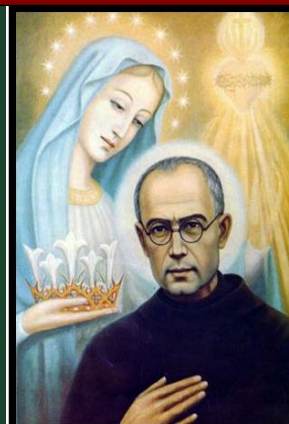
Free Parish Movie Night!
Saturday, January 7
7pm-9pm, Fr. O'Hare Hall
"The Ultimate Gift"



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8am—4:30pm
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with Mary the Great
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Walk for Life West Coast!
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Masses on January 8 and 15 or
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