

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

February 19, 2012 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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)

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 Kottathil, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochiner, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarella, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

I was an English Major in College, and so the misuse of words is particularly irritating. Take, for example, the overuse of the word "awesome." Thanks be to God this word is fading from popular usage, but five years ago absolutely everything was described as "awesome." But of course only One is Awesome — only God and the things of God inspire "awe." To describe her new shoes or the way he washed the dishes as "awesome" reduces the sense of authentic awe, and Him who inspires true awe.

As I say, the misuse of "awesome" is fading, but the misuse of another word is on the ascendant. That word is "**incredible**." This adjective is used to describe anything that impresses the speaker. For example, "the performance last night was incredible," or "she has assembled this incredible staff." The 2004 animated movie about superheroes with attitude (*The Incredibles*) didn't help matters. But what does "incredible" actually mean? It means non-credible — unbelievable. If someone says that my homily was "incredible," they are saying that it is not believable — they don't buy a word of it — hardly a compliment!

I think the overuse of the word "incredible" tells us something. It tells us that "credibility," *belief*, is on the wane. People are saying that just about everything is "incredible," and not by accident. People find many more things "non-credible" today than they did 40 years ago. We don't believe in our members of Congress, our President, our heads of respected corporations, even our priests and bishops.

To all this "unbelief," we Catholics say, *Credo*. "I believe." Our faith is not in man or things human, but in God. This Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**. *I believe* in the Passion, Death, and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. I believe that God lives, and lives in each of us. Let's keep a good Lent, insisting that there is still room for belief in the world.



These birds on our bell tower *believe!*

Fr. Joseph

☞ Staff Contacts ☞

Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, Alex, Lauren)

Sunday: 10:00-3:00pm.

Monday: 10:00 to 7:30

Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 to 7:30

Closed Wednesday from 11-1pm

Friday 8:30 to Noon

Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

- Se Habla Español*..... Alex x103
- Accounting..... Barbara x108
- Adult Ed & Bible Studies..... Michael x203
- Altar Servers..... Svetlana x200
- Audio / Video Jeremy x213
- Becoming Catholic, RCIA Stacy x211
- Buildings & Grounds..... Susie x201
- Bulletin & Website Jeremy x213
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☞ Readings 02/20-02/26 ☞

- Monday:**
Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday:**
Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday**
Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:**
Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:**
Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
- 12pm Latin Mass:**
Acts 1:15-26; Mt. 11:25-30
- Saturday:**
Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday:**
Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
- 9am Mass Latin Mass: First Sunday of Lent**
2 Cor. 6:1-10; Mt. 4:1-11

Sacraments

☞ Our Mass Intentions ☞

Sunday, February 19 (Seventh Sunday on Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Rusty Boyle	1:30p	Rodolfo & Amalia Moreno
9:00a	William Armell	3:00p	Filipino Mass
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Rose Quintana
12:00p	Anastacia Mahayag	7:30p	Joe Scoto
Monday, February 20			
8:00a	Maria Da Conecicao Lima and Jacinto Coelho De Lima	5:45p	Norman Boucher and Manual Borges Victoria
Tuesday, February 21			
8:00a	Salvador Retanan and Lupe Suniga	5:45p	Mathew Bruno and Frank Zuccaro
Wednesday, February 22 (Ash Wednesday)			
7:30a	Barbara Moran	5:45p	William Studebaker
8:00a	Edward Villafana	7:30p	Domingo Marcale (Spanish—Church)
9:30a	Genaro Ruiz	7:30p	Elena Gutierrez (English—Hall)
12:15	Martha Trujillo		
Thursday, February 23			
8:00a	Crisologo R. Cabacungan and Fr. Joseph O'Hare	5:45p	James Beberdick and Connie Ortez
Friday, February 24			
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and Josephine Bonfiglio	5:45p	Maria Zuccaro and Remuinda Faria
Saturday, February 25			
8:00a	Melito Retanan and John Mitchell	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, February 26 (First Sunday of Lent)			
7:30a	Rozann Platt	1:30p	Anna Brazil
9:00a	Bill Vermillion	5:30p	Leona Delos Reyes
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Anna Brazil
12:00p	Manuel & Olive Serpa		

☞ Prayer & Interior Life ☞

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE APRIL 23 - MAY 3
WASHINGTON DC, PHILADELPHIA & NEW YORK CITY**

It is time to celebrate the great Shrines and Saints on the east coast. We can easily overlook the blessings that we have here in North America and so we have scheduled these days to experience the awe and graces that God blesses us with in the United States. Susie Dickert will be on the plaza after all Masses this weekend for more information. \$200 deposit due by Feb 20 to reserve your spot.

PRAY TO END ABORTION

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



ST. JOSEPH'S PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



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

PALMS & ASH WEDNESDAY

If you have your palms from last year's Palm Sunday, we will burn them this Sunday, February 19, 2012 after the 5:30pm Mass. You can either bring them then or to the vestibule of the church. The ashes will be used for this week's Ash Wednesday Masses (February 22nd): 7am, 8am, 9:30am, 12noon, 5:45pm, 7:30pm (Español-Church), 7:30pm (English-Hall).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Wondering what to give God for Lent this year? How about participating in the "40 Days for Life" effort? Modesto is joining with approximately 422 cities across the globe in synchronized prayer vigils. The vigils are held every week during Lent outside abortion clinics from 8am to 8pm Monday thru Friday and 2pm to 4pm Saturday and Sunday. Please consider joining our Life Saving Vigil at the clinic on 2030 Coffee Road for an hour or more. 5,045 children have been saved from abortion, and these are only the ones we know about. For more information, please contact Stephanie Pizzirulli, DC. (209) 484-7233 or molthenchiro@gmail.com.



MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Militia of the Immaculata Villages and Health Ministry invite you to attend the Mass & Anointing of the Sick: March 3 at 10am. If you need transportation, please contact Suzanne Flint at 521-8299.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is seeking nominations for two new members for the next 3-year term on the Parish Pastoral Council. The council is a visioning and planning body of parishioners who foster full participation of the entire parish in the life and mission of the church, as lived out at St. Joseph's. Please send a letter of interest to Donna Roeck, chairperson, at drromni2@aol.com. This letter should include, but is not limited to: professional background, community and parish involvement, the gifts and talents you have to offer to the council. Deadline is March 2. Thank you!

2012-2013 ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

A limited amount of scholarships are available for children of active, registered St. Joseph's parishioners at either Our Lady of Fatima or St. Stanislaus Parish Schools. Scholarship applicants must either be current students or enrolled for the 2012-2013 school year. Application forms and information are available in the parish office and are due by April 30, 2012. St. Joseph's supports Catholic School Education and welcomes donations of support to help fund scholarships.

2012-2013 ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

A limited amount of scholarships are available for children of active, registered St. Joseph's parishioners who will attend or are attending a four-year college or university as undergraduates. Prospective applicants must be enrolled for the 2012-2013 school year as full-time students. Application forms and information are available in the parish office and are due by April 30, 2012. St. Joseph's supports our college-age parishioners and welcomes donations of support to help fund scholarships.

Sunday, February 19, 2012		
8:00 AM	Office Closed (Sun&Mon)	
10:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	JP6
10:30 AM	Respect Life	JP4
1:00 PM	Youth for Family & Life	JP7
Monday, February 20, 2012		
7:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10
Tuesday, February 21, 2012		
9:00 AM	Senior Strength Training	JP7
10:30 AM	Light Weigh	JP8
5:30 PM	Development Committee	Conf
5:30 PM	ESL Classes	JP4
6:00 PM	Live Stations Practice	JP2
6:15 PM	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:30 PM	Light Weigh	JP8
7:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer Span.	JP7
Wednesday, February 22, 2012		
	Widows and Widowers	
1:30 PM	Bible Study	JP5
5:30 PM	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
5:45 PM	AI Anon Group	JP10
Thursday, February 23, 2012		
9:00 AM	Senior Strength Training	JP7
6:30 PM	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30 PM	Compartiendo la Biblia	JP4
6:30 PM	Men's Group	JP10
7:00 PM	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
Friday, February 24, 2012		
8:45 AM	Stations of the Cross	Chur
12:00 PM	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 PM	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
5:30 PM	K of C Fish Fry	Hall
6:30 PM	Spanish Stations of the Cross	Chur
7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	Chur
Sunday, February 26, 2012		
10:30 AM	CLOW	JP6
1:00 PM	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRIDAY FISH FRY



February 24 & March 2, 16, 23 Dinner or take out available at 5pm. Tickets prices: \$10/adult, \$8/seniors, \$5/children Tickets available after Masses this Sunday or in the parish office.

☪ PSR Update ☪

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

There are NO PSR classes this week and the PSR office will be closed: February 20-24.

SCHOOL OF FAITH CHANGE:

A School of Faith Spanish class will be held on Feb. 29 at 7pm, JP II building, room 7. We apologize for the inconvenience.

☪ BIBLE STUDIES ☪



LUNCH BIBLE STUDY

Join the Bible Study on campus every Thursday at noon in the Vatican Room. Bring your Bible and enthusiasm!
All are welcome!

For information call 551-4973 ext.218



Faith Sharing and Bible Study Groups are forming, you still can sign up and join a group. Just call: 551-4973 ext. 218.

☪ RCIA ☪

Inquiry classes are for people who want to learn more about Catholicism, but aren't necessarily sure they want to become Catholic. The RCIA process is also for Catholics who have not yet completed their sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion. To start the process: call Stacy Phillips at **541-8903** to make an appointment.

Religious Education

On Our Way to Heaven (part 2)

Last week, the first three of Fr. McCloskey's *Seven Daily Habits for Faithful Catholics*, were covered. Here are the next four:

4. Fifteen Minutes of Spiritual Reading — It is important to make sure we read and meditate upon Sacred Scripture every day. Also, reading the lives and writings of the saints is essential because they can inspire us to live out our faith by their example of living their faith. Check out Fr. McCloskey's list of books he recommends to read at: www.CatholiCity.com.

5. Pray the Angelus — Traditionally the Angelus prayer is prayed at 6am, noon, and 6pm, in order to sanctify the whole day. Although those are the traditional times, you can incorporate the Angelus with saying grace before you eat, so in the morning before you eat breakfast, around noon before you eat lunch, and in the evening before you eat dinner.

6. Pray the Holy Rosary — Praying the rosary every day is a habit that can be life-changing and can benefit our spiritual life greatly. The rosary helps us to meditate upon the life and mystery of Christ through the eyes of Mary, His and Our Mother. What a beautiful perspective Mary must have on the life of her Son. If you find it difficult to get into the habit right away of praying the whole rosary every day start by simply doing a decade. You also can get the rosary on CD or download it on your mp3 player to listen and meditate on in your car while you drive to work.

7. Examine Your Conscience — This habit involves finding a quiet place before bedtime every night and going through the day of how we lived virtuously and how we failed to love God. This is beneficial to grow in sanctity but also helps us to truly rest in God's mercy.

These seven habits might seem like a lot to take on. If we honestly look at our day, we will see no matter how busy we are, the time is there! It might mean sacrificing getting your cup of coffee in the morning, spending less time watching TV or playing video games. If loving God is a greater priority in our lives, we will be blessed abundantly. Jesus said: *I have come that you might have life and have it abundantly* (John 10:10).



Steps up Mt. Carmel

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: And she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh: *(Bow reverently for the great act of love - the Incarnation)* And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Youth Ministry

Upcoming LifeNights:

2/19: Follow the Recipe – The visible and invisible reality of the Sacraments.

2/26: Retro – Original Glory and Original Sin.

3/4: Heart of Mystery – Paschal Mystery Explained.

3/11: Dead Strength - Living the Paschal Mystery.

3/18: Nailed – A loving God vs. the Reality of suffering.

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

Life Support-A Place for Parents

We are looking for parent **volunteers** and **coordinators** for 'Life Support'. This is an excellent opportunity to serve the youth of our parish alongside other parents while enjoying fellowship, support and encouragement. Parents have the option to plan meetings at their homes or the church. 'Life Support' can provide food for High School LifeNights on Sundays and help chaperone at youth events. If you feel called to this ministry or have any questions, please contact the youth office. Thank you.

Victory Team!

Our parish has been blessed with faithful teens and young adults that are always ready to serve. The "Victory" team is made up of teens and young adults who help serve our Confirmation 1 7th-8th graders. Meetings are held in the JP II center, Room 2, every Monday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Come check it out!

NET Ministries Interview Retreat

Every year 100 young adults between the ages of 18-28 are selected to serve with the National Evangelization Teams, or NET Ministries. As a Catholic Missionary you travel for 9 months around the United States putting on retreats for 7th-12th grades. The mission of NET ministries is to "Challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the Life of the Church". There will be an interview retreat HERE at St. Joseph's held on March 9-10. Our parish has been blessed to send 5 young adults to serve with the organization over the past 3 years. For more information please contact Katie or Nathan. Or visit their website at www.netusa.org. *"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" Mt. 4:19*

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Save the Date:

Steubenville San Diego

July 27-29

Open to all high school teens, graduating 8th grade through 12th grade in high school. Guest speakers and musicians this year include

Ike Ndolo,

Fr. Michael Schmitz,

Matt Smith, Jackie

Francois and

Righteous B!!

More details to come!

"But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: You are mine."
Isaiah 43:1



Bea Nolte

Profiles in Stewardship

by Tammy Menezes

Last week many of St. Joseph's staff were able to "retreat" away from their parish jobs for the Annual Staff Spiritual Retreat. We enjoyed several days of fresh air, fresh prayer and time to reflect upon our faith life. Our retreat master was Fr. Pasqual, who worked for several decades with Blessed Teresa of Calcutta and was able to share many stories about her work, life and the Missionaries of Charity. He shared that the three tenets of the MC's are Loving Trust, Total Surrender and Cheerfulness. I immediately thought of **Bea Nolte** when he provided examples of each area. Bea has volunteered for many years in our Religious Education Department, attends daily Mass, volunteers in the Center for Lay Apostolates and has even taken over my Adoration Chapel hour when I have been on vacation. Bea brings a lively cheerfulness to everything she is involved with. She totally surrenders to God's will by taking whatever He gives and giving whatever He asks. Bea has a loving trust in Divine Providence, believing that God will provide. Sometimes life seems too busy and we are frustrated with our inability to control it. I thank this wonderful steward of our faith for her perfect example of trust, surrender and cheerfulness.

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: *Please thank the Plaza Refreshment Volunteers for serving your coffee and donuts after Mass today.*

Parish Stewardship—a way of life

Please be a good Steward of your faith and invite someone you have not seen for a while at Mass to:

Ash Wednesday

February 22

Schedule:

7am, 8am, 9:30am, 12noon (Latin), 5:45pm,

7:30pm Spanish-Church, 7:30pm English-Hall

Development Committee Openings

The parish Development Committee (one of our five leadership groups) has several openings and welcomes self-nominations for consideration. This active committee is tasked with reviewing and responding to the financial development needs of the parish now and for future growth. Please call 551-4973, x 207 to schedule a meeting with a member of the Development Committee or for more information.

New to the Parish? Wondering where to start??

Call the Center for Lay Apostolates

551-4973, ext. 207

From our Holy Father in Rome

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS FOR THE CELEBRATION
OF THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE

1 JANUARY 2012

EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE IN JUSTICE AND PEACE (PART IV)



Educating in Justice

In this world of ours, in which, despite the profession of good intentions, the value of the person, of human dignity and human rights is seriously threatened by the widespread tendency to have recourse exclusively to the criteria of utility, profit and material possessions, it is important not to detach the concept of justice from its transcendent roots. Justice, indeed, is not simply a human convention, since what is just is ultimately determined not by positive law, but by the profound identity of the human being. It is the integral vision of man that saves us from falling into a contractual conception of justice and enables us to locate justice within the horizon of solidarity and love.

We cannot ignore the fact that some currents of modern culture, built upon rationalist and individualist economic principles, have cut off the concept of justice from its transcendent roots, detaching it from charity and solidarity: “The ‘earthly city’ is promoted not merely by relationships of rights and duties, but to an even greater and more fundamental extent by relationships of gratuitousness, mercy and communion. Charity always manifests God’s love in human relationships as well, it gives theological and salvific value to all commitment for justice in the world.”

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied” (Mt 5:6). They shall be satisfied because they hunger and thirst for right relations with God, with themselves, with their brothers and sisters, and with the whole of creation.

Educating in peace

“Peace is not merely the absence of war, and it is not limited to maintaining a balance of power between adversaries. Peace cannot be attained on earth without safeguarding the goods of persons, free communication among men, respect for the dignity of persons and peoples, and the assiduous practice of fraternity.” We Christians believe that Christ is our true peace: in him, by his Cross, God has reconciled the world to himself and has broken down the walls of division that separated us from one another (cf. Eph 2:14-18); in him, there is but one family, reconciled in love.

Peace, however, is not merely a gift to be received: it is also a task to be undertaken. In order to be true peacemakers, we must educate ourselves in compassion, solidarity, working together, fraternity, in being active within the community and concerned to raise awareness about national and international issues and the importance of seeking adequate mechanisms for the redistribution of wealth, the promotion of growth, cooperation for development and conflict resolution. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God,” as Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5:9). Peace for all is the fruit of justice for all, and no one can shirk this essential task of promoting justice, according to one’s particular areas of competence and responsibility. To the young, who have such a strong attachment to ideals, I extend a particular invitation to be patient and persevering in seeking justice and peace, in cultivating the taste for what is just and true, even when it involves sacrifice and swimming against the tide.

In the Diocese

DIOCESAN FILIPINO PASTORAL
MINISTRY

Attention any interested Filipino Catholics, Officers and Board members of the Diocesan Filipino Pastoral Ministry, Elected officers and Board Members of Coalesced Filipino Parish Organizations, Prayer Group, or related Associations: You are invited to attend a Seminar endorsed by Bishop Stephen Blaire concerning Coordinated Ministry Structure on February 25, 2012. The Seminar will take place from 10am-2pm at Presentation Church, 1515 Benjamin Holt Drive in Stockton. Your presence and participation are very much needed and appreciated.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CALFRESH & CHILD HEALTH INITIATIVE

If you have a limited income, you may be eligible for CalFresh (formerly Food Stamps)—even if you have been denied in the past. CalFresh helps low-income, U.S. Citizens purchase healthy food. Catholic Charities can help you apply! We provide free, confidential application assistance and are committed to reach every eligible individual, family, and senior! For more information, call: Catholic Charities at 593-6124.

Children’s Health Initiative provides eligible uninsured documented and undocumented Children in Stanislaus County with health care coverage. If your child is uninsured, contact us! Catholic Charities will help you apply and renew eligibility for Medi-Cal, Healthy Families or Kaiser programs. For more information, call Catholic Charities at 593-6121.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Central Catholic HS will hold the placement test for all public school 8th graders, interested in attending next fall, on Saturday, February 25, at 11am. In addition, CCHS will host several Shadow Days for 8th graders to spend a day on campus. Please call Ms. Tybor at 524-9611 or e-mail: tbor@cchsca.org to register for the test/schedule a visit.

Por Tammy Menezes



Bea Nolte

La semana pasada varios del personal de St. Joseph's pudieron "retirarse" de sus trabajos para asistir al retiro espiritual anual. Disfrutamos de unos días de aire fresco, oración y tiempo para reflexionar sobre nuestra vida de fe. Dirigió nuestro retiro el padre Pascual, quien trabajó por varias décadas con la Beata Teresa de Calcuta y pudo compartir muchas historias sobre el trabajo, vida y las Misioneras de la Caridad de la Madre Teresa. Nos dijo que las tres declaraciones de las Misioneras son Confianza Amorosa, Entrega Total y Alegría. Cuando nos dio ejemplos de cada una, yo inmediatamente pensé en Bea Nolte. Bea nos ha ayudado por muchos años en el departamento de educación religiosa, en el centro del apostolado laico, asiste a misa diariamente, y hasta ha tomado mi hora de adoración al Santísimo cuando estoy en vacaciones. Ella se entrega totalmente a la voluntad de Dios tomando lo que él le da y entregando lo que él le pide. Bea tiene una amorosa confianza en la Divina Providencia, ella sabe que Dios proveerá. Algunas veces la vida nos parece muy de prisa y nos frustramos con nuestra inhabilidad de poder controlarla. Le doy gracias a esta maravillosa corresponsal de nuestra fe por su gran ejemplo de confianza, entrega y alegría.

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

Mi Grado Universitario fue en Inglés, por esto es que me irrita el mal uso de las palabras. Por ejemplo, la palabra "*awesome*" la cual es usada frecuentemente. Gracias a Dios que esta palabra está desapareciendo del uso popular, pero hace cinco años, casi todo fue descrito con "*awesome*." Por supuesto, que solo Uno es Asombroso (*awesome*)—solo Dios y las cosas de Dios inspiran asombro. El describir los nuevos zapatos de ella, o la manera en que él ha lavado los platos como algo asombroso, reduce el auténtico sentido de la palabra asombro y de Aquel que lo inspira.

Como dije, el mal uso de "*awesome*" ya está desapareciendo, pero el mal uso de otra palabra viene creciendo. La palabra es "**increíble**." Este adjetivo se usa para describir cualquier cosa que impresiona al parlante. Por ejemplo, "la actuación anoche fue increíble," o "ella tiene un personal increíble." La película de animación del 2004 sobre los superhéroes con actitud (*The Incredibles— Los Increíbles*) no ayudó de ninguna manera. Pero ¿qué quiere decir en realidad la palabra "increíble"? Quiere decir algo que no se puede creer —increíble. Si alguien dice que mi homilía es algo "increíble," quieren decir que es algo que no se puede creer—que no se tragan ni la primera palabra— ¡De verdad que esto no es un cumplido!

Yo creo que el sobre-uso de la palabra "increíble" nos dice algo. Nos dice que la "credibilidad", que el *creer* está desapareciendo. La gente dice que casi todo es "increíble," y no por accidente. La gente encuentra hoy muchas más cosas "que no se pueden creer" que hace cuarenta años. No creemos en los miembros de nuestro Congreso, nuestro Presidente, nuestros gerentes de corporaciones, y hasta nuestros sacerdotes y obispos.

A todo esta falta de "creer", nosotros los Católicos respondemos con el Credo. "Yo creo." Nuestra fe no se basa en un hombre o en cosas

humanas, sino en Dios. Este miércoles es "**Miércoles de Ceniza**." Yo creo en la Pasión, Muerte y la Resurrección de Jesucristo. Yo creo que Dios vive, y que vive en cada uno de nosotros. Hagamos de esta, una buena Cuaresma, insistiendo que todavía hay espacio en el mundo para la creer.

Fr. Joseph



¡Estos pájaros en nuestra campana si *Creen!*

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

MENSAJE DE SU SANTIDAD PARA LA
CELEBRACIÓN DE LA JORNADA MUNDIAL DE LA PAZ
1 DE ENERO DE 2012
EDUCAR A LOS JÓVENES EN LA JUSTICIA Y LA PAZ (PARTE IV)



Educación en la justicia

4. En nuestro mundo, en el que el valor de la persona, de su dignidad y de sus derechos, más allá de las declaraciones de intenciones, está seriamente amenazado por la extendida tendencia a recurrir exclusivamente a los criterios de utilidad, del beneficio y del tener, es importante no separar el concepto de justicia de sus raíces trascendentes. La justicia, en efecto, no es una simple convención humana, ya que lo que es justo no está determinado originariamente por la ley positiva, sino por la identidad profunda del ser humano. La visión integral del hombre es lo que permite no caer en una concepción contractualista de la justicia y abrir también para ella el horizonte de la solidaridad y del amor[6].

No podemos ignorar que ciertas corrientes de la cultura moderna, sostenida por principios económicos racionalistas e individualistas, han sustraído al concepto de justicia sus raíces trascendentes, separándolo de la caridad y la solidaridad: «La “ciudad del hombre” no se promueve sólo con relaciones de derechos y deberes sino, antes y más aún, con relaciones de gratuidad, de misericordia y de comunión. La caridad manifiesta siempre el amor de Dios también en las relaciones humanas, otorgando valor teológico y salvífico a todo compromiso por la justicia en el mundo»[7].

«Bienaventurados los que tienen hambre y sed de la justicia, porque ellos quedarán saciados» (Mt 5,6). Serán saciados porque tienen hambre y sed de relaciones rectas con Dios, consigo mismos, con sus hermanos y hermanas, y con toda la creación.

Educación en la paz

5. «La paz no es sólo ausencia de guerra y no se limita a asegurar el equilibrio de fuerzas adversas. La paz no puede alcanzarse en la tierra sin la salvaguardia de los bienes de las personas, la libre comunicación entre los seres humanos, el respeto de la dignidad de las personas y de los pueblos, la práctica asidua de la fraternidad»[8]. La paz es fruto de la justicia y efecto de la caridad. Y es ante todo don de Dios. Los cristianos creemos que Cristo es nuestra verdadera paz: en Él, en su cruz, Dios ha reconciliado consigo al mundo y ha destruido las barreras que nos separaban a unos de otros (cf. Ef 2,14-18); en Él, hay una única familia reconciliada en el amor.

Pero la paz no es sólo un don que se recibe, sino también una obra que se ha de construir. Para ser verdaderamente constructores de la paz, debemos ser educados en la compasión, la solidaridad, la colaboración, la fraternidad; hemos de ser activos dentro de las comunidades y atentos a despertar las conciencias sobre las cuestiones nacionales e internacionales, así como sobre la importancia de buscar modos adecuados de redistribución de la riqueza, de promoción del crecimiento, de la cooperación al desarrollo y de la resolución de los conflictos. «Bienaventurados los que trabajan por la paz, porque ellos serán llamados hijos de Dios», dice Jesús en el Sermón de la Montaña (Mt 5,9). La paz para todos nace de la justicia de cada uno y ninguno puede eludir este compromiso esencial de promover la justicia, según las propias competencias y responsabilidades. Invito de modo particular a los jóvenes, que mantienen siempre viva la tensión hacia los ideales, a tener la paciencia y constancia de buscar la justicia y la paz, de cultivar el gusto por lo que es justo y verdadero, aun cuando esto pueda comportar sacrificio e ir contracorriente.



Misa y Unción de los Enfermos

Sábado, 3 de marzo
10:00-11:30am

Esta Santa Misa de Unción es para todos los Católicos bautizados, que se encuentren enfermos en casa y que muchas veces no pueden atender a la Santa Misa debido a problemas de salud, edad avanzada o por cualquier otra razón. Para obtener transporte gratis o mas información por favor llame a:

María Palmerín (209) 606-6298

Ofrecido por la Milicia Inmaculada y el Ministerio de Salud de St. Joseph's

BECAS para el COLEGIO

St. Joseph's está ofreciendo becas para el año escolar 2012-2013 para hijos de feligreses registrados y activos que asistirán o están asistiendo un colegio o universidad de 4 años. Las formas para aplicar están disponibles en la oficina parroquial y deben de ser entregadas antes del 30 de abril del 2012. St. Joseph's apoya a nuestros feligreses en su educación y agradece donaciones para el fondo de las becas.



VIDA PARROQUIAL

Martes: Oración

Carismática, 7-9pm
Edificio JP II, salón #7.

Martes: Clases de Inglés, 5:30-6:30pm, Edificio JP II, salón #6.

Miércoles: Hora Santa, 7-8pm, Capilla

Jueves: Compartiendo la Biblia, 6:30 Edificio JP II, salón #4 All Saints

Jueves: Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos, 7-9pm, Edificio JP II, salón #2.

Librería Católica

JP II, cuarto 11

Tenemos libros, Películas y CDs.

Lunes & Jueves 10:30-2:30

Martes & Viernes 10:30-12:30

Miércoles 9:30-1:30

Lunes 5-7pm & Jueves 4-6pm

Todo Prestado sin costo alguno.

2012 Bishop's Ministry Appeal

St. Joseph's Goal is \$193,031

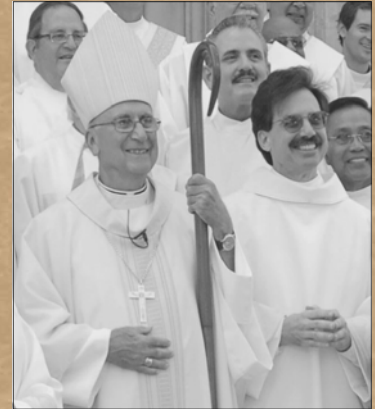
Diocese Goal: \$2,100,000



Fr. Sam West



Fr. Camilo Garcia, Fr. Larry Guerrero, Fr. Joseph Illo



Bishop Stephen Blaire
Dec. Ernest Ciccarelli

*The annual appeal to help our
Bishop with seminarian education.*

Why is it important that we support the Diocese goal with our share? Bishop Blaire faces many of the same challenges we face in our own personal lives: growing expense, reduced income andincreased need. Our church is growing. Our own St. Joseph's RCIA program is one of the largest in the Diocese. These new Catholics are eager to serve Our Lord. Our Bishop must provide for this ever-growing population by providing more priests and deacons. Let us help our Bishop continue to pay for our seminarians (we need more priests!), train new religious education teachers, and grow our Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

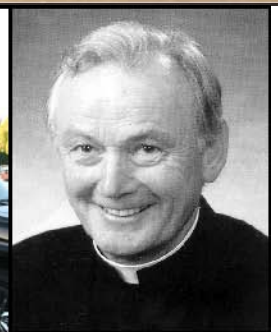
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Thank you to our 2012 BMA St. Joseph's Co-Chairs:

Ron Cook,

Norma Rodriguez and John Gorman

They will speak at all Masses this weekend!



Fr. Dante, Fr. Joseph Illo, Bishop Blaire & Evelyn Ereso, Fr. Joseph O'Hare