

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 26, 2012 First Sunday of Lent

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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

Children's Services:

Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Sunday Mass 10:30am

Stations of the Cross & Confessions

Fridays during Lent 6:30pm (Español)

7:30pm (English)

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

Lent is a time to restore what has fallen into disrepair over the past year. Certainly the American Family has fallen into disrepair and needs a good bit of shoring up. Lent is an excellent time to strengthen our families by shared prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Return to praying the family rosary this Lent; enter the adventure of family fasting, especially on Fridays ("OK, everyone, we will not be having desert for the next forty days!"); learn to cultivate family almsgiving, guiding every child to give some gift to God from his or her allowance on Sunday.

The California Family, in particular, needs strengthening. Our State is only as good as our families. This week after Masses I am asking all parishioners to consider signing a petition to get the **Parental Notification Initiative (PNI)** on the November ballot.

What is the PNI? It is a change in our state law that would require a doctor to notify an "unemancipated minor" girl's parents 48 hours before she undergoes an abortion. We are only asking that the doctor *inform* her parents, not obtain consent. California does 25% of all abortions in this country; 20,000 a year are on underage girls. While most states have laws requiring parental notification, we do not. This means that even a ten-year-old girl can undergo a surgical abortion without her parents' knowledge. The same girl cannot receive an aspirin from a school nurse, go on a field trip, get her ears pierced, or enter a tanning booth without parental permission, but a doctor can perform a surgical abortion on her without her parents' knowledge. Many such girls get pregnant through rape, but under current law her parents are not allowed to know or help her. PNI has lost twice in the past ten years, largely due to the millions spent by Planned Parenthood on TV advertising. But this year Bay Area Planned Parenthood, for example, is bankrupt. *Let's pull together* to restore loving protection for our children through their own parents. You may sign a petition in the plaza, and take more home for other signatures.



Three of our teen helpers at last summer's Vacation Bible Retreat

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 / 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
- Faith & Life Magazine Michael x203
- Giving to St. Joseph's Tammy x207
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- Parish Ministries Tammy x207
- Parish Registration Donna x102
- Room ReservationsRosario x110
- Volunteering Tammy x207
- Youth Ministry Nathan x206

Readings 02/27-03/04

Monday:

Dn. 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday:

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday:

Jer. 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday:

Jer 17:5-10; Lk. 16:19-31

Friday:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

12pm Latin Mass:

Ezech. 18:20-28; Jn. 5:1-15

Saturday:

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday:

Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19;
1 Cor. 1:22-25; Jn. 2:13-25

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex
17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;

Jn. 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 26 (First Sunday of Lent)			
7:30a	Rozann Platt	1:30p	Anna Brazil and Fr. Joseph O'Hare
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		
Monday, February 27			
8:00a	Joseph Anthony Przybyla and Angelina Zygodlo	5:45p	Rose Cusenza and Bill Vermillion
Tuesday, February 28			
8:00a	Thelma Coelho and Consolation Lumbag	5:45p	Dr. Heinz Von Hugen and Joan Porter
Wednesday, February 29			
8:00a	Lupe Perez and Dorothy Gurrola	5:45p	Lloyd Cornell and Dwaine Stephan
Thursday, March 1			
8:00a	Lorraine Ottoboni and Bill Vermillion	5:45p	Reynaldo Briones and Alfredo Antonio
Friday, March 2			
8:00a	Panfilo Mahayag and Charles Tidwell	5:45p	Rosanna Hollander and Beatrice Fugett
Saturday, March 3			
8:00a	Manuel V. Dinis and Joe O'Neil	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, March 4 (Second Sunday of Lent)			
7:30a	Alzira Victoria	1:30p	Jorge Medina, Jr.
9:00a	Elizabeth Elson	3:00p	Mathai & Annamma Joseph
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Leona Delos Reyes
12:00p	Matias & Maria Ferreira	7:30p	Rita Roeck

Prayer & Interior Life

"Stewardship: Sharing These Gifts in Love of God and Neighbor"
February 26 — First Sunday of Lent

Lent is a time of preparation. We begin this year with the story of God's covenant with Noah after the flood. God promised to never again destroy all living creatures with a flood. The Letter of St. Peter reminds us that Christ, the righteous, suffered for us, the unrighteous. Jesus brought the message that the kingdom of God had come and the people should repent and believe. May we, during this season of Lent, repent of our lack of faith that we may be welcomed into the kingdom of God.

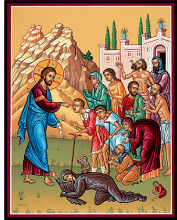
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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.

9am Mass Latin Mass: Second Sunday of Lent

1 Thess. 4:1-7; Mt. 17:1-9

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Every Friday during Lent, in the church:
 8:45am (English), 6:30pm (Spanish) 7:30pm (English)



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.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's next local weekend is March 9-11 come join us and renew, restore and rekindle your marriage. For more information contact Angelica & John at aangarita@sbcglobal.net.



AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP

Wednesdays at 5:45pm in JP11, Room 10

Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. It is an anonymous program. Al-Anon is self supporting through its' own voluntary contributions. Please call Bev S. at 209-605-0001 with any questions.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

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 26, 2012

10:00 AM	Children's Liturgy of the	JP6
1:00 PM	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

Monday, February 27, 2012

7:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer Grp	JP10
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Tuesday, February 28, 2012

9:00 AM	Senior Strength Training	JP7
10:30 AM	Light Weigh	JP8
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
6:30 PM	Stewardship Committee	JP4

7:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer	JP7
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Wednesday, February 29, 2012

1:30 PM	Widows and Widowers	JP5
5:30 PM	AA Principle Study Grp	JP5
5:45 PM	Al Anon Group	JP10

Thursday, March 1, 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, March 2, 2012

8:45 AM	Stations of the Cross	Chur
12:00 PM	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 PM	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
5:00 PM	K of C Fish Fry	Hall
6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	Chur
7:00 PM	Filipino "ARISE" Prayer	JP6
7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	Chur

Saturday, March 3, 2012

10:00 AM	Mass & Anointing of Sick	Chur
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Sunday, March 4, 2012

10:00 AM	CLOW	JP6
1:00 PM	Youth for Family & Life	JP7
3:00 PM	Indian Mass	Chur

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



Visit our Lent webpage

www.stjmod.com/lent.html

☞ PSR Update ☞

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

PSR classes resume this week: February 27—March 1.

SCHOOL OF FAITH CHANGE:

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

☞ BIBLE STUDIES ☞



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

10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MARK'S GOSPEL
Neophyte Bible Study

March 5, 7-8:30pm in JP II, Rm 8
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. Gary will go through the books of the New Testament, starting with the Gospels.

☞ RCIA ☞

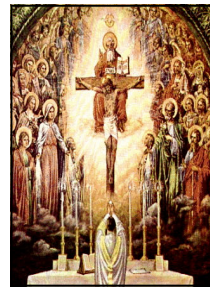
Inquiry classes are for people who want to learn more about Catholicism, but aren't necessarily sure they want to become Catholic. The RCIA process is also for Catholics who have not yet completed their sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion.

To start the process: call Stacy Phillips at 541-8903 to make an appointment.

Religious Education

THE COLLECTS...

It is now three months since the English-speaking world began using the new translation of the Mass. It is important for us to continue to reflect on the changes, the new richness of the words that we hear and say, so that we can continue to grow closer to God in the Holy Mass.



One change that has occurred that perhaps we have not noticed are the opening prayers or the Collects. The Collect is after the Gloria and the Penitential Act, and is started by the priest saying "let us pray." The Collect is said by the priest on behalf of the people. This prayer is very important because it sets the tone for the Mass. During the Sundays of Lent, we will discover their great spiritual meaning so that we all experience God's love and mercy in a more profound way.

This first Sunday of Lent the priest prays:

The Collect:

Let us pray: Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observance of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Every year we go through Lent, and maybe we have the tendency to just go through the motions but this is a holy time of year. These 40 days are set apart for us to grow closer to Christ. Every year Lent comes around and we reflect on how we have become perhaps lazy or too comfortable in our faith. Lent helps us to remember the great love of Christ and to renew our commitment to Him once again. Christ's Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension is the key to our salvation. It is folly to those who are covered in the darkness of our world,

but these mysteries are the riches hidden in Christ. During this time of Holy Lent we are called to follow Christ's example, to be His disciples so that we enter Eternal Life with Him, the Father, and the Holy Spirit.

☞ Militia Immaculata ☞

MI FAMILY VILLAGE

Invites you to attend our monthly meeting, every first Sunday after 9am Mass in the Hall.

PRAYER AND SPANISH VILLAGES

Will not have a monthly meeting in March due to the Healing Mass.



☞ Video Resource ☞



Scan the QR code to watch the following video or visit: www.catholicvote.org

☞ Youth Ministry ☜

Upcoming LifeNights:

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!

Confirmation Retreats

Confirmation 1-April 14 & Confirmation 2-April 28

Both retreats will be held at St. Joseph's in the Fr. O'Hare hall, starting at 9 a.m. More information and permission slips will be passed out at Confirmation classes soon.

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 JPPII center, Room 2, every Monday from 4:30-5:30 p.m.



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 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!!

Information packets and permission slips will be available soon.





Joel Ramirez

Profiles in Stewardship

By Katie Steffanic

This year has brought a lot of new faces around the youth ministry department. Joel Ramirez has been a member of St. Joseph's youth group for about 4 months, but has become extremely involved in just a short amount of time. Since attending our High School Fall Retreat in November, Joel has become a member of the "Victory" peer ministry team and helps as a teen catechist for Confirmation students on Wednesday nights. He leads his small group with great charisma and participates in skits and dramas there. Recently he joined the contemporary choir and now sings at the 5:30pm youth Mass on Sunday nights. Joel has a great passion for music and skating. He plays guitar and enjoys singing. His favorite Saint is Francis of Assisi.

Joel is 16 years old and is a junior at Enochs High School. He has three sisters, his mom and dad, and a dog at home. Two of his sisters, Brenda and Adriana, are also members of our youth group. They can be found hanging out with other teens from our parish after school and on the weekends. What does he love most about youth ministry? "I really enjoy the vibe and everyone's friendliness".

Our youth department is blessed to have Joel and so many other teens with such zeal for their faith.

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

St. Joseph's Health Ministry Health Career Scholarships



We salute the stewards of our active Health Ministry Team who annually award three \$500 scholarships for graduating seniors or those currently studying for a health career while in college.

2011 Health Ministry Scholars: *Yvette Clary, & Laura Oregel*

**Applications in Parish Office
Due: April 15, 2012**

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 FOR LENT 2012

“Let us be concerned for each other,
to stir a response in love and good works” (Heb 10:24)



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Lenten season offers us once again an opportunity to reflect upon the very heart of Christian life: charity. This is a favorable time to renew our journey of faith, both as individuals and as a community, with the help of the word of God and the sacraments. This journey is one marked by prayer and sharing, silence and fasting, in anticipation of the joy of Easter.



This year I would like to propose a few thoughts in the light of a brief biblical passage drawn from the *Letter to the Hebrews*: “Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works”. These words are part of a passage in which the sacred author exhorts us to trust in Jesus Christ as the High Priest

who has won us forgiveness and opened up a pathway to God. Embracing Christ bears fruit in a life structured by the three theological virtues: it means approaching the Lord “sincere in heart and filled with *faith*” (v. 22), keeping firm “in the *hope* we profess” (v. 23) and ever mindful of living a life of “*love and good works*” (v. 24) together with our brothers and sisters. The author states that to sustain this life shaped by the Gospel it is important to participate in the liturgy and community prayer, mindful of the eschatological goal of full communion in God (v. 25). Here I would like to reflect on verse 24, which offers a succinct, valuable and ever timely teaching on the three aspects of Christian life: concern for others, reciprocity and personal holiness.

1. “Let us be concerned for each other”: responsibility towards our brothers and sisters.

This first aspect is an invitation to be “concerned”: the Greek verb used here is *katanoein*, which means to scrutinize, to be attentive, to observe carefully and take stock of something. We come across this word in the Gospel when Jesus invites the disciples to “think of” the ravens that, without striving, are at the centre of the solicitous and caring Divine Providence (Lk 12:24), and to “observe” the plank in our own eye before looking at the splinter in that of our brother (Lk 6:41). In another verse of the *Letter to the Hebrews*, we find the encouragement to “turn your minds to Jesus” (3:1), the Apostle and High Priest of our faith. So the verb which introduces our exhortation tells us to look at others, first of all at Jesus, to be concerned for one another, and not to remain isolated and indifferent to the fate of our brothers and sisters. All too often, however, our attitude is just the opposite: an indifference and disinterest born of selfishness and masked as a respect for “privacy”. Today too, the Lord’s voice summons all of us to be concerned for one another. Even today God asks us to be “guardians” of our brothers and sisters (Gen 4:9), to establish relationships based on mutual consideration and attentiveness to the *well-being*, the *integral well-being* of others. The great commandment of love for one another demands that we acknowledge our responsibility towards those who, like ourselves, are creatures and children of God.

In the Diocese

PRINCIPAL POSITION PRESENTATION CHURCH

The Position is a full-time exempt position with availability to the children, parents, and parishioners for their spiritual and academic needs and growth. The Principal of Presentation Church is an integral member of the Ministry Team with professional preparation for, and sensitivity to, the spiritual and academic needs and growth of all students. This ministry, committed to the Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure, provides professional leadership for, and evaluation of, curriculum, programs, teachers and other school employees. The application forms, job description and other related expectations can be found at

www.presentationchurch.net. Click on “Administration.”

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY All Saints Catholic Campus

Is offering \$500 scholarships for students currently enrolled or planning to enroll at CSU Stanislaus for the 2012-2013 school year.

Application forms are available online (CSUS website) or contact Carol Parks (209) 634-1142.

Applicant’s need, and potential for success in a given field are taken into consideration when choosing a recipient; religious affiliation is not a factor. Application forms must be returned to All Saints parish office, 4040 McKenna Dr., Turlock, by **March 17, 2012**.

MARIA SS. DI CONSTANTINOPOLI

Please join us for our 61st Anniversary celebration honoring “Maria SS. Di Costantinopoli” on Tuesday, March 6 10:30am at St. Patrick’s Church in Ripon corner of Hwy 120 and Carrolton Rd. A Mass will be given by Fr. Peter Carota. Following the Mass, there will be a procession.

CORRESPONSABILIDAD
(STEWARDSHIP)

Por Katie Steffanic



Este año ha traído muchos rostros nuevos alrededor del departamento de ministerio para jóvenes. Joel Ramirez ha sido miembro del grupo de jóvenes de St. Joseph's por casi 4 meses, pero en este poco tiempo se ha involucrado sobremedida. Desde que fue al retiro para los estudiantes de secundaria durante el otoño en noviembre, Joel se ha vuelto un miembro del equipo de "Victory" y ayuda como joven catequista a los estudiantes de confirmación de primer año los miércoles en la noche. El guía su pequeño grupo con gran carisma y participa en obras teatrales con ellos. Recientemente se ha vuelto parte del coro contemporáneo y ahora canta para la Misa de las 5:30pm los domingos en la noche. Joel tiene una gran pasión por la música y el patinaje. El toca la guitarra y le encanta cantar. Su Santo preferido es San Francisco de Asís.

Joel tiene 16 años y es un "junior" en la escuela Enochs. El tiene tres hermanas, su mamá y su papá y un perro en la casa. Dos de sus hermanas, Brenda y Adriana, también son miembros de nuestro grupo juvenil. Se les puede encontrar compartiendo con otros muchachos de nuestra parroquia después de la escuela y en los fines de semana. ¿Qué es lo que más le gusta de nuestro grupo juvenil? "me encanta el ambiente y lo amistoso que es todo el mundo."

Nuestro departamento juvenil está bendecido teniendo a Joel y a tantos otros muchachos con tanto celo por su fe.

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

La Cuaresma es el tiempo para reparar todo aquello que se haya dañado el año anterior. Verdaderamente que la Familia Americana ha sobre caído y necesita un poco de arreglo. La Cuaresma es un tiempo excelente para fortalecer la familia rezando juntos, ayunando y dando limosna. Vuelva a rezar el Rosario en familia durante esta Cuaresma; entre en la aventura del ayuno familiar, especialmente los viernes ("¡Atención todos, no tendremos nada de postre por los próximos cuarenta días!"); aprenda a cultivar el dar limosna en familia, guiando a cada niño a que de algo de su dinero semanal a Dios cada domingo.

La Familia en California, en particular necesita fortalecerse. Nuestro estado será tan bueno como lo sean sus familias. Esta semana después de cada Misa estaré pidiéndoles a todos a que consideren firmar la petición para poner la (PNI) Iniciativa de Notificación Paterna en la balota de noviembre.

¿Qué es la PNI? Es un cambio en la ley estatal el cual requiere que un doctor notifique a los padres de una "menor de edad que no esté emancipada" 48 antes de que ella tenga un aborto. Solo pedimos que el doctor le *informe* a sus padres, no que obtenga consentimiento. California lleva a cabo el 25% de todos los abortos a niñas menores de edad en este país; 20,000 al año. Mientras que la mayoría de los estados tienen leyes que requieren notificación paterna, nosotros no la tenemos. Esto quiere decir que hasta una niña de diez años de edad puede tener un aborto quirúrgico sin que sus padres lo sepan. La misma niña no puede recibir una aspirina de manos de una enfermera de la escuela, asistir a un viaje de la escuela, perforar sus orejas, o entrar a un salón de bronceo sin el permiso de sus padres, pero un doctor puede darle un aborto quirúrgico sin que sus padres lo sepan. Muchas de estas niñas han quedado embarazadas después de haber sido violadas, pero de acuerdo con las leyes que tenemos ahora, sus padres no pueden ser informados para ayudarles. La PNI ha perdido dos veces en los últimos diez años, debido a los millones que la



Tres de nuestros jóvenes ayudantes durante el Programa de Verano de Biblia para Niños

Planned Parenthood ha invertido en propaganda. Pero este año la *Planned Parenthood del Área de la Bahía*, se encuentra en la bancarrota. *Unámonos todos* para restaurar la protección amorosa para nuestras niñas por medio de sus padres. Ustedes pueden firmar la petición en la plaza, y llevar mas a casa para así obtener mas firmas.

Fr. Joseph

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

MENSAJE PARA LA CUARESMA 2012

«Fijémonos los unos en los otros
para estímulo de la caridad y las buenas obras» (Hb 10, 24)



Queridos hermanos y hermanas

La Cuaresma nos ofrece una vez más la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre el corazón de la vida cristiana: la caridad. En efecto, este es un tiempo propicio para que, con la ayuda de la Palabra de Dios y de los Sacramentos, renovemos nuestro camino de fe, tanto personal como comunitario. Se trata de un

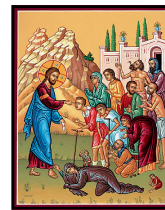


itinerario marcado por la oración y el compartir, por el silencio y el ayuno, en espera de vivir la alegría pascual. Este año deseo proponer algunas reflexiones a la luz de un breve texto bíblico tomado de la *Carta a los Hebreos*: «Fijémonos los unos en los otros para estímulo de la caridad y las buenas obras» (10,24). Esta frase forma parte de una perícopa en la que el escritor sagrado exhorta a confiar en

Jesucristo como sumo sacerdote, que nos obtuvo el perdón y el acceso a Dios. El fruto de acoger a Cristo es una vida que se despliega según las tres virtudes teológicas: se trata de acercarse al Señor «con corazón sincero y llenos de fe» (v. 22), de mantenernos firmes «en la esperanza que profesamos» (v. 23), con una atención constante para realizar junto con los hermanos «la caridad y las buenas obras» (v. 24). Asimismo, se afirma que para sostener esta conducta evangélica es importante participar en los encuentros litúrgicos y de oración de la comunidad, mirando a la meta escatológica: la comunión plena en Dios (v. 25). Me detengo en el versículo 24, que, en pocas palabras, ofrece una enseñanza preciosa y siempre actual sobre tres aspectos de la vida cristiana: la atención al otro, la reciprocidad y la santidad personal.

1. “Fijémonos”: la responsabilidad para con el hermano.

El primer elemento es la invitación a «fijarse»: el verbo griego usado es *katanoëin*, que significa observar bien, estar atentos, mirar conscientemente, darse cuenta de una realidad. Lo encontramos en el Evangelio, cuando Jesús invita a los discípulos a «fijarse» en los pájaros del cielo, que no se afanan y son objeto de la solícita y atenta providencia divina (Lc 12,24), y a «reparar» en la viga que hay en nuestro propio ojo antes de mirar la brizna en el ojo del hermano (Lc 6,41). Lo encontramos también en otro pasaje de la misma *Carta a los Hebreos*, como invitación a «fijarse en Jesús» (3,1), el Apóstol y Sumo Sacerdote de nuestra fe. Por tanto, el verbo que abre nuestra exhortación invita a fijar la mirada en el otro, ante todo en Jesús, y a estar atentos los unos a los otros, a no mostrarse extraños, indiferentes a la suerte de los hermanos. Sin embargo, con frecuencia prevalece la actitud contraria: la indiferencia o el desinterés, que nacen del egoísmo, encubierto bajo la apariencia del respeto por la «esfera privada». También hoy resuena con fuerza la voz del Señor que nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a hacernos cargo del otro. Hoy Dios nos sigue pidiendo que seamos «guardianes» de nuestros hermanos (Gn 4,9), que entablemos relaciones caracterizadas por el cuidado recíproco, por la atención al bien del otro y a todo su bien. El gran mandamiento del amor al prójimo exige y urge a tomar conciencia de que tenemos una responsabilidad respecto a quien, como yo, es criatura e hijo de Dios...



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

Retiro de Cuaresma

Ven a Conocer del Corazón de Jesús

Iglesia de St. Joseph's, Modesto
5, 6, y 7 de marzo de 7:00pm a
8:30pm



Para más información llamar
al (209) 551-4973

Maestro Bueno, ¿Qué he de hacer para tener en herencia vida eterna? Marcos 10:17

Dios tiene un plan para cada uno de nosotros. Ven, para que conozcas del Amor de Jesús. *Consagra a tu familia al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús.*

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.**

ST. JOSEPH'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2012 LENTEN DINNERS



Friday Fish Dinners:

March 2, 16 & 23

Fried White Fish,
Baked Potato, Coleslaw,
Roll, Butter & Dessert
Served 5pm-7pm
Adults \$10, Seniors \$8,
Children 12 & Under \$5
Takeout Available



Soup Dinner: Friday, March 30

Choose from many
Gourmet Soups,
Salad & Bread
Served 5pm-7pm
\$5 per person
Sorry, No Takeout



Crab Dinner: Saturday, March 10

All You Can Eat! Cracked Crab,
Pasta, Salad, Bread & Dessert
Social 6pm—Dinner 7pm
\$40 per person
Sorry, No Takeout

***Youth will help with
the meals and the tips
that you give will help
support their WYD
pilgrimage to Brazil in
2013.***

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.

Thank you to those who have already returned your pledge envelopes. If you have not, please bring them to Mass next weekend, or return to the parish office. Thank you for your participation,

Ron Cook, Norma Rodriguez and John Gorman, 2012 BMA Chairs