

*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

January 15th, 2012 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

Tomorrow is **Martin Luther King Day**. I was not yet two years old when he led the March on Washington in 1963. He had a dream that *one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."* Through travail and suffering, African-Americans have gained a good measure of civil rights since then, although the scars of slavery and racism do not heal quickly. Dr. King had to pay with his own life, but no longer can an African-American be denied a job or legal justice because of his skin color. There was a time when even a black man's life was subject to the whim of the white man. But today, thanks be to God, America adheres more closely to its "creed," that "all men are created equal."

But not all men. There is still a class of Americans who, though created equal, do not have the right to live. No serious biologist or geneticist would deny that a distinct life begins at conception. To declare that an individual's life begins only at birth is not rational or scientific—it is a *political* definition, not factual. The civil rights struggle of our time is not over skin color, but over *age*. A whole class of Americans are discriminated against because of their *age*. They are not yet born, they are too young to enjoy the rights the rest of us do.



St. Joseph's parishioners at the Walk for Life West Coast two years ago.

But unlike the African Americans of the 1950s and 60s, these Americans cannot march on Washington. They cannot defend themselves. So massive numbers of Americans march on their behalf. Since the **March for Life** began in 1974, almost 5 million have marched from the White House to the Capitol to give voice to the voiceless. The abortion industry and mainstream media does everything they can to suppress these voices. This Saturday, 30,000 people will walk from City Hall in San Francisco down Market Street to Embarcadero Center. Join me this Saturday in the great civil rights struggle of our time (register this weekend on the plaza or during the week in the parish office). Dr. King's work is not yet done—until all Americans are treated equally under the laws of this great land. *God bless America!*

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
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- Adult Ed & Bible Studies..... Michael x203
- Altar Servers Svetlana x200
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Readings 01/16-01/22

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

12pm Latin Mass:

Heb. 11:33-39; Lk. 6:17-23

Saturday:

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31;
Mk 1:14-20

9am Mass Latin Mass:

Rom. 12:16-21; Mt. 8:1-13

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 15 (Second Sunday on Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Barbara Williams	1:30p	Frank Flannery and Jorge Medina, Jr.
9:00a	Erlinda Baraan	3:00p	Filipino Mass
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Leona Delos Reyes
12:00p	Celia Short	7:30p	Flordeliza Zaldua
Monday, January 16			
8:00a	David Shields and Omar Vidal	5:45p	William Armell and Josephine Palluzzi
Tuesday, January 17			
8:00a	Teresa Presto and Jocelyn Mancebo	5:45p	Ann Briones and Kurtis Kraft
Wednesday, January 18			
8:00a	Kurt Wharton and Macella Kummerle	5:45p	Joe Mendes and Andrew Santana
Thursday, January 19			
8:00a	Roseanne Lewis and Desiree Bettencourt	5:45p	Danny Vele and Christina Morales Jefferson
Friday, January 20			
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and John Caratti	5:45p	Arnold & Lucille Mosblech and Gerald Stephan
Saturday, January 21			
8:00a	All the Unborn Children	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, January 22 (Third Sunday on Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Gerry Owens	1:30p	Martin Salgado, Carmen Salcedo and Oscar Lopez
9:00a	Keith Roy Ho Sang	5:30p	Leona Delos Reyes
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Dorothy Gurrola
12:00p	Sally Zimmerman		

Prayer & Interior Life

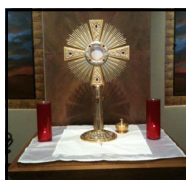
"Stewardship: Sharing These Gifts in Love of God and Neighbor"
January 15 — The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We often find it difficult to listen for the voice of God. In fact, when we pray, do we reverse the words of Samuel and say "Listen Lord, for your servant is speaking?" The readings help us understand why we must listen to God's voice. Samuel heard God and delivered His messages to the Israelites. John the Baptist pointed out the Lord to Andrew who shared his discovery with his brother Simon. May we listen for God's voice and share His message at once with our neighbors.

JUVENILE HALL OUTREACH


Leather bound Bibles are greatly needed for the residents of Juvenile hall. There's always time to change the road you are on if you believe, and reading the bible can turn a life into the light. Your benevolence will be appreciated. Bibles can be brought to the parish office. Questions, please contact Linda Suhr 209-222-7595.

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



Sunday, January 15, 2012		
10:00 A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
10:30 A	Respect Life	JP4
Monday, January 16, 2012		
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10
Tuesday, January 17, 2012		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
5:30 P	Development Committee	Conf
5:30 P	ESL Classes	JP4
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group Spanish	JP7
Wednesday, January 18, 2012		
10:00 A	Seniors' Lunch	Hall
1:30 P	Widows and Widowers Bible Study	JP5
5:30 P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
5:45 P	Al Anon Group	JP10
6:30 P	Women's Bible Study (James)	JP8
6:30 P	Health Ministry	JP4
7:00 P	On the Go Adults	JP4
Thursday, January 19, 2012		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30 P	Compartiendo la Biblia (Sharing the Bible)	JP4
6:30 P	Men's Group	JP10
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
Friday, January 20, 2012		
12:00 P	TLF Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
Saturday, January 21, 2012		
8:00 A	West Coast Walk for Life	
5:30 P	KOC Tri Tip in the Rain	Hall
5:30 P	KofC Tri Tip in the Rain	
Sunday, January 22, 2012		
10:00 A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6

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 this weekend of January 14 & 15 to fill 5 buses leaving from our Parish. If you cannot attend, but want to support the Walk, scholarship donations for those who cannot afford the bus will be greatly appreciated.

INVITING ALL DOCTORS TO THE WALK FOR LIFE
 "The Central California Catholic Medical Association Guild will be attending the Walk for Life: West Coast and invite any doctors planning to attend to join us on stage during the prewalk rally. Meet us by our booth or behind the stage with our CMA banner. Come show support and caring for our future children Saturday January 21, 2012."
 Peace in Christ, Kathryn J Bolton MD, President, CA CMA

TRI TIP IN THE RAIN DINNER
 The Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Tri Tip in the rain dinner on Jan 21, Social at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm. Tickets will be on sale on the plaza after all Masses and in the parish office.



ONE DAY RETREAT
"Rejoice in the Lord Always:"
 Discover with Mary the Great Joy of Christians
 Saturday, February 4th, 8:00 AM Mass to 4:30 PM
 The Militia of the Immaculata Villages at St. Joseph's present a Marian Retreat & beginning preparation for Total Consecration. Speakers include MI Chaplain, Fr. Benny Kottarathil, and Fr. Kolbe Missionaries of the Immaculata Ann O'Donnell, Anna Brizzi and Jillian Cooke. Register after Mass at the Plaza next weekend.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING
 God created a woman wondrously. Her body has basic signs that indicate a time of fertility and a time of infertility. By practicing fertility awareness couples can plan or avoid a pregnancy according to the teachings of the church. Come and learn the sympto-thermal of Natural Family Planning through the Couple to Couple League. A series of 3 classes will be taught starting Friday Jan. 20, 2012. To register call: Tom and Mary-Lynn Ott 572-5136 or go to www.ccli.org

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
 Sends a BIG Thank You, to everyone for their contributions for Christmas Baskets, clothing and toys during this Christmas. 350 Christmas baskets were distributed. Special THANK YOU to Grupo Guadalupano friends who provided Hot Chocolate for families, standing in the cold before entering the Hall.



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 ☜

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

PSR Office hours:

Monday 3:30-5:30pm
Tuesday 3-6:30pm
Wednesday 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 3:30-5:30pm & 7-8:30pm

CHANGE IN PSR SCHEDULE:

There WILL be classes
January 30-February 2.
There will NOT be classes
February 6-9.

REMINDER



During January, PSR children are asked to bring Peanut Butter for St Vincent DePaul when they come to class. *We thank you for your generosity and stewardship!*

☞ The Catholic Library, ☜
JP11, room 11

We have books, Movies and Audio.
Mon. & Thurs. 10:30-2:30
Tues. & Fri. 10:30-12:30
Wed. 9:30-1:30
Mon. 5-7 & Thurs. 4-6pm

☞ RCIA Update ☜

10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MARK'S GOSPEL

Neophyte Bible Study every first Monday of the month from 7-8:30pm
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.

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



GOD, THE CREATOR OF LIFE

"In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, ...Then God said, "Let there be light, and there was light..." (Gen. 1:1-3) "God created man in His image; in the divine image He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them, saying to them: "be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it..." (1:27-28) Here are the two commands received from God, subdue the earth and multiply... God created everything perfect, and all humans in His image and likeness. God has a plan for each and everyone of us, a perfect plan, that involves loving with a love that stems from the love of Christ. This love is not based on our whims or needs, but a love that gives to the other until it is empty of self, just as the love of Christ on the Cross. A life that is extinguished leaves a gap that is never filled, for only that person was to fulfill that mission of love. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you..."(Jer.1:5). We are called to uphold the sanctity of each and every life at all its stages, for all life is precious. Just as the Blessed Mother trusted in God's plan, and gave her fiat, risking being publicly ostracized or killed, we are to trust in His perfect providence. While receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, Mother Teresa referred to abortion as "the greatest destroyer of peace because it is a direct war, a direct killing..." Abortion and the destruction of life at any stage is the absence of true love, The love that He modeled for us and called us to have for each other: the love of God. Our intellects and our speech have been obscured by the play on words in our times. That darkness that enveloped the earth and made it a formless matter before God created life is an image of the state of our society. We have accepted the mirage offered by the deception of a love based on selfishness and convenience. Let us allow the real light of God to enter and illumine our shrouded society and each of our lives. Let us ask the Blessed Mother, God's perfect creation, to pray for us so that like her, we may say "Be it done unto me according to Your Word." May she accompany us as we bring this message to the world next Saturday during the West Coast Walk for Life. *Holy Mother of God, pray for us!*

Faith and Finances with Phil Lenahan

"The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute" (CCC 2221). Parents have no greater calling than forming and educating their children in the faith. Committing time and resources to this effort is a characteristic of a steward of Providence. For information: Call Anthony Butera (551-6562).

☞ BIBLE STUDIES ☜

THE BUSY WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY

Now through February 8

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 Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8pm, JP11 Room 8. Bring your own Bible & invite a friend!



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!

∞ Youth Ministry ∞

Upcoming LifeNights:

1/15: **Now Hiring**-God's unique call for each of us.

1/22: **Kingdom Come**-Miracles & the Kingdom of God/ the Gospels of Luke and Matthew.

1/29: **Follow the Recipe**-The visible & invisible reality of the Sacraments.

All high school teens are invited to join us every Sunday evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bring a friend! See you there!

Highlights from the High School Lock-In

50 brave teens and CORE members made it through the night! We began our retreat at 9 p.m. and ended at 9 a.m. the next day. The theme was 'Midnight Showing'.

We focused on finding Christian values in some of our favorite movies. There was a lot of fun, a lot of noise, a lot of food, and a little bit of sleep. Teens enjoyed the peace and quiet during Adoration and morning Mass, and some intense rounds of indoor laser tag and ping-pong.



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8th Annual Walk for Life-West Coast



Come be a witness for life! Join thousands of others in San Francisco for this special day on Saturday, January 21.

This year there is a new location for the rally and a new route to walk. Buses will leave St. Joseph's at 8:00 a.m. We invite all teens to sit on the 'youth bus' and enjoy fellowship on the trip. Teens can fill out a permission slip at the Parish Office. Cost is \$5.00. Please bring warm clothes, a rosary, and an open heart.



Sally Evans

Profiles in Stewardship

by Svetlana Avetisyan

Sally Evans and her husband David have been a member of our St. Joseph family since 1997. They have a son, Francis, who is six years old. Sally answered the call recently when our Liturgical Ministry needed someone to clean & trim the candles used during our masses. She happily came forward and volunteered to do it. She comes twice a day to make sure we have clean candles at each mass. She is a catechist in our PSR program. She teaches a First Holy Communion class on Wednesdays. Sally also assists as a support team member to the candidates in the RCIA program. When there is a need, she brings Holy Communion to the homebound. She would love to be involved in other ministries too, but right now she would like to focus on Francis' home schooling. Thank you Sally for keeping our candles well lit!

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Our Plaza Refreshments are being hosted this weekend by our Plaza refreshment volunteers. Please stop by and thank them for their commitment.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Welcome Center Volunteer Orientation/Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

6:30-7:30PM

John Paul II Center Room 7

Teens and Families Welcome!
Become an after-Mass Welcome Center Volunteer!

551-4973, ext. 207 for more information

This is the job for you if you have a heart and.....

1. You like to be a part of helping families
2. You can spare about 1 hour each week
3. You want to be a part of a team who is making a difference!
4. Can copy papers and stuff some envelopes

The Bereavement Committee is looking for a special person to be a part of their team who will help with making sure funeral information is distributed to the various Bereavement Committee Members (copying and mailing in the office). Can you help? Please call Tammy at the Center for Lay Apostolates this week.

551-4973, ext. 207



New to the Parish? Wondering where to start??

Call the Center for Lay Apostolates

551-4973, ext. 207

From our Holy Father in Rome

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
ANGELUS
Sunday, 9 January 2011



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today the Church is celebrating the Baptism of the Lord, the Feast which concludes the liturgical Season of Christmas. This mystery of the life of Christ visibly demonstrates that his coming in the flesh is a sublime act of love by the Three Divine Persons. We can say that from this solemn event the creative, redemptive and sanctifying action of the Most Holy Trinity will be increasingly evident in the public ministry of Jesus, in his teaching, his miracles, and in his Passion, death and Resurrection. We read, in fact, in the Gospel according to St Matthew that “when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold the heavens were opened [for him] and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased’ ” (Mt 3: 16-17).

The Holy Spirit “dwells” in the Son and testifies to his divinity, while the voice of the Father, coming from the heavens, expresses the communion of love. “The conclusion of the baptismal scene tells us that Jesus has received this true ‘anointing’, that he is the awaited Anointed One [the Christ]” (*Jesus of Nazareth*, New York 2007, pp. 25-26), which confirms Isaiah’s prophecy: “Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights” (Is 42:1). He is truly the Messiah, the Son of the Most High who, emerging from the waters of the Jordan, establishes the regeneration in the Spirit and opens, to those who desire it, the possibility of becoming sons of God. Not by chance, in fact, does every baptized person acquire the character of son, based on the *Christian name*, an unmistakable sign that the Holy Spirit gives birth to man “anew” from the womb of the Church. Bl. Antonio Rosmini affirms that “the baptized undergoes a secret but very powerful operation, through which he is raised to the supernatural order, is placed in communication with God” (*The Ruling Principle of Method Applied to Education*, Turin 1857, n. 331). All this was fulfilled again at the celebration of the Eucharist this morning in the Sistine Chapel where I conferred the sacrament of Baptism on 21 newborn babies.

Dear friends, Baptism is the beginning of the spiritual life which finds its fullness in the Church. At the favorable moment of the sacrament, while the ecclesial community is praying and entrusting to God a new son or daughter, parents and godparents commit themselves to welcoming the newly baptized, sustaining them in Christian formation and education. This is a great responsibility which comes from a great gift! Therefore, I desire to encourage all the faithful to rediscover the beauty of being baptized and of belonging to the large family of God, and to give a joyful witness of their faith so that this faith may produce fruits of good and harmony.

Let us ask this through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, to whom we entrust the parents who are preparing for their children’s Baptism, as well as the catechists. The entire community participates in the joy of rebirth in water and in the Holy Spirit!

In the Diocese

RUSSIA SISTER
PARISH PROJECT

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



EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
The Eucharist: Communion with
Christ and with One Another
June 8 — 19, 2012
(\$3,938 land & air)

Congress events plus sightseeing in interesting sites in Ireland. For more information and reservation, please contact : Judy Casiano at (209)551-6402 or jsc888@sbcglobal.net

Theology of the Body
"Freedom To Love"
for Young Adults

January 20 & 27
6:00 p.m. St. Mary's of the
Assumption, Stockton

Join other young adults from around the diocese for faith-filled evenings during the month of January. The topic for these nights is the great work of Blessed John Paul II: Theology of the Body.

203 E Washington St, Stockton,

Por Svetlana Avetisyan



Sally Evans

Sally Evans y su esposo, David han sido miembros de nuestra familia en St. Joseph's desde 1997. Ellos tienen un hijo, Francis, el cual tiene 6 años. Recientemente, Sally respondió al llamado cuando nuestro ministerio de liturgia necesitaba una persona para limpiar y recortar las velas que se usan durante nuestras misas. Ella alegremente tomó la iniciativa dando su tiempo como voluntaria para hacerlo. Ella viene a inspeccionarlas dos veces al día para asegurarse que tenemos velas limpias para cada misa. Los miércoles, ella también ayuda como catequista en nuestro programa de PSR (Catecismo para Niños), preparando a los que van a recibir su Primera Comunión. Sally también ayuda como miembro de apoyo o sponsor para los candidatos en el programa de RCIA. Cuando se necesita, también lleva la Santa Comunión a los enfermos en casa. A ella le encantaría ayudar en otros ministerios también, pero ahorita quiere enfocarse en el estudio escolar en casa de su hijo Francis. Gracias Sally por mantener a nuestras velas bien encendidas.

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

Mañana es el día de **Martin Luther King**. Yo no tenía ni siquiera dos años cuando él dirigió la Marcha en Washington en 1963. El *soñaba con que un día esta nación se levantaría y comenzaría a vivir el verdadero significado de su credo: "Sabemos que estas verdades son evidentes: que todos los hombres han sido creados iguales."* Desde entonces, por medio de grandes labores y sufrimiento, los Afro-Americanos han podido ganar una buena parte de los derechos civiles, aunque las cicatrices de la esclavitud y el racismo no sanan rápidamente. El Dr. King tubo que pagar con su propia vida pero ahora no se le puede negar a ningún Afro-Americano un trabajo o justicia legal debido a su color de piel. Hace un tiempo, la vida de un hombre negro era sujeta a los caprichos de un hombre blanco. Pero hoy, gracias a Dios, América sigue su "credo" mas cerca, el cual dice "todos los hombres han sido creados con igualdad"

Pero no todos los hombres. Todavía hay una clase de Americanos quienes, aunque han sido creados con igualdad, no tienen el derecho a la vida. Ningún biólogo serio o genetista negaría que una vida distinta comienza en el momento de la concepción. El declarar que la vida de un individuo solo comienza en el momento de su nacimiento no es algo racional o científico—es una definición *política*, y no basada en la verdad. La lucha por los derechos civiles durante nuestra época no son debido al color de piel, sino la *edad*. Una clase entera de Americanos son discriminados debido a su edad. Todavía no han nacido, son muy jóvenes para tener los derechos que tenemos los demás.

Pero al contrario de los Afro-Americanos de los 1950 y 60, estos Americanos no pueden marchar a Washington. Ellos no se pueden defender. Entonces un gran número de Americanos marchan en su nombre. Desde que comenzó la **Marcha Por la Vida** en 1974, casi 5 millones han marchado desde la Casa Blanca en el Capitolio para dar voz a los que no la tienen. La industria del aborto y los medios de comunicación hacen todo lo posible para suprimir estas



Feligreses de St. Joseph's en la Marcha por la Vida hace dos años.

voces. Este sábado, 30,000 personas caminarán desde el City Hall de San Francisco por la calle Market hasta el centro del Embarcadero. Acompañeme este sábado en la lucha por los derechos civiles de nuestra época (se puede registrar en la plaza o en la oficina parroquial). El trabajo del Dr. King todavía no queda terminado —hasta que todos los Americanos sean tratados con igualdad basada en las leyes de esta gran nación. ¡Que Dios bendiga a América!

Fr. Joseph

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

FIESTA DEL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR
ÁNGELUS

Domingo 9 de enero de 2011



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Hoy la Iglesia celebra el Bautismo del Señor, fiesta que concluye el tiempo litúrgico de la Navidad. Este misterio de la vida de Cristo muestra visiblemente que su venida en la carne es el acto sublime de amor de las tres personas divinas. Podemos decir que desde este solemne acontecimiento la acción creadora, redentora y santificadora de la santísima Trinidad será cada vez más manifiesta en la misión pública de Jesús, en su enseñanza, en sus milagros, en su pasión, muerte y resurrección. En efecto, leemos en el *Evangelio según san Mateo* que «bautizado Jesús, salió luego del agua; y en esto se abrieron los cielos y vio al Espíritu de Dios que bajaba en forma de paloma y venía sobre él. Y una voz que salía de los cielos decía: “Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien me complazco”» (3, 16-17). El Espíritu Santo «mora» en el Hijo y da testimonio de su divinidad, mientras la voz del Padre, proveniente de los cielos, expresa la comunión de amor. «La conclusión de la escena del bautismo nos dice que Jesús ha recibido esta “unción” verdadera, que él es el Ungido [el Cristo] esperado» (*Jesús de Nazaret*, Madrid 2007, p. 49), como confirmación de la profecía de Isaías: «He aquí mi siervo que yo sostengo, mi elegido en quien se complace mi alma» (Is 42, 1). Verdaderamente es el Mesías, el Hijo del Altísimo que, al salir de las aguas del Jordán, establece la regeneración en el Espíritu y da, a quienes lo deseen, la posibilidad de convertirse en hijos de Dios. De hecho, no es casualidad que todo bautizado adquiera el carácter de hijo a partir del *nombre cristiano*, signo inconfundible de que el Espíritu Santo hace nacer «de nuevo» al hombre del seno de la Iglesia. El beato Antonio Rosmini afirma que «el bautizado sufre una operación secreta pero potentísima, por la cual es elevado al orden sobrenatural, es puesto en comunicación con Dios» (*Del principio supremo della metodica...*, Turín 1857, n. 331). Todo esto se ha verificado de nuevo esta mañana, durante la celebración eucarística en la Capilla Sixtina, donde he conferido el sacramento del Bautismo a veintidós recién nacidos.

Queridos amigos, el Bautismo es el inicio de la vida espiritual, que encuentra su plenitud por medio de la Iglesia. En la hora propicia del sacramento, mientras la comunidad eclesial reza y encomienda a Dios un nuevo hijo, los padres y los padrinos se comprometen a acoger al recién bautizado sosteniéndolo en la formación y en la educación cristiana. Es una gran responsabilidad, que deriva de un gran don. Por esto, deseo alentar a todos los fieles a redescubrir la belleza de ser bautizados y pertenecer así a la gran familia de Dios, y a dar testimonio gozoso de la propia fe, a fin de que esta fe produzca frutos de bien y de concordia.

Lo pedimos por intercesión de la santísima Virgen María, Auxilio de los cristianos, a quien encomendamos a los padres que se están preparando al Bautismo de sus hijos, al igual que a los catequistas. Que toda la comunidad participe de la alegría del renacimiento del agua y del Espíritu Santo.

Caminata por la Vida en San Francisco

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



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Sábado, 4 de febrero
de 8am-4pm

El Grupo de la Milicia Inmaculada de St. Joseph's presenta un Retiro Mariano con preparación para la Consagración a la Virgen María. La Misionera de la Inmaculada Anna Brizzi estará presentando en Español. Inscribese después de misa en la plaza la próxima semana.



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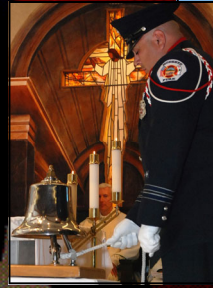
Sábado, 7 de enero, 6:30-8:30 pm
Salón # 5 del JPPI

Para mas información llame a Adán Ávila 209 312-2833

Pase una **Hora Santa** con Jesús en la Capilla de Adoración al Santísimo. Llame a David & Mónica al 527-4920.



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