

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 20, 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,  
noon, 1:30pm (Español),  
5:30pm & 7:30pm

### Daily Mass:

8am & 5:45pm; Saturdays 8am  
*Traditional Latin Mass, Fridays at Noon*

### Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:

Chapel access code available in office

### 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  
Saturdays 8:30-9:30am & 4-5pm  
*Homebound please call 551-4973 for  
a priest to visit you by appointment.*

### Clergy:

Fr. Mark Wagner, Pastor  
Fr. Francis Joseph, OCD, Assoc Pastor  
Fr. Tony Chacko, Assoc Pastor  
Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain  
Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinerro, Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

## From the Pastor's Laptop

I hope everyone can join us for our annual Marian Retreat on Saturday, February 2, here at St. Joseph's. We are a parish family which has a heavenly Mother who loves us. Today's Gospel shows that Mary loves us and prays for us, her children. When Mary sees that we are sad, she turns to her Son and says, "They have no more wine." And Jesus gives us the wine of gladness in abundance! Some people misunderstand this passage about the wedding at Cana. They say that Jesus was putting His mother down when He called her "woman". But the opposite is true. This passage begins by *emphasizing* Mary: "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there...." She would be important in this story. When Jesus uses the words "woman" and "hour," we must understand that for John the Evangelist these words had special meanings. The word "woman" refers to Eve, the woman in the garden of paradise. Jesus is the "New Adam" (1Cor. 15:45) who is now suggesting that Mary is the "New Eve" who would help Him repair the damage caused by the sin of Adam and Eve. And the word "hour" refers to the "hour" of Jesus' death and resurrection. In the original Greek, Jesus' words are literally, "Woman, what to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." The Hebrew expression "what to you and to me" was used to refer to something that two people have in common. So what Jesus is really saying is something like this: *What can we do together now? After my death and resurrection we will work together to help people.* In fact, we know that now Mary can go to Jesus and ask any favor she wants for us, her children!

*Fr. Mark Wagner*

## Year of Faith

## REDISCOVERING THE CATECHISM

JANUARY 21, 7-8:30PM  
JOHN PAUL II, ROOM 6

Gary Nelson will present on "I believe in the Resurrection of the Body" (Paragraphs 988-1065)



"Rediscover the joy of believing" ~Benedict XVI, Porta Fidei

### CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECOND EDITION  
revised in accordance with the official Latin text  
promulgated by Pope John Paul II  
contains glossary and analytical index



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## Questions?

To make an appointment with a priest or deacon or to register at St. Joseph's please contact Lulu, Rosario, or Donna in our parish office at 551-4973 or stop by during any of the 44 hours our office is open each week.

### Parish Office

**(Lulu, Donna, & Rosario)**

Sunday: 10am-3pm.

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday:  
8:30am-12noon and 1pm-6:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30am-11:15am and  
1pm-6:30pm

Friday 8:30am-12noon

**Weekend Maintenance 568-7558**

## How can we help? 551-4973

*Se Habla Español* ..... Rosario x103  
 Accounting ..... Barbara x108  
 Adult Ed & Bible Studies.... Michael x203  
 Altar Servers.....Svetlana x200  
 Audio / Video.....Jeremy x213  
 Buildings & Grounds.....Susie x201  
 Bulletin & Website..... Jeremy x213  
 Child Ed & Sacraments .....Debbie x205  
 Choirs & Cantors.....Svetlana x200  
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## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday on Sunday, January 20, and Monday, January 21. The parish office also will be closed the whole week of January 22-25, for the parish staff's annual retreat. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

# Welcome to St. Joseph's

*We're glad you're here!*

## Parish Life

### Upcoming Events & Activities

#### LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in participating in the Live Stations of the Cross. This meeting will take place on **January 22** from 6pm-8pm in JP11, room 2. For more information please contact Jazmin at 380-4747.

#### WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST



Do you feel motivated to show your support for life? The 9th annual Walk for Life West Coast will take place on Saturday, **January 26**. St. Joseph bus tickets may still be available the day of the Walk for Life if you are interested in going with our parish, please come the morning of to see if we have any available tickets or you could meet us there. The walk commences after the rally, which starts at 12:30pm in the SF civic center plaza.

#### SILENT RETREAT FEBRUARY 2, 8am-4pm

##### MARY: MOTHER, MODEL AND GUIDE IN FAITH



The Militia Immaculata Villages of St. Joseph's present a Marian Retreat and beginning preparation for Consecration. Pre-registration is recommended and will be in the plaza today. Limited tickets may be available at the door for teens & adults. Children's registration ends January 20. For details, please visit [www.stjmod.com](http://www.stjmod.com) or call Suzanne 521-8299 or Bernadette 846-0279.

#### LUNCH BIBLE STUDY

In this Year of Faith, delve deeper into the riches of sacred scripture. Join us for bible study every Thursday at noon in the JP11, room 5. You may bring your lunch and your bible. Currently we are studying St. Paul's letters to the Corinthians. For more information call Angelica at 521-7973.

#### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Try a Holy Hour with Jesus once a week! Make it your New Year's resolution. Please contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up one of these hours.



A **PLENARY INDULGENCE** is granted to those who visit the Most Blessed Sacrament for at least one half hour (together with the prerequisites of a plenary indulgence: Sacramental Confession, Communion, and Prayer for the intention of the Holy Father, all to be performed within days of each other if not at the same time). A partial indulgence is granted to those who visit and adore the Most Blessed Sacrament without the three constants or for any period less than one half hour. For more information: *Enchiridion of Indulgences* (1968) and *The Doctrine of Indulgences* (1967).

# Religious Education

## Vatican II Documents: Dignitatis Humanae...

By Maria F. Delgado-Braun, Religious Education

*Dignitatis Humanae (DH) On the Right of the Person and Communities to Social and Civil Liberty in Religious Matters* is one of the Vatican II documents that speaks to the present state of the world and our nation. This document highlights the inherent rights of all human beings and communities to the search for truth and the expression of religion in both the private and public spheres, “*All men are bound to seek the truth, especially in what concerns God and his Church, and to embrace it and hold on to it as they come to know it*” (DH,1). It declares that the human person has the right to religious freedom. It also professes that all persons, by reason of their free will, have the right and the moral obligation to seek the truth. Once they find it, they are bound to direct their lives in accordance with it, and must not be forced to act contrary to their conscience. The highest standard of human life is the divine eternal law that has been given by God and this law is above all nature and all earthly authority. The acts that direct man to God “*transcend of their very nature the earthly and temporal order of things. Therefore the civil authority, the purpose of which is to care for the common good in the temporal order, must recognize and look with favor on the religious life of the citizens. But if it presumes to control or restrict religious activity it must be said to have exceeded the limits of its power*”(3). The document also declares that the rights of parents are violated if their children are made to attend classes which are not in agreement with their religious beliefs (5). Our Lord gives us many examples in sacred scripture of His respect for the free will of all persons, and that for civil authority, and with the clear warning that the higher rights of God must be respected (Mt. 22:21). The Church has been given the authority by God to bring the Gospel to the world. She is to be free from human society and public authority (13). We, like the apostles and martyrs, are called to witness the truth and to make the kingdom of God present in the world by our lives and our speech; and like them be “*not afraid to speak out against public authority when it opposed God’s holy will*” (11). It is our obligation to grow daily in the knowledge of God’s truth and to defend it following His example. Pope Benedict XVI, in his address on the *State of the World*, declares that “*peace in society is also put at risk by certain threats to religious liberty: it is a question sometimes of the marginalization of religion in social life; sometimes of intolerance or even of violence towards individuals, symbols or religious identity and religious institutions. In order to effectively safeguard the exercise of religious liberty it is essential to*



*"Man's Forgetfulness of God Gives Rise to Violence" – The World According to Benedict XVI (Jan. 7)*



*respect the right of conscientious objection.”* Like the Servant of God, Pope Paul VI speaks to world leaders; “*Your task is to be in the world the promoters of order and peace among men. But never forget this: It is God ... who is the great artisan of order and peace on earth.*”

*"Thomas More is more important at this moment than at any moment since his death, even perhaps the great moment of his dying; but he is not quite so important as he will be in about a hundred years' time. He may come to be counted the greatest Englishman, ...For he was above all things historic; he represented at once a type, a turning point and an ultimate destiny. If there had not happened to be that particular man at the particular moment, the whole of history would have been different." (from G.K. Chesterton, a turning point in history, 1929).*

## Parish School of Religion Update

**Parish School of Religion**  
psr@stjmod.com

209-551-4973 ext. 217

**PSR is now on Facebook**  
Search St Joseph PSR, like us!

**There are no PSR classes this week: January 21-24.**

### School of Faith Classes

	January			Eucharist	
	M	T	W	T	F
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		3:30pm	7pm		
21	22	23	24	25	
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			7pm		

## 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 John & Nichole Sablan (209)581-8477** to make an appointment.

# ∞ Youth Ministry ∞

## Contact Us!



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## **Community Service Hours Opportunity**

The first informational meeting for Live Stations of the Cross will be held this Tuesday, January 22, in JP11 room 2 (Youth and Family Center). The meeting will be from 6-8 p.m. This is a great way to earn up to 20 hours of community service hours for Confirmation requirements.

## **Singers Needed**

The 5:30pm Youth Contemporary Choir on Sunday evenings is looking for teen vocalists to join. The choir practices on Sunday afternoons from 4-5pm in the music room, before Mass. For more information please call Katie in the youth office.

## LifeNight Line-Up

1/20: Jesus Finds His Church

1/26: Saturday-Walk for Life!

1/27: The Church in Our Time

2/3: NO LifeNight



**San Diego:  
Youth Conference  
The Steubenville  
Conference: San Diego  
trip will be  
July 26-28.** There are

45 spots for teens! Permission slips are available now in the youth center, and you can reserve your spot with a \$20 deposit. A minimum payment of \$20 is due each month leading up to the trip. The cost of the trip \$200. Join 5,000 other teens in Adoration, Mass, praise and worship, men's and women's sessions and confession.

Spots are filling already! You do not want to miss out!



## **Walk for Life-West Coast-This Saturday!**

The youth bus still has a few spots available. Sign up in the youth office or at youth group tonight. Cost is \$10 and a t-shirt is included. Please meet at the church at 8am on the 26th and we will return at 5:30 pm. This is an awesome and blessed experience for everyone involved. We hope you can join us!

# Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Please thank our Plaza Hospitality Volunteers for hosting our plaza coffee and donuts this morning.

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 13

**Mass Schedule:**  
7am, 8am, 9:30 am,  
12noon (Latin), 5:45 ,  
7:30pm Spanish-Church,  
7:30 pm English-Hall

REMINDER  
**Lay Apostolate Leader Meeting**  
*Tuesday, February 5*

6:30-8:00 PM,  
Room 6— JPII Building

~*For your spiritual peace of mind*~

Please consider attending our excellent MI Marian Retreat at St. Joseph's on Saturday, February 2. Please do not delay and sign up after Mass or in the parish office as seats fill fast for this popular, local retreat.

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

## Profiles in Stewardship

by Michael Webster



**Anthony Butera**

Anthony Butera knows what it means to practice stewardship by *giving generously*. He gives of his time generously to St. Joseph's parish community. He also utilizes his talents and knowledge of business and finances to help others at the parish.

He currently serves as a member of the parish finance council, a position he has held since last January. He also teaches our bible study on the *7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free*. There is a great deal of work to this specific ministry. This month, he has been out on the plaza two weekends taking sign-ups for the bible study. Teaching the class requires not only seven straight weeks of commitment but additional planning and organizing of the talks and resources.

Anthony's example reminds me of a passage from Paul's letter to the Romans, "whoever serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by others." (14:18) Thank you, Anthony, for your dedication and service to Christ and to the members of our parish.

## In the Diocese

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Training as a certified Long-Term Care Ombudsman  
Catholic Charities offers services using skilled volunteers. Free training as a state certified ombudsman starts in February. Learn more at an orientation on Monday, Jan. 28, from 4-5pm, at Catholic Charities' Modesto office, 400 12th St, Ste 4. Long-Term Care Ombudsman volunteers serve on behalf of residents in skilled nursing and assisted living facilities. They help monitor the quality of care, identify and resolve problems, and respond to complaints received by or on behalf of elderly residents. Volunteer drivers also are needed for assisted transportation to seniors with special needs, especially for medical appointments and grocery shopping. They use either personal or agency vehicles. For more information, call 529-3784.

### LITURGICAL TRAINING CELEBRATING THE TRIDUUM

Msgr. John Armistead, Deacon Tom Ciccarelli and Virginia Meagher will lead a day of experiencing and breaking open the Triduum liturgies. This event is for priests, deacons, music ministers, RCIA teams and liturgical ministers to aid in planning and preparation of our High Holy Days. (English only) 10am-4pm Saturday, January 26 at St. Edward Parish, Stockton. Cost is \$10 per person. Register with the Office for Worship at (209) 466-0636 or [liturgy@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:liturgy@stocktondiocese.org).

## From our Holy Father in Rome

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

46th WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Tuesday, 1st January 2013 part II



The Gospel passage finishes with a mention of the circumcision of Jesus. According to the Law of Moses, eight days after birth, baby boys were to be circumcised and then given their name. Through his messenger, God himself had said to Mary – as well as to Joseph – that the Name to be given to the child was “Jesus” (*Mt* 1:21; *Lk* 1:31); and so it came to be. The Name which God had already chosen, even before the child had been conceived, is now officially conferred upon him at the moment of circumcision. This also changes Mary’s identity once and for all: she becomes “the mother of Jesus”, that is the mother of the Savior, of Christ, of the Lord. Jesus, who is not a man like any other, but the Word of God, one of the Divine Persons, the Son of God: therefore the Church has given Mary the title *Theotokos* or Mother of God.

The first reading reminds us that peace is a gift from God and is linked to the splendor of the face of God, according to the text from the Book of Numbers, which hands down the blessing used by the priests of the People of Israel in their liturgical assemblies. This blessing repeats three times the Holy Name of God, a Name not to be spoken, and each time it is linked to two words indicating an action in favour of man: “The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace” (6:24-26). So peace is the summit of these six actions of God in our favour, in which he turns towards us the splendor of his face.

For sacred Scripture, contemplating the face of God is the greatest happiness: “You gladden him with the joy of your face” (*Pss* 21:7). From the contemplation of the face of God are born joy, security and peace. But what does it mean concretely to contemplate the face of the Lord, as understood in the New Testament? It means knowing him directly, in so far as is possible in this life, through Jesus Christ in whom he is revealed. To rejoice in the splendor of God’s face means penetrating the mystery of his Name made known to us in Jesus, understanding something of his interior life and of his will, so that we can live according to his plan of love for humanity. In the second reading, taken from the Letter to the Galatians (4:4-7), Saint Paul says as much as he describes the Spirit who, in our inmost hearts, cries: “Abba! Father!” It is the cry that rises from the contemplation of the true face of God, from the revelation of the mystery of his Name. Jesus declares, “I have manifested thy name to men” (*Jn* 17:6). God’s Son made man has let us know the Father, he has let us know the hidden face of the Father through his visible human face; by the gift of the Holy Spirit poured into our hearts, he has led us to understand that, in him, we too are children of God, as Saint Paul says in the passage we have just heard: “The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, ‘Abba, Father!’” (*Gal* 4:6). Here, ... is the foundation of our peace: the certainty of contemplating in Jesus Christ the splendor of the face of God the Father, of being sons in the Son, and thus of having, on life’s journey, the same security that a child feels in the arms of a loving and all-powerful Father. The splendor of the face of God, shining upon us and granting us peace, is the manifestation of his fatherhood: the Lord turns his face to us, he reveals himself as our Father and grants us peace. Here is the principle of that profound peace – “peace with God” – which is firmly linked to faith and grace, as Saint Paul tells the Christians of Rome (*Rom* 5:2). Nothing can take this peace from believers, not even the difficulties and sufferings of life. Indeed, sufferings, trials and darkness do not undermine but build up our hope, a hope which does not deceive because “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us” (5:5).

# Sacraments

## Our Mass Intentions

## This Week

Sunday, January 20 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Frank & Antonia Erro	1:30p	Conchita Velasquez and Maria Velasquez Vega
9:00a	Herman Reis	3:30p	Filipino Mass
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Frank Zuccaro
12:00p	Giovanni Mondelli	7:30p	Rigo Pena Flores
Monday, January 21			
8:00a	Fr. Joseph O'Hare	5:45p	Steve McVicker and Maria Gel Brum
Tuesday, January 22			
8:00a	Elizabeth Machado	5:45p	Fr. Ernesto Arbelaez
Wednesday, January 23			
8:00a	Fr. Joseph O'Hare and Kathryn Bruno	5:45p	Kurtis Kraft and Gerry Dickens
Thursday, January 24			
8:00a	Sylvia De Leon	5:45p	Bob Chimenti and Louella Gregg
Friday, January 25			
8:00a	Fr. William Hughes	5:45p	Fr. John Pruett
12:00p	Kenny Pocius		
Saturday, January 26			
8:00a	Lydia & Vicente Perello	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, January 27 (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Kay Baggett	1:30p	Conchita Velasquez and Maria Velasquez Vega
9:00a	Nick Alves	5:30p	Robert Loucks
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Charles & Katherine Foster
12:00p	Carlos Alberto Sanchez		

Sunday, January 20, 2013		
10:00A	Respect Life	JP4
11:30A	7 Steps	JP5
Monday, January 21, 2013		
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer (English)	JP10
7:00P	Rediscovering the Catechism	JP6
Tuesday, January 22, 2013		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
6:00P	ESL Classes - Intermediates	JP4
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00P	ESL Classes - Beginners	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer - Spanish	JP7
7:00P	Baptism Class--English	JP6
Wednesday, January 23, 2013		
1:30P	Widows and Widowers Bible	JP5
5:45P	Priciple Study Group	JP5
5:45P	Path to Serenity	JP10
5:45P	Alateen Group	JP8
Thursday, January 24, 2013		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
12:00P	Carmel Study Group	JP4
12:00P	Lunch Bible Study	JP5
6:30P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30P	Compartiendo las Escrituras	JP4
7:00P	Young Adults - Spanish	JP2
Friday, January 25, 2013		
12:00P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
Saturday, January 26, 2013		
9:00A	AA Language of the Heart	JP4
Sunday, January 27, 2013		
11:30A	7 Steps	JP8
2:00P	JPII Lectures	JP10

## Stewardship: A Way of Life

At this time, early in a new year, we find ourselves reminded of the love God has for his creation. In the poetic words of Isaiah we envision God's people shining like a beacon to the nations. St. Paul describes the multitude of gifts lavished upon us with the reminder of the obligation to service that they entail. With faith Mary tells Jesus that the wine has run out at the wedding in Cana. May we in faith remember Mary's words to the servants: Do whatever He tells you. Mary is the ultimate steward.

## Readings 01/21-1/27

Monday:	Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18 12pm Latin Mass: Acts. 9:1-22; Mt. 19:27-29
Saturday:	2 Tm 1:1-8* or Ti 1:1-5*/Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Latin Mass	Col. 3:12-17; Mt. 13:24-30

Remember a  
special  
day or person.



~Altar Flower Donation~  
Call the Development Office  
for info. 551-4973, x207

Call the parish office at  
551-4973 to find out  
about online offertory  
gifts instead of writing  
checks.

Bienvenido  
a St. Joseph's

No habrá clases de catecismo (PSR) esta semana: 21-24 de enero.

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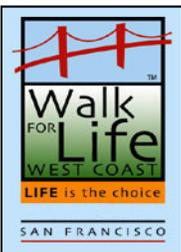
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ADORACION  
al SANTISIMO

¡Haga su resolución para el Año Nuevo e

inscríbese para pasar una hora por semana frente al Santísimo Sacramento! Necesitamos ayuda los viernes de 2-3am y domingos de 1-2am. Favor de llamar a David y Monica Wood al 527-4920.



CAMINATA POR  
LA VIDA COSTA  
OCCIDENTAL

¿Siente el llamado a demostrar su apoyo por la vida? La 9

añual Caminata por la Vida de la Costa Occidental se llevará a cabo el sábado, 26 de enero. Puede que los tiquetes para los buses de St. Joseph estén disponibles el día de la Caminata por la vida si está interesado en asistir con nuestra parroquia, por favor venga esa mañana para ver si todavía nos quedan tiquetes, o encuéntrenos allá. La caminata comienza después de la demostración, a las 12:30pm en el civic center plaza de SF.

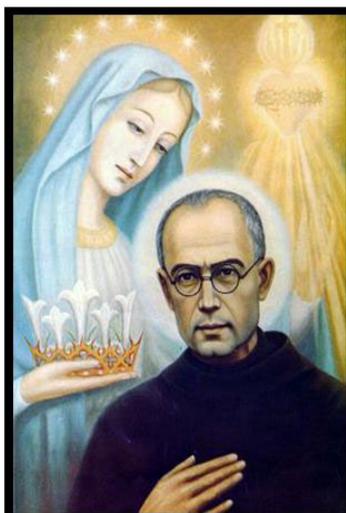
¡Boletín Parroquial en Español!  
DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Mark Wagner

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en la fe, Espero que todos puedan venir para nuestro Retiro Mariano Anual el día sábado, 2 de Febrero aquí en la parroquia de St. Joseph. Somos una familia parroquial la cual tiene una madre celestial que nos ama. El Evangelio de hoy muestra que Maria nos ama y que reza por nosotros, sus hijos. Cuando Maria ve que nos encontramos tristes, ella se dirige a su Hijo y le dice, "Ellos no tienen mas vino." ¡Y Jesús nos da el vino de alegría en abundancia! Algunas personas no entienden este pasaje sobre las bodas de Cana. Dicen que Jesús estaba reprimiendo a su madre cuando la llama "mujer". Pero lo opuesto es la verdad. Este pasaje comienza enfatizando a Maria: "había una boda en Cana en Galilea, y la madre de Jesús se encontraba allí..." Ella es importante en este relato. Cuando Jesús usa las palabras "mujer" y "hora", debemos entender que para Juan el Evangelista estas palabras traen un especial significado. La palabra "mujer" se refiere a Eva, la mujer en el paraíso. Jesús es el "Nuevo Adán" (1Cor. 15:45) que ahora sugiere que Maria es la "Nueva Eva" quien le ayudará a reparar el daño causado por el pecado de Adán y Eva. Y la palabra "hora" se refiere a la "hora" de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús. En el Griego original las palabras de Jesús son literalmente, "Mujer, ¿que para ti y para mi? Mi hora todavía no ha llegado." La expresión en hebreo "¿que para ti y para mi?" era usada para referirse a algo que dos personas tenían en común. Entonces lo que Jesús está diciendo es algo como esto: "¿Qué debemos de hacer juntos ahora? Después de mi muerte y resurrección trabajaremos juntos para ayudar a la gente." En efecto, sabemos que ahora Maria puede ir a Jesús y pedirle cualquier favor que ella quiera para nosotros, sus hijos!

*Fr. Mark*

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# Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

SOLEMNIDAD DE SANTA MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS  
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*Martes 1 de enero de 2013 Parte II*



El texto evangélico termina con una mención a la circuncisión de Jesús. Según la ley de Moisés, un niño tenía que ser circuncidado ocho días después de su nacimiento, y en ese momento se le imponía el nombre. Dios mismo, mediante su mensajero, había dicho a María –y también a José– que el nombre del Niño era «Jesús» (*Mt* 1,21; *Lc* 1,31); y así sucedió. El nombre que Dios había ya establecido aún antes de que el Niño fuera concebido se le impone oficialmente en el momento de la circuncisión. Y esto marca también definitivamente la identidad de María: ella es «la madre de Jesús», es decir la madre del Salvador, del Cristo, del Señor. Jesús no es un hombre como cualquier otro, sino el Verbo de Dios, una de las Personas divinas, el Hijo de Dios: por eso la Iglesia ha dado a María el título de Theotokos, es decir «Madre de Dios».

La primera lectura nos recuerda que la paz es un don de Dios y que esta unida al esplendor del rostro de Dios, según el texto del libro de los Números, que transmite la bendición utilizada por los sacerdotes del pueblo de Israel en las asambleas litúrgicas. Una bendición que repite tres veces el santo nombre de Dios, el nombre impronunciable, y uniéndolo cada vez a dos verbos que indican una acción favorable al hombre: «El Señor te bendiga y te proteja, ilumine el Señor su rostro sobre ti y te conceda su favor. El Señor te muestre su rostro y te conceda la paz» (6,24-26). La paz es por tanto la culminación de estas seis acciones de Dios en favor nuestro, en las que vuelve el esplendor de su rostro sobre nosotros. Para la sagrada Escritura, contemplar el rostro de Dios es la máxima felicidad: «lo colmas de gozo delante de tu rostro», dice el salmista (*Sal* 21,7). Alegría, seguridad y paz, nacen de la contemplación del rostro de Dios. Pero, ¿qué significa concretamente contemplar el rostro del Señor, tal y como lo entiende el Nuevo Testamento? Quiere decir conocerlo directamente, en la medida en que es posible en esta vida, mediante Jesucristo, en el que se ha revelado. Gozar del esplendor del rostro de Dios quiere decir penetrar en el misterio de su Nombre que Jesús nos ha manifestado, comprender algo de su vida íntima y de su voluntad, para que vivamos de acuerdo con su designio de amor sobre la humanidad. Lo expresa el apóstol Pablo en la segunda lectura, tomada de la carta a los *Gálatas* (4,4-7), al hablar del Espíritu que grita en lo más profundo de nuestros corazones: «¡Abba Padre!». Es el grito que brota de la contemplación del rostro verdadero de Dios, de la revelación del misterio de su Nombre. Jesús afirma: «He manifestado tu nombre a los hombres» (*Jn* 17,6). El Hijo de Dios que se hizo carne nos ha dado a conocer al Padre, nos ha hecho percibir en su rostro humano visible el rostro invisible del Padre; a través del don del Espíritu Santo derramado en nuestros corazones, nos ha hecho conocer que en él también nosotros somos hijos de Dios, como afirma san Pablo en el texto que hemos escuchado: «Como sois hijos, Dios envió a nuestros corazones el Espíritu de su Hijo, que clama: “¡Abba Padre!”» (*Ga* 4,6).

... Aquí está el fundamento de nuestra paz: la certeza de contemplar en Jesucristo el esplendor del rostro de Dios Padre, de ser hijos en el Hijo, y de tener así, en el camino de nuestra vida, la misma seguridad que el niño experimenta en los brazos de un padre bueno y omnipotente. El esplendor del rostro del Señor sobre nosotros, que nos da paz, es la manifestación de su paternidad; el Señor vuelve su rostro sobre nosotros, se manifiesta como Padre y nos da paz. Aquí está el principio de esa paz profunda -«paz con Dios»- que está unida indisolublemente a la fe y a la gracia, como escribe san Pablo a los cristianos de Roma (cf. *Rm* 5,2). No hay nada que pueda quitar a los creyentes esta paz, ni siquiera las dificultades y sufrimientos de la vida. En efecto, los sufrimientos, las pruebas y las oscuridades no debilitan sino que fortalecen nuestra esperanza.

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Muy especialmente, por dos años ha sido miembro del consejo de finanzas parroquial. También enseña nuestro estudio bíblico de 7 pasos para liberarse financieramente. Este ministerio requiere mucho trabajo. Este mes él ha estado en la plaza registrando a los que están interesados en tomar el estudio. También, enseñar la clase requiere 7 semanas de compromiso. La entrega de Anthony nos recuerda un pasaje de la Carta de San Pablo a los Romanos, “quien de esta forma sirve a Cristo, agrada a Dios y también es apreciado por los hombres” (14,18).

Gracias Anthony, por tu dedicación a Cristo y a nuestra parroquia.



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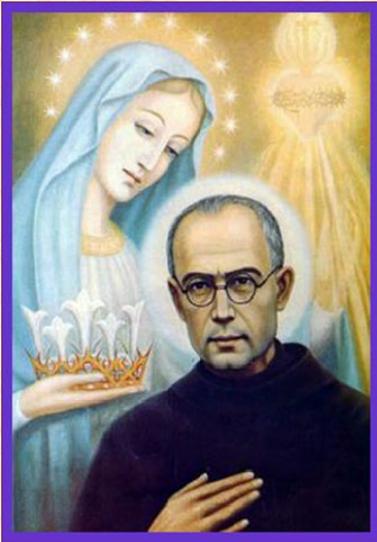
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