

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 22nd, 2012 Third 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

The Civil Rights
of our Time

Today, 39 years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court legalized the direct killing of innocent human persons. The infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision was a turning point for this nation. We lost our innocence that year. Not only had we given ourselves over to the fornications of the sexual revolution, but in 1973 we declared ourselves willing to destroy any children accidentally conceived by our infidelities. Unlawful sex — any intercourse outside of the marriage covenant — is always violent, and it leads to greater violence. The decay of our social fabric began with the contraceptive pill in the 1940s, but it jolted violently forward with the legalization of abortion in 1973.

Roe v. Wade seemed to catch us off-guard in 1973; but America, who has championed the “culture of death” to all the world, also had led the world in prolife activism. I can remember marching down Pennsylvania Avenue as a kid, in January’s bitter cold. We gathered in the snow at the Ellipse near the White House, and then made our way slowly toward the U.S. Capitol. We waved to legislators along the way who peered from their congressional office building windows. Washington’s March for Life has grown every year since 1974. Now hundreds of thousands march from the White House to the Capitol. And now there are marches in all the major cities, most notably in our own beloved San Francisco, where 40,000 walked yesterday. Five busloads came from St. Joseph’s, and another 20 busses from around our Diocese. Now there are pro-life marches in Paris, London and Madrid. Over these 40 years, the sheer numbers and tenacity of this civil rights movement dwarfs past civil



March for Life in Washington, nearing the Supreme Court

rights movements. Because, indeed, the Pro-life Movement is *the* civil rights movement of our time. The unborn person is a distinct individual (“if it’s not a baby, she’s not pregnant”) and has rights. We will not stop marching until these rights are recognized in law. We are well on our way.

Fr. Joseph

☞ Staff Contacts ☞

Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, Alex, Lauren)

Sunday: 10:00-3:00pm.

Monday: 10:00 to 7:30

Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 to 7:30

Closed Wednesday from 11-1pm

Friday 8:30 to Noon

Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

- Se Habla Español* Alex x103
- Accounting..... Barbara x108
- Adult Ed & Bible Studies..... Michael x203
- Altar Servers Svetlana x200
- Audio / Video Jeremy x213
- Becoming Catholic, RCIA Stacy x211
- Buildings & Grounds..... Susie x201
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☞ Readings 01/23-01/29 ☞

- Monday:**
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30,
- Tuesday:**
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:**
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
- Thursday:**
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:**
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
- 12pm Latin Mass:**
II Tim. 4:1-8; Mt. 5:13-19
- Saturday:**
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday:**
Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
Mt 1:21-28
- 9am Mass Latin Mass: 4th Sunday after Epiphany**
Rom. 13: 8-10; Mt. 8:23-27

Sacraments

☞ Our Mass Intentions ☞

| 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 | 530p | Leona Delos Reyes |
| 10:30a | All St. Joseph's Parishioners | 7:30p | Dorothy Gurrola |
| 12:00p | Sally Zimmerman | | |
| Monday, January 23 | | | |
| 8:00a | Paul Fedorowicz and Fr. Joseph O'Hare | 5:45p | Lucy Phillips and Florence Whitler |
| Tuesday, January 24 | | | |
| 8:00a | Sylvia De Leon and Pacita Malinao | 5:45p | Matthew Bruno and Paul Bonfiglio |
| Wednesday, January 25 | | | |
| 8:00a | Florentino Galvez and Kathryn Bruna | 5:45p | Julio Valenzuela and Beatrice Fugett |
| Thursday, January 26 | | | |
| 8:00a | Lorraine Ottoboni and Imogene & Quentin Stoeckel | 5:45p | Thelma Coelho and Lydia and Vicenta Perello |
| Friday, January 27 | | | |
| 8:00a | Rosanna Hollander and Jim Cusenza | 5:45p | Blezelda Yap Aguilar and Alzira Victoria |
| Saturday, January 28 | | | |
| 8:00a | Dr. Tyron Wong and Paul Bonfiglio | 5:30p | St. Joseph's Memorial Mass |
| Sunday, January 29 (Fourth Sunday on Ordinary Time) | | | |
| 7:30a | Myrtle Osberg | 1:30p | Leobardo Lopez |
| 9:00a | Fr. Joseph O'Hare | 530p | Federico Santos, III |
| 10:30a | All St. Joseph's Parishioners | 7:30p | Beatrice C. Fugett |
| 12:00p | Catalina Cabusas | | |

☞ Prayer & Interior Life ☞

“Stewardship: Sharing These Gifts in Love of God and Neighbor”

January 22 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Throughout history, individuals have answered the personal call they received from the Lord. Jonah was reluctant at first, but followed God's call to warn the people of Nineveh about the coming doom. As Jesus began His ministry of bringing the Good News to mankind He called Simon and Andrew and James and John. Once called by Jesus they dropped what they were doing and followed the Lord. After spending time listening to Jesus and watching Him, these disciples were ready to continue the work of spreading the Gospel. May our ears be open when Jesus calls and may we respond with the promptness of the fishermen from Galilee.

PRAY TO END ABORTION

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

ST. JOSEPH'S PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 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



LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Are you looking for a way to get involved at St. Joseph's? You are invited to be part of the 2012 Live Stations of the Cross. We are looking for youths/young adult actors and adult volunteers. Please join us for an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 24, from 6pm to 7:30pm in the Youth and Family Center, JP II building.
 Contact Francine at 380-6859 for more information.

EUCCHARISTIC INGATHERING — JANUARY 28

In conjunction with 50th Anniversary Celebration of Stockton Diocese, the Filipino Pastoral Ministry invites everyone to the 6th Annual Diocesan Eucharistic Ingathering of Filipino Catholics & Friends. It will take place here at St. Joseph's at 11am. Most Rev. Bishop Stephen Blaire will be presider & homilist. Procession, fellowship and entertainment follows immediately after in Fr. O'Hare Hall.

ONE DAY RETREAT

“Rejoice in the Lord Always:”

Discover with Mary the Great Joy of Christians
 Saturday, February 4, 8am Mass to 4:30pm

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 on the Plaza next weekend.



LIGHT WEIGH

LOSE holiday pounds and GAIN a deeper relationship with God. LIGHT WEIGH is a Catholic weight loss/spiritual growth program that has helped many find peace with food. Join us for an information meeting: Tuesday, Feb 7 at 10:30am, repeated at 6:30pm, St Joseph's parish, JP II Rm 8. 12-week course starts Feb. 21. Questions? Call Ann 522-0697

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 toward 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 FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise wishes to thank all who participated in filling the needs for our recent hosting week of Dec. 18th. We hosted 2 families (3 adults with 3 children). The week went smoothly and ended with a wonderful Christmas party for the families - complete with piano accompanied Christmas carols. This ministry can only exist through the support that you provide in response to our Lord's prompting to serve those less fortunate.

| Sunday, January 22, 2012 | | |
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| 10:00 A | Children's Liturgy of the | JP6 |
| 1:00 P | CFC-Youth For Christ | JP7 |
| Monday, January 23, 2012 | | |
| 7:00 P | Charismatic Prayer Group | JP10 |
| Tuesday, January 24, 2012 | | |
| 9:00 A | Senior Strength Training | JP7 |
| 5:30 P | ESL Classes | JP4 |
| 6:00 P | Live Stations Practice | JP2 |
| 6:15 P | Legion of Mary | JP4 |
| 6:30 P | Stewardship Committee | JP4 |
| 7:00 P | Charismatic Prayer Group | JP7 |
| Wednesday, January 25, 2012 | | |
| 1:30 P | Widows and Widowers | JP5 |
| 5:30 P | AA Principle Study Group | JP5 |
| 5:45 P | Al Anon Group | JP10 |
| 6:30 P | Women's Bible Study | JP8 |
| Thursday, January 26, 2012 | | |
| 9:00 A | Senior Strength Training | JP7 |
| 6:30 P | Rosary Makers | JP5 |
| 6:30 P | Compartiendo la Biblia | JP4 |
| 6:30 P | Men's Group | JP10 |
| 7:00 P | Spanish Young Adults | JP2 |
| Friday, January 27, 2012 | | |
| 12:00 P | Latin Mass | Chur |
| 3:00 P | Divine Mercy Prayer | Chap |
| Sunday, January 29, 2012 | | |
| 10:00 A | Children's Liturgy of the | JP6 |
| 1:00 P | CFC-Youth For Christ | JP7 |

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, ☜
JP II, 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 MATTHEW'S GOSPEL (Part 2)

Neophyte Bible Study

February 6, 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.

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

Retreat: Time to Refocus on God

One of the best kept secrets in the Catholic Church are **RETREATS**. What is a retreat? A Catholic retreat is a time away from the ordinary demands of daily life to spend time "on vacation" with God and fellow Christians. Traditionally, retreats include talks, prayer, Mass and silent reflection. Often, entire portions of retreats are spent in complete silence to foster a spirit of listening. Some people also like to make unguided retreats simply by staying at a monastery and attending Mass and public prayer and enjoying the rest of the time in silence, alone with God. This may sound uncomfortable if you've never done it, but once you get used to the silence you might discover that you are not ever truly alone because God is always there for you.

It can be difficult to understand God's revelation for each of us individually without a guide. That is the role of a retreat master at a retreat. He or she leads participants in "conferences," short talks designed to help the participants gain new insights into God's love for them and discover for themselves His marvelous desires for their lives. On retreat, priests often offer time for spiritual direction to help know God's wisdom.

It is a good practice to attend a retreat annually, in order to help us to be refreshed by God and refocus on the things that matter most in life: family, prayer, and the life of charity. Retreats improve our relationship with God and with others and helps us make concrete resolutions to deal with daily life that often times can be messy. God has wisdom to help us in 2012. He wants us to know freedom and peace in our homes and have the courage to live the gospel message in our daily lives.

Perhaps attending a retreat would make a great New Year's resolution?



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Saturday, February 4, 8am Mass to 4:30pm
Sign up after all Masses this weekend.

You also may benefit from retreats like Cursillo, Journey, Marriage Encounter, Retroville, or with an area religious community. Contact Maria (551-4973, ext. 218, e-mail: mbraun@stjmod.com) for more information and to find the right retreat for you!

☞ BIBLE STUDIES ☜

THE BUSY WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY

You still can join women of all ages 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, JP II 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:

1/22: Divine Design - Christ established His one Church to continue His presence and His work.

1/29: Kingdom Come - Miracles & the Kingdom of God/ the Gospels of Luke and Matthew.

2/5: No LifeNight - See you at 5:30 p.m. Mass.

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!

2012 LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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Please contact Francine at 380-6859 for more information.



St. Gianna Beretta Molla (1922-1962)

Gianna Molla was born in Magenta (Milan) on October 4, 1922. Already as a youth she willingly accepted the gift of faith and the Christian education that she received from her excellent parents. As a result, she experienced life as a marvelous gift from God, had a strong faith in Providence and was convinced of the necessity and effectiveness of prayer. Through her prayers, and those of others, she reflected upon her vocation, which she also considered a gift from God. Having chosen the vocation of marriage, she embraced it with complete enthusiasm and wholly dedicated herself 'to forming a truly Christian family'. She gave birth to three beautiful, healthy children and later became pregnant with her fourth. During the second month of pregnancy, she was touched by suffering and the mystery of pain. She had developed a fibroma in her uterus. A few days before the child was due she was ready to give her life in order to save that of her child: "If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate. Choose the child-I insist on it. Save him". On April 21, 1962, Gianna Emanuela was born. Despite all efforts to save both of them, on the morning of April 28, after repeated exclamations of "Jesus, I love you. Jesus, I love you", the mother died. She was 39 years old.

Saint Gianna Molla, Pray for us!

Thank you to all those who attended "Walk for Life"!

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Save the Date:

Steubenville San Diego

July 27-29

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

Ike Ndolo,

Fr. Michael Schmitz,

Matt Smith, Jackie

Francois and

Righteous B!!

More details to come!

"But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name:

You are mine."

Isaiah 43:1



Richard Braun

Profiles in Stewardship

by Fr. Joseph Illo

Richard Braun said yes. At a Knights of Columbus meeting a few months back I asked the 60 men seated at our monthly meeting if a *Knight* would take over our Parish Respect Life Committee. The work of the Committee has been done mostly by the *wives* of our Knights, and now, I suggested, it was time for a man, a Knight himself, to do it. A “knight,” after all, is dedicated to the defense of women and children, and there is no greater abuse of women and children than legal abortion.

So a few days after my invitation, Richard Braun called me on the phone. “Yes. I’ll do it. And I’ll enlist the collaboration of other Knights of Columbus.” Thank you Richard! Among other things, our Respect Life Committee organizes the annual bus trip to the Walk for Life in San Francisco, which just happened yesterday. We send the largest delegation of just about any parish in Northern California. Thanks, Richard, and thanks to all the wives who have done this in the past (Christi, Kathy, Teresa and others) and to the men who also worked on it (Brian, Ed and others).

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

LEGACY STORIES



In Memory
*Jason and Jesse
Woodson*

In Memory
*Sara and David
Terra*

In May, 2009 Bill and Louise Terra (pictured above) suffered the type of loss that all parents most fear: two of their children and two grandchildren perished in an automobile accident. The pain of that loss is sharp still, but their faith has sustained them. In memory of the family members they lost, they funded the cost of a baby grand piano for our parish hall to create the type of beautiful music we enjoyed at this year’s Children’s Christmas Pageant.

We are thankful for
**PLANNED
LEGACY GIFTS
OF FAITH**

Next Legacy
Luncheon:
May 24

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

From our Holy Father in Rome

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

1 JANUARY 2012

EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE IN JUSTICE AND PEACE (PART I)



The beginning of a new year, God's gift to humanity, prompts me to extend to all, with great confidence and affection, my heartfelt good wishes that this time now before us may be marked concretely by justice and peace.

With what attitude should we look to the New Year? We find a very beautiful image in Psalm 130. The Psalmist says that people of faith wait for the Lord "more than those who watch for the morning" (v. 6); they wait for him with firm hope because they know that he will bring light, mercy, salvation. This waiting was born of the experience of the Chosen People, who realized that God taught them to look at the world in its truth and not to be overwhelmed by tribulation. I invite you to look to 2012 with this attitude of confident trust. It is true that the year now ending has been marked by a rising sense of



frustration at the crisis looming over society, the world of labour and the economy, a crisis whose roots are primarily cultural and anthropological. It seems as if a shadow has fallen over our time, preventing us from clearly seeing the light of day.

In this shadow, however, human hearts continue to wait for the dawn of which the Psalmist speaks. Because this expectation is particularly powerful and evident in young people, my thoughts turn to them and to the contribution which they can and must make to society. I would like therefore to devote this message for the XLV World Day of Peace to the theme of education: "*Educating Young People in Justice and Peace*", in the conviction that the young, with their enthusiasm and idealism, can offer new hope to the world. My Message is also addressed to parents, families and all those involved in the area of education and formation, as well as to leaders in the various spheres of religious, social, political, economic and cultural life and in the media. Attentiveness to young people and their concerns, the ability to listen to them and appreciate them, is not merely something expedient; it represents a primary duty for society as a whole, for the sake of building a future of justice and peace.

It is a matter of communicating to young people an appreciation for the positive value of life and of awakening in them a desire to spend their lives in the service of the Good. This is a task which engages each of us personally. The concerns expressed in recent times by many young people around the world demonstrate that they desire to look to the future with solid hope. At the present time, they are experiencing apprehension about many things: they want to receive an education which prepares them more fully to deal with the real world, they see how difficult it is to form a family and to find stable employment; they wonder if they can really contribute to political, cultural and economic life in order to build a society with a more human and fraternal face.

It is important that this unease and its underlying idealism receive due attention at every level of society. The Church looks to young people with hope and confidence; she encourages them to seek truth, to defend the common good, to be open to the world around them and willing to see "new things" (Is 42:9; 48:6).

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 (\$3,938 land & air)

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

MODESTO PREGNANCY CENTER JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Modesto Pregnancy Center is accepting applications for a Development Coordinator. Responsibilities include oversight of fund raising activities, developing relationships with churches and pursuing avenues of revenue through local entities. For a complete job description contact mpe@modestopc.org or call 550-5923.

Por Fr. Joseph Illo



Richard M. Braun

Richard Braun dijo sí. Hace unos meses en una junta de los Caballeros de Colón, le pregunté a 60 hombres sentados en nuestra junta mensual si un *Caballero* se haría cargo de nuestro Comité Parroquial del Respeto a la Vida. El trabajo del comité lo han estado haciendo las *esposas* de nuestros Caballeros, y ahora, sugerí yo, es tiempo de que un hombre se haga cargo, uno de los Caballeros. Después de todo, un “Caballero” se dedica a la defensa de las mujeres y los niños, y no hay otro abuso más grande a la mujer y los niños que la legalización del aborto.

Así que unos días después de mi invitación, Richard Braun me llamó por teléfono. “Sí. Yo lo haré. Y enlistaré a otros Caballeros de Colón para que colaboren.” ¡Gracias Richard! Entre otras cosas, nuestro Comité del Respeto a la Vida organiza el viaje anual en autobús a la Caminata por la Vida en San Francisco, la cual acaba de pasar ayer. Nosotros mandamos la delegación más grande de casi todas las parroquias del Norte de California. Gracias, Richard, y gracias a todas las esposas que han estado a cargo en el pasado (Christi, Kathy, Teresa, y las demás) y los hombres que también han trabajado (Brian, Ed, y los demás).

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

Hoy hace 39 años, **la Corte Suprema** legalizó el asesinato de inocentes personas humanas. La infame decisión de Roe contra Wade fue un punto decisivo para esta nación. En aquel año perdimos nuestra inocencia. No solamente nos dimos a la fornicación de la revolución sexual, pero en 1973 nos declaramos estar dispuestos a destruir cualquier niño concebido accidentalmente a raíz de nuestras infidelidades. El sexo ilegal— cualquier coito fuera de la alianza matrimonial— es siempre violento y conduce a una mayor violencia. La decadencia de nuestra sociedad comenzó con la pildora anticonceptiva en los años 1940, pero llegó al foro violentamente con la legalización del aborto en 1973.

Parece que la decisión de Roe contra Wade nos tomó fuera de guardia en 1973; pero América que ha ganado en llevar “la cultura de la muerte” a todo el mundo, también ha traído el activismo por la vida. Puedo acordarme marchando por la Avenida Pennsylvania durante el invierno cruel de enero, cuando era solo un niño. Nos reuníamos en la nieve en el elipse, cerca de la Casa Blanca y luego seguíamos despacio hasta el Capitolio. Saludábamos a los legisladores que se asomaban desde las ventanas de sus oficinas del edificio del Congreso, mientras seguíamos caminando. La Marcha por la Vida de Washington ha crecido cada año desde el año 1974. Ahora cientos de miles marchan por todas las ciudades principales, una de las más notables es nuestro querido San Francisco, donde



Marcha por la Vida en Washington, cerca a la Corte Suprema

40,000 personas caminaron ayer. Cinco buses llenos, fueron desde St. Joseph y otros 20 buses del resto de la Diócesis. También hay otras marchas en París, Londres y Madrid. Durante estos cuarenta años, el número y la tenacidad de este movimiento por los derechos civiles ha hecho pequeños todos los movimientos por los derechos civiles del pasado, ya que el Movimiento Por la Vida es *el* movimiento por los derechos civiles de nuestro tiempo. La persona sin nacer es un individuo distinto (“si no es un bebe, ella no se encuentra embarazada”) y tiene derechos. No pararemos de marchar hasta que estos derechos sean reconocidos por la ley. Ya estamos en camino.

Fr. Joseph

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

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



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RETIRO MARIANO DE UN DIA

“Alégrate Siempre en el
Señor:”
Descubre con la Virgen
María la Inmensa Alegría
de los Cristianos

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.

Inscríbese después de Misa



El comienzo de un Año nuevo, don de Dios a la humanidad, es una invitación a desear a todos, con mucha confianza y afecto, que este tiempo que tenemos por delante esté marcado por la justicia y la paz.
¿Con qué actitud debemos mirar el nuevo año? En el salmo 130 encontramos una imagen muy bella. El salmista dice que el hombre de fe aguarda al Señor «más que el centinela la aurora» (v. 6), lo aguarda con una sólida esperanza, porque sabe que traerá luz, misericordia, salvación. Esta espera nace de la experiencia del pueblo elegido, el cual reconoce que Dios lo ha educado para mirar el mundo en su verdad y a no dejarse abatir por las tribulaciones. Os invito a abrir el año 2012 con dicha actitud de confianza. Es verdad que en el año que termina ha aumentado el sentimiento de frustración por la crisis que agobia a

la sociedad, al mundo del trabajo y la economía; una crisis cuyas raíces son sobre todo culturales y antropológicas. Parece como si un manto de oscuridad hubiera descendido sobre nuestro tiempo y no dejara ver con claridad la luz del día.

En esta oscuridad, sin embargo, el corazón del hombre no cesa de esperar la aurora de la que habla el salmista. Se percibe de manera especialmente viva y visible en los jóvenes, y por esa razón me dirijo a ellos teniendo en cuenta la aportación que pueden y deben ofrecer a la sociedad. Así pues, quisiera presentar el Mensaje para la XLV Jornada Mundial de la Paz en una perspectiva educativa: «Educar a los jóvenes en la justicia y la paz», convencido de que ellos, con su entusiasmo y su impulso hacia los ideales, pueden ofrecer al mundo una nueva esperanza.

Mi mensaje se dirige también a los padres, las familias y a todos los estamentos educativos y formativos, así como a los responsables en los distintos ámbitos de la vida religiosa, social, política, económica, cultural y de la comunicación. Prestar atención al mundo juvenil, saber escucharlo y valorarlo, no es sólo una oportunidad, sino un deber primario de toda la sociedad, para la construcción de un futuro de justicia y de paz.

Se ha de transmitir a los jóvenes el aprecio por el valor positivo de la vida, suscitando en ellos el deseo de gastarla al servicio del bien. Éste es un deber en el que todos estamos comprometidos en primera persona.

Las preocupaciones manifestadas en estos últimos tiempos por muchos jóvenes en diversas regiones del mundo expresan el deseo de mirar con fundada esperanza el futuro. En la actualidad, muchos son los aspectos que les preocupan: el deseo de recibir una formación que los prepare con más profundidad a afrontar la realidad, la dificultad de formar una familia y encontrar un puesto estable de trabajo, la capacidad efectiva de contribuir al mundo de la política, de la cultura y de la economía, para edificar una sociedad con un rostro más humano y solidario.

Es importante que estos fermentos, y el impulso idealista que contienen, encuentren la justa atención

en todos los sectores de la sociedad. La Iglesia mira a los jóvenes con esperanza, confía en ellos y los anima a buscar la verdad, a defender el bien común, a tener una perspectiva abierta sobre el mundo y ojos capaces de ver «cosas nuevas» (Is 42,9; 48,6).

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