

*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 29th, 2012 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Visit our website:

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Holy Eucharist

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sundays: 7:30am,

9am (Traditional Latin), 10:30am,

12pm, 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 War in Iraq officially ended on December 15, thanks be to God, and everyone heaved a great sigh of relief. Nine years ago we watched the first bombings of Baghdad, the "Shock and Awe" that we thought would bring a quick solution to Saddam's alleged weapons of mass destruction. It was an agonizing nine years, and no one knew in 2002, when the nation was debating whether to invade or not, what war with Iraq would bring. When the war ended last month, I heard many voices playing Monday Morning Quarterback. "We should've never gone into Iraq. It was all Bush's fault. It was patently illegal. It scarred a generation and ruined a nation. *I would've never gone to war with Iraq.*" But the fact is, most of America, in 2002, supported the war with Iraq. The Congress voted almost three to one to invade. Senator John Kerry, for example, who would later express outrage at the war, voted to invade, as did 81 other Democrats, and 215 Republicans.

But one person stated unequivocally in 2002 that invading Iraq would certainly be disastrous. That man was Pope John Paul II. He didn't need to wait to see what happened. He knew already, because he had the advantage of Catholic theological and social science. He said on January 13, 2003, that war must be "the very last option," even when motivated by legitimate concerns. "War is not always inevitable," he said. "It is always a defeat for humanity ... what are we to say of the threat of a war which could strike the people of Iraq, ... already sorely tried by more than 12 years of embargo?" And he said that international law reminds us that "war cannot be decided upon, even when it is a matter of ensuring the common good, except as the last option and in accordance with very strict conditions, without ignoring the consequences for the civilian population both during and after the military options."

His words strike us as prophetic. These are the points made by many others, but only *after* we saw how useless and devastating the war had become. Pope Benedict has said that the Church and the State, while distinct, must work together. The Church can provide a broader view, a wisdom of which the State, driven by politics, can never attain. The Iraq War is a good example of how the State, ignoring the Church's wisdom, did so to its own destruction. Even now, few politicians admit the cost of ignoring the Church's wisdom. "I would've never voted to invade Iraq," officials will say. Only one man seemed to have that wisdom in 2003, however: the Pope.

Fr. Joseph

Staff Contacts

Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, Alex, Lauren)

Sunday: 10:00-3:00pm.

Monday: 10:00 to 7:30

Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 to 7:30

Closed Wednesday from 11-1pm

Friday 8:30 to Noon

Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

- Se Habla Español*..... Alex x103
- Accounting..... Barbara x108
- Adult Ed & Bible Studies Michael x203
- Altar Servers.....Svetlana x200
- Audio / VideoJeremy x213
- Becoming Catholic, RCIA.....Stacy x211
- Buildings & GroundsSusie x201
- Bulletin & Website.....Jeremy x213
- Child Ed & SacramentsDebbie x205
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- Youth Ministry Nathan x206

Readings 01/30-02/05

Monday:
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday:
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday:
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday:
Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk
2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday:
Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

12pm Latin Mass:
II Cor. 1:3-7; Mt. 16:24-27

Saturday:
1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday:
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor.
9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

9am Mass Latin Mass: 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Col. 3:12-17; Mt. 13:24-30

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 29 (Fourth Sunday on Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Myrtle Osberg	1:30p	Leobardo Lopez and Jose Ramirez
9:00a	Fr. Joseph O'Hare	5:30p	Federico Santos III
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Beatrice C. Fugett
12:00p	Catalina Cabusas		
Monday, January 30			
8:00a	Edward Furlong and William C. Armell	5:45p	Mary Pasko and Magdalena Ornelas
Tuesday, January 31			
8:00a	Helena Van Klaveren and Cora Roberts	5:45p	Joseph Enos and Dwaine Stephan
Wednesday, February 1			
8:00a	Marie Snyder and Bechara Masri	5:45p	James Routson and Genaro King
Thursday, February 2			
8:00a	Charles Tidwell and Louella Rosa	5:45p	Rita Roeck and Desiree Bettencourt
Friday, February 3			
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and John Caratti	5:45p	Tess Address and Danny Vele
Saturday, February 4			
8:00a	Guadalupe Perez and Josephina Paluzzi	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, February 5 (Fifth Sunday on Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Rusty Boyle	1:30p	Lupe Perez and Jorge Medina, Jr.
9:00a	Jose & Jesuina Bairos	3:00p	Indian Mass
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Cefus Willian
12:00p	Joe R. Fernandes	7:30p	Ann Brazil

Prayer & Interior Life

**Stewardship: Sharing These Gifts in Love of God and Neighbor”
January 29 — Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Before his time was finished, Moses told the Israelites that God would raise a prophet from among them like himself. A prophet like Moses would be one who conversed with God and delivered His words to the people. When Jesus came he spent much time in prayer, conversing with His Father. This enabled Him to teach the people about the enduring love and mercy that God has for us, His children. As we hear the Word of God and understand its meaning for us, may we share our joy at discovering the depth of God's love.

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




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 Fr. Joseph Illo, 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 this weekend.

OPUS DEI MEN’S EVENING
OF RECOLLECTION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

All men are welcome and encouraged to come to an Opus Dei Men’s Evening of Recollection on Thursday, February 9, from 7:15pm to 9:15pm in the Church. This Evening of Recollection will be conducted by an Opus Dei priest. For information, please contact Nilo Casiano (209) 324-5926.



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, JP11 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 one is on if they 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.

HOME ENTHRONEMENT APOSTOLATE
“Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine”
 Through the Militia of the Immaculata Family Village, Home Enthronement Apostolate, you have the opportunity to make your very home the heart of Jesus! If you are interested in enthroning your home by consecrating it and your family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, call Kent and Laura Harker at: 571-5471



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our Parish Office will be closed February 6th –8th for our annual Spiritual Retreat, we apologize for any inconvenience.

Sunday, January 29, 2012		
10:00 A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
1:00 P	CFC-Youth For Christ	JP7
Monday, January 30, 2012		
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Grp	JP10
Tuesday, January 31, 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
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group Spanish	JP7
Wednesday, February 1, 2012		
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	JP8
6:30 P	Welcome Center Ministry	JP7
Thursday, February 2, 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, February 3, 2012		
12:00 P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy	Chap
6:30 P	Children's Adoration	Chur
Saturday, February 4, 2012		
8:00 A	Militia Immaculata Retreat	Chur
8:30 A	Militia Immaculata Retreat	Hall
Sunday, February 5, 2012		
10:00 A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
1:00 P	CFC-Youth For Christ	JP7
3:00 P	Indian Mass	Chur

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

PSR SCHEDULE CHANGE :

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

SCHOOL OF FAITH CHANGE:
The School of Faith Spanish classes
for Feb. 6 and Feb. 8 have been
cancelled and rescheduled for Feb. 1
at 4pm and Feb. 29 at 7pm. We
apologize for the inconvenience.

☞ 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

The Presentation of the Lord

"And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." (Lk 2:22-23). Mary and Joseph bring Him to the temple and into the arms of Simeon, "a righteous and devout man, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him" (25); Simeon then exclaims, "Lord now you let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation...(29-30). Simeon was to see the anointed of God, the salvation to Israel before his death, and this is fulfilled at the presentation in the temple. The righteous Simeon represents the Old Covenant that will give way to the perfect Covenant in Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, through whom the people of Israel would obtain salvation. Both the law and the prophets are fulfilled in the presentation of the Lord. His entire mission, including the suffering of His mother "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel...and a sword will pierce through your own soul also..." (33-35), are made present in this narrative. Mary offers her son from the beginning, first to the Magi (representing all nations), and then in a sacred ritual to Israel for the salvation of all peoples. Her mission is traced by God from the beginning in the Annunciation, where she gives her "fiat" to the will of God, and gives herself entirely to the Holy Trinity. She humbly accepts her important role in God's plan of salvation.

Jesus is brought to the temple in order to follow the Mosaic law. His parents bring turtledoves as sacrifice and consecrate Him to God. Surely, He did not need to undergo this ritual, but from the beginning, this brings forth the importance of obedience for our growth in holiness. "For it is loyalty that I desire, not sacrifice, and knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings" (Hosea 6:6). From His birth in the most humble of places, Jesus sets an example for all of us to follow. He denuded Himself from His divine right and stooped down to live as one of us. His mother, the Immaculate Virgin undergoes the prescribed time for purification following the law. In this, the Fourth Glorious Mystery of the Holy Rosary, it is us who are called to be purified through obedience to the Lord and to bring our *turtledoves*, our small sacrifices, our trials, and yes, even our temptations, and cast them into the abyss of God's mercy. On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord this February 2nd, let us come before the Lord at Holy Mass and be purified by His grace. Let us, like Joseph and Mary, be obedient to God's law and fulfill our mission in God's plan of salvation. *And this is love: that we walk in obedience to His commands* (2 John 1:6).



☞ BIBLE STUDIES ☜

THE BUSY WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY

You can still 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:

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

2/5: **No LifeNight** - See you at 5:30pm Mass.

2/12: **Follow the Recipe** - The Visible and Invisible reality of
the Sacraments.

2/19: **Retro** - Original Glory and Original Sin

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

Life Support-A Place for Parents

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

Walk for Life-San Francisco

January 21, 2012

Our teens and CORE members enjoyed marching for life!
They joined 50,000 other Catholics in San Francisco.



Contact Us!

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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.

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



Lucy Conkey always has a smile

Profiles in Stewardship

Lucy Conkey by Debbie Greco

For the past 8 years Lucy Conkey has taught Grade 2 PSR. A retired teacher she uses her talent to prepare her students for their first confessions.

In 2007, our parish began using the Faith and Life Curriculum recommended by Pope Benedict XVI. This Curriculum is geared towards Parochial Schools or Homeschooling where students have religion class much more than one hour a week. Lucy was a wonderful mentor to me in adapting the lessons into bite size nuggets to nourish the faith of our hungry PSR children. She is very solicitous of her young charges, sharing her concerns and joys over them.

In addition to serving as a catechist, Lucy works very hard in our Community with McHenry Mansion, plays the clarinet with the Gottschalk Band, and last year travelled with them to New York to perform in Carnegie Hall.

Lucy is also an avid bridge and tennis player and, along with her husband Hal, loves to travel.

Lucy may be retired from her job in the secular world, but she is anything but retired when it comes to serving God, our parish and community.

As a good steward, Lucy embodies St. Paul's admonition. "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not men," *Colossians 3:23*.

Center for Lay Apostolates

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

Parish Stewardship—a way of life

Several Ministries have changed leadership and/or phased out active volunteers, yet they still are important and we invite your prayerful reflection as to whether they are a good fit for you to participate in or lead. They are:

1. **Moms Group:** Currently we have an active home school co-op, which gathers during the school year on Fridays for cooperative instruction and is led by Michelle Frey. These Moms also schedule periodic Mom's dessert nights. What we are missing is a St. Joseph's Moms or possibly Moms Toddler Group, for Catholic moms to enjoy fellowship, support and fun as they travel together through their young children's lives.
2. **Parish Festival Co-Chairs:** This annual event in September already has a strong committee of returning experienced event chairs, but is in need of a couple of co-chairs or... a couple... to call meetings and to communicate with event chairs. A staff person assists the Co-Chairs. Now is the time to bring some new ideas to our parish festival and share your leadership and love for our parish.

Please consider how these two parish ministry activities can become a part of your life and call us soon to discuss your interest.

Thank you and God Bless,

Tammy Menezes 551-4973, ext. 207

The Center for Lay Apostolates at St. Joseph's—551-4973, ext. 207

~~For your spiritual peace of mind~~

Please consider attending our excellent MI Marian Retreat at St. Joseph's on Saturday, February 4. Please do not delay. 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

From our Holy Father in Rome

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

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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 mpc@modestopc.org or call 550-5923.

EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE IN JUSTICE AND PEACE (PART II)
Education is the most interesting and difficult adventure in life. Educating – from the Latin *educere* – means leading young people to move beyond themselves and introducing them to reality, towards a fullness that leads to growth. This process is fostered by the encounter of two freedoms, that of adults and that of the young. It calls for responsibility on the part of the learners, who must be open to being led to the knowledge of reality, and on the part of educators, who must be ready to give of themselves. For this reason, today more than ever we need authentic witnesses, and not simply people who parcel out rules and facts; we need witnesses capable of seeing farther than others because their life is so much broader. A witness is someone who first lives the life that he proposes to others.

Where does true education in peace and justice take place? First of all, in the family, since parents are the first educators. The family is the primary cell of society; “it is in the family that children learn the human and Christian values which enable them to have a constructive and peaceful coexistence. It is in the family that they learn solidarity between the generations, respect for rules, forgiveness and how to welcome others.” The family is the first school in which we are trained in justice and peace.

We are living in a world where families, and life itself, are constantly threatened and not infrequently fragmented. Working conditions which are often incompatible with family responsibilities, worries about the future, the frenetic pace of life, the need to move frequently to ensure an adequate livelihood, to say nothing of mere survival – all this makes it hard to ensure that children receive one of the most precious of treasures: the presence of their parents. This presence makes it possible to share more deeply in the journey of life and thus to pass on experiences and convictions gained with the passing of the years, experiences and convictions which can only be communicated by spending time together. I would urge parents not to grow disheartened! May they encourage children by the example of their lives to put their hope before all else in God, the one source of authentic justice and peace.

...To those in charge of educational institutions: with a great sense of responsibility may they ensure that the dignity of each person is always respected and appreciated. Let them be concerned that every young person be able to discover his or her own vocation and helped to develop his or her God-given gifts. May they reassure families that their children can receive an education that does not conflict with their consciences and their religious principles. Every educational setting can be a place of openness to the transcendent and to others; a place of dialogue, cohesiveness and attentive listening, where young people feel appreciated for their personal abilities and inner riches, and can learn to esteem their brothers and sisters. May young people be taught to savor the joy which comes from the daily exercise of charity and compassion towards others and from taking an active part in the building of a more humane and fraternal society. I ask political leaders to offer concrete assistance to families and educational institutions in the exercise of their right and duty to educate. Adequate support should never be lacking to parents in their task. Let them ensure that no one is ever denied access to education and that families are able freely to choose the educational structures they consider most suitable for their children. Let them be committed to reuniting families separated by the need to earn a living. Let them give young people a transparent image of politics as a genuine service to the good of all.

Por Debbie Greco



Lucy Conkey

Lucy Conkey ha dado clases de catecismo para niños del segundo grado desde hace 8 años. Como maestra jubilada ella usa su talento para preparar a sus estudiantes para hacer su primera confesión. En el 2007 nuestra parroquia comenzó a usar el currículo de Faith and Life (Fe y Vida) del Papa Benedicto XVI. El currículo está enfocado para escuelas parroquiales donde los estudiantes reciben clases de religión más de una vez por semana. Lucy me ayudó mucho en adaptar las lecciones en clases cortas para alimentar la fe de nuestros niños del PSR. Además de servir como catequista, Lucy trabaja mucho en nuestra comunidad con la McHenry Mansión, toca el clarinete con la Banda Gottschalk viajando con ellos el año pasado a Nueva York para presentarse en el Carnegie Hall. Lucy es también una ávida jugadora de la canasta y el tenis, y junto con su esposo Hal, le encanta viajar.

Lucy estará jubilada de su trabajo en el mundo secular, pero no cuando se trata de servirle a Dios, a nuestra parroquia y a nuestra comunidad.

Como buena corresponsal Lucy hace lo que nos pide San Pablo "Cualquier trabajo que hagan, háganlo de buena gana, pensando que trabajan para el Señor y no para los hombres" *Colosenses 3, 23.*

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

La Guerra en Iraq, gracias a Dios, terminó oficialmente el 15 de diciembre y todos sentimos un gran alivio. Hace nueve años vimos los primeros bombardeos de Bagdad, el "Shock y terror" que pensamos traería una solución a las alegaciones de que Saddam tenía bombas nucleares. Fueron unos nueve años agonizantes, y nadie sabía en el 2002 cuando la nación debatía entre invadir o no, lo que la guerra con Iraq traería. Cuando terminó la guerra el mes pasado, escuché muchas voces las cuales decían, "Nunca deberíamos de haber ido a Iraq. Fue culpa de Bush, y totalmente ilegal. Esto aterrorizó a una generación y arruinó a otra. Yo nunca hubiera tenido una guerra con Iraq." Pero la realidad es que la mayoría de América en el 2002, votaron a favor de la guerra con Iraq. El Congreso votó casi tres contra uno a favor de invadir. El Senador John Kerry, por ejemplo, quien tiempo después expresó indignación contra la guerra, votó a favor de invadir, al igual que 81 otros Demócratas, y 215 Republicanos.

Pero en el 2002, una persona sin equivocarse dijo que invadir sería desastroso. Ese hombre fue el Papa Juan Pablo II. El no esperó a ver que ocurriría. El ya lo sabía, pues tenía la ventaja de las ciencias teológicas y sociales Católicas. El 13 de enero del 2003 dijo, la guerra debe de ser "la ultima opción," así sea motivada por preocupaciones legítimas. "La guerra no es siempre inevitable," dijo. "Siempre es un fracaso para la humanidad...¿qué podemos decir de la amenaza de una guerra contra el pueblo iraquí... el cual ha sufrido un embargo por mas de 12 años?" También dijo que la ley internacional nos recuerda que "la guerra no puede ser decidida, aun cuando es un asunto por asegurar el bien común, excepto cuando es la ultima opción y de acuerdo con estrictas condiciones, sin ignorar las consecuencias para la población civil durante y después de las opciones militares."

Sus palabras fueron proféticas. Estos son los puntos que han sido hechos por otros, pero solo *después* de que vimos cuan inútil y devastadora ha sido la guerra. El Papa Benedicto ha dicho que la Iglesia y el Estado, aunque distintos, deben de trabajar unidos. La Iglesia puede proveer un punto de vista mas amplio, y la sabiduría que el Estado, el cual es impulsado por la política, no puede obtener. La Guerra en Iraq es un buen ejemplo de cómo el Estado, ignorando la sabiduría de la Iglesia, lo hizo trayendo así su propia destrucción. Todavía ahora, pocos políticos admiten el costo de haber ignorado la sabiduría de la Iglesia. "Nunca hubiese votado a favor de la invasión de Iraq," dicen algunos de los oficiales. Aunque solo un hombre tuvo esta sabiduría en el 2003, el Papa.



Beato Juan Pablo II

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

La educación es la aventura más fascinante y difícil de la vida. Educar –que viene de *educere* en latín– significa conducir fuera de sí mismos para introducirlos en la realidad, hacia una plenitud que hace crecer a la persona. Ese proceso se nutre del encuentro de dos libertades, la del adulto y la del joven. Requiere la responsabilidad del discípulo, que ha de estar abierto a dejarse guiar al conocimiento de la realidad, y la del educador, que debe de estar dispuesto a darse a sí mismo. Por eso, los testigos auténticos, y no simples dispensadores de reglas o informaciones, son más necesarios que nunca; testigos que sepan ver más lejos que los demás, porque su vida abarca espacios más amplios. El testigo es el primero en vivir el camino que propone. ¿Cuáles son los lugares donde madura una verdadera educación en la paz y en la justicia? Ante todo la familia, puesto que los padres son los primeros educadores. La familia es la célula originaria de la sociedad. «En la familia es donde los hijos aprenden los valores humanos y cristianos que permiten una convivencia constructiva y pacífica. En la familia es donde se aprende la solidaridad entre las generaciones, el respeto de las reglas, el perdón y la acogida del otro». Ella es la primera escuela donde se recibe educación para la justicia y la paz.

Vivimos en un mundo en el que la familia, y también la misma vida, se ven constantemente amenazadas y, a veces, destrozadas. Unas condiciones de trabajo a menudo poco conciliables con las responsabilidades familiares, la preocupación por el futuro, los ritmos de vida frenéticos, la emigración en busca de un sustento adecuado, cuando no de la simple supervivencia, acaban por hacer difícil la posibilidad de asegurar a los hijos uno de los bienes más preciosos: la presencia de los padres; una presencia que les permita cada vez más compartir el camino con ellos, para poder transmitirles esa experiencia y cúmulo de certezas que se adquieren con los años, y que sólo se pueden comunicar pasando juntos el tiempo. Deseo decir a los padres que no se desanimen. Que exhorten con el ejemplo de su vida a los hijos a que pongan la esperanza ante todo en Dios, el único del que mana justicia y paz auténtica. Quisiera dirigirme también a los responsables de las instituciones dedicadas a la educación: que vigilen con gran sentido de responsabilidad para que se respete y valore en toda circunstancia la dignidad de cada persona. Que se preocupen de que cada joven pueda descubrir la propia vocación, acompañándolo mientras hace fructificar los dones que el Señor le ha concedido. Que aseguren a las familias que sus hijos puedan tener un camino formativo que no contraste con su conciencia y principios religiosos. Que todo ambiente educativo sea un lugar de apertura al otro y a lo trascendente; lugar de diálogo, de cohesión y de escucha, en el que el joven se sienta valorado en sus propias potencialidades y riqueza interior, y aprenda a apreciar a los hermanos. Que enseñe a gustar la alegría que brota de vivir día a día la caridad y la compasión por el prójimo, y de participar activamente en la construcción de una sociedad más humana y fraterna.

Me dirijo también a los responsables políticos, pidiéndoles que ayuden concretamente a las familias e instituciones educativas a ejercer su derecho deber de educar. Nunca debe faltar una ayuda adecuada a la maternidad y a la paternidad. Que se esfuercen para que a nadie se le niegue el derecho a la instrucción y las familias puedan elegir libremente las estructuras educativas que consideren más idóneas para el bien de sus hijos. Que trabajen para favorecer el reagrupamiento de las familias divididas por la necesidad de encontrar medios de subsistencia. Ofrezcan a los jóvenes una imagen límpida de la política, como verdadero servicio al bien de todos.

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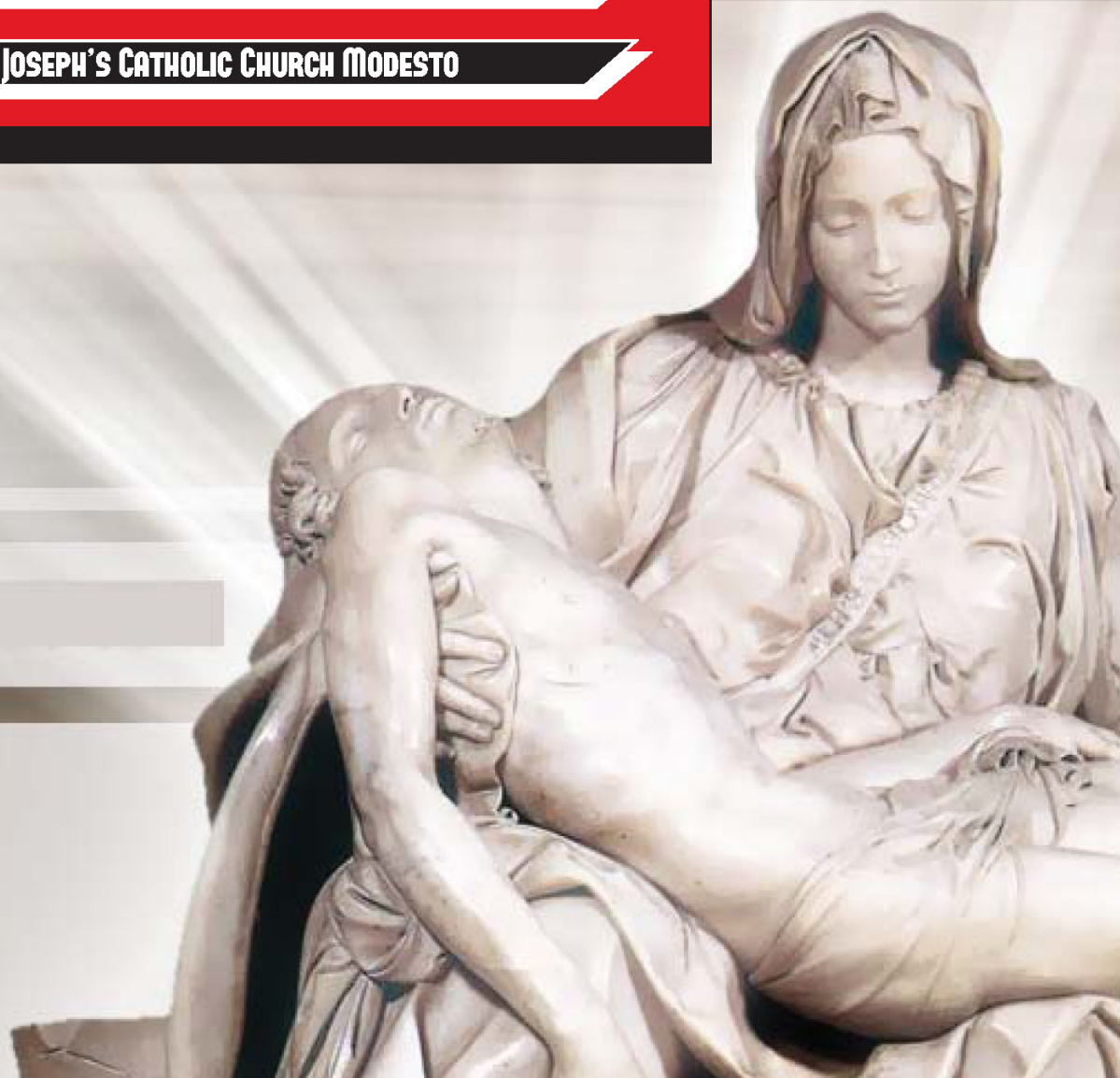
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