

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 8th, 2012

Epiphany of Our Lord

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Visit our website:

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Holy Eucharist

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sundays: 7:30am,

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

12noon, 1:30pm (Español),

5:30pm & 7:30pm

Daily Mass:

8am & 5:45pm; Saturdays 8am

Traditional Latin Mass, Fridays at Noon

Perpetual Eucharistic

Adoration:

Chapel access code available in office

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 Ochinerio, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarella, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop The Christmas Star



Aida Jimenez (age 10) as this year's Christmas Pageant Star

Today Holy Mother Church celebrates the Lord's "**Epiphany**," a Greek word that means the "shining forth." The Star shone forth on the divine child in Bethlehem; Wise Men followed its brilliance to the very Light itself, Jesus Christ. He appeared to be just a helpless baby, but wise men always have known that you can't judge by appearances alone. They saw more deeply, and they saw the face of God.

Never has the world been more beguiled by superficial appearances than today. The TV screen began to change our perception of reality in the 1950s, and by 2000 we were spending enormous amounts of time staring at all kinds of flat screens. Almost everything now has a "screen" — not only your TV, but your office phone, your cell phone, your camera (remember when we used to look *through* a viewfinder rather than *at* a screen), your car, your computer and every electronic toy or tool. Even books are being reduced to flat screens. How much time do you spend looking at a screen rather than engaging the real world? Don't get me wrong: screens are quite useful, but we tend to forget that they are only two-dimensional. They seem so real that we easily begin *to live inside of them*. And in doing so, we too become flat and superficial. *Every time* I walk out my door I have to fight the urge to check texts or emails on my phone rather than look at the real world and greet real people.

Six years ago, *Businessweek* published a scary cover story by Robert Hof on the fantasy "worlds" of multi-player computer games. In 2006, he wrote that at least 10 million people were living "virtual lives" inside computer games. As of July 2011, there are 1.4 *billion* registered users of virtual games, half of them between the ages of 10 and 14. How many of us are addicted to computer-generated images that don't exist beyond pixels on a screen? In the worst cases, these people themselves become "pixilated" — superficial images, ghosts of their real selves.

The Wise Men followed a star to find a *real person*, a divine person. Every child, every person, reflects that divine child, whose depth is infinite. Don't accept less than the real, for less than *Jesus' real presence* in the world around you.

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 & Grounds Susie x201
- Bulletin & WebsiteJeremy x213
- Child Ed & SacramentsDebbie x205
- Choirs & Cantors Svetlana x200
- Events & ActivitiesSusie x201
- Faith & Life Magazine Michael x203
- Giving to St. Joseph's Tammy x207
- Parish Lending Library..... x208
- Parish Ministries Tammy x207
- Parish Registration.....Donna x102
- Room Reservations Rosario x110
- Volunteering Tammy x207
- Youth Ministry Nathan x206

☞ Readings 01/09-01/15 ☞

Monday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38

Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20;
Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20

Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

12pm Latin Mass: Comm. Baptism of the Lord
Is. 60:1-6; Jn. 1:29-34

Saturday:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,
17-20; Jn 1:35-42

9am Mass Latin Mass: 2nd. Sunday after Epiphany

Rom. 12:6-16; Jn. 2:1-11

Sacraments

☞ Our Mass Intentions ☞

Sunday, January 8 (The Epiphany of the Lord)			
7:30a	Rick Raek	1:30p	Ines Orozco and Javier Rodriguez
9:00a	Lisa Scott	5:30p	John L. Martin
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Felicisimo & Ponciana Cabusas
12:00p	Elena Gutierrez Brisco		
Monday, January 9			
8:00a	Roldan Delos Reyes and Danny Vele	5:45p	Lucy Phillips and Edward Herold
Tuesday, January 10			
8:00a	Angela Olivera and John & Virginia Bairos	5:45p	Amparo Siscar and Andriel Reynosa-Russ
Wednesday, January 11			
8:00a	Thelma Coehlo and Maria Machado	5:45p	Matthew Bruno and Leonor Baraan
Thursday, January 12			
8:00a	Mark Timmerman and William Armell	5:45p	Michael Gallo and Maria Alfonsi
Friday, January 13			
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and Lee Cottrell	5:45p	Martin Gang, Jr. and Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
Saturday, January 14			
8:00a	Genaro Baisac, Sr. and Primo & Lula Manrique	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, January 15 (Second Sunday on Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Barbara Williams	1:30p	Frank Flannery
9:00a	Erlinda Baraan	3:00p	Filipino Mass
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Leona De Los Reyes
12:00p	Celia Short	7:30p	Flordeliza Zaldua

☞ Baptisms ☞

Luke Valerio	Milan Chun	Aaron Sanchez	Roy Barrera
Jmarcus Estrada	Charlotte Valdez	Israel Vallejo	Charlotte Barrera
Brianna Lopez	Vanessa Casaus	Moises Vallejo	Xavier Robinson
Jaden Melendez	Valerie Galvan	Benjamin DeLa Rosa	Ethan Lacap
Eduardo Atole	Camila Cisneros	Ayessa Eliarez	Bianca Camorunga
Jesus Soto-Rivera	Fernando Salazar	Jovanny Cota	Isaac Camorunga

☞ Prayer & Interior Life ☞

St. Joseph's Militia Immaculata Villages Present

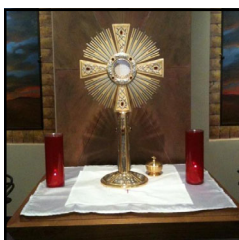
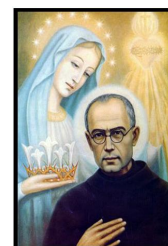
6th Annual Diocesan Silent Marian Retreat

Saturday, February 4, 8am — 4:30pm

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS:

Discover with Mary the Great Joy of Christians


Speakers include MI Chaplain Fr. Benny Kottarathil and Fr. Kolbe Missionaries of the Immaculata Ann O'Donnell, Anna Brizzi & Jillian Cooke.




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



WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE — SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
Show Support for Life — Especially the Unborn!
 There are no hills to climb on this year's 2-mile Walk for Life. It will begin at San Francisco Civic Center and end at Justin Herman Plaza. The Respect Life Committee will be selling tickets after all Masses the weekends of January 7 & 8 and 14 & 15 to fill 5 buses leaving from our Parish. If you cannot attend, but want to support the Walk, scholarship donations for those who cannot afford the bus will be greatly appreciated.



TRI-TIP DINNER IN THE RAIN — JANUARY 21
 The Knights of Columbus will be having their annual TriTip in the Rain Dinner on Jan 21, social at 6pm, dinner at 7pm. Tickets will be on sale on the plaza after all Masses and in the parish office. Adults \$10, seniors \$8 and children 10yrs and under \$5.


TEAMS OF OUR LADY (TOOL) - JANUARY 14
 All married couples are invited to an information meeting at 7pm on January 14th. Whether you are newlyweds, raising a family, or empty nesters TOOL is for you. TOOL is an international movement in the Catholic Church where married couples meet monthly to share their lives, faith, and have Christian fellowship; following Christ in their marriages through Our Lady. If you are interested in attending the meeting or have additional questions please contact Anna Hicks at (209) 535-3420. The meeting will take place at: 917 Edinburgh Dr. Modesto.

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

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

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

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



Sunday, January 8, 2012		
10:00 A	Children's Liturgy of the	JP6
Monday, January 9, 2012		
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer	JP10
Tuesday, January 10, 2012		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
5:30 P	ESL Classes	JP4
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer	JP7
Wednesday, January 11, 2012		
1:30 P	Widows and Widowers	JP5
5:30 P	AA Principle Study	JP5
5:45 P	AI Anon Group	JP10
6:30 P	Women's Bible Study	JP8
Thursday, January 12, 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 13, 2012		
12:00 P	TLF Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:00 P	Indian Prayer Group	JP6
Saturday, January 14, 2012		
8:00 A	Lay Dominicans	JP5
Sunday, January 15, 2012		
10:00 A	Children's Liturgy of the	JP6
10:30 A	Respect Life Committee	JP4

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

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS & BUSINESS CLUB — JANUARY 10
 Bishop Stephen Blaire will be the guest speaker at next week's Catholic Professional and Business Club breakfast. The meeting will begin with Mass at 7am, followed by breakfast and the Bishop's talk at 7:30 at the Double Tree Hotel in Modesto, cost is \$20.00/person.

PSR Update

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

Important Notice:

PSR classes resume this week,
January 9—12.
Also the PSR Office will return
to normal hours:

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

We hope that you had a blessed
Christmas and New Year!



REMINDER

During this month of
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!*

FAITH & FINANCES with Phil Lenahan

In today's Gospel, the magi are
important examples of what it means
to be a steward of Providence. They
showed *perseverance* in their search for
the newborn king of the Jews,
prudence in dealing with Herod, and
generosity with the gifts they brought
to the Christ child. We would do
well to follow their example.

For more information:
Call Anthony Butera (551-6562).
www.VeritasFinancialMinistries.com

RCIA Update

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

SOLEMNITY: EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

In this solemnity we celebrate the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. Pope Benedict has said: "The Magi set out because of a deep desire which prompted them to leave everything and begin a journey. It was as though they had always been waiting for that star. It was as if the journey had always been a part of their destiny, and was finally about to begin."



Upcoming Bible Studies

10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT MATTHEW'S GOSPEL
*Neophyte Bible Study starting
January 9th 7pm 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 on the second Monday of every month starting in January. This bible study will take place in JP II building room 8 from 7-8pm. Gary will go through the books of the New Testament, starting with the Gospels. This bible study is a great way to get connected again with the community and makes a good New Year's resolution.

THE BUSY WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY



January 11 - February 8
Women of all ages are invited to seek a closer relationship with Christ through the study of Sacred Scripture. Theme for this session: **Staying Motivated in the New Year: Lessons from the Letter of St. James.** We will meet five consecutive Wednesdays from January 11—February 8, 6:30 to 8pm, JP II Room 8. The cost is free! Bring your own bible & invite a friend!



Join the Lunch Time Bible Study every Thursday beginning January 12, at noon in the Vatican Room. Bring your Bible and enthusiasm! All are welcome!
For information call 551-4973 ext.218

Bless Your Door on Epiphany

The gospel tells us that the Magi found Christ "on entering the house." The door to your home is a holy threshold.

You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk the first two numbers of the year+C+M+B+the last two numbers of the year. Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Adolph Adam points out that they may also mean "Christus mansionem benedicat" or "May Christ bless this dwelling." It's appropriate to bless your door in January—janua means "door" and the first month is the door to the new year.

After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sing a Christmas carol for a closing.

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Youth Ministry

Upcoming LifeNights:

1/8: **Once Upon a Time**-A night on scripture.

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

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

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

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

8th Annual Walk for Life-West Coast

Come be a witness for life! Join thousands of others in San Francisco for this special day on Saturday, January 21. This year there is a new location for the rally and a new route to walk. Buses will leave St. Joseph's at 8:00 a.m. We invite all teens to sit on our 'youth bus' and enjoy fellowship on the trip. Please bring warm clothes, a rosary, and an open heart.



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 Life Nights 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.

Contact Us!

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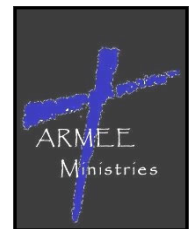
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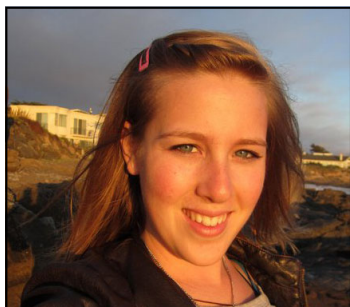
Adoration
Reconciliation
Mass
Eucharist
Evangelization.



ARMEE meets on Monday
nights at 7:30pm at Our
Lady of the Assumption in
Turlock.

CORE Team:

St. Joseph's CORE Team is made up of adults and young adults who minister to the high school youth group every Sunday night. We meet Monday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. where we pray together, enjoy fellowship, and plan the HS LifeNights. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Nathan or Katie.



Nikki Murch

Profiles in Stewardship

by Nathan Steingrebe

Nikki Murch is a new face in our parish. We are so happy that she is a part of ministry here at St. Joseph's. Nikki started serving at our parish in September. She is currently a member of the Core Team (the team of young adult and adult volunteers that help with the youth ministry program). When Nikki was in high school she was very active in the program at St. Stanislaus, ministering to Junior High students. As she has grown in her faith she has continued sharing her time and talent with our high school youth group. Nikki shares her joy for the Lord through her vibrant personality. She is committed to serving the youth of our parish and she does it with love and compassion. Nikki grew up in Ceres and graduated from Central Valley High School in 2007. She is the fourth of five children. She currently is taking classes at MJC and hopes to transfer to Franciscan University of Steubenville to study Theology and Catechetics. Our parish is very blessed by her joyful service.

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

Counting and thanking our parish math tutors!



St. Joseph's is blessed to have so many wonderful youth volunteers, who have been encouraged by their families and other parishioners to give back to God what they have been given.

For the past three years, we have asked our *Central Catholic scholars*, along with our *St. Joseph's College scholars*, to come back home and share some of their math talents with our junior high and high school parish students. This year, they provided two free nights of tutoring during their Christmas break.

Tutors above, left-right: Christian Menezes (UC San Diego), Brianna Rios (non-math tutor, Santa Clara University), Matthew Rios (Stanford University), Josef Nunez (UC Berkeley), Alex Angarita (Stanford University), and David Vermeulen (UC Davis). Not in photo above: Gilbert Ruiz-Ortega (Woodbury University).

Do you have a youth who would like to volunteer in our parish? Please call the Center for Lay Apostolates for youth volunteer opportunities!

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

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



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.

National Vocation Awareness

January 9-15, 2012

This website offers many resources:
www.foryourvocation.org

Celebrate our 50th throughout the year!

The Diocese of Stockton was created on January 13, 1962 .

Bishop Blaire has chosen the theme "Ever Young in Christ" to focus our attention on the gift and potential of our youth and young adults to be leaders in the future of our local Church.

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

January 13, 20, & 27
6:00 p.m. St. Mary's of the
Assumption, Stockton

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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

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

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

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

Por Nathan Steingrebe



Nikki Murch

Nikki Murch es un nuevo rostro en nuestra parroquia. Estamos encantados de que ella sea parte del ministerio aquí en St. Joseph's. Nikki comenzó a servir en nuestra parroquia en septiembre. Ella es miembro del Equipo de Core. Cuando Nikki estaba en la preparatoria, era muy activa en el programa de St. Stanislaus, sirviendo en el ministerio para los estudiantes de Jr. High. Ya que ha crecido más en su fe, ha continuado compartiendo su tiempo y talento con el grupo Juvenil de la preparatoria. Nikki comparte su gozo por el Señor por medio de su vibrante personalidad. Ella se ha comprometido a servir a los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia y lo hace con amor y compasión. Nikki creció en Ceres y se graduó de la escuela de Central Valley High School en el 2007. Ella es la cuarta de cinco niños. Ahora está tomando clases en el MJC y espera transferirse a la Universidad de Franciscan en Steubenville para estudiar Teología y Catequesis. Nuestra parroquia está bendecida por su servicio jovial.

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



Aida Jimenez (10 años) como la estrella en nuestra obra de Navideña.

Hoy la Santa Madre Iglesia celebra la fiesta de la “Epifanía” del Señor, esta es una palabra que significa “dar brillo.” La Estrella dio brillo sobre el divino niño en Belén; Los Reyes Magos siguieron el resplandor hacia la Luz, Jesucristo. Parecía ser un niño indefenso, pero los reyes magos siempre supieron que se no puede juzgar por las apariencias. Ellos miraron más profundamente y encontraron el rostro de Dios.

Nunca ha estado el mundo más dado a la apariencia superficial que ahora. La pantalla de TV comenzó a cambiar nuestra percepción de la realidad en los 1950, y para el 2000 ya nos encontrábamos gastando grandes cantidades de tiempo mirando toda clase de “pantallas.” Casi todo ahora tiene una “pantalla”—no solo su TV, pero su teléfono de la oficina, su celular, su cámara (recuerda como antes mirábamos *por medio* del visor en vez de una pantalla), su carro, su computadora, y cada uno de sus juguetes y herramientas electrónicas. Hasta los libros han sido reducidos a una pantalla. ¿Cuánto tiempo pasa usted frente a una pantalla en vez de estar en el mundo real? No me malinterprete: las pantallas son magníficas, pero nos olvidamos a veces de que son solo una apariencia. Solo tienen dos dimensiones, pero fácilmente comenzamos a vivir dentro de ellas, y entonces nosotros también nos volvemos superficiales, y de dos dimensiones. *Cada vez* que salgo de mi casa tengo que combatir las ganas de chequear mis textos o correo electrónico en mi teléfono, en vez de ver el mundo real y saludar a las personas verdaderas.

Hace seis años, *Businessweek* publicó un artículo miedoso por Robert Hof sobre los “mundos” de fantasía o los juegos de computadora para varios jugadores. En el 2006 escribió “por lo menos 10 millones de personas pagan \$15 o más al mes para jugar estos juegos.” En julio del 2011, hay más de 1.4 billones de jugadores de estos juegos virtuales registrados, de los cuales la mitad tienen entre 10 y 14 años de edad. ¿Cuántas personas conoce usted que sean adictas a las imágenes generadas por la computadora, las cuales no existen más allá de la pantalla? En los peores casos, estos se convierten en fantasmas—imágenes superficiales— de lo que eran antes.

Hoy los Reyes Magos siguen la estrella para encontrar a la persona verdadera, la divina persona. Cada niño, cada persona, refleja a ese divino niño, el cual tiene una profundidad infinita. No viva por menos de la realidad, por menos que *la verdadera presencia de Jesús* en el mundo a su alrededor.

Fr. Joseph

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

FIESTA DEL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR
ÁNGELUS

Domingo 9 de enero de 2011



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

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

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

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

Noticia Importante:

No habrá clases de PSR (Catecismo) hasta la semana del 9 de enero por el descanso de la Navidad.

La oficina también permanecerá cerrada hasta el 9 de enero.

¡Que tenga una Feliz Navidad y un Próspero Año Nuevo!



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Martes: Oración

Carismática, 7-9pm

Edificio JP II, salón #7.

Martes: Clases de Inglés, 5:30-

6:30pm, Edificio JP II, salón #6.

Miércoles: Hora Santa, 7-

8pm, Capilla

Jueves: Compartiendo la Biblia, 6:30

Edificio JP II, salón #4 All Saints

Jueves: Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos,

7-9pm, Edificio JP II, salón #2.

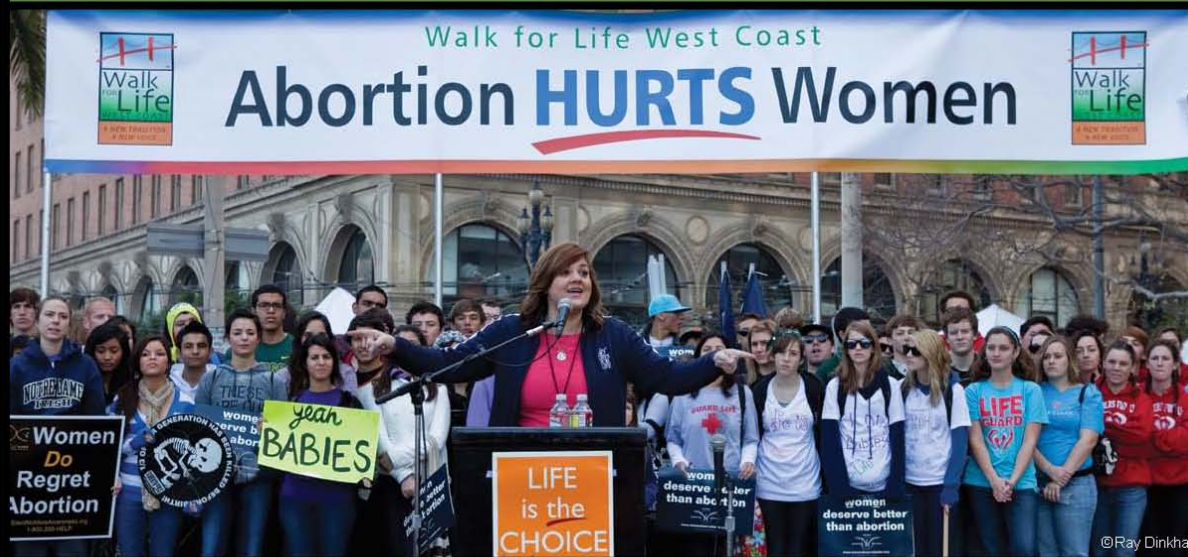
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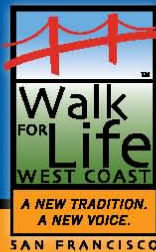


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