

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

July 24, 2011 Seventeenth 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,

9:00am (Traditional Latin), 10:30am,
noon, 1:30pm (Español),

5:30pm & 7:30pm

Daily Mass:

8:00am & 5:45pm; Saturdays 8:00am

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)

At the 10:30am Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mondays-Thursdays 5:00-5:30pm

Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm (Holy Hour)

Saturdays 8:30-9:30am; 4:00-5:00pm

Homebound please call 551-4973 for a
priest to visit you by appointment.

Clergy:

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor

Fr. Benny Kottathil, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Carlos Vega, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinerio, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

I've often come across the word "insouciance" in my reading, and wondered what it meant. It's an important word to know. "Insouciance" is a "blithe lack of care or concern" for those things about which we *should* be concerned. There is an attitude of insouciance, especially among the "liberal" elites in our country, who are simply unconcerned about our country's social collapse. The *insouciant elites* mock traditional values and convince America that only fascists have a problem with extramarital sex, abortion, marijuana, pornography, immodesty, vulgarity, and disrespect for authority. But the fact is, the socially privileged—movie stars and sports icons, political and academic elites—can *afford* to indulge themselves. They are generally wealthy, and can afford the safety nets of their therapists and detox clinics; they can pay for the best lawyers and PR agents to keep them out of trouble. But what of the vast majority of Americans who personally pay the price of the "sexual revolution" and the disintegration of traditional values? Those who form public opinion seem *insouciant* about social decline in the rest of the population. As long as they get to do what they want, they simply don't care about the social wreckage caused by their demands for "personal freedom."

We talk about the poor in America a lot, and we throw a lot of money into social programs. Certainly we must help the poor materially with things like food, rent assistance, and tuition scholarships, and our Church does that. The deeper poverty in America, however, is not material but *social*. After all, most of those living in the housing projects have cell phones and flat-screen TVs, but their lives are a mess. It is below the poverty line that a wholesale social collapse pervades every block: fatherless children, teen pregnancies, meth labs, unemployment, and crime at double the national average. Our school curriculums, our movies and music, and our shapers of public opinion have *insouciantly* convinced us to discard the virtues that preserve social harmony.

I quote from R.R. Reno in a recent article from the journal *First Things*: "Want to help the poor? ... By all means volunteer in a soup kitchen or help build houses. But you can do much more for the poor by getting married and remaining faithful to your spouse. Have the courage to use old-fashioned words such as *chaste* and *honorable*. Put on a tie. Turn off the trashy reality TV shows. Sit down to dinner every night with your family. Stop using expletives as exclamation marks. Go to church or synagogue." Refuse *insouciance*, and practice the simple virtues that have built our country.

Fr. Joseph

☞ Staff Contacts ☞

Parish Office (Lulu, Donna, Brenda, Lauren)

Monday hours: 10:00 to 5:30;
 Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 to 5:30;
 Friday 8:30 to Noon.
 Each day the office will be closed for lunch from Noon to 1pm

Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

- Se Habla Español*..... Alex x103
- Accounting..... Barbara x108
- Adult Ed & Bible StudiesMichael x203
- Altar Servers Svetlana x200
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☞ Readings 7/25-7/31 ☞

Monday:

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday:

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday:

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 12pm: 2 Cor. 10:17-18; 11:1-2; Mt. 25:1-13

Saturday:

Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday:

Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt. 14:13-21

**9am Mass: 7th Sunday after Pentecost
 Rom. 6:19-23; Mt. 7:15-21**

Sacraments

☞ Our Mass Intentions ☞

Sunday, July 24 (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Dove Rosa	1:30p	Flora Silva and Joaquin Rocha
9:00a	Albert Mendonca	5:30p	Louis R. Menezes
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Fr. Edward Banfield
12:00p	Thelma Coehlo		
Monday, July 25			
8:00a	Dudley & Sunny Bower	5:45p	Consuelo Cervantes and Luis Reis
Tuesday, July 26			
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and Steve Cockriel	5:45p	Primo Manrique and Fernanda Bezzi
Wednesday, July 27			
8:00a	Jim Sangco and Elizabeth Czekalski	5:45p	Larry Maquiran and Jesus Garcia
Thursday, July 28			
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and Sylvia Buaya	5:45p	Elias Sousa and Alzira Victoria
Friday, July 29			
8:00a	John Caratti and Rosanna Hollander	5:45p	Paul Edward Jackson and Jesus & Elvira Quiralte
Saturday, July 30			
8:00a	Penny Lane Wahl and Bechara Masri	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, July 31 (Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Rusty Boyle	1:30p	Cristina Marquez and Joaquin Rocha
9:00a	John & Mary Weber	5:30p	Frank Lowry
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Fr. Edward Banfield
12:00p	Thelma Coehlo		

☞ Prayer & Interior Life ☞

Stewardship: "Recognizing and Receiving God's Gifts"

July 24 — The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When Solomon became king of Israel he asked God for wisdom in order to judge the people of his kingdom. God granted his wish and Solomon became famous in his day for the judgments he made. In today's Gospel, Jesus describes in parables how we should search for what is important and be willing to let go of everything we have to acquire it. Although the parables spoke of pearls and great treasure, we understand that Jesus is referring to heavenly things, such as wisdom or holiness. May we cherish the things of heaven and go to great lengths to obtain them.

Lay Dominican Chapter Meeting 2nd Saturday of each month

8am Mass in church, after Mass meet in the JPPII Room 5

Lay Dominicans, who come from all walks of life, are married, single, widowed, divorced, are highly educated or not so, are young and not so young, have in common a strong sense of vocation to the Dominican Order. Four specific aspects set us apart from other Orders and Communities: Prayer, Study, Community, and Apostolate. If you believe that God is calling you to deeper spirituality, you are invited to explore the Dominican tradition. Contact Sandy Uyeshiro 577-1493 or email: sandyopl@gmail.com.

Remember a special day or person

-Altar Flower Donation-

Call the Development Office for info. 551-4973, x207
 This week's donor: Mrs. Elizabeth Cottrell & Family
 in loving memory of Dr. Lee Cottrell



TUESDAY, JULY 26 @ 7PM—FREE SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT AT ST. JOSEPH'S! - FR. O'HARE HALL

Bring the family to a showing of *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*,
 Rated PG. Lemonade! Popcorn! Bring cookies to share.



OPUS SANCTORUM ANGELORUM

A Living Relationship with the Angels

July 30-August 3

A mission preached by Fr. William Wagner and Fr. Wolfgang Seitz of the Order of the Holy Cross. Talks at all Sunday Masses, except 5:30pm. Conference on Sunday at 7pm in Fr. O'Hare Hall. Mon-Wed: Confessions, Masses, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction in the Church.

PRAISE HIM WITH DANCE

St. Stanislaus Dance Ministry presents its 10th annual summer dance recital, "Praise Him With Dance," on Saturday, July 30, at 7pm. The performance will be held at the St. Stanislaus Community Center at 1416 Maze Blvd. and will be followed by a reception. Tickets are \$5/ adults; \$3/children and can be purchased at the St. Stanislaus parish office or at the door. Please call St. Stanislaus parish office at 524-4381 for more information.

TREASURES FOR TROOPS GARAGE SALE AUGUST 6

Julie and Dean Danielson, Chairpersons of our Military Ministry, will hold a garage sale on Saturday, August 6, from 7:30am to 2pm. Small furniture items such as end tables and lamps; jewelry; clothing can be dropped off on August 4 and 5 at their home, 2016 Northcrest Court. All proceeds go toward postage for August mailings. Call 209-522-0887 with any questions. Any unsold items will be given to Disabled Veterans of America.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

AUGUST 26-28

In these financially unstable times, couples need loving communication and understanding more than ever. Find out how you can still experience closeness and joy during the stressful moments in your marriage. To register for our next Sacramento Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, Aug 26-28, contact Franco and Tedra Torrice at 239-8606 or register online at wwme12.org.

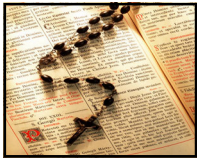
Sunday, July 24		
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7
1:30 P	Handmaids of Christ Training Seminar	JP6
Monday, July 25		
4:00 P	STJ Youth Jam Session	Mus
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10
Tuesday, July 26		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
6:00 P	Free Family Movie Night	Hall
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group Spanish	JP7
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
Wednesday, July 27		
1:30 P	Widows(ers) Bible Study	JP5
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:45 P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
Thursday, July 28		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
12:00 P	RE Bible Study	JP4
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP5
Friday, July 29		
12:00 P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:30 P	Adoration & Confessions	Chur
Saturday, July 30		
8:30 A	Confessions	Chur
9:00 A	AA (Women) Language of the Heart	JP4
4:00 P	Confessions	Chur
Sunday, July 31		
8:00 A	A Living Relationship with Angels Mission	Hall
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7
1:30 P	Handmaids of Christ Training Seminar	JP6

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

☞ PSR Update ☞

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

PSR Office Closed until
August 8.
Have a great summer!



The Lunch Bible Study will be meeting through the month of July every Thursday at noon in the Vatican room, JP II bldg. We will not meet during the month of August.

☞ Library ☞



A huge thank you from our library, the book sale was a success!

Please stop by and check us out!

We continue to accept donations of Catholic books, videos and DVD's.

Faith & Finances with Phil Lenahan

"The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute" (Catechism 2221). Providing moral and spiritual formation to children is one of the greatest duties a parent has. Stewards of Providence make this formation one of their top financial priorities.

Call Nickie Miranda (526-4704)

☞ 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

Become a Saint...

I remember hearing our Catholic radio station announce this quote for many years: "Become a saint, what else is there?" Somehow this statement always kept bouncing in my head. Just what does that mean, why would we want this and how does one get there? "Surely, this is reserved for the few among the millions," I always thought, but this is not the case. Holy Mother Church calls each and every one of us, you and me, to become saints, to live a life of holiness. And why is this so? Our Lord commanded us "be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). Nothing that is not holy can enter heaven, "those that are perfectly purified live forever with Christ" (CCC 1023), this is why. You and I are pilgrims on earth, striving to return to our Father's house. What we do in this pilgrimage decides where we will spend eternal life. What a daunting goal, "to become a saint!" How does one do it? With God's grace first, by living the beatitudes in our state of life and living our everyday life in our particular vocation in the service of God.

Our Catholic faith always has given a prominent place to the Saints, those men and women who have sought to follow Christ and practiced heroic virtue. They show us that it is possible to lead a holy life and strive for union with God. St. Antony of the desert asked God for humility and God told him to observe the lives of two women in a neighboring town. He saw that they did nothing exceptional; they fasted when required, prayed devoutly, gave what they could as alms, frequented the sacraments, heard daily Mass and practiced Christian virtues, but most importantly, they went about doing their daily duties, seeing God in everything they did. They accepted good and bad with joy, knowing that God knows best (*An Easy Way to Become a Saint* by Fr. John Hardon). These means are all within our reach. If we begin by offering our day to God and asking Him to pour His grace into our lives, we too, can live a supernatural life even while here on earth. Let us never forget and implore the help of our Blessed Mother, who always leads us to Christ.

God, through our vocation, gives us the means necessary to lead a life of holiness. As laity, we also are able to follow more closely the teachings of particular saints and their spiritualities. We can work for the sanctification and evangelization of the world following a special *charism*, and taking vows while living in the world. This August, we invite you to deepen your faith and learn more about Third (secular) Orders. The Franciscans, Lay Dominicans and Carmelites will give short presentations the first three Wednesdays after 5:45pm Mass.

Don't miss these, God may be calling you to a Third Order!

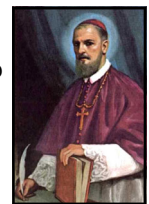
☞ Wisdom from the Saints ☞

"Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. "

—Saint Francis de Sales



We invite you to join the MI Adult Village and newly formed MI Spanish Village Every first Saturday of the month, after the 8am Mass



☪ Total Youth Ministry ☪ Family Life

☪ World Youth Day 2011 ☪

For Youth Ministry Information
Contact Nathan Steingrebe
at 551-4973, ext. 206 or e-mail
Visit www.stiyouth.com



☪ Young Adult Ministry ☪

Our youth ministry program is looking for dynamic volunteers to be part of next year's High School Core Team. We are searching for adults and young adults to help minister to the high school students of our parish. You can read more about our Core Team as well as download a core team application at our website, www.stiyouth.com. Contact Nathan today!
209.247.7863

Children's Adoration

- Every First Friday

- 6:30-7:30pm
- In the Church
- Children of all ages are welcome!
- The Sacrament of Confession is always offered!

Looking for something to do this summer, something to keep growing in your faith?

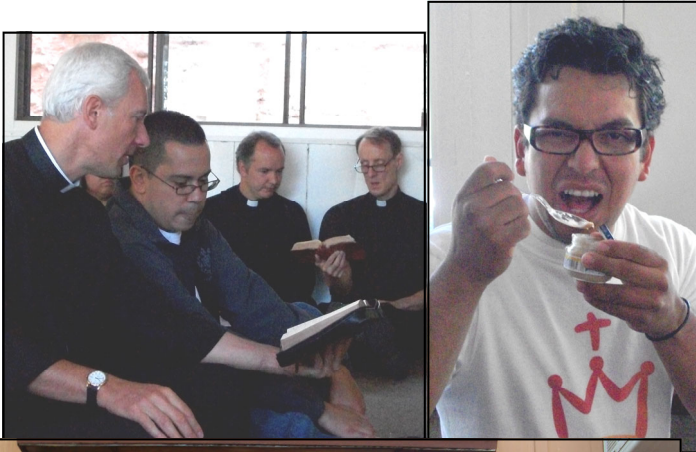
ARMEE is your answer...



Adoration
Reconciliation
Mass
Eucharist
Evangelization.

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

The WYD Pilgrims thank you for your prayers for their retreat last weekend!



St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Parish Cookbook



WYD 2011 World Youth Day 2011 Fundraiser MADRID

Buy a World Youth Day cookbook today! The cookbook includes appetizers, soups & salads, side & main dishes and desserts. The book has over 400 recipes from parishioners. Fr. Joseph, Fr. Larry, Deacon Ken, Fr. Peter Carota and Fr. Ramon Bejarano also contributed. Books can be purchased in the parish office and in our parish bookstore.



Profiles in Stewardship

by Fr. Joseph Illo

Caroline Mullins went with her family to World Youth Day in the year 2000 and hasn't been back since... until this year. Back then, eleven years ago, Caroline helped her mother and father, **Johnny and Mary Mullins**, organize that epic journey to Rome. This year, she's helping again, serving on the core team to organize the trip for the 67 young people making the pilgrimage. She has an eye and a mind for detail (she worked closely with her mother on our stained-glass windows, which are packed full of beautiful details on each saint's life). She has given her capacity for detail as a good steward to World Youth Day—she has made a careful accounting of each pilgrim's funds, helped compile medical information and release forms, and just taken care of a lot of the details for this trip. She is steady and reliable, which perfectly complements people like myself who are spontaneous and ... well, not always aware of the vast range of details involved in any big endeavor. Most of all, she has a heart for the Church, a love for the Holy Father, and a dependence of God's grace to get us through life without too many bumps and scrapes.

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Thank you to the members of our Charismatic Prayer Group for hosting our coffee and donuts after morning Masses. Please thank them for all the blessings they bring to our parish and consider becoming a volunteer.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Parish Scrapbooking — Our Historical Archives

Calling all Historical Scrapbookers!!!!

Join a team that will help to organize, catalogue and create scrapbooks of our historical photographs and archival material.

Please call the Center for Lay Apostolates
551-4973 ext. 207 to join.

Thank you for the Festival Bingo and silent auction donations! Please bring small items to the Volunteer Center in JP.II.
THANK YOU

Save the Date!!!!

FREE Summer Movie Night at St. Joseph's!

Tuesday, July 26 @ 7pm-Fr. O'Hare Hall

Free lemonade and popcorn

Bring cookies to share *and* bring the family

"The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe"

(Rated PG) chairs provided or bring a blanket for the floor.

New to the Parish? Wondering where to start??

Call the Center for Lay Apostolates

551-4973, ext. 207

BENEDICT XVI
GENERAL AUDIENCE
Wednesday, 15 June 2011 (Part II)



In the Diocese



**SAVE THE DATE—JULY 31
WORLD YOUTH DAY
PILGRIMS AND FAMILIES**
Bishop Stephen Blaire will
celebrate a commissioning
Mass for all pilgrims and their
families attending WYD in
Madrid. 5pm Sunday, July 31, at
St. Stanislaus Church, 1416
Maze Blvd., Modesto.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY THERAPIST

Catholic Charities has launched a new Family Counseling Services Program in Stanislaus County. The mission of the counseling program is to offer accessible, low-cost, short-term, out-patient counseling. Catholic Charities is currently seeking a licensed therapist (LCSW, LMFT, and Psychologist) to volunteer and provide needed services and/or to provide Supervision of Interns and Trainees. Bilingual Spanish/Portuguese are encouraged to apply. For more information and details please submit resume and cover letter to Peter Muñoz at ppmunoz@ccstockton.org, or fax to 209-529-6083.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

...It was necessary for the symbol to become reality, for Israel to recognize the true God and to rediscover its own identity as the Lord's People. Elijah therefore asked God to show himself, and those twelve stones that were to remind Israel of its truth also served to remind the Lord of his fidelity, for which the prophet appealed in prayer. The words of his invocation are full of meaning and faith: "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back" (vv. 36-37). Instead of using the customary formula, "God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", he used a less known title: "God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel". The replacement of the name "Jacob" by "Israel" calls to mind Jacob's struggle at the ford of the Jabbok, with the change of name to which the narrator explicitly refers (cf. Gen 32:31) and of which I spoke in one of the recent catecheses. The substitution acquires a pregnant meaning in Elijah's invocation. The prophet is praying for the people of the kingdom of the north which was called, precisely, Israel, as distinct from Judah, which indicated the kingdom of the south. And now, this people, which seemed to have forgotten its own origins and privileged relationship with the Lord, heard itself called by name while the name of God, God of the Patriarch and God of the People, was spoken: "O Lord, God... of Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel".

The people for which Elijah prayed was faced with its own truth, and the prophet asked that the truth of the Lord might also be shown and that he intervene to convert Israel, detaching it from the deception of idolatry and thereby bringing it to salvation. ... and make a decisive choice to follow him alone, the true God. For only in this way is God recognized for what he is, Absolute and Transcendent, ruling out the possibility of setting him beside other gods, which would deny that he was absolute and relativize him. This is the faith that makes Israel the People of God; it is the faith proclaimed by the well known text of the *Shema' Israel*: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love, the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" (Dt 6:4-5). The believer must respond to the Absolute of God with an absolute, total love that binds his whole life, his strength, his heart. Elijah, with his intercession, asked of God what God himself wanted to do, to show himself in all his mercy, faithful to his reality as the Lord of life who forgives, converts and transforms.

Dear brothers and sisters, what does this history of the past tell us? What is the present of this history? First of all the priority of the first Commandment is called into question: worship God alone. Whenever God disappears, man falls into the slavery of idolatry, as the totalitarian regimes demonstrated in our time, and as the various forms of nihilism that make man dependent on idols, on idolatry, also demonstrate; they enslave him. Secondly, the primary aim of prayer is conversion, the flame of God that transforms our heart and enables us to see God and so to live in accordance with God and live for others. And the third point. ...it foreshadows the future, the future Christ; it is a step on the journey towards Christ. And they tell us that here we see God's true fire: the love that guided the Lord even to the cross, to the total gift of himself. True worship of God, therefore, is giving oneself to God and to men and women, true worship is love. And true worship of God does not destroy but renews, transforms.

Por el padre Joseph Illo



Caroline Mullins

Caroline Mullins fue con su familia al Día Mundial de la Juventud en el año 2000 y desde entonces no ha ido otra vez... hasta este año. En aquel entonces, hace 11 años, Caroline ayudó a su mamá y papá, Johny y Mary Mullins, a organizar esa épica jornada a Roma. Este año, ella está ayudando otra vez, sirviendo en el quipo que organiza el viaje para los 67 jóvenes que harán la peregrinación. Ella tiene el ojo y la mente para todo detalle (ella trabajó muy de cerca con su mamá en las vidrieras de la iglesia, las cuales están llenas de hermosos detalles sobre cada una de la vida de los santos). Ella ha dado su capacidad para el detalle como buena corresponsal para el Día Mundial de la Juventud—ella ha llevado una cuidadosa contabilidad de los fondos de cada uno de los peregrinos, y ayudó a compilar la información médica y demás formas, y se hizo cargo de muchos de los detalles para este viaje. Ella es estable y fiable, lo que perfectamente complementa a gente como ella quienes son espontáneas y ... bueno, no siempre concientes del gran número de detalles envueltos en cualquier gran esfuerzo. Más que todo, ella lleva en su corazón a la Iglesia, un gran amor por el Santo Padre, y una gran confianza en la gracia de Dios para guiarnos en la vida sin muchos tropiezos y raspones.

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

Muchas veces durante mi tiempo de lectura, he encontrado la palabra “insouciance” en inglés y me he preguntado su significado. Es una palabra importante. “Insouciance” significa “falta de interés o despreocupación” por aquellas cosas que *deben* de preocuparnos. Existe una actitud estúpida en la élite “liberal” de nuestro país, a quienes simplemente no les importa que nuestro país esté perdiendo su alma. La “élite despreocupada” se burla de los valores tradicionales y quiere convencer a América que solo los fascistas se preocupan de cosas como las relaciones sexuales fuera del matrimonio, el aborto, la marihuana, la pornografía, la inmodestia, el hablar vulgarmente y el irrespeto por la autoridad. La verdad es que, aquellos miembros de la sociedad privilegiados—estrellas de cine y deportistas, políticos y la élite académica—tienen el modo económico de satisfacer todos sus antojos. Por lo general tienen dinero, y los medios de seguridad de sus terapeutas y clínicas; y también pueden pagar mejores abogados y agentes de relaciones públicas que los sacan de problemas. ¿Pero la mayoría de los Americanos quienes han pagado personalmente por la “revolución sexual” y la desintegración de los valores sociales? La élite con dinero, quienes forman la opinión pública, se mantienen desinteresados en la ruina que estos causan a la población. Siempre y cuando ellos puedan hacer lo que quieren, sin importarles la ruina social causada por la exigencia de la “libertad personal.”

Hablamos bastante sobre los pobres en América, y tiramos bastante dinero en programas sociales. Por supuesto que debemos de ayudar a los pobres con cosas materiales como la comida, asistencia con el arriendo, y las becas y matrículas escolares, y esto hace nuestra parroquia. Sin embargo, la pobreza más profunda en América no es material, sino *social*. Pues tal parece, que aquellos que viven en casas del gobierno tienen celulares, pantallas planas de TV, pero sus vidas son un desastre. Es además de la pobreza, que persiste la desintegración social. Niños sin padres, adolescentes embarazadas, laboratorios de metanfetaminas, desempleo, y el nivel de crimen que dobla aquel del resto del país. El currículo de nuestras escuelas, el cine y la música, y aquellos que determinan la opinión pública nos han convencido que dejemos las virtudes que preservan la armonía social.

He aquí una frase de R.R. Reno en un artículo reciente para la revista *First Things*: “¿Desea ayudar a los pobres?... Hágase voluntario en una cocina que sirva comida a los pobres o ayude a edificar casas. Pero usted puede hacer mucho más casándose y siendo fiel a su cónyuge. Tenga la valentía de usar palabras tradicionales tales como *castidad* y *honor*. Use una corbata. Apague los shows de TV que son basura. Siéntese a cenar cada noche con su familia. Deje de usar palabras vulgares como exclamaciones. Vaya a la iglesia o la sinagoga. Nieguesse rotundamente a “no preocuparse” por el estado de la sociedad e insista en mantener las virtudes que han edificado a este país.

Fr. Joseph

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

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Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

...Es necesario que el símbolo se convierta en realidad, que Israel reconozca al verdadero Dios y vuelva a encontrar su identidad de pueblo del Señor. Por ello Elías pide a Dios que se manifieste, y esas doce piedras que debían recordar a Israel su verdad sirven también para recordar al Señor su fidelidad, a la que el profeta apela en la oración. Las palabras de su invocación son densas en significado y en fe: «Señor, Dios de Abraham, de Isaac y de Israel, que se reconozca hoy que tú eres Dios en Israel, que yo soy tu servidor y que por orden tuya he obrado todas estas cosas. Respóndeme, Señor, respóndeme, para que este pueblo sepa que tú, Señor, eres Dios y que has convertido sus corazones» (vv. 36-37; cf. Gn 32, 36-37). En lugar de usar la fórmula habitual, «Dios de Abraham, de Isaac y de Jacob», utiliza un apelativo menos común: «Dios de Abraham, de Isaac y de Israel». La sustitución del nombre «Jacob» con «Israel» evoca la lucha de Jacob en el vado de Yaboc con el cambio de nombre al que el narrador hace una referencia explícita (Gn 32, 29) y del que hablé en una de las catequesis pasadas. Esta sustitución adquiere un significado denso dentro de la invocación de Elías. El profeta está rezando por el pueblo del reino del Norte, que se llamaba precisamente Israel, distinto de Judá, que indicaba el reino del Sur. Y ahora este pueblo, que parece haber olvidado su propio origen y su propia relación privilegiada con el Señor, oye que lo llaman por su nombre mientras se pronuncia el Nombre de Dios, Dios del Patriarca y Dios del pueblo: «Señor, Dios (...) de Israel, que se reconozca hoy que tú eres Dios en Israel» (1 R 18, 36).

El pueblo por el que reza Elías es puesto ante su propia verdad, y el profeta pide que también la verdad del Señor se manifieste y que él intervenga para convertir a Israel, apartándolo del engaño de la idolatría y llevándolo así a la salvación. ... y haga la elección decisiva de seguirlo sólo a él, el verdadero Dios. Porque sólo así Dios es reconocido por lo que es, Absoluto y Trascendente, sin la posibilidad de ponerlo junto a otros dioses, que lo negarían como absoluto, relativizándolo. Esta es la fe que hace de Israel el pueblo de Dios; es la fe proclamada en el conocido texto del *Shemá Israel*: «Escucha, Israel: el Señor es nuestro Dios, el Señor es uno solo. Amarás, pues, al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con todas tus fuerzas» (Dt 6, 4-5). Al absoluto de Dios el creyente debe responder con un amor absoluto, total, que comprometa toda su vida, sus fuerzas, su corazón. Elías, con su intercesión, pide a Dios lo que Dios mismo desea hacer, manifestarse en toda su misericordia, fiel a su propia realidad de Señor de la vida que perdona, convierte, transforma.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, ¿qué nos dice a nosotros esta historia del pasado? ¿Cuál es el presente de esta historia? Ante todo está en cuestión la prioridad del primer mandamiento: adorar sólo a Dios. Donde Dios desaparece, el hombre cae en la esclavitud de idolatrías, como han mostrado, en nuestro tiempo, los regímenes totalitarios, y como muestran también diversas formas de nihilismo, que hacen al hombre dependiente de ídolos, de idolatrías; lo esclavizan. Segundo. El objetivo primario de la oración es la conversión: el fuego de Dios que transforma nuestro corazón y nos hace capaces de ver a Dios y así de vivir según Dios y de vivir para el otro. Y el tercer punto... es sombra del futuro, del futuro Cristo; es un paso en el camino hacia Cristo. Y nos dicen que aquí vemos el verdadero fuego de Dios: el amor que guía al Señor hasta la cruz, hasta el don total de sí.

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