

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

June 24, 2012 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

(209) 551-4973
Fax: (209) 551-3213
Visit our website:
www.stjmod.com

Holy Eucharist Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
Sundays: 7:30am,
9am (Traditional Latin), 10:30am,
noon, 1:30pm (Español),
5:30pm & 7:30pm

Daily Mass:

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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:

Chapel access code available in office

Children's Services:

Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
Sunday Mass 10:30am
Adoration & Confessions
First Friday 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday thru Thursday 5-5:30pm
Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm
Saturdays 8:30-9:30am & 4-5pm
*Homebound please call 551-4973 for
a priest to visit you by appointment.*

Clergy:

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor
Fr. Benny Kottarathil, OSB, Assoc Pastor
Fr. Tony Chacko, Assoc Pastor
Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain
Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinerro, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

We are in the midst of our **Fortnight for Freedom**. Thanks to all who attended our Holy Hour on Friday and our God and Coffee with Pastor **Walter Hoyer** on Saturday night (if you're reading this at the Saturday night Mass, do stop by in Fr. O'Hare Hall, to join us for the discussion with this man of God, and his wife, who have suffered so much for insisting on his right to speak publicly about his faith).



St. Joseph's parishioners gathered at the Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally in San Francisco, June 8.

The Bishop has told us that by the end of June he will name a **new pastor**, and I only have a few more weeks left in our beautiful parish. I will miss this parish and Modesto terribly, and leave with such beautiful memories. I remember first arriving, in September 1999. I was serving on the Priests' Personnel Board as the Vocations Director for the Diocese. The pastor, Fr. Joseph O'Hare, was ill, and the Board was discussing who could run the parish until he recovered. All the heads turned to me and Msgr. Ryan said "What about you, Joe?" So I packed up that day and moved into what I thought would be a temporary assignment. But I could not help falling in love with the parish. I offered the Vigil Mass that Saturday, and after Mass spontaneously consecrated the parish to Our Lady, the Mother of God. I knelt before the altar that night and offered the parish to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The people expressed such beautiful confidence in my heartfelt instinct.

After eight months as temporary administrator, I applied for the pastorate. Although the Bishop had said I was free to apply, he decided later that I would not be appropriate for the position. I was a bit crushed, and poured out my disappointment to Mary Mullins, the parish secretary. "Father," she said to me, "you have to fight for this parish. We want you, and you want the parish. *Faint hearts do not win fair ladies.*" Her words strengthened my faint heart, and I went back to the Bishop to argue my case. He deferred to Msgr. Ryan, the Vicar General, who sighed and said, "We need to give guys a chance. Let Joe take the parish." Thank you, Bishop Blaire and Msgr. Ryan, for giving me a chance! I hope I have not disappointed you!

Fr. Joseph

Questions?

To make an appointment with a priest or deacon or to register at St. Joseph's please contact Lulu, Alex, Brenda or Donna in our parish office at 551-4973 or stop by during any of the 50 hours our office is open each week.

Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, Alex, Brenda)

Sunday: 10am-3pm.

Monday: 10am-7:30pm

Tuesday through Thursday 8:30am-7:30pm

Closed Wednesday from 11am-1pm

Friday 8:30am-12noon

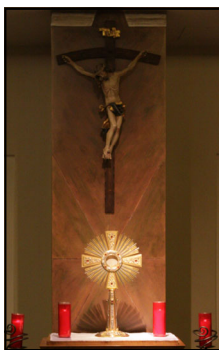
Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

<i>Se Habla Español</i>	Alex x103
Accounting	Barbara x108
Adult Ed & Bible Studies	Michael x203
Altar Servers.....	Svetlana x200
Audio / Video.....	Jeremy x213
Buildings & Grounds.....	Susie x201
Bulletin & Website.....	Jeremy x213
Child Ed & Sacraments	Debbie x205
Choirs & Cantors.....	Svetlana x200
Events & Activities.....	Susie x201
Faith & Life Magazine	Michael x203
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Parish Ministries.....	Tammy x207
Parish Registration.....	Donna x102
Room Reservations.....	Rosario x110
Volunteering	Tammy x207
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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 adorers. Contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up one of these hours.



Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities

OPUS ANGELORUM — JUNE 25-27



Opus Angelorum means "Work of the Angels."

Fr. Wolfgang Seitz of the Order of the Holy Cross will preach a mission on learning more and growing in your relationship with the Holy Angels, especially your Guardian Angel. See back page for details.

PERPETUAL HELP ANNUAL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Annual Feast Day Celebration and Pot Luck will be held on Wednesday, June 27. The private 9-day novena will started Monday, June 18, through Tuesday, June 26. The celebration begins with a rosary at 5:20pm, Mass at 5:45pm, followed by procession around the church and pot luck on the plaza. For more info, call Imelda Miranda, 529-0422, or Myrna Dirige, 631-3589.

FR. JOSEPH'S FAREWELL DINNER — JULY 21

Share your favorite memories! The planning committee for the dinner will be giving Fr. Joseph a memory album. Please share your favorite memories of Fr. Joseph and submit on a 8-1/2" x 11" plain white paper (1 side, 1 page only) and bring to the parish office by June 30.



IMMACULATE HEART RADIO — JUNE 25-28

Live from our network headquarters, the Immaculate Heart Radio Summer Pledge Drive. Four days of life-changing testimonies and inspiring interviews, plus exciting prize giveaways with so much more. Hear co-hosts Debbie Georgianni, Jerry Usher, Jim Rossi and Dick Jenkins as they interview listeners on-air. Set your radio to 1230AM or listen on the internet at IHRadio.com Tell a friend to tune in, as well.

COMING SOON — ALATEEN GROUP

The meeting will be in JP II bldg., Rm. 8 at 5:45pm (the same time as our Path to Serenity Al-Anon group meets). Additionally, the AA group meets at 5:30pm. The three groups will meet on Wednesdays. If alcohol is causing problems in your family, these anonymous fellowships can help. Any questions regarding Al-Anon or Alateen, please call Bev S. at 605-0001.

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!*

Religious Education

JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2012

★ ★ ★ ★
**FORTNIGHT
FOR FREEDOM**
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FORTNIGHT4FREEDOM.ORG

Fortnight for Freedom...

The bishops of the United States have asked all to join them in prayer and fasting during the Fridays of the Fortnight for Freedom. Prayer and fasting are powerful vessels for God's grace to work in our lives. Just take a few minutes on your way to work or when you wake up to pray that our religious liberty be upheld in our great country. Give up your daily soda, coffee, snack or TV, offering up that discomfort so that our religious liberty is respected. Let us stand united in prayer and fasting with our bishops this Friday, June 29. Also tune into the closing Mass on EWTN:

PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

O God our Creator, through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome — for the sake of our children, our grandchildren and all who come after us — this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CATHOLIC LEGISLATIVE NETWORK

Free pocket constitutions for each family! Prepare for your family's 4th of July celebration with these wonderful pocket constitutions, provided for each family this weekend after all Masses. Thanks to our Catholic Legislative Network, Military Support Ministry and Knights of Columbus for sharing in the cost. God Bless America!



The MI Villages invite you to our annual Picnic at the Park on Saturday, July 8, at 11am. Come and join us at Downey Park. All are invited to our potluck celebration! For more information, call 551-4973 ext. 218.

CLOSING MASS

Wednesday, July 4 at 12:10 p.m.

**Basilica of the National Shrine of
the Immaculate Conception**

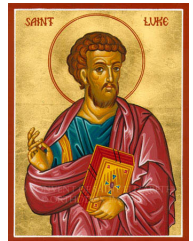
Washington, DC

Celebrated by **Cardinal Donald Wuerl**
Homilist **Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM Cap**

Televised nationwide on EWTN

**10 THINGS YOU NEED
TO KNOW ABOUT
LUKE'S GOSPEL**
Bible Study

June 25, 7-8:30pm
in JP II, Room 8



Everyone is invited to this bible study led by Gary Nelson. Gary is a parishioner at St. Joseph's and is a RCIA catechist. He has also received catechetical certification from the Bosco Conference.

RCIA

Inquiry classes are for people who want to learn more about Catholicism, but aren't necessarily sure they want to become Catholic. The RCIA process is also for Catholics who have not yet completed their sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion.

To start the process: **call Stacy Phillips: (209)541-8903** to make an appointment.

∞ Youth Ministry ∞

Contact Us!

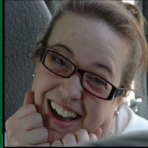


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XLT

XLT is a night of charismatic prayer, adoration, praise and worship. All families are invited to attend. Summer dates are coming soon!



Youth Music Ensemble

The Youth Music Ensemble, at the 5:30 p.m. Sunday youth Mass, will take a break over the summer. The choir will start again on Sunday, Aug. 5. Please contact Katie Steffanic if you feel called to join and sing!



2012 Summer Events:



Tuesday Mass and Breakfast: Every Tuesday, through the end of the summer break, teens and young adults are invited to join us for 8 am Mass. Immediately following Mass, there will be breakfast in the youth room with some time to hang out and enjoy fellowship. As always, there are board games, the Ping-Pong table, and the Wii to keep us all entertained. We have had a great turn out, so come join us!



**Steubenville
San Diego
July 27-29**

We are now accepting permission slips! This conference is 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 and Jackie Francois. Righteous B will be the host. We will be taking a bus to and from the conference and spots are filling up! Space is limited. Cost is \$150. Payment options are available.

High School Fall Retreat

Mark your calendars! St. Joseph's high school fall retreat will take place November 9-11. This annual trip takes place in Aptos, and the cost is \$100. Get ready to grow in faith and fellowship through Mass, adoration, praise and worship, confession, small groups and games!



Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza refreshments are being served this weekend by our Plaza Refreshment Volunteers. Please stop by and thank them when you get your coffee and donuts.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life



Opportunity #1:

Festival Marketing and Publicity
Festival Parish Food Booths Assistant

Opportunity #2

Ushers — all Masses

Opportunity #3

Welcome Center Booth greeters — all Masses

Not sure? Want to find out more? We welcome your questions and you! Please call the Center for Lay Apostolates, 551-4973, ext. 202.

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

Profiles in Stewardship

Letitia Havens by Debbie Greco



Letitia Havens & granddaughter Haley

It does not take a village to raise a child! It takes parents who know the importance of forming their children in the truths of the Catholic Faith. How blessed are these children, when, in addition to parents, they have a grandmother, like Letitia Havens.

Every Monday during the PSR year, Letitia is one of the first catechists to arrive, accompanied by her lovely granddaughters, Haley, Danielle and Taylor. Letitia began as an aide when her granddaughters first entered our program and in a few years began teaching Taylor's grade 2 First Reconciliation class. She since has moved up the grade levels, preparing Taylor's class in grade 3 for First Holy Communion. This year she continued their formation in grade 4 while Danielle attended grade 6 and Haley, now a Confirmation student, earned service hours by being her grandmother's aide and sometimes helped in the PSR office.

Letitia eagerly cheers her granddaughters on in dance and soccer, and accompanies them on field trips and other activities. But she, along with her daughter Tonya, make Sunday Mass their family's top priority. Letitia is a wonderful example of stewardship in her home and our parish, and I give thanks every time I see her car roll into the parking lot on Monday afternoon for PSR.

In the Diocese

PRIESTS vs. SEMINARIANS

June 29, 7pm

Presentation Community Center, 1515 Benjamin Holt Drive in Stockton.

Help promote vocations by attending this basketball game, rooting for your favorite team and bringing young people to meet our priests and seminarians. This event is free.

Job Opportunity

Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT
COORDINATOR

Full Benefits, 40 Hours per week.

Job Description: Must be a registered member of a Catholic Parish Faith Community; Bachelor's degree or work experience equivalent; demonstrate experience in Parish ministry with an openness to expand knowledge and training on Catholic Social Teaching. Excellent oral and written communication skills, with accomplished computer literacy for presentations and report writing purposes. Ability to speak, write and read English and Spanish. Two years experience with youth work, particularly at-risk youth.

Purpose: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton proposes to identify and outreach to youth at risk. This position will organize; coordinate youth engagement services through parishes, particularly by increasing the opportunities and reducing risk for youth by coordinating mentoring and tutoring services. Youth engagement will include faith building opportunities and develop leadership.

Please send resume to: Jose Lopez-Higareda, Director of Family Counseling Services 400 12th Street, Suite 4 Modesto, Ca. 95354 By e-mail jlopez@ccstockton.org or Fax (209)529-6083

From our Holy Father in Rome

APOSTOLIC LETTER "MOTU PROPRIO DATA"
PORTA FIDEI

FOR THE INDICTION OF THE YEAR OF FAITH (Part VII)



During this time we will need to keep our gaze fixed upon Jesus Christ, the "pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Heb 12:2): in him, all the anguish and all the longing of the human heart finds fulfillment. The joy of love, the answer to the drama of suffering and pain, the power of forgiveness in the face of an offence received and the victory of life over the emptiness of death: all this finds fulfillment in the mystery of his Incarnation, in his becoming man, in his sharing our human weakness so as to transform it by the power of his resurrection. In him who died and rose again for our salvation, the examples of faith that have marked these two thousand years of our salvation history are brought into the fullness of light.

By faith, Mary accepted the Angel's word and believed the message that she was to become the Mother of God in the obedience of her devotion (Lk 1:38). Visiting Elizabeth, she raised her hymn of praise to the Most High for the marvels he worked in those who trust him (Lk 1:46-55). With joy and trepidation she gave birth to her only son, keeping her virginity intact (Lk 2:6-7). Trusting in Joseph, her husband, she took Jesus to Egypt to save him from Herod's persecution (Mt 2:13-15). With the same faith, she followed the Lord in his preaching and remained with him all the way to Golgotha (Jn 19:25-27). By faith, Mary tasted the fruits of Jesus' resurrection, and treasuring every memory in her heart (Lk 2:19, 51), she passed them on to the Twelve assembled with her in the Upper Room to receive the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1:14; 2:1-4).

By faith, the Apostles left everything to follow their Master (Mk 10:28). They believed the words with which he proclaimed the Kingdom of God present and fulfilled in his person (Lk 11:20). They lived in communion of life with Jesus who instructed them with his teaching, leaving them a new rule of life, by which they would be recognized as his disciples after his death (Jn 13:34-35). By faith, they went out to the whole world, following the command to bring the Gospel to all creation (Mk 16:15) and they fearlessly proclaimed to all the joy of the resurrection, of which they were faithful witnesses.

By faith, the disciples formed the first community, gathered around the teaching of the Apostles, in prayer, in celebration of the Eucharist, holding their possessions in common so as to meet the needs of the brethren (Acts 2:42-47).

By faith, the martyrs gave their lives, bearing witness to the truth of the Gospel that had transformed them and made them capable of attaining to the greatest gift of love: the forgiveness of their persecutors.

By faith, men and women have consecrated their lives to Christ, leaving all things behind so as to live obedience, poverty and chastity with Gospel simplicity, concrete signs of waiting for the Lord who comes without delay. By faith, countless Christians have promoted action for justice so as to put into practice the word of the Lord, who came to proclaim deliverance from oppression and a year of favour for all (Lk 4:18-19).

By faith, across the centuries, men and women of all ages, whose names are written in the Book of Life (Rev 7:9, 13:8), have confessed the beauty of following the Lord Jesus wherever they were called to bear witness to the fact that they were Christian: in the family, in the workplace, in public life, in the exercise of the charisms and ministries to which they were called.

By faith, we too live: by the living recognition of the Lord Jesus, present in our lives and in our history.

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, June 24 (The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist)			
7:30a	Albert Scuitto	1:30p	Antonio Alvarez
9:00a	Father's Day Novena	5:30p	Rudy Taa
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Charles Aguilar
12:00p	Christopher John Perino		
Monday, June 25			
8:00a	Father's Day Novena	5:45p	Bill Vermillion and Justin Wood
Tuesday, June 26			
8:00a	Elizabeth Elson and Reynaldo Ramos	5:45p	Vickie Tracy and Christina Morales Jefferson
Wednesday, June 27			
8:00a	Fernando Camaya and Lisa Dawn Scott	5:45p	Penny Lane-Wahl and Lisa Scott
Thursday, June 28			
8:00a	Carmen Ortega and Alejandra Robles	5:45p	Rudolf Mendibil and Alzira Victoria
Friday, June 29			
8:00a	Fr. Joseph Illo Special Intention	5:45p	Rosanna Hollander and Danny Vele
Saturday, June 30			
8:00a	Dwaine Stephan and Anthony Cusenza	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, July 1 (Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Jerome Ignash	1:30p	Rigo Dena Flores and Jacoba Andres
9:00a	Jose Luis Sanchez Meza	3:30p	
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Nap Marcale
12:00p	Georgina Rocha	7:30p	Charles Aguilar

Holy Scripture contains many stories of the patriarchs and prophets receiving a message from God through one of the angels. How often do we wonder why the angels don't appear to us bringing a personal message from God? How often do we take time to stop and listen for a message? Jesus tells us "seek and you will find." We hear today that John the Baptist spent time in the desert, away from distractions, before he started his ministry. May we take time out to seek God and his Word in order to understand our role in building the kingdom of God.

Readings 6/25-7/01

Monday:

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday:

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday:

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday:

2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29

Friday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 119; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

12pm Latin Mass:

Acts 12:1-11; Mt. 16:18

Saturday:

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday:

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

Latin Mass

Heb. 9:11-15; Jn. 19:30-35

Offertory Report for May 2012

Estimated Offertory Income for May 2012:	\$ 110,464.00
Actual Offertory Income for May 2012:	\$ 112,918.98
Over Estimate:	\$2,454.98
Average <i>monthly gift</i> per household:	\$24

Year to Date, July 1, 2011 - May 31, 2012

Budgeted Monthly Offertory:	\$1,383,456.00
Actual Offertory Gifts Received	\$1,422,301.59
Over Budget:	\$38,845.59

See our website (www.stjmod.com) for a full financial report

Parish Facts:

- Our parish will be 50 years old in 2017
- The Adoration Chapel is perpetual — there is someone present with our Lord 24 hours a day
- The FULL color parish bulletin costs our parish nothing, thanks to our advertising supporters.

Thank you for your careful and generous stewardship of treasure!

Remember a special day or person
-Altar Flower Donation-

Call the Development Office for info. 551-4973, x207

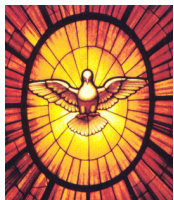


Call the parish office at 551-4973 to find out about online offertory gifts, instead of writing checks.

RETIRO DE BIBLIA EN
VACACIONES - JUNIO 25-29

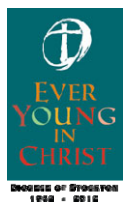


Retiro para niños de St. Joseph's.
¡Regístrelos ya! en la plaza o en la
oficina o ayude como voluntario.



LA RENOVACION
CARISMATICA
CATOLICA DE LA
DIOCESIS DE
STOCKTON

Te invita al **Retiro para Hombres**
los días 30 de junio y 1 de julio
de 8am -5pm
en la Parroquia de San Antonio en
Hughson, 7820 Fox Rd.
Habrá Misa de Sanación y Hora
Santa. Para mas información,
llamar a Francisco al 735-0523
y Marcos al 541-8603.



CONGRESO JUVENIL
INTERCULTURAL

Los jóvenes aprenderán la
manera de ser líderes en sus
parroquias, mientras tienen la
oportunidad de compartir
diversas experiencias
culturales, religiosas, de alimentación,
danza, etc. Costo \$ 295, Julio 19-22,
Universidad de Santa Clara.

Las sesiones de entrenamiento son para
líderes jóvenes católicos. Para
información escriba a
youth@stocktondiocese.org o llame al
209-546-7633. Es necesaria la
inscripción previa. Hay becas
disponibles.

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

Nos encontramos en
medio de la **Quincena
por la Libertad
Religiosa**. Gracias a
todos aquellos que
vinieron a nuestra Hora
Santa el viernes y a
nuestro "Dios y Café"
con el Pastor **Walter
Hoye** el sábado en la
noche (si usted está
leyendo esto durante la
Misa del sábado en la
noche, venga al salón
parroquial para escuchar el discurso de este hombre de Dios y su
esposa, quienes han sufrido bastante por insistir en su derecho de
hablar públicamente sobre su fe).

El Obispo nos ha dicho que para el final de junio nombrará al
nuevo pastor, y a mi solamente me quedan unas pocas semanas en
nuestra hermosa parroquia. Voy a extrañar a esta parroquia y a
Modesto terriblemente, y me voy con muchas hermosas memorias.
Recuerdo cuando recién llegué, en septiembre de 1999. Estaba
sirviendo en la Mesa Directiva de Personal de Sacerdotes, como
Director de Vocaciones para la Diócesis. El pastor, Rev. Joseph
O'Hare, se encontraba enfermo, y la Mesa Directiva estaba
discutiendo quien iba a dirigir la parroquia hasta que se recuperara.
Todos volvieron la mirada hacia Monseñor Ryan quien dijo "¿qué tal
usted, Joe?" Entonces empaqué ese mismo día y me moví a lo que
pensé sería un cargo temporal. Pero no pude resistir enamorarme de
la parroquia. Ofrecí la Misa de Vigilia ese sábado, y después de la
Misa espontáneamente consagré la parroquia a la Santísima Virgen,
Madre de Dios. Me arrodillé frente al altar esa noche y le ofrecí la
parroquia a la Santísima Virgen Maria. Todos expresaron una
hermosa confianza en mi instinto de todo corazón.

Después de ocho meses como administrador temporal, puse mi
solicitud para ser el pastor. Aunque el Obispo me había dicho que
podía hacerlo, después decidió que yo no sería la persona apropiada
para el puesto. Me sentí un poco afligido, y le conté mi desilusión a
Mary Mullins, la secretaria de la parroquia. "Padre," me dijo, "tiene
que luchar por esta parroquia. Lo queremos a usted, y usted quiere a
esta parroquia. *corazones débiles no adquieren damas hermosas.*"
Sus palabras fortalecieron mi débil corazón, y volví donde el Obispo
a presentar mi caso. El cedió la decisión a Monseñor Ryan, el
Vicario General, quien suspiró y dijo, "Necesitamos darle
oportunidad a todos. Deje que Joe tome la parroquia." ¡Gracias,
Obispo Blaire y Monseñor Ryan, por darme la oportunidad! ¡Espero
que no los haya decepcionado!



*Feligreses de St. Joseph's reunidos durante la
manifestación por la Libertad Religiosa en San
Francisco el 8 de junio.*

Fr. Joseph

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

CARTA APOSTÓLICA *PORTA FIDEI*
CON LA QUE SE CONVOCA EL AÑO DE LA FE (Parte VII)



Durante este tiempo, tendremos la mirada fija en Jesucristo, «que inició y completa nuestra fe» (Hb 12, 2): en él encuentra su cumplimiento todo afán y todo anhelo del corazón humano. La alegría del amor, la respuesta al drama del sufrimiento y el dolor, la fuerza del perdón ante la ofensa recibida y la victoria de la vida ante el vacío de la muerte, todo tiene su cumplimiento en el misterio de su Encarnación, de su hacerse hombre, de su compartir con nosotros la debilidad humana para transformarla con el poder de su resurrección. En él, muerto y resucitado por nuestra salvación, se iluminan plenamente los ejemplos de fe que han marcado los últimos dos mil años de nuestra historia de salvación.

Por la fe, María acogió la palabra del Ángel y creyó en el anuncio de que sería la Madre de Dios en la obediencia de su entrega (Lc 1, 38). En la visita a Isabel entonó su canto de alabanza al Omnipotente por las maravillas que hace en quienes se encomiendan a Él (Lc 1, 46-55). Con gozo y temblor dio a luz a su único hijo, manteniendo intacta su virginidad (Lc 2, 6-7). Confiada en su esposo José, llevó a Jesús a Egipto para salvarlo de la persecución de Herodes (Mt 2, 13-15). Con la misma fe siguió al Señor en su predicación y permaneció con él hasta el Calvario (cf. Jn 19, 25-27). Con fe, María saboreó los frutos de la resurrección de Jesús y, guardando todos los recuerdos en su corazón (Lc 2, 19.51), los transmitió a los Doce, reunidos con ella en el Cenáculo para recibir el Espíritu Santo (Hch 1, 14; 2, 1-4).

Por la fe, los Apóstoles dejaron todo para seguir al Maestro (Mt 10, 28). Creyeron en las palabras con las que anunciaba el Reino de Dios, que está presente y se realiza en su persona (Lc 11, 20). Vivieron en comunión de vida con Jesús, que los instruía con sus enseñanzas, dejándoles una nueva regla de vida por la que serían reconocidos como sus discípulos después de su muerte (cf. Jn 13, 34-35). Por la fe, fueron por el mundo entero, siguiendo el mandato de llevar el Evangelio a toda criatura (Mc 16, 15) y, sin temor alguno, anunciaron a todos la alegría de la resurrección, de la que fueron testigos fieles.

Por la fe, los discípulos formaron la primera comunidad reunida en torno a la enseñanza de los Apóstoles, la oración y la celebración de la Eucaristía, poniendo en común todos sus bienes para atender las necesidades de los hermanos (Hch 2, 42-47).

Por la fe, los mártires entregaron su vida como testimonio de la verdad del Evangelio, que los había transformado y hecho capaces de llegar hasta el mayor don del amor con el perdón de sus perseguidores.

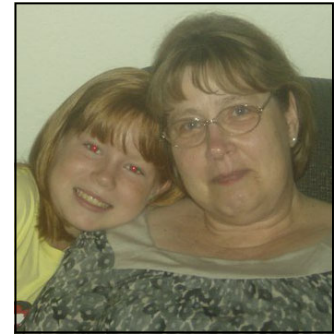
Por la fe, hombres y mujeres han consagrado su vida a Cristo, dejando todo para vivir en la sencillez evangélica la obediencia, la pobreza y la castidad, signos concretos de la espera del Señor que no tarda en llegar. Por la fe, muchos cristianos han promovido acciones en favor de la justicia, para hacer concreta la palabra del Señor, que ha venido a proclamar la liberación de los oprimidos y un año de gracia para todos (Lc 4, 18-19).

Por la fe, hombres y mujeres de toda edad, cuyos nombres están escritos en el libro de la vida (Ap 7, 9; 13, 8), han confesado a lo largo de los siglos la belleza de seguir al Señor Jesús allí donde se les llamaba a dar testimonio de su ser cristianos: en la familia, la profesión, la vida pública y el desempeño de los carismas y ministerios que se les confiaban.

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