

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

## March 11, 2012 Third Sunday of Lent

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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

#### Children's Services:

*Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)*

Sunday Mass 10:30am

#### Stations of the Cross & Confessions

Fridays during Lent 6:30pm (Español)

7:30pm (English)

#### 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, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Tony Chacko, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochiner, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

## From the Pastor's Laptop

The Battle for America goes on, now centered on the government's "Mandate" that the Catholic Church pay for contraceptives and abortion drugs. The current Administration, and the News Media which serves it, insists that the issue is about contraception, while the Catholic Church insist that the issue is about religious freedom. Actually, both issues are at stake, but the government/media wants to talk about contraception, so **let's talk about contraception.**

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi declares that since most Catholic women use contraception, the Church should promote contraception. That doesn't make sense. It would be like saying that because most college students cheat on exams, universities should promote cheating. Rep. Pelosi also falsely states that the Church (*her* Church, by the way) seeks to deny contraception to Americans. Also not true. Actually, what the Church seeks is simply to avoid being forced to purchase something that is gravely harmful to her employees.

The presidential administration insists that contraception is *necessary health care* for all Americans. But the only reason contraception would be necessary healthcare is if fertility were a disease. But fertility is the normal, healthy state of any organism. *Infertility* is the disorder that needs to be treated. Certainly we have to plan our families, but simply throwing artificial contraceptives at folks is hardly effective family planning. Contraceptives harm women, on a number of levels.

**Contraception harms a woman's body.** In 2005, the World Health Organization declared the hormonal contraceptive a Class One Carcinogen. Is this "healthcare?" Our President would force employers to distribute artificial, cancer-causing drugs to their employees, while more effective, natural methods are available. Last year, the contraceptive companies sold \$15 billion of their product and got lots of free advertising from the government. Follow the money trail to the proposed legislation....

**Contraception causes immense social damage.** If contraceptives are so good for society, why has family life deteriorated with their increased use? 50% of couples who contracept end up divorcing; more than half of Americans are not even getting married anymore. But only 4% of couples using natural family planning end in divorce. *Is contraception good or bad for us?* Most of us, as Nancy Pelosi correctly states, are dependent on contraception. But we can, and must, break the dependency. We must regain true health.

Fr. Joseph

**Staff Contacts**

**Parish Office**

**(Lulu, Donna, Alex, Lauren)**

Sunday: 10:00-3:00pm.

Monday: 10:00 to 7:30

Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 to 7:30

Closed Wednesday from 11-1pm

Friday 8:30 to Noon

**Weekend Maintenance 568-7558**

**How can we help? 551-4973**

- Se Habla Español* ..... Alex x103
- Accounting ..... Barbara x108
- Adult Ed & Bible Studies .... Michael x203
- Altar Servers ..... Svetlana x200
- Audio / Video ..... Jeremy x213
- Becoming Catholic, RCIA ..... Stacy x211
- Buildings & Grounds ..... Susie x201
- Bulletin & Website ..... Jeremy x213
- Child Ed & Sacraments ..... Debbie x205
- Choirs & Cantors ..... Svetlana x200
- Events & Activities ..... Susie 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 03/012-03/18**

**Monday:**  
2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:**  
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:**  
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:**  
Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:**  
Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34  
**12pm Latin Mass:**  
Gen. 37:6-22; Mt. 21: 33-46

**Saturday:**  
Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday:**  
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10;  
Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings  
(Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17,  
34-38]

**9am Mass Latin: Third Sunday in Lent**  
Eph. 5:1-9; Lk. 11:14-28

**Sacraments**

**Our Mass Intentions**

Sunday, March 11 (Third Sunday of Lent)			
7:30a	Myrtle Osberg	1:30p	Dora Cruz
9:00a	Bill Tracey	5:30p	Jose & Jesuina Bairos
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Bill Vermillion
12:00p	Thelma Coelho		
Monday, March 12			
8:00a	Josephine Paluzzi and Marvin Taylor, Jr.	5:45p	Pacita Malinao and Manuela Fuentes
Tuesday, March 13			
8:00a	Imogene & Quentin Stoeckel and Maria Gomez	5:45p	Jesus Ruelas and Lupe Perez
Wednesday, March 14			
8:00a	Nell Fuentes and Bill Vermillion	5:45p	Joe Mendes and Kurtis Kraft
Thursday, March 15			
8:00a	Elizabeth Machado and Manuela Fuentes	5:45p	Pat La Point and Dr. Heinz Von Hugen
Friday, March 16			
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and Evelinda Rodrigo	5:45p	Pat Bennett and Michael Floro
Saturday, March 17			
8:00a	Pat Walsh and Jim Radcliffe	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, March 18 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)			
7:30a	Manuel Borges Victoria	1:30p	Margot Carrasquilla and Aurelio & Josefina Ramirez
9:00a	Albert Mendonca	3:00p	Filipino Mass
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Brian Koblentz
12:00p	William Clarence Armell	7:30p	Robert Gutierrez

**Baptisms**

Joshua Moreno	Mario Haro	Myah Kreamer	Alejandro Maciel
Katherine Rodriguez	Julian Peña	Isaiah Bravo	Austin Garner
Sophia Gutierrez	Janessa Garcia	Cassandra Gutierrez	Chavelle Kliatchko
Luis Jacinto	Christian Vasquez	Aaliyah Sandoval	Zachariah Luna
Josiah Quinones	Kayla Castaneda	Arianna Curiel	Hannah Frey
Naomi Haro	Adalyn Lopez	Brianna Tuskamoto	Levi Steingrebe

**Stewardship**

**"Stewardship: Sharing These Gifts in Love of God and Neighbor"**

**March 11th — Third Sunday of Lent**

Moses received the Ten Commandments from God to share with the Israelites to guide them in living within the love of God. When the Israelites followed these commandments wholeheartedly they became an example of God's wisdom, a light to the nations. St. Paul reminds us that different cultures have different values but that Christians recognize in

Jesus the wisdom and power of God. In the Gospel we hear how Christ drove the sellers and money-changers from the temple. It is a reminder to us that we can lose sight of the path to heaven when our culture puts up obstacles. May we contemplate the wisdom of God and reject the foolishness of man.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent, in the church:

8:45am (English), 6:30pm (Spanish) 7:30pm (English)

## CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, March 13: 7am Mass, 7:30am breakfast and speaker  
Doubletree Hotel (9<sup>th</sup> & K), \$15 members, \$20 non-members

**Speaker: Jeff Persons** -Elementary school principal in the Turlock Unified School District. He earned his B.A. in history and literature at Eastern Michigan Univ. and a Master's Degree in Catholic Theology from St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. He has received various credentials and is completing his doctoral studies in Education at CSU, Stanislaus. Jeff began the first part of his career in Catholic ministries and administration before moving into public education. Call or e-mail Cathy Hearst 968-8086, [cheerst@pacbell.net](mailto:cheerst@pacbell.net) or Georg Erbele [gerbele2@yahoo.com](mailto:gerbele2@yahoo.com)

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please consider joining our Life Saving Vigil at the clinic on 2030 Coffee Road for an hour or more. The vigils are held every week during Lent outside abortion clinics from 8am to 8pm Monday through Friday and 2pm to 4pm Saturday and Sunday. 5,045 children have been saved from abortion, and these are only the ones we know about. For more information, please contact Stephanie Pizzirulli, DC. (209) 484-7233 or [molthenchiro@gmail.com](mailto:molthenchiro@gmail.com).

## EASTER LILIES FOR SALE

Boy Scout Troop 49 will sell Easter Lilies on 3/24, 3/25, 3/31 & 4/1 in the Plaza between Masses. Plants are \$10 each. Proceeds are used by each participating boy to help pay for summer camp.



## WALK FOR LIFE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Please join our entire Catholic and Pro-Life community on Good Friday, April 6 at 8am, (Please see the back page of this bulletin for more details). We pray that you are able to join us and will help promote this vital event. Please bring your family and friends. Make and bring a Pro-Life sign and wear comfortable shoes. We walk rain or shine. For more information, visit: [www.WalkForLifeModesto.webs.com](http://www.WalkForLifeModesto.webs.com) or call: Nicole Menezes at 642-6336.

## AL-ANON PATHS TO SERENITY FAMILY GROUP

Wednesdays at 5:45pm in JP11, Room 10

Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. It is an anonymous program. Al-Anon is self supporting through its own voluntary contributions. Please call Bev S. 209-605-0001 with questions.

## ST. JOSEPH'S JOB OPENINGS

- Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds:  
Full time, generous benefit package. Must have experience and be computer literate
- Administrative Assistant:  
Part-time, no benefits. Must have experience and be computer literate.

Complete descriptions and applications are in the parish office.

## This Week

Sunday, March 11, 2012

10:00 A	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	JP6
1:00 P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

## Monday, March 12, 2012

7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10
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## Tuesday, March 13, 2012

9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
10:30 A	Light Weigh	JP8
5:30 P	ESL Classes	JP4
6:00 P	Live Stations Practice	JP2
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group Spanish	JP7

## Wednesday, March 14, 2012

1:30 P	Widows and Widowers Bible Study	JP5
5:30 P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
5:45 P	AI Anon Group	JP10

## Thursday, March 15, 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, March 16, 2012

8:45 A	Stations of the Cross	Chur
12:00 P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
5:30 P	K of C Fish Fry	Hall
6:30 P	Spanish Stations of the	Chur
7:00 P	Filipino "ARISE" Prayer Meeting	JP6
7:30 P	Stations of the Cross	Chur

## Saturday, March 17, 2012

10:00 A	Altar Servers Easter Prep Training #1	Chur
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## Sunday, March 18, 2012

10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
10:30 A	Respect Life	JP4
1:00 P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

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

PSR Update

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
PARENT MEETINGS

March 22, at 7pm in the Hall
Mandatory First Holy Communion
Parent Meeting for all parents whose
children are receiving First Holy
Communion at the English Masses or
the Latin Mass on May 19 and 20.

April 16th at 7pm
rooms # 6, 7 and 8 in the hall
Mandatory First Holy Communion
Parent Meeting for all parents whose
children are receiving First Holy
Communion at the Spanish Mass on
May 20

ATTENTION
ALL C2 STUDENTS

C2 students are to attend the Parish
Lenten Mission on March 27th at
6:30pm at the church.

There will be NO CLASS for
C2 students on March 29th.



PSR Students, please
bring cereal this
month for St. Vincent
de Paul. Thanks for
your kindness and
stewardship,
especially during this
Lenten season!

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
at 541-8903 to make an appointment.

Religious Education



THE COLLECTS...

We are a little less than half way through Lent; perhaps,
whatever we gave up for Lent is looking really good, (the
girl scout cookies being sold out in front of the grocery
store look so tempting). Resist and stay strong in your Lenten fasting. It is
precisely through fasting, prayer and almsgiving that we grow in holiness,
because with these in our lives there is no room for sin. We fast from
material goods of this world, because when we experience detachment we
rely completely on God. Prayer is an upward leap of the heart, an untroubled glance
toward heaven, a cry of gratitude and love which I utter from the depths of sorrow as well
as from the heights of joy, (St. Therese of Lisieux). Through almsgiving, we
follow the example of Love par excellence - Christ on the Cross,
which is what Lent is all about. Perhaps some of us have given in
to our Lenten fasts. Resist the temptation to be discouraged. Don't give up, start over again.
This Sunday's collect addresses this point beautifully. All of us
are sinners, even the Saints, but they relied completely in the
Mercy of God, which is what we have to do every day. We need to
humbly recognize our lowliness before God, and He will indeed
lift us when we fall by His Mercy.

Third Week of Lent Collect:
Let us pray: O God, author of every
mercy and of all goodness, who in
fasting, prayer and almsgiving have
shown us a remedy for sin, look
graciously on this confession of our
lowliness, that we who are bowed
down by our conscience, may
always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Militia Immaculata



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OF EVENTS

Join us and learn
more about the
Militia of the
Immaculata!

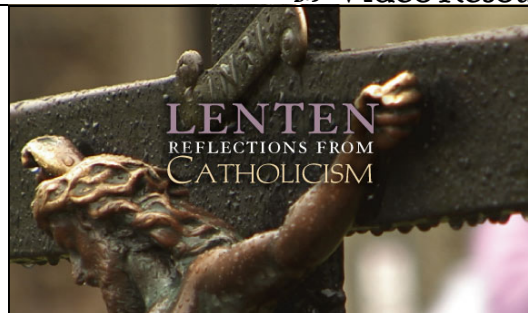
March 17—Formation
for Consecration to the
Blessed Virgin Mary by
Fr. Benny. 10:30am -
12noon, Rm 6 , JPII bldg.

March 25—
Consecration to the
Blessed Virgin Mary,
during the 12noon
Mass.

April 14— Monthly
Meetings for the Prayer
and Spanish Villages,
following 8am Mass in
Rm. 5, JPII bldg.
Speaker: Fr. Benny.

April 15—Family
Village Monthly mtg.
after 9am Mass in the
Hall. Speaker: Fr. Benny

Video Resource



Scan the QR code or visit Fr Barron's Blog:
http://www.wordonfire.org/WoF-Blog/WoF-Blog/March-2012/Lent-Gospel-Reflections-from-CATHOLICISM-Week-3.aspx

# Youth Ministry

## Upcoming LifeNights:

3/11: Dead Strength - Living the Paschal Mystery

3/18: Nailed – A loving God vs. the Reality of suffering

3/25: Youth Group will meet in Fr. O’ Hare Hall for  
St. Joseph’s Lenten Mission

4/1: Stations of the Cross

4/8: No Life Night-Happy Easter!

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

## Confirmation Retreats

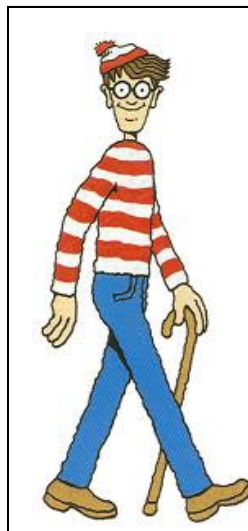
Confirmation 1-Saturday, April 14  
9am - 5pm Cost \$30

Confirmation 2-Saturday, April 28  
9am - 9pm Cost \$30

Retreats are mandatory for junior high students and will be held at St. Joseph’s in the Fr. O’Hare hall. Both retreats will be led by the youth ministry department and ‘Victory’ peer ministry team. There will be small groups, talks, confession, skits, games and food. We look forward to seeing you all there! Extra permission slips are available in the parish office. Please turn them in by April 1.

## Coming Spring Break 2012

You’ve heard of ‘Where’s Waldo?’ but what about ‘Where’s Nathan?’ From April 10-13 Nathan Steingrebe will be at a different restaurant each day for his lunch hour. He will post a picture with a clue to where he is on his Facebook page. Any teen that figures out where he is and meets him within the designated time will win a free lunch with him. Be sure to ‘friend’ him on Facebook and let the games begin!



## Contact Us!

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## Save the Date:

Steubenville San Diego

**July 27-29**

Open to all high school teens, graduating 8th grade through 12th grade in high school.

Guest speakers and musicians this year include

Ike Ndolo,

Fr. Michael Schmitz, Matt Smith, Jackie Francois and Righteous B!!

There are 30 spots available. Cost is \$150. Fundraising and payment options are available.

For more information contact the youth ministry department.





### Profiles in Stewardship

by Fr. Joseph Illo

#### Susan Garcia

So far, I've kept all of my Lenten Resolutions, except one—to make at least three visits to the local jail. A few parishioners, however, go make regular visits to the inmates in our jails. One of them is **Sue Garcia**, who oversees St. Joseph's Jail Outreach. You will often see Sue at the weekday evening Mass, where she gets the strength and joy to make her regular visits to the poorest of the poor in our county. The men and women in our jails usually come from poor and broken families, many of them immigrants who are struggling to integrate into our society. They must take responsibility for their crimes, of course, but most were not given the advantages the rest of us received growing up. Sue has a heart for these folk. She doesn't wait for a priest to urge her—she just goes. She and the half-dozen others of our parish fulfill Jesus' prophecy: "I was in jail, and you visited me.... What you did to the least of my brothers, you did to me." God bless Sue for visiting Jesus every week in his distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor in Stanislaus County.

# Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: *Plaza Refreshments are being served this morning by our St. Joseph's Plaza Refreshment Volunteers..*

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

## St. Joseph's Health Ministry Health Career Scholarships



We salute the stewards of our active Health Ministry Team, who annually award three \$500 scholarships for graduating seniors or those currently studying for a health career while in college. These scholarships are being funded by a Mother's Day corsage sale on the Plaza. Call the Center for Lay Apostolates for more information about this active group.

Above: 2011 Health Ministry Scholars, *Yvette Clary & Laura Oregel*  
**Applications in Parish Office**  
**Due: April 15**



Message from the Message Board:  
 "Visit Me in the Center for Lay Apostolates to post 'for sale, for rent' 'work wanted' or 'job opportunities'"

Message Board located in JP II Building, Room 4

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

### MESSAGE FOR LENT 2012

“Let us be concerned for each other,  
to stir a response in love and good works” Heb 10:24 *Part III*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Scriptures tell us: “Rebuke the wise and he will love you for it. Be open with the wise, he grows wiser still, teach the upright, he will gain yet more” (Prov 9:8ff). Christ himself commands us to admonish a brother who is committing a sin (cf. Mt 18:15). We must not remain silent before evil. I am thinking of all those Christians who, out of human regard or purely personal convenience, adapt to the prevailing mentality, rather than warning their brothers and sisters against ways of thinking and acting that are contrary to the truth and that do not follow the path of goodness. As the Apostle Paul says: “If one of you is caught doing something wrong, those of you who are spiritual should set that person right in a spirit of gentleness; and watch yourselves that you are not put to the test in the same way” (Gal 6:1). In a world pervaded by individualism, it is essential to rediscover the importance of fraternal correction, so that together we may journey towards holiness...

#### 2. “Being concerned for each other”: the gift of reciprocity.

This “custody” of others is in contrast to a mentality that, by reducing life exclusively to its earthly dimension, fails to see it in an eschatological perspective and accepts any moral choice in the name of personal freedom. A society like ours can become blind to physical sufferings and to the spiritual and moral demands of life. This must not be the case in the Christian community! The Apostle Paul encourages us to seek “the ways which lead to peace and the ways in which we can support one another” (Rom 14:19) for our neighbor's good, “so that we support one another” (15:2), seeking not personal gain but rather “the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved” (1 Cor 10:33). This mutual correction and encouragement in a spirit of humility and charity must be part of the life of the Christian community.

The Lord's disciples, united with him through the Eucharist, live in a fellowship that binds them one to another as members of a single body. This means that the other is part of me, and that his or her life, his or her salvation, concern my own life and salvation. Here we touch upon a profound aspect of communion: our existence is related to that of others, for better or for worse. Both our sins and our acts of love have a social dimension. This reciprocity is seen in the Church, the mystical body of Christ: the community constantly does penance and asks for the forgiveness of the sins of its members, but also unflinchingly rejoices in the examples of virtue and charity present in her midst.

#### 3. “To stir a response in love and good works”: walking together in holiness.

These words of the *Letter to the Hebrews* (10:24) urge us to reflect on the universal call to holiness, the continuing journey of the spiritual life as we aspire to the greater spiritual gifts and to an ever more sublime and fruitful charity (1 Cor 12:31-13:13). Sadly, there is always the temptation to become lukewarm, to quench the Spirit, to refuse to invest the talents we have received, for our own good and for the good of others (Mt 25:25ff.). All of us have received spiritual or material riches meant to be used for the fulfillment of God's plan, for the good of the Church and for our personal salvation (1k 12:21b; 1 Tim 6:18). The spiritual masters remind us that in the life of faith those who do not advance inevitably regress. Dear brothers and sisters, let us accept the invitation, today as timely as ever, to aim for the “high standard of ordinary Christian living” (*Novo Millennio Ineunte*, 31). In a world which demands of Christians a renewed witness of love and fidelity to the Lord, may all of us feel the urgent need to anticipate one another in charity, service and good works (cf. Heb 6:10).



## In the Diocese

### CHRISM MASS

Cathedral of the Annunciation on  
March 29 at 6pm

### LEGION OF MARY

Auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary are invited to attend the annual ceremony of the Modesto Curia to be held at St. Mary's Church in Oakdale. Join us Sunday, March 25, at 3pm. The ACIES is the central function of the Legion of Mary, wherein members express their union with Mary and consecrate themselves to her. A reception will be held in the church hall immediately following this dedication.

### CALFRESH AND CHILD HEALTH INITIATIVE

If you have a limited income, you may be eligible for CalFresh (formerly Food Stamps)—even if you have been denied in the past. CalFresh helps low-income, U.S. Citizens purchase healthy food. Catholic Charities can help you apply! We provide free, confidential application assistance and are committed to reach every eligible individual, family and senior! For more information, call Catholic Charities at 593-6124.

### PRINCIPAL POSITION PRESENTATION CHURCH

The position is a full-time exempt position with availability to the children, parents and parishioners for their spiritual and academic needs and growth. The Principal of Presentation Church is an integral member of the Ministry Team with professional preparation for, and sensitivity to, the spiritual and academic needs and growth of all students. The application forms, job description and other related expectations can be found at [www.presentationchurch.net](http://www.presentationchurch.net). Click on "Administration".

Por el padre Joseph Illo



Susan Garcia

Hasta hoy, todavía he podido mantener mis resoluciones de Cuaresma, menos una—de hacer por lo menos tres visitas a la cárcel local. Sin embargo, algunos feligreses regularmente visitan a los presos en nuestras cárceles. Una de ellos es Sue Garcia, quien es la encargada del Apostolado a los Presos. Usted seguido verá a Sue asistiendo a la misa diaria por la tarde, donde ella recibe la fuerza y alegría para hacer sus visitas regulares a los pobres de los pobres de nuestro condado. Los hombres y mujeres en nuestras cárceles regularmente vienen de familias pobres y separadas, muchos de ellos son inmigrantes quienes están luchando por integrarse a nuestra sociedad. Por supuesto, ellos tienen que tomar la responsabilidad de sus crímenes, pero muchos no tuvieron las ventajas que el resto de nosotros tuvimos al ir creciendo. Sue tiene corazón para estas personas. Ella no espera que un sacerdote se lo pida—ella va y los visita. Ella y otra media docena de feligreses de nuestra parroquia hacen cumplir la profecía de Jesús: “Estuve preso, y me fuiste a visitar.... Lo que hiciste con el más pequeño de mis hermanos, me lo hiciste a mi.” Que Dios bendiga a Sue por visitar a Jesús cada semana en su angustioso disfraz de los pobres de los pobres en el Condado de Stanislaus.

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

La Batalla por América continua, y ahora se centra en el mandato del Presidente Obama de que la Iglesia Católica pague por anticonceptivos y drogas que causan el aborto. La administración actual y los medios de comunicación que la apoyan insisten que el tema del debate es sobre la contracepción, mientras que los Obispos Católicos insisten que se trata de la libertad de religión. En realidad, los dos temas están en juego, pero el gobierno y los medios de comunicación desean hablar sobre la contracepción, entonces **hablemos sobre la contracepción.**

La Congresista Nancy Pelosi, declara que ya que la mayoría de las mujeres Católicas usan anticonceptivos, entonces la Iglesia debe de promover la contracepción. Esto es como decir que ya que la mayoría de los estudiantes universitarios copian en los exámenes, entonces las universidades deben de aprobar el copiar. La Representante Pelosi también dice falsamente que la Iglesia (*su* Iglesia) trata de negarle los anticonceptivos a los Americanos. Lo que la Iglesia trata de hacer, por supuesto, es simplemente no ser forzada a comprar algo que es gravemente perjudicial para sus empleados.

La administración presidencial insiste que la contracepción es parte del **cuidado de salud necesario** para los Americanos. Pero la única razón por la cual la contracepción sería necesaria para el cuidado de salud es si la fertilidad fuese una enfermedad. Pero la fertilidad es una parte normal de un organismo saludable. La *infertilidad* es lo que debe de ser tratado. Es verdad que debemos de planificar nuestras familias, pero el tirar anticonceptivos hacia la gente, simplemente no es una manera buena de planificar. Los anticonceptivos causan daño a las mujeres en un número de niveles.

**La contracepción causa daño al cuerpo de una mujer.** En el 205, La Organización de Salud Mundial (WHO) declaró el anticonceptivo hormonal como un carcinógeno de primera clase. ¿Es esto cuidado de salud? Nuestro presidente estaría obligando a los empresarios a que distribuyeran drogas artificiales carcinogénicas a sus empleados, mientras que existen métodos naturales. El año pasado, las compañías de anticonceptivos vendieron \$15 billones de su producto y recibieron bastante propaganda gratis de parte del gobierno. Siga el camino del dinero hacia la legislación propuesta...

**La contracepción causa un daño social inmenso.** Si los anticonceptivos son tan buenos para la sociedad, ¿Por qué se ha deteriorado la familia con su uso? El 50% de los Americanos que usan anticonceptivos terminan en divorcio, y mas de la mitad de los Americanos ni siquiera se casan. Nos hemos dado por vencidos con respecto al matrimonio. Pero solo el 4% de aquellas familias que planifican sus familias del modo natural llegan al divorcio. ¿*Es la contracepción buena o mala para nosotros?* La mayoría de nosotros, como Nancy Pelosi lo dice correctamente, dependemos de la contracepción. Pero podemos, y debemos de cortar esta dependencia. Debemos de volver a tener una verdadera salud.

Fr. Joseph

## Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

### MENSAJE PARA LA CUARESMA 2012

«Fijémonos los unos en los otros para estímulo de la caridad y las buenas obras» (Hb 10, 24) Parte III



Queridos hermanos y hermanas

En la Sagrada Escritura leemos: «Reprende al sabio y te amará. Da consejos al sabio y se hará más sabio todavía; enseña al justo y crecerá su doctrina» (Pr 9,8ss). Cristo mismo nos manda reprender al hermano que está cometiendo un pecado (Mt 18,15). .. Es importante recuperar esta dimensión de la caridad cristiana. Frente al mal no hay que callar. Pienso aquí en la actitud de aquellos cristianos que, por respeto humano o por simple comodidad, se adecúan a la mentalidad común, en lugar de poner en guardia a sus hermanos acerca de los modos de pensar y de actuar que contradicen la verdad y no siguen el camino del bien. .. El apóstol Pablo afirma: «Si alguno es sorprendido en alguna falta, vosotros, los espirituales, corregidle con espíritu de mansedumbre, y cuídate de ti mismo, pues también tú puedes ser tentado» (Ga 6,1). En nuestro mundo impregnado de individualismo, es necesario que se redescubra la importancia de la corrección fraterna, para caminar juntos hacia la santidad.

### 2. “Los unos en los otros”: el don de la reciprocidad.

Este ser «guardianes» de los demás contrasta con una mentalidad que, al reducir la vida sólo a la dimensión terrena, no la considera en perspectiva escatológica y acepta cualquier decisión moral en nombre de la libertad individual. Una sociedad como la actual puede llegar a ser sorda, tanto ante los sufrimientos físicos, como ante las exigencias espirituales y morales de la vida. En la comunidad cristiana no debe ser así. El apóstol Pablo invita a buscar lo que «fomente la paz y la mutua edificación» (Rm 14,19), tratando de «agradar a su prójimo para el bien, buscando su edificación» (ib. 15,2), sin buscar el propio beneficio «sino el de la mayoría, para que se salven» (1 Co 10,33). Esta corrección y exhortación mutua, con espíritu de humildad y de caridad, debe formar parte de la vida de la comunidad cristiana. Los discípulos del Señor, unidos a Cristo mediante la Eucaristía, viven en una comunión que los vincula los unos a los otros como miembros de un solo cuerpo. Esto significa que el otro me pertenece, su vida, su salvación, tienen que ver con mi vida y mi salvación. Aquí tocamos un elemento muy profundo de la comunión: nuestra existencia está relacionada con la de los demás, tanto en el bien como en el mal; tanto el pecado como las obras de caridad tienen también una dimensión social. En la Iglesia, cuerpo místico de Cristo, se verifica esta reciprocidad: la comunidad no cesa de hacer penitencia y de invocar perdón por los pecados de sus hijos, pero al mismo tiempo se alegra, y continuamente se llena de júbilo por los testimonios de virtud y de caridad, que se multiplican.

### 3. “Para estímulo de la caridad y las buenas obras”: caminar juntos en la santidad.

Esta expresión de la *Carta a los Hebreos* (10, 24) nos lleva a considerar la llamada universal a la santidad, el camino constante en la vida espiritual, a aspirar a los carismas superiores y a una caridad cada vez más alta y fecunda (1 Co 12,31-13,13). La atención recíproca tiene como finalidad animarse mutuamente a un amor efectivo cada vez mayor, «como la luz del alba, que va en aumento hasta llegar a pleno día» (Pr 4,18), en espera de vivir el día sin ocaso en Dios. El tiempo que se nos ha dado en nuestra vida es precioso para descubrir y realizar buenas obras en el amor de Dios. Así la Iglesia misma crece y se desarrolla para llegar a la madurez de la plenitud de Cristo (Ef 4,13). En esta perspectiva dinámica de crecimiento se sitúa nuestra exhortación a animarnos recíprocamente para alcanzar la plenitud del amor y de las buenas obras. Lamentablemente, siempre está presente la tentación de la tibieza, de sofocar el Espíritu, de negarse a «comerciar con los talentos» que se nos ha dado para nuestro bien y el de los demás (Mt 25,25ss). Todos hemos recibido riquezas espirituales o materiales útiles para el cumplimiento del plan divino, para el bien de la Iglesia y la salvación personal (Lc 12,21b; 1 Tm 6,18).

## REUNIONES PARA PADRES DE FAMILIA PARA LA PRIMERA COMUNION

22 de marzo a las 7pm en el Hall

Reunión obligatoria para padres de familia de los niños que van a hacer su Primera Comunión en las Misas en inglés y Latín el 19 y 20 de mayo.

16 de abril a las 7pm en los salones 6, 7 and 8 en el Hall

Reunión obligatoria para padres de familia de los niños que van a hacer su Primera Comunión en la Misa en español el 20 de mayo.

## ATENCION ESTUDIANTES DE C2

El 27 de marzo deberán ir a la Misión de Cuaresma en la iglesia a las 6:30pm.

**NO habrá clase el 29 de marzo para los estudiantes de C2.**

## PROGRAMA DE CALFRESH

Si usted tiene un ingreso limitado, puede ser elegible para CalFresh (anteriormente Cupones de alimentos), incluso si se le ha negado en el pasado. Caridades Católicas puede ayudarle a aplicar. Ofrecemos ayuda confidencial. Para más información llame a Caridades Católicas 593-6124.

La Iniciativa de Salud de Niños ofrece cobertura médica para los niños elegibles sin seguro médico u indocumentados en el condado de Stanislaus. Si su hijo no tiene seguro, Caridades Católicas le ayudará a solicitar y renovar la elegibilidad para Medi-Cal, Healthy Families o programas de Kaiser.

## BECAS para el COLEGIO

St. Joseph's está ofreciendo becas para el año escolar 2012-2013 para hijos de feligreses registrados y activos que asistirán o están asistiendo un colegio o universidad de 4 años. Las formas para aplicar están disponibles en la oficina parroquial y deben de ser entregadas antes del 30 de abril del 2012. St. Joseph's apoya a nuestros feligreses en su educación y agradece donaciones para el fondo de las becas.

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