

*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 25, 2012 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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### Holy Eucharist

#### Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sundays: 7:30am, 9am (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:

Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 28th

7pm in the church

No daily confession this week:

3/26-3/30

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

#### Clergy:

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor

Fr. Benny Kottarathil, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Anthony Chacko, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochiner, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

## From the Pastor's Laptop

I am **50 years old** this year, but I'm not the only one. Our Diocese is also 50 years old this year, having been established on January 13, 1962. I did my Master's Thesis on the life and times of our very first bishop, Joseph Sadoc Alemany (1850-1884). The part of our planet that was to become the Diocese of Stockton first became "Catholic" when Junipero Serra traipsed north to establish his missions. In those days, we were part of "New Spain," and later, became part of Mexico, and then for one month, the "Bear Flag Republic of California." Finally, in 1848, we became part of the great United States of America. The first diocese covered all of our fair state. Over the years, that large diocese was carved up into the 12 smaller dioceses, of which we are one of the smallest.

Our Diocese is 50 years old, and our parish is 45 years old, having been established in 1967 on a bare and windswept plot of land on Old Oakdale Road, not much better than a dirt track on the eastern edge of town. Walnut orchards stretched from our parish towards the Sierras on what is now Orchard Supply Hardware and Orchard School. One of the first things I did upon arriving at St. Joseph's in 1999 was to attend the ribbon-cutting of the new Orchard Supply Hardware, along with Mayor Dick Lang.

In five years, our parish itself will mark 50 years of history. Although I will not be here in 2017, I would like to see a history of the parish written for that occasion. I would certainly come back for the party! We have five years to gather all the historical records of our parish and write that book. I need a **Parish Historian** — someone who can gather all the old pictures and newspaper articles that chronicles our history. If you have a taste for history and would like to work on this book, please give me a call!



**Clockwise from top:** Fr. Anthony McManus, St. Joseph's first pastor, breaking ground with parishioners, sign on Old Oakdale Road designating the church being built, Fr. McManus with parishioner at the pizza parlor where parishioners would gather for Mass before the church was built

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
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- Room Reservations ..... Rosario x110
- Volunteering..... Tammy x207
- Youth Ministry..... Nathan x206

**Readings 03/26-04/01**

**Monday:**

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:**

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:**

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:**

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:**

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

**12pm Latin Mass:**

Jer. 17:13-18; Jn. 11:47-54

**Saturday:**

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:**

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16;  
(procession)  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11;  
Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

**No Palm Sunday Latin Mass, readings will be the same as Novus Ordo (above).**

**Sacraments**

**Our Mass Intentions**

| Sunday, March 25 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)                    |  |       |                                      |
|--|--|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 7:30a  | Ayuu Elya                              | 1:30p | Johnnie K. Sablan and Elisa Santiago |
| 9:00a  | Leo Cusenza                            | 5:30p | Danny Vele                           |
| 10:30a   | All St. Joseph's Parishioners          | 7:30p | Tony Ortez                           |
| 12:00p   | Tony & Connie Esteves                  |       |                                      |
| Monday, March 26   |  |       |                                      |
| 8:00a  | Bea Fugett and Manuel Ayala            | 5:45p | James White and Michael Baccellieri  |
| Tuesday, March 27  |  |       |                                      |
| 8:00a  | Thelma Coelho and Jose Cabrera         | 5:45p | Marta Bruno and Dwaine Stephan       |
| Wednesday, March 28  |  |       |                                      |
| 8:00a  | Mathan Chackumkal and Raymond Silveria | 5:45p | Ann Briones and Alvert Scuitto       |
| Thursday, March 29   |  |       |                                      |
| 8:00a  | Fernando Camaya and Sean Dunne         |       | No Mass—Chrism Mass at Cathedral     |
| Friday, March 30   |  |       |                                      |
| 8:00a  | Kathy Downs and Bill Vermillion        | 5:45p | Rosanna Hollander and Teresa Maala   |
| Saturday, March 31   |  |       |                                      |
| 8:00a  | Onesimo Herrera and Teodelio Salvador  | 5:30p | St. Joseph's Memorial Mass           |
| Sunday, April 1st (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord) |  |       |                                      |
| 7:30a  | Harvey Osberg                          | 1:30p | Antonio & Esperanza Suarez           |
| 9:00a  | Jose B. Scoto                          | 3:00p | Philip Thomas Pallivathucal          |
| 10:30a   | All St. Joseph's Parishioners          | 5:30p | Danny Vele                           |
| 12:00p   | Leslie Pongase                         | 7:30p | Manuel G. Nunes                      |

**Offertory Gift Report**

**February 2012**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Our Budgeted Monthly Offertory:     | \$ 110,464 |
| Actual Offertory Gifts Received:    | \$ 129,789 |
| Above or Below Budgeted Amount:     | \$ 19,325  |
| Average monthly gift per household: | \$ 27      |

**Total from July 1, 2011 through February 29, 2012**

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Budgeted Monthly Offertory:      | \$ 994,369   |
| Actual Offertory Gifts Received: | \$ 1,010,651 |
| Above or Below Budgeted Amount:  | \$ 16,282    |

**Careful Stewardship of Your Gifts**

Our Parish Finance Council recommends we have a six month offertory reserve. Each month offertory gifts are in excess of budget, those gifts will be deposited to build this reserve and any month with offertory gifts less our than budget will be drawn from the reserve.

**Parish Fact:**

Our parish office receives over 5,000 telephone calls each month!

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

**March 25 — The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

As Lent prepares us for Easter, we reflect on the resurrection of Christ. The Old Testament contains many prophesies of a new covenant God would make with His people through Jesus. In His own words Jesus taught that His death would be our doorway to heaven; that His crucifixion would draw all peoples to Him. At Mass we are invited to participate in His sacrifice and give thanks to God for sending His Son to bring us salvation. May we reflect on the love that God bestowed through Christ and share that love with each other.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**

**March 28, 2012 — 7pm in the church**

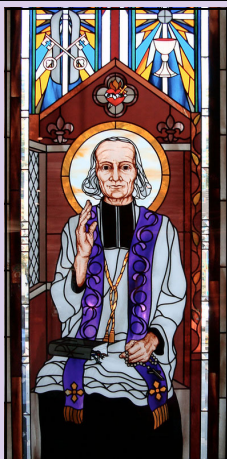
(There will be a short Lenten Mission talk given by Fr. Jay Mello, then priests from around the diocese will hear confessions)

No daily confessions this week: March 26-30

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Friday, March 30th, in the church:**

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



**EASTER LILIES FOR SALE**

Boy Scout Troop 49 will be selling Easter Lilies on this weekend and next after Masses in the Plaza. Plants are \$10.00 each. Proceeds are used by each participating boy to help pay for summer camp.



**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 today 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.

**ST. JOSEPH'S BOOKSTORE**

The Book Store will be open from 6:00-7:00 before the Lenten Mission, Monday the 26th & Tues the 27th. We have lots of new books and statues to celebrate the Easter season.



**WALK FOR LIFE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

Please join our entire Catholic and Pro-Life community on Good Friday, April 6th at 8am. Meet at Eastridge Community Church on the corner of Oakdale and Briggsmore, Modesto. We will sing and pray as we walk 4 miles (2 hours) through Modesto passing the abortion clinic on Coffee Rd. The walk will conclude at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at approximately 10am. We pray that you are able to join us and will help promote this vital event. Please bring your entire 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 209-642-6336

**ST. JOSEPH'S LIBRARY SALE**

We need your used books for our book sale in April 29. Please drop off any donations to the library or the Parish office. Thank You!



| Sunday, March 25, 2012    |                              |      |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------|
| 10:00A                    | Children's Liturgy of the    | JP6  |
| 1:00P                     | Youth for Family & Life      | JP7  |
| 7:00P                     | Lenten Mission-Fr. Jay Mello | Hall |
| Monday, March 26, 2012    |                              |      |
| 7:00P                     | Lenten Mission-Fr. Jay Mello | Chur |
| Tuesday, March 27, 2012   |                              |      |
| 9:00A                     | Senior Strength Training     | JP7  |
| 10:30A                    | Light Weigh                  | JP8  |
| 7:00P                     | Lenten Mission-Fr. Jay Mello | Chur |
| Wednesday, March 28, 2012 |                              |      |
| 1:30P                     | Widows and Widowers          | JP5  |
| 5:30P                     | AA Principle Study Group     | JP5  |
| 5:45P                     | AI Anon Group                | JP10 |
| 7:00P                     | Lenten Penance Service       | Chur |
| 7:00P                     | Lenten Mission-Fr. Jay Mello | Chur |
| Thursday, March 29, 2012  |                              |      |
| 9:00A                     | Senior Strength Training     | JP7  |
| 6:00P                     | Chrism Mass (Cathedral)      |      |
| 6:30P                     | Rosary Makers                | JP5  |
| 6:30P                     | Compartiendo la Biblia       | JP4  |
| 6:30P                     | Men's Group                  | JP10 |
| 7:00P                     | Spanish Young Adults         | JP2  |
| Friday, March 30, 2012    |                              |      |
| 8:45A                     | Stations of the Cross        | Chur |
| 12:00P                    | Latin Mass                   | Chur |
| 3:00P                     | Divine Mercy Prayer          | Chap |
| 5:30P                     | K of C Fish Fry              | Hall |
| 6:30P                     | Span. Stations of the Cross  | Chur |
| 7:00P                     | Filipino "ARISE" Meeting     | JP6  |
| 7:30P                     | Stations of the Cross        | Chur |
| Sunday, April 1, 2012     |                              |      |
| 10:00A                    | CLOW                         | JP6  |
| 1:00P                     | Youth for Family & Life      | JP7  |
| 3:00P                     | Indian Mass                  | Chur |



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Lent  
webpage

[www.stjmod.com/lent.html](http://www.stjmod.com/lent.html)

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 MEETING SPANISH**

April 16 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 in 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!

☪ Militia Immaculata ☪

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



**April 14** — Monthly Meetings for the Prayer and Spanish Villages, following 8am Mass in Rm. 5, JP II bldg.

**April 15** — Family Village Monthly meeting, after 9am Mass in the Hall. *Speaker at both meetings: Fr. Benny*

☪ 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...

Christ says in the Gospel today: *Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever*

*loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant*

*be, (John 12:24-26). This connects beautifully to the opening prayer for today's Mass. What is the cost of discipleship? Everything! If we are going to follow Christ, we must follow Him to Calvary. The point at which He was the greatest teacher was on the cross. Discipleship means we must put charity above all else, which means we must die — die to ourselves. We must die to our own selfish desires and be selfless. That means: helping your spouse with the chores around the house, not getting mad if someone cuts you off in traffic and not looking at pornography on the internet. We must also die to our own pride or anxiety of what others think of us and take a stand for the Truth. That means: inviting neighbors, friends and relatives to an Easter Mass, praying at work, praying before you eat lunch or dinner in a restaurant and voting for pro-life candidates. These are just a few examples; discipleship means doing the ordinary things in life with extraordinary love and joy.*

*Although we are not physically martyred in our country for our beliefs, we are tested every day by the culture, and even now by our government, whether we truly live for Christ. If we are not being persecuted in some way for how we live our faith or we are not seen by others as different, then perhaps we are not living out our faith. As we approach the end of Lent, may we become more resolute and joyful in being Christ's disciples, die to ourselves, and allow charity to drive everything we do.*

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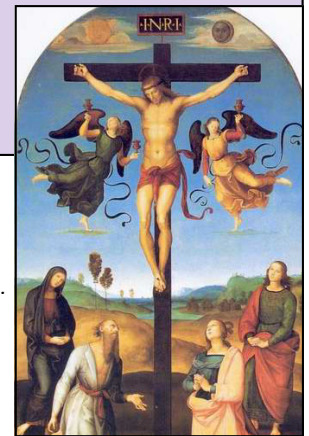
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## Fifth Week of Lent Collect:

*Let us pray:* By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



*For God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us (Romans 5:8)*

☪ Video Resource ☪



Check out this video and others on our parish website's Faith & Life blog: <http://www.stjmod.com/faith--life-blog.html>

# Youth Ministry

## Upcoming LifeNights:

- 3/25: St. Joseph's Lenten Mission
- 4/1: Stations of the Cross
- 4/8: No Life Night-Happy Easter!
- 4/15: Divine Mercy



## Teen Community Service



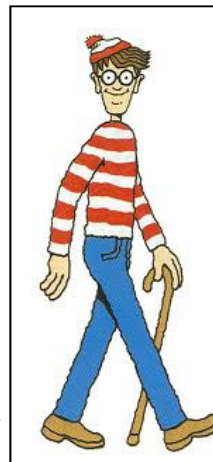
## Confirmation Retreats

- Confirmation 1-Saturday, April 14  
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost \$30.00
- Confirmation 2-Saturday, April 28  
9 a.m.-9 p.m. Cost \$30.00

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!!

Space is limited. Cost is \$150.00. Fundraising and payment options are available.

## World Youth Day Cookbooks

Looking for some Lenten food recipes? These books have 200 pages full of favorite recipes and ideas from Parishioners here at St. Joseph's. Contents range from appetizers, salads, and bread to candies, cookies, and beverages. Each book is \$15.00 and proceeds go towards WYD Rio 2013.



**Maria Palmerin**

### Profiles in Stewardship

by Maria F. Delgado-Braun

Maria Palmerin, can often be seen attending the 5:45 daily Mass and helping as a Eucharistic Minister. Maria is married and has three children. She has been a member of the St. Joseph's parish family for quite sometime, since her adult children were in PSR. She was also part of the Spanish prayer group and since has joined the *Spanish Militia Immaculata (MI) Village* as a member of the leadership group. Maria has a great love for the Blessed Sacrament and it is this love and her frequent daily visits to see the Lord that keeps her faith and her interior life vibrant and equip her to share with others. Maria accepted the call to serve the Spanish MI as a part of the ongoing formation team with some trepidation. She as most of us, did not feel capable, yet humbly said "yes," and through her instruction, several members have been consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A testimony that once we open ourselves to God, He does marvelous work with each one of us! We thank Maria for her dedication and her enthusiasm as the Spanish MI continues to grow.

# Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza Refreshments are being served this morning by the St. Joseph's Boy Scouts

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

*Reaching out with the gift of language*  
English as a Second Language Classes  
at St. Joseph's Catholic Church

- What:** English as Second Language Class
- Where:** John Paul II Center, All Saints Room
- When:** Every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30pm (classes will resume after Easter, April 17)
- Who:** *Leaders* are retired teachers, Mercedes Hart and Lauren Willoughby  
*Students* are native speakers of Spanish, Portuguese, Filipino, Tagalog, Assyrian, Arabic, Farsi and other languages.
- Why?** Because there is a need and we are called to help others.
- Want to help?** Call the Center for Lay Apostolates. For more information, 551-4973, ext. 207



Above, Teacher Lauren Willoughby works with students

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

## From our Holy Father in Rome

BENEDICT XVI

ANGELUS — Sunday, 4 March 2012



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Lent, is known as the Transfiguration of Christ. Indeed in the Lenten itinerary, having invited us to follow Jesus into the wilderness to face and overcome the temptations with him, the Liturgy now proposes that we climb the “mountain” of prayer with him to



contemplate God’s glorious radiance on his human face. The episode of the Transfiguration of Christ is unanimously attested by the Evangelists Matthew, Mark and Luke. There are two essential elements: first of all, Jesus leads the disciples Peter, James and John up a high mountain and there “he was transfigured before them” (Mk 9:2) and his face and his garments shone

with dazzling light while Moses and Elijah appeared beside him; the second, a cloud overshadowed the mountain peak and from it came a voice saying: “This is my beloved Son; listen to him” (Mk 9:7). Thus, light and the voice: the divine radiance on Jesus’ face, and the voice of the heavenly Father that witnesses to him and commands that he be listened to.

The mystery of the Transfiguration must not be separated from the context of the path Jesus is following. He is now decisively oriented to fulfilling his mission, knowing all too well that to arrive at the Resurrection he must pass through the Passion and death on the Cross. He had spoken openly of this to his disciples; but they did not understand, on the contrary they rejected this prospect because they were not reasoning in accordance with God, but in accordance with men (cf. Mt 16:23).

It is for this reason that Jesus takes three of them with him up the mountain and reveals his divine glory, the splendour of Truth and of Love. Jesus wants this light to illuminate their hearts when they pass through the thick darkness of his Passion and death, when the folly of the Cross becomes unbearable to them. God is light, and Jesus wishes to give his closest friends the experience of this light which dwells within him. After this event, therefore, he will be an inner light within them that can protect them from any assault of darkness. Even on the darkest of nights, Jesus is the lamp that never goes out. St Augustine sums up this mystery in beautiful words, he says: “what this sun is to the eyes of the flesh, that is [Christ] to the eyes of the heart” (*Sermones* 78, 2: PL 38, 490).

Dear brothers and sisters, we all need inner light to overcome the trials of life. This light comes from God and it is Christ who gives it to us, the One in whom the fullness of deity dwells (cf. Col 2:9). Let us climb with Jesus the mountain of prayer and, contemplating his face full of love and truth, let us allow ourselves to be filled with his light. Let us ask the Virgin Mary, our guide on the journey of faith, to help us to live out this experience in the season of Lent, finding every day a few moments for silent prayer and for listening to the Word of God.

## In the Diocese

CHRISM MASS

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral  
of the Annunciation,  
March 29 at 6pm

**WOMEN & SPIRIT**  
CATHOLIC SISTERS IN AMERICA

“WOMEN & SPIRIT”

is an exhibit currently displayed at the California Museum of History in Sacramento. It tells the story of American Catholic Sisters whose courage and passion for justice shaped our nation’s social and cultural landscape.

In celebration of the diocese’s Jubilee Year, the Vicar for Women Religious is organizing a pilgrimage to the exhibit on  
**Saturday, March 31, 2012.**

The cost of \$30.00 per person covers round trip bus fare, a box lunch, and museum admission. Reservations required.

To access the registration form go to:  
[www.stocktondiocese.org/DiocesanEvents](http://www.stocktondiocese.org/DiocesanEvents)

### SCHOOL SECRETARY POSITION CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dynamic individual sought to supervise, implement and coordinate school policies and procedures related to the front office and daily operation of the school- including student attendance and clerical duties for administrative needs. Experience in school office work is preferred. Send application, letter of intent and letters of recommendation to Principal, Central Catholic High School, 200 S. Carpenter Road, Modesto, CA 95351 (209) 524-9611. Open until filled.



Maria Palmerin

Se puede ver con frecuencia a Maria Palmerin, en la Misa diaria de las 5:45 y ayudando con ser ministro de Eucaristía. Maria es casada y tiene tres hijos. Ella ha sido miembro de la familia de la parroquia de St. Joseph's por bastante tiempo, desde que sus hijos adultos estaban en catecismo. También fue parte del grupo de oración en Español y desde entonces es miembro del liderazgo del grupo de la Milicia Inmaculada (MI) en Español. Maria tiene un gran amor por el Santísimo y son sus frecuentes visitas diarias a ver al Señor que mantienen su fe y su vida interior vibrantes y la ayudan para compartirlo con otros. Maria aceptó el llamado a servir en la MI en español como parte del equipo de capacitación con algo de trepidación. Ella como muchos de nosotros, no se sentía capaz, pero humildemente accedió y por medio de su instrucción, varios miembros se han consagrado a la Santísima Virgen María. ¡Ella es testimonio de que cuando nos abrimos al Señor, El hace maravillas con cada uno de nosotros! Agradecemos a Maria por su dedicación y entusiasmo mientras que la MI en español continua creciendo.

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

Tengo 50 años este año, pero no soy el único. Nuestra Diócesis también cumple 50 años este año, pues fue establecida el 13 de enero de 1962. Yo escribí mi tesis sobre la vida y la historia de nuestro primer obispo, Joseph Sadoc Alemany (1850-1884). La parte de nuestro planeta que después sería la Diócesis de Stockton y se volvió "Católica" cuando Junipero Serra llegó al norte a establecer sus misiones. En aquellos días, éramos parte de "Nueva España," y después parte de México, luego por un mes, la "Republica de California con su Bandera de Oso," y finalmente, en 1848, entramos a ser parte de los Estados Unidos de América. La primera diócesis cubría todo nuestro estado. En el transcurso de los años, la gran diócesis se dividió en doce diócesis mas pequeñas, de las cuales somos la mas pequeña.

Nuestra diócesis tiene cincuenta años, y nuestra parroquia tiene 45, siendo establecida en 1967 en un lote de tierra arrasado por el viento en la calle Old Oakdale, no muy diferente a cualquier pedazo de tierra en la parte oriental de nuestro pueblo. Granjas de nueces se extendían desde nuestra parroquia hasta las Sierras en lo que son ahora Orchard Supply Hardware y la Escuela Orchard. Una de las primeras cosas que hice al llegar aquí a St. Joseph's en 1999 fue asistir al corte de la cinta inaugurando la nueva tienda de Orchard Supply Hardware con el Alcalde Dick Lang.

En cinco años nuestra parroquia cumplirá sus 50 años de historia. Y aunque no me encuentre aquí en el 2017, me gustaría ver la historia de nuestra parroquia escrita para dicha ocasión. ¡Por supuesto que vendré para la fiesta!

Tenemos cinco años para obtener todos los records históricos de nuestra parroquia y escribir el libro. Necesito un **Historiador de la Parroquia**—alguien que pueda obtener fotos antiguas y artículos del periódico que detallen las crónicas de nuestra historia. Si a usted le gusta la historia, y le gustaría trabajar en este libro, ¡por favor llámeme!

Fr. Joseph

Desde la derecha parte superior: El Padre Anthony McManus, primer pastor de St. Joseph's, abriendo la tierra con los feligreses, el letrero en Old Oakdale Rd. designando donde la nueva iglesia sería construida, El Padre McManus con los feligreses en la pizzeria donde se reunían para la Misa antes de que la iglesia fuese construida.



## Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

BENEDICTO XVI  
*ÁNGELUS*

Domingo 4 de marzo de 2012



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Este domingo, el segundo de Cuaresma, se caracteriza por ser el domingo de la Transfiguración de Cristo. De hecho, durante la Cuaresma, la liturgia, después de habernos invitado a seguir a Jesús en el desierto, para afrontar y superar con él las tentaciones, nos propone subir con él al «monte» de la oración, para



contemplar en su rostro humano la luz gloriosa de Dios. Los evangelistas Mateo, Marcos y Lucas atestiguan de modo concorde el episodio de la transfiguración de Cristo. Los elementos esenciales son dos: en primer lugar, Jesús sube con sus discípulos Pedro, Santiago y Juan a un monte alto, y allí «se transfiguró delante de ellos» (Mc 9, 2), su rostro y sus vestidos irradiaron una luz

brillante, mientras que junto a él aparecieron Moisés y Elías; y, en segundo lugar, una nube envolvió la cumbre del monte y de ella salió una voz que decía: «Este es mi Hijo amado, escuchadlo» (Mc 9, 7). Por lo tanto, la luz y la voz: la luz divina que resplandece en el rostro de Jesús, y la voz del Padre celestial que da testimonio de él y manda escucharlo.

El misterio de la Transfiguración no se debe separar del contexto del camino que Jesús está recorriendo. Ya se ha dirigido decididamente hacia el cumplimiento de su misión, a sabiendas de que, para llegar a la resurrección, tendrá que pasar por la pasión y la muerte de cruz. De esto les ha hablado abiertamente a sus discípulos, los cuales sin embargo no han entendido; más aun, han rechazado esta perspectiva porque no piensan como Dios, sino como los hombres (cf. Mt 16, 23). Por eso Jesús lleva consigo a tres de ellos al monte y les revela su gloria divina, esplendor de Verdad y de Amor. Jesús quiere que esta luz ilumine sus corazones cuando pasen por la densa oscuridad de su pasión y muerte, cuando el escándalo de la cruz sea insoportable para ellos. Dios es luz, y Jesús quiere dar a sus amigos más íntimos la experiencia de esta luz, que habita en él. Así, después de este episodio, él será en ellos una luz interior, capaz de protegerlos de los asaltos de las tinieblas. Incluso en la noche más oscura, Jesús es la luz que nunca se apaga. San Agustín resume este misterio con una expresión muy bella. Dice: «Lo que para los ojos del cuerpo es el sol que vemos, lo es [Cristo] para los ojos del corazón» (Sermo 78, 2: pl 38, 490).

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, todos necesitamos luz interior para superar las pruebas de la vida. Esta luz viene de Dios, y nos la da Cristo, en quien habita la plenitud de la divinidad (cf. Col 2, 9). Subamos con Jesús al monte de la oración y, contemplando su rostro lleno de amor y de verdad, dejémonos colmar interiormente de su luz. Pidamos a la Virgen María, nuestra guía en el camino de la fe, que nos ayude a vivir esta experiencia en el tiempo de la Cuaresma, encontrando cada día algún momento para orar en silencio y para escuchar la Palabra de Dios.

## REUNION PARA PADRES DE FAMILIA PARA LA PRIMERA COMUNION

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.**

## TALLER DE CIUDADANIA

Iglesia Santa Francisca, Riverbank  
 Lunes, 2 de Abril a las 5:00pm

¿Interesado en hacerse ciudadano de los Estados Unidos? Asista a las presentaciones de abogados, alcaldes de Riverbank y Patterson y el juez de Modesto, Ricardo Córdova. ¡Las fotografías, huellas digitales y las formas serán gratis el sábado, 14 de abril en la Universidad de Stockton! Transportación gratis desde la Iglesia de Santa Francisca en Riverbank a las 8:00am. Para más información llame a la oficina parroquial al (209) 869-2996.



## SEMANA SANTA



Abril 1, Domingo de Ramos—Misa 1:30pm

Abril 5, Jueves Santo—Misa 7:30pm

Abril 6, Viernes Santo—Viacrucis en Vivo a las 12 Mediodía

Abril 6, Procesión de la Virgen Dolorosa a las 8:00pm en la iglesia

Abril 7, Sábado de Gloria—Misa de la Vigilia Pascual a las 8:30pm y bendición del agua. Traiga sus frascos para llevar agua

*Don't miss out, starting tonight is St. Joseph's...*

# LENTEN MISSION

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TO HOLINESS:  
REFLECTIONS ON THE  
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*with Fr. Jay Mello*

**March 25-28**

**Schedule:**

*Conference talk, adoration & benediction each evening*

Sunday, March 25: 7pm, Fr. O'Hare hall

Monday, March 26 & Tuesday, March 27: 7pm, Church

Wednesday, March 28: Short talk, followed by Lenten Penance Service, 7pm, Church



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