

*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 3, 2013 Third Sunday of Lent

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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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday thru Friday 5-5:30pm

****During Lent Friday confessions
are before the 5:45pm Mass due to
the Stations of the Cross.****

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

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent 8:45am,
6:30pm (Español), 7:30pm (English)

Clergy:

Fr. Mark Wagner, Pastor
Fr. Francis Joseph, OCD, Assoc Pastor
Fr. Tony Chacko, Assoc Pastor
Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain
Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinerio, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

Today's readings speak of the rock in the desert that Moses struck so that water would pour out of it for the People of God to drink. St. Paul says that "they drank from the spiritual rock... and that rock was Christ." The rock represented Jesus Himself who gives us "living water." My favorite Lenten image is this painting "Christ in the Desert" by Russian artist Ivan Kramskoi. It shows realistically the loneliness, hunger, thirst, exhaustion and boredom of Jesus' 40 days in the desert. Jesus stares at the rocks at His feet, resisting the temptation to turn them into bread. This image can encourage us as we continue our Lenten penance, and our constant prayer for the Cardinal Electors who will elect our new pope!



"Christ in the Desert" by Ivan Kramskoi

Fr. Mark Wagner



Stained-glass window of St. John Vianney

Save the Date:
**St. Joseph's Lenten
Penance Service**

March 20

7pm in the church

Priests from around the
diocese will be at St.
Joseph's to hear your
confession.

Questions?

To make an appointment with a priest or deacon or to register at St. Joseph's please contact Lulu, Rosario, or Donna in our parish office at 551-4973 or stop by during any of the 44 hours our office is open each week.

Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, & Rosario)

Sunday: 10am-3pm.

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday:

8:30am-noon and 1pm-6:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30am-11:15am and

1pm-6:30pm

Friday 8:30am-noon

Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRIES AND SOUP NIGHT



Fish Fries will be held on the Lenten Fridays of March 8 & 15. Soup Night will be held on March 22. All proceeds will go toward supporting the various charities and ministries of our parish. Thank you in advance for your support.

Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities

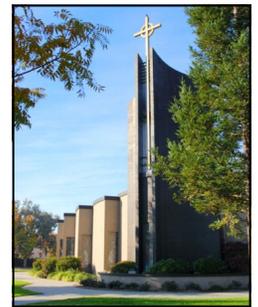
LIGHT WEIGH

Would you like to get in shape for summer? Break free from the vicious cycle of dieting and learn to achieve real peace with food through the Christ centered principles taught in this 12-week bible study. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings. Come to an orientation March 6 at 7:30PM. For more information call Cheryl, 545-7992 or Ann, 522-0697. Hope to see you there!

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

2013-2016 Term

The Pastoral Council is accepting nominations for two new members for the next 3-year term on the council. At the request of Bishop Blaire, we are seeking candidates between the ages of 18-35 to represent our young adult community at St. Joseph's. Do you know someone who does, or do you, possess: a desire for spiritual growth in themselves/yourself and the parish, enthusiasm about the future direction of the parish, willingness to listen, speak honestly and work toward consensus, ability to inspire and empower others to delegate, flexibility and openness with people and ideas? We'd love to hear from you! Council members are not experts, but are people who are committed to the parish and want to see the parish live and thrive in the future. They build relationships within the parish and increase participation in parish life.



What's the next step if I am interested?

Please send a letter of interest to Donna Roeck, chairperson, at drromni2@aol.com. This includes, but is not limited to: professional background, community and parish involvement, the gifts and talents you have to offer to the council. **Deadline is March 5.** Thank you!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A limited number of scholarships are available for children of active, registered St. Joseph's parishioners at either Our Lady of Fatima or St. Stanislaus Parish Schools. Scholarship applicants must either be current students or enrolled for the 2013-2014 school year.

COLLEGE

A limited number of scholarships are available for children of active, registered St. Joseph's parishioners who will attend or are attending a four-year college or university as undergraduates. Applicants must be enrolled for the 2013-2014 school year as full-time students.

Application forms and information for both scholarships are available in the parish office and are due by April 15.

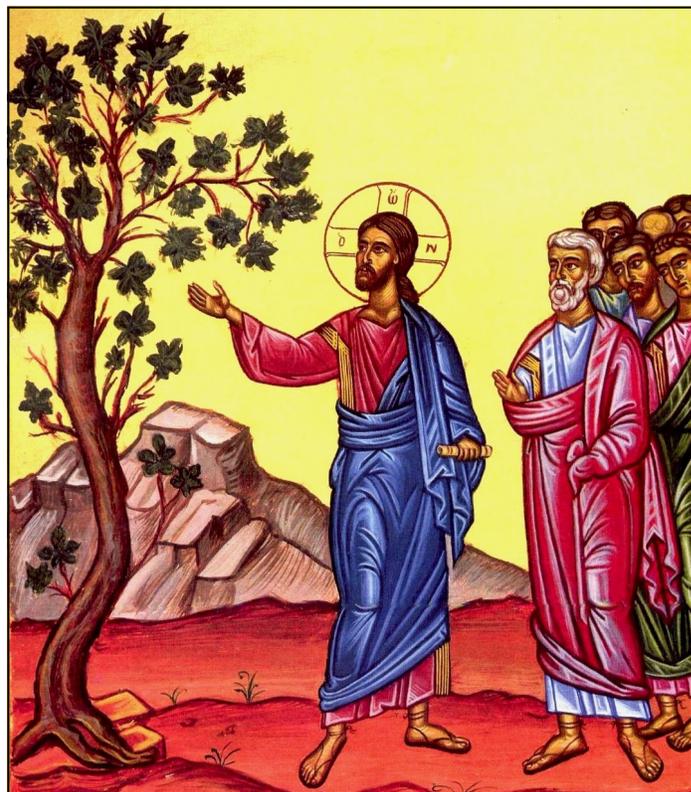
St. Joseph's supports Catholic education and college-age parishioners and welcomes donations of support to help fund scholarships.

Religious Education

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree...

By Maria F. Delgado-Braun, Religious Education

As we enter the Third Sunday of Lent — and what we can call the mid point during this holy time — let us take appraisal of our Lenten journey. We began our way to holiness with a few resolutions, mortifications and an improvement in our prayer life. Some of us have been faithful to our resolutions; others of us have fallen and felt the weight of our weak nature; or perhaps some of us have been discouraged as we faced our own iniquities and have decided to stop. *Let's not despair and give in to the deceiver!* He would like nothing better than to see us crushed down and disillusioned by our failures. No! the only time that we are to be bowed down is when we come before God in humble plea as children who have fallen time after time while learning to walk, but with full trust in the goodness of our heavenly Father who is always ready to embrace us with His mercy. In today's Gospel, we hear the harsh words of the owner of the vineyard (God), "*Behold, ...I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down; why should it use up the ground?*" These are words that we would never like to hear. He is speaking to Israel, which in Scripture is often depicted as a fig tree. Jesus, the Messiah came and Israel did not recognize Him, did not bear fruit. These words are directed to us, as well, for we continue to receive His grace and mercy. We perform pious devotions and attend Mass on Sundays and give alms, the fig tree of our lives is covered with green leaves, but has no fruit. Our conversion has not gone to the heart. Like Israel, we practice all the exterior prescribed rituals, but our hearts are far from falling in love with Christ. Like Scripture says, "*Let it alone, Sir, this year also, till I dig about it and put on manure. And if it bears fruit next year, well and good... (Luke 13:6-9)*" And what is this manure that can bring us to bear fruit? It is a total turnaround of our lives, it is putting Christ at the center, becoming enamored with Him, and following Him as a disciple. It is doing His will always and trusting in Him for everything, it is ordering every corner of our souls and lives and doing every action, however small, as a sacrifice with love for the salvation of souls. Let us recall the words of St. Augustine as we return to the battlefield, "*My son, come to the service of God, stand fast in fear and in righteousness, and prepare your soul for temptation.*" Let us renew our Lenten resolutions and with firm trust and love, knowing our weaknesses, pick ourselves up and follow Him, whom we love!



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Parish School of Religion Update

Parish School of Religion

psr@stjmod.com

551-4973 ext. 217

PSR is now on Facebook... search St Joseph PSR & like us!

PSR students, please bring cereal this month for St.

Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your kindness and stewardship!

March School of Faith Classes

March		Vocation		
M	T	W	T	F
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4 4pm	5 3:30pm	6	7	8
11	12	13 4, 7pm	14	15
18	19	20 7pm	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

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 **John and Nichole Sablan (209)581-8477** to make an appointment.

∞ Youth Ministry ∞

Contact Us!



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High School & Junior High Confirmation Announcements:

Attention all high school and junior high Confirmation students that need service hours:

Volunteers are needed to help with the fish fries that is held on Friday evenings during Lent. They are held in the Hall from 5-9 p.m. You can sign up in the PSR office if interested.

Confirmation 2 students: If you have not turned in a sponsor form, you need to do so as soon as possible. You may pick up a form and turn it in at the parish office or PSR department.

LifeNight Line-Up

3/3: The doctrine of Grace

3/10: Lenten Mission

Join us for this special evening with the Dominican Sisters as they give a special presentation to just the teens! They will speak about vocation and God's will in our lives. Bring a friend!

3/17: Heroic Virtue

3/24: Fearless - Overcome your fears and trust Christ in all circumstances.



San Diego: Youth Conference
The Steubenville Conference: San Diego trip will be July 26-28. There are

45 spots for teens! Permission slips are available now in the youth center and you can reserve your spot with a \$20 deposit. A minimum payment of \$20 is due each month leading up to the trip. Total cost is \$200. Join 5,000 other teens in adoration, Mass, praise and worship, men's and women's sessions and confession.

Spots are filling already! You do not want to miss out!



Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: *Plaza refreshments are being served this morning by our St. Joseph's Pastoral Council.*

Parish Stewardship — a way of life



"If you knew that trading in an hour of TV for an hour of prayer could save someone's life, would you do it?" Consider giving up just an hour a week during Lent to join the 40 Days for Life campaign.

I joined Laura Harker (above) last Friday in front of the clinic on Coffee Road in Modesto. We prayed, carried inspirational signs and received many car "honks of support". Consider giving God *an hour* — for life — this Lent! Join your fellow parishioners and parishioners from nearby parishes.
~Tammy Menezes

To sign up or get more information, please contact:
Steven at 450-3265 or visit
www.40daysforlife.com/modesto

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

Profiles in Stewardship

by Rosario Hernandez



María Elvira Galvez

María Galvez and her husband, George have been members of our parish for many years and, unless they are visiting one of their grown children, they never miss a Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's. María remembers when she lived in Mexico she would show her love for our Lady of Guadalupe as a member of an Aztec dance group. Years later, she attended a Cursillo (Journey) retreat and dedicated herself to serve the Lord, helping as a cursillista and as a member of a prayer group. As a member of the Legion of Mary, María served for 23 years in the spiritual works of mercy. She visited the jails, sharing her faith with every person she met, giving them a rosary and teaching them to pray. During the same time, and for more than 30 years, she visited seniors in rest homes bringing them the Holy Eucharist. For some of them, it was the last time they would receive that Sacrament. At present, María, as a good example of stewardship, is still active as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and as the leader of a Spanish Bible study group called Compartiendo las Escrituras (Sharing the Scriptures). Thank you María. You generously live your faith praying gratefully, serving responsibly and giving generously to our Lord and to St. Joseph's.

In the Diocese

MASS

for the Pope and the Conclave



Thursday, March 7
6:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton
Bishop Blaire will celebrate Mass for the Pope.

All the faithful are invited to come to give thanks for Pope Benedict XVI and pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the church forward.

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS CLUB

Please join us at the next Catholic Professional and Business Club meeting which will take place at the Doubletree Hotel on Tuesday, March 12. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Theresa Deisher. Admission (which includes breakfast) is \$15 for members, \$20 for guests.

RUSSIA SISTER PARISH

Would you like to join our team for a June mission trip to Vladivostok? Serve the poor and orphans and meet our friends in Russia! Please contact Jillian to sign up. 523-2625.

ALL SAINTS SCHOLARSHIPS

All Saints Catholic Campus Ministry in Turlock is offering scholarships for students currently attending or planning to attend CSU, Stanislaus, for the 2013-14 school year, regardless of religious affiliation. Need and potential for success in their chosen fields things taken into consideration when choosing the recipients. Scholarship application forms are available online through the college website, the Church office, or by contacting: Carol Parks 634-1142. All application forms must be returned to the church office by March 17.

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From our Holy Father in Rome

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
BENEDICT XVI FOR LENT 2013

"Believing in charity calls forth charity"

"We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us" (1 Jn 4:16)



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The celebration of Lent, in the context of the Year of Faith, offers us a valuable opportunity to meditate on the relationship between faith and charity:

between believing in God – the God of Jesus Christ – and love, which is the fruit of the Holy Spirit and which guides us on the path of devotion to God and others.

1. Faith as a response to the love of God

In my first Encyclical, I offered some thoughts on the close relationship between the theological virtues of faith and



charity. Setting out from Saint John's fundamental assertion: "We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us" (1 Jn 4:16), I observed that "being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction ... Since God has first loved us (cf. 1 Jn 4:10), love is now no longer a mere 'command'; it is the response to the gift of love with which God draws near to us" (*Deus Caritas Est*, 1). Faith is this personal adherence – which involves all our faculties – to the revelation of God's gratuitous and "passionate" love for us, fully revealed in Jesus Christ. The encounter with God who is Love engages not only the heart but also the intellect:

"Acknowledgement of the living God is one path towards love, and the 'yes' of our will to his will unites our intellect, will and sentiments in the all-embracing act of love. But this process is always open-ended; love is never 'finished' and complete" (*ibid.*, 17). Hence, for all Christians, and especially for "charity workers", there is a need for faith, for "that encounter with God in Christ which awakens their love and opens their spirits to others. As a result, love of neighbour will no longer be for them a commandment imposed, so to speak, from without, but a consequence deriving from their faith, a faith which becomes active through love" (*ibid.*, 31a). Christians are people who have been conquered by Christ's love and accordingly, under the influence of that love – "*Caritas Christi urget nos*" (2 Cor 5:14) – they are profoundly open to loving their neighbour in concrete ways (cf. *ibid.*, 33). This attitude arises primarily from the consciousness of being loved, forgiven, and even served by the Lord, who bends down to wash the feet of the Apostles and offers himself on the Cross to draw humanity into God's love.

"Faith tells us that God has given his Son for our sakes and gives us the victorious certainty that it is really true: God is love! ... Faith, which sees the love of God revealed in the pierced heart of Jesus on the Cross, gives rise to love. Love is the light – and in the end, the only light – that can always illuminate a world grown dim and give us the courage needed to keep living and working" (*ibid.*, 39). All this helps us to understand that the principal distinguishing mark of Christians is precisely "love grounded in and shaped by faith" (*ibid.*, 7).

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

This Week

Sunday, March 3 (Third Sunday of Lent)			
7:30a	Kay Baggett	1:30p	George Medina and Joaquin Rocha
9:00a	Nick Alves	3:30p	Annie Joseph and Elykuty Kothampananiyil
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Franco Agazzi
12:00p	Nancy Aboularage	7:30p	Cristina Linares
Monday, March 4			
8:00a	Jasper Cusenza and James Walsh	5:45p	David Salazar and Edna E. Gamba
Tuesday, March 5			
8:00a	Delma Cunningham and Natalia Ballesteros	5:45p	Jim Trevillyan and Wilma Lee
Wednesday, March 6			
8:00a	Elizabeth Machado and Helen Johnson	5:45p	Rafael Franco and Arturo Salazar Bonilla
Thursday, March 7			
8:00a	Alfredo Antonio and John & Virginia Bairos	5:45p	Angela Dominguez and Ellen Peyton
Friday, March 8			
8:00a	Josephine Corbeil and Margarita Franco	5:45p	Manuel B. Victoria and Deceased Members of St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus
12:00p	Fr. Joseph O'Hare		
Saturday, March 9			
8:00a	Bienvenida De Leon and Margarita Ruelas	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, March 10 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)			
7:30a	Fr. Larry Guerrero—Special Intention	1:30p	Joaquin & Natividad Rocha
9:00a	Lisa Dawn Scott	5:30p	Necina Highfill
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Nicolina Grothaus
12:00p	Tony & Connie Esteves		

Sunday, March 3, 2013		
11:30A	7 Steps	JP8
Monday, March 4, 2013		
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer (Eng)	JP10
Tuesday, March 5, 2013		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
10:30A	Light Weigh	JP8
6:00P	ESL Classes - Intermediates	JP4
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:30P	ESL Classes - Beginners	JP10
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer (Span)	JP7
7:00P	Year of Faith Bible Study	Chur
Wednesday, March 6, 2013		
1:30P	Widows and Widowers Bible Study	JP5
5:45P	Principle Study Group	JP5
5:45P	Path to Serenity - ALANON	JP10
5:45P	Alateen Group	JP8
Thursday, March 7, 2013		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
12:00P	Carmel Study Group	JP4
12:00P	Lunch Bible Study	JP5
6:30P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30P	Compartiendo las Escrituras	JP4
Friday, March 8, 2013		
8:30A	Stations fo the Cross	Chur
6:00P	Indian Prayer Group	JP6
6:30P	Viacrucis - Español	Chur
7:30P	Stations fo the Cross	Chur
Saturday, March 9, 2013		
7:30A	Lay Dominicans	JP5
9:00A	AA Language of the Heart	JP4
9:00A	MI Consecration Formation	JP6
1:00P	Marriage Prep Retreat	JP2
5:00P	Young Adult Ministry	JP6

Parish Novenas

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH



March 11-19, after all Masses. Feast Day celebration with potluck on Tuesday, March 19 after 5:45pm Mass.

DIVINE MERCY

March 30-April 17, coordinated by the Divine Mercy prayer group.



Readings 03/04-03/10

Monday:	2 Kgs. 5:1-15; 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:	Num. 20:1-3, 6-13; Jn. 4:5-42
Saturday:	Hos. 6:1-6; Lk. 18:9-14
Sunday:	Jos. 5:9a, 10-12/2Cor. 5:17-21; Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32
Latin Mass	Gal. 4:22-31; Jn. 6:1-15



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

During Lent, try a Holy Hour with Jesus once a week! Make it your Lenten resolution. Please contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up an hour.

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

Bienvenido
a **St. Joseph's**

SOLICITUD MINISTERIAL
del OBISPO en 2013

Nuestra donación a la Solicitud Ministerial del Obispo puede ayudar a hacer un buen impacto en las vidas de muchas personas por medio de los ministerios diocesanos. Estos ministerios solo pueden funcionar y prosperar con su apoyo. Para más información: www.stocktondiocese.org/BMA

Ministerio Juvenil

Conferencia Juvenil
de San Diego:
Julio 26-28, 2013

¡Tenemos 45 lugares para adolescentes!

Las formas de permiso están disponibles en la oficina, y pueden apartar su lugar con sólo \$20 de depósito. Un pago mínimo de \$20 se debe pagar cada mes hasta la fecha del viaje. El costo total es de \$200. Únete a 5,000 adolescentes más en Adoración al Santísimo, Misa, alabanza y culto, sesiones para hombres y mujeres, y confesión.

¡El cupo se está llenando!
¡No te pierdas de vivir esta experiencia espiritual!

ESCUELA DE FE

Marzo			Vocación	
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4pm	3:30pm			
18	19	20	21	22
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25	26	27	28	29

¡Boletín Parroquial en Español!
DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Mark Wagner

Queridos parroquianos,
Las lecturas de hoy hablan de la piedra en el desierto a la que Moisés pegó para sacar agua para el Pueblo de Dios. San Pablo dice que “bebían de una roca espiritual... y la roca era Cristo.” La roca representaba a Jesús mismo quien nos da “agua viva.” Mi imagen cuaresmal preferida es esta pintura “Cristo en el Desierto” por el artista Ruso Ivan Kramskoi. Muestra de una manera muy realista la soledad, hambre, sed, cansancio y aburrimiento de los 40 días de Jesús en el desierto. Jesús fija su mirada en las piedras a sus pies, resistiendo la tentación de cambiarlas en pan y bebida. ¡Esta imagen nos puede dar ánimo para seguir nuestra penitencia cuaresmal, y para seguir rezando por los Cardenales Electores quienes elegirán al nuevo papa!



“Christ in the Desert” - Ivan Kramskoi

Sinceramente,
Fr. Mark

Guarde esta fecha:



Servicio
Penitencial de
Cuaresma
de St. Joseph's
20 de marzo
7pm en la
iglesia

Sacerdotes de toda la diócesis estarán en St. Joseph's para escuchar su confesión.

ADORACION al
SANTISIMO

¡Haga su resolución para Cuaresma inscribese para pasar una hora por semana frente al Santísimo Sacramento! Favor de llamar a David y Monica Wood al 527-4920.



CLASES DE INGLES

¿Sabia usted que St. Joseph's ofrece clases de Ingles como segunda lengua todos los martes? Para intermediarios de 6-7pm en el cuarto JP 4 All Saints Room. Para comenzantes de 6:30-7:30pm en el cuarto JP 10. Regístrese en la oficina e invite a las personas interesadas en asistir a las clases.

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

MENSAJE DEL SANTO PADRE
BENEDICTO XVI PARA LA CUARESMA 2013

Creer en la caridad suscita caridad

«Hemos conocido el amor que Dios nos tiene y hemos creído en él» (1 Jn 4,16)



CORRESPONSABILIDAD (STEWARDSHIP)

Por Rosario Hernandez



María Elvira Galvez

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

La celebración de la Cuaresma, en el marco del *Año de la fe*, nos ofrece una ocasión preciosa para meditar sobre la relación entre fe y caridad: entre creer en Dios, el Dios de Jesucristo, y el amor, que es fruto de la acción del Espíritu Santo y nos guía por un camino de entrega a Dios y a los demás.

1. La fe como respuesta al amor de Dios

En mi primera Encíclica expuse ya algunos elementos para comprender el estrecho vínculo entre estas dos virtudes teologales, la fe y la caridad. Partiendo de la afirmación fundamental del apóstol Juan: «Hemos conocido el amor que Dios nos tiene y hemos creído en él» (1 Jn 4,16), recordaba que «no se comienza a ser cristiano por una decisión ética o una gran idea, sino por el encuentro con un acontecimiento, con una Persona, que da un nuevo horizonte a la vida y, con ello, una orientación decisiva... Y puesto que es Dios quien nos ha amado primero (cf. 1 Jn 4,10), ahora el amor ya no es sólo un “mandamiento”, sino la respuesta al don del amor, con el cual Dios viene a nuestro encuentro» (*Deus caritas est*, 1). La fe constituye la adhesión personal —que incluye todas nuestras facultades— a la revelación del amor gratuito y «apasionado» que Dios tiene por nosotros y que se manifiesta plenamente en Jesucristo. El encuentro con Dios Amor no sólo comprende el corazón, sino también el entendimiento: «El reconocimiento del Dios vivo es una vía hacia el amor, y el sí de nuestra voluntad a la suya abarca entendimiento, voluntad y sentimiento en el acto único del amor. Sin embargo, éste es un proceso que siempre está en camino: el amor nunca se da por “concluido” y completado» (*ibidem*, 17). De aquí deriva para todos los cristianos y, en particular, para los «agentes de la caridad», la necesidad de la fe, del «encuentro con Dios en Cristo que suscite en ellos el amor y abra su espíritu al otro, de modo que, para ellos, el amor al prójimo ya no sea un mandamiento por así decir impuesto desde fuera, sino una consecuencia que se desprende de su fe, la cual actúa por la caridad» (*ib.*, 31a). El cristiano es una persona conquistada por el amor de Cristo y movido por este amor —«*caritas Christi urget nos*» (2 Co 5,14)—, está abierto de modo profundo y concreto al amor al prójimo (cf. *ib.*, 33). Esta actitud nace ante todo de la conciencia de que el Señor nos ama, nos perdona, incluso nos sirve, se inclina a lavar los pies de los apóstoles y se entrega a sí mismo en la cruz para atraer a la humanidad al amor de Dios.

«La fe nos muestra a Dios que nos ha dado a su Hijo y así suscita en nosotros la firme certeza de que realmente es verdad que Dios es amor... La fe, que hace tomar conciencia del amor de Dios revelado en el corazón traspasado de Jesús en la cruz, suscita a su vez el amor. El amor es una luz —en el fondo la única— que ilumina constantemente a un mundo oscuro y nos da la fuerza para vivir y actuar» (*ib.*, 39). Todo esto nos lleva a comprender que la principal actitud característica de los cristianos es precisamente «el amor fundado en la fe y plasmado por ella» (*ib.*, 7).



María Gálvez y su esposo, George tienen mucho tiempo como feligreses en nuestra parroquia y al menos que estén visitando a alguno de sus hijos, no se pierden un domingo sin asistir a misa en St. Joseph's. María recuerda que cuando vivía en León, Guanajuato mostraba su amor por la Virgen como miembro de un grupo de danzantes. Años después, se entregó al servicio del Señor como cursillista y miembro de un grupo de oración. Mas tarde, como miembro de la Legión de María, Elvirita sirvió por 23 años activa en las obras de caridad espirituales. Visitando a los presos y compartiendo su fe con cada persona que visitaba, les entregaba un Rosario y les enseñaba a orar. Al mismo tiempo y por más de 30 años visitó a los ancianos en los asilos, llevándoles la Santa Eucaristía donde, para algunas personas ya en sus últimos días, la recibían por última vez. En el presente María, como buen ejemplo de la corresponsabilidad sigue activa como Ministro Extraordinario de la Santa Comunión y como líder del grupo en español de “Compartiendo las Escrituras”.

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