

*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 4, 2012 Second 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. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochiner, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

I've been reading a bit of **Wendell Berry** recently. His small Kentucky farm reminds me of the small Pennsylvania farms of my boyhood.



Fr. Illo's boyhood farm in Pennsylvania.

Berry is one of

America's more perceptive observers - he sees clearly why our economy, and our culture, is faltering. He wrote these words in 1979:

"The reason that we are a rich nation is not that we have earned so much wealth - you cannot, by any honest means, earn or deserve so much. The reason is simply that we have learned, and become willing, to market and use up in our own time the birthright and livelihood of posterity." Thirty years later, we still are consuming and wasting five or six times the amount that we need or deserve. But now, perhaps, we get the feeling that it is running out. Our children and grandchildren will pay the price of our profligacy.

America was founded on the economically sustainable and humanly satisfying culture of the family farm. Small farms and large families made America a nation of honest citizens who practiced thrift, exercised strength of character, and cultivated a respect for other people, animals and the land God had given them. The virtues of hard work and frugality developed in Americans the strength to save the world from both fascism and communism in the century just past. But these virtues of the Great Generation have become "old fashioned." We have become a nation of large, industrial farms (more akin to factories or mining operations) and small, fruitless families (more akin to personal interest groups). Our cars, our houses and our vacations now consume twice as many resources for half as many people. An America like this will not long maintain her wealth or moral stature. We sense that something is wrong. But rather than give up our wasteful lifestyles, we justify them by talking about "saving the planet." Movie stars make grand speeches, but they maintain several gigantic homes for their one or two children.

Lent is a time to simplify - to use less, to give more.

Let us pray to God that we use this time well.

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
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Readings 03/05-03/11

- Monday:**
Dn. 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:**
Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday:**
Jer. 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday:**
Jer 17:5-10; Lk. 16:19-31
- Friday:**
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- 12pm Latin Mass:**
Ezech. 18:20-28; Jn. 5:1-15
- Saturday:**
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday:**
Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19;
1 Cor. 1:22-25; Jn. 2:13-25
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex
17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn. 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]
- 9am Mass Latin: Second Sunday in Lent**
1 Thes. 4:1-7; Mt. 17:1-9

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 4 (Second Sunday of Lent)			
7:30a	Alzira Victoria	1:30p	Jorge Medina, Jr.
9:00a	Elizabeth Elson	3:00p	Mathai & Annamma Joseph and Annie Joseph
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Leona Delos Reyes
12:00p	Matias & Maria Ferreira	7:30p	Rita Roeck
Monday, March 5			
8:00a	Jim Trevillyan and Jasper Cusenza	5:45p	Teresa Presto and Josephine Paluzzi
Tuesday, March 6			
8:00a	Andriel Reynosa-Russ and Joan Porter	5:45p	Angela Dominguez and Marlene Martus
Wednesday, March 7			
8:00a	Arlene Enos and Elizabeth Elson	5:45p	Ellen Peyton and Theresa Cant
Thursday, March 8			
8:00a	Omar Vidal and Helen Johnson	5:45p	Marcelina Barajas and Lupe Suniga
Friday, March 9			
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and Bienvenida De Leon	5:45p	Margarita Ruelas and Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
Saturday, March 10			
8:00a	Fr. Larry Guerrero—Special Intention	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
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		

Offertory Gift Report

January 2012	
Our Budgeted Monthly Offertory:	\$ 137,947
Actual Offertory Gifts Received:	\$ 136,774
Above or Below Budgeted Amount:	\$ -1,173
Average monthly gift per household:	\$ 23
Total from July 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012	
Budgeted Monthly Offertory:	\$883,905
Actual Offertory Gifts Received:	\$880,862
Above or Below Budgeted Amount:	\$ -3,043
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:	
Over 1,050 children attend our Parish School of Religion each week!	

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

March 4 — Second Sunday of Lent

Today's readings speak of the love of God, being loved by God, and giving gifts in response to that love. Abraham loved and trusted God so much that he was willing to offer his only son as a holocaust, a gift to God. Abraham received Isaac from God as a gift in his old age along with a promise of descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. St. Paul tells the Romans that God who gave us the gift of his Son would also give us everything else. In the gospel God revealed to the apostles that Jesus was his beloved Son and had a message to share. May we trust in God like Abraham, listen to Jesus like the Apostles and proclaim the Good News like St. Paul.

Parish Life

☞ New Arrival ☞

ST. JOSEPH'S WELCOMES FR. TONY CHACKO

Bishop Blaire has appointed Fr. Tony Chacko as parochial vicar (associate pastor) to our parish. Fr. Chacko, 62, comes from Southern India and speaks Malayalam (Fr. Benny's language), as well as English, Portuguese, and Spanish. He spent much of his adult life as a Missionary of Charity Brother in Brazil, and was a personal friend of Mother Teresa. He has been parochial vicar at St. Mary's in Oakdale for the last two years. We are very blessed to have him join St. Joseph's, our family of families. Welcome Fr. Tony!



☞ Events & Activities ☞

ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

The Environment Ministry needs you help! We are cleaning the church on March 10, 10am-12noon to get ready for Easter. Sign-ups on the Plaza today.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's next local weekend is March 9-11. Come join us and renew, restore and rekindle your marriage. For more information contact Angelica & John at aangarita@sbcglobal.net.



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. at 209-605-0001 with any questions.

2012-2013 ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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 2012-2013 school year. Application forms and information are available in the parish office and are due by April 30. St. Joseph's supports Catholic School Education and welcomes donations of support to help fund scholarships.

2012-2013 ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

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. Prospective applicants must be enrolled for the 2012-2013 school year as full-time students. Application forms and information are available in the parish office and are due by April 30. St. Joseph's supports our college-age parishioners and welcomes donations of support to help fund scholarships.

☞ This Week ☞

Sunday, March 4, 2012		
10:00 A	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	JP6
1:00 P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7
3:00 P	Indian Mass	Chur
Monday, March 5, 2012		
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10
7:00 P	Spanish Lenten Mission	Chur
Tuesday, March 6, 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	Knights of Columbus (KoC)	Hall
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:30 P	Light Weigh	JP8
	Charismatic Prayer Group	
7:00 P	Spanish	JP7
7:00 P	Spanish Lenten Mission	Chur
Wednesday, March 7, 2012		
1:30 P	Widows and Widowers Bible Study	JP5
5:30 P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
5:45 P	Al Anon Group	JP10
7:00 P	Spanish Lenten Mission	Chur
7:30 P	Spanish Lenten Mission	Chur
Thursday, March 8, 2012		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30 P	Compartiendo la Biblia	JP4
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
Friday, March 9, 2012		
8:45 A	Stations of the Cross	Chur
12:00 P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:00 P	Indian Prayer Group	JP6
6:30 P	Spanish Stations of the	Chur
7:00 P	Filipino ARISE Prayer Mtg	JP5
7:30 P	Stations of the Cross	Chur
Saturday, March 10, 2012		
8:00 A	Lay Dominicans	JP5
5:30 P	K of C Crab Feed	Hall
Sunday, March 11, 2012		
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
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.

☞ Parish School of Religion ☜

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

☞ Militia Immaculata ☜



MI CALENDAR OF
EVENTS
Join us and learn more
about the Militia of the
Immaculata!

March 3 —Mass and Anointing of the Sick at 10am.

—No monthly meetings for Prayer and Spanish Villages

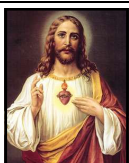
March 4—Family Village Monthly meeting after 9am Mass in the Hall.

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

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

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

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



MI HOME
ENTHRONEMENT
“Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.” You have the

opportunity to make your very home the heart of Jesus! If you are interested in enthroning your home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, please call Kent and Laura Harker at: 571-5471.

☞ 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...

This Sunday's Collects frame the Mass and invoke the prayers that are sent to the Father through the sublime sacrifice of His Son in the Holy Mass and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. The gospel of Mark recalls the Mystery of the Transfiguration and witness of the three disciples as Jesus' divinity is made present to them. May we recall this Mystery of our faith throughout this time of Lent, when Jesus, the Son of God is presented by Him as the fulfillment of His plan of salvation for humanity. The Word Made Flesh has entered into human history, He is the fulfillment of all prophecy and the Law. During the Transfiguration, the words of God the

Father are heard, “ This is my Beloved Son; listen to Him.” And so during this time of Lent and throughout our lives, we are to listen to Jesus' teaching to His word, and to become His disciples, His followers. In the second reading, St. Paul tells us “if God is with us, who is against us? In our journey through Lent, let us shed our darkness and be purified and nourished through the word of God and so continue our way to the New Jerusalem. In the Collect, the priest, in the name of the Body of Christ, sends our petitions for a fruitful and holy Lent.

The Collect:

Let us pray: O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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.

☞ Bible Study ☜

10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MARK'S GOSPEL

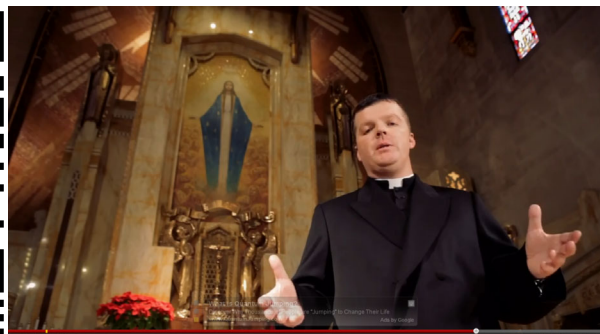
Neophyte Bible Study

March 5, 7-8:30pm, JP II, Rm 4

If you have gone through the RCIA process and become Catholic anytime in the past 5 years, you are invited to a bible study led by Gary Nelson.

☞ Video Resource ☜

Many of you may have seen the youtube video sensation where a man named Jefferson Bethke says: “Why I hate religion, but love Jesus”? But have you seen this version “Why I love religion, and love Jesus” from Fr. Pontifex...



Scan the QR code to watch the video or visit:
www.stjmod.com/faith--life-blog.html

☞ Youth Ministry ☜

Upcoming LifeNights:

- 3/4: **Heart of Mystery** – Paschal Mystery Explained.
 - 3/11: **Dead Strength** - Living the Paschal Mystery.
 - 3/18: **Nailed** – A loving God vs. the Reality of suffering.
 - 3/25: **St. Joseph’s Lenten Mission**
- All high school teens are invited to join us every Sunday evening from 7-8:30pm Bring a friend! See you there!

Confirmation Retreats

Confirmation 1-April 14 & Confirmation 2-April 28
Retreats are mandatory for junior high students and will be held at St. Joseph’s in the Fr. O’Hare hall, starting at 9 a.m. More information and permission slips will be passed out at Confirmation classes soon.

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!



NET Ministries Interview Retreat

Every year 100 young adults between the ages of 18-28 are selected to serve with the National Evangelization Teams, or NET Ministries. As a Catholic Missionary you travel for 9 months around the United States putting on retreats for 7th-12th grades. The mission of NET ministries is to “Challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the Life of the Church”. There will be an interview retreat HERE at St. Joseph’s held on March 9-10. Our parish has been blessed to send 5 young adults to serve with the organization over the past 3 years. For more information please contact Katie or Nathan. Or visit their website at www.netusa.org.
“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” Mt. 4:19

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

For more information contact the youth ministry department.





St. Joseph's Adult Choir

Profiles in Stewardship

by Svetlana Avetisyan

The primary role of the church choir is to enrich the celebration, invite the whole body of the faithful to active participation, and provide sacred music for liturgy, that broadens the joy, solemnity, and beauty.

The St. Joseph's Adult Choir is an auditioned 40 singer ensemble that is made up of volunteers. The ages range from college students to seniors. The ensemble presents several concerts throughout the year. They also participate and sing at every 10:30am Sunday Mass. The repertoire of the ensemble ranges from the treasury of sacred music, Gregorian Chant, traditional Catholic hymns, to Classical and Contemporary, singing composers of various times, styles and cultures. The main mission of the Choir is to promote choral singing, help enhance and compliment the worship of the Mass.

Some of the ensemble's highlights include traveling to Rome, singing at the Gallo Center, helping with the ordination of Fr. Sam West, and coming soon in September — a performance at St. Stanislaus new church! Thank you St. Joseph's Adult Choir for your dedication and talented work!

New members are encouraged to join, for more information please call the parish office to talk with Svetlana to set up an audition time.

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: *Plaza Refreshments are being served this morning by our St. Joseph's Environment Committee. Consider being a part of this active group's activities.*

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 Malissa Souza and Bob Shannon, above, for an hour 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:
Stephanie Pizzirulli, DC, at 209-484-7233 or visit
www.40daysforlife.com/modesto

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

From our Holy Father in Rome

MESSAGE FOR LENT 2012

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Concern for others entails desiring what is good for them from every point of view: physical, moral and spiritual. Contemporary culture seems to have lost the sense of good and evil, yet there is a real need to reaffirm that good does exist and will prevail, because God is “generous and acts generously” (Ps 119:68). The good is whatever gives, protects and promotes life, brotherhood and communion. Responsibility towards others thus means desiring and working for the good of others, in the hope that they too will become receptive to goodness and its demands. Concern for others means being aware of their needs. Sacred Scripture warns us of the danger that our hearts can become hardened by a sort of



“spiritual anesthesia” which numbs us to the suffering of others. The Evangelist Luke relates two of Jesus’ parables by way of example. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the priest and the Levite “pass by”, indifferent to the presence of the man stripped and beaten by the robbers (Lk 10:30-32). In that of Dives and Lazarus, the rich man is heedless of the poverty of Lazarus, who is starving to death at his very door (Lk 16:19). Both parables show examples of the opposite of “being concerned”, of looking upon others with love and compassion. What hinders this humane and loving gaze towards our brothers and sisters? Often it is the possession of material riches and a sense of sufficiency, but it can also be the tendency to put our own interests and problems above all else. We should never be incapable of “showing mercy” towards those who suffer. Our hearts should never be so wrapped up in our affairs and problems that they fail to hear the cry of the poor. Humbleness of heart and the personal experience of suffering can awaken within us a sense of compassion and empathy. “The upright understands the cause of the weak, the wicked has not the wit to understand it” (Prov 29:7). We can then understand the beatitude of “those who mourn” (Mt 5:5), those who in effect are capable of looking beyond themselves and feeling compassion for the suffering of others. Reaching out to others and opening our hearts to their needs can become an opportunity for salvation and blessedness.

“Being concerned for each other” also entails being concerned for their spiritual well-being. Here I would like to mention an aspect of the Christian life, which I believe has been quite forgotten: *fraternal correction in view of eternal salvation*. Today, in general, we are very sensitive to the idea of charity and caring about the physical and material well-being of others, but almost completely silent about our spiritual responsibility towards our brothers and sisters. This was not the case in the early Church or in those communities that are truly mature in faith, those which are concerned not only for the physical health of their brothers and sisters, but also for their spiritual health and ultimate destiny.

In the Diocese

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. This ministry, committed to the Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure, provides professional leadership for and evaluation of curriculum, programs, teachers and other school employees. The application forms, job description and other related expectations can be found at

www.presentationchurch.net. Click on "Administration".

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.

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, March 13 - 7am Mass,
7:30 breakfast & speaker
Doubletree Hotel, 9th & K

This month's speaker: Jeff Persons
Elementary school principal in Turlock. He received a B.A. in History & Literature at Eastern Michigan Univ. and a Master's Degree in Catholic Theology from St. Michael's College. He is currently completing his doctoral studies in Education at CSU, Stanislaus. Call or e-mail Cathy Hearst 968-8086, cheerst@pacbell.net or Georg Erbele gerbele2@yahoo.com

\$15 members, \$20 non-members

Por Svetlana Avetisyan



St. Joseph's Adult Choir

El papel primordial del coro de la iglesia es el de enriquecer la celebración, invitar a todos los fieles a una activa participación, y proveer música sagrada para la liturgia, que amplía la alegría, solemnidad, y belleza.

El Coro de Adultos de St. Joseph's se compone de 40 cantantes voluntarios que pasaron la prueba de audición. Sus edades están entre estudiantes del colegio a personas ya retiradas. Además de participar y cantar cada domingo en la misa de las 10:30am, el grupo presenta varios conciertos durante el año. El repertorio del coro se compone de entre el tesoro de la música sagrada, canto Gregoriano, himnos tradicionales católicos, a cantantes y compositores de la música clásica y contemporánea de varios tiempos, estilos y culturas. La misión principal del grupo es de promover el canto en coro, y ayudar a realzar y complementar el culto de la Misa.

Algunos de los momentos cumbre del grupo incluyen el haber viajado a Roma, haber cantado en el Gallo Art Center, haber ayudado en la ordenación del padre Sam West, y ¡próximamente, en septiembre—una presentación en la iglesia nueva de St. Stanislaus! Gracias Coro de Adultos de St. Joseph's por su dedicación y talentoso trabajo.

Se les invita a unirse como miembros nuevos, para más información o hacer una cita para su audición favor de llamar a Svetlana a la oficina.

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

Recientemente he estado leyendo un poco sobre **Wendell Berry**. Su pequeño rancho me recuerda las pequeñas fincas de mi niñez en Pennsylvania. Berry es uno de los observadores más perspicaces—puede ver por que nuestra economía, y nuestra cultura están fallando. En 1979 escribió lo siguiente:

“La razón por la cual somos una nación rica, no es que porque nos hayamos ganado toda esta riqueza—uno no puede, por medios honestos, ganar o merecer tanto. La razón es que simplemente hemos aprendido, y hemos querido usar y mercadear nuestra herencia y ganancia para la posteridad en nuestro tiempo.” Treinta años después, todavía nos encontramos consumiendo y despilfarrando cinco o seis veces más la cantidad que necesitamos o merecemos, pero ahora, tal vez, nos damos cuenta de que se nos está terminando. Nuestros hijos y nietos pagarán el precio de nuestro despilfarro.

América fue fundada sobre la economía sostenible y la cultura humana satisfactoria basada en la familia de una finca. Los ranchos pequeños y las familias grandes hicieron a América una nación de ciudadanos honestos, practicantes del ahorro, ejercitando la fortaleza de carácter, y cultivando el respeto por la gente, los animales, y la tierra que Dios les dio. Las virtudes del trabajo fuerte y el ahorro desarrollaron en los americanos la fortaleza para salvar al mundo del fascismo y el comunismo el siglo anterior. Pero estas virtudes de la Gran Generación han llegado a ser “una antigüedad.” Nos hemos convertido en una nación de grandes ranchos industriales (más parecidos a las factorías o las operaciones mineras) y familias pequeñas sin fruto (más parecidos a grupos de interés personal). Nuestros carros, casas, y nuestras vacaciones ahora consumen el doble de los recursos para una mitad de las personas. Una América como esta no podrá mantener su riqueza o estatura moral por mucho tiempo. Sentimos que hay algo que está mal. Pero antes de dejar nuestra derrochadora manera de vivir, la justificamos hablando sobre temas como “salvando el planeta.” Las estrellas de la farándula dan grandes discursos, pero todavía mantienen varias casas gigantescas para sus uno o dos hijos.

La Cuaresma es una época para simplificar—usar menos, y dar mas. Recémosle a Dios para que usemos bien este tiempo.

Fr. Joseph



Granja de la infancia del Padre Illo en Pennsylvania.

ST. JOSEPH'S DA LA BIENVENIDA AL PADRE TONY CHACKO



El Obispo Blaire ha nombrado al Padre Tony Chacko como vicario en nuestra parroquia. El Padre Chacko habla ingles, portugués, y español. El ha pasado una gran parte de su vida como Misionero de la Caridad en Brasil, y fue un amigo cercano de la Madre Teresa. Ha sido vicario de la parroquia de St. Mary's en Oakdale por los últimos dos años. Estamos bendecidos de tenerlo aquí en St. Joseph's, nuestra familia de familias. ¡Bienvenido, Padre Chacko!

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 II



Queridos hermanos y hermanas

La atención al otro conlleva desear el bien para él o para ella en todos los aspectos: físico, moral y espiritual. La cultura contemporánea parece haber perdido el sentido del bien y del mal, por lo que es necesario reafirmar con fuerza que el bien existe y vence, porque Dios es «bueno y hace el bien» (Sal 119,68). El bien es lo que suscita, protege y promueve la vida, la fraternidad y la comunión. La responsabilidad para con el prójimo significa, por tanto, querer y hacer el bien del otro, deseando que también él se abra a la lógica del bien; interesarse por el hermano significa abrir los ojos a sus necesidades. La Sagrada Escritura nos pone en guardia ante el peligro de tener el corazón endurecido por una especie de «anestesia espiritual» que nos deja ciegos ante los sufrimientos de los demás. El evangelista



Lucas refiere dos parábolas de Jesús, en las cuales se indican dos ejemplos de esta situación que puede crearse en el corazón del hombre. En la parábola del buen Samaritano, el sacerdote y el levita «dieron un rodeo», con indiferencia, delante del hombre al cual los salteadores habían despojado y dado una paliza (cf. Lc 10,30-32), y en la del rico epulón, ese hombre saturado de bienes no se percata de la condición del pobre Lázaro, que muere de hambre delante de su puerta (cf. Lc 16,19). En ambos casos se trata de lo contrario de «fijarse», de mirar con amor y compasión. ¿Qué es lo que impide esta mirada humana y amorosa hacia el hermano? Con frecuencia son la riqueza material y la saciedad, pero también el anteponer los propios intereses y las propias preocupaciones a todo lo demás. Nunca debemos ser incapaces de «tener misericordia» para con quien sufre; nuestras cosas y nuestros problemas nunca deben absorber nuestro corazón hasta el punto de hacernos sordos al grito del pobre. En cambio, precisamente la humildad de corazón y la experiencia personal del sufrimiento pueden ser la fuente de un despertar interior a la compasión y a la empatía: «El justo reconoce los derechos del pobre, el malvado es incapaz de conocerlos» (Pr 29,7). Se comprende así la bienaventuranza de «los que lloran» (Mt 5,4), es decir, de quienes son capaces de salir de sí mismos para conmoverse por el dolor de los demás. El encuentro con el otro y el hecho de abrir el corazón a su necesidad son ocasión de salvación y de bienaventuranza.

El «fijarse» en el hermano comprende además la solicitud por su bien espiritual. Y aquí deseo recordar un aspecto de la vida cristiana que a mi parecer ha caído en el olvido: *la corrección fraterna con vistas a la salvación eterna*. Hoy somos generalmente muy sensibles al aspecto del cuidado y la caridad en relación al bien físico y material de los demás, pero callamos casi por completo respecto a la responsabilidad espiritual para con los hermanos. No era así en la Iglesia de los primeros tiempos y en las comunidades verdaderamente maduras en la fe, en las que las personas no sólo se interesaban por la salud corporal del hermano, sino también por la de su alma, por su destino último.

Retiro de Cuaresma

Ven a Conocer del Corazón de Jesús

Iglesia de St. Joseph's, Modesto
5, 6, y 7 de marzo de 7:00pm a
8:30pm



Preguntas al (209) 551-4973

Maestro Bueno, ¿Qué he de hacer para tener en herencia vida eterna? Marcos 10:17

Dios tiene un plan para cada uno de nosotros. Ven, para que conozcas del Amor de Jesús. **Consagra a tu familia al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús.**

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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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MARCH 25 - 28

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

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

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