

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

**November 20, 2011**

## Feast of Christ the King

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Visit our website:

[www.stjmod.com](http://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

Holy Hour in the Church

Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm

### Children's Services:

*Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)*

At the 10:30am Sunday Mass

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mondays-Thursdays 5:00-5:30pm

Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm (Holy Hour)

Saturdays 8:30-9:30am; 4:00-5:00pm

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

### Clergy:

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor

Fr. Benny Kottathil, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinerio, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

## From the Pastor's Laptop

On November 16, both **Penn State University** President Graham Spanier and legendary football coach Joe Paterno were fired for not taking proper action against an assistant coach who sexually abused children. Overnight the Media demonized Penn State as an evil empire that did not hesitate to sacrifice even children to its football program.

What happened at Penn State is unconscionable, and Coach Paterno is responsible for his Athletic Department. What happened at Penn State happens in many other institutions. We know that it happens even in the Church. But sexual deviance is thoroughly accepted, even promoted, at almost every American University, in the Entertainment Industry, and in much of Government itself. Why are only *certain institutions* singled out?

Sexual predation on Capitol Hill is legendary — recall Modesto's own Chandra Levi, or President Clinton's Monica Lewinski. The news and entertainment industries are rife with sexual crime. Where was media scrutiny at Michael Jackson's "Neverland Ranch" activities? Why are activists who promote pedophilia not criticized? It is precisely the entertainment industry that brought soft-porn into America's living room, and the government that protected this porn. "Soft-porn" leads to hard-porn, and hard-porn leads to sexual crime. When pornography merchants point fingers at their customers *who act on that pornography* by committing sexual crimes, we have a fine example of rank hypocrisy.

Consider our Supreme Court. While seven justices ruled in 2008 that dissemination of child pornography is illegal, two of the justices ruled to permit *computer-generated* child pornography. The *New York Times* attributed this opinion to Justice David Souter: "Possession of pornographic images that do not depict real children is constitutionally protected, and offering them should not be a crime." And the media smiled approvingly at Justice Souter's opinion.

What has happened at Penn State must be reformed. But politically-protected institutions like the Media and the Government must be held to the same standard. I don't expect they will, at least not anytime soon. But we must pray.

This is the last Sunday of the liturgical year, and the Feast of **Christ the King**. Despite the anguish with which we see our culture declining, we must put our hope in Jesus Christ the Lord. His Kingdom shall prevail, and every eye shall behold it. Let us pray.

*Fr. Joseph*



**☞ Staff Contacts ☜**

**Parish Office**

**(Lulu, Donna, Brenda, 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*..... Brenda 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
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- Volunteering..... Tammy x207
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**☞ Readings 11/21-11/27 ☜**

**Monday:**

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:**

Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:**

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:**

Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28 or  
Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

**Friday:**

Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

**12pm Latin Mass:**

Ecclus. 44:16-27; Lk. 11:33-36

**Saturday:**

Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday:**

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9;  
Mk 13:33-37

**9am Mass: First Sunday of Advent**

Col. 1:9-14; Mt. 24:15-25

**Sacraments**

**☞ Our Mass Intentions ☜**

Sunday, November 20 (Our Lord Jesus Christ the King)			
7:30a	Rose Lammey	1:30p	Concepcion and Rosalina Lopez, Maria de Jesus Hernandez and Luis Garcia
9:00a	Natalie Wasmund	3:00p	Federico & Amelia Balizado
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Robert Gutierrez
12:00p	Lauro Custodio	7:30p	Nick Lagattuta
Monday, November 21			
8:00a	Sheryl Wharton and Joe H. Cotta	5:45p	John Mendes and Chris Combs
Tuesday, November 22			
8:00a	Fr. Joseph O'Hare	5:45p	Lisa Scott and John Flynn
Wednesday, November 23			
8:00a	George Cant and Charles Tidwell	5:45p	Richard Dinubilo and Elias Sousa
Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving Day)			
9:00a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners		No Mass at 5:45pm
Friday, November 25			
8:00a	Richard Scott and Rosanna Hollander	5:45p	John & Filomena Mendes and Danny Vele
Saturday, November 26			
8:00a	Ricardo Azevedo and Marlene Martus	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, November 27 (First Sunday of Advent)			
7:30a	Doroteo Daguna	1:30p	Oscar Lopez and Juan Ramirez
9:00a	Albert Mendonca	5:30p	Samaan Kandah
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Marius Sanqui
12:00p	Elizabeth Cant		

**☞ Prayer & Interior Life ☜**

**ADVENT MISSION (English)**

**November 28th-30th**

**7pm in the church**

Fr. Joseph Illo will present on  
**Praying the Rosary with Mother Teresa**  
focusing on the Joyful Mysteries.



**SPANISH ADVENT MISSION**

**Saturday, December 3, 8:00am—2:00pm**

In Fr. O'Hare Hall

Fr. Eugenio Cardenas M.E.P.S.

*The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Our Lady of Advent and Mother of Our Hope*

\$5.00 donation at the door (please bring your lunch)

**ST. JOSEPH'S PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC  
ADORATION CHAPEL**



Try a Holy Hour with Jesus Once a Week! Please see the schedule outside the Chapel for hours needing a second person. Please contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up one of these hours.

Remember a special day or person  
 ~Altar Flower Donation~  
 Call the Development Office for info.  
 551-4973, x207



**ADVENT MASS AND ANNOINTING OF THE SICK**  
 The Militia of the Immaculata Villages & the Health Ministry  
 invite you to attend the Mass & Anointing of the Sick  
 December 10th at 10am.

If you need transportation, please contact Suzanne Flint  
 by November 28th at 521-8299.

**MODESTO PREGNANCY CENTER JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

Modesto Pregnancy Center is accepting applications for a Development Coordinator. Responsibilities include oversight of fund raising activities, developing relationships with churches and pursuing avenues of revenue through local entities. For a complete job description contact [mpc@modestopc.org](mailto:mpc@modestopc.org) or call 550-5923.

It is time to get ready for the  
**ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

If you would like to be a part of this year's pageant, come to our first practice on Saturday, December 3rd., at 9am in JP11 Family Center, suite #2.

We will have all kinds of parts to choose from-speaking parts, small group parts, large groups parts and more...

**PARENT HELPERS NEEDED!** See you there!

Call Kayte RV for information 557-0297

**COATS FOR KIDS**

The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring a "Coats for Kids" drive. Donations of new or used coats can be left in the barrels in the vestibule of the Church through December.

**PRAY TO END ABORTION**

Please join us to pray the rosary to end abortion. We meet every Tuesday & Wednesday mornings around 9:15am in front of the abortion clinic at 2030 Coffee Rd, Modesto.  
 Holy Mary Mother of God, Pray for Us.



**ST. JOSEPH'S BOOKSTORE**

We are getting ready for the Christmas Season. The first Sunday of Advent is November 27! Shop early for candles and best selection of gifts for the season.

**WEBSITE VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR ST. JOSEPH'S**

St. Joseph's Website Team is looking for volunteers to help us advance and maintain the site. If you are passionate about web design and are interested in helping with the website, please visit and apply at: <http://www.stjmod.com/apply.html>

Volunteer Web Team Members

Sunday, November 20, 2011		
7:00 A	Filipino Fellowship	Hall
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7
3:00 P	Filipino Mass	Chur
Monday, November 21, 2011		
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer	JP10
Tuesday, November 22, 2011		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
10:30 A	Light Weigh	JP8
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer	JP7
Wednesday, November 23, 2011		
1:30 P	Widows(ers) Bible Study	JP5
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:45 P	AA Principle Study	JP5
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP7
Thursday, November 24, 2011		
	Thanksgiving Day	
9:00 A	Thanksgiving Day Mass	Chur
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
12:00 P	RE Bible Study	JP4
6:30 P	Men's Group	JP10
Friday, November 25, 2011		
	Thanksgiving Friday	
12:00 P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:30 P	Adoration & Confessions	Chur
Saturday, November 26, 2011		
8:30 A	Confessions	Chur
9:00 A	AA (Women) Language of the Heart	JP4
4:00 P	Confessions	Chur
Sunday, November 27, 2011		
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7

Please remember St. Joseph's when planning your estate. Call 551-4973, ext. 207 for information

PSR Update

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

PSR HOURS

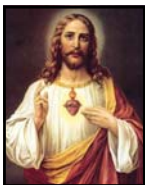
Monday 3:30 - 5:30pm
Tuesday 3:00 - 6:30pm
Wednesday 3:30 - 5:30pm
Thursday 3:30- 5:30 pm
and 6:30-8:30 pm
Closed on Fridays

NO PSR CLASSES

November 21- 24
Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!
Classes resume
November 28.

REMINDER

During this month of November,
PSR children are asked to bring Mac-
aroni and Cheese boxes for St Vin-
cent DePaul when they come to class.
We thank you for your
generosity and stewardship!



"Jesus, meek and humble of
heart, make my heart
like unto Thine"

Through the Militia of
the Immaculata Family
Village, Home Enthronement
Apostolate, you have the op-
portunity to make your very home
the heart of Jesus!

If you are interested in enthroning
your home by consecrating it and
your family to the Sacred Heart of
Jesus, please call Kent and Laura
Harker at: 571-5471

RCIA Update

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



Welcoming the Roman Missal, Third Edition

Once the Liturgy of the Word has begun and after the
Holy Gospel has been read, we profess our belief in all the
truths of God and His Church. In unison, we proclaim
our belief in Almighty God in three Persons. For the past
forty years, it has been done as a communal profession,
but now we do this as individuals, (Credo, I believe) as we renew our
Baptismal promises. Although we become part of the Mystical Body of
Christ, we must accede to the Truth individually, and return to the
Sacrament of Baptism.

With the words visible and invisible we state that we believe there is a reality
beyond our natural perception, and that God reigns in both realms. By this
we assert that we only see a portion of a greater reality. St. Paul calls this to
our attention in Colossians 1:15-16.

I believe in ...the Only Begotten Son of God, not created, but present from all
eternity, born of the Father before all ages. The Son, like the Father and the
Holy Spirit, existed before He entered human history. The Three Persons of
the Holy Trinity share the same substance, They are not just Three Persons

The Nicene Creed
I believe in one God, The Father
almighty, maker of heaven and
earth, of all things visible
and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus
Christ, the Only Begotten
Son of God, born of the
Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the
Father; through him all things
were made. For us men and for
our salvation he came down
from heaven, and by the Holy
Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and became man ...

united in One. Just as the Catechism of the
Catholic Church teaches us that "the divine
Persons do not share the one divinity among themselves
but each of them is God whole and entire" (253). The
philosophical meaning of the word substance
refers to the essence of God.

The Word became Incarnate by the power of
the Holy Spirit, who after the Virgin Mary's
assent, overshadowed her. God descended from
Heaven and became a baby in a virginal womb,
He decided to share in our mortality as an act of
divine love. God fully human and fully divine
dwelt among us, Immanuel.

With the words of the Creed, we say that we
believe in the Mysteries of the Holy Trinity and
the Incarnation, even if our finite minds cannot
grasp these sublime concepts. It is by the
theological virtue of faith that we are able to
give our assent to these Truths and hope that in
eternal life we will stand in communion with
the Holy Trinity and the veils that cover our
human eyes will fall before the grandeur of God.

Faith & Finances with Phil Lenahan

Generosity starts with an attitude of gratitude. As we give thanks to the Lord
for the many gifts he has entrusted to us, a desire should build in us to share
those gifts with others. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that when we reach
out to help those in need, we are reaching out to him.

For information: Call Anthony Butera (551-6562).

Wisdom from the Saints



"When Mass is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels
who adore the divine victim immolated on the altar."

-St. John Chrysostom-

# ☞ Youth Ministry ☜

Thank you for all your prayers! Our Aptos retreat was full of joy, praise, and blessings. Here are some highlights...



The infamous plaid pants



## Contact Us!

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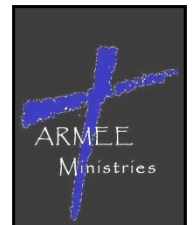
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**FYI: We WILL be having Youth Group next Sunday, Nov. 27. Bring a friend. See you there!!**

## A.R.M.E.E. Ministry

Adoration  
Reconciliation  
Mass  
Eucharist  
Evangelization.



ARMEE meets on Monday nights at 7:30pm at Our Lady of the Assumption in Turlock.

## Victory Peer Ministry

High School Students that volunteer their time and talent to minister to confirmation students of our parish. Meetings are held every Monday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Youth and Family center of JPIL.

Confirmation class is every Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Fr. O Hare hall. Come and enjoy fellowship and fun while learning more about your faith.



John & Nicole Sablan

### Profiles in Stewardship

by Michael Webster

John and Nicole Sablan are a tremendous blessing to have at St. Joseph's. They have been actively involved parishioners for several years at the parish. Their holy marriage is a great witness in our culture today. They have three children and currently one exchange student staying with them.

One way that they witness as a family is their love and reverence for the Holy Mass. They most often attend the 5:30pm Sunday Mass. They recognize the importance of being well prepared for the gift of the Mass. The whole family is dressed up for Mass. Also, it is great to see them all kneeling together and praying in their pew 10 to 15 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass. Their desire to serve at the Mass is beautiful, whether it is their son altar serving, John lecturing or both John and Nicole acting as Extraordinary/Eucharistic Ministers.

They are also involved in many other ways in the parish. Nicole is a catechist and the both of them are always eager to help with the youth group.

They realize that they have been given so many gifts from God and they give back to Him and the holy Church as true disciples. They are true disciples of Christ, not just by title but in deed. Thank you John and Nicole for your example of living stewardship in your family and at St. Joseph's!

# Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: There are no Plaza Refreshments this morning, as our Filipino Leadership is offering their Longsilog breakfast in the hall. Tickets are available at the door.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

## WANTED: ONE WORKING BABY GRAND PIANO

Our Fr. O'Hare Hall  
is in need of a used,  
working baby grand piano.

Do you know someone who might  
be interested in donating theirs?



We would love it to have in time  
for our Children's Christmas Pageant!

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

## From our Holy Father in Rome

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday, 19 October 2011

The Great Hallel Psalm 136 (135)



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## In the Diocese

**Priestly Ordination  
December 3, 2011**

Deacon Sam Woodswill will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, December 3, 2011. The Ordination is scheduled for 1:00 pm in the Cathedral of the Annunciation. All are welcome.

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**ADVENT MISSION:**

***Divine Mercy***

**"Why You Need to Know  
God's Message of Mercy"**

DECEMBER 1, 2011 at 7:00 pm  
St. Stanislaus Parish,  
1200 Maze Blvd, Modesto

Speaker: **Father Dan Cambra** MIC  
from the Marian Fathers of the  
Immaculate Conception,  
Stockbridge MA.  
Additional info:  
Anne Fultz @ (209) 484-2633 or  
[afultz1966@gmail.com](mailto:afultz1966@gmail.com)

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**31st Annual Diocesan Procession  
Honoring**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe  
December 4, 2011**

**Procession**

St. Mary's Church 12noon  
203 E. Washington St., Stockton  
**Mass**

The Stockton Arena 2pm  
Presided by the

Most Rev. Stephen Blaire,  
Bishop of the Diocese of Stockton  
and concelebrated by other priests.

***All are invited!***

For Information contact the Office of  
Hispanic Ministry: (209) 466-0636

Food and Beverages are not allowed  
in the Arena. Concession booths will  
be selling food.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today I would like to meditate with you on a Psalm that sums up the entire history of salvation recorded in the Old Testament. It is a great hymn of praise that celebrates the Lord in the multiple, repeated expressions of his goodness throughout human history: it is Psalm 136 or 135 according to the Greco-Latin tradition. A solemn prayer of thanksgiving, known as the "Great Hallel", this Psalm is traditionally sung at the end of the Jewish Passover meal and was probably also prayed by Jesus at the Last Supper celebrated with his disciples. In fact, the annotation of the Evangelists, "and when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives" (cf. Mt 26:30; Mk 14:26), would seem to allude to it.



The horizon of praise thus appears to illumine the difficult path to Golgotha. The whole of

Psalm 136 unfolds in the form of a litany, marked by the antiphonal refrain: "for his steadfast love endures for ever". The many wonders God has worked in human history and his continuous intervention on behalf of his people are listed in the composition. Furthermore, to every proclamation of the Lord's saving action the antiphon responds with the basic impetus of praise. The eternal love of God, is a love which, in accordance with the Hebrew term used, suggestive of fidelity, mercy, kindness, grace and tenderness, is the unifying motif of the entire Psalm. The refrain always takes the same form, whereas the regular paradigmatic manifestations of God's love change: creation, liberation through the Exodus, the gift of land, the Lord's provident and constant help for his people and for every created being.

After a triple invitation to give thanks to God as sovereign (vv. 1-3), the Lord is celebrated as the One who works "great wonders" (v. 4), the first of which is the Creation: the heavens, the earth, the heavenly bodies (vv. 5-9). The created world is not merely a scenario into which God's saving action is inserted rather is the very beginning of that marvellous action. With the Creation, the Lord shows himself in all his goodness and beauty, he commits himself to life, revealing a desire for goodness which gives rise to every other action of salvation. And in our Psalm, re-echoing the first chapter of Genesis, the principal elements of the created world are summed up, with special insistence on the heavenly bodies, the sun, the moon and the stars, magnificent created things that govern the day and the night. Nothing is said here of the creation of human beings but they are ever present; the sun and the moon are for them — for men and women — so as to structure human time, setting it in relation to the Creator, especially by denoting the liturgical seasons. And it is precisely the Feast of Easter that is immediately evoked, when, passing to God's manifestation of himself in history, the great event of the exodus, freedom from slavery in Egypt begins, whose most significant elements are outlined:

The liberation from Egypt begins with the plague of killing the Egyptian firstborn, the Exodus from Egypt, the crossing of the Red Sea, the journey through the desert to the entry into the Promised Land (vv. 10-20).



John & Nicole Sablan

Es una gran bendición el tener aquí en St. Joseph's a John y Nicole Sablan. Ellos han sido feligreses de nuestra parroquia por varios años y están muy activos. Su santo matrimonio es un gran testimonio para la cultura de hoy. Ellos tienen tres hijos y un estudiante de intercambio está hospedado con ellos. Una de las formas que ellos dan testimonio como familia es su amor y reverencia por la Santa Misa. En domingo regularmente asisten a la de las 5:30pm. Ellos reconocen la importancia de estar bien preparados para la Misa y toda la familia se viste de acuerdo a lo que se va a celebrar. También, es admirable el ver a toda la familia hincados en oración 10 a 15 minutos antes de comenzar la Misa. Su deseo de servir en la Misa es tan hermoso, ya sea su hijo como monaguillo, John como lector y ambos, John y Nicole como Ministros Extraordinarios de la Santa Comunión. Ellos también están activos en la parroquia de muchas otras formas. Nicole es catequista y ellos dos siempre están dispuestos a ayudar con los jóvenes. Los dos reconocen que han recibido muchos dones de Dios y ellos le corresponden a Dios y a su Santa Iglesia como verdaderos discípulos. Ellos son verdaderos discípulos de Cristo, no sólo de nombre sino de obras. Gracias John y Nicole por su ejemplo de corresponsabilidad.

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

El 16 de noviembre, el Presidente de la Universidad de Penn State, Graham Spanier y el legendario entrenador Joe Paterno fueron despedidos por no haber tomado acción en contra de un asistente de entrenador que había abusado sexualmente a menores. De un día al otro, los medios de comunicación demonizaron a Penn State llamándola un imperio del mal, la cual no le importaba hasta sacrificar niños para su programa de fútbol.

Lo ocurrido en Penn State es algo moralmente inaceptable, y el Entrenador Paterno es el responsable por su Departamento Atlético. Lo que ocurrió en Penn State ocurre en muchas otras instituciones. Sabemos que hasta ocurre en la Iglesia. Pero la desviación sexual es aceptada, hasta es promovida, en casi todas las Universidades Americanas, en la Farándula, y hasta en el Gobierno. ¿Por qué se enfocan en *algunas instituciones*?

La depredación sexual en Capitol Hill es legendaria— recuerdan a Chandra Levi de Modesto, o a Monica Lewinsky del Presidente Clinton. Las noticias y la industria de entretenimiento están repletas de crimen sexual. ¿Dónde estuvo la investigación de las actividades del “Rancho de Neverland” de Michael Jackson? ¿Por qué no son criticados los activistas que promueven la pedofilia? Es precisamente porque la industria de entretenimiento ha traído lo que llaman “pornografía suave” a las salas de América y al gobierno que protege esta clase de pornografía. La “pornografía suave” lleva a la “pornografía” y la pornografía conduce al crimen sexual. Cuando el mercado pornográfico señala a sus clientes al cometer crímenes sexuales como resultado de esa pornografía, tenemos entonces un ejemplo de hipocresía de rango.



Considere nuestra Corte Suprema. En el 2008 siete jueces decidieron que la diseminación de pornografía infantil es ilegal, mientras que dos de ellos decidieron permitir la pornografía infantil por la computadora. El *New York Times* presentó esta opinión por el Juez David Souter: “La posesión de imágenes pornográficas que no presentan a niños verdaderos es protegida constitucionalmente, y el ofrecerlas no debe de ser un crimen.” Y los medios de comunicación sonrieron en aprobación de la opinión del Juez Souter.

Lo ocurrido en Penn State debe de ser reformado. Pero las instituciones protegidas políticamente por los Medios de Comunicación y el Gobierno se les deben de aplicar las mismas reglas. Yo no espero que esto suceda, por lo menos en poco tiempo. Pero debemos de rezar.

Este es el último domingo del año litúrgico, y la Fiesta de Cristo el Rey. A pesar de la angustia que nos causa el ver el descenso de nuestra cultura, debemos de poner toda nuestra esperanza en Jesucristo Nuestro Señor. Su Reino triunfará y todos lo podrán ver. Oremos.

Fr. Joseph



# Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

AUDIENCIA GENERAL

Miércoles 19 de octubre de 2011

El «Gran Hallel» Salmo 136 (135)



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Hoy quiero meditar con vosotros un Salmo que resume toda la historia de la salvación testimoniada en el Antiguo Testamento. Se trata de un gran himno de alabanza que celebra al Señor en las múltiples y repetidas manifestaciones de su bondad a lo largo de la historia de los hombres; es el Salmo 136, o 135 según la tradición greco-latina.



Este Salmo, solemne oración de acción de gracias, conocido como el «Gran Hallel», se canta tradicionalmente al final de la cena pascual judía y probablemente también Jesús lo rezó en la última Pascua celebrada con los discípulos; a ello, en efecto, parece aludir la anotación de los evangelistas: «Después de cantar el himno salieron para el monte de los Olivos» (cf. Mt 26, 30; Mc 14, 26). El horizonte de la alabanza ilumina el difícil

camino del Calvario. Todo el Salmo 136 se desarrolla en forma de letanía, ritmado por la repetición antifonal «porque es eterna su misericordia». A lo largo de la composición, se enumeran los numerosos prodigios de Dios en la historia de los hombres y sus continuas intervenciones a favor de su pueblo; y a cada proclamación de la acción salvífica del Señor responde la antifona con la motivación fundamental de la alabanza: el amor eterno de Dios, un amor que, según el término judío utilizado, implica fidelidad, misericordia, bondad, gracia, ternura. Este es el motivo unificador de todo el Salmo, repetido siempre de la misma forma, mientras cambian sus manifestaciones puntuales y paradigmáticas: la creación, la liberación del éxodo, el don de la tierra, la ayuda providente y constante del Señor a su pueblo y a toda criatura.

Después de una triple invitación a la acción de gracias al Dios soberano (vv. 1-3), se celebra al Señor como Aquel que realiza «grandes maravillas» (v. 4), la primera de las cuales es la creación: el cielo, la tierra, los astros (vv. 5-9). El mundo creado no es un simple escenario en el que se inserta la acción salvífica de Dios, sino que es el comienzo mismo de esa acción maravillosa. Con la creación, el Señor se manifiesta en toda su bondad y belleza, se compromete con la vida, revelando una voluntad de bien de la que brota cada una de las demás acciones de salvación. Y en nuestro Salmo, aludiendo al primer capítulo del Génesis, el mundo creado está sintetizado en sus elementos principales, insistiendo en especial sobre los astros, el sol, la luna, las estrellas, criaturas magníficas que gobiernan el día y la noche. Aquí no se habla de la creación del ser humano, pero él está siempre presente; el sol y la luna son para él —para el hombre—, para regular el tiempo del hombre, poniéndolo en relación con el Creador sobre todo a través de la indicación de los tiempos litúrgicos.

A continuación se menciona precisamente la fiesta de la Pascua, cuando, pasando a la manifestación de Dios en la historia, comienza el gran acontecimiento de la liberación de la esclavitud de Egipto, del éxodo, trazado en sus elementos más significativos: la liberación de Egipto con la plaga de los primogénitos egipcios, la salida de Egipto, el paso del mar Rojo, el camino por el desierto hasta la entrada en la tierra prometida (vv. 10-20).

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Padre Eugenio Cárdenas M. Sp. S.

Sábado, Dic 3, de

8:00am-2:00pm

Salón Parroquial

Donación \$5.00

La Santísima

Virgen María

Nuestra Señora

del Adviento y

Madre de Nuestra Esperanza

**Favor de traer su propio lonche**

8:00am: Misa

8:45-9:15: Desayuno Continental, venta de libros

9:15-10:15: Tema: Nuestra Señora del Adviento

10:15-10:30: Descanso, venta de libros

10:20-11:30: Tema: Madre de Nuestra Esperanza

11:30-12:30: Comida, venta de libros

12:30-1:30 Tema: Llamado a la Conversión

1:30-2:00 Adoración y Bendición



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Domingo, Diciembre 4, 2011

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Carros alegóricos comunicando el mensaje de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe saldrán a las 12pm en procesión al Stockton Arena donde nuestro Obispo y varios sacerdotes celebrarán la Santa Misa a las 2:00pm. Una buena oportunidad para enseñarle a los niños las tradiciones de nuestra fe.





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