

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

October 16, 2011
Twenty-Ninth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

(209) 551-4973
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Visit our website:
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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

October is **Respect Life Month**, so named by the Bishops of the United States since 1971. When we think of "Respect Life," we usually think of "abortion," and indeed abortion is most deadly and horrible.

Actually, though, it was the social acceptance of *artificial contraception* in the 1950s that spawned the social acceptance of abortion in the 1970s. Studies report that most women seeking abortions were using contraceptives in the month they became pregnant. Along with contraception came a long and depressing list of social failure: endemic sexual infidelity, sexually-transmitted diseases, divorce, fatherless children, and a wasteland of broken families that brings with it much suffering, particularly among minorities. Most of us have so lost our ability to think clearly that we can't even see what is wrong with so-called same-sex "marriage."

Solutions, anyone? In no sense does contraception solve any problem, but the government, the media, and higher education continue to deny social facts and insist that throwing more money and contraceptives at social dysfunction is the best we can do. *We can do better.* We can regain our reason, and we can rightly order our lives.

A sexual relationship can never be simply "casual" or free of obligations. No amount of denial on our part can change its power and consequences. Contraceptives give us an entirely false sense that "casual" sex is possible. Sexuality is dynamite, and anyone who plays with it will eventually get very hurt. Those who use its powers as nature and nature's God intends, however, will be greatly ennobled.

Who bears the responsibility of speaking prophetically to the so-called "sexual revolution"? Parents, teachers, the President of the United States, the Supreme Court—we all do. But most of all, the Pope, the bishops, and your priests. And I am happy to say that, finally, some bishops are speaking prophetically on sexual issues. **Archbishop Timothy Dolan** of New York, US Conference of Bishops president, wrote a very clear letter to President Obama a few weeks ago in which he urges him to end his campaign against marriage. His open letter is printed on page 7 of this bulletin. Let us pray that bishops and priests will, even in this eleventh hour, exercise our prophetic role with greater clarity and courage.



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* Alex x103
- Accounting..... Barbara x108
- Adult Ed & Bible Studies Michael x203
- Altar Servers Svetlana x200
- Audio / Video..... Jeremy x213
- Becoming Catholic, RCIA Stacy x211
- Buildings & Grounds..... Susie x201
- Bulletin & Website Jeremy x213
- Child Ed & Sacraments Debbie x205
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Readings 10/17-10/23

Monday:

Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
12pm Latin Mass:
Ecclus 45:1-6; Mt 19:27-29; 8,

Saturday:

Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday:

Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10;
Mt. 22:34-40

9am Mass: 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Eph. 4:23-28; Mt. 22:1-14

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 16 (Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Belmiro Da Rosa Goulart	1:30p	Frank & Maria Silva and George Medina
9:00a	Albert Mendonca	3:00p	Melanio Sr. and Maxima Puzon
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Brenton Marcus Zumwatt
12:00p	Warren Cant	7:30p	Sheryl Wharton
Monday, October 17			
8:00a	Bernice Judd and Bridget Dineen	5:45p	Mrs. Verdone and Josephine Cipponeri
Tuesday, October 18			
8:00a	Juliana Retanan and Lisa Scott	5:45p	Bernerd Youngs and Bert Trajano
Wednesday, October 19			
8:00a	Kurtis Kraft and Paquito De Peralta	5:45p	Everett Souza and Elias Sousa
Thursday, October 20			
8:00a	Paquito De Peralta and Lorraine Ottoboni	5:45p	Andres Cajator and Paul E. Jackson
Friday, October 21			
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and Paquito De Peralta	5:45p	John & Filomena Mendes
Saturday, October 22			
8:00a	Paquito De Peralta and Frank Nieto	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 23 (Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Manuel Borges Victoria	1:30p	Louis Gutierrez-Carrillo and Tomas Tapia
9:00a	Paquito De Peralta	5:30p	Cecilio Objero
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Joseph R. Cusenza
12:00p	Manuel III and John Souza		

Baptisms

Claire Parisek	Lucas Galea	Anthony Sanchez	Isabella Jackson
Wyatt Vargas	Sofia Scott	Yesenia Sanchez	Kolten Kjellberg
Alyssa Edquid	Genesis Bronco	Jerome Lacap	Gabriel Rangel
Kamilah Padilla	Pablo Chavez	Jack Bairos	Piper Sousa
Makaela Salome	Izabella Aguilar	Sebastian Melero	Chantelle Flores
Landon Ormonde	Lawrence Netniss	Lola Vega	Keira Farias

Prayer & Interior Life


Every Holy Mass is the Wedding Feast of God's Son. Thank you for dressing modestly and reverently for the Sacred Liturgy. Please avoid low-cut and see-through tops, spaghetti straps, T-shirts, miniskirts or short shorts, and torn or dirty clothing. May God reward you!

Stewardship: Sharing These Gifts in Love of God and Neighbor

October 16, 2011 — Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

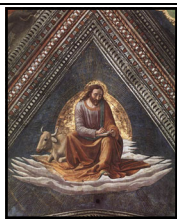
God's gifts are many and varied and often hard to recognize. Our definition of a Christian Steward includes the sharing of these gifts in love of God and neighbor. Isaiah points out that Cyrus was chosen by God to be a king and that he used his power to set the captive Israelites free. Yet, Cyrus was unaware of God who gave him his strength. St Paul speaks of the thanks he gives for the faith exhibited by the Thessalonians. Jesus reminds the Pharisees to render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's. Our gratitude to God for all He has given us is demonstrated in how we steward those gifts. May we seize every opportunity to share with our neighbor.

Remember a special day or person
-Altar Flower Donation-
 Call the Development Office for info. 551-4973, x207
 This week's donor: Anonymous
 In loving memory of Deceased Family Member



ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH MINISTRY
HEALTH TIP OF THE WEEK

Start your day with breakfast. Breakfast fills your "empty tank" to get you going after a long night without food. And it can help you do better in school. Easy to prepare breakfasts include cold cereal with fruit and low-fat milk, whole-wheat toast with peanut butter, yogurt with fruit, or whole-grain waffles.



WHITE MASS—5:45PM—ST. JOSEPH'S
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
FEAST OF ST. LUKE



A White Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Blaire with many priests from throughout the diocese for all physicians, nurses, and healthcare professionals. This annual event is sponsored by the Central California Guild of the Catholic Medical Association. A dinner (\$45/pp) with Pro-life physician, Dr. George Delgado, follows at 7:00pm at Greens Central, 953 10th Street. RSVP to 549-1057, ext. 17 by October 14, or visit www.centralcacma.org for details.

St. Luke

STEWARDSHIP 101—TWO PART CLASS

Wednesday, October 12, 6:30-8:30pm (JP11, Room 6)

Thursday, October 20, 6:30-8:30 (JP11, Room 7)

- Easy! Free! Light Dinner Included!
- Completion Certificates Provided
- Teens Welcome (age 15+)

Sign up for Class in the Welcome Center or call to RSVP

"I am so glad I attended!" - Jan. 2011 graduate

Stewardship basics for your church, home and workplace

RSVP 551-4973, ext. 207

SEATS ARE LIMITED—RSVPs needed for dinner counts.

SENIORS! - ENJOY A "DAY AT THE RACES"

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Come along to the Golden Gate Racetrack. Gates open at 11:30am; post time is 12:45pm. Cost is \$96 per person. For more information, call Chris Johnson at 209-522-2694 or 209-480-2693.

RETRouvaille—MODESTO: November 18-20

Retrouvaille helps couples through times of trouble, disillusionment, and misery in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing marital difficulties. For confidential information about and/or to register for any of the 2011 Central Valley weekends, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Sunday, October 16, 2011		
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7
3:00 P	Filipino Mass	Chur
4:00 P	Filipino Fellowship	Hall
Monday, October 17, 2011		
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer	JP10
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP4
Tuesday, October 18, 2011		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
10:30 A	Light Weigh	JP8
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:30 P	Development Committee	Confr
5:45 P	CMA White Mass	Chur
6:00 P	ESL Classes	JP6
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer	JP7
Wednesday, October 19, 2011		
10:00 A	St. J. Seniors' Lunch	Hall
1:30 P	Widows(ers) Bible Study	JP5
4:00 P	CTCC in JP2	JP2
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:45 P	AA Principle Study	JP5
7:00 P	On the Go Adults	JP4
7:00 P	Women's Bible Study	JP5
7:30 P	CTCC in Hall	Hall
Thursday, October 20, 2011		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
12:00 P	RE Bible Study	JP4
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
6:00 P	Stewardship 101	JP7
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP5
Friday, October 21, 2011		
12:00 P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:30 P	Adoration & Confessions	Chur
Saturday, October 22, 2011		
8:30 A	Confessions	Chur
9:00 A	AA (Women) Language	JP4
9:00 A	Made to Crave	JP4
4:00 P	Confessions	Chur
Sunday, October 23, 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

NEW 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

REMINDER

During this month of October, PSR children are asked to bring a canned fruit item for St Vincent DePaul when they come to class (pull tops preferred).

We thank you for your generosity and stewardship!

☪ The Catholic Library, ☪
JP11, room 11

We have Books, Movies and Audio.
Mon. & Thurs. 10:30-2:30
Tues. & Fri. 10:30-12:30
Wed. 9:30-1:30
Mon. 5-7 & Thurs. 4-6pm

Faith & Finances with Phil Lenahan

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Mt. 22:21). Good governance is a two-way street. Governments need to tax citizens fairly and spend receipts prudently. Citizens need to actively participate in the governing process, including the payment of reasonable taxes. *For information: Call Anthony Butera (551-6562).*

☪ RCIA Update ☪

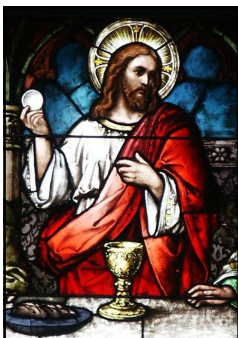
Inquiry classes are for people who want to learn more about Catholicism, but aren't necessarily sure they want to become Catholic. The RCIA process is also for Catholics who have not yet completed their sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion. To start the process: call Stacy Phillips at **541-8903** to make an appointment.

Religious Education



Novo Millenio Ineunte The Sunday Eucharist

We are a Eucharistic people, a people whose center is the first day of the week, the day when we commemorate the Glorious Resurrection of the Lord. Sunday is the day of faith, the day we dedicate to being with God and with family. The Liturgy is "the summit towards which the Church's action tends and at the same time the source from which comes all her strength." (*Novo Millenio Ineunte*, 35) If we are the people of God, we must look forward to entering into communion with Him at our weekly Liturgy. When we celebrate the Passover at Mass, especially during the Sunday Eucharist, the Church-the Body of Christ-shows each generation the central mystery of our existence, a prefigurement of the day when Christ will return in glory. "In the earthly Liturgy, we share in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the Holy City of Jerusalem toward which we journey as pilgrims..." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1090) When we are at Mass, we are in Heaven. There, in the presence of the Most Holy Trinity, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the company of all the Holy Angels and Saints, we adore the Triune God, and we partake in this celestial worship.



In the Holy Mass, we celebrate the Paschal Mystery through which Jesus Christ, accomplished the work of salvation. The greatest miracle happens at every Mass. He who died on the Cross for our redemption, gives us His Body and Blood, so we can be raised to a supernatural existence. At the consecration, God Himself descends to become the nourishment we need to continue our journey toward Heaven, our home. He who 2000 years ago chose to become a defenseless baby, He is made present at every celebration of Holy Mass, to be contained under the species of bread and wine. What incomprehensible and selfless love! And how do we correspond? Do we think, this is boring! Or are we raised to a higher contemplation of the greatest miracle?

In the Eucharist, "God makes himself so close that he makes himself our food, here he makes himself energy for the often difficult journey, here he makes himself a friendly presence that transforms." (*Pope Benedict XVI, Homily 9/11/11*). We become tabernacles of the Most High every time we receive the Holy Eucharist, and we are nourished and strengthened to go out and give witness to the faith, help our neighbor, carry out our baptismal promises and fulfill our mission. Let us live our lives as what we are, a Eucharistic people, the people of God!

Prayer to Obtain the Grace of all the World's Masses

Eternal Father, we humbly offer Thee our poor presence and that of the whole of humanity, from the beginning to the end of the world, at all the Masses that ever have or every will be prayed. We offer Thee all the pains, sufferings, prayers, sacrifices, joys and relaxations of our lives, in union with those of our dear Lord Jesus here on earth. May the Most Precious Blood of Christ, all His Blood and Wounds and Agony save us, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Amen!

Season 3: In the footsteps of Christ

Small faith sharing and bible study groups. You may still sign up by calling 551-4973 ext. 218. or e-mail arise@stjmod.com.



Youth Ministry

Life Support

A Place for Parents

We are looking for parent **volunteers** and **coordinators** for *Life Support*. This is an excellent opportunity to serve the youth of our parish alongside other parents while enjoying fellowship, support and encouragement. *Life Support* provides food for High School Life Nights on Sunday evenings. Also, we are looking for chaperones for our High School Retreat. Please contact Nathan or Katie with any questions.

GET INVOLVED!!

Looking to share your talent? We are looking for volunteers to fill these liturgical ministry needs for the 5:30pm Youth Mass:

- *Ushers*
- *Lectors*
- *Greeters*

High School Retreat is **COMING SOON!**

"Joyful Noise"

Music is powerful. A single song can evoke emotion, memories, and even change our mood. Scripture contains a book of songs, called Psalms, that have done just that for thousands of years. This retreat will look at the power of music as well as the honest prayer given to us in the Psalms.

We are in need of **PARENT CHAPERONES** and **COOKS** to help with our retreat in Aptos, CA from November 11-13. Please contact Nathan or Katie.

Contact Us!

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High School !!RETREAT!!

**November
11-13, 2011**

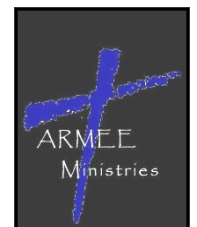
In Aptos, CA

Cost is \$100.00



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.



Ron Martorana

Profiles in Stewardship

by Fr. Joseph Illo

Ron Martorana takes pictures. He snaps away at most of our parish events and can usually be found at the Bishops' liturgies in the Cathedral as well. His photography is not a career, but rather a labor of love, offered in stewardship for the Church. As you know we use many photographs in our various publications, such as this bulletin, our parish magazine *Faith and Life*, and our website. Ron provides many of those photographs. I am always proud to see him taking pictures at Diocesan events—that's our Ron, I say to myself.

Nearer to his heart than even his camera, though, is Ron's membership in the Third Order of St. Francis. Along with a few other parishioners, he has dedicated himself to the spirit of St. Francis by making vows and attending formation meetings as a Third Order Franciscan. Perhaps it is his keen appreciation of this beautiful world God has given us, in the spirit of Francis of Assisi, that enables him to take such beautiful photographs. We are all blessed to see the world a little through his eyes and his heart.

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza refreshments are hosted this morning by our Plaza Refreshment Volunteers. Please stop by and thank this wonderful group of volunteers and ask them how you can help!

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Stewardship means sharing the talents you have gratefully received from God with others.

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at St. Joseph's

Monday, November 7, 2011

If you have not received your invitation yet and you were a regular volunteer this past year, *we made a mistake*. Please call the Center for Lay Apostolates so we can add you to our guest list.

To RSVP, please call 551-4973, ext. 202 or 207.

Save the Date:

Lay Apostolate Leaders Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

6:30—7:30 p.m.

John Paul II Building, Room 7

- Stewardship Renewal Volunteer Lists!

New to the Parish? Wondering where to start??

Call the Center for Lay Apostolates

551-4973, ext. 207

Archbishop Dolan's Letter to President Obama

Office of the President
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

September 20, 2011

Dear Mr. President:

I write with a growing sense of urgency about recent actions taken by your Administration that both escalate the threat to marriage and imperil the religious freedom of those who promote and defend marriage. This past spring the Justice Department announced that it would no longer defend the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in court, a decision strongly opposed by the Catholic Bishops of the United States and many others. Now the Justice Department has shifted from not defending DOMA—which is problem enough, given the duty of the executive branch to enforce even laws it disfavors—to actively attacking DOMA's constitutionality. My predecessor, Cardinal Francis George, OMI, and I have expressed to you in the past our strong disappointment about the direction your Administration has been moving regarding DOMA. Unfortunately the only response to date has been the intensification of efforts to undermine DOMA and the institution of marriage. The Justice Department's move, in addition to other troubling federal decisions occurring recently, prompts me yet again to register my grave concerns. The content of this letter reflects the strong sentiment expressed at a recent meeting by more than thirty of my brother Bishops who serve on the Administrative Committee of our Episcopal conference. I know they are joined by hundreds of additional Catholic bishops throughout our nation. My observations are offered in the spirit of respectful, but frank dialogue.

The Catholic Bishops stand ready to affirm every positive measure taken by you and your Administration to strengthen marriage and the family. We cannot be silent, however, when federal steps harmful to marriage, the laws defending it, and religious freedom continue apace. ... Mr. President, your Administration's actions against DOMA and the values it stands for contrast sharply with your excellent Mother's Day and Father's Day proclamations issued earlier this year, which are also referenced in the attached analysis. In these perceptive and heartening statements, you correctly emphasize the critical role played by both a mom and a dad in a child's life, and you rightly call upon society to do all it can to uphold both mothers and fathers. I know that you treasure the importance that you and the First Lady, separately and as a couple, share in the lives of your children. ... That is why it is particularly upsetting, Mr. President, when your Administration, through the various court documents, pronouncements and policies identified in the attached analysis, attributes to those who support DOMA a motivation rooted in prejudice and bias. It is especially wrong and unfair to equate opposition to redefining marriage with either intentional or willfully ignorant racial discrimination, as your Administration insists on doing. We as Bishops of the Catholic Church recognize the immeasurable personal dignity and equal worth of all individuals, including those with same-sex attraction, and we reject all hatred and unjust treatment against any person. Our profound regard for marriage as the complementary and fruitful union of a man and a woman does not negate our concern for the well-being of all people but reinforces it. Mr. President, I respectfully urge you to push the reset button on your Administration's approach to DOMA.

The Administration's failure to change course on this matter will ... precipitate a national conflict between Church and State of enormous proportions and to the detriment of both institutions. Thus, on behalf of my brother Bishops, I urge yet again that your Administration end its campaign against DOMA, the institution of marriage it protects, and religious freedom. ... please know that you, your family, and your Administration continue to be in my prayers.
Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York
President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In the Diocese

ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Sponsored by Holy Family,
Modesto and the Office of English
Youth & Young Adult Ministry.
For information, contact Michele
Lavery <http://facebook.com/michele.lavery> or Fr. Juan Serna
padrejuanserna@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE—OCT. 26 Central Catholic High School Open House and Pumpkin Patch

Bring the entire family to this great event. The campus will be decked out in Halloween decorations; also pumpkin patches, games and prizes and much more. The evening will start with a free BBQ and root beer floats at 5:30. All children in costume will receive a special prize. For more information contact Cathi Padula at 524-9611 or cpadula@cchsca.org.

ST. STANISLAUS FUNDRAISER DINNER DANCE NOVEMBER 5

Come and enjoy delicious food, good music and great company and help fund the Diocesan Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This event is to be held at Saint Stanislaus Community Center, 1419 Maze Blvd., and is sponsored by the Office of Hispanic Ministry (209) 466-0636. Dinner is 6-8pm, dance 8-12 midnight. Get your tickets by calling Alfonso or Connie Paredes at 840-3267 or Jesica Quezada at 983-3025. plan to sell all tickets in advance.

CORRESPONSABILIDAD (STEWARDSHIP)

Por el Padre Joseph Illo



Ron Martorana

Ron Martorana toma fotos. Él es quien las toma en muchos de nuestros eventos parroquiales y usualmente también lo pueden encontrar en las liturgias que celebra el Obispo en la Catedral. La fotografía no es su carrera, sino una obra de amor, ofrecida en Corresponsabilidad para la Iglesia. Como ustedes saben nosotros usamos muchas fotografías en varias de nuestras publicaciones, tales como este boletín, nuestra revista parroquial *Faith and Life*, y nuestra página de internet. Yo siempre me siento orgulloso al verlo tomando fotos en eventos diocesanos—ése es nuestro Ron, me digo a mí mismo.

Pero, más que su cámara, cerca de su corazón está su membresía en la Orden Terciana de San Francisco. Junto a otros cuantos feligreses, él se ha dedicado al espíritu de San Francisco haciendo votos y asistiendo a juntas de formación como Franciscano de la Orden Terciana. Quizás es su entusiasta apreciación de este hermoso mundo que Dios nos ha dado, en el espíritu de San Francisco de Asís, lo que le permite tomar tan hermosas fotografías. Es una bendición para todos nosotros el poder ver al mundo un poco por medio de sus ojos y corazón.

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

Octubre es el Mes del Respeto por la Vida, llamado así por los Obispos de los Estados Unidos desde 1971. Cuando pensamos en el “Respeto por la Vida,” usualmente solo pensamos en el “aborto,” y verdaderamente el aborto es más horrible y mortal.

En realidad, fue la aceptación de la *contracepción artificial* en los años 1950 la que dio fruto a la aceptación social por el aborto en los años 1970.

Estudios reportan que la mayoría de las mujeres que buscaban tener un aborto se encontraban usando anticonceptivos durante el mes en que quedaron embarazadas. En compañía de la contracepción, vino una larga y deprimente lista de fracasos sociales: una endémica infidelidad sexual, enfermedades transmitidas sexualmente, divorcio, niños sin padres, y una multitud de familias destruidas trayendo consigo gran sufrimiento, particularmente para las minorías. La mayoría de nosotros hemos perdido la habilidad de pensar claramente pues no podemos ver siquiera el error de lo que llaman “matrimonio” del mismo sexo.

¿Tiene alguien una solución? La contracepción no resuelve ningún problema, pero el gobierno, los medios de comunicación y el sistema de educación universitario continúan negando los hechos sociales e insisten en que el seguir tirando mas dinero y anticonceptivos hacia el disfuncionamiento social es lo mejor que podemos hacer. *Podemos hacer mucho mejor.* Podemos recobrar nuestro uso de razón, y ordenar nuestras vidas.

Una relación sexual nunca puede ser “casual” o libre de obligaciones. Ninguna cantidad de negación de nuestra parte puede cambiar su poder y sus consecuencias. Los anticonceptivos nos dan una idea falsa de pensar que el sexo “casual” es posible. La sexualidad es dinamita, y cualquiera que juega con ella eventualmente queda bastante lastimado. Aquellos que usan su poder como la naturaleza y como el Dios de la naturaleza lo han mandado, serán enaltecidos.

¿Quién tiene la responsabilidad de hablar proféticamente contra lo que llaman la “revolución sexual”? Los padres, maestros, el Presidente de los Estados Unidos, la Corte Suprema—todos la tenemos. Pero más que todo, el Papa, los Obispos y sus sacerdotes. Y estoy alegre de decir esto. Finalmente, unos de los obispos están hablando proféticamente sobre los problemas sexuales. El Arzobispo Timothy Dolan de New York, presidente de la Conferencia de Obispos de los EEUU, escribió una carta muy clara al Presidente Obama hace algunas semanas en la que le urge que termine su campaña contra el matrimonio. Su carta pública se encuentra en la página de atrás del boletín. Recemos para que los obispos y los sacerdotes, aunque sea a la onceava hora, ejerciten su rol profético con más claridad y valentía.

Fr. Joseph



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Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos

Presidente Barack Obama
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Septiembre 20, 2011

Estimado Señor Presidente:

Escribo esta con un crecido sentido de urgencia sobre las recientes acciones tomadas por su administración, las cuales escalan la amenaza al matrimonio e impiden la libertad religiosa a aquellos que lo promueven y defienden. Esta pasada primavera el departamento de justicia anunció que no seguiría defendiendo el Acto de Defensa por el Matrimonio (DOMA) en corte, una decisión que se opone fuertemente a los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos y a otros. Ahora el Departamento de Justicia ha cambiado su posición de defender el DOMA— lo cual es un problema, ya que el brazo ejecutivo tiene el deber de reforzar hasta aquellas leyes que no estén a su favor—a atacar activamente la constitucionalidad del DOMA. Mi predecesor, el Cardenal Francis George, OMI, y yo le hemos expresado nuestra gran decepción con respecto a la dirección en que su Administración se ha movido en cuanto al DOMA. Desafortunadamente la única respuesta hasta esta fecha ha sido la intensificación de los esfuerzos en contra del DOMA y la institución del matrimonio. El movimiento del Departamento de Justicia, en compañía de varias otras decisiones federales ocurridas recientemente, hacen que exponga mis graves preocupaciones. El contenido de esta carta refleja el fuerte sentimiento expresado en la reciente reunión de más de treinta de mis hermanos obispos quienes sirven en el Comité Administrativo de nuestra conferencia episcopal. Yo sé que a ellos se unen cientos de otros obispos Católicos de toda nuestra nación. Mis observaciones se ofrecen con un espíritu de respeto, pero de dialogo franco.

Los Obispos Católicos están dispuestos a afirmar cada medida tomada por usted y su Administración para fortalecer a la familia y el matrimonio. Sin embargo, no podemos permanecer en silencio, mientras los pasos federales dañinos contra el matrimonio, las leyes que lo defienden, y las libertades religiosas continúan en marcha... Señor Presidente, las acciones de su Administración en contra del DOMA y los valores que representa, contrastan sobremanera con sus excelentes proclamaciones para los Días de la Madre y del Padre, a las cuales me refiero en el análisis incluido. En estas declaraciones tan perceptivas y llegadas al corazón, usted correctamente hace énfasis en el rol crítico desempeñado por la madre y el padre en la vida de un niño, y con razón, llama a la sociedad a que haga cuanto sea posible por apoyar a las madres y los padres. Yo sé que usted atesora la importancia que usted y la Primera Dama, por separado y como pareja, comparten en la vida de sus hijos ... Por esto particularmente es molesto, Señor Presidente, que cuando su Administración, por medio de varios documentos, proclamaciones y pólizas identificadas en el análisis adjunto, atribuyen a quienes apoyan a DOMA, una motivación arraigada en prejuicio y favoritismo. Es especialmente erróneo e injusto el igualar la oposición a redefinir el matrimonio con una ignorante discriminación social intencional u obstinada, como su Administración insiste hacer. Nosotros como Obispos de la Iglesia Católica reconocemos la sin medida dignidad personal y el valor igual de cada individuo, incluyendo aquellos con atracciones por el mismo sexo, y rechazamos todo trato injusto y odioso contra cualquier persona. Nuestra profunda preocupación por el matrimonio como la unión complementaria y fructífera entre un hombre y una mujer no niega nuestra preocupación por el bienestar de todas las personas, al contrario lo refuerza.

Señor Presidente, con respeto le urjo que reverse el enfoque de su administración con respecto a DOMA.

El fracaso en un cambio de rumbo por la Administración con respecto a este asunto llevará... a precipitar un conflicto nacional entre la Iglesia y el Estado de enormes proporciones y al detrimento de ambas instituciones. Por esto, en nombre de mis hermanos Obispos, le urjo de nuevo que su Administración termine la campaña contra DOMA, la institución que protege el matrimonio y la libertad de religión.por favor sepa que usted, su familia y su Administración continúan estando en mis oraciones.

Con fidelidad en Cristo,

El Más Reverendo Timothy M. Dolan, Arzobispo de New York
Presidente, Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos.

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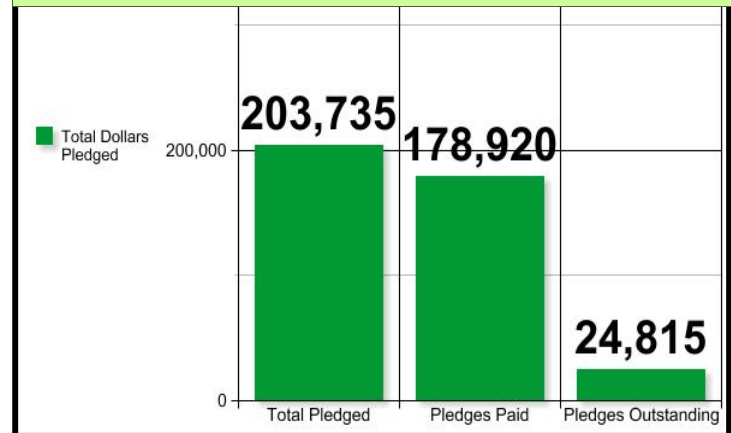
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