

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 30, 2011 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Tomorrow is All Hallows Eve (**Halloween**), and the Day after that is All Hallows itself (All Saints), and the Day after that is All Souls (the Day of the Dead). Where did all these Festivals come from, and what do they mean to us?

Halloween, of course, means the *eve* of All Hallows/**All Saints Day**, and the feast of All Saints goes back to the year 740 AD in Rome. Liturgically, we will solemnly celebrate "All Hallows Eve" with a Vigil

Mass on Tuesday evening at 5:45pm. Isn't it ironic that a celebration of eternal light and perfect happiness, a celebration of all the saints in heaven, became a celebration of darkness, horror, death, gore, and evil? The modern Festival of "Halloween" indeed celebrates "life after death," only it focuses on Hell rather than Heaven. We must lend all our energies to reaching Heaven, but never forget the reality of Hell.

Hell is a very real possibility for any of us, and this I think drives our annual obsession with "Halloween." The only reason to fear death is the possibility of going to Hell. If we simply ceased to exist after death, or if we all went to heaven, no one would fear death. But if we might possibly endure a form of *living death* after we expire, then we have good reason to fear death.

Jesus promises that those who believe in Him will not go to Hell (John 11:26). But what of us who die believing in God, yet still need to expiate our earthly sins? For that, God has given us the gift of

Purgatory, where we are given the time and grace to completely cast off our sinful habits. The Bible has many examples of sinners who were forgiven, but still had to expiate their sins, such as King David after he had been forgiven his sin with Bathsheba. We should always pray for the dead, and offer some sacrifices that they may quickly pass through Purgatory. November is an entire month dedicated to prayers and offerings for the holy souls in Purgatory. I encourage you to make an offering in the All Souls envelopes, fill out the back, and return it in the offertory. I always make an offering and write in all the names of my deceased relatives. These names will be kept at the foot of our altar all month. Writing them on the envelope, and making an offering, remind me to pray for them no less than I pray for those of us still living!



All Saints Party, 10/31/05

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
- Child Ed & Sacraments..... Debbie x205
- Choirs & Cantors..... Svetlana x200
- Events & Activities..... Susie x201
- Faith & Life Magazine..... Michael x203
- Giving to St. Joseph's..... Tammy x207
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- Parish Ministries..... Tammy x207
- Parish Registration..... Donna x102
- Room Reservations..... Rosario x110
- Volunteering..... Tammy x207
- Youth Ministry..... Nathan x206

Readings 10/31-11/6

Monday:

Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: All Saints Day

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24, 1 Jn 3:1-3,
Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: All Souls Day

Suggested: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or
6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40 or
any from Masses for the Dead,

Thursday:

Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10

Friday:

Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

12pm Latin Mass:

Heb. 7:23-27; Mt. 24:42-47

Saturday:

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday:

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63; 1 Thes 4:13-18
[13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

9am Mass: Christ the King

Col. 1:12-20; Jn. 18:33-37

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 30 (Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Rusty Boyle	1:30p	Bonifasio Ramirez, Guadalupe Chavez
9:00a	Wilton Johns	5:30p	Jacob Bower
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Ramon P. Bamacod, Sr.
12:00p	Hermana Elefante		
Monday, October 31			
8:00a	Richard Dinubilo and Nita Kendrick	5:45p	Virginia Lalic and Ryan Emnace
Tuesday, November 1 (All Saints Day)			
7:00a	Mary Dineen	12Nn	TLF Mass
8:00a	Rizal Mina	5:30p	Treavor Cook
9:30a	John & Filomena Mendes	7:30p	Joaquin & Natividad Rocha
Wednesday, November 2 (All Souls Day)			
8:00a	All Souls	5:45p	All Souls
Thursday, November 3			
8:00a	Charles Tidwell and Lorraine Ottoboni	5:45p	Joe Mendes and Margaret Solis
Friday, November 4			
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and Roberto Caredio	5:45p	Stephen Chacko and Manuel Brazil
Saturday, November 5			
8:00a	Jim Trevillyan and Bernardo Pag-ong	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, November 6 (Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Rusty Boyle	1:30p	Luis, Catalina, Rosa, Salvador y Antonio Ruiz
9:00a	Walter Cant	3:00p	Indian Mass
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Corazon Castigador
12:00p	John and Jack McCarthy	7:30p	Roger Gardner

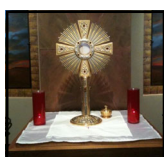
Prayer & Interior Life

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 30 — Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When the Israelites entered the promised land after four hundred years in Egypt God made a covenant with them. God promised to bless them if they would only turn from their idols and keep his commandments. But their hardness of heart turned them from the law and, even in Jesus time, the scribes and Pharisees were condemned for leading the people astray by their actions. The laws were meant to bring life to the people, but the example of the teachers corrupted the followers. May we remember the words of St Francis of Assisi: "Preach the gospel always. When necessary use words."


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.

This Week

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




Sunday, October 30, 2011		
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7
Monday, October 31, 2011		
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer	JP10
Tuesday, November 1, 2011		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
10:30 A	Light Weigh	JP8
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:30 P	ESL Classes	JP6
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:15 P	Knights of Columbus	Hall
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer	JP7
Wednesday, November 2, 2011		
1:30 P	Widows(ers) Bible Study	JP5
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:45 P	AA Principle Study	JP5
Thursday, November 3, 2011		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
12:00 P	RE Bible Study	JP4
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP5
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
Friday, November 4, 2011		
12:00 P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:30 P	Children's Adoration	Chur
Saturday, November 5, 2011		
8:30 A	Confessions	Chur
8:30 A	Militia Immaculata	JP7
9:00 A	AA (Women) Language	JP4
9:00 A	Militia Immaculata Prayer	JP5
4:00 P	Confessions	Chur
Sunday, November 6, 2011		
8:00 A	Vol Apprecia in Kitchen	
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7
3:00 P	Indian Mass	Chur

REMINDER
 Tuesday, November 1 All SAINTS Day is a Holy Day of Obligation
MASS Times: Vigil Mass (Oct. 31st) 5:45pm
 7 am, 8am, 9:30am, 12noon (High Latin), 5:45pm, 7:30 pm Spanish

ALL SOULS DAY MASS—NOVEMBER 2
 St. Stanislaus Cemetery will be having only one Mass for All Souls Day, Wednesday Nov. 2nd. The Reverend Monsignor Bonifacio Bal-donado will say Mass in English at 9:00am.

MILITARY MINISTRY NEWS



Members of our Military Ministry will be on the Plaza Veteran's Day weekend (Sat/Sun, 11/12-13) collecting donations for their Thanksgiving/Christmas military support "care-box" mailing. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

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.

Holiday Boutique at Our Lady of Fatima Church
 Join us in the Gymnasium on Saturday, Nov. 19th from 9am-4pm and Nov. 20 9am-2pm 505 W. Granger Ave, Modesto. Come have a sweet treat and a cup of coffee and browse through the variety of booths and handmade goodies! Care to join us as a vendor?
 Email bethiegck@aol.com or call 524-7421. Thank You!

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> or call Michael Webster at 551-4973 ext 203
Volunteer Web Team Members

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES ON ALL SOULS DAY
 Special remembrance envelopes are available in the vestibule this weekend
 Please return in the offertory or to the parish office
NOVEMBER 2—ALL SOULS DAY

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

REMINDER

During this month of November, PSR children are asked to bring macaroni and cheese for St Vincent DePaul when they come to class .

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



ST. JOSEPH'S MILITIA IMMACULATA
Invites you to
Attend a special talk by
Fr. Benny Kottarathil
Call to Sanctity

Adult and Spanish Villages
Nov. 5 after 8am Mass in Room #7
JP11 bldg.
Family Village — Nov. 6 after 9am
Mass at JP11 Bld., Room 2

☞ 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

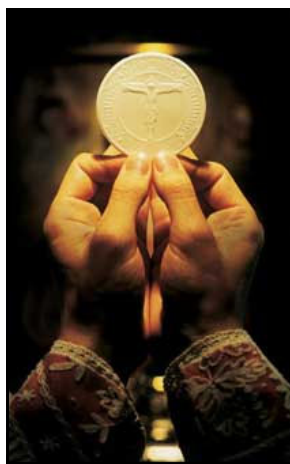
Welcoming the Roman Missal, Third Edition
By Michael Webster, Director of Religious Education



So why is it worth it? Why is it so important that we change the words that we say and hear at the Holy Mass? The words that we pray at Holy Mass and that are contained in the Roman Missal are the central prayer of the Church, it is how we commune with God as His family. The prayers and words within the Roman Missal date back hundreds and thousands of years, many of which come right from Sacred Scripture. This new edition will be more truer to these ancient texts and to scripture, joining us closer to the early Christians, Saints, and rich tradition of the Catholic Church. This will also help us to see how the Holy Mass is linked so closely with Sacred Scripture. There is a beauty in the Latin texts that was greatly lost in the current translation and the new translation will help bring that out, which can draw us closer to God's own beauty. The language will be more formal, but it is important for us to realize that the Mass is different than anything else we do and is the most important event that we attend each day or at least each Sunday.

The new translation will also include new prayers for feast/memorial days of newly canonized Saints. Many of those saints were canonized by Blessed John Paul II and their lives and prayers give us courage to live for Christ in our modern world.

Also all major English speaking countries will now use the same new translation, which will unify Catholics throughout the world. You can travel to England, Australia, Ireland, Canada, etc. and be familiar with the prayers and responses. Along those same lines, the changes in the new translation bring unity because they are closer to words already prayed by other major languages (Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, French, etc.).



A couple common misconceptions of this Roman Missal is that one person created it and that it happened quickly. In fact, this revision was made by thousands of people working together and it took place over a couple decades. I know that if we are open to and study the changes, our hearts will be more open to all that God wants to give to us at Mass and our lives will be transformed. In the upcoming weeks the article on this page will go over some of the new changes and explain how they are closer to scripture and will bring a greater unity among Catholics.

☞ Wisdom from the Saints ☜

"If we really understood the Holy Mass, we would die of joy."

-Saint John Vianney-



Faith & Finances with Phil Lenahan

Jesus speaks of the importance of humility in today's Gospel. An unhealthy attitude toward money is an obstacle to humility and living a more authentic Christian walk. As Pope Benedict once said, "Indeed when man pursues material well-being alone, remaining absorbed in himself, he bars the way to his own total fulfillment and authentic happiness."

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

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 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass.

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

ONLY 12 DAYS UNTIL:

"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

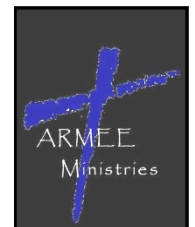
In Aptos, CA

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.



Beatriz Delgado

Profiles in Stewardship

by Maria F. Delgado-Braun

Beatriz Delgado is a familiar face in our Parish. She has been a parishioner since the beginning of the Spanish Mass, and has participated in several apostolates. Beatriz used to sing in the Spanish Choir for the 1:30 Mass, and was also part of the leadership for the Charismatic prayer group for 2-3 years. Earlier this year, after praying the rosary for quite some time, she became interested in doing her consecration to the Blessed Mother through the Militia Immaculata. She completed the formation classes under Fr. Benny and attended the MI Women's Retreat, where she finally did her consecration. It was there that she also took part in the birth of the Spanish MI Village at St. Joseph's. This was the first official event and meeting for the group that was formed. Beatriz listened and prayed intently during the Retreat, and became part of the leadership team a few weeks later. She brings her enthusiasm, joy and talents to the MI Spanish Village and our Parish community. Beatriz is always ready to help those in need guiding them with a gentle smile and kind words to the Immaculata. We invite you to take part in our meetings every first weekend of the month. There are three MI Villages to choose from: **Adult Village** and **Spanish Villages** — meet every first Saturday after the 8am Mass in room #5, and the **Family Village** every Sunday after the 9am Mass. Join us!

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza refreshments are hosted this morning by our Senior Strength Training Ministry. Stop by and ask more about their twice weekly strength building classes.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

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

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at St. Joseph's

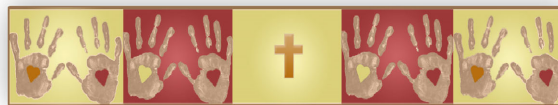
Monday, November 7, 2011

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.

Adult and Youth Volunteers welcomed for the
Parish Gala on
Friday, November 4
Auction Runners, Decorations, Cleanup
Call 551-4973 ext. 207

**MANY HANDS, MANY HEARTS,
ONE MISSION.**



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, 5 October 2011

Psalm 23



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Turning to the Lord in prayer implies a radical act of trust, in the awareness that one is entrusting oneself to God who is good, “merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness” (Ex 34:6-7; Ps 86[85]:15; cf. Joel 2:13; Jon 4:2; Ps 103 [102]:8; 145[144]:8; Neh 9:17). For this reason I would



like to reflect with you today on a Psalm that is totally imbued with trust, in which the Psalmist expresses his serene certainty that he is guided and protected, safe from every danger, because the Lord is his Shepherd. It is Psalm 23 [22, according to the Greco-Latin numbering], a text familiar to all and loved by all.

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want”: the beautiful prayer begins with these words, evoking the

nomadic environment of sheep-farming and the experience of familiarity between the shepherd and the sheep that make up his little flock. The image calls to mind an atmosphere of trust, intimacy and tenderness: the shepherd knows each one of his sheep and calls them by name; and they follow him because they recognize him and trust in him (Jn 10:2-4).

He tends them, looks after them as precious possessions, ready to defend them, to guarantee their well-being and enable them to live a peaceful life. They can lack nothing as long as the shepherd is with them. The Psalmist refers to this experience by calling God his shepherd and letting God lead him to safe pastures: “He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake” (Ps 23[22]:2-3).

The vision that unfolds before our eyes is that of green pastures and springs of clear water, oases of peace to which the shepherd leads his flock, symbols of the places of life towards which the Lord leads the Psalmist, who feels like the sheep lying on the grass beside a stream, resting rather than in a state of tension or alarm, peaceful and trusting, because it is a safe place, the water is fresh and the shepherd is watching over them.

And let us not forget here that the scene elicited by the Psalm is set in a land that is largely desert, on which the scorching sun beats down, where the Middle-Eastern semi-nomad shepherd lives with his flock in the parched steppes that surround the villages. Nevertheless the shepherd knows where to find grass and fresh water, essential to life, he can lead the way to oases in which the soul is “restored” and where it is possible to recover strength and new energy to start out afresh on the journey.

As the Psalmist says, God guides him to “green pastures” and “still waters”, where everything is superabundant, everything is given in plenty. If the Lord is the Shepherd, even in the desert, a desolate place of death, the certainty of a radical presence of life is not absent, so that he is able to say “I shall not want”. Indeed, the shepherd has at heart the good of his flock, he adapts his own pace and needs to those of his sheep, he walks and lives with them, leading them on paths “of righteousness”, that is, suitable for them, paying attention to their needs and not to his own. The safety of his sheep is a priority for him and he complies with this in leading his flock.

In the Diocese

In-Service Days for Catechists working with migrant camps or migrant families

Saturday, November 5th and November 12th the Office of Religious Education will offer six sessions on the spirituality of the catechist, the catechetical process and the role of parents in the faith formation of their children. It’s all about being, knowing and deciding what to do next! Call Sr. Gloria DeJesús, 466-0636 for more information. *(These workshops will be offered in Spanish only.)*

November 18-19, 2011, Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, CA.

It’s not too late! The Diocese of Stockton is a proud Co-Sponsor of the Adult Faith Formation Conference for Northern California. Topics include: Spirituality, The Missal is Finished: Now our Work Begins, How to Raise Faith-filled Children, Digital and Social Media for School and Parish, Tweeting our Praise to God: Liturgy in a Post Modern World and over 60 other sessions. There will also be a wonderful evening of song and worship *(Spanish only)* on Friday evening. Go! **Glorify the Lord by your Life!** Go to www.faithformationconference.com to view the entire program and to register.

Priestly Ordination December 3, 2011

Deacon Sam Woods 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.

Por Maria F. Delgado-Braun



Beatriz Delgado

Beatriz Delgado es un rostro conocido en nuestra parroquia. Ella ha sido parte de St. Joseph's desde el comienzo de la Misa en español, y ha participado en varios de los apostolados. Beatriz cantaba en el Coro de la Misa de la 1:30, es parte del grupo de fabricantes de los Rosarios y ha sido parte de la mesa directiva del grupo carismático por 2-3 años. Hace poco en este año, después de rezar el rosario por un tiempo, se interesó por consagrarse a la Virgen Maria por medio de la Milicia Inmaculada. Completó las clases de formación ofrecidas por el Padre Benny y tomó parte en el retiro para mujeres de la Milicia, donde finalmente hizo su consagración. Allí fue donde participó en la fundación de la Milicia Inmaculada de St. Joseph's en español. Beatriz escuchó y rezó esmeradamente durante el retiro, e ingresó al grupo de liderazgo de la Milicia. Ella trae su entusiasmo, gozo y talentos al grupo de MI en español y a nuestra comunidad parroquial. Beatriz siempre está dispuesta a ayudar a aquellos que lo necesitan, guiándolos con una tierna sonrisa y palabras hacia la Inmaculada. Los invitamos a que tomen parte en nuestras reuniones cada primer fin de semana del mes. Hay tres grupos de la Milicia Inmaculada para que escojan: Los Grupos de Adultos y de Español se reúnen el primer sábado después de la Misa de las 8am en el salón # 5 y el Grupo de Familias, el primer domingo después de la Misa de las 9am en el Hall. ¡Los esperamos!

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

Mañana es el día de Halloween, y el Día después es el Día de Todos Los Santos, seguido por el Día de Todas las Animas. ¿De dónde provienen todas estas fiestas y cual es su significado?

Halloween, por supuesto, se refiere a la noche antes del Día de Todos los Santos, la cual viene desde el año 740 A.D en Roma. Litúrgicamente, celebraremos solemnemente esta fiesta de Todos los Santos, con una Misa de Vigilia el martes en la tarde a las 5:45pm.

¿No es algo irónico que la celebración de la luz eterna y la perfecta alegría, la celebración de todos los santos en el cielo, sea convertida en una celebración de la oscuridad, el horror, la sangre y el mal? El festival moderno de "Halloween" en verdad celebra "la vida después de la muerte," solo que se enfoca en el infierno y no en el cielo. Debemos de poner todo nuestro empeño en llegar al cielo, pero nunca olvidarnos de la realidad del infierno.

El infierno es una posibilidad real para cualquiera de nosotros, y creo que esto es lo que lleva a nuestra anual obsesión con "Halloween." La única razón para temerle a la muerte es la posibilidad de llegar al infierno. Si simplemente dejáramos de existir después de la muerte, o si todos fuésemos a llegar al cielo, nadie le temería a la muerte. Pero si hay la posibilidad de que tengamos que pasar por una clase de *muerte eterna* después de morir, entonces tenemos razón de temerle a la muerte.

Jesús promete que todo aquel que crea en El no llegará al infierno (Juan 11:26). ¿Pero qué acontece con todos aquellos que morimos creyendo en Dios, pero todavía no hemos expiado nuestros pecados terrenos? Para esto, Dios nos ha dado el regalo del **Purgatorio**, donde se nos da el tiempo y la gracia para que desechemos nuestros hábitos pecaminosos. La Biblia tiene muchos ejemplos de pecadores quienes fueron perdonados, pero que todavía tenían que expiar sus pecados, tales como el Rey David después de que se le fue perdonado su pecado con Bathsheba. Siempre debemos rezar por los difuntos y ofrecer sacrificios para que puedan pasar mas rápido por el Purgatorio. El mes de noviembre está dedicado para ofrecer oraciones y ofertorios por las santas ánimas del Purgatorio. Los animo a que hagan un ofertorio en los sobres Por Todas las Almas, llenen el reverso y entréguenlo con el ofertorio. Yo siempre ofrezco uno y escribo los nombres de aquellos familiares que se han muerto. Estos nombres serán puestos al pie del altar por todo el mes. ¡El escribir sus nombres en el sobre, y hacer un ofertorio por ellos, me acuerda de rezar por ellos lo mismo que por aquellos que todavía está n vivos!



Fiesta de Todos los Santos, 10/31/05

Fr. Joseph

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

AUDIENCIA GENERAL

Miércoles 5 de octubre de 2011

Salmo 23



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Dirigirse al Señor en la oración implica un acto radical de confianza, con la conciencia de fiarse de Dios, que es bueno, «compasivo y misericordioso, lento a la ira y rico en clemencia y lealtad» (*Ex* 34, 6-7; *Sal* 86, 15; cf. *Jl* 2, 13; *Gn* 4, 2; *Sal* 103, 8; 145, 8; *Ne* 9, 17). Por ello hoy quiero reflexionar con vosotros sobre



un Salmo impregnado totalmente de confianza, donde el salmista expresa su serena certeza de ser guiado y protegido, puesto al seguro de todo peligro, porque el Señor es su pastor. Se trata del *Salmo 23* — según la datación grecolatina, 22—, un texto familiar a todos y amado por todos.

«El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta»: así empieza esta bella oración, evocando el ambiente nómada de los pastores y la experiencia de conocimiento recíproco que se establece entre el pastor y las ovejas que componen su pequeño rebaño. La imagen remite a un clima de confianza, intimidad y ternura: el pastor conoce una a una a sus ovejas, las llama por su nombre y ellas lo siguen porque lo reconocen y se fían de él (*Jn* 10, 2-4). Él las cuida, las custodia como bienes preciosos, dispuesto a defenderlas, a garantizarles bienestar, a permitirles vivir en la tranquilidad. Nada puede faltar si el pastor está con ellas. A esta experiencia hace referencia el salmista, llamando a Dios su pastor, y dejándose guiar por él hacia praderas seguras: «En verdes praderas me hace recostar; me conduce hacia fuentes tranquilas y repara mis fuerzas; me guía por el sendero justo, por el honor de su nombre» (vv. 2-3).

La visión que se abre ante nuestros ojos es la de praderas verdes y fuentes de agua límpida, oasis de paz hacia los cuales el pastor acompaña al rebaño, símbolos de los lugares de vida hacia los cuales el Señor conduce al salmista, quien se siente como las ovejas recostadas sobre la hierba junto a una fuente, en un momento de reposo, no en tensión o en estado de alarma, sino confiadas y tranquilas, porque el sitio es seguro, el agua es fresca, y el pastor vigila sobre ellas. Y no olvidemos que la escena evocada por el Salmo está ambientada en una tierra en gran parte desértica, azotada por el sol ardiente, donde el pastor seminómada de Oriente Medio vive con su rebaño en las estepas calcinadas que se extienden en torno a los poblados. Pero el pastor sabe dónde encontrar hierba y agua fresca, esenciales para la vida, sabe conducir al oasis donde el alma «repara sus fuerzas» y es posible recuperar las fuerzas y nuevas energías para volver a ponerse en camino.

Como dice el salmista, Dios lo guía hacia «verdes praderas» y «fuentes tranquilas», donde todo es sobreabundante, todo es donado en abundancia. Si el Señor es el pastor, incluso en el desierto, lugar de ausencia y de muerte, no disminuye la certeza de una presencia radical de vida, hasta llegar a decir: «nada me falta». El pastor, en efecto, se preocupa por el bienestar de su rebaño, acomoda sus propios ritmos y sus propias exigencias a las de sus ovejas, camina y vive con ellas, guiándolas por senderos «justos», es decir aptos para ellas, atendiendo a sus necesidades y no a las propias. Su prioridad es la seguridad de su rebaño, y es lo que busca al guiarlo.

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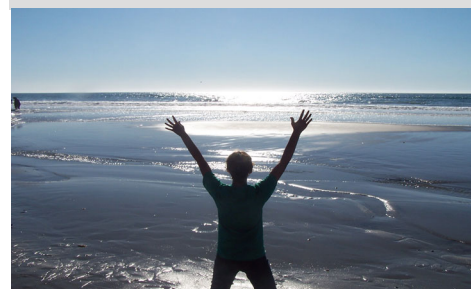
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Remember your loved ones during the entire month of November by placing their names in an All Souls Day envelope and returning in the offertory or to the parish office. All Souls Day envelopes are available in the vestibule this weekend or in the parish office.

