

*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

September 18, 2011
Twenty-Fifth 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,
9:00am (Traditional Latin), 10:30am,
noon, 1:30pm (Español),
5:30pm & 7:30pm

Daily Mass:

8:00am & 5:45pm; Saturdays 8:00am
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 Ochinerro, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

Many people are wondering when the recession will end. I don't think anytime soon, and I will tell you the reason. Let's go back to 1968, when Pope Paul VI said that that a new technology, the oral contraceptive, was gravely evil. Few believed him, because this new thing promised freedom and prosperity. The Pope said that oral contraceptives would drain love from marriages, promote promiscuity, and so lead to wide social damage. The "sexual revolution" (along with the drug companies) were bending all their might to promote contraception, and most people trusted the wisdom of the "sexperts" over that of the Pope.

Contraceptives have so thoroughly soaked through our social fabric that we cannot imagine life without them. Most people would rather live without TV or smartphones than contraceptives, for we have accepted as a fact that life without carefree sex is unbearable. But Pope Paul pointed to an eternal truth: sex can never be "carefree" or "casual" anymore than having a baby is "carefree." If we engage in sex without thinking, it will hurt us, even more than, say, playing with dynamite. Sex is more powerful than dynamite. It is meant for procreation, and the enduring love between a mother and father who beget children together. It is not a toy. Abusing this gift will eventually catch up with us. The deteriorating economy is one result of playing with sex as a toy rather than using it for its proper purpose (building stable and fruitful families).

Let me explain the economic consequences of contraception. Economies are driven by two factors: labor and capital. The younger generation builds up its wealth (capital) by working (labor). When it gets towards retirement, that generation then invests its capital into the labor of the upcoming generations (children and grandchildren). The problem today is that, for fifty years, world populations have amassed capital but have been contracepting and aborting what should have been the next generation. Half the labor force is missing, and capital has nowhere to invest. It just sits there, useless and fruitless.

The experts are coming up with all sorts of reasons why the world economy is faltering. These are contributing factors, but not the main reason. The main cause of our global economic crisis is demographic. Economic decline always follows demographic decline, and demographic decline always follows family decline. The recession we are in will not end anytime soon. Until we begin rebuilding our families, we will not have a healthy economy. This is the real inconvenient truth that the elites do not want to face.

Fr. Joseph

Staff Contacts

Parish Office (Lulu, Donna, Brenda, Lauren)

Monday hours: 10:00 to 5:30;

Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 to 5:30;

Friday 8:30 to Noon.

Each day the office will be closed for lunch from Noon to 1:00pm

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
- Choirs & Cantors Svetlana x200
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Readings 9/19-9/25

Monday:

Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday:

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Thursday:

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Friday:

Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

12pm Latin Mass:

1 Pet. 5:1-4; 10-11; Mt. 16:13-19

Saturday:

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday:

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];

Mt. 21:28-32

9am Mass: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Gal. 5:25, 26; 6:1-10; Lk. 7:11-16

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 18 (Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Manuel Borges Victoria	1:30p	Placida Robledo, Manuel Madueño and Alejandro Sanchez, Jr.
9:00a	Frank Torres	3:00p	Marcelino, Edwin and Rosalinda Dioso
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Bert Trajano
12:00p	Paul Serpa	7:30p	Pamela Oraha
Monday, September 19			
8:00a	Carmen A. & Alejandro San Pedro	5:45p	Bernice Alcamo and Butran Jones
Tuesday, September 20			
8:00a	Frank R. Cusenza and All Souls in Purgatory	5:45p	Florentino & Micaela Galvez
Wednesday, September 21			
8:00a	Kurtis Kraft and Virginia Vas	5:45p	Julio & Eileen Gallo and Pat Paxia
Thursday, September 22			
8:00a	Joe Phillips and Richard Dinubilo	5:45p	Manuel B. Victoria and Frank Lowry, Sr.
Friday, September 23			
8:00a	Joe Vultaggio and Rosanna Hollander	5:45p	Flora Silva and Elias Sousa
Saturday, September 24			
8:00a	Ann Besotes and Frank Lowry, Jr.	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, September 25 (Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Rusty Boyle	1:30p	Tony Espinosa
9:00a	Lisa Scott	5:30p	Jessica and Yvonne Solis
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Barbara Lyons
12:00p	John & Filomena Mendes		

Prayer & Interior Life

Stewardship: Sharing These Gifts in Love of God and Neighbor"

September 18, 2011—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord calls to us wherever we may be. Isaiah advised the wicked to seek the Lord when He is near. In the gospel parable Jesus describes how the workers who were hired late in the day received the same wage as those who were hired early in the day. The envy shown by the first workers resembled the attitude of some of the Jews against the Gentiles. More importantly the parable warns us that God's love is for all and that those who turn to God after a life of sin will have an equal share in the kingdom with those who lived for the kingdom all their lives. May we extend the kingdom of heaven by welcoming all who turn from sin.



St. Joseph's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Try a Holy Hour with Jesus Once a Week!

Vacant Hours:

Sundays: 5am to 6am;


Fridays: 6pm to 7pm;

Saturdays: 9pm to 10pm

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: The Cleary Family
 In loving memory of Donald Cleary



MARIAN WOMEN'S HEALING RETREAT
 OCTOBER 8—9AM-4:30PM

This conference will be held at St. Stanislaus Church, 709 J Street, and includes Mass, Healing Service, Reconciliation, and Rosary, with Father Dean McFalls, Christine Watkins, and Samia Zumout as speakers. Cost: \$20/per person; covers conference and free lunch (if you register no later than October 1). For more information, call 209-484-2633 or email afultz1966@gmail.com; or visit our website at www.marianhealingretreat.weebly.com.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give your kids the best gift they can get: Parents with a Great Marriage! Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Our Fall Weekends are Sept 30-Oct 2, Reno, and Oct 21-23, Modesto. Call: Barry & Julia Reynolds, 866-825-2046, or meregister@aol.com.



PUBLIC REPARATION ROSARY
 OCTOBER 15

A *Public Reparation Rosary* will be offered in front of the abortion clinic, 2030 Coffee Rd. on Saturday, October 15, at 12:00 noon. Our Lady of Fatima has called us to prayer and sacrifice to ease the transgressions and offenses against our Lord. No signs.

No protesting, only PRAYING, so bring your Rosary! For more information, call Dr. Stephanie at 209-622-0343. Thank You!

PROJECT RACHEL RETREATS

If you are carrying the grief and sorrow of a past abortion, you are not alone. Experience the healing love of Jesus at a Project Rachel Retreat. Our next retreat will be held October 21-23, 2011. For information, call the Project Rachel program at the Respect Life Office at 465-5433 or 1-800-396-8777.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Catholic Charities has launched a new Family Counseling Services Program in Stanislaus County. The mission of the counseling program is to offer accessible, low-cost, short-term, out-patient counseling. Catholic Charities is currently seeking licensed therapists (LCSW or LMFT) to volunteer and assist with providing needed services in Patterson and Turlock. Bilingual English/Spanish or English/Portuguese therapists are needed. For more information and details please submit resume and cover letter to Peter Munoz at pmunoz@ccstockton.org, or fax to 209-529-6083.

Sunday, September 18		
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
10:00 A	Militia Immaculata--Family	JP2
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7
3:00 P	Filipino Mass	Chur
4:00 P	Filipino Fellowship	JP6
Monday, September 19		
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer	JP10
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP4
Tuesday, September 20		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
6:00 P	ESL Classes	JP6
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP8
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Span.	JP7
Wednesday, September 21		
10:00 A	St. J. Seniors' Lunch	Hall
1:30 P	Widows(ers) Bible Study	JP5
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:45 P	AA Principle Study	JP5
7:00 P	On the Go Adults	JP4
7:00 P	Busy Women's Bible Study	JP5
Thursday, September 22		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
12:00 P	RE Bible Study	JP4
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
Friday, September 23		
12:00 P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:30 P	Adoration & Confessions	Chur
Saturday, September 24		
8:30 A	Confessions	Chur
	AA (Women) Language of the Heart	JP4
9:00 A	Made to Crave	JP4
4:00 P	Confessions	Chur
Sunday, September 25		
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

September 27 is the last day for PSR Registrations!

Registrations will be taken Monday and Tuesday from 10am-5pm; Wednesday from 1pm-7pm. The Office is closed on Thursday and Friday. Fees are \$75 for 1 student, \$100 for 2 students and \$120 for 3 or more students. Payment plans are available.

☪ Special Education ☪

We are currently enrolling students from 1st grade to young adults in PSR with Special Education needs. The catechist is bi-lingual and can assist students in English and Spanish. Please contact the PSR office for more information.



Join the Bible Study on campus every Thursday at noon in the Vatican Room. Bring your Bible and enthusiasm!

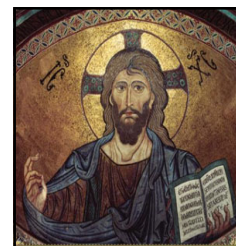
Faith & Finances with Phil Lenahan "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts" (Is. 55:8-9). Stewards of Providence rely on God's principles for life rather than the latest worldly fads.

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

Holiness is one of the Pastoral priorities which was delineated by Pope John Paul II for the new millennium. The sense of striving for holiness is certainly not a new idea. The Church, *the Bride of Christ*, has always been called to perfection. We are members of that mystical body and we are called to this order: "This is the will of God, your sanctification" (1Th 4:3). Catechumens are asked, "Do you wish to receive baptism? Do you wish to be holy?" before entering into covenant with God at Baptism. Granted, most of us were baptized as infants, and it was then that our parents answered for us. Every time we bless ourselves with holy water, we recall our baptismal promises, and we dispose ourselves to the work of God in our souls. Holiness is for all of us, clergy, religious and laity, for the entire Body of Christ. And just how do we do this? Is there a magic formula that we must follow? Like the young man who approaches Jesus and asks how to enter into the kingdom of heaven in Luke 10:17-24, we must leave everything behind that separates us from God and follow Him. We must put on Christ and imitate Him. Holiness doesn't happen by accident, it is a decision of the will. The surest means to holiness is Prayer, the second pastoral priority. Prayer is the basis for our spiritual life. It is through prayer that we get to know God, and once we know Him, we cannot keep from loving and serving Him. Prayer is communion with God, it is allowing the indwelling of the Holy Trinity in our souls. We were designed to live with God, and our souls cannot rest until we come to union with Him. If we follow His commandments, pray and strive for holiness, God will change our hardened hearts into hearts of flesh. We must trust in His love and in the fact that He is transforming us into saints, even if we cannot see it. It is especially during those hard times of darkness that God carries us and transforms us. Our job is to surrender to Him. *Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine!*

☪ Bible Studies ☪

Busy Woman's Bible Study
On the Book of Revelation
Featuring: The Mass of Heaven on Earth by Scott Hahn
Wednesdays 6:30-8pm
September 21 — October 19
In the JP II Center, Room #5
All women are invited, cost is free, just bring your bible. Please contact Donna Roeck at 863-2944.

Season 3: In the footsteps of Christ
Registrations for small group faith sharing:
ARISE bible study and prayer
Sign ups on the plaza this weekend Sept. 17 and 18.
call 551-4973 ext. 218.
or e-mail arise@stjmod.com



☪ Militia Immaculata ☪

Men's Retreat
(sponsored by MI)
October 7, 8, & 9



All men are invited but space is limited so register today! The retreat will take place in Mi-Wuk. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Michael Webster at 551-4973 ext. 203

MI Family Village Meeting
Changed to Sept. 18th (3rd Sunday)
JP II 10:30-noon (Due to Festival).
Fr Joseph will be our Presenter.

We look forward to resuming our Family Meetings and welcome all newcomers. Call John & Malissa Souza @ 531-8126 for more details.
Children Welcome

HIGH SCHOOL

!!!! Kickoff !!!!

ATTENTION TEENS!! THE WAIT IS OVER!!

JOIN US TONIGHT FOR The Ultimate Battle of Eden

Beginning immediately after 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass in the
Fr. O Hare Hall.



C-1 Catechists:

We are still in need of male catechists to help with our 7th grade Confirmation students.

C-1 meetings are every Wednesday night from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Fr. O'Hare Hall. Our first meeting is **this Wednesday, September 21.** Please contact Nathan if you are interested. 209.247.7863

Next Week's LifeNight:

*"To Believe
or not to Believe.
That is the Question."*

Join us in the Youth and Family Room of the JPII building after 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Contact Us!

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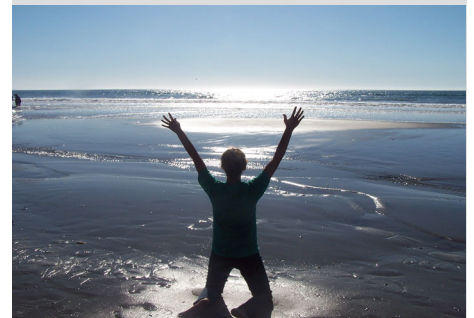
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Save the Date

High School !!RETREAT!!

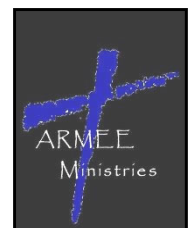
November 11-13, 2011

In Aptos, CA



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.



Ed and Joanna Ibarra

Profiles in Stewardship

by Stacy Phillips

Those attending RCIA for the first time are greeted at the door by a friendly face and a welcoming heart...Ed Ibarra. Ed has been a Catechist for 9 years and he shares his personal story as a grateful Catholic. While his love of his Catholic faith shines through in his presentations; so does the love he has for his wife **Joanna**. Together they help the couples of our Parish prepare for marriage by teaching the "intimacy in marriage talk". The importance of the sacredness of marriage is foundational and naturally prompts Ed to promote the "Walk for Life" which takes place every January. Ed also happens to be a member of an organization in our Parish that I refer to as "my heroes"...the Knights of Columbus. While we all enjoy the fish fry's (and the Knights are very active at St. Joseph's), the Knights also provide a bible for the adults seeking faith through RCIA... a generous lifelong gift that feeds the soul. Lastly, Ed has agreed to be the champion for a new endeavor. **Immaculate Heart Radio** would like to expand to better serve the areas of Modesto, Turlock, and Merced. Catholic Radio is an effective tool for evangelization (and many of us have been affected by Catholic Radio), but some of you may have noticed that the signal coming from Stockton doesn't reach everyone. God is working ...and so is Ed.

Center for Lay Apostolates

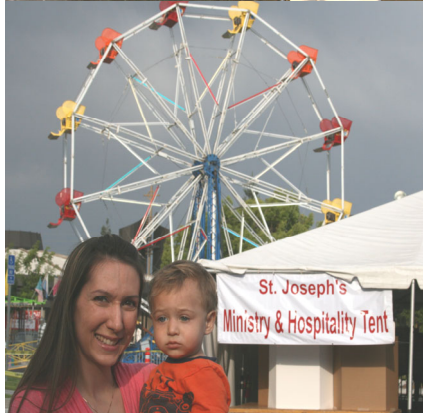
FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza refreshments are hosted this morning by the Planning Committee of Many Hands, Many Hearts, One Mission: Our Gala Parish Event! Save the date for Friday, November 4, 2011.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Festival Volunteers:

You are a blessing to our parish!
Thank you from the 2011 Festival Committee
and your clergy

*2011 Committee: Richard Braun, Chairperson
Don and Janet Baker, Judy Bauer, Becky Bettencourt,
Dorothy Butler, Alfonso and Judy Chavez, Ashley Chavez,
Lucy Conkey, Ron Cook, Ed and Sue Gamboa, Dawn
Gonzales, Kent and Laura Harker, Ted and Cathy Hart-
man, Nicole Menezes, Flora Patterson, Tyson Murphy,
Marcie Nicholson, Kathy Olson, Stacy Phillips, Donna
Roeck, and Carlos Torres.*



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

From our Holy Father in Castel Gandolfo

GENERAL AUDIENCE
Apostolic Journey to Madrid
Wednesday, 24 August 2011



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today I would like to return my thoughts and my heart to the extraordinary days I spent in Madrid for the 26th World Youth Day. As you know it was a stirring ecclesial event; about two million young people from all the continents lived with joy an overwhelming experience of brotherhood, of encounter with the Lord, of sharing and of growth in faith: a true cascade of light. I thank God for this precious gift, which promises hope for the Church's future: young people with a strong and sincere desire to root their life in Christ, to keep firm in faith, to walk together in the Church. I cannot of course describe in a few words the most intense moments that we experienced. I am thinking of the unrestrained enthusiasm with which the young people received me on the first day in the Plaza de Cibeles, of their words of expectation, their strong desire to turn to the deepest truth and to be rooted in it, that truth which God has granted us to know in Christ.

At the imposing Monastery of El Escorial, rich in history, spirituality and culture, I met the young women religious and young university professors. I reminded the former, the young women religious, of the beauty of their vocation lived with fidelity and of the importance of their apostolic service and their prophetic witness. Moreover, the impression of their enthusiasm, of their young faith, full of courage for the future and of the readiness to serve humanity in this way lives on within me.

I reminded the professors that they should be true formators of the new generations, guiding them in their search for truth not only with words but also with their life, knowing that the Truth is Christ himself. In finding Christ we find the truth. In the evening, during the celebration of the Way of the Cross, a variegated multitude of young people relived the scenes of Christ's passion and death with intense involvement: the Cross of Christ gives far more than it demands; it gives everything because it leads us to God. The following day there was Holy Mass with the seminarians in the Cathedral of de la Almudena in Madrid, young men who want to be rooted in Christ in order some day to make him present as his ministers. I hope that vocations to the priesthood will increase! Among those present, more than a few had heard the Lord's call precisely during previous Youth Days; I am sure that in Madrid too the Lord knocked at the door of the heart of many young men so that they might follow him generously in the priestly ministry or in the religious life. The visit to a Centre for differently abled young people permitted me to see the great respect and love that is felt for every person and it gave me the opportunity to thank the thousands of volunteers who silently bear witness to the Gospel of charity and life. The Prayer Vigil in the evening and the great concluding Eucharistic celebration the following day were two very intense moments: in the evening a multitude of young people celebrating, not in the least discouraged by the wind and rain, knelt in silent adoration of Christ present in the Eucharist, to praise him, to thank him, to ask him for help and enlightenment; and then, on Sunday, the young people expressed their exuberance and joy in celebrating the Lord in the word and in the Eucharist, to insert themselves increasingly in him and to strengthen their faith and their life as Christians. I met the volunteers at the end in an atmosphere of enthusiasm and thanked them for their generosity and, with the Farewell Ceremony, I left the country bearing these days in my heart as a great gift. Dear friends, the Madrid Meeting was a wonderful expression of faith for Spain and for the world first of all.

In the Diocese

AN AUTUMN MESSAGE ABOUT CHILD PROTECTION
Autumn means back to school for children and back to work for those who have been on vacation. With all the activity involved, let us keep sight of the importance of keeping our children and young people safe from danger.

Training requirements to safeguard children have been established in parishes throughout the Diocese of Stockton. These training requirements help ensure that all children and youth experience a safe environment in all parish activities and events.

The Diocese of Stockton mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools must undergo child abuse prevention training through the guidelines established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. **This training includes being fingerprinted along with background checks, and completing an on-line training course entitled *Shield the Vulnerable*.** If you are planning to help or assist in your child's school, you are required to complete this training.

For training information, contact your local parish/school Safe Environment Coordinator.

For particular help and questions you may call: **Linda Dillen, Manager of Benefits & Safe Environment for the Diocese of Stockton, at (209) 466-0636.**

Por Stacy Phillips



Ed and Joanna Ibarra

Las personas asistiendo al RCIA (Rito de Iniciación Cristian para Adultos) por primera vez son recibidas a la entrada por una cara sonriente y un corazón acogedor...Ed Ibarra. Ed ha sido catequista por 9 años y comparte su experiencia personal como católico agradecido. Mientras que su amor por su fe católica brilla en sus presentaciones; también reluce el amor que él tiene por su esposa Joanna. Juntos, ellos ayudan a las parejas de nuestra parroquia a prepararse para el matrimonio enseñando la clase sobre la "Intimidad en el Matrimonio". La importancia de lo sagrado del matrimonio es fundacional y naturalmente lo impulsa a promover la "Caminata por la Vida" la cual toma lugar cada enero. El también es miembro de la organización en nuestra parroquia de la cual yo los refiero como "mis héroes"...los Caballeros de Colón. Mientras que todos nosotros disfrutamos de las cenas de pescado frito (y los Caballeros son muy activos en St. Joseph's), los Caballeros también proveen una Biblia para los adultos en busca de la fe por medio del RCIA...un generoso don que alimenta el alma por toda la vida. Finalmente, Ed ha aceptado ser el cabecilla de un nuevo esfuerzo. A la estación de radio Immaculate Heart Radio le gustaría expandirse para servir mejor al área de Modesto. La radio católica es una herramienta efectiva para la evangelización (y muchos de nosotros hemos sido tocados por la radio católica), pero algunos de ustedes han notado que la señal que viene de Stockton no es muy clara. El Señor está trabajando...y también Ed.

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

Muchos se preguntan cuando acabará la **recesión**. Yo no creo que se acabe muy pronto, y les diré mi razón. Volvamos a 1968, cuando el Papa Pablo VI dijo que la nueva tecnología, los anticonceptivos, eran un gran mal. Pocos le creyeron, porque esta nueva cosa prometía libertad y prosperidad. El Papa dijo que los anticonceptivos orales acabarían con el amor en los matrimonios, promoverían la promiscuidad y llevarían a un gran daño social. La "revolución sexual" (y las compañías farmacéuticas) trataron con todo su poder de promover la contracepción y la gente puso toda su confianza en la sabiduría de estos "expertos en sexo" en vez del Papa.

Los anticonceptivos han penetrado la fabrica social tanto, que no podríamos imaginarnos la vida sin ellos. La mayoría de la gente preferirían vivir sin TV o celulares en vez de dejar los anticonceptivos, ya que hemos aceptado la idea de que la vida sin el sexo "despreocupado" es insoportable. Pero el Papa señaló una verdad eterna: el sexo nunca puede ser "casual" o "despreocupado" de la misma manera que tener un bebe no puede ser "despreocupado." Si practicamos el sexo sin pensar, nos hará mas daño que jugar con dinamita. El sexo tiene más poder que la dinamita. Fue creado para procrear, y para mantener el amor entre el padre y la madre, quienes engendran hijos juntos. No es un juguete. El abusar este regalo eventualmente nos hará daño. La deteriorante economía es el resultado de estar jugando con el sexo como un juguete en vez de usarlo para su propósito verdadero (construyendo familias estables y con fruto).

Déjeme explicar las consecuencias económicas de la contracepción. Las economías están determinadas por dos factores: la labor y el capital. La generación mas joven acumula capital por medio del trabajo (labor). Cuando llega al tiempo del retiro, esa generación invierte el capital en el trabajo de las próximas generaciones (hijos y nietos). El problema de hoy es que, por cincuenta años, la población mundial ha amasado capital pero ha estado practicando la contracepción y el aborto de lo que sería la próxima generación. Tolo para allí. Sin ser usado y sin producir fruto.

Los expertos han tratado de explicar el porque de la debilidad de la economía mundial. Estos son los factores contribuyentes, pero no la razón principal. La razón principal para la crisis económica global es la demografía. El descenso económico siempre sigue el descenso demográfico, y el descenso demográfico siempre sigue el descenso de la familia. La recesión en que nos encontramos no terminará pronto. No tendremos una economía saludable hasta que comencemos a reconstruir nuestras familias. Esta es la verdad inconveniente que la elite no quiere enfrentar.

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Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Hoy quiero volver brevemente con el pensamiento y con el corazón a los extraordinarios días pasados en Madrid para la XXVI Jornada mundial de la juventud. Ha sido, como sabéis, un acontecimiento eclesial emocionante; cerca de dos millones de jóvenes de todos los continentes vivieron con alegría una formidable experiencia de fraternidad, de encuentro con el Señor, de compartir y de crecimiento en la fe: una verdadera cascada de luz. Doy gracias a Dios por este valioso don, que da esperanza al futuro de la Iglesia: jóvenes con el deseo firme y sincero de arraigar su vida en Cristo, permanecer firmes en la fe y caminar juntos en la Iglesia. En pocas palabras, naturalmente no puedo describir los momentos tan intensos que vivimos. Conservo en la mente el entusiasmo incontenible con el que me recibieron los jóvenes, el primer día, en la plaza de Cibeles, sus palabras ricas de expectativas, su fuerte deseo de orientarse hacia la verdad más profunda y de arraigarse en ella, esa verdad que Dios nos dio a conocer en Cristo. En el imponente monasterio de El Escorial, rico de historia, de espiritualidad y de cultura, me encontré con las jóvenes religiosas y los jóvenes docentes universitarios. A las primeras, a las jóvenes religiosas, les recordé la belleza de su vocación vivida con fidelidad, y la importancia de su servicio apostólico y de su testimonio profético. Y permanece en mí la imagen de su entusiasmo, de una fe joven y llena de valentía con vistas al futuro, de voluntad de servir de este modo a la humanidad. A los profesores les recordé que son verdaderos formadores de las nuevas generaciones, guiándolas en la búsqueda de la verdad no sólo con palabras, sino también con la vida, conscientes de que la Verdad es Cristo mismo. Al encontrar a Cristo encontramos la verdad. Por la tarde, en la celebración del vía crucis, una variada multitud de jóvenes revivió con una participación intensa las escenas de la pasión y muerte de Cristo: la cruz de Cristo da mucho más de lo que exige, da todo, porque nos conduce a Dios. Al día siguiente, la santa misa en la catedral de la Almudena, en Madrid, con los seminaristas: jóvenes que quieren arraigarse en Cristo para hacerlo presente el día de mañana, como sus ministros. Deseo que aumenten las vocaciones al sacerdocio. Entre los presentes se encontraba más de uno que había escuchado la llamada del Señor precisamente en las anteriores Jornadas de la juventud; tengo la certeza de que también en Madrid el Señor ha llamado a la puerta del corazón de muchos jóvenes para que lo sigan con generosidad en el ministerio sacerdotal o en la vida religiosa. La visita a un Centro para jóvenes discapacitados me hizo ver el gran respeto y amor que se nutre hacia cada persona y me presentó la ocasión de dar las gracias a los miles de voluntarios que testimonian silenciosamente el evangelio de la caridad y de la vida. La Vigilia de oración de la noche y la gran celebración eucarística conclusiva del día siguiente fueron dos momentos muy intensos: por la noche, una multitud de jóvenes en fiesta, para nada atemorizados por la lluvia y por el viento, permaneció en adoración silenciosa de Cristo presente en la Eucaristía, para alabar, agradecerle, pedirle ayuda y luz; y luego, el domingo, los jóvenes manifestaron su exuberancia y su alegría de celebrar al Señor en la Palabra y en la Eucaristía, para insertarse cada vez más en él y reforzar su fe y su vida cristiana. Por último, en un clima de entusiasmo me encontré con los voluntarios, a los que agradecí su generosidad; y con la ceremonia de despedida dejé el país llevando como un gran don estos días en el corazón. Queridos amigos, el encuentro de Madrid fue una estupenda manifestación de

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