

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 25, 2011 Twenty-Sixth 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

My third and last presentation on the **new Mass translations** will be this Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Hall. We will go over the changes in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, practice the people's parts, introduce the pew cards, and give out Magnificat guidebooks. I am very much looking forward to these new translations, which will begin fully on November 27. We have already started singing the new parts (Gloria, Holy Holy Holy, and Lamb of God), if you haven't already noticed.

My favorite month of the year is coming up: **October**. I love the change in weather, the turning leaves (grew up in Pennsylvania), and most of all, the *liturgical feasts!* This Saturday, October 1, is St. Therese's Day, and October 2 is Holy Guardian Angels, and October 4 is St. Francis, and October 7 is Holy Rosary, October 15 is St. Teresa of Avila, and October 19 are the North American Martyrs (Isaac Jogues and companions). How I love these feasts!

But even now, in latter September, we have some wonderful saints days. Tuesday is St. Vincent de Paul, and Wednesday is Good Saint Wenceslaus, and Thursday are the Holy Archangels. **St. Vincent de Paul** was ordained in the year 1600 (easy to remember) in France, but was captured by Turkish pirates in his fifth year of priesthood and made a slave for two years. He converted his master and escaped back to France, where he eventually founded the men's order we now call the "Vincentians." (Sacred Heart in Patterson is run by the Vincentian priests and brothers.) St. Vincent, having been a slave himself, loved the



Blessing of Animals on St. Francis' Day
(October 4, 2002)

poor, and served as chaplain to the galley slaves in France. "Love the poor, and your life will be filled with sunlight and you will not fear the hour of death," he wrote. Our own St. Vincent de Paul Society gives so much to the poor, and those who work in it are filled with sunlight, as are all those in our parish who work directly with the poor.

Many thanks to all our catechists, now that PSR is in full swing!

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

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- Accounting Barbara x108
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- Altar Servers Svetlana x200
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Readings 9/26-10/2

- Monday:**
Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday:**
Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday:**
Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday:**
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-
- Friday:**
Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
12pm Latin Mass:
II Tim. 4:1-8; Mt. 5:13-19
- Saturday:**
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday:**
Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9;
Mt. 21:33-43
- 9am Mass: 16th Sunday after Pentecost**
Eph. 3:13-21; Lk. 14:1-11

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

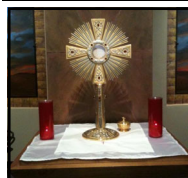
Sunday, September 25 (Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Rusty Boyle	1:30p	Tony Espinosa
9:00a	Lisa Scott	5:30p	Jessica and Yvonne Solis
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Barbara Lyons
12:00p	John & Filomena Mendes		
Monday, September 26			
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and Bernice Alcamo	5:45p	Dolores Rable and Michael Floro
Tuesday, September 27			
8:00a	Maria and Juanita Pesado and Frank Lowey, Sr.	5:45p	John Wallace and Juan Ramirez
Wednesday, September 28			
8:00a	Eugene Lee Foster and Daniel Marsella	5:45p	Bernice Judd, Luis Menezes and All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, September 29			
8:00a	Belmiro Da Rosa Goulart and Perfecto Valdez	5:45p	Floyd Knuffle and Elias Souza
Friday, September 30			
8:00a	Frank Lowry, Sr. and Isabell Bavaro	5:45p	Rosanna Hollander and Manuel Brazil
Saturday, October 1			
8:00a	Angela Dominguez and Sr. Jane La Cross	5:30p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 2 (Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Rizal Mina	1:30p	Lucas & Virginia Ramirez
9:00a	Fr. Joseph Illo—Special Intention	3:00p	Indian Mass
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Charles Tidwell
12:00p	Thelma Coehlo	7:30p	James Ochirero

Prayer & Interior Life

Stewardship: Sharing These Gifts in Love of God and Neighbor

September 25, 2011—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are called daily to follow the footsteps of our Savior. Ezekiel warns us that God's justice may be beyond our understanding. St. Paul advises us that just as Jesus was humble, so we too must be models of humility. When we live in accord with God's will we receive His grace and share His love with others. The parable of the two sons teaches us that we become obedient to the Father when we change our lives and follow His will. May our hearts yearn for the peace that comes from placing our lives in God's hands.



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.

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



WEBSITE VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR ST. JOSEPH'S

St. Joseph's Website Team is looking for volunteers to help us advance and maintain the site. If you are passionate about web design and are interested in

helping with the website, please visit and apply at: <http://www.stjmod.com/apply.html>

Volunteer Web Team Members

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
VOLUNTEER FAIRE—9/30/11

If your parish, youth group or community event needs volunteers, please join us at the CCHS Volunteer Faire on September 30 from 10:00am-12:00pm. CCHS Students will be signing up to help with different events. To reserve a booth for your organization or for more information, contact Cathi Padula at cpadula@cchsc.org or call 524-9611.

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.



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!

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.

Sunday, September 25, 2011		
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7
Monday, September 26, 2011		
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults Group	JP4
Tuesday, September 27, 2011		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
10:30 A	Light Weigh	JP8
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
6:00 P	ESL Classes	JP6
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP8
6:30 P	Stewardship Committee	JP4
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group Spanish	JP7
Wednesday, September 28, 2011		
12:00 P	Central Catholic HighSchl	Chur
1:30 P	Widows(ers) Bible Study	JP5
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
5:45 P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
6:30 P	Fr. Illo New Translation	Chur
7:00 P	Women's Bible Study (Revelation)	JP5
Thursday, September 29, 2011		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
12:00 P	RE Bible Study	JP4
5:00 P	Confessions	Chur
Friday, September 30, 2011		
12:00 P	The Latin Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
6:30 P	Adoration and Confessions	Chur
Saturday, October 1, 1011		
8:30 A	Confessions	Chur
8:30 A	Militia Immaculata Español	JP8
9:00 A	AA (Women) Language of the Heart	JP4
9:00 A	Militia Immaculata Prayer Meeting	JP5
9:00 A	Made to Crave	JP4
4:00 P	Confessions	Chur
Sunday, October 2, 2011		
10:00 A	CLOW	JP6
1:00 P	CFCFFL - Youth	JP7
3:00 P	Indian Mass	Chur

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 through Wednesday from 1pm-3pm.

No registrations can be accepted during class time. 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.

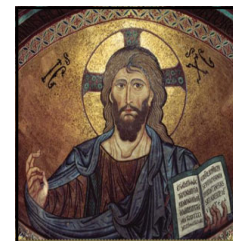
New Young Adult (ages 18-35)
Bible Study and Prayer Group
Tuesdays at 7:30 pm.
For more info and sign ups,
call 551-4973 ext. 218.
or e-mail arise@stjmod.com.

Faith & Finances with Phil Lenahan Competition is a double-edged sword. To the extent it causes you to strive for excellence, competition is good. However, when it leads to a desire to dominate others, it's unhealthy. A steward of Providence will follow St. Paul's great advice in today's second reading: "Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves" (Phil. 2:3). *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 Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tremendous gift that Christ gave His Church and is often unknown or taken for granted. It can be intimidating and fearful to confess our sins out loud. Many people these days hide their sins in darkness and never address them, which can often times lead to addictions. These addictions lead to brokenness and destruction that affects their lives, families, and all those around them. However if healing is to occur we must bring those sins to the light so that Christ can redeem us from our sins. Pope John Paul II invites us to rediscover the compassionate heart of Christ, in this sacrament that reconciles us to God the Father. When we go to confession, we believe as Catholics, that the priest is acting *in persona Christi*, which means in the person of Christ. John 21:21-23 states: "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me even so I send you." And when he had said this he breathed on them, and said to

Confession Schedule
Monday - Thursday
5:00-5:30pm
Fridays
6:30pm-7:30pm
Saturdays
8:30am & 4:00pm
Homebound please call 551-4973 for a priest to visit you by appointment.

them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Christ, knowing He was soon going to ascend to heaven, gave His disciples the power to forgive sins. He was leaving and ordained them to act in His place, to act in His person. Priests are ordained and understand this calling. They also need forgiveness and go to confession to other priests. In the Sacrament of Confession we encounter and contemplate on the merciful face of Christ. We are so blessed at St. Joseph's to have confession offered six days a week. If it has been a long time since you have gone to confession God wants you to experience His healing power; contact our parish office to set up an appointment with a priest.

☪ Bible Studies ☪



Season 3: In the footsteps of Christ
Registrations for small group faith sharing:
Sign up on the Plaza today or email mbraun@stjmod.com
call 551-4973 ext. 218.

☪ Militia Immaculata ☪



Men's Retreat
(sponsored by MI)
"He must increase, I must decrease" John 3:30
October 7, 8, & 9
All men are invited but space is limited so register today!
Cost is \$75/person and scholarships are available. 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.

M.I. Family Village Annual Kick-Off
Sunday, October, 2,
Fr. O'Hare Hall; 10:30-1:30PM;
Potluck!
SPEAKER: FKM, Ann O'Donnell!
Come join our family of families!
Learn all about the M.I. and families living the Spirituality of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Fun approach to Learning for Children ages walking-Teens! More details:
modestomifamilies@gmail.com
www.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 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass.

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

Victory Team

We are looking for peer ministers. The 'Victory' team is composed of High School Students and young adults that volunteer their talent to minister to confirmation students in our parish. If you are interested in claiming "Victory" in the name of Jesus, this ministry is for you!

Parents of C-1

First year Confirmation:

We are having our **mandatory Parent Orientation** meeting for C-1 beginning with the 5:45 Mass and continuing after Mass in the O'Hare Hall C-1 to follow 7pm-8:30pm

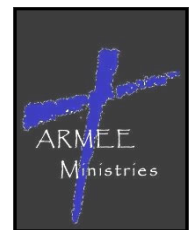
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**High School
 !!RETREAT!!**
**November
 11-13, 2011**
In Aptos, CA
Cost is \$100.00



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.



Suzanne Flint

Profiles in Stewardship

by Tammy Menezes

During the Parish Festival two weeks ago, the first stop that our hundreds of volunteers made was to the Volunteer Check In Tent, to sign in and pick up their t-shirt. Greeting them was the smiling face you see above. **Suzanne Flint** and her husband, **John**, have been performing the herculean task of managing the volunteer check in for many years. They have been St. Joseph's parishioners for over 20 years and Suzanne's gifts of talent have included leading the MI Family Village, coordinating the Mass of the Anointing of the Sick, being a regular greeter at the Saturday Vigil Mass, helping with the weekly offertory reconciliation and so many more activities. She leads with her heart, models our faith and exemplifies what we are all called to be: Catholic Stewards. Thank you, Suzanne.

A parish "thank you" to our Festival Volunteer Coordinator, Toni Perkins! Her name was inadvertently left off of the 2011 Festival Committee Roster in last week's bulletin. Toni was organized, cheerful and a wonderful Steward.

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

St. Joseph's Bread:
Preparing and Serving Meals for the Salvation Army
Homeless Shelter throughout the year



Annual Sign Up for the
2011-2012 Year & Meeting:

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

6:30-8:00 PM

JP II Building

Room 7

Save the Date:

STEWARDSHIP 101—TWO PART CLASS

Wednesday Oct. 12, 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday Oct. 20, 6:30-8:00pm

**Free Dinner and Completion Certificates Provided
FREE! Sign up for Class in the Welcome Center**

New to the Parish? Wondering where to start??
Call the Center for Lay Apostolates

From our Holy Father in Ancona

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION
FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE
25th ITALIAN NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
Sunday, 11 September 2011 Part I



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Six years ago, the first Apostolic Journey of my pontificate took me to Bari for the 24th National Eucharistic Congress. Today I have come to conclude solemnly the 25th, here in Ancona. I thank the Lord for these intense ecclesial moments that strengthen our love for the Eucharist and see us united round the Eucharist! Bari and Ancona, two cities facing the Adriatic Sea; two cities rich in history and in Christian life, two cities open to the East, to its culture and its spirituality; two cities which the themes of the Eucharistic Congresses have helped to bring closer to each other: in Bari we commemorated how *"Without Sunday We Cannot Live"*; today our gathering is under the banner of the *"Eucharist for*



Daily Life".

"This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" (Jn 6:60). The reaction of the disciples – many of whom abandoned Jesus – to his discourse on the Bread of Life in the Synagogue of Capernaum is not very different from our own resistance to the total gift he makes of himself. For truly accepting this gift means losing oneself, letting oneself be involved and transformed, as the Apostle Paul reminded us in the Second Reading: "If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's" (Rom 14:8).

"This is a hard saying"; it is hard because we often confuse freedom with the absence of bonds, in the conviction that we can manage by ourselves, without God who is seen as a restriction of freedom. This is an illusion that does not take long to become a delusion, giving rise to anxiety and fear and, paradoxically, leading to nostalgia for the bonds of the past: "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt..." , the Jews in the wilderness said, as we heard (Ex 16:3). In fact, only in openness to God, in receiving his gift, do we become truly free, free from the slavery of sin that disfigures man's face, and capable of serving the true good of our brethren. "This is a hard saying"; it is hard because man often succumbs to the illusion that he can "make stones become bread". After setting God aside, or after having tolerated him as a private choice that must not interfere with public life, some ideologies have aimed to organize society with the force of power and of the economy. History shows us, dramatically, that the objective of guaranteeing everyone development, material well-being and peace, by leaving out God and his revelation, has been resolved by giving people stones instead of bread.

Bread, dear brothers and sisters, is "a fruit of the work of human hands", and this truth contains the full responsibility entrusted to our hands and to our ingenuity; but bread is also and before that: "a fruit of the earth", which receives the sun and the rain from on high: it is a gift to ask for that takes away all our pride and enables us to invoke with the trust of the humble: "Our Father... give us this day our daily bread" (Mt 6:11).

In the Diocese

10TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S
AWARD DINNER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15,
2011

Church of the Presentation
6715 Leesburg Place,
Stockton

6:30 PM hosted cocktails
7:30 PM dinner

Tickets are \$150 per person.

Proceeds benefit Catholic
Charities and SEEDS –
Growing Faith Through
Student Scholarships.

Call Rebecca at (209) 546-
7645 for information or to
purchase tickets by
October 13.

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.

Por Tammy Menezes



Suzanne Flint

Hace dos semanas durante el festival, el primer lugar que nuestros cientos de voluntarios visitaban era la Tienda de Registro de Voluntarios, para presentarse y recoger su camiseta. Recibiéndolos estaba la persona sonriente que ve usted arriba. **Suzanne Flint** y su esposo, John, han estado haciendo el inmenso trabajo de dirigir el registro de voluntarios por muchos años. Ellos han sido feligreses de St. Joseph's por más de 20 años y los dones de talento de Suzanne han incluido: dirigir el grupo de la Milicia Inmaculada de Adultos, coordinadora de la Misa de Unción de los Enfermos, dando la bienvenida en la Misa de Vigilia del sábado, ayudando con la reconciliación semanal del ofertorio y muchas actividades más. Ella dirige con su corazón, da un buen ejemplo de nuestra fe y ejemplifica lo que todos nosotros estamos llamados a hacer: Corresponsales Católicos. Gracias Suzanne.

¡La parroquia desea agradecer a nuestra Coordinadora de Voluntarios del Festival, Toni Perkins! Su nombre no fue publicado accidentalmente en el directorio del Comité del Festival en el boletín pasado. Toni fue una corresponsal organizada, con gozo e increíble.

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

Mi tercer y última presentación sobre la **Nueva Traducción de la Misa** será este miércoles a las 6:30pm en el Hall. Estaremos repasando los cambios en la Liturgia de la Eucaristía, practicando las partes de la gente, presentando las tarjetitas de las bancas y repartiendo los libros de guía de Magnificat. Me alegra sobremanera el tener esta nueva traducción, la cual comenzará el 27 de noviembre. Ya hemos comenzado a cantar las nuevas partes (Gloria, Santo, Santo, Santo, y el Cordero de Dios), si no lo ha notado.

Se aproxima mi mes preferido del año: **octubre**. Me encanta el cambio de clima, las hojas cambiando de color (crecí en Pennsylvania), y ¡más que todo, todas *las fiestas litúrgicas!* Este sábado, 1 de octubre, es el día de Sta. Teresita, el 2 de octubre de los Ángeles de la Guarda, el 4 de octubre, el de San Francisco, el 7 de octubre el del Rosario, el 15 de octubre de Santa Teresa de Ávila y el 19 de octubre de los Mártires de Norte América (Isaac Jogues y sus compañeros). ¡Como me encantan estas fiestas!

Pero hasta ahora, en los últimos días de septiembre, tenemos unos santos increíbles. El martes es el día de San Vicente de Paola y el miércoles de los Santos Arcángeles. San Vicente de Paola fue ordenado en el año 1600 (fácil de recordar) en Francia, pero fue capturado por piratas turcos en su quinto año de sacerdocio y hecho



Bendición de los animales el día de San Francisco (4 de octubre 2002)

un esclavo por dos años. Convirtió a su amo y se escapó a Francia, donde eventualmente fundó la orden para hombres conocida ahora por nosotros como los "Venecianos." (El Sagrado Corazón en Patterson está dirigida por los sacerdotes y frailes venecianos).

San Vicente de Paola, amaba a los pobres, ya que él fue un esclavo y sirvió como sacerdote para los esclavos en los barcos de Francia. Escribió: "Amen a los pobres y sus vidas estarán llenas de luz y no temerán a la

hora de su muerte." Nuestra propia sociedad de San Vicente de Paola da bastante a los pobres, y aquellos que trabajan allí siempre están llenos de luz, al igual que todos aquellos que trabajan directamente con los pobres.

¡Muchas gracias a todos los catequistas ahora que PSR ha empezado!

Fr. Joseph

Nuestro Santo Padre en Ancona

SANTA MISA PARA LA CLAUSURA DEL XXV CONGRESO
EUCARÍSTICO NACIONAL ITALIANO
Domingo 11 de septiembre de 2011 Parte I



Queridísimos hermanos y hermanas:

Hace seis años, el primer viaje apostólico en Italia de mi pontificado me llevó a Bari, con ocasión del 24° Congreso eucarístico nacional. Hoy he venido a clausurar solemnemente el 25°, aquí en Ancona. Doy gracias al Señor por estos intensos momentos eclesiales que refuerzan nuestro amor a la Eucaristía y nos ven reunidos en torno a la Eucaristía. Bari y Ancona, dos ciudades que se asoman al mar Adriático; dos ciudades ricas de historia y de vida cristiana; dos



ciudades abiertas a Oriente, a su cultura y su espiritualidad; dos ciudades que los temas de los Congresos eucarísticos han contribuido a acercar: en Bari hemos hecho memoria de cómo «sin el Domingo no podemos vivir»; hoy, nuestro reencuentro se caracteriza por la «Eucaristía para la vida cotidiana».

«Este modo de hablar es duro, ¿quién puede hacerle caso?» (Jn 6, 60). Ante el discurso de Jesús sobre el pan de vida, en la Sinagoga de Cafarnaún, la reacción de los discípulos, muchos de los cuales abandonaron a Jesús, no está muy lejos de nuestras resistencias ante el don total que él hace de sí. Porque acoger verdaderamente este don quiere decir perderse a sí mismo, dejarse fascinar y transformar, hasta vivir de él, como nos ha recordado el apóstol san Pablo en la segunda lectura: «Si vivimos, vivimos para el Señor; si morimos, morimos para el Señor; así que ya vivamos ya muramos, somos del Señor» (Rm 14, 8).

«Este modo de hablar es duro»; es duro porque con frecuencia confundimos la libertad con la ausencia de vínculos, con la convicción de poder actuar por nuestra cuenta, sin Dios, a quien se ve como un límite para la libertad. Y esto es una ilusión que no tarda en convertirse en desilusión, generando inquietud y miedo, y llevando, paradójicamente, a añorar las cadenas del pasado: «Ojalá hubiéramos muerto a manos del Señor en la tierra de Egipto», decían los israelitas en el desierto (Ex 16, 3), como hemos escuchado. En realidad, sólo en la apertura a Dios, en la acogida de su don, llegamos a ser verdaderamente libres, libres de la esclavitud del pecado que desfigura el rostro del hombre, y capaces de servir al verdadero bien de los hermanos.

«Este modo de hablar es duro»; es duro porque el hombre cae con frecuencia en la ilusión de poder «transformar las piedras en pan». Después de haber dejado a un lado a Dios, o haberlo tolerado como una elección privada que no debe interferir con la vida pública, ciertas ideologías han buscado organizar la sociedad con la fuerza del poder y de la economía. La historia nos demuestra, dramáticamente, cómo el objetivo de asegurar a todos desarrollo, bienestar material y paz prescindiendo de Dios y de su revelación concluyó dando a los hombres piedras en lugar de pan. El pan, queridos hermanos y hermanas, es «fruto del trabajo del hombre», y en esta verdad se encierra toda la responsabilidad confiada a nuestras manos y nuestro ingenio; pero el pan es también, y ante todo, «fruto de la tierra», que recibe de lo alto sol y lluvia: es don que se ha de pedir, quitándonos toda soberbia y nos hace invocar con la confianza de los humildes: «Padre (...), danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día» (Mt 6, 11).

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Miércoles: Hora Santa en español de
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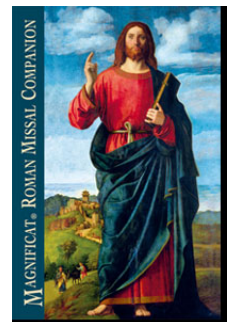


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6:45PM - 8:00PM

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