

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

August 12, 2012 Nineteenth 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

Children's Services:

Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Sunday Mass 10:30am

Adoration & Confessions

First Friday 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday thru Thursday 5-5:30pm
Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm
Saturdays 8:30-9:30am & 4-5pm
Homebound please call 551-4973 for
a priest to visit you by appointment.

Clergy:

Fr. Mark Wagner, Pastor
Fr. Benny Kottathil, OSB, Assoc Pastor
Fr. Tony Chacko, Assoc Pastor
Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain
Rev. Mr. Ken Ochiner, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop

Dear new parish family,

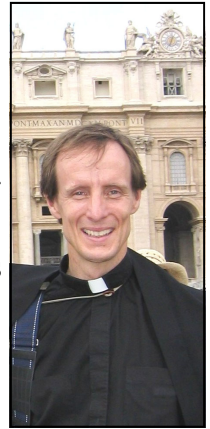
I am happy to be taking up residence in the rectory here at St. Joseph's parish! It already feels like home because, of course, I have come here often to visit my friend, Fr. Joseph. Even in my youth I remember meeting holy priests here at a vocation discernment meeting. I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received from the parish staff, and for the help from several nice parishioners who helped me move into my new quarters. This is a big move for me after 10 years at Sacred Heart in Turlock.

I feel a little bit like Elijah, who we hear about in the first reading this Sunday. He was exhausted as he traveled through the desert, and he sat down under a broom tree and fell asleep. But God sent His angel to Elijah: "...an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water... then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

As I make this transition to St. Joseph's, I have no reason to complain like Elijah. I know that my angel will be with me to strengthen me. I'm sure God will keep sending angels to help me like those who helped carry my boxes. I've already been strengthened by the food that Connie has set before me in the rectory! Of course, all of us are strengthened by the "food for the journey" which is the Eucharist. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of "Bread from Heaven" that is better than the manna which strengthened the Israelites in the desert.

Today's Gospel also mentions St. Joseph: "The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven,' and they said, 'Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother?'" It is very interesting that the Jews could not understand how Jesus could be "from heaven" and also come from the Holy Family of Nazareth. But we know that this is precisely the beauty of our faith. Jesus is truly a man, born of a humble virgin and was raised by Joseph the carpenter. We know, too, that He is God, the "Bread of Angels." He can nourish us on our journey toward the heavenly banquet where we will be with St. Joseph and all the saints and angels. We also know that Jesus had the power to raise His Holy Mother to be with Him in heaven, which is what we will celebrate this

Wednesday, August 15, the Solemnity of the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Fr. Mark at St.
Peter's in Rome

Sincerely,
Fr. Mark Wagner

Questions?

To make an appointment with a priest or deacon or to register at St. Joseph's please contact Lulu, Alex, Brenda or Donna in our parish office at 551-4973 or stop by during any of the 50 hours our office is open each week.

Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, Alex, Brenda)

Sunday: 10am-3pm.

Monday: 10am-7:30pm

Tuesday through Thursday 8:30am-7:30pm

Closed Wednesday from 11am-1pm

Friday 8:30am-12noon

Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

Se Habla Español..... Alex x103
 AccountingBarbara x108
 Adult Ed & Bible Studies Michael x203
 Altar Servers..... Svetlana x200
 Audio / Video.....Jeremy x213
 Buildings & Grounds.....Susie x201
 Bulletin & Website.....Jeremy x213
 Child Ed & SacramentsDebbie x205
 Choirs & Cantors..... Svetlana x200
 Events & Activities.....Susie x201
 Faith & Life Magazine Michael x203
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 Parish Ministries..... Tammy x207
 Parish RegistrationDonna x102
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 Youth MinistryNathan x206



ST. JOSEPH'S JOB OPENING PARISH ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

Part time, non-benefitted.
Must have accounts payable receivable experience.
Proficient with Excel and Quickbooks. Applications available in parish office and are currently being accepted until August 19th.

Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities

OPUS DEI MEN'S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

All men are welcome and encouraged to come to an Opus Dei Men's Evening of Recollection on Thursday, August 16, from 7:15pm-9:15pm in the church. This Evening of Recollection will be conducted by an Opus Dei priest. For further information, please contact Nilo Casiano (209) 324-5926.



St. Josemaria Escriva

JOIN ST. JOSEPH'S CHOIR

If you love to sing or play musical instruments, join our St. Joseph's music ministry. Try-out dates:

Adult choir and Handbells choir, August 16, 6:15pm, JP II, Rm 1.

Cherubim children's choir, August 17, 6pm JP II, Rm 1.

INSTRUMENTALIST NEEDED

St. Joseph's music ministry is looking for an instrumentalist to play Sunday Mass. If you are interested, please contact our Music Director, Svetlana, for details: 241-7437

SAVE THE DATE:

FAREWELL TO FR. BENNY — AUGUST 25

Join us after the 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass to say farewell to Fr. Benny, who is going back to India. We will have a potluck on the plaza, so please bring your favorite dish to share with everyone. Hope to see you there!



ALATEEN GROUP HAS NOW STARTED

Alateen is a part of the Al-Anon family group. It is for young people who have been affected by someone else's drinking. It is not for young people seeking sobriety. We meet every Wednesday at 5:45-6:45pm in JP II Center, Rm 8. There is also an Al-Anon and AA meeting every Wednesday. If you have any questions, please call Bev Sousa 605-0001.

Stewardship: A Way of Life

August 12 — Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we surrender our wills to God we allow our lives to be directed to His purpose. Elijah asked God to end his life, but God instead nourished him and sent him on his way to carry out a prophetic mission. Jesus explained to the Jews that He was bread sent from heaven and if one listened to the Father and came to Him, one would be nourished by living bread. Jesus' life is a constant source of instruction in the life and love of God. May we seek the truth offered to us by Jesus and model that Truth in our lives as a testimony to the love of God the Father.

Religious Education

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

By Michael Webster — Director of Religious Education



First of all, I would like to emphasize the importance of attending Mass on this Solemnity of Mary (Wednesday, August 15 — see back page for Mass times). The first precept of the Church states that Catholics are to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. One might ask, why does the church require me to attend Mass on Sundays and other random days throughout the year? The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit and in her wisdom, knows what is best for us, it is from the Holy Mass that we receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We need to see the Mass as a gift, that Jesus gives Himself to us and it is His Body and Blood that nourishes and sustains us. In going to Mass on this Solemnity of the Assumption we better understand the mystery of our faith and grow in hope. God allowed Mary to be conceived without original sin (the Immaculate Conception) in order for her to be a walking tabernacle, to hold Him in her womb. Thus, Mary was freed from the consequences due to sin that we read in Genesis 3. In the Assumption she was freed from the consequence of death and was preserved body and soul to heaven. This great act of Mercy and Love from God to Mary, gives each of us hope in what

awaits us if we have faith in Him and follow Him with our own: *Behold, I am the servant of the Lord, let it be done unto me according to your word*, (Luke 1:38).

From the Catechism...

966 "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.

Additional Reading and Other Resources...

<http://www.ewtn.com/library/answers/aofmary.htm>

<http://www.ewtn.com/faith/teachings/maryc3c.htm>

<http://www.ewtn.com/faith/teachings/marya5.htm>

REDISCOVERING THE CATECHISM

**AUGUST 20
7-8:30PM**

FR. O'HARE HALL

This month's class will be presented by Leslie Klinger and will include Catechism paragraphs: 198-421 on God the Father.

Do your children need to receive their First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, or Confirmation?

Parish School of Religion

Office re-opens for

registration this week!

(See back page for more details)

Parish School of Religion E-mail:

psr@stjmod.com

∞ RCIA ∞

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: (209)541-8903** to make an appointment.

∞ Youth Ministry ∞

Contact Us!

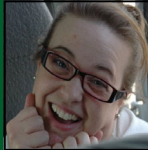


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High School Fall Retreat

St. Joseph's high school fall retreat will take place during the weekend of November 9-11. This annual trip takes place in Aptos, at Camp St. Francis retreat center on the beach. The cost is \$100. The weekend event includes Mass, adoration, confession, praise and worship, small groups, games, skits and time to meet new friends and enjoy fellowship!

Youth Mass Volunteers

Are you in high school and feel called to be more involved at Mass?

The 5:30 pm Youth Mass on Sunday would be a great

place to share your time, talent and treasure serving as a greeter, lector or server. Please contact the youth office for more information and to sign up.



Steubenville San Diego Conference 2012

St. Joseph's youth ministry had a group of 30 who attended the Steubenville conference from July 27-29. We were blessed to have Fr. Benny join us for the conference and it was a great success. The event was held at the University of San Diego and had 5,000 people attend. It was beautiful to see so many Catholic youth participate in Mass, adoration and confession, and sing praise together!



Fr. Benny on the big screen!



Habitat for Humanity

Members of our youth group helped clear and clean property in downtown Modesto that will be used to build a house. This will be a monthly volunteer opportunity for our youth and young adult ministry until the house is finished and presented to a family in need. Contact Nathan if you are interested.



Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza Refreshments are being served this morning by our Plaza Refreshment Volunteers.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

Have you spent any time in the hospital lately?

Have you visited a fellow Catholic in the hospital who was recovering from surgery or being tested?

Every week, we are blessed to have our own Fr. Larry Guerrero visit Catholics both in the hospital and those recovering at home. Often, these are critical visits.

Many may not know that we also have volunteers from our parish — Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Hospital, who bring communion every week to those spending time at Memorial Medical Center.

There is a place for you in this ministry, bringing the Body of Christ to those who are patients at Memorial. Please call the Center for Lay Apostolates for more information. This ministry serves those who are Catholic and indicate they would like to receive the Body of Christ.

Please call 551-4973, ext. 207
for more information

Thank you for the Festival Live Country Auction
Items! Please bring small items to the
Volunteer Center in JP11.
THANK YOU

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

Profiles in Stewardship

by Debbie Greco



Carol Granneman

Always ready to serve with a smile

In “Lord of the Rings,” Bilbo warned Frodo that “It’s a dangerous business, Frodo, going out of your door, you step into the Road, and if you don’t keep your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off to.” The same could be said of entering the PSR office during the first week of class, when about 1,100 students, parents, 75 catechists and many student aides come through the doors. The air resounds with questions for Diana and I to answer, ringing phones, and problems to solve. Last year, into the middle of this came Carol Granneman, who calmly surveyed the scene and quietly began helping! Carol, a teacher, had volunteered to be an aide in a PSR class for one of our two sessions on Tuesdays, but when she saw how busy and exciting PSR is, she began coming every Tuesday for both sessions, filling in where needed. She was happy to teach any grade on short notice. If a sub was not needed, Carol kept busy filling teachers’ folders with handouts, organizing stacks of holy cards, while sharing stories about her family, which includes husband Scott, daughters Jennifer and Melissa, and son, Michael. The PSR office is not a place for the faint of heart and we are very blessed for Carol’s courageous gift of stewardship in filling in when and where needed.

In the Diocese

HOLY FAMILY PARISH FESTIVAL

You are invited to celebrate with our Holy Family Community at our Annual Parish Festival, in honor of our Lady of San Juan de los Lagos. Today August 12, 2012, 9-6pm at Salida Park, in Salida.

JOB OPPORTUNITY SCRIP COORDINATOR

Central Catholic High School is accepting applications for the position of Scrip Coordinator. Experience in Scrip management, Quickbooks and bookkeeping preferred. This position is a 12 month part-time position. Mail resume to: 200 S. Carpenter Road, Modesto, CA 95351 Attn. Business Manager. Or fax resume to 209-5245646 Attn. business Manager.

JOB OPPORTUNITY REGISTERED NURSE

Part-time, 10-15 hours per week. RN license and professional liability insurance must be current. Responsible for making home visits to seniors living in San Joaquin County and assessing whether or not they are skilled nursing certified and eligible for MSSP services. LiveScan (background check) required. Flexible schedule. For more information, contact Bianca Agassi (209) 444-5916 or Leslie Lee (209) 444-5909. Send resumes: Catholic Charities -MSSP
ATN: Bianca Agassi,
Clinical Supervisor
1106 N. El Dorado Street
Stockton, CA 95202

From our Holy Father in Rome

BENEDICT XVI — GENERAL AUDIENCE
Wednesday, 27 June 2012—Part III



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the second part of this “Christological hymn” of the Letter to the Philippians, the subject changes; it is no longer Christ but God the Father. St Paul stresses that it is precisely out of obedience to the Father’s will that “God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name” (Phil 2:9).

The one who humbled himself profoundly, taking the condition of a slave, is exalted, lifted up above all things by the Father, who gives him the name “*Kyrios*”, “Lord”, the supreme dignity and lordship. Indeed it is before this new name which is the very name of God in the Old Testament, “every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (vv. 10-11).

The Jesus who is exalted and the Jesus of the Last Supper who lays aside his garments and girds himself with a towel, who bends down to wash the Apostles’ feet and asks them: “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet” (Jn 13:12-14). It is important to remember this always, in our prayers and in our life. “The ascent to God occurs precisely in the descent of humble service, in the descent of love, for love is God’s essence, and is thus the power that truly purifies man and enables him to perceive God and to see him” (English edition: *Jesus of Nazareth*, Doubleday, New York, 2007, p. 95).

The hymn in the Letter to the Philippians offers us important instructions for our prayers. The first is the invocation “Lord”, addressed to Jesus Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father: he is the one Lord of our life, among so many “dominant” people who desire to direct and guide it. For this reason it is necessary to have a scale of values in which the primacy is God’s, in order to affirm, with St Paul: “I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord” (Phil 3:8). The encounter with the Risen One made the Apostle realize that he is the one treasure for which it is worth expending one’s life.

The second instruction is prostration, that “every knee shall bow”, on earth and in heaven. This is reminiscent of words of the Prophet Isaiah, where he points to the worship that all creatures owe to God (cf. 45:23). Genuflection or kneeling in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exactly expresses the attitude of adoration in God’s presence and also with the body. Hence the importance of not doing this action out of habit or hastily but rather with profound awareness. When we kneel before the Lord, we profess our faith in him, we recognize that he is the one Lord of our life.

Dear brothers and sisters, in our prayers let us fix our gaze on the Crucified One, let us pause more often in adoration before the Eucharist to let our life enter the love of God who humbly lowered himself in order to lift us up to him. At the beginning of the Catechesis we asked ourselves how St Paul could rejoice when he was facing the imminent risk of martyrdom and out-pouring his blood.

This was only possible because the Apostle never lifted his gaze from Christ, to the point that he became like him in death, in the hope that “I may attain the resurrection from the dead” (Phil 3:11). As St Francis said before the Crucifix, let us too say: “Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command” Amen (cf. *Prayer before the Crucifix at San Damiano*: ff, [276]).

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

This Week

Sunday, August 12 (Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30a	Louise & Al Seronello	1:30p	Carlos Sanchez and Francisco Meda
9:00a	Charles Aguilar	5:30p	Jack & Helen Gregg
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Rigo Flores
12:00p	Thelma Coelho		

Monday, August 13

8:00a	Al Alegrian and Julie Ann Hancock	5:45p	James White and John & Virginia Bairos
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Tuesday, August 14

8:00a	John Peyton, Jr. and Violet Cusenza	5:45p	Elpidio Aguada and Michael Pitts
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Wednesday, August 15 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7:00a	Nap Marcale	5:45p	Joe Mendes
8:00a	Thomas Chettiyasseril	7:30p	Alfredo & Belia Lopez
9:30a	Kurtis Kraft		

Thursday, August 16

8:00a	Joe Barratt and Jerome Lommel	5:45p	Serafin M. Rabara and Delores & Bob Perez
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Friday, August 17

8:00a	Indu Samson and Sebastian Kurusinkal	5:45p	Christopher John Perino and Marie Loouise Pesonen
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Saturday, August 18

8:00a	Kurt Wharton and LaRonda Meese	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
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Sunday, August 19 (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30a	Selustriano Padilla	1:30p	Jose Manuel Robles and Joaquin Rocha
9:00a	Alfonso and Francisco Perez	3:30p	Marcela Vasco
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Catherine Baudino
12:00p	Apollonia La Forges	7:30p	Juliette Aboona

Baptisms

Emma Ochoa
 Arias Albert Gozun
 Natalie Romo
 Jackson Flynn
 Angela English
 Sofia Young
 Ethan Ganiban
 Madisyn Craig
 Olivia Gallardo
 Adeliz Zambrana
 Jocelyn Resendiz
 Sidney Rothstein
 Raiza Maniquis
 Valeria Galvan
 Francisco Rojas
 Julian Lopez
 Adan Lopez
 Noah Pulido
 Logan Poblete
 Jacob Tapia
 Enzo Tapia
 Abel Hermosillo
 Jackson Tomao
 Grace Sayers

Readings 8/13-8/19

Monday:

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday:

Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132;
 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45;
 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday:

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt

Friday:

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Mt 19:3-12
12pm Latin Mass:

Ecclus. 31:8-11; Lk. 12:35-40

Saturday:

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday:

Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Latin Mass

II Cor. 3:4-9; Lk. 10:23-37

Sunday, August 12, 2012

10:00A	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	JP6
1:00P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

Monday, August 13, 2012

7:00P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10
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Tuesday, August 14, 2012

9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:30P	Festival Committee	JP10

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

10:00A	Seniors' Lunch	Hall
1:30P	Widows and Widowers	JP5
5:30P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
5:45P	Al Anon Group	JP10
7:00P	On the Go Adults	JP4

Thursday, August 16, 2012

9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
6:30P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30P	Compartiendo la Biblia	JP4
7:00P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
7:00P	Introduccion a la Biblia	JP10

Friday, August 17, 2012

12:00P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap

Sunday, August 19, 2012

10:00A	CLOW	JP6
10:30A	Respect Life	JP4
1:00P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

NOTICE

English Language Classes will resume Sept. 4, every Tuesday at 5:30pm in Rm. 4, JP11 bldg.

Call the parish office at 551-4973 to find out about online offertory gifts instead of writing checks.

Remember a special day or person
 ~Altar Flower Donation~

Call the Development Office for info.
 551-4973, x207



Bienvenido a St. Joseph's

RETIRO ESPIRITUAL Adolescentes (14-17) años Septiembre 7-9

Retiro para adolescentes. Para inscribirse contacte a José López en la oficina de la juventud hispana de la diócesis de Stockton (209) 546-7632 o por email: jlopez@stocktondiocese.org



CRUCERO A ROMA, EGIPTO Y TIERRA SANTA

El Padre Álvaro Araque, Pastor de St. Gertrude en Stockton, está organizando un crucero abril 4-18, 2013. saliendo de San Francisco, todo incluido \$3587.00. Para información, llame al (209) 464-6561.



PEREGRINACION A TIERRA SANTA, ROMA Y GRECIA

Peregrinación con el padre Jairo del 8 al 19 de octubre. Costo: \$4795 por persona. Para mas información, por favor llame a Gisele Navas @ 632-4932 o 968-1095.

Pase una **Hora Santa** con Jesús en la Capilla de Adoración al Santísimo. Llame a David & Mónica al 527-4920.



VIDA PARROQUIAL

Martes: Oración Carismática, 7-9pm
Edificio JP II, salón #7.

Martes: Clases de Inglés, 5:30pm,
Edificio JP II, salón #6.

Miércoles: Hora Santa, 7-8pm, Capilla

Jueves: Compartiendo la Biblia, 6:30,
Edificio JP II, salón #4 All Saints

Jueves: Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos,
7-9pm, Edificio JP II, salón #2.

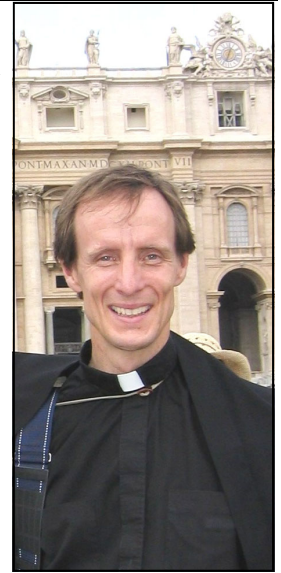
¡Boletín Parroquial en Español! DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Mark Wagner

Querida nueva familia parroquial,

Estoy contento al haber tomado residencia aquí en la rectoría de la parroquia de St. Joseph's! Me siento como en casa, ya que he venido muchas veces a visitar a mi amigo el Padre Joseph y hasta en mi juventud recuerdo haber conocido sacerdotes santos aquí durante una reunión de discernimiento. Estoy muy agradecido por la cálida bienvenida que he recibido del personal de la parroquia y por la ayuda de varios feligreses que me ayudaron a mover mis cajas a la nueva residencia. Esto es un gran cambio para mí después de diez años en Sacred Heart en Turlock. Me siento un poquito como Elías del cual oímos en la primera lectura de este Domingo. Él se encontraba exhausto mientras viajaba por el desierto, y se sentó debajo de un árbol de escoba y se quedó dormido. Pero Dios le mandó su ángel a Elías: "... un ángel lo tocó y le ordenó que se levantara y comiera. Elías lo miró y allí cerca a su cabeza se encontraba un pastel y una jarra de agua... luego sustento por esta comida, caminó por cuarenta días y cuarenta noches a la montaña de Dios, Horeb.

Mientras hago esta transición a la nueva parroquia, no tengo razón de quejarme como lo hizo Elías. Yo sé que mi ángel estará conmigo para darme aliento. Estoy seguro que Dios me seguirá mandando ángeles a ayudarme como aquellos que me ayudaron a cargar las cajas. ¡Ya he recibido sustento con el alimento que Connie me ha dado en la rectoría! Y por supuesto, todos nosotros somos fortalecidos por "la comida para la jornada" la cual es la Eucaristía. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús habla sobre el "Pan del Cielo" el cual es mejor que el Mana que sustentó a los Israelitas en el desierto.

El Evangelio de hoy menciona también a San José: "Los Judíos murmuraron sobre Jesús porque El dijo, "Yo soy el pan que ha bajado del cielo," y ellos dijeron, "¿No es este Jesús, el hijo de José? ¿acaso no conocemos a su padre y a su madre?" Es muy interesante que los Judíos no pueden comprender como Jesús puede ser "del cielo" y también de la santa familia de Nazaret. Pero nosotros sabemos que esto es precisamente la belleza de nuestra fe. Jesús es un hombre. El nació de una humilde virgen y fue criado por José el carpintero. Pero también sabemos que El es Dios, el "pan de ángeles." El nos nutre en nuestra jornada hacia el banquete celestial donde estaremos con San José y todos los santos y los ángeles. Y sabemos que El tiene el poder de llevar a su santa madre a que esté con El en el cielo, que es lo que celebramos juntos este miércoles, 15 de agosto, la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen Maria.



El Padre Mark en San Pedro en Roma.

Sinceramente,
Fr. Mark Wagner

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

BENEDICTO XVI — *AUDIENCIA GENERAL*
Miércoles 27 de junio de 2012—Parte III



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

En la segunda parte de este «himno cristológico» de la Carta a los Filipenses, cambia el sujeto; ya no es Cristo, sino Dios Padre. San Pablo pone de relieve que, precisamente por la obediencia a la voluntad del Padre, «Dios lo exaltó sobre todo y le concedió el Nombre sobre todo nombre» (*Flp* 2, 9-10). Aquel que se humilló profundamente asumiendo la condición de esclavo, es exaltado, elevado sobre todas las cosas por el Padre, que le da el nombre de «Kyrios», «Señor», la suprema dignidad y señorío. Ante este nombre nuevo, que es el nombre mismo de Dios en el Antiguo Testamento, «toda rodilla se doble en el cielo y en la tierra, en el abismo, y toda lengua proclame: Jesucristo es Señor, para gloria de Dios Padre» (vv. 10-11). El Jesús que es exaltado es el de la última Cena, que se despoja de sus vestiduras, se ata una toalla, se inclina a lavar los pies a los Apóstoles y les pregunta: «¿Comprendéis lo que he hecho con vosotros? Vosotros me llamáis “el Maestro” y “el Señor”, y decís bien, porque lo soy. Pues si yo, el Maestro y el Señor, os he lavado los pies, también vosotros debéis lavaros los pies unos a otros» (*Jn* 13, 12-14). Es importante recordar siempre en nuestra oración y en nuestra vida que «el ascenso a Dios se produce precisamente en el descenso del servicio humilde, en el descenso del amor, que es la esencia de Dios y, por eso, la verdadera fuerza purificadora que capacita al hombre para percibir y ver a Dios» (*Jesús de Nazaret*, Madrid 2007, p. 124). El himno de la Carta a los Filipenses nos ofrece aquí dos indicaciones importantes para nuestra oración. La primera es la invocación «Señor» dirigida a Jesucristo, sentado a la derecha del Padre: él es el único Señor de nuestra vida, en medio de tantos «dominadores» que la quieren dirigir y guiar. Por ello, es necesario tener una escala de valores en la que el primado corresponda a Dios, para afirmar con san Pablo: «Todo lo considero pérdida comparado con la excelencia del conocimiento de Cristo Jesús, mi Señor» (*Flp* 3, 8). El encuentro con el Resucitado le hizo comprender que él es el único tesoro por el cual vale la pena gastar la propia existencia. La segunda indicación es la postración, el «doblar de toda rodilla» en la tierra y en el cielo, que remite a una expresión del profeta Isaías, donde indica la adoración que todas las criaturas deben a Dios (cf. 45, 23). La genuflexión ante el Santísimo Sacramento o el ponerse de rodillas durante la oración expresan precisamente la actitud de adoración ante Dios, también con el cuerpo. De ahí la importancia de no realizar este gesto por costumbre o de prisa, sino con profunda consciencia. Cuando nos arrodillamos ante el Señor confesamos nuestra fe en él, reconocemos que él es el único Señor de nuestra vida.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, en nuestra oración fijemos nuestra mirada en el Crucificado, detengámonos con mayor frecuencia en adoración ante la Eucaristía, para que nuestra vida entre en el amor de Dios, que se abajó con humildad para elevarnos hasta él. Al comienzo de la catequesis nos preguntamos cómo podía alegrarse san Pablo ante el riesgo inminente del martirio y del derramamiento de su sangre. Esto sólo es posible porque el Apóstol nunca apartó su mirada de Cristo, hasta llegar a ser semejante a él en la muerte, «con la esperanza de llegar a la resurrección de entre los muertos» (*Flp* 3, 11). Como san Francisco ante el crucifijo, digamos también nosotros: Altísimo, glorioso Dios, ilumina las tinieblas de mi corazón. Dame una fe recta, una esperanza cierta y una caridad perfecta, juicio y discernimiento para cumplir tu verdadera y santa voluntad. Amén (cf. *Oración ante el Crucifijo*: FF 276).

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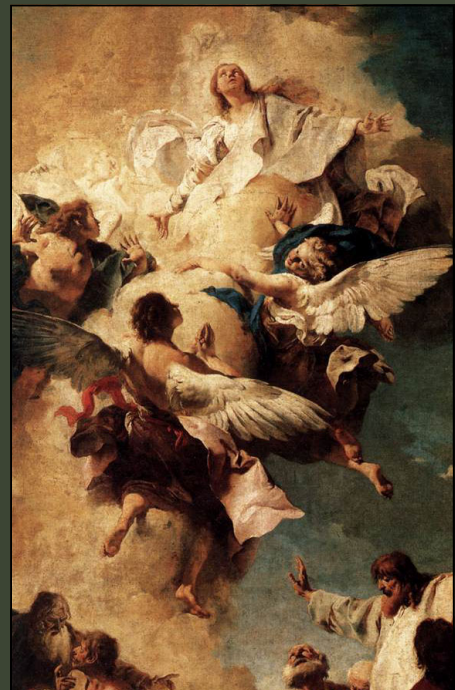
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