

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

July 15, 2012 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(209) 551-4973
Fax: (209) 551-3213
Visit our website:
www.stjmod.com

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. Joseph Illo, 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

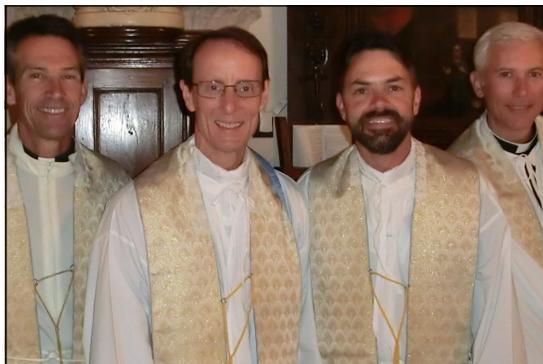
From the Pastor's Laptop



Bishop Blaire is pleased to appoint Fr. Mark Wagner, currently pastor of Sacred Heart in Turlock, as the fifth Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish. He met with our staff just after his appointment, and is raring to get started. I must say that for several months the question of the new pastor has caused a good deal of angst. That angst has given way to joy as we welcome a fine priest to our parish.

And now a **story of grace**. Last month I attended a priests' retreat in Poland with three other local priests, among who was Fr. Mark. Our parish was much on my mind when Fr. Mark and I entered the Shrine of Divine Mercy near Cracow. We knelt for 10 minutes to pray beneath the original Divine Mercy image, which is hung above St. Faustina's relics. Jesus really spoke to me that day, assuring me that the parish was His, and He would take care of it. I prayed the words in Polish written on the image: "Jezu ufam tobie," *Jesus, I trust in you*, and knew everything would be all right. After leaving the chapel, Fr. Mark noticed a call had come in on his cellphone during our prayer. It was the Bishop's office, and we knew it meant only one thing: he was to be our next pastor.

Fr. Mark Wagner was born in San Francisco on Oct. 1, 1960, the Feast of



Fr. Mark (second from left) with us in Poland last month.



On his scooter in Rome

St. Therese of the Child Jesus. He enjoys just about everything in life, and is one of the most committed priests I know. I leave the parish with every confidence in Fr. Mark's priestly heart, his desire to be a saint. He's a fun guy, a dear friend, and an inspiring supporter for my own vocation over the years.

Fr. Joseph

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

<i>Se Habla Español</i>	Alex x103
Accounting	Barbara 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 & Sacraments	Debbie x205
Choirs & Cantors.....	Svetlana x200
Events & Activities.....	Susie x201
Faith & Life Magazine	Michael x203
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Parish Lending Library.....	x208
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Parish Registration.....	Donna x102
Room Reservations.....	Rosario x110
Volunteering	Tammy x207
Youth Ministry	Nathan 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. Applications accepted until July 27.

Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities

ORGANIST CONCERT — AUG. 3

St. Joseph's will host an evening of Liturgical organ music, 7pm, Friday, Aug. 3. Fr. Daniel Maurer from our Sister Parish in Vladivostok, Russia, will present Marina Omelchenko, organist at Most Holy Mother of God Catholic Church, Vladivostok. Ms. Omelchenko, one of only a handful of professional organists in Russia, has performed throughout Russia, Europe, China and the U.S. Admission is free. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted to benefit the Roman Catholic mission parishes in Eastern Russia. Information: (209) 408-0728. www.vladmission.org

Interior Life

ST. JOSEPH'S PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Try a Holy Hour with Jesus once a week! Please see the schedule outside the Chapel for hours needing adorers. Contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up one of these hours.



JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites lead evening prayer (Vespers) every Monday-Friday in the church at 5:15 pm (before our 5:45pm Mass). Please come and pray with us; all are welcome!

PRAY TO END ABORTION

Please join us to pray the rosary to end abortion. We meet every Tuesday & Wednesday morning around 9:15am in front of the abortion clinic at 2030 Coffee Road, Modesto. *Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for Us!*

Around the Area

SIERRA STARS LEADERSHIP CAMP

Girls entering 5th-9th grades are invited to attend this engaging summer camp. The camp will be held at Silver Spur Camp & Retreat Center in Tuolumne from July 24-29. The camp is sponsored by Opus Dei. To learn more and register, please visit

www.campsierrastars.com or email director@campsierrastars.com.



CRUISE TO ROME, EGYPT AND THE HOLY LAND



Father Alvaro Araque, Pastor of St. Gertrude in Stockton, is organizing a cruise for April 4-18, 2013. Leaving from San Francisco, all included \$3587. For brochures, call (209) 464-6561.

Religious Education

The Road to Perfection... The Little Way

By Maria F. Delgado-Braun — Religious Education

Our *Road to Perfection* is paved with difficulties and obstacles which often make us lose sight, get discouraged and despair. This was the case for all the saints, except they put all their trust in God, and it was through the grasp of His loving hand that they were able to climb the heights to Heaven. You and I also can do this with His help. We are to trust and surrender ourselves to Him, who is all perfect and magnanimous. If we conquer all those imperfections and weaknesses that we have, these will be transformed into petals and jewels that we can offer to the Lord. We must put all trust in Him and never lose sight of our final destination, which is **union with the Beloved!** If we wish to continue on the path to holiness, we must begin with a life of prayer. Prayer is a lifting of our soul to God. It is entering into a relationship with the One Who loves us. We can talk to God in the same way that a trusting and loving child shares his excitement, triumphs and failures of the day with his parent. Jesus said, “truly I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Mt. 18:3-4).

But how can we master this? One hour we begin with all the zeal of the saints, feeling like we can do it, and the next hour, when one of our temptations rears its ugly face, we are back to square one, feeling like this is an impossible task; that holiness is reserved for heroic people. It is this lifelong struggle that gets us to the finish line. We have to get up again, grab firmly the Hand of God and He will get us there. “He who climbs never stops going from beginning to beginning, through beginnings that have no end. He never stops desiring what he already knows” (St. Gregory of Nyssa). It is our failures and humiliations that chisel us into perfect sculptures for God. It is in the dark times that we surrender to Him, for when we are on the ground, we realize that we owe everything to almighty God, even the perfect crosses that He has given to us. St. Therese would lift her soul to God in prayer, and with childlike trust exclaim, “You have given me the desire to be a saint”. I am like a small chick with short wings, who cannot soar the skies like the great saints, but I trust that You will carry me there. St.



*St. Therese of the Child Jesus
“the Little flower”*

Gentle Therese, teach me to walk in your footsteps — to follow your little way of trust, transformation and surrender. Teach me to be childlike enough to let Jesus be the elevator Who raises me above the stairways of confusion darkness, need, hurt and fear. Free me with your trusting spirit, so that I might be lifted up above all that weighs me down and makes my heart heavy. When I try to carry everything and climb by myself, life gets heavy and stairways seem impossible. Save me from thinking that I must do all the work of salvation. Give me your innocent trust so that I can throw myself into God’s arms. Lift the scars, burdens and fears of my heart. By His death on the cross, Jesus saved us—His outstretched arms connect us with God. Like you, Little flower, I want to be God’s child. Instill confidence in me that I will allow God to lift me in His strong arms. Let Jesus be my elevator this day. Make me light again that I can fly to the heights of God’s embrace like you, gentle St. Therese, my friend. I want to join you on the uplifting ride! Help me be a dependent and trusting child of God like you on all the stairways of my life!

www.littleflower.org

Therese knew that in her weakness was her strength, and it is the same for us. Without God, we are nothing. Even that great desire for Him, He has put there, our response in prayer and our thirst for Him, are all His gifts to us. Let us turn our hearts to God and hold His hand with childlike trust as we make our way to our eternal life! *St. Therese, pray for us!*

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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Contemporary Choir



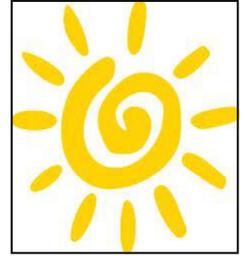
The 5:30pm.
Youth Mass
choir starts on
Aug. 5.

Practice to
prepare for the
liturgy and music will be on
Wednesday nights at
7:30pm. starting this
Wednesday,
July 25, through September.
Spots are still open for
anyone interested! Please
contact Katie Steffanic in the
youth office if you are
interested in joining.



2012 Summer Events:

Tuesday Mass and Breakfast:
Every Tuesday, through the
end of the summer break,



teens and young adults are invited to join us for 8 am Mass. Immediately following Mass, there will be breakfast in the youth room with some time to hang out and enjoy fellowship. As always, there are board games, the Ping-Pong table, and the Wii to keep us all entertained. We have had a great turn out, so come join us!



High School Kick-Off:

The annual high school kick off and first youth group meeting for next year will be on Sunday, Sept. 16, immediately following the 5:30pm. Youth Mass!

Youth Mass Volunteers

If you feel called to be a greeter, lector, or altar server at the 5:30pm. Youth Mass please contact us!



High School Fall Retreat

Mark your calendars!
St. Joseph's high school fall retreat will take place Nov. 9-11. This annual trip takes place in Aptos, and the cost is \$100. Get ready to grow in faith and fellowship through Mass, adoration, praise and worship, confession, small groups and games!



Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza refreshments are being served this weekend by our Plaza Refreshment Volunteers. Please stop by and thank them when you get your coffee and donuts.

Parish stewardship — a way of life

Welcome Center Volunteer Meeting

Tuesday, July 17

6:30-7:30pm

John Paul II Building

Room 6

Thinking about helping
to welcome
after Mass?

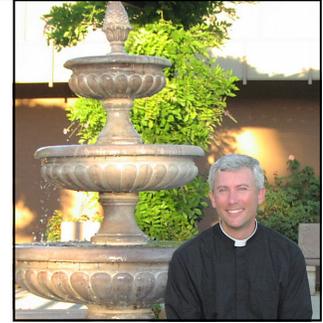
Come to this meeting. Families, teens and
adults — this is for you.



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

Profiles in Stewardship

by Tammy Menezes



Fr. Joseph Illo

In just 12 “short” years, Fr. Joseph Illo has helped to transform St. Joseph’s Catholic Church. From the purchase of three additional properties, Fr. O’Hare Hall expansion, parking lot expansion and the Plaza after-Mass gathering spot (in photo above) our pastor has shepherded us through many years of faith and family growth. We currently have eight Masses each weekend and confessions six days each week. Our pastor has stewarded his gifts so that they could be offered for God’s kingdom and St. Joseph’s here on earth. He always has focused on stewardship, but in recent years he has helped to transform the *stewardship* of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and what it can provide for its members and its community neighbors through its time, talent and treasure. One of the best gifts of “time” stewardship has been Fr. Joseph’s own example of spending dedicated time in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Not all parishioners know that until this past week he kept his assigned hour of 6-7am every Sunday morning. He did this even though the rectory has its own adoration chapel. He wanted to show us how he, too, *needed* to spend stewardship “time” in prayer. Please consider signing up for one hour, in honor of our best steward, Fr. Joseph Illo, (See page two for contact info).

**JOB OPPORTUNITY
SACRED HEART PARISH
Hiring Coordinator for CCD:**

Sacred Heart parish seeks to hire a coordinator for our English Religious Education Program, grades K-6. Tasks include the supervision and training of volunteer catechism teachers, filing, registration, etc. Hours include afternoon and some evenings. Spanish language skills helpful for working with the Spanish-speaking parents. The position is part-time with the possibility of later becoming full time. Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience. Submit resume, including salary history, and brief letter of interest to the parish office. For more information call the parish office (209) 634-8578.

**ST. STANISLAUS PARISH
PRESCHOOL**

Now enrolling for 2012-2013, St. Stanislaus Preschool offers a fun faith-filled environment with developmentally appropriate curriculum. We are now enrolling children ages 2 -1/2 to 6 years old for our preschool program and our newly expanded pre-kindergarten program. For more information please call (209) 524-3428. Spaces are limited.

**ST. STANISLAUS PRESCHOOL
JOB OPPORTUNITY**

St. Stanislaus Preschool is looking for a teachers aid, and substitute teachers, candidates should have units in Child Development or be currently enrolled in classes. For more information, please call (209) 524-3428, ask for Mona.

The Fortnight for Freedom

Below is the full text of the address from Archbishop Chaput, of Philadelphia, given at the *Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception* in Washington, D.C.:



Philadelphia is the place where both the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution were written. For more than two centuries, these documents have inspired people around the globe. So as we begin our reflection on today's readings, I have the privilege of greeting everyone here today -- and every person watching

or listening from a distance -- in the name of the Church of my home, the Church of Philadelphia, the cradle of our country's liberty and the city of our nation's founding. May God bless and guide all of us as we settle our hearts on the Word of God.

Paul Claudel, the French poet and diplomat of the last century, once described the Christian as "a man who knows what he is doing and where he is going in a world [that] no longer [knows] the difference between good and evil, yes and no. He is like a god standing out in a crowd of invalids . . . He alone has liberty in a world of slaves." Like most of the great writers of his time, Claudel was a mix of gold and clay, flaws and genius. He had a deep and brilliant Catholic faith, and when he wrote that a man "who no longer believes in God, no longer believes in anything," he was simply reporting what he saw all around him. He spoke from a lifetime that witnessed two world wars and the rise of atheist ideologies that murdered tens of millions of innocent people using the vocabulary of science. He knew exactly where forgetting God can lead.

We Americans live in a different country, on a different continent, in a different century. And yet, in speaking of liberty, Claudel leads us to the reason we come together in worship this afternoon.

Most of us know today's passage from the Gospel of Matthew. What we should, or should not, render unto Caesar shapes much of our daily discourse as citizens. But I want to focus on the other and more important point Jesus makes in today's Gospel reading: the things we should render unto God. When the Pharisees and Herodians try to trap Jesus, he responds by asking for a coin. Examining it he says, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" When his enemies say "Caesar's," he tells them to render it to Caesar. In other words, that which bears the image of Caesar belongs to Caesar.

The key word in Christ's answer is "image," or in the Greek, *eikon*. Our modern meaning of "image" is weaker than the original Greek meaning. We tend to think of an image as something symbolic, like a painting or sketch. The Greek understanding includes that sense but goes further. In the New Testament, the "image" of something shares in the nature of the thing itself. This has consequences for our own lives because we're made in the image of God. In the Greek translation of the Old Testament, the same word, *eikon*, is used in Genesis when describing the creation. "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" says God (Gen 1:26). The implication is clear. To be made in the image of God is more than a pious slogan. It's a statement of fact. Every one of us shares — in a limited but real way — in the nature of God himself. When we follow Jesus Christ, we grow in conformity to that image. Once we understand this, the impact of Christ's response to his enemies becomes clear. Jesus isn't being clever. He's not offering a political commentary. He's making a claim on every human being. He's saying, "render unto Caesar those things that bear Caesar's image, but more importantly, render unto God that which bears God's image" — in other words, you and me. All of us.

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

This Week

Sunday, July 15 (Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Rozann Platt	1:30p	Maria Sarabia and Francisco Rios
9:00a	Josephine Galindez	3:30p	Atanacio & Bernarda de Peralta
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Guadalupe Ranjel
12:00p	Maria and Dominick Floro	7:30p	Mark Kummerle
Monday, July 16			
8:00a	Justin Wood and Frank Chimenti	5:45p	Apollonia Laforges and Raphael Spadafor
Tuesday, July 17			
8:00a	Seberino & Amelia Bautista and Christopher John Perino	5:45p	Leonard Ratto and Delouries Bertolotti
Wednesday, July 18			
8:00a	Thelma Coelho and Kurtis Kraft	5:45p	Elisa Rivas and Vedasto Cruz
Thursday, July 19			
8:00a	Charles Schaufel Sr. and Mark Kummerle	5:45p	Damone Saldivar and Agapito Morales
Friday, July 20			
8:00a	John Caratti and Laronda Meese	5:45p	Jose de Jesus Hernandez and Alzira Victoria
Saturday, July 21			
8:00a	Manuel & Alberta Ramirez and Thomas Taylor	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, July 22 (Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
7:30a	Dominico Bertolotti	1:30p	Rigo Dena Flores and Raquel Higareda
9:00a	Albert Mendonza	5:30p	Danny Vele
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Elizabeth Morotti
12:00p	Tony and Alezira Mendes		

Sunday, July 15, 2012		
10:00 A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
10:30 A	Respect Life	JP4
1:00 P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7
Monday, July 16, 2012		
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10
7:00 P	Catechism 101: School of 'the Rock'	Hall
Tuesday, July 17, 2012		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
5:30 P	ESL Classes	JP4
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
6:30 P	Welcome Center Ministr	JP6
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group Spanish	JP7
Wednesday, July 18, 2012		
1:30 P	Widows and Widowers	JP5
5:30 P	AA Principle Study Grp	JP5
5:45 P	AI Anon Group	JP10
6:30 P	Health Ministry	JP4
7:00 P	On the Go Adults	JP4
Thursday, July 19, 2012		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP7
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30 P	Compartiendo la Biblia	JP4
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
Friday, July 20, 2012		
12:00 P	TLF Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
7:00 P	Filipino "ARISE" Prayer Meeting	JP6
Saturday, July 21, 2012		
Sunday, July 22, 2012		
10:00 A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
1:00 P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

From the Bishop

"Thank you to all parishioners who are participating in the Church for Tomorrow Capital Campaign. Bishop Blaire recently sent a message to all Church for Tomorrow donors to reassure you that your gifts cannot and are not used for payment of lawsuits or for any purpose other than for which they are donated. It is important that those of you with outstanding balances on their pledge continue to make your payments. We all benefit from the projects that already are under way as a result of your generosity. If you are behind in your payments, you will be given an opportunity to rearrange your payments when you receive your August statement."

Readings 7/16-7/22

Monday:	Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 - 11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
12pm Latin Mass:	1 Pt. 3:8-15; Mt 5:20-24
Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
Latin Mass	Rom. 6:3-11; Mk. 8:1-9

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. Jo-



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.



VIDA PARROQUIAL

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

Martes: Clases de Inglés, 5:30-6:30pm,
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.

Librería Católica

JP II, cuarto 11

Tenemos libros, Películas y CDs.

Lunes & Jueves 10:30-2:30

Martes & Viernes 10:30-12:30

Miércoles 9:30-1:30

Lunes 5-7pm & Jueves 4-6pm

Todo Prestado sin costo alguno.

RENOVACION CARISMATICA SEMINARIO DE VIDA

EN EL ESPIRITU

21 y 22 de julio

8am-5pm

Parroquia: St. Anthony, Hughson

Padre José Domingo

Para mas información, llame a

Everardo Espinosa 416-1155 o

Manuel Sotelo 202-1601

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



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



El Obispo Blaire tiene el placer de nombrar al Padre Mark Wagner, Pastor de Sacred Heart en Turlock, como el quinto Pastor de la Parroquia de St. Joseph's. El se reunió con el personal nuestro apenas recibió su nombramiento, y está ansioso por comenzar. Puedo decir que por varios meses el no saber quien iba a ser el nuevo pastor ha causado un poco de ansiedad. Aquella ansiedad ha dado paso al gozo ahora que damos la bienvenida a un gran sacerdote a nuestra parroquia.

Y ahora una **historia de gracia**. El mes

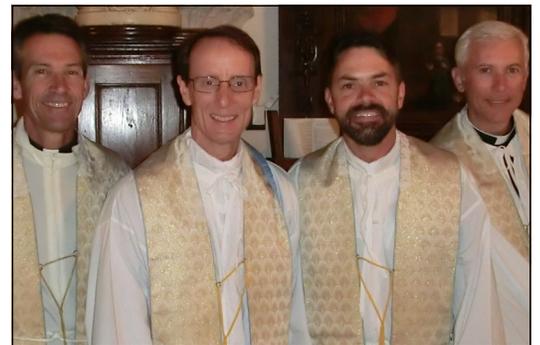
pasado tomé parte en un retiro para sacerdotes en Polonia con otros tres sacerdotes locales, entre ellos, el Padre Mark. Nuestra parroquia

estaba mucho en mi mente cuando entramos al santuario de la Divina Misericordia cerca a Cracow. Nos arrodillamos por diez minutos a rezar a los pies de la imagen original de la Divina Misericordia, la cual se encuentra colgada encima de las reliquias de San Faustina. Jesús en realidad me habló ese día,

asegurándome que la Parroquia era de El, y El la cuidaría. Recé las palabras polacas escritas en la imagen: "Jezu ufam tobie," *Jesús, confío en Ti*, y supe que todo estaría bien. Después de dejar la capilla, el Padre Mark se fijó que había recibido una llamada en su celular durante nuestra oración. Era la oficina del Obispo, y sabíamos que esto solo podría ser una cosa: El sería nuestro nuevo pastor.



En su moto en Roma



El Padre Mark (Segundo a la izquierda) con nosotros en Polonia el mes pasado.

El Padre Mark Wagner nació en San Francisco el 1 de octubre, 1960, en la fiesta de Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús. A él le encanta todo en la vida, y es uno de los sacerdotes con mas convicción que yo conozco. Dejo la parroquia con toda la confianza en el corazón sacerdotal del Padre Mark, quien desea ser un santo. El es un hombre divertido, un querido amigo, y un apoyo de inspiración para mi propia vocación por los últimos años.

Fr. Joseph

La Quincena por la Libertad

A continuación encontrará la traducción de la homilía del Arzobispo de Filadelfia, dada en la Basílica de Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington, DC:

Filadelfia es el lugar donde la Declaración de la Independencia de los EEUU y su Constitución fueron escritas. Por más de dos siglos, estos documentos han inspirado al mundo entero. Al comenzar esta reflexión sobre las lecturas de hoy, tengo el privilegio de saludarlos a todos aquí—y a cada persona que este viendo o escuchando desde la distancia—en nombre de la Iglesia de mi pueblo, la Iglesia de Philadelphia, la cuna de la libertad de nuestro país y la ciudad donde nuestra nación fue fundada. Que Dios los bendiga y los guíe a todos ustedes mientras que recogemos nuestros corazones sobre la Palabra de Dios.

Paul Claudel, el poeta francés y diplomático del siglo pasado, una vez describió al cristiano como “un hombre que sabe lo que hace y hacia donde va en un mundo que ya no sabe la diferencia entre el bien y el mal, el sí y el no. Es como un dios parado en una multitud de inválidos... Solamente él tiene libertad en un mundo de esclavos.” Como la mayoría de los grandes escritores de su tiempo, Claudel era una mezcla de oro y arcilla, defecto y genio. Tenía una profunda y brillante fe Católica, cuando escribió que ningún hombre “que no cree en Dios, no cree en nada,” estaba simplemente describiendo lo que veía a su alrededor. El hablaba basado en una vida donde fue testigo de dos guerras mundiales y el ascenso de la ideología atea que asesinó a millones de personas inocentes usando el vocabulario de la ciencia. El sabía exactamente a donde lleva el olvidarse de Dios.

Nosotros los Americanos vivimos en un país diferente, en un continente diferente, en un siglo diferente. Y todavía, al hablar sobre la libertad, Claudel nos lleva a la razón por la cual nos reunimos a adorar en esta tarde.

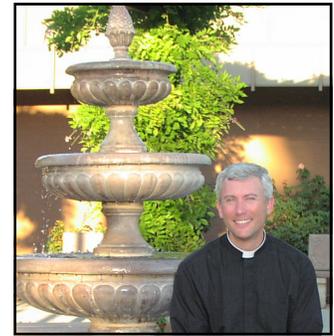
La mayoría de nosotros conocemos el pasaje del Evangelio de Mateo. Lo que debemos y no debemos de dar a Cesar, describe la mayoría de nuestro diario discurso como ciudadanos. Pero quiero concentrarme en el otro y más importante punto que hace Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy: Las cosas que debemos de rendirle a Dios.

Cuando los Fariseos y los Eruditas tratan de atrapar a Jesús, él les responde pidiéndoles una moneda. Examinándola dice, “¿De quién es esta imagen y de quién es la inscripción? Cuando sus enemigos responden “de Cesar,” él les dice que se la den a Cesar. En otras palabras, todo aquello que tenga la imagen de Cesar, le pertenece a Cesar. La palabra clave en la respuesta de Cristo es “imagen,” o en Griego, *eikon*. Nuestro significado moderno de “imagen” es más débil que el original en griego. Pensamos a veces que una imagen es algo simbólico, como una pintura o un bosquejo. El significado en griego incluye este sentido pero va más a fondo. En el Nuevo Testamento, la “imagen” de algo toma parte en la naturaleza del objeto. Esto tiene consecuencias para nuestras propias vidas porque hemos sido creados a imagen de Dios. En la traducción griega del Antiguo Testamento, la misma palabra, *eikon*, es usada en Génesis cuando se describe la creación. “Hagamos al hombre en nuestra imagen, y semejanza” dice Dios (Gen 1:26). La implicación es clara. El estar hechos a imagen y semejanza es más que un dicho piadoso. Es una declaración de la verdad. Cada uno de nosotros compartimos—de una manera limitada pero real—en la naturaleza de Dios mismo. Cuando seguimos a Jesucristo, crecemos en conformidad a esa imagen. Una vez que comprendemos esto, el impacto de la respuesta de Cristo a sus enemigos es claro. Jesús no solamente está siendo ingenioso. El no ofrece un comentario político. El Reclama a cada ser humano. Dice, “denle a Cesar aquellas cosas que llevan la imagen de Cesar, pero más importante, denle a Dios, aquello que tiene la imagen de Dios”—en otras palabras, ustedes y yo, todos nosotros.

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Padre Joseph Illo

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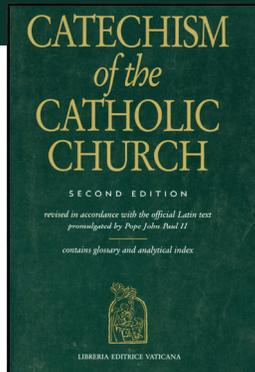
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