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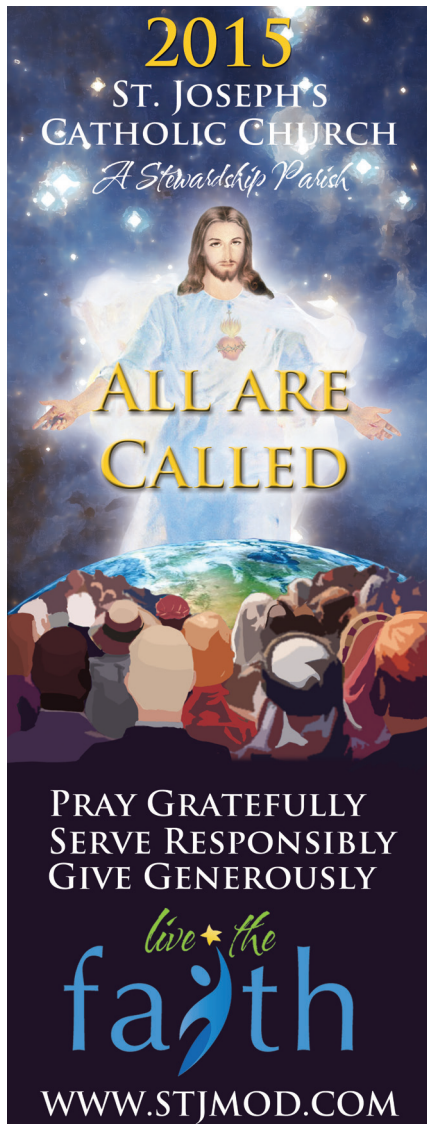
By Fr. Mark Wagner, Pastor

When we think too much about how our world is full of terrorism, fanaticism, racism, consumerism and secularism, we tend to get discouraged and we say "What can we do?" No matter what we do, it seems that it is not enough to turn the tide of evil.



The saints tell us that the remedy is to do what we can, trusting in God's power. It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness. God does not call us to do great things, but to do small things with great love. (Bl. Teresa of Calcutta) We are called simply to "live the faith" by praying as much as we can, serving as we are able, and giving what we can afford. If we do that, it will be enough because God will multiply it.

There are so many people right here in St. Joseph's Parish who are suffering because of sin, sickness, ignorance and poverty. I worry because there are not enough priests to visit them all, to help them, to instruct them and to convert them. The year 2015 is the "Year for Consecrated Life" during which we honor those who throw themselves into the fight against evil by becoming religious sisters, priests and brothers. We need young men and women to respond to the call and we need to pray for vocations. This year we will also reflect on the fact that "All are Called." Each one of us has a vocation. At St. Joseph's we will reflect on these truths during our Lenten mission and bible study. This year we will also offer special time management seminars which



"All are called!"

will help our parishioners to be better stewards of time. Finally, we will also have a new, easier and safer way for our parishioners to support the work of the Church with E-giving.

The short life of Blessed Miriam is a perfect example of the fact that anyone can become a saint by doing simple things with love. As a teenager, she wanted to become a nun, but she was prevented by circumstances. She was the youngest of seven children and she had to remain at home to care for her ailing mother. When her mother died, her family insisted that she go to college since she was a good student. She cheerfully obeyed and fully entered into the life of a college co-ed. She enjoyed all kinds of sports and was on the track team, wrote poetry for the college anthology and was the editor of the class year book, along with many other activities. She



Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich

also found time for daily Mass and visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. After college Blessed Miriam tried to enter a Carmelite Convent, but was rejected because of her poor eyesight. She became a teacher despite her aversion to teaching, and she cheerfully helped her family with washing and ironing, cooking and cleaning. Eventually, after praying a novena to the Immaculate Conception, she entered the convent of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth where she spent the last two years of her life.

One evening the Mother Superior told Sr. Miriam to take a walk outdoors so that she could

“get some air.” Sr. Miriam wanted to obey, but it was getting dark and she couldn't find anyone to walk with her. Sr. Miriam was a teacher and she had a different schedule than the other sisters. She prayed to the recently canonized Saint Therese of Lisieux and asked her to accompany her. To her amazement, St. Therese appeared to her in the convent garden and walked with her! Today there is a statue of St. Therese in the place where this vision occurred: Nazareth Park in Convent Station, New Jersey. If we have total trust and “live the faith”, we too will soon be walking with the saints.

Like St. Therese, Blessed Miriam died young, only two years after entering the convent, at the age of 26. St. Therese said that in Christ our smallest actions can have marvelous, magical efficacy: “To pick up a pin for love can save a soul.” A momentary prayer can be pregnant with power. A simple gesture can be laden with life-changing love.

If God can create everything out of nothing, he can certainly cause great goodness to come from something small. Scientists describe an expansion of great speed and power in their theory of the “Big Bang.” God has this kind of power to cause good things to quickly grow!

See a video about the life of Blessed Miriam:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0kQ2lFZXdk>

Fr. Mark's

Visit Fr. Mark's blog...

www.stjmod.com/fr-marks-blog.html



Practicals for Prayer

How can you answer your call this Lent?

You may have heard before of the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. So what is prayer? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says: "Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for Him," (CCC 2560). Prayer is an essential element of Lent and to our lives. So how do we incorporate prayer into our already busy lives? Sometimes we can get overwhelmed, and think we need to spend four hours in prayer like a nun in a convent in order for God to love us. Sometimes we might not feel worthy enough, how can God love a sinner like me? Sometimes we say that we are going to pray and push it off until later, but then we get too tired or we forget and then later turns into tomorrow and tomorrow turns to next week. We just never get started. Becoming an intentional disciple involves having a prayer life and having a prayer life means forming a habit of praying. So instead of trying to do four hours, just start a habit of praying daily for 5-10 minutes right when you wake up (don't push it off until later). And God loves you right now as you are reading this as much as He will ever love you, because His love is constant and eternal. His love and mercy are stronger than any of your sins; we just need to trust in His divine mercy - go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So this Lent go deeper into prayer - start to form a good habit, become an intentional disciple and be prepared to see how your life will change. To the right are some ways to help...

ST. JOSEPH'S PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Jesus said: "Could you not keep watch for one hour?" (Mark 14:37) This Lent consider signing up for a Holy Hour in our perpetual adoration chapel. To sign up, please contact David & Monica at 527-4920. If you can't do an hour, at least stop by on your way to work or on your way home for 10-20 minutes. Stop by the parish office to get the code to let you in the door. You will receive many blessings from Our Lord!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE During the 40 days of Lent

Will you offer God an extra hour for Lent this year? How about participating in the "40 Days for Life" effort? Modesto is joining with the National 40 Days for Life in synchronized prayer vigils outside abortion clinics from Ash Wednesday, Feb 18, to Palm Sunday, March 09, every day from 7am-7pm. Please consider joining our life-saving vigil, at the clinic on 2030 Coffee Rd. For more information please contact Modesto40days@yahoo.com

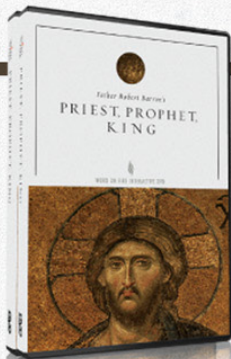
Priest, Prophet, King

Bible Study

Tuesdays
6:30-8pm
Starting March 3

Parishoner hosted small groups also available.
*Free

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do you know
JESUS?

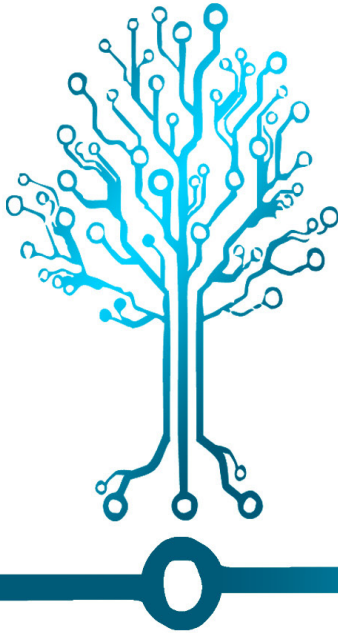


Join St. Joseph's in the Hall as we deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ through Fr. Robert Barron's new DVD-based Study Program. Parishoner hosted Small groups also available.

To sign up contact John Molloy, Director of Religious Education, at jmolloy@stjmod.com

*Studies are free, but to receive the MAXIMUM benefit it is highly recommended that participants purchase the \$25 Student Manual (includes all study materials and questions).

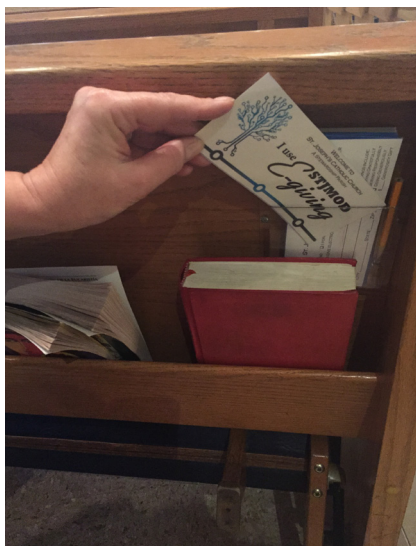
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St. Joseph's Events Calendar

February & March Events

Lent 2015

Feb 18 Ash Wednesday

Mass Times:

7am, 8am, 9:30am, 12noon (Latin),
5:45pm (church), 6pm (hall),
7:30pm (Hall/English),
7:30pm (Church/Español)

Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday of Lent

8:45am, 6:30pm (Español),
7:30pm (all in the church)

Confessions: 5:00pm

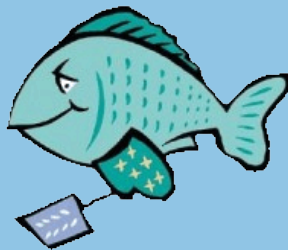
No Holy Hour during Lent



K of C Lenten Fish Dinners

**Fridays,
5-7pm**

in Fr. O'Hare Hall



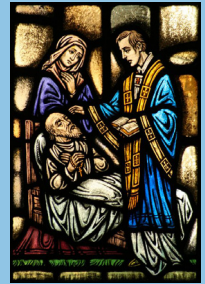
Tickets in the office, on the Plaza,
at the door or www.kofc10644.com

February 20 and 27

March 6, 13, 20 and concluding with
a March 27 Soup Dinner

March 7

10am Mass & Annointing of the sick



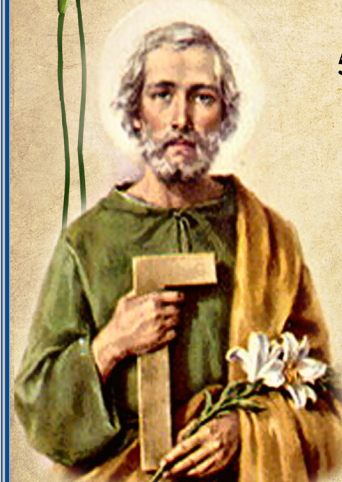
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY

THURSDAY
MARCH 19

5:45pm Mass Followed
by Parish Potluck on
the Plaza (Bring your
favorite dish)

Who will receive the
St. Joseph's Award
during Mass?

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2015 Lenten Mission

7pm-Sunday, February 22

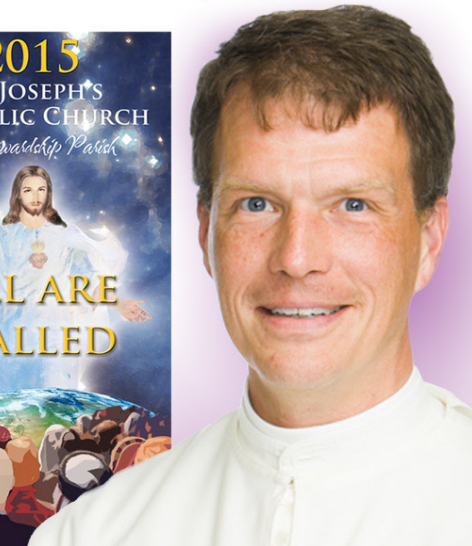
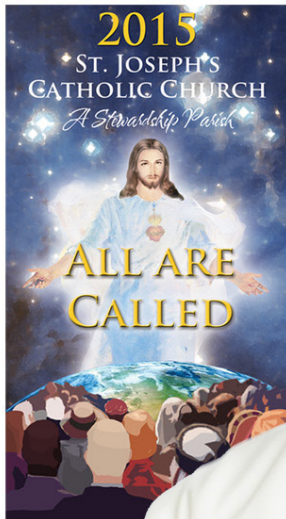
"All are called? Really?!" (Sunday in Hall)

7pm-Monday, February 23

"Road bumps along the way" (Monday in Church)

7pm-Tuesday, February 24

"All this and heaven too" (Tuesday in Church)



Fr. Jerome Molokie, O.Praem

Fr. Jerome Molokie, O.Praem. was ordained to the priesthood in 1986 at the Norbertine Abbey of St. Michael's in Silverado, California. While at the Abbey he has served as a cantor and music director. Confession offered Monday and Tuesday nights.

Join Fr. Jerome as he guides us through our "All are Called" journey in 2015!

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Sundays: 7:30am, 9am (Latin), 10:30am, 12noon, 1:30pm (Español), 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:30am Sunday Mass

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 8am & 5:45pm; Saturdays 8am

CONFESSION

Monday through Thursday 5-5:30pm

Fridays 6:30-7:30pm during Holy Hour

Saturdays 8:30-9:30am & 4-5pm

Homebound please call 551-4973 for a priest to visit you by appointment.

Our Parish Mission:

To Evangelize God's People Beginning with the Gift of the Holy Eucharist.