

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: Hearing aids for use are in the sacristy—please return them after Mass.

With joy & happiness we welcome all of you who have come to pray and worship with us. We hope you will find friendship and fellowship in our community and encouragement to face whatever may come in the week ahead. For our guests & visitors, we pray that your stay in Tahoe is wonderful, that you have a safe journey home – and return to us soon.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday January 6 St. André Bessette

5:30 pm Father Thomas Dermody (dec)

Sunday January 7

8:00 am Father Thomas Dermody (dec)

10:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

12:00 pm Molly Matthews Mundy (dec) by Pat & Patricia Frega

7:00 pm

Monday January 8 The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am The Ehrler family

Tuesday January 9

8:00 am Antone & Margaret Salel (dec)

Wednesday January 10

8:00 am Shane Donlon (special intention) by the Elders

12:00 pm Jozsef Hodosi (dec) by Gabriella Cozaglio

Thursday January 11

8:00 am Phil Smith & Michael Blank Jr (dec) by the St. Theresa staff

Friday January 12

8:00 am All souls

12:00 pm Bernice Attinger (healing) by the Elders

Saturday January 13 St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 pm St. Theresa parishioners

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DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
 Wednesdays 10:30a.m. in the Church with the Rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet, and novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

12/31	Regular Collection	7,338.56
	Building Maintenance	2,226.24

NO SECOND COLLECTION ON JANUARY 6/7

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 8	8am; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth meal
Tuesday, January 9	8am Mass
Wednesday, January 10	8am & 12noon Masses; 7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday, January 11	8am Mass
Friday, January 12	8am & 12noon Masses; 4:30pm Wedding Rehearsal; 6pm Rosary of Joan Jack
Saturday, January 13	Vigil Mass; 10am Funeral for Joan Jack; 2pm Wedding; 4pm Confessions & 5:30pm
Sunday, January 14	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish) Masses

JOAN JACK'S FUNERAL



Rosary/Vigil:
 Friday, January 12 at 6pm

Funeral Mass:
 Saturday, January 13 at 10am

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR PARISHIONERS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Phillip Gaston | Corbett Martin | Zachary Martin | Erik Townsend

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Concordia Balong | Bill Barboni | Romie Enriquez | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | Tony Russo

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to add to the prayer list, please send an email with your loved one's name along with your name and phone number to tahoeatholicbulletin@gmail.com.



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We offer practical help to any women with a crisis pregnancy. We have a special concern for you and your unborn child. For any help with a troubled pregnancy, 544-3533.



KNIGHT'S CORNER

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

***Leo Buscaglia

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Jan. 7 after the 8AM & 10AM Masses

Become a better version of yourself. Become a knight!

George Westinghouse (530)-721-1753 will be happy to help you learn more about the Knights of Columbus

A NONJUDGMENTAL PRESENCE | *Henri Nouwen Society*

To the degree that we accept that through Christ we ourselves have been reconciled with God we can be messengers of reconciliation for others. Essential to the work of reconciliation is a nonjudgmental presence. We are not sent to the world to judge, to condemn, to evaluate, to classify, or to label. When we walk around as if we have to make up our mind about people and tell them what is wrong with them and how they should change, we will only create more division. Jesus says it clearly: "Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge; ... do not condemn; ... forgive" (Luke 6:36-37).

In a world that constantly asks us to make up our minds about other people, a nonjudgmental presence seems nearly impossible. But it is one of the most beautiful fruits of a deep spiritual life and will be easily recognized by those who long for reconciliation.

BEING SAFE PLACES FOR OTHERS |

Henri Nouwen Society

When we are free from the need to judge or condemn, we can become safe places for people to meet in vulnerability and take down the walls that separate them. Being deeply rooted in the love of God, we cannot help but invite people to love one another. When people realize that we have no hidden agendas or unspoken intentions, that we are not trying to gain any profit for ourselves, and that our only desire is for peace and reconciliation, they may find the inner freedom and courage to leave their guns at the door and enter into conversation with their enemies. Many times, this happens even without our planning. Our ministry of reconciliation most often takes place when we ourselves are least aware of it. Our simple, nonjudgmental presence does it.

HOLDING ON TO THE CHRIST | *Henri Nouwen Society*

Life is unpredictable. We can be happy one day and sad the next, healthy one day and sick the next, rich one day and poor the next, alive one day and dead the next. So who is there to hold on to? Who is there to feel secure with? Who is there to trust at all times?

Only Jesus, the Christ. He is our Lord, our shepherd, our rock, our stronghold, our refuge, our brother, our guide, and our friend. He came from God to be with us. He died for us, he was raised from the dead to open for us the way to God, and he is seated at God's right hand to welcome us home. With Paul, we must be certain that "neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nothing already in existence and nothing still to come, nor any power, nor the heights nor the depths, nor any created thing whatever, will be able to come between us and the love of God, known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

THE TASK OF RECONCILIATION | *Henri Nouwen Society*

What is our task in this world as children of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus? Our task is reconciliation. Wherever we go we see divisions among people - in families, communities, cities, countries, and continents. All these divisions are tragic reflections of our separation from God. The truth that all people belong together as members of one family under God is seldom visible. Our sacred task is to reveal that truth in the reality of everyday life.

Why is that our task? Because God sent Christ to reconcile us with God and to give us the task of reconciling people with one another. As people reconcile with God through Christ we have been given the ministry of reconciliation" (see: 2 Corinthians 5:18). So whatever we do the main question is, Does it lead to reconciliation among people?

CLAIMING OUR RECONCILIATION | *Henri Nouwen Society*

How do we work for reconciliation? First and foremost by claiming for ourselves that God through Christ has reconciled us to God. It is not enough to believe this with our heads. We have to let the truth of this reconciliation permeate every part of our beings. As long as we are not fully and thoroughly convinced that we have been reconciled with God, that we are forgiven, that we have received new hearts, new spirits, new eyes to see, and new ears to hear, we continue to create divisions among people because we expect from them a healing power they do not possess.

Only when we fully trust that we belong to God and can find in our relationship with God all that we need for our minds, hearts, and souls, can we be truly free in this world and be ministers of reconciliation. This is not easy; we readily fall back into self-doubt and self-rejection. We need to be constantly reminded through God's Word, the sacraments, and the love of our neighbors that we are indeed reconciled.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | JANUARY 7, 2018

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.
— *Psalms 72:11*

REFLECTIONS

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER | <https://www.popesprayer.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/English-2018-def-temi-3.pdf>
January 2018 | Religious Minorities in Asia .

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

HEROD UNDERSTOOD

The wise men "from the east arrived one day in Jerusalem inquiring, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We observed His star at its rising and have come to pay Him homage.' At this news King Herod became greatly disturbed, and with him all Jerusalem." —Matthew 2:1-3

Herod understood the significance of Jesus' birth. He knew that he had to join the wise men and "go and offer [Jesus] homage too" (Mt 2:8). Jesus' birth means we must either surrender our lives to Jesus or declare war on Him. We either live no longer for ourselves but for Him (2 Cor 5:15), or we make a violent, pathetic attempt to keep Jesus from living any longer. We die to self (see Jn 12:24) or try to make Him die. Herod understood that the consequences of Jesus' birth would be Calvary. There is a competition for allegiance to "the newborn King of the Jews" (Mt 2:2) and of the world. We will either decide to be crucified to the world (Gal 6:14) or decide to crucify the King of the world. There's not enough room in this world for your ego and the incarnate Son of God. One or the other has got to go.

Dethrone yourself and enthrone Jesus as your King, Savior, and Lord. Be a wise man or woman. Otherwise you will have no choice other than to be a Herod. Be one of the wise men and women. Prostrate yourself and humble yourself before Jesus (Mt 2:11; 23:12). Happy Epiphany!

Prayer: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore You" (today's Psalm response).

Promise: "Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears His glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." —Is 60:1-3

Praise: Jesus still reveals Himself to wise men and wise women. Praise You, Jesus, Wisdom incarnate (1 Cor 1:30). Alleluia!

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YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Parishioner,

We are automatically mailing out tax receipts if your contribution exceeded \$100.00 for the 2017 calendar year. Donation letters will be mailed by end of January. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Gaston or Irene Lohmeier at (530) 544-3533 Ext. 101. —Fr. Mauricio

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION | FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 12:30PM TO 6:00PM.

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." (CCC, 1380)

JANUARY 22, DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

The 8am Mass on Monday, January 23 will be for "Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life"

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

14TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST | SATURDAY JANUARY 27, 2018 11:00 AM-3:30 PM

We'd like to invite you and your families and friends to join us in beautiful San Francisco for the 14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast.

Schedule:

Info Faire: 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Rally: 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Walk: 1:30 pm - will be walking on Market Street to Justin Herman Plaza

FEBRUARY

CRAB DINNER

Save the Date: February 3, 2018



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14

Masses: 8am, 12noon, 6:00pm & 7:30pm (Spanish)

FATHER-SON PROGRAM IN ENGLISH | FEBRUARY 24, 2018 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: *Presentation School*

3100 Norris Ave.

Sacramento, CA 95821

Registration Link <http://fathersonprogram.com>

The Father-Son Program explores God's special gift of human sexuality and fertility as well as the goodness and wonder of his plan for growing up and becoming a man. It is designed for fathers and their 12-15 year-old sons. All content is pure, light-hearted and affirming. This class will be conducted in English. The cost of \$20 per family includes snacks. To register online, contact a local site coordinator or review program content, go to website listed here. For additional information, contact Steve Patton at 916-733-0133 or spatton@scd.org. All reservations must be received by the Monday before the event date.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS | FEBRUARY 24, 2018 | 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Event Website—<http://www.SacWMD.com>

Location: *Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament*

1017 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814

Join Auxiliary Bishop Myron J. Cotta as he presides at the World Marriage Day Mass. At this Mass, sacramentally-married couples of all ages are invited to attend and renew their wedding vows. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the parish hall, at which certificates will be given out to couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+).

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

7 DE ENERO DE 2018 | LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

PARA PROBLEMAS DE ESCUCHA: hay audífonos disponibles en la sacristía. Favor de devolverlos después de Misa.

¡Bienvenidos a todos! Nos reunimos con Jesús. Cristo es quien nos invita al banquete celestial. Qué esta liturgia les traiga paz. Si están visitando nuestra iglesia por la primera vez, ójala que se sienten como en familia, una parte de la familia mundial del Señor. Les damos la bienvenida cordialmente y celebramos y contemplamos el misterio de la Eucaristía y rezamos que su viaje a su casa será seguro y que regresen pronto.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).
Salmo — Se postrarán ante ti, Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra (Salmo 72 [71]).
Segunda lectura — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).
Evangelio — Magos del oriente llegaron, diciendo: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 55:1-11; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; o Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Hch 10:34-38 o 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mc 1:7-11
 Martes: 1 Sm 1:9-20 o 1 Sm 1:1-8 y 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mc 1:21-28 o Mc 1:14-20 y Mc 1:21-28
 Miércoles: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Sal 40 (39):2, 5, 7-10; Mc 1:29-39
 Jueves: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Sal 44 (43):10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mc 1:40-45
 Viernes: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Sal 89 (88):16-19; Mc 2:1-12
 Sábado: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Sal 21 (20):2-7; Mc 2:13-17
 Domingo: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Sal 40 (39):2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

LA PROMESA DE DIOS A TODOS |

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Hoy Isaías le recuerda al pueblo de Dios que recuperará su tierra, que se alegrará al ver que las personas regresan del cautiverio del exilio y que será una luz para todos los pueblos. En otras palabras, por medio del pueblo de Israel, el Salvador llegará a todos los pueblos que buscan a Dios con un corazón sincero. Esto traerá la alegría y el resplandor de la gloria de Dios a todo el mundo y a todos los pueblos. Gracias a la fidelidad del pueblo de Dios y, gracias a la fidelidad de Dios con ellos, todos serán sus hijos y se alegrarán con el cumplimiento de su promesa a Israel.

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

PETICIONES POR ESTAS PERSONAS

6 de enero sábado San Andrés Bessette	
5:30 pm	Father Thomas Dermody (dec)
7 de enero domingo 	
8:00 am	Father Thomas Dermody (dec)
10:00 am	St. Theresa parishioners
12:00 pm	Molly Matthews Mundy (dec) by Pat & Patricia Frega
7:00 pm	
8 de enero lunes El Bautismo del Señor	
8:00 am	The Ehrler family
9 de enero martes 	
8:00 am	Antone & Margaret Salel (dec)
10 de enero miércoles 	
8:00 am	Shane Donlon (special intention) by the Elders
12:00 pm	Jozsef Hodosi (dec) by Gabriella Cozaglio
11 de enero jueves 	
8:00 am	Phil Smith & Michael Blank Jr (dec) by the St. Theresa staff
12 de enero viernes 	
8:00 am	All souls
12:00 pm	Bernice Attinger (healing) by the Elders
13 de enero sábado San Hilario; Santa María Virgen	
5:30 pm	St. Theresa parishioners

POR LOS FELIGRESES—ACTIVOS CON EL SERVICIO MILITAR

Phillip Gaston | Corbett Martin | Zachary Martin | Erik Townsend

POR LOS QUE ESTÁN ENFERMOS

Concordia Balong | Bill Barboni | Romie Enriquez | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | Tony Russo

LISTA DE LOS ENFERMOS

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DEVOCIÓN A NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO

Cada miércoles a las horas de 10:30 am con la “coronilla de la Divina Misericordia”. Rosario y oraciones special a Peretuo Socorro.

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA | Viernes 19 de enero | 12:30-6pm
 "La Iglesia y el mundo tienen una gran necesidad del culto eucarístico. Jesús nos espera en este sacramento del amor. No nos negamos el tiempo para ir a encontrarlo en la adoración, en la contemplación llena de fe.. y abierta a reparar las faltas graves y delitos del mundo. No cese nunca nuestra adoración". (CIC 1380)

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

12/31	<i>Colecta Regular</i>	7,338.56
	<i>Mantenimiento</i>	2,226.24

No colecta—6/7 de enero:

PRESENTACIÓN DE NIÑOS | Domingo, 4 de febrero
 Habrá presentación de niños el día 4 de febrero dentro de la Misa de Domingo a las 7pm.

MISERIA NAVIDEÑA

"Dios nos dio la Vida eterna, y esa Vida está en su Hijo"
(1 Juan 5:11).

A todos les preguntamos si han tenido buenas vacaciones y Navidad, y todos dicen "bien". Pero, detrás de esas sonrisas tristes y entre las líneas de nuestra "charla", detectamos un dolor profundo, depresión grave, pecado impenitente y una esclavitud devastadora. Los matrimonios están destruidos; amargura y resentimiento envenenan la vida familiar; corazones quebrados por el rechazo. Algunos lamentan la muerte y la pérdida de seres queridos. Otros han perdido contacto con Dios a causa del pecado y del egoísmo. Muchos han pasado una Navidad terrible.

Tú no tienes que poner una sonrisa falsa y contarle a Jesús sobre tu "feliz" Navidad. Él ve tu pecado, tu dolor y tu "lepra". Haz una reverencia profunda ante el niño Jesús y dile: "Señor, si quieres, puedes purificarme" (Lc 5:12). Jesús extenderá Su mano, Te tocará y dirá: "Lo quiero, queda purificado" (Lc 5:13). Jesús quiere una Feliz Navidad para nosotros. Él quiere vida, arrepentimiento y sanación. Él quiere salvación para nosotros. Recuerda los obreros de la viña que reciben pago de día completo a pesar de que se contrataron a última hora (Mt 20:9). Jesús quiere darte la plenitud de la Navidad, no importa lo que haya sucedido y cuan tarde sea. "Les he escrito estas cosas, a ustedes que creen en el nombre del Hijo de Dios, para que sepan que tienen la Vida eterna" (1 Jn 5:13).

Oración: Padre, no por mis fuerzas, no por mi poder, sino por Tu Espíritu, voy a tener Navidad (Zac 4:6).

Promesa: "¿Quién es el que vence al mundo, sino el que cree que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios?" (1 Jn 5:5)

Alabanza: San Andrés no tenía gran inteligencia y fue rechazado como candidato por los hermanos de la Santa Cruz al final de su noviciado. Sin embargo, perseveró como hermano laico, y al final le llegaban personas de toda Norteamérica para recibir dirección espiritual y sanación.

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Querido feligrés:

Le enviaremos automáticamente el recibo de contribuciones para sus impuestos si excede \$100.00 para el año 2017. La carta de donación será enviada a finales de enero. Si necesita ayuda, póngase en contacto con Jennifer Gaston o Irene Lohmeier al (530) 544-3533 Ext 101. —Fr. Mauricio

HERODES COMPRENDIÓ

Unos magos "de Oriente se presentaron en Jerusalén y preguntaron: '¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos su estrella en Oriente y hemos venido a adorarlo'. Al enterarse, el rey Herodes quedó desconcertado y con él toda Jerusalén" (Mateo 2:1-3).

Herodes comprendió el significado del nacimiento de Jesús. Él sabía que tenía que unirse con los magos y "también ir a rendirle homenaje [a Jesús]" (Mt 2:8). El nacimiento de Jesús significa que tenemos que rendir nuestra vida a Jesús, o declararle la guerra a Él. O nosotros no vivimos más para nosotros mismos sino para Él (2 Co 5:15), o hacemos un esfuerzo violento y patético intento de evitar que Jesús siga viviendo. O morimos a sí mismos (ver Jn 12:24) o tratamos de hacer que Él muera.

Herodes comprendió que la consecuencia del nacimiento de Jesús sería el Calvario. Hay una competencia entre la lealtad "al recién nacido rey de los judíos" (Mt 2:2) y al mundo. O decidimos ser crucificados al mundo (Gal 6:14) o decidimos crucificar al rey del mundo. No hay bastante lugar en este mundo para tu egoísmo y el hijo de Dios encarnado. Uno o el otro tiene que irse. Destróntate y entrona a Jesús como tu Rey, Salvador y Señor. Sé un hombre sabio o una mujer sabia. O si no, no tendrás otra escogencia que ser un Herodes. Sé uno de los magos. Póstrate y humíllate ante Jesús (Mt 2:11; 23:12). ¡Feliz Epifanía!

Oración: "Señor, todas las naciones del mundo te adorarán" (respuesta del Salmo de hoy).

Promesa: "¡Levántate, resplandece, porque llega tu luz y la gloria del Señor brilla sobre ti! Porque las tinieblas cubren la tierra y una densa oscuridad, a las naciones, pero sobre ti brillará el Señor y su gloria aparecerá sobre ti. Las naciones caminarán a tu luz y los reyes, al esplendor de tu aurora" (Is 60:1-3).

Alabanza: Jesús todavía se revela a las mujeres y hombres sabios. ¡Alabanza a Tí Jesús, Sabiduría encarnada! (1 Co 1:30) ¡Aleluya!

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Melchor, Gaspar y Baltasar son los nombres que la tradición ha dado a los tres reyes magos. Pero ¿quién dijo que eran tres? Según San Mateo (Mt 2:1-12) fueron sabios del oriente que trajeron oro, incienso y mirra a Jesús. La imaginación cristiana decidió que cada regalo requería alguien que lo regalara. Se fija así el número de sabios en tres. Por ser astrólogos del oriente, tenían que ser magos. Venían buscando al nuevo rey de Israel y fue así que se les da el papel de reyes que representaban los tres continentes conocidos en la época medieval: Asia, África y Europa.

Ellos también representan tres edades humanas: juventud, madurez y vejez. Melchor (rey de la luz), fue un anciano europeo que obsequió oro al Rey Jesús; Gaspar (tesorero) fue un joven asiático que regaló incienso al Niño Dios y Baltasar (dios proteja al rey) fue un hombre africano que donó mirra al Hijo del Hombre.

Hoy día habría que incluir una niña americana y una adolescente australiana a la lista de reyes magos.

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