

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 — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER Masses are for the faithful departed

Saturday December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 pm SSG Lance Oineza (special intention) by Cherry & Nap

Sunday December 9

8:00 am Edward Burkart (dec) by his family

10:00 am Teodora Penoliar (dec) by her family

12:00 pm St. Theresa parishioners

7:00 pm

Monday December 10

8:00 am For brothers, sisters, parents, and cousins, by Linda

Tuesday December 11 St. Damasus I

8:00 am Gerald Hurley & Kathleen Carlson (dec) by the Hurley family

Wednesday December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 am Larry Branchaud (dec) by Barbara Broussard

12:00 pm Arthur Ortega (dec) by Marilyn

6:00 pm Spanish Mass

Thursday December 13 St. Lucy

8:00 am Numer Cabanero (dec) by his wife, Nora

Friday December 14 St. John of the Cross

8:00 am Emma Smith, Napoleon Pee and Osmundo Ong (dec) by Linda

12:00 pm Joseph Edmueller (dec) by Gabby

Saturday December 15

5:30 pm Celeste Taylor (bday) by her mom

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

12/02	Regular Collection	3784.66
	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	1230.39

Second collection THIS weekend:
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Second collection NEXT weekend: NO SECOND COLLECTION

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 10	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal; 6pm Penance Service; 7pm Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday, December 11	8am Mass; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English; 7pm Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe; 8pm Evening Prayer and Serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday, December 12	5am Mañanitas to Our Lady of Guadalupe; 8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 6pm Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe; 7:15pm Dinner and Program in Grace Hall
Thursday, December 13	8am Mass; 2:30pm Funeral for Zachary Harras; 6pm Blessed Is She Program; 7pm RCIA in Spanish
Friday, December 14	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 1pm Staff Luncheon; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry; 6:30pm Spanish Prayer Group
Saturday, December 15	4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, December 16	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish); Meet & Greet after the 8am, 10am and 12noon Masses; 8pm Posada

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 | Kathleen Brady | Krista Carson | Romie Enriquez | Gene Estepa | Mamerto Estepa | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | Tony Russo | Gloria Walkowiak

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.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office
530.544.4788 Find the **2018 SCHEDULE**:
<http://www.tahoecatholic.com/baptisms>



RESPECT LIFE PREGNANT ? NEED HELP?

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

Men of the Parish are you looking for something more in your life? We do men's Catholic Fellowship!

NOW AVAILABLE: St. Theresa Commemorative keepsakes. Find them at the back of the Church or ask a Knight!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Jan. 6 after the 8AM & 10AM Masses.

It always tastes right when cooked by a Knight!

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

THE FIRE RELIEF AND RECOVERY EFFORTS UNDER WAY FOR THE CAMP FIRE IN BUTTE COUNTY

Two weeks in a row we took a second collection to assist [the fire relief and recovery efforts under way for the Camp Fire in Butte County](#). Thank you so much to all those who donated.

Beyond what was collected by the parish, we encourage parishioners wishing to donate more to assist those in need. You may do so in the following ways:

- **Donate by mail:** Send checks to Diocese of Sacramento Fire Assistance Fund, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818
- **Donate by phone:** Call the Catholic Foundation at (916) 733-0266
- **Donate online:** Visit www.scd.org/donate and choose the Fire Assistance Fund

Please do not remit collections directly to St. Thomas More Parish. We have agreed with Father Godwin and his parish staff to process all relief collections in the manner noted above. This protocol will enhance our ability to render a full accounting to the St. Thomas More Parish community and the Faithful of the diocese of Sacramento. May our prayers as well as the intercessions of our Blessed Mother Mary and St. Thomas More bring consolation to all those devastated by this natural disaster and make fruitful our efforts to assist them.



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



DONATE ONLINE | Now you can donate online! Look for the "Donate" button on our website www.tahoecatholic.com

GORGED?

"For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God." — Baruch 5:7

We are walking a path through the millennia to our heavenly home. Our path is obstructed by rough, winding, mountainous terrain (Lk 3:5; see also Mt 7:14). Possibly the most difficult obstacles we face are "age-old depths and gorges" (Bar 5:7). "Age-old depths" have become very deep, and the drop-offs are steep. It is usually impossible to walk down or walk up a gorge. Climbing down or up a gorge is so dangerous that the climbers risk their lives.

Spiritually speaking, "age-old depths and gorges" may be strongholds, sophistries, and proud pretensions which raise themselves in opposition to Jesus (see 2 Cor 10:4-5). "Depths and gorges" may be the sinful habits etched into our lives (see Col 3:7).

To fill in these gorges of sinfulness and thus be able to continue our journey home, we must repent, deny ourselves, and lose our sinful lives (Lk 9:23-24). When we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Lord will peel off layer after layer of blinding sinfulness, and gorges which naturally become worse obstacles will be supernaturally filled and miraculously disappear. Make one of your Advent Confessions as soon as possible. Make the treacherous ravines and "grand canyons" of your life passable. Come home.

Prayer: *Father, make our love "more and more abound, both in understanding and wealth of experience, so that with a clear conscience and blameless conduct" we "may learn to value the things that really matter, up to the very day of Christ" (Phil 1:9-10).*

Promise: *"It is my wish that you may be found rich in the harvest of justice which Jesus Christ has ripened in you, to the glory and praise of God." —Phil 1:11*

Praise: *Jesus is risen and coming again! Alleluia. Come, Lord Jesus!*
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RCIA

The preparation for Christmas includes buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: his Son, Jesus.

INVITE SOMEONE WHO IS NOT CATHOLIC TO ATTEND MASS WITH YOU AT CHRISTMAS. For more information about the RCIA, contact Danette Winslow sttheresare@gmail.com (530) 544-4788 or Fr. Mauricio mauricioh650@gmail.com (530) 544-3533 Ext. 102

ST. THERESA PARISH DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!

If you had a photograph taken at the parish in 2016 by Lifetouch photographers, whether you ordered portraits or not you are welcome to pick up your complimentary directory at the parish office, Monday-Friday between 9am -12pm and 1-4pm.

If you are interested in extra copies, they may be purchased for \$10.00 each.

Thank you all for your patience in receiving this long awaited publication, enjoy!

“REJOICE AND BE GLAD” | In the next few weeks we will be posting excerpts from the **APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION GAUDETE ET EXULTATE OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY’S WORLD.**

CHAPTER FIVE | SPIRITUAL COMBAT, VIGILANCE AND DISCERNMENT

158. The Christian life is a constant battle. We need strength and courage to withstand the temptations of the devil and to proclaim the Gospel. This battle is sweet, for it allows us to rejoice each time the Lord triumphs in our lives.

COMBAT AND VIGILANCE

159. We are not dealing merely with a battle against the world and a worldly mentality that would deceive us and leave us dull and mediocre, lacking in enthusiasm and joy. Nor can this battle be reduced to the struggle against our human weaknesses and proclivities (be they laziness, lust, envy, jealousy or any others). It is also a constant struggle against the devil, the prince of evil. Jesus himself celebrates our victories. He rejoiced when his disciples made progress in preaching the Gospel and overcoming the opposition of the evil one: “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven” (Lk 10:18).

More than a myth

160. We will not admit the existence of the devil if we insist on regarding life by empirical standards alone, without a supernatural understanding. It is precisely the conviction that this malign power is present in our midst that enables us to understand how evil can at times have so much destructive force. True enough, the biblical authors had limited conceptual resources for expressing certain realities, and in Jesus’ time epilepsy, for example, could easily be confused with demonic possession. Yet this should not lead us to an oversimplification that would conclude that all the cases related in the Gospel had to do with psychological disorders and hence that the devil does not exist or is not at work. He is present in the very first pages of the Scriptures, which end with God’s victory over the devil.[120] Indeed, in leaving us the Our Father, Jesus wanted us to conclude by asking the Father to “deliver us from evil”. That final word does not refer to evil in the abstract; a more exact translation would be “the evil one”. It indicates a personal being who assails us. Jesus taught us to ask daily for deliverance from him, lest his power prevail over us.

161. Hence, we should not think of the devil as a myth, a representation, a symbol, a figure of speech or an idea.[121] This mistake would lead us to let down our guard, to grow careless and end up more vulnerable. The devil does not need to possess us. He poisons us with the venom of hatred, desolation, envy and vice. When we let down our guard, he takes advantage of it to destroy our lives, our families and our communities. “Like a roaring lion, he prowls around, looking for someone to devour” (1 Pet 5:8).

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http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exultate.html#SPIRITUAL_COMBAT,_VIGILANCE_AND_DISCERNMENT

WHAT’S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

I hear you speak about active participation in the liturgy all the time. Though I know it’s important, sometimes I just don’t feel like it.

Gentle Reader,

In his encyclical *Mediator Dei* (1947) Pope Pius XII called for a revision of the liturgy with greater and deeper participation of the laity in mind. The Tridentine liturgy, which was used at that time, was mostly inaccessible to the people. The priest, with his back to the people, recited the Mass in Latin and relied on servers for the responses. The people in the pew, on the other side of the communion rail, were left to their own devices. Unable to understand a word of what was sung or said, they prayed the rosary, read devotional books, and maybe listened to a sermon that was delivered almost independently from the Mass. At the time of the consecration the *Sanctus* bell drew their attention to the altar for ocular or visual communion as hardly anyone received Communion at Sunday Eucharist.

Sacrosanctum Concilium (1963), the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy promulgated in light of the Second Vatican Council, picked up on the call by Pius XII and made one of the principle goals of the liturgy the full, active, and conscious participation of all. As a result, the liturgy was to be celebrated in the vernacular, the priest was to face the people, and the liturgy was simplified and streamlined.

In the past fifty years we have made great progress in implementing what the council envisioned. There have been some difficult moments and maybe some setbacks, but all in all the vision of the council is being realized.

The point you make is a very good one, though. First, the goal of the council was to make the liturgy accessible to all, that is, celebrate the liturgy in such a way that everyone who attends can understand and participate in the liturgy. This is a mandate placed on the liturgy and not placed on you. Second, the council in no way is forcing anyone to participate by singing or standing or responding or kneeling. These are all suggestions that anyone moved by the liturgy will hopefully engage in, but sometimes, as you say, we simply cannot.

There are those moments when the weight of the world is too heavy for any one of us to shoulder. I remember how I felt when my father died. After I received the unexpected news I did the only thing I knew to do: I participated in the celebration of the Eucharist. However, I could not bring myself to sing. There was no way I could respond without breaking down. I did not even have the strength to stand or kneel. So I sat in the back of the church and let the liturgy wash over me. Better yet, I let the liturgy lift me up. I did not sing, but the voices of my sisters and brothers in Christ sang for me. I did not respond, but the assembly responded for me. I did not participate in any of the movements, but the Body of Christ did that for me.

Sometimes, being there is the only level of participation we can engage in and sometimes that is enough, because we can rely on the rest of the Body of Christ to do the work of the liturgy. It is the hope that in those moments our interior participation is effectively aided by the community’s exterior participation.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COLLECTION FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS | December 8/9.

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

USHERS NEEDED FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES

Please consider being an Usher this Christmas to welcome people before Mass, to take up the collection and give away a Christmas gift. To sign up or more information please contact Fr. Mauricio at (530) 544-3533 Ext. 102 or mauricioh650@gmail.com or sign up in the vestibule.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Novena: December 2-11

Serenate: December 11th at 8pm in the church

Mañanitas: Wednesday, December 12th at 5am in the church,

Mass: Wednesday, December 12th at 6pm followed by dinner & program.

SIMBANG GABI (NIGHT MASS)

Monday, December 17 at 6pm

Food after the Mass in Globin Social Hall

Wednesday December 19 at 6pm

Food and Entertainment after Mass in Grace Hall

Friday, December 21 at 6pm

Food after the Mass in Grace Hall

Simbang Gabi (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Roman Catholics in the Philippines in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have 3 days of the novena.

All are welcome!

Penance Service (Confessions)
Monday, December 10 at 6pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

December 24 (Vigil Masses):
5:30pm—8pm Mass in Spanish

December 25 (Christmas Masses):
12am Midnight Mass;
8am—10am—12noon



The Children's Choir for the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve vigil Mass will practice the first three Thursdays in December (13th & 20th) from 4:30-5:30 pm in the church. We will then sing at the 5:30 pm Mass on December 24. All children are welcome to join us! Any questions, please contact Danette Winslow at the Parish Center (544-4788) or Karin Holmes at 544-1616

HOLDING ON TO THE CHRIST

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).

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/holding-on-to-the-christ/>

THE FREEDOM TO REFUSE LOVE

Often hell is portrayed as a place of punishment and heaven as a place of reward. But this concept easily leads us to think about God as either a policeman, who tries to catch us when we make a mistake and send us to prison when our mistakes become too big, or a Santa Claus, who counts up all our good deeds and puts a reward in our stocking at the end of the year.

God, however, is neither a policeman nor a Santa Claus. God does not send us to heaven or hell depending on how often we obey or disobey. God is love and only love. In God there is no hatred, desire for revenge, or pleasure in seeing us punished. God wants to forgive, heal, restore, show us endless mercy, and see us come home. But just as the father of the prodigal son let his son make his own decision, God gives us the freedom to move away from God's love even at the risk of destroying ourselves. Hell is not God's choice. It is ours.

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9 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2018 | SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

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.

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El mundo no parece tan grande como para contener el alborozo que causa la primera lectura. En la lectura del Evangelio, el Imperio Romano tampoco es lo suficientemente grande. Los grandes poderes de Roma se designan y se hacen esperar por la salvación de Dios. Y encontramos a Pablo que medita gozosamente en lo que importa, en lo que realmente cuenta.

De acuerdo con Baruc, la ciudad de Jerusalén es como una persona que en puntillas espera la salvación de Dios, que viene del Este. Los que fueron llevados a pie, con la cabeza gacha, regresan ahora orgullosos. Todo el camino está pavimentado. Al lado del camino hay árboles fragantes y frondosos.

No puede haber algo mejor que eso, ¿no es así? Bueno, sí puede haber algo mejor. Porque una voz grita en el desierto. Aquí comienza la salvación de Dios.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Sube a la altura, Jerusalén; contempla a tus hijos gozosos porque Dios se acordó de ellos (Baruc 5:1-9).

Salmo — Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor (Salmo 126 [125]).

Segunda Lectura — Que su amor siga creciendo más y más y se traduzca en un mayor conocimiento y discernimiento (Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11).

Evangelio — Juan proclama un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados (Lucas 3:1-6).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 5:17-26

Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Miércoles: Zac 2:14-17 o Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt

13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-3 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de la Santísima Virgen María, nos. 707-712

Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 145 (144):1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Sábado: Eclo 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79): 2ac, 3b, 15-16, Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Domingo: Sof 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Fil 4:4-7; Lc 3:10-18

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

NOVIEMBRE—POR TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

8 de diciembre | sábado |

La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María

5:30 pm SSG Lance Oineza (spec intention) by Cherry & Nap

9 de diciembre | domingo |

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10:00 am Teodora Penoliar (dec) by her family

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15 de diciembre | sábado |

5:30 pm Celeste Taylor (bday) by her mom

PETICIONES POR ESTAS PERSONAS

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 | Kathleen Brady | Krista Carson | Romie Enriquez | Gene Estepa | Mamerto Estepa | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | Tony Russo | Gloria Walkowiak

LISTA DE LOS ENFERMOS

Si desea conservar su ser querido en la lista, por favor, envíe un correo electrónico con el nombre de su ser querido, junto con su nombre y número de teléfono a tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

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	MANTENIMIENTO	1230.39

Segunda colecta— 8/9 de diciembre: **FONDO DE JUBILACIÓN DE RELIGIOSOS**

Segunda colecta— 15/16 de diciembre: **NO HAY COLECTA**



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.

SEMINARIO DE EVANGELIZACIÓN DE MARÍA
"María partió y fue sin demora a un pueblo de la montaña" (Lucas 1:39).

María fue la primera y es la mejor evangelizadora. Tan pronto como concibió a Jesús en su vientre, compartió a Jesús con Isabel y Juan, el bebé en el vientre de Isabel (Lc 1:39ss). Ambos se llenaron del Espíritu Santo (Lc 1:41). Después de que María, como Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, se le presentó a san Juan Diego en México, ocho millones de personas se convirtieron a una nueva vida en Jesús durante los siguientes siete años. Como el Papa Beato Pablo VI enseñó, María es la estrella de la evangelización (Sobre la evangelización, 82).

María, la más grande evangelizadora, estaba embarazada. Para compartir efectivamente la vida de Jesús, debemos respetar, defender y nutrir la vida.

María era pobre. Jesús vino a proclamar la buena nueva a los pobres (Lc 4:18).

María era una sanadora. Ella fue usada por el Señor para sanar al tío de Juan Diego.

María fue libertadora. Su nombre mexicano, Tecotlatlope, significa "La que aplasta al dios serpiente".

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe nos da una comprensión radical de la evangelización. Llevar a otros a Jesús implica no solo programas y servicios, sino elegir vida en una cultura de muerte y elegir pobreza en medio de un consumismo desbordado.


Evangelizar significa proclamar el reino de Dios así: "Curen a los enfermos, resuciten a los muertos, purifiquen a los leprosos, expulsen a los demonios" (Mt 10:7-8). Evangeliza a las Américas, al estilo Guadalupano.

Oración: Padre, que pueda evangelizar según Tus normas.

Promesa: "Vengo a habitar en medio de ti - oráculo del Señor" (Zac 2:14).

Alabanza: La imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe contiene mucho símbolo, color y significado que mostraba a los indios mexicanos cuán soberano es Dios. Muchos de ellos se convirtieron a la Iglesia Católica después de simplemente mirar la imagen.

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FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE
Novena: 2 al 11 de diciembre
Serenata: martes 11 de diciembre a las 8pm en la iglesia
Mañanitas: miércoles 12 de diciembre a las 5:00am
Misa: miércoles 12 de diciembre a las 6pm; después habrá cena y un programa cultural.

MISAS DE SIMBANG GABI

Todos están invitados a unirse a los hermanos y hermanas filipinos. Esta es una tradición religiosa filipina de celebrar una Misa por nueve días en preparación para la Navidad. No podemos tener las nueve Misas, pero si tendremos tres:

17, 19 & 21 de diciembre a las 6pm

¿ATASCADO?

"Porque Dios dispuso que sean aplanadas las altas montañas y las colinas seculares, y que se rellenen los valles hasta nivelar la tierra, para que Israel camine seguro bajo la gloria de Dios" (Baruc 5:7).

Caminamos por una senda a nuestra morada en el cielo que durará milenios. Esta senda presenta el obstáculo de ser un terreno áspero, sinuoso y escarpado (Lc 3:5; véase también Mt 7:14). El obstáculo mayor al que nos enfrentamos son posiblemente esas colinas y valles seculares (Bar 5:7). Los "valles seculares" son ya demasiado profundos, y las pendientes muy inclinadas, como que es casi imposible avanzar hacia arriba o hacia abajo por esas cuestas. En muchos casos, escalar montaña arriba es tan peligroso que supone un riesgo para la vida misma. Espiritualmente hablando esos valles y colinas seculares no son sino casuísticas, oposiciones y pretensiones orgullosas que se yerguen en contra de Jesús (ver 2 Co 10:4-5). "Los valles y colinas seculares" también pueden representar hábitos pecaminosos muy arraigados en nuestra vida (ver Col 3:7).

Para poder rellenar esos valles de pecados y así ser capaces de continuar nuestra jornada a casa, debemos arrepentirnos, negarnos a nosotros mismos y abandonar nuestra vida de pecado (Lc 9:23-24). Cuando nos acercamos al sacramento de la reconciliación, dejamos que el Señor nos quite, piel tras piel, las capas que ocultan los pecados, y esos valles que suponían un obstáculo casi insuperable, por la obra de la gracia, serán rellenos hasta desaparecer milagrosamente.

Apresúrate a hacer una buena confesión este adviento, para que los barrancos traicioneros y los desfiladeros de tu vida se allanen. Y vuelve a casa.

Oración: Padre, que nuestro amor "crezca cada vez más en el conocimiento y en la plena comprensión a fin de que puedan discernir lo que es mejor" y que nosotros "seamos encontrados puros e irreprochables en el Día de Cristo (Fil 1:9-10). Padre, que nuestro amor "crezca cada vez más en el conocimiento y en la plena comprensión a fin de que puedan discernir lo que es mejor" y que nosotros "seamos encontrados puros e irreprochables en el Día de Cristo (Fil 1:9-10).

Promesa: "Llenos del fruto de justicia que proviene de Jesucristo, para la gloria y alabanza de Dios" (Fil 1:11).

Alabanza: ¡Jesús ha resucitado y viene pronto! ¡Aleluya! ¡Ven, Señor Jesús!

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