

April 15, 2018

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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** — The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

**Psalm** — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

**Second Reading** — The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

**Gospel** — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you” (Luke 24:35-48).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

## Saturday April 14

5:30 pm	St. Theresa parishioners
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## Sunday April 15

8:00 am	Jeanie Sullivan (dec) & Helen Ahern (dec) by the Sullivan family
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10:00 am	Charles & Marilyn O'Connor (dec) by the Barnett family
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12:00 pm	Frances Shiflett (dec) by the Giomi family
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7:00 pm	St. Theresa parishioners
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## Monday April 16

8:00 am	Korienne Graco (dec) by the Treiber family
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## Tuesday April 17

8:00 am	NO MASS
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## Wednesday April 18

8:00 am	NO MASS
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12:00 pm	Concordia Balong (healing) by the Balong family
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## Thursday April 19

8:00 am	NO MASS
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## Friday April 20

8:00 am	Mary Randall by Barbara Randall
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12:00 pm	Danny Camello (dec) by Joe, Paula, April & Alison
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## Saturday April 21 St. Anselm

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

## STEWARSHIP IN OUR PARISH

04/08	Regular Collection	5410.16
	Maintenance	1143.36

Second collection THIS weekend: for New Boiler in the Rectory

Second collection April 28/29: Catholic Home Missions Appeal (Shared with Black and Indian Missions)

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, April 16	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth meal
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Tuesday, April 17	<b>NOTE:</b> There is no 8am Mass; 4:45pm Mass with children in Faith Formation
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Wednesday, April 18	12noon Mass- <b>NOTE:</b> There is no 8am Mass
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Thursday, April 19	<b>NOTE:</b> There is no 8am Mass
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Friday, April 20	8am &12noon Masses
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Saturday, April 21	10am-3pm Retreat for Confirmation Candidates; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
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Sunday, April 22	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish) Masses
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## FAITH FORMATION FOR PARISHIONERS!

Now every parishioner can experience hundreds of hours viewing, reading, and listening to the best Catholic content. Enjoy more than 300 episodes of beautiful and compelling video series, feature-length movies, motivating and spiritually-enriching eBooks, and over 40 hours of audio content. **Register your family account by going to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) > and use our parish account (case-sensitive) QKK7X3.**

## 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 | Gene Estepa | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | 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 [tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com).

## WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

I find some depictions of Jesus on the cross rather disturbing. I can't remember the name of the German artist but his crucifixion was just terrifying. Wouldn't it suffice to just have a cross?

Gentle Reader,

For starters, let's agree that a cross does not have a cor-pus or depiction of Jesus on it, while a crucifix does. Most Protestant churches exclusively prefer the use of a cross while the Catholic church favors the crucifix.

The crucifix you are referring to must be one by Matthias Grünewald (ca. 1470–1528). His crucifixion scenes are indeed rather gruesome and difficult to behold. How-ever, they do make a point.

Like you, Christians have struggled with the depiction of Jesus on the cross from the very beginning. As a result, they were very hesitant to use what later became the most recognizable Christian symbol of them all. In-stead they used Christ monograms, anchors, a fish, a shepherd. When they timidly started using the cross it was without the corpus. Most often a victory wreath decorated the cross. Though early Christians recognized Jesus' sacrifice on the cross as the portal to salvation, they were hesitant to represent Jesus on the cross. Starting in the fourth century Christians began slowly to represent Jesus on the cross. However, when they did they depicted Jesus as completely in charge. It is as if he is standing on the cross using a wooden footstool that is attached to the cross. Both hands and both feet are nailed to the cross. His eyes are wide open and he looks directly at the beholder.

The next step was the representation of the suffering Jesus on the cross. Rather than standing on the cross, Jesus hangs from the cross. His feet are placed on one another and one nail is used for both feet. His body shows signs of torture. He often wears the crown of thorns as described in the gospels. This type of crucifix appears during the time of state decline after the fall of the Roman and Carolingian empires. Europe sank into the so-called dark ages, which were characterized by political anarchy, war and violence, famine, and diseases such as the plague that decimated more than half the population. The people's feelings of despair and suffer-ing are clearly reflected in the way they depicted Christ. In a sense they depicted their own suffering on the cross or they took consolation in connecting their suffering to that of Jesus.

The Renaissance with its interest in realism keeps depicting the suffering Christ but with less of the exag-gerated gore so typical for many of the medieval depic-tions. Although Christ is still shown as dying on the cross, there is a quality of stillness surrounding the cross. Although there is realism in the depiction, there is also rational restraint.

The Baroque renditions, which are part of the Counter-Reformation efforts of the Catholic Church, are all about the drama of the moment as they show Longinus, one of the Roman soldiers, piercing the side of Jesus. Mary, the mother of Jesus, faints into the arms of John, the beloved, and Mary of Magdala embraces the foot of the cross. The sacrifice of the cross is greatly emphasized in these depictions in support of the theology of the sacrifice of the Mass, which is often celebrated beneath them.

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## 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

*Telling someone with mental illness to snap out of it is like telling someone who is deaf to listen harder*

MONTHLY MEETING—May 9<sup>th</sup> with Dinner @6pm

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—May 6<sup>th</sup> after the 8 & 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

## DARING TO BECOME DEPENDENT

When someone gives us a watch but we never wear it, the watch is not really received. When someone offers us an idea but we do not respond to it, that idea is not truly received. When someone introduces us to a friend but we ignore him or her, that friend does not feel well received.

Receiving is an art. It means allowing the other to become part of our lives. It means daring to become dependent on the other. It asks for the inner freedom to say: "Without you I wouldn't be who I am."

Receiving with the heart is therefore a gesture of humility and love. So many people have been deeply hurt because their gifts were not well received. Let us be good receivers.

<http://henrinouwen.org/meditation/daring-become-dependent/>

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This is probably more than you asked for. I could have answered with a simple no but what good would that have done?

The late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, which are characterized by a return to earlier artistic styles, embrace the medieval depiction in the Romanesque and Gothic style but these neo-versions lack the character of the images they imitate. Rather there is a romantic softness and a form of spiritualization in the crucifixes that are typical for the piety of this period. The twentieth and twenty-first centuries have all of the above and much more. Though there was a clear trend in the Catholic Church to move away from the crucifix in favor of a cross or a risen Christ on a cross, new directives indicate that a crucifix needs to be placed in each sanctuary and processional crosses need to actu-ally be processional crucifixes.

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## REFLECTIONS

**INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER | April 2018 | For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters**

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

<https://www.popesprayer.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/English-2018-def-temi-3.pdf>

### MATTER OF FACT

"In their panic and fright they thought they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you disturbed? Why do such ideas cross your mind?' " —Luke 24:37-38

Jesus is risen! This proves Jesus is God. This means we should live no longer for ourselves but for Him (2 Cor 5:15). Jesus' Resurrection and divinity mean that everything Jesus said is true, including His promise to raise His disciples from the dead. The fact that Jesus intends to raise us from the dead has mammoth ramifications for us — not only after our deaths, but also in our daily lives. We need no longer be slaves through the fear of death (Heb 2:15). We can live radically free and unselfish lives of love.

However, for us to receive the astounding benefits of the Resurrection, we must believe in Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life (Jn 11:25). We must not think of Jesus as a ghost (Lk 24:37) or of His Resurrection as unreal, merely symbolic, or mythical. The Resurrection is not a story; it is an objective, historical fact (Catechism, 639, 643, 645, 647). Through the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread, that is, the Eucharist (Lk 24:30-32, 45), the Holy Spirit will give us the faith to open our eyes to the reality of the risen Christ (see Jn 20:22). Then we will spend our lives as witnesses for the risen Christ (Acts 3:15).

**Prayer:** Father, deepen my faith in the risen Christ so that I would deserve to be persecuted.

**Promise:** "If anyone should sin, we have, in the presence of the Father, Jesus Christ, an Intercessor Who is just. He is an Offering for our sins, and not for our sins only, but for those of the whole world." —1 Jn 2:1-2

**Praise:** Praise the risen Jesus, Whose love and mercy has conquered both sin and sinner! "His mercy endures forever" (Ps 136:1).

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### DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

**Q.** Who is involved in preparing people for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist?

**A.** The pastor. Parish staff members. Parents, godparents, and sponsors. Volunteers who are interested in that particular ministry. That's all, right?

All of these people are an important part of the process, of course, but there is one group missing from the list: the assembly. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults gives the entire parish community an important part to play in bringing others to faith: "the people of God, as represented by the local Church, should understand and show by their concern that the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptized" (RCIA, 9). At every step of the way, the Church invites all the faithful, not just the sponsors and team, to be involved in the formation of new Christians. How?

In the early stages of the process, we can help those who are hearing the call to the Christian life by our faithful participation in the worship of the Church and in outreach to others. If our faith is one-sided—all praying and no doing, or all doing and no praying—we need to remedy that imbalance so that our own lives truly reflect what a genuinely Christian life should be. We can support inquirers by getting to know them, by inviting them to dinner or to coffee, by entering into conversation, and by being prepared to give witness—to answer their questions about what we believe and how our faith shapes our lives. That might not be a question we are asked very often. What would we say? As St. Peter reminds us, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15).

Beginning with the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and continuing all the way to the Mass with the Neophytes, we can support those preparing for Baptism or full communion by participating fully, consciously, and actively in the rites and prayers the Church offers for them. But there is more. If we let our minds wander during the Rite of Acceptance, we might miss a very important question: the priest asks the entire assembly ("all who are gathered here with us"), "Are you . . . ready to help these candidates find and follow Christ?" (RCIA, 53). We answer that question not just with the simple words, "We are," but by praying for those in preparation for Baptism, even if we do not know their names, and by reaching out to them in other ways—dropping a note, saying hello, stopping for conversation.

After their Baptism, our responsibility continues. "During the period immediately after baptism, the faithful should . . . welcome the neophytes with open arms in charity, and help them to feel more at home in the community of the baptized" (RCIA, 9). We can help new Catholics put down roots by inviting them to join us in parish activities—or even by making room for them in our pew!

They say it takes a village to raise a child. It certainly takes a parish to help new Christians find faith and meaning in a Church community. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults puts great emphasis on the involvement of the entire Church, not only because it is good for new Catholics, but because it is good for all of us. After all, Jesus gave that mission to "go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15) to everyone.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL

#### PRIESTS SPRING RETREAT | APRIL 16-20

Please say a prayer for the priests of the Diocese of Sacramento as we gather for our annual Spring Retreat. For this same reason, **THERE IS NO DAILY MASS** the following days:

**No 8am Mass on Tuesday, April 17**

**No 8am Mass on Wednesday, April 18; we do have the 12noon Mass**

**No 8am Mass on Thursday, April 19**

For questions and concerns regarding this, please feel free to call the Diocesan office (916) 733-0100

I apologize for the inconveniences. Fr. Mauricio

### MAY

#### STUDY PROGRAM: UNTOLD BLESSING: THREE PATHS TO HOLINESS

**Tuesdays at 9am (We start on Tuesday May 1, 2018)**

Our ultimate goal is to be a saint. It is our greatest calling and what is desired for us by our Creator. Bishop Robert Barron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ. He lays out three intriguing paths to holiness:

1. *Finding the Center*
2. *Knowing You're A Sinner*
3. *Realizing Your Life is Not About You*

Please sign up for this **SEVEN-WEEK STUDY PROGRAM!** To register, please call Fr. Mauricio at (530) 544-3533 Ext. 102 or by e-mail: [mauricioh650@gmail.com](mailto:mauricioh650@gmail.com)

#### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE AND PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE AND FROM TERRORISM

O almighty and merciful God, Lord of the universe and of history. All that You have created is good and your compassion for the mistakes of mankind knows no limits.

We come to You today to ask You to keep in peace the world and its people, to keep far away from it the devastating wave of terrorism, to restore friendship and instill in the hearts of your creatures the gift of trust and of readiness to forgive.

O Giver of life, we pray to You also for all those who have died as victims of brutal terrorist attacks. Grant them their eternal reward. May they intercede for the world that is torn apart by conflicts and disagreements.

O Jesus, Prince of Peace, we pray to You for the ones who have been wounded in these acts of inhuman violence: children and young people, old people and innocent people accidentally involved in evil. Heal their bodies and hearts; console them with Your strength and, at the same time, take away any hatred and a desire for revenge.

Holy Spirit Consoler, visit the families of the victims of terrorism, families that suffer through no fault of their own. Wrap them in the mantle of Your divine mercy. Make them find again in You and in themselves the strength and courage to continue to be brothers and sisters for others, above all for immigrants, giving witness to Your love by their lives.

Touch the hearts of terrorists so that they may recognize the evil of their actions and may turn to the way of peace and goodness, of respect for the life and for the dignity of every human being, regardless of religion, origin, wealth or poverty.

O God, Eternal Father, in Your mercy hear our prayer which we raise up to You amidst the deafening noise and desperation of the world. We turn to You with great hope, full of trust in

Your infinite Mercy. Made strong by the examples of the blessed martyrs of Perú, Zbigniew and Michael, who have rendered courageous testimony to the Gospel, to the point of offering their blood, we entrust ourselves to the intercession of Your Most Holy Mother. We ask for the gift of peace and of the elimination from our midst of the sore of terrorism. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pope Francis, Prayer during visit to Basilica of St. Francis for XXXI World Youth Day . . . , Poland, 7/30/16

## 15 DE ABRIL DE 2018 | TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA

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 quién nos invita al banquete celestial. Que 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** — Pedro da testimonio a la gente de que Jesús ha sido glorificado y deberán reformar sus vidas (Hechos 3:13-15, 17-19).

**Salmo** — Haz brillar sobre nosotros el resplandor de tu rostro (Salmo 4).

**Segunda lectura** — Jesucristo intercede ante el Padre por nuestros pecados (1 Juan 2:1-5a).

**Evangelio** — Jesús se aparece a los discípulos y los envía a predicar la penitencia para el perdón de los pecados (Lucas 24:35-48).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 6:8-15; Sal 119 (118):23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Martes: Hch 7:51 — 8:1a; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Miércoles: Hch 8:1b-8; Sal 66 (65):1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Jueves: Hch 8:26-40; Sal 66 (65):8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Viernes: Hch 9:1-20; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Sábado: Hch 9:31-42; Sal 116 (115):12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Domingo: Hch 4:8-12; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

### CREER EN JESUCRISTO |

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Durante todo el Tiempo Pascual, las tres lecturas del domingo son tomadas del Nuevo Testamento, la parte cristiana de la Sagrada Escritura. Juntas exploran qué significa creer que Jesús es el Cristo, aquél que cumplió las profecías de la Sagrada Escritura judía. Las selecciones de hoy aluden a nuestra debilidad humana; sin embargo, hacen hincapié en el perdón y la paz que son posibles para quienes tienen fe en "Jesucristo, el Justo" (1 Juan 2:2). En los Hechos de los Apóstoles, Pedro nos dice a todos "arrepíntanse y conviértanse, para que se borren sus pecados" (Hechos 3:19). La primera carta del apóstol san Juan dice que Jesucristo es "victima de expiación por nuestros pecados" (1 Juan 2:2). Por último, en el Evangelio, Jesús saluda a los discípulos diciéndoles: "Paz" y los insta a predicar "la necesidad de volverse a Dios y el perdón de los pecados" (Lucas 24:47).

### INTENCIÓNES PARA LAS MISAS

14 de abril   sábado	
5:30 pm	St. Theresa parishioners
15 de abril   domingo	
8:00 am	Jeanie Sullivan (dec) & Helen Ahern (dec) by the Sullivan family
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21 de abril   sábado   San Anselmo	
5:30 pm	St. Theresa parishioners

### EL GRAN DOMINGO

Los cincuenta días desde el Domingo de Pascua hasta Pentecostés se celebran con jubilosa exultación como un día de fiesta, o mejor aún, como un "gran domingo".

Estos por encima de todos los otros, son los días para cantar *Aleluya*.

—Normas generales para el año litúrgico y el calendario, No. 27

### 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 | Romie Enriquez | Gene Estepa | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | Tony Russo

#### 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](mailto:tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com)



#### 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 Perpetuo Socorro.

#### ¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

04/01	Colecta Regular	5410.16
	mantenimiento	1143.36
<i>Segunda colecta — 14/15 de abril: New Boiler in the Rectory</i>		
<i>Segunda colecta — 21/22 de abril: Catholic Home Missions Appeal (Shared with Black and Indian Missions)</i>		

## DISCÍPULOS HACIENDO DISCÍPULOS

**Pregunta: ¿En qué se diferencia el bautismo de niños del bautismo de adultos?**

**Respuesta: Esencialmente, el bautismo es el mismo, independientemente de la edad de la persona bautizar. Pero su celebración va destinada a satisfacer las necesidades espirituales particulares de una u otra circunstancia.**

Los bebés suelen ser bautizados en los primeros meses de vida. Y aunque el sacramento puede celebrarse fuera de la misa, es preferible hacerlo durante una misa dominical, con otros niños y con toda la comunidad parroquial reunida. El bautismo no es solamente un momento familiar: es un momento parroquial-comunitario. Todo cristiano tiene motivos para regocijarse cuando un nuevo miembro se une al Cuerpo de Cristo por medio del bautismo. De hecho, es tan importante la presencia de la comunidad parroquial, que para los niños que fueron bautizados en circunstancias de emergencia en un hospital u otra institución, la Iglesia cuenta con un rito especial: el niño bautizado es traído a la Iglesia, para ser presentado y recibido en la comunidad parroquial.

El Rito del bautismo de los niños comienza con la recepción del niño y su familia. Enseguida, se invita a los padres a decir en voz alta el nombre que le han dado a su hijo, y luego el sacerdote, los padres y los padrinos hacen el signo de la cruz sobre la frente del niño, reclamándolo para Cristo. Después de las lecturas y la homilía, se invoca a los santos, se pronuncia una oración de exorcismo y se pide que el niño sea liberado del pecado original; luego el niño es ungido con el óleo de catecúmenos. Los padres y los padrinos hacen entonces su propia profesión de fe, porque desde ahora se les confía el desarrollo de la fe de este niño. Al bautismo le siguen los "Ritos complementarios", que proporcionan imágenes de la nueva vida de los bautizados: la prenda blanca, la vela encendida y la unción con el crisma. Los niños que son bautizados recibirán los otros sacramentos de iniciación, la confirmación y la Eucaristía, más tarde.

Los niños pueden ser bautizados casi en cualquier época del año, pero los adultos en la Vigilia Pascual, culmen del año litúrgico de la Iglesia. En caso de emergencia, sin embargo, el bautismo de adultos puede ocurrir en cualquier tiempo. La etapa de purificación e iluminación, tiempo de intensa oración y preparación para los sacramentos, coincide con el tiempo de Cuaresma, cuando toda la Iglesia se centra en la oración, la penitencia y la preparación para la Pascua. El bautismo de adultos, por el cual se unen a Cristo en su vida, pasión, muerte y resurrección, el Misterio Pascual, se realiza en el corazón mismo de la celebración de la resurrección de Cristo. Durante el tiempo pascual se va desarrollando una conciencia más profunda de los sacramentos recibidos por medio de una catequesis mistagógica, en medio del júbilo entre la Pascua y Pentecostés.

El Rito de la iniciación cristiana de adultos contiene una serie de oraciones y ritos para los que se preparan al bautismo, y que siguen el mismo orden del bautismo infantil. Formalmente, el proceso comienza con la admisión de los candidatos en el Orden de los Catecúmenos. Esto sucede mediante el Rito de Admisión, en el que la frente, los sentidos, e incluso las manos, pies y hombros de los candidatos quedan sellados con el signo de la cruz. Luego vendrán los escrutinios y las >>>>>

UN HECHO CIERTO

"Atónitos y llenos de temor, creían ver un espíritu, pero Jesús les preguntó: '¿Por qué están turbados y se les presentan esas dudas?' " (Lucas 24:37-38).

¡Jesús ha resucitado! Esto demuestra que Jesús es Dios. Esto significa que ya no debemos vivir para nosotros, sino para Él (2 Co 5:15). La resurrección y la divinidad de Jesús significan que todo lo que Jesús dijo es cierto, incluyendo su promesa de levantar a sus discípulos de entre los muertos. El hecho de que Jesús tiene la intención de levantarnos de entre los muertos tiene ramificaciones enormes para nosotros - no solo después de nuestra muerte, sino también en nuestra vida cotidiana. Ya no necesitamos ser esclavos por el temor a la muerte (Heb 2:15). Podemos vivir radicalmente libres y llenos de amor generoso.

Sin embargo, para que podamos recibir los asombrosos beneficios de la Resurrección, debemos creer en Jesús como la Resurrección y la Vida (Jn 11:25). No debemos pensar en Jesús como un fantasma (Lc 24:37) o de Su Resurrección como algo irreal, meramente simbólico o mítico. La Resurrección no es un cuento; es un hecho objetivo, histórico (Catecismo, 639, 643, 645, 647). Por medio de las Escrituras y la división del pan, es decir, de la Eucaristía (Lc 24:30-32, 45), el Espíritu Santo nos dará fe para abrir los ojos a la realidad del Cristo resucitado (ver Jn 20:22). Entonces pasaremos nuestras vidas siendo testigos de Cristo resucitado (Hch 3:15).

**Oración:** Padre, profundiza mi fe en Cristo resucitado para que merezca ser perseguido.

**Promesa:** "Pero si alguno peca, tenemos un defensor ante el Padre: Jesucristo, el Justo. Él es la Víctima propiciatoria por nuestros pecados, y no solo por los nuestros, sino también por los del mundo entero" (1 Jn 2:1-2).

**Alabanza:** ¡Alabado sea Jesús resucitado, cuyo amor y perdón han conquistado al pecado y al pecador! "Porque es eterno su amor" (Sal 136:1)

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# **RETIRO DE PRIMAVERA DE LOS Sacerdotes DEL 16 DE ABRIL AL 20 DE ABRIL**

Por favor, recen por los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Sacramento mientras nos reunimos para nuestro retiro anual de primavera. Por esta misma razón, no hay Misa diaria los días siguientes:

No hay Misa de 8am el martes, 17 de abril.

No hay Misa de 8am el miércoles, 18 de abril; si tenemos la masa mediodía

No hay Misa de 8am el jueves 19 de abril.

Para preguntas e inquietudes con respecto a esto, por favor síntase libre de llamar a la oficina Diocesana (916) 733-0100 Mil disculpas por los inconvenientes. Padre Mauricio