

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 — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday December 22

5:30 pm The Anthony family & Sophie Zimnox by Bob Anthony

Sunday December 23

8:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

10:00 am The Souza & Correia family

12:00 pm Jesus Bobadilla (dec) by his family

7:00 pm

Monday December 24

8:00 am

5:30 pm Vigil Mass

8:00 pm Spanish Mass

Tuesday December 25

12:00 am Midnight Mass

8:00 am Christmas Day Mass

10:00 am Christmas Day Mass

12:00 pm Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday December 26 St. Stephen

8:00 am Robert Murphy (dec) by Pat

12:00 pm Michael Damzio (bday) by Mom

Thursday December 27 St. John

8:00 am Dolores Walsh (dec) by her family

Friday December 28 The Holy Innocents

8:00 am Bill Horning (dec) by Al & Audrey Costa

12:00 pm Charlie Biendo (dec) by Ann Marie Rose

Saturday December 29 St. Thomas Becket

5:30 pm Edward Burkart (dec) by his family

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

12/16	Regular Collection	7717.54
	NO SECOND COLLECTION	

12/12	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	1155.54
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Second collection THIS weekend: **SNOW REMOVAL**

Second collection NEXT weekend: **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 24 8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal; **5:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass; 8pm Christmas Vigil Mass (in Spanish)**

Tuesday, December 25 **Christmas:** 12midnight Mass; 8am Mass; 10am Mass, & 12noon Mass

Wednesday, December 26 8am Mass; 12noon Mass

Thursday, December 27 8am Mass

Friday, December 28 8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry

Saturday, December 29 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 30 8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish)



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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

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 tahocatholicbulletin@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!

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

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 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!

ANTICIPATING THE VISION

The marvelous vision of the peaceable Kingdom, in which all violence has been overcome and all men, women, and children live in loving unity with nature, calls for its realization in our day-to-day lives. Instead of being an escapist dream, it challenges us to anticipate what it promises. Every time we forgive our neighbor, every time we make a child smile, every time we show compassion to a suffering person, every time we arrange a bouquet of flowers, offer care to tame or wild animals, prevent pollution, create beauty in our homes and gardens, and work for peace and justice among peoples and nations we are making the vision come true.

We must remind one another constantly of the vision. Whenever it comes alive in us we will find new energy to live it out, right where we are. Instead of making us escape real life, this beautiful vision gets us involved.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/anticipating-the-vision/>

THE MESSENGER FROM HEAVEN

"How beautiful...are the feet of Him Who brings glad tidings."
 —Isaiah 52:7

In the days before modern global communications, messengers ran or walked to deliver their news transmissions. They brought news from loved ones in far-off places to people who could not travel. These messengers were most welcome couriers. Today, on this Christmas Day, we celebrate a pair of tiny, beautiful feet (Is 52:7) — those of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In times past God sent His messages "in fragmentary and varied ways...through the prophets" (Heb 1:1). "In this, the final age, He has spoken to us through His Son," Jesus Christ, the Messenger from heaven (Heb 1:2). In Jesus, we have been given the best possible news: the fullness of divine revelation and the establishment of the Church, the Body of Christ, so that God's messages will continue.

We who live on this earth resemble the folks from centuries past. They longed for news of far-off loved ones, but could not receive it without the intervention of a messenger. We long for news from heaven, but cannot receive it without hearing from the Messenger. Jesus is the One sent from heaven, Who knows what He is saying (see Jn 3:11-13). Therefore, believe Jesus.

Prostrate yourself before Him. Choose the better portion — to sit at His beautiful feet, listen to His words (Lk 10:39-42), and believe and obey Him.

Prayer: *Jesus, my Savior and Lord, may I live for every word that comes from Your mouth (Mt 4:4).*

Promise: *"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." —Jn 1:14*

Praise: *"This day in David's city a Savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord" (Lk 2:11). "Glory to God in high heaven" and peace on earth! (Lk 2:14)*

<https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=12/25/2018>

O COME, LONG FORETOLD

O come, Desired of nations,
 Whom priest and prophet long foretold
 Will break the captive fetters,
 Redeem the long-lost fold.

Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth,
 Dispel the night and show your face,
 And bid us hail the dawn of grace.

—Simon J. Pellegrin (1663-1745), Tr. by Mary of St. Philip (1825-1904)

ENERGIZING VISIONS

Are the great visions of the ultimate peace among all people and the ultimate harmony of all creation just utopian fairy tales? No, they are not! They correspond to the deepest longings of the human heart and point to the truth waiting to be revealed beyond all lies and deceptions. These visions nurture our souls and strengthen our hearts. They offer us hope when we are close to despair, courage when we are tempted to give up on life, and trust when suspicion seems the more logical attitude. Without these visions our deepest aspirations, which give us the energy to overcome great obstacles and painful setbacks, will be dulled and our lives will become flat, boring, and finally destructive. Our visions enable us to live the full life.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/energizing-visions/>

REFLECTIONS

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

CHAPTER FIVE | DISCERNMENT

166. How can we know if something comes from the Holy Spirit or if it stems from the spirit of the world or the spirit of the devil? The only way is through discernment, which calls for something more than intelligence or common sense. It is a gift which we must implore. If we ask with confidence that the Holy Spirit grant us this gift, and then seek to develop it through prayer, reflection, reading and good counsel, then surely we will grow in this spiritual endowment.

An urgent need

167. The gift of discernment has become all the more necessary today, since contemporary life offers immense possibilities for action and distraction, and the world presents all of them as valid and good. All of us, but especially the young, are immersed in a culture of zapping. We can navigate simultaneously on two or more screens and interact at the same time with two or three virtual scenarios. Without the wisdom of discernment, we can easily become prey to every passing trend.

168. This is all the more important when some novelty presents itself in our lives. Then we have to decide whether it is new wine brought by God or an illusion created by the spirit of this world or the spirit of the devil. At other times, the opposite can happen, when the forces of evil induce us not to change, to leave things as they are, to opt for a rigid resistance to change. Yet that would be to block the working of the Spirit. We are free, with the freedom of Christ. Still, he asks us to examine what is within us – our desires, anxieties, fears and questions – and what takes place all around us – “the signs of the times” – and thus to recognize the paths that lead to complete freedom. “Test everything; hold fast to what is good” (1 Thess 5:21).

Always in the light of the Lord

169. Discernment is necessary not only at extraordinary times, when we need to resolve grave problems and make crucial decisions. It is a means of spiritual combat for helping us to follow the Lord more faithfully. We need it at all times, to help us recognize God’s timetable, lest we fail to heed the promptings of his grace and disregard his invitation to grow. Often discernment is exercised in small and apparently irrelevant things, since greatness of spirit is manifested in simple everyday realities.[124] It involves striving untrammelled for all that is great, better and more beautiful, while at the same time being concerned for the little things, for each day’s responsibilities and commitments. For this reason, I ask all Christians not to omit, in dialogue with the Lord, a sincere daily “examination of conscience”. Discernment also enables us to recognize the concrete means that the Lord provides in his mysterious and loving plan, to make us move beyond mere good intentions.

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http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html#DISCERNMENT

WHAT’S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

I have noticed that there is much more talking in the back of the church before Mass and even during Mass than there used to be. Don’t these people get it?

Gentle Reader,

You are quite correct, things have changed. Far gone are the days when we did not dare to even whisper after we had entered church. Today, many people enter a church in the same manner as they might enter a restaurant or bar. And worse, they continue their chatter even after the liturgy has begun.

Of course, there is something really beautiful about the joy people express upon seeing fellow Christians when entering church. They shake hands, hug, and kiss. New babies are crooned over while visiting college students receive jovial slaps on the back.

I also marvel at the people who engage in their pious routine after quietly slipping past all the hubbub. They walk to the baptismal font where they pause briefly to intentionally bless and remember their baptismal commitment. From there they go to one of the shrines to light a candle. Finally, they make their way to a pew. They genuflect, enter the pew, and kneel down in quiet prayer. All of this is done in perfect silence somewhat hassled by the friendly banter all around them.

Though both are valid, at times the sounds of enthusiasm and the silence of prayer collide. In order for both to coexist, contemporary churches often have a gathering space where arriving parishioners can meet and greet. They also have a Blessed Sacrament chapel where silence and reverence prevail.

Many older churches have neither a gathering space nor a Blessed Sacrament chapel. This requires churchgoers to exercise liturgical patience and to honor the spiritual needs of others. Those who are more inclined to visit ought to make sure they control their decibels of enthusiasm and end their socializing before the liturgy begins. Those who prefer quiet prayer over joyous encounters are at a disadvantage as their silence is often drowned out. My advice to them is to pray for ever deepening patience as well as for the needs of those people who annoy them with their enthusiasm.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

December 24 (Vigil Masses):
5:30pm—8pm Mass in Spanish
December 25 (Christmas Masses):
12am Midnight Mass; 8am—10am—12noon



THE NOTRE DAME MEN'S GLEE CLUB

The Notre Dame A Cappella Men's Choir will be performing at St. Theresa Church on Tuesday, January 8 at 7:30 p.m. as they tour throughout California. The choir was established in 1915 and has performed in 40 of the 50 United States of America. The professional choir sings a combination of sacred, classical secular music, folk songs and spirituals. For more information, please contact Moe Leonard at 530-307-0151

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY – RENEWAL OF VOWS

On Saturday, February 9, 2019 Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at a special 11:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in which married couples will receive a special blessing and have an opportunity to renew their marital commitments. An informal reception for couples and their families will follow. Special certificates will be given to couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). If you are interested in attending this free event, please register (names and anniversary year) at www.scd.org/wmd. For more information call the Office of Family and Faith Formation at (916) 733-0177.

HEAVEN AND HELL

Is everybody finally going to be all right? Are all people ultimately going to be free from misery and all their needs fulfilled? Yes and no! Yes, because God wants to bring us home into God's Kingdom. No, because nothing happens without our choosing it. The realization of the Kingdom of God is God's work, but for God to make God's love fully visible in us, we must respond to God's love with our love.

There are two kinds of death: a death leading us into God's Kingdom, and a death leading us into hell. John in his vision saw not only heaven, but also hell. He says: "The legacy for cowards, for those who break their word, or worship obscenities, for murderers and the sexually immoral, and for sorcerers, worshippers of false gods or any other sort of liars, is the second death in the burning lake of sulphur" (Revelation 21:8). We must choose for God if we want to be with God. <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/heaven-and-hell/>

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.

THE MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCE

At some moments we experience complete unity within us and around us. This may happen when we stand on a mountaintop and are captivated by the view. It may happen when we witness the birth of a child or the death of a friend. It may happen when we have an intimate conversation or a family meal. It may happen in church during a service or in a quiet room during prayer. But whenever and however it happens we say to ourselves: "This is it ... everything fits ... all I ever hoped for is here."

This is the experience that Peter, James, and John had on the top of Mount Tabor when they saw the aspect of Jesus' face change and his clothing become sparkling white. They wanted that moment to last forever (see Luke 9:28-36). This is the experience of the fullness of time. These moments are given to us so that we can remember them when God seems far away and everything appears empty and useless. These experiences are true moments of grace.

23 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2018 | CUARTO 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 quién 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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En el curso de nuestra vida mantenemos el idioma y los hábitos de nuestra región nativa y familia de origen. Cuando retornamos a nuestro hogar tras una larga ausencia, rápidamente volvemos a su manera de hablar y a sus prácticas familiares. Nuestros profundos recuerdos se reflejan en viejas historias y palabras y en modos de conversar. Esta familiaridad corre como un río subterráneo y nos acompaña a donde sea que vayamos.

No solamente recordamos, sino que somos incorporados y formamos parte de una memoria más amplia. Cuando traemos recuerdos a la mente somos a la vez reunidos y recordados.

Hoy recordamos a María, una joven frágil, que recorre zonas rurales para visitar a Isabel. Todos los grandes pronunciamientos y sueños de los profetas apuntan a este tiempo en que deben cumplirse las palabras del Señor a María. Las memorias de su pueblo están vivas en ella, y esas memorias alimentan nuestra fe viva.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — De ti, Belén, saldrá el que será el jefe de Israel (Miquea 5:1-4a).

Salmo — Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos (Salmo 80 [79]).

Segunda lectura — Aquí estoy, Dios mío, para hacer tu voluntad (Hebreos 10:5-10).

Evangelio — Bendita eres entre las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre (Lucas 1:39-45).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79

Martes: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Miércoles: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Jueves: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Viernes: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

Domingo: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Sal 128:1-5 o Sal 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] o 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lc 2:41-52

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

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PETICIONES POR ESTAS PERSONAS

POR LOS FELIGRESES—ACTIVOS CON EL SERVICIO MILITAR

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POR LOS QUE ESTÁN ENFERMOS

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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

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Segunda colecta— 22/23 de diciembre:
GASTOS PARA REMOVER LA NIEVE

Segunda colecta— 29/30 de diciembre: **MANTENIMIENTO**

EL MENSAJERO DEL CIEL

"¡Qué hermosos... los pasos del que trae la buena noticia!" (Isaías 52:7).

En los días previos a las comunicaciones globales modernas, los mensajeros corrían o caminaban para entregar sus transmisiones de noticias. Trajeron noticias de seres queridos en lugares lejanos a personas que no podían viajar. Estos mensajeros fueron bienvenidos.

Hoy, en este día de Navidad, celebramos un par de pies pequeños y hermosos (Is 52:7) - los de Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios. En tiempos pasados Dios envió Sus mensajes "por medio de los Profetas" (Heb 1:1). "Ahora, en este tiempo final, Dios nos habló por medio de su Hijo" Jesucristo, el Mensajero del cielo (Heb 1:2). En Jesús, se nos ha dado la mejor noticia posible: la plenitud de la revelación divina y el establecimiento de la Iglesia, el Cuerpo de Cristo, para que los mensajes de Dios continúen.

Nosotros, que vivimos en esta tierra, nos parecemos a la gente de siglos pasados. Anhelaban noticias de seres queridos lejanos, pero no podían recibirla sin la intervención de un mensajero. Anhelamos noticias del cielo, pero no podemos recibirlas sin escuchar al Mensajero. Jesús es el Enviado del cielo, Quien conoce lo que está diciendo (ver Jn 3:11-13). Por lo tanto, cree en Jesús. Póstrate ante Él. Elige la mejor parte: sentarse a Sus hermosos pies, escuchar Sus palabras (Lc 10:39-42), creerle y obedecerle a Él.

Oración: *Jesús, mi Salvador y Señor, que viva por cada palabra que sale de Tu boca (Mt 4:4)*

Promesa: *"Y la Palabra se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros" (Jn 1:14).*

Alabanza: *"oy, en la ciudad de David, les ha nacido un Salvador, que es el Mesías, el Señor" (Lc 2:11). "¡Gloria a Dios en las alturas, y en la tierra, paz a los hombres amados por Él!" (Lc 2:14)*

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DÍA MUNDIAL DEL MATRIMONIO-RENOVACIÓN DE VOTOS

Habrà una bendición especial para las parejas casadas y la oportunidad para renovar su compromiso matrimonial. La misa será celebrada a las 11:00 am el Sábado, 9 de Febrero del 2019 por el Obispo Jaime Soto en la Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento, ubicada en el 1017 11st. en Sacramento, CA. Después de misa habrá una recepción para las parejas y sus familias en el Salón Mercy ubicado dentro de la Catedral en donde se dará un certificado especial a las parejas que celebran un aniversario significativo (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). Este evento es gratis y toda pareja interesada en asistir debe llamar al Oficina de Familia y Formación en la Fe al Tel. (916) 733-0177 para registrar sus nombres y años de casados o en línea en la página www.scd.org/wmd

LENGUAJE CORPORAL

"Quedamos santificados por la oblación del cuerpo de Jesucristo, hecha de una vez para siempre" (Hebreos 10:10).

En las liturgias de Navidad, en cientos de naciones, miles de millones de personas mirarán estatuas o imágenes del cuerpo del Niño Jesús. Además, cientos de millones de personas siempre llevan consigo crucifijos que representan el cuerpo crucificado de Jesús. Hay algo asombroso y misterioso en el cuerpo de Jesús.

Cuando el cuerpo de Jesús apenas comenzaba a formarse poco después de que María lo concibió, María tomó el cuerpo de Jesús y "fue sin demora a un pueblo de la montaña de Judá. Entró en la casa de Zacarías y saludó a Isabel. Apenas esta oyó el saludo de María, el niño saltó de alegría en su seno, e Isabel, llena del Espíritu Santo" (Lc 1:39-41). Los primeros días de la presencia del cuerpo de Jesús en la tierra resultaron en una explosión del Espíritu Santo. Varios meses después, hombres sabios vieron el cuerpo del Niño Jesús y se vieron obligados a darle oro, incienso y mirra (Mt 2:11).

Años más tarde, miles de personas tocaban "solo los flecos" del manto que cubría el cuerpo de Jesús, "y los que lo tocaban quedaban curados" (ver Mc 6:56).

Hoy, podemos tocar el cuerpo de Cristo de maneras aún más poderosas e íntimas, amando el Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia (ver Ef 5:25ss), y especialmente recibiendo el Cuerpo de Cristo en la Sagrada Comunión. Es por eso que la temporada que comienza mañana se llama "Navidad", porque durante esta celebramos el nacimiento de Cristo. "¡Feliz Navidad María!" Como María, recibe el Cuerpo de Cristo en tu cuerpo.

Oración: *Padre, cuando voy a la Comunión y escucho las palabras el "Cuerpo de Cristo", que nunca sea el mismo.*

Promesa: *"En cambio me has dado un cuerpo" (Heb 10:5)*

Alabanza: *"Oh Emmanuel, Rey y Legislador, Deseo de las naciones, Salvador de todos los pueblos, ven y libéranos, Señor Dios nuestro".*

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HORARIO DE NAVIDAD

24 DE DICIEMBRE | Misas de Vigilia:

5:30pm (inglés) & 8pm (español)

25 DE DICIEMBRE | Misas de Navidad:

12 medianoche;

8am, 10am & 12 mediodía

ÁBRANSE LOS CIELOS

Ábranse los cielos, lluevan al Mesías que es nuestro consuelo, nuestro Redentor.

Claman los collados: "Ven ya, Salvador;"

los sedientos prados: "Llega, Redentor,"

y el erial sin río pide ya el rocío.

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—Canto tradicional