

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 Lord, our God, protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).

Gospel — We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday August 25 St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz; Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 pm Jim Corbett (dec) by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday August 26

8:00 am De Lallo Family (intentions)

10:00 am Ellen Cullen (dec) by William & Kathleen Helfrich

12:00 pm St. Theresa parishioners

7:00 pm

Monday August 27 St. Monica

8:00 am Mothers, living and deceased

Tuesday August 28 St. Augustine

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

Wednesday August 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 am Maria Kruger (dec) by Allen & Lois

12:00 pm SSG Lance Oineza (special int) by Cherry & Napoleon

Thursday August 30

8:00 am Ambrose Svarczkopf by the Lohmeier family

Friday August 31

8:00 am Josephine Hernandez (dec) by the Eidam family

12:00 pm Maria Luz Salcedo (bday) by Joe & Paula Montez

Saturday September 1 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 pm Sophie Boyle (dec) by Marie, Mary & Helen



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

MASS AT OUR LADY OF THE SIERRA CHAPEL (CAMP SACRAMENTO)

Sundays at 10am July 8th to September 2nd

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

08/19	Regular Collection	6914.54
	Our Lady of the Sierras	210.00
	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	1941.61

Second collection THIS weekend: **No California /Relief Efforts**

Second collection NEXT weekend: **Faith Formation Program**

Monday, August 27

8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal

Tuesday, August 28

8am Mass

Wednesday, August 29

8am & 12noon Masses

Thursday, August 30

8am Mass; 1pm-5pm Father Grace's Golf Tournament

Friday, August 31

8am & 12noon Masses; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry; 12:30pm-6pm Blessed Sacrament Adoration

Saturday, September 1

10am Baptisms in Spanish; 11:30am Baptisms in English; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 2

8am, 10am (St. Theresa), 10am Mass (Our Lady of the Sierra) 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish at St. Theresa); Pancake Breakfast after the 8am & 10am Masses

TOTE BAGS FOR FOOD PANTRY

If you have a tote bag that would like to donate for our Food Pantry, please drop it off in the containers for food found in the church or in the Parish Office. Thanks!

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 | 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>



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

Some days I amaze myself, other days I put my keys in the refrigerator. Unknown

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!

COME JOIN US FOR SOME FUN.....

October 20th Knights sponsored OCTOBERFEST

MONTHLY MEETING - Sept. 12, 6pm dinner 7pm meeting

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Sept. 2 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

CLINGING TO GOD IN SOLITUDE

When we enter into solitude to be with God alone, we quickly discover how dependent we are. Without the many distractions of our daily lives, we feel anxious and tense. When nobody speaks to us, calls on us, or needs our help, we start feeling like nobodies. Then we begin wondering whether we are useful, valuable, and significant. Our tendency is to leave this fearful solitude quickly and get busy again to reassure ourselves that we are "somebodies." But that is a temptation, because what makes us somebodies is not other people's responses to us but God's eternal love for us.

To claim the truth of ourselves we have to cling to our God in solitude as to the One who makes us who we are.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/clinging-god-solitude/>

FOCUSSING OUR MINDS AND HEARTS

How can we stay in solitude when we feel that deep urge to be distracted by people and events? The most simple way is to focus our minds and hearts on a word or picture that reminds us of God. By repeating quietly: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want," or by gazing lovingly at an icon of Jesus, we can bring our restless minds to some rest and experience a gentle divine presence.

This doesn't happen overnight. It asks a faithful practice. But when we spend a few moments every day just being with God, our endless distractions will gradually disappear.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/focussing-minds-hearts/>



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HIS EUCHARISTIC CHALLENGE

"Jesus was fully aware that His disciples were murmuring in protest at what He had said. 'Does it shake your faith?' He asked them." —John 6:61

Jesus challenges us to believe His mysterious statement: "The bread I will give is My flesh, for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51). A typical reaction to this challenge is to ask the question: "How can He give us His flesh to eat?" (Jn 6:52) Jesus does not directly answer this question. Rather, He extends an even more puzzling challenge by repeatedly insisting that we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood (Jn 6:53-58). If we do this, He will raise us from the dead (Jn 6:53-54), live in us and we in Him (Jn 6:56), and give us life forever (Jn 6:58). If we do not eat His Body and drink His Blood, we "have no life in" us (Jn 6:53).

Then "many of His disciples remarked, 'This sort of talk is hard to endure! How can anyone take it seriously?' " (Jn 6:60) "From this time on, many of His disciples broke away and would not remain in His company any longer" (Jn 6:66). Nevertheless, Jesus continues to insist that we believe in and receive His Body and Blood.

Joshua challenged the people: "Decide today whom you will serve" (Jos 24:15). Jesus, the new Joshua (Jeshua), also challenges us to decide today about living to receive His Body and Blood. Will we receive Him in repentance, joy, and love? Will we receive Holy Communion as often as possible and center our lives on the Eucharist? Jesus is challenging us. Our actions will speak louder than our words. Will we accept Jesus' challenge?

Prayer: *Father, grant me the grace to come to the eucharistic Jesus (see Jn 6:65).*

Promise: *"Defer to one another out of reverence for Christ." — Eph 5:21*

Praise: *Praise Jesus, the Gate, the Door, the only Way! Praise You, Jesus, our "Leader in the work of salvation" (Heb 2:10).*

<http://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=8/26/2018>

MEETING GOD IN THE POOR

When we are not afraid to confess our own poverty, we will be able to be with other people in theirs. The Christ who lives in our own poverty recognises the Christ who lives in other people's.

Just as we are inclined to ignore our own poverty, we are inclined to ignore others'. We prefer not to see people who are destitute, we do not like to look at people who are deformed or disabled, we avoid talking about people's pains and sorrows, we stay away from brokenness, helplessness, and neediness.

By this avoidance we might lose touch with the people through whom God is manifested to us. But when we have discovered God in our own poverty, we will lose our fear of the poor and go to them to meet God.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/meeting-god-poor/>



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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 > and use our parish account (case-sensitive) QKK7X3. *FORMED APP NOW AVAILABLE!**

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 THREE | IN THE LIGHT OF THE MASTER

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”

90. Jesus himself warns us that the path he proposes goes against the flow, even making us challenge society by the way we live and, as a result, becoming a nuisance. He reminds us how many people have been, and still are, persecuted simply because they struggle for justice, because they take seriously their commitment to God and to others. Unless we wish to sink into an obscure mediocrity, let us not long for an easy life, for “whoever would save his life will lose it” (Mt 16:25).

91. In living the Gospel, we cannot expect that everything will be easy, for the thirst for power and worldly interests often stands in our way. Saint John Paul II noted that “a society is alienated if its forms of social organization, production and consumption make it more difficult to offer this gift of self and to establish this solidarity between people”. [78] In such a society, politics, mass communications and economic, cultural and even religious institutions become so entangled as to become an obstacle to authentic human and social development. As a result, the Beatitudes are not easy to live out; any attempt to do so will be viewed negatively, regarded with suspicion, and met with ridicule.

92. Whatever weariness and pain we may experience in living the commandment of love and following the way of justice, the cross remains the source of our growth and sanctification. We must never forget that when the New Testament tells us that we will have to endure suffering for the Gospel’s sake, it speaks precisely of persecution (cf. Acts 5:41; Phil 1:29; Col 1:24; 2 Tim 1:12; 1 Pet 2:20, 4:14-16; Rev 2:10).

93. Here we are speaking about inevitable persecution, not the kind of persecution we might bring upon ourselves by our mistreatment of others. The saints are not odd and aloof, unbearable because of their vanity, negativity and bitterness. The Apostles of Christ were not like that. The Book of Acts states repeatedly that they enjoyed favour “with all the people” (2:47; cf. 4:21-33; 5:13), even as some authorities harassed and persecuted them (cf. 4:1-3, 5:17-18).

94. Persecutions are not a reality of the past, for today too we experience them, whether by the shedding of blood, as is the case with so many contemporary martyrs, or by more subtle means, by slander and lies. Jesus calls us blessed when people “utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account” (Mt 5:11). At other times, persecution can take the form of gibes that try to caricature our faith and make us seem ridiculous.

Accepting daily the path of the Gospel, even though it may cause us problems: that is holiness.

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LETTER FROM BISHOP JAIME SOTO

The following letter to the faithful from Bishop Jaime Soto was distributed at Masses in the Diocese of Sacramento August 18-19.

Dear Friends in Christ:

I am ashamed of the senseless harm and failures of priests and bishops recently revealed in the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report and the scandalous revelations about Archbishop Theodore McCarrick. The repulsive and evil horror of these sins wounds the whole Church. I apologize for what has transpired. I must atone by committing myself to further bolster our local efforts to serve God’s people in the Diocese of Sacramento with the reverence and dignity they deserve. Those who have been harmed and betrayed often suffer for years. They most deserve this care from the Church.

These shameful events have raised questions and concerns among the faithful and the greater community. I honestly acknowledge the sins and failings of the past in Sacramento. In addition to owning and atoning for what happened in the past, together with my brother priests, I must continue to demonstrate our commitment to care for the victims and prevent these sins from happening again.

Building on the work of my predecessor Bishop Weigand, we have made strides in Sacramento over the last decade to create safe environments for the families entrusted to us. My brother priests and I must be more diligent to earn the trust you generously give to us. As your bishop, I assure you that in the Diocese of Sacramento:

- The bishop, priests, deacons, and pastoral staff take seriously all complaints of sexual misconduct.
- I have an independent review board of laity, women and men, who assist me in reviewing complaints.
- Any accusation alleging criminal activity has been and will continue to be reported to law enforcement and/or child protective services.
- All steps will be taken to protect the Faithful, especially children and young people, including fingerprinting and background checks for all clergy and laity working with minors; safe environment training for children, staff and clergy; and zero tolerance for anyone credibly accused of abusing a minor.
- Victims are provided with the pastoral care they need.
- Anyone who has a complaint of sexual misconduct by clergy is urged to call the designated hotline. The number is 866-777-9133.

Please pray for those who have suffered from sexual abuse, that they may experience God’s profound love for them and God’s healing grace.

I also ask you to pray for all my brother priests and deacons who earnestly strive to grow in holiness and serve you with devotion.

Let us keep one another in prayer. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother of Mercy intercede for us so that we may be purified by the wisdom and mercy of her Son, Jesus.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RELIEF AND RECOVERY EFFORTS | AUGUST 25/26

"Our hearts ache over the terrible loss and suffering experienced by those of you who have lost homes. We pray that you do not lose hope. Trust in God's abiding presence and mercy." – Bishop Jaime Soto, Diocese of Sacramento

We turn now in solidarity to the needs of our brother and sisters in Redding and Shasta/Trinity counties as they struggle to heal and rebuild their lives and their community in the wake of the recent wild fires. Thanks to all those who contributed already. If you would like to donate more, please use the basket for the second collection this weekend. These funds will be used to assist the rebuilding efforts already under way in Redding, Shasta, Trinity, Sutter and Lassen counties to assist families affected by the fire.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION | Friday, August 31 | 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)

STUDY ON THE MASS |

Tuesdays | 9am | Beginning September 4 | Parish Center (corner of Lyons Avenue & Rufus Allen Blvd.)

Be part of this six-week-study program! | No need to register.

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you'll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION | 6-8pm in the Parish Center

Wed. Sept. 5th | Tues. Sept. 11th | Thurs. Sept. 13th | Mon. Sept. 17th | Wed. Sept. 19th

Please bring baptismal certificate AND birth certificate.

Classes start on Tuesday Sept. 25th 4:30PM-5:45PM

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

Last week I hosted some out of town guests. They asked why we did not have holy water "bowls" near the doors. I did not know. Do you?

Gentle Reader,

I would have been so tempted to ask them about the meaning of this gesture. Would they have made the connection with their baptism?

The act of blessing ourselves with holy water upon entering and leaving the church is intended as a reminder of our baptism and of the rights and obligations that come with that. Sadly, the small holy water stoops that serve this purpose are so far removed from the baptismal font in both size and amount of water that the connection is not readily made. On the contrary, dipping our fingers in those miniscule amounts of water and blessing ourselves is often done purely out of habit without much thought or impact. It is one of the things we do on our way from the profane into the sacred. Sometimes this reflexive action is questionably laden with a hint of pagan baggage.

The reason why we have these small stoops is due to the fact that previous to the Second Vatican Council, baptismal fonts were inaccessible. They were locked away in baptismal chapels and the water in them was hidden by metal covers. Thus, in lieu of the font, small holy water stoops were located at every door of the church, for easy access to holy water. New and remodeled churches have large baptismal fonts at the entrance of the church. Their size and location make it clear that baptism is the first among the sacraments. In those churches, the font also functions as the place where people go to bless themselves upon entering and leaving the church. The only imaginable reason for preferring the stoops over the font must be habit and comfort, neither of which are acceptable.

Maybe you can invite your guests on their next visit to pass by the font when entering the church so they might remind themselves more effectively of their baptism. Would they not rather go to the source rather than to a minor tributary?

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26 DE AGOSTO DE 2018 | VIGÉSIMO PRIMER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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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Antiguamente, la palabra “familia” tenía un significado muy amplio. Cuando Josué habla hoy de que su familia servirá al Señor, no se refería solo a las personas que vivían dentro de sus paredes ni a sus parientes de sangre o políticos; se refería a los esclavos o criados y sus familias y cualquier persona que estuviera en deuda con él por algún motivo. Incluso su ganado y demás bienes debían consagrarse a servir a Dios. En nuestro mundo, valoramos mucho la libertad de los individuos para elegir de qué manera vivir y no se nos ocurriría poner a nuestras mascotas al servicio de Dios. Pero, al discernir nuestra vocación como discípulos bautizados en Cristo, llegamos a comprender la diversidad de las “familias” de nuestra vida: la manera en que obramos con nuestros cónyuges, hijos, compañeros de habitación o con quien sea que vivamos; nuestro comportamiento con los vecinos o en público ya que cada día nos topamos con muchos “extraños” en los negocios o en la calle, quienes de repente se convierten en “el vecino”. ¿De qué manera podemos usar nuestro tiempo, recursos o dones con fines desinteresados en vez de con el fin de obtener algún beneficio personal? Sin importar en qué clase de vida demos testimonio de la Buena Nueva, todos tenemos una “familia” que debe consagrarse al servicio del Señor, nuestro Dios.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Josué urge a los israelitas a que sirvan a Dios o a los otros dioses. Ellos escogieron al Señor (Josué 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Salmo — Gusten y vean qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo reflexiona cómo los esposos y esposas deberán darse amor y reverencia mutua (Efesios 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

Evangelio — Después de hablar de dar su carne a comer, muchos de los discípulos de Jesús se alejaron. Los doce escogieron permanecer con él; “Maestro, ¿a quién

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Tes 1:1-5, 11-12; Sal 96 (95):1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Martes: 2 Tes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Sal 96 (95):10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Miércoles: 2 Tes 3:6-10, 16-18; Sal 128 (127):1-2, 4-5; Mc 6:17-29

Jueves: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Sal 145 (144):2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Viernes: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Sábado: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Sal 33 (32):12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

Domingo: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Sal 15 (14):2-5; Sant 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mc 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

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1 de septiembre | sábado | Santa María Virgen

5:30 pm Sophie Boyle (dec) by Marie, Mary & Helen

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 | 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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Segunda colecta— 25/26 de agosto: **No California /Relief Efforts**

Segunda colecta— 1/2 de septiembre: **educacion religiosa**

HUMILDAD Y REALIDAD

"El que se ensalza será humillado, y el que se humilla será ensalzado" (Mateo 23:12).

Si no nos humillamos a nosotros mismos, el Señor lo hará por nosotros. Bien podemos empezar humillados y terminar exaltados, o comenzar exaltados y terminar humillados. Obviamente, nos conviene humillarnos ahora. Sin embargo, para hacer esto debemos saber qué es la humildad. La humildad no es humillación. La verdadera humildad no significa achicarnos, sino enfrentar la realidad. La palabra "humildad" deriva de la palabra raíz que significa "tierra". La humildad es ser "realista". La realidad es que somos "recipientes de barro" (2 Co 4:7). Somos débiles, pero Él es fuerte. No podemos salvarnos a nosotros mismos, no importa cuánto nos esforcemos (Sal 49:8; Is 26:18). La realidad es que somos totalmente dependientes de Jesús para la vida terrenal y la vida eterna. La realidad es que podemos confiar plenamente en nuestro Padre celestial. Él es perfectamente fiel. La realidad es que somos templos del Espíritu Santo. Por la fe, podemos reclamar el poder de lo alto (Lc 24:49).

Por lo tanto, la humildad es enfrentar la realidad de que no podemos controlar nuestras propias vidas y que no tenemos que proveernos para nosotros mismos. Podemos ser diferentes de los demás, incluso vulnerables, porque tenemos un Padre amoroso. Podemos vivir simplemente porque Dios cuidará de nosotros. Podemos vivir audazmente, libremente y con pureza porque tenemos un poder dentro de nosotros que está por sobre nosotros: el poder del Espíritu. La humildad es vivir en las realidades de la santidad, la sencillez y haciéndonos vulnerables a la persecución. Humillémonos nosotros mismos.

Oración: Padre, decido humillarme a mí mismo. Pido la gracia de tener más sencillez y menos timidez.

Promesa: "Yo vi que la gloria del Dios de Israel venía desde el oriente, con un ruido semejante al de las aguas caudalosas, y la tierra se iluminó con Su Gloria" (Ez 43:2).

Alabanza: Aunque era un rey terrenal, san Luis era famoso por su preocupación por los pobres. Cada día, invitaba a trece de ellos a comer con él.

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REGISTRACION PARA EL CATECISMO

6-8pm en el Parish Center

Miércoles, 5 de septiembre

Martes, 11 de septiembre

Jueves, 13 de septiembre

Lunes, 17 de septiembre

Miércoles, 19 de septiembre

Favor de traer una copia de la Boleta Bautismal y copia del Acta de Nacimiento. Las clases comienzan el martes, 25 de septiembre de 4:30PM-5:45PM

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Viernes 31 de agosto de 12:30pm a 6:00pm

"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)

EL RETO EUCARÍSTICO

"Jesús, sabiendo lo que sus discípulos murmuraban, les dijo: '¿Esto los escandaliza?'" (Juan 6:61).

Jesús nos pone ante el reto de creer en la siguiente afirmación: "El pan que Yo daré es Mi carne para la Vida del mundo" (Jn 6:51). La reacción normal a este reto es formular la pregunta: "¿Cómo este hombre puede darnos a comer Su carne?" (Jn 6:52) Jesús no nos da una respuesta directa. En cambio, insiste con un reto aún más sorprendente al repetir contundentemente que comamos Su carne y bebamos Su sangre (Jn 6:53-58). Si hacemos esto, Él nos resucitará de entre los muertos (Jn 6:53-58), y vivirá en nosotros y nosotros en Él (Jn 6:56), y nos dará la vida eterna (Jn 6:58). Si no comemos Su cuerpo y bebemos Su sangre, Él no tendrá vida en nosotros (Jn 6:53).

Entonces, "Después de oírlo, muchos de sus discípulos decían, '¡Es duro este lenguaje! ¿Quién puede escucharlo?'" (Jn 6:60) "Desde ese momento, muchos de sus discípulos se alejaron de Él y dejaron de acompañarlo" (Jn 6:66). Sin embargo, Jesús continuó insistiendo en que creamos y recibamos Su cuerpo y Su sangre.

Josué también retó a su gente: "Elijan hoy a quién quieren servir" (Jos 24:15). Jesús, el nuevo Josué (Jeshua) nos reta a que nos decidamos hoy a recibir en esta vida Su cuerpo y Su sangre. ¿Lo recibiremos con arrepentimiento, júbilo y amor?

¿Recibiremos la Sagrada Comunión tan a menudo como nos sea posible y centraremos nuestras vidas en la Eucaristía? Este es, de nuevo, el reto que nos pone Jesús. Nuestras acciones hablarán con más elocuencia que nuestras palabras.

¿Aceptaremos el reto de Jesús?

Oración: Padre, concédeme la gracia de acercarme a Jesús en la Eucaristía (ver Jn 6:65).

Promesa: "Sométanse los unos a los otros, por consideración a Cristo" (Ef 5:21).

Alabanza: ¡Alabado sea Jesús, la puerta, la entrada y el único camino! Alabado seas, Jesús, nuestro "líder que nos conduciría a la salvación" (Heb 2:10).

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COLECTA ESPECIAL PARA LOS ESFUERZOS DE SOCORRO Y RECUPERACIÓN DEL NORTE DE CALIFORNIA

26 de agosto

"Nuestros corazones se conmueven por la terrible pérdida y sufrimiento que sufren aquellos quienes han perdido sus hogares. Oramos para que no pierdan la esperanza. Que confíen en la presencia y la misericordia de Dios." — obispo Jaime Soto, diócesis de Sacramento

Nos volvemos ahora en solidaridad a las necesidades de nuestros hermanos y hermanas en los condados de Redding y Shasta/Trinidad mientras luchan por curar y reconstruir sus vidas y su comunidad a raíz de los recientes incendios. Gracias a todos los que ya han contribuido. Si usted desea donar más, por favor ponga su donación en la canasta para la segunda colecta este fin de semana.

Estos fondos se usarán para ayudar a los esfuerzos de reconstrucción ya en marcha en los condados de Redding, Shasta, Trinity, Sutter y Lassen para ayudar a las familias afectadas por los incendios.