

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

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Lord, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

Psalm — I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

Gospel — Today salvation has come to the tax collector Zacchaeus’ house (Luke 19:1-10).

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER Masses are for the faithful departed

Saturday November 2 All Souls Day
5:30pm

Sunday November 3
8:00 am / 10:00 am / 12:00 pm / 7:00 pm

Monday November 4 St. Charles Borromeo
8:00 am

Tuesday November 5
8:00 am


Wednesday November 6
8:00 am / 12:00 pm


Thursday November 7
8:00 am

Friday November 8
8:00 am

Saturday November 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
5:30pm

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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

 **MASS ON THANKSGIVING**
10am Mass on Thursday, November 28

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

10/27	Regular Collection	5335.92
	NO SECOND COLLECTION	

Second collection THIS weekend: **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

Second collection NEXT weekend: **COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES**

Second collection November 16/17 **NO SECOND COLLECTION**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, November 4	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal; 6pm Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 5	8am Mass; 9am Bible Study on King David; 4:45pm Mass with Children in Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English
Wednesday, November 6	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 1:30pm Mass at the Skilled Nursing Facility; 7pm Bible Study in Spanish
Thursday, November 7	8am Mass; 8:30am-1pm Eucharistic Adoration; 7pm RCIA in Spanish
Friday, November 8	8am Mass; 4pm Second Serving Meal
Saturday, November 9	4pm confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, November 10	8am, 10am, 12 noon & 7pm (in Spanish) Masses

FATHER MAURICIO’S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, November 4	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; day off; 6pm Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 5	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 9am Bible Study; 11am-3pm office work; 3pm break; 4:45pm Mass with Children & Parents in Faith Formation; 6pm break; 6:30pm RCIA
Wednesday, November 6	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 10am office work; 12noon Mass; 1:30pm Mass at the Skilled Nursing Facility; 3pm break; 4pm-6pm office work; 6pm Bible Study in Spanish
Thursday, November 7	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 10am-12noon office work; 1pm Eucharistic Adoration; 1:15pm-3pm office work; 3pm break; 4pm- 6pm office work; 7pm leading the RCIA in Spanish
Friday, November 8	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 10am-12noon office work; 12noon break; 1pm-5pm office work; 6pm Mass; 7:30pm Mass
Saturday, November 9	7:30am opening the church; 7am cleaning the outside of Grace Hall, Rectory and church; 4pm confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, November 10	6:45am opening the church; 8am, 10am, 12noon Masses; 2pm-5pm personal time; 6:30pm confessions; 7pm Mass



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office
530.544.4788 Find the **2019 SCHEDULE**:
<http://www.tahocatholic.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! We take our Faith seriously

but.....Come join us for some fun and always a good time!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Nov. 3 after the 8am and 10am Masses. It always taste's right when cooked by a Knight. Your help and support is always appreciated.

NOVEMBER 13—6pm dinner (Earl/George) meeting @7pm

Become a better version of yourself. Become a knight!

Call Frank Dixon 530 318 1574

PROMOTING LIFE

Disposable Children? "The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships...It has portrayed the greatest of gifts - a child - as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters...The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign." –*Mother Teresa 1994*

<https://www.priestsforlife.org/liturgy/liturgicalresource-cycles.aspx?id=42>

AN ALTAR IN COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

During the month of November, we will have an altar in remembrance of those who have died. We encourage you to bring a 5" x 7" framed picture of your deceased relatives. Feel free to drop off the picture during office hours or bring it to Mass on November 1st, or 2nd or 3rd. Please write your name and phone number on the back of the picture.

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 | Lauren Bates | Romie Enriquez | Eileen Foster | 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.

MERCY OVER JUSTICE (JAS 2:13)

"You have mercy on all, because You can do all things; and You overlook the sins of men that they may repent." — Wisdom 11:23

Before we sin, the devil tells us that sin is "no big deal," life is trivial, and guilt is an unnecessary hang-up. After we sin, the devil changes his tune and then tells us that we should be ashamed of ourselves, that we are monsters and perverts, and that we can't expect to be forgiven.

In contrast, the Lord tells us of His mercy. Paul proclaimed: "You can depend on this as worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I myself am the worst. But on that very account I was dealt with mercifully" (1 Tm 1:15-16). The psalmist rejoiced that the Lord's mercy was everlasting (Ps 136). As much as the Lord desires sacrifice, He desires mercy even more (Mt 9:13; 12:7). He so desires to show us mercy that He suffered and died, thereby meeting the demands of justice and opening the door for mercy.

Therefore, the Church repeatedly leads us to ask the Lord, the Lamb of God, to have mercy on us. The Lord wants to extend His mercy to all: the ashamed, the hated, abortionists, sexual perverts, murderers, rapists, and even us. Accept the grace to go to Confession as soon as possible. Pray: "Lord, have mercy."

Prayer: *Lord, by Your grace may I be merciful to those who continue to hurt me (see Mt 5:7).*

Promise: *"Today salvation has come to this house." —Lk 19:9*

Praise: *"We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again; death has no more power over him" (Rm 6:9).*

<https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=11/3/2019>

FREE THANKSGIVING MEAL | All are welcome!!!

On Monday, November 25th 4pm-6pm

Also, we are asking for DONATIONS from the community to supply the key ingredients for the meal: mushrooms, fresh cranberries, sausage, French fried onions and butter. Cash donations are also greatly appreciated. Please make arrangements to drop off your contributions by Wednesday November 20 at the office of Saint Theresa on weekdays between 9am-12noon and 1pm-4pm. For more information, please contact Kathi O. at (530) 600-3605 or jk.olsen@sbcglobal.net

A FORGIVEN PERSON FORGIVES

Maybe the reason it seems hard for me to forgive others is that I do not fully believe that I am a forgiven person. If I could fully accept the truth that I am forgiven and do not have to live in guilt or shame, I would really be free. My freedom would allow me to forgive others seventy times seven times. By not forgiving, I chain myself to a desire to get even, thereby losing my freedom. A forgiven person forgives. This is what we proclaim when we pray "and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us." This lifelong struggle lies at the heart of the Christian life. <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/a-forgiven-person-forgives/>

REFLECTIONS

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2019 | www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/English-2019-def-temi.pdf

NOVEMBER | Universal: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

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 corpus 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. However, 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. Instead 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 suffering 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 exaggerated gore so typical for many of the medieval depictions. 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.

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 actually be processional crucifixes.

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

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ALL SOULS' DAY ENVELOPES

All Souls Day envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. Please write the names of the deceased relatives you want to pray for and bring the envelope to the office or drop it in the collection basket.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK | November 3-9, 2019

"National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 3-9, 2019. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation." (www.usccb.org)

BIBLE STUDY ON KING DAVID | Tuesday, November 5 & 12 at 9am

November 5: House of God

November 12: Absalom, my Son!

David is the paradigmatic king in the Old Testament. His kingship recalls that of Adam in the Garden of Eden, and yet it points toward the King par excellence, Jesus Christ. In David the King, Bishop Barron helps us to understand this pivotal figure in light of the first king and the King of kings.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, November 7, immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please sign up for 30 minutes or 1 hour. The sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

WHAT HAPPENS AS WE CONTEMPLATE THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT?

When we contemplate Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament we are given the opportunity to thank him for his passion, death, and glorious resurrection, the marvelous saving act that brought about our redemption. Christ draws near to us, more intimate with us than we are with ourselves. He strengthens our share in his divine life, the life that transforms us into his likeness and, in the Spirit, he give us access to the Father. As Pope John Paul II reflected in his recent encyclical letter:

It is pleasant to spend time with him, to lie close to his breast like the Beloved Disciple (cf. Jn 13:25) and to feel the intimate love present in his heart. If in our time Christians must be distinguished above all by the 'art of prayer,' how can we not feel a renewed need to spend time in spiritual converse, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament? How often, dear brothers and sisters, have I experienced this, and drawn from it strength, consolation and support!¹

¹ EE, no. 25. *Thirty-One Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, A Resource of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES | November 9 & 10

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). The guiding mission of the AMS is to provide the sacraments — and the re-affirming Word of Christ— to the men and women serving in our armed forces, patients in VA Medical Centers, civilians working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. To provide these services they need your help—the AMS receives no federal funding.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY | Saturday, December 7th at 6:30pm

All are invited to the St. Theresa **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

- We gather in front of the Church for the Lighting Ceremony at 6:30pm
- Potluck after the Lighting Ceremony in Grace Hall

Families are asked to bring a dish and drinks to share! If your last name begins with:

A-M bring a main dish to share,

N-T bring desserts,

U-Z bring fruits, finger foods or soft drinks.

See you there!

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | Monday, December 9 | Holy Day of Obligation (this solemnity is transferred to Monday because this year December 8 falls on a Sunday)

Masses on Monday December 9th: 8am, 12noon & 5:30pm in English & 7pm in Spanish

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Novena: December 2-10

Serenate: December 11th at 8pm in the church

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

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

SIMBANG GABI MASS | Tuesday, December 17th at 4pm in the church.

3 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2019 | TRIGÉSIMO 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 quien nos invita al banquete celestial. Qué esta liturgia les traiga paz. Si están visitando nuestra iglesia por la primera vez, ójala que se sienten como en familia, una parte de la familia mundial del Señor. Les damos la bienvenida cordialmente y celebramos y contemplamos el misterio de la Eucaristía y rezamos que su viaje a su casa será seguro y que regresen pronto.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Señor, tú amas todo cuanto existe (Sabiduría 11:22 — 12:2).

Salmo — Bendeciré al Señor eternamente (Salmo 145 [144]).

Segunda lectura — Sea glorificado el nombre de Cristo en ustedes y ustedes en él (2 Tesalonicenses 1:11 — 2:2).

Evangelio — Zaqueo, considerado socialmente como pecador, se convierte al Señor (Lucas 19:1-10).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Rom 11:29-36; Sal 69 (68):30-31, 33-34, 36; Lc 14:12-14

Martes: Rom 12:5-16b; Sal 131 (130):1bcde-3; Lc 14:15-24

Miércoles: Rom 13:8-10; Sal 112 (111):1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lc 14:25-33

Jueves: Rom 14:7-12; Sal 27 (26):1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lc 15:1-10

Viernes: Rom 15:14-21; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Lc 16:1-8

Sábado: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Domingo: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Sal 17 (16):1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Tes 2:16 — 3:5; Lc 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

NOVIEMBRE—POR TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

2 de noviembre | sábado | Todos los Fieles Difuntos
5:30 pm

3 de noviembre | domingo |
8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm

4 de noviembre | lunes | San Carlos Borromeo
8:00 am

5 de noviembre | martes |
8:00 am

6 de noviembre | miércoles |
8:00 am 12:00 pm

7 de noviembre | jueves |
8:00 am

8 de noviembre | viernes |
8:00 am

9 de noviembre | sábado | Dedicación de la Basílica de san Juan de Letrán
5:30 pm



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.

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

10/27	Colecta Regular	5335.92
	NO HAY COLECTA	

Segunda colecta— 2/3 de noviembre: **MANTENIMIENTO**

Segunda colecta— 9/10 de noviembre:

COLECTA PARA LA ARQUIDIOCESIS DE SERVICIOS MILITARES

Segunda colecta— 16/17 de noviembre: **NO HAY COLECTA**

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 | Lauren Bates | Romie Enriquez | Eileen Foster | 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

SOBRE DE DÍA DE LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

Los sobres de los Fieles Difuntos están disponibles en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia. Por favor, escriba los nombres de sus parientes fallecidos por los que desea orar y traiga el sobre a la oficina o colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta.

COMIENZA CON ARDOR

Si queremos progresar en el servicio de Dios debemos comenzar cada día de nuestra vida con nuevo ardor.
—San Carlos Borromeo

GOBIERNO

El gobierno es como un fondo fiduciario y los oficiales del gobierno son los consignatarios; tanto el fondo como los consignatarios son creados para beneficio del pueblo.
—Henry Clay

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Los jueves 7 de noviembre de 8:30am a 1pm

"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)

CEREMONIA DE ILUMINACIÓN DEL ÁRBOL DE NAVIDAD

Sábado, 7 de diciembre a las 6:30pm

¡Todos están invitados a la ceremonia de iluminación del árbol de Navidad de Santa Teresita!

- nos reuniremos frente a la iglesia para la ceremonia de iluminación a las 6:30 pm
- cena después de la ceremonia de la iluminación en Grace Hall

¡Se les pide a las familias que traigan un platillo y bebidas para compartir! Lo que pueden compartir está dividido por las iniciales de su apellido:

Si su apellido comienza con:

A - M traiga un platillo principal para compartir

N - T traiga postres

U - Z traiga frutas, bocadillos o refrescos.

¡Esperamos verlos!

ALTAR EN CONMEMORACIÓN DE TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

Durante el mes de noviembre tendremos un altar en recuerdo de aquellos que han fallecido. Te invitamos a traer una imagen de tus parientes difuntos en un marco de 5 x 7 pulgadas. Favor de traer la foto durante las horas de oficina o llevarla a Misa el 1, 2 o 3 de noviembre. Escribe tu nombre y número de teléfono en la parte trasera de la imagen.

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

Día de precepto

Misas el lunes 9 de diciembre: 8am, 12 mediodía, y 5:30pm en inglés y 7:30pm en español

COLECTA DE LA ARQUIDIÓCESIS PARA LOS SERVICIOS MILITARES | 9 y 10 de noviembre

La próxima semana, nuestra parroquia realizará la Colecta de la Arquidiócesis para los Servicios Militares (AMS). La misión rectora de la AMS es ofrecer los Sacramentos — y la reconfortante Palabra de Cristo — a los hombres y mujeres que sirven en nuestras Fuerzas Armadas, a enfermos en los Centros Médicos de la Administración de Salud de Veteranos, a los civiles empleados del gobierno federal apostados fuera del país, y a los familiares de estos grupos de personas. Para ofrecer estos servicios, ellos necesitan de su ayuda; la AMS no recibe fondos federales.

EL REGRESO DE UN PUEBLO PENITENTE

"Hoy ha llegado la salvación a esta casa" (Lucas 19:9).

Después que la salvación llegó a su casa, Zaqueo declaró inmediatamente su intención de reparar el daño hecho por él a través de sus pecados. Tradicionalmente a esto se le llama "hacer penitencia". Zaqueo le dijo Señor: "Señor, voy a dar la mitad de mis bienes a los pobres, y si he perjudicado a alguien, le daré cuatro veces más" (Lc 19:8). Del mismo modo, si en verdad nos hemos arrepentido de nuestros pecados, queremos hacer penitencia y reparar de alguna manera el daño causado por nuestros pecados.

Porque el pecado es un mal tan perverso, su daño es muy extenso. Zaqueo se dio cuenta de esto. Así que empezó a hacer una reparación parcial dándoles la mitad de sus bienes a los pobres. Como Zaqueo era un recaudador de impuestos y recaudar impuestos era un negocio lucrativo, la mitad de los activos de Zaqueo probablemente podrían ser de al menos el equivalente a varios cientos de miles de dólares. Esto demuestra la magnitud de la necesidad de reparar y hacer penitencia.

Las indulgencias dadas por la Iglesia también implican que las víctimas del pecado están gravemente dañadas. La indulgencia es la aplicación de la Iglesia de los méritos de Cristo y la participación de la Iglesia en esos méritos en la reparación debida al pecado. Si no es que la reparación fue extensa, ¿por qué necesitamos ayuda de tal magnitud? El Purgatorio es en parte para la reparación de los daños del pecado. De nuevo, esto implica que la justicia y el amor requieren reparación por nuestros pecados, y que esta reparación es muy extensiva.

Zaqueo es un patrón de reparación y penitencia. Sigamos su ejemplo y volvamos a ser un pueblo penitente.

Oración: *Padre, mediante los sacrificios de la limosna, la oración y el ayuno, haz que mi vida sea cada vez más penitencial.*

Promesa: *"Tú te compadeces de todos, porque todo lo puedes, y apartas los ojos de los pecados de los hombres para que ellos se conviertan" (Sab 11:23).*

Alabanza: *¡La gloria, el poder, y la fuerza para el Cordero de Dios!*

<https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=es&d=10/30/2016>

PROMOVIENDO LA VIDA

¿Niños desechables?

"El mentado derecho al aborto ha enfrentado a madres contra hijos y a mujeres contra hombres. Ha sembrado la violencia y la discordia en el corazón de las relaciones humanas más íntimas... Ha presentado el mayor de los regalos - un niño - como competidor, como una intromisión, y como un inconveniente. Le ha concedido nominalmente a las madres un dominio desmedido sobre las vidas independientes de sus hijos e hijas quienes físicamente dependen de ellas... El derecho a la vida no depende, ni debe ser declarado casual, para placer de nadie, ni siquiera de un padre o de un soberano." –Madre Teresa 1994 <https://www.priestsforlife.org/spanish/liturgia/liturgicalresource-cycles.aspx?id=42>