

**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** — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

**Psalm** — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

**Second Reading** — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

**Gospel** — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

**NOVEMBER** Masses are for the faithful departed

Saturday November 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions

5:30 pm

Sunday November 25

8 am—10am—12 pm—7 pm (Spanish)

Monday November 26

8 am

Tuesday November 27

8 am

Wednesday November 28

8 am—12 pm

Thursday November 29

8 am

Friday November 30 St. Andrew

8 am—12 pm

Saturday December 1 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 pm

St. Theresa volunteers



**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



**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**

Dear Parishioners, I will be away from the parish from November 19 to November 28 on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Blessings, Fr. Mauricio

**STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH**

11/18	Regular Collection	4,358.42
	<b>CAMP FIRE ASSISTANCE FUND</b>	3,153.80

Second collection THIS weekend: **NO SECOND COLLECTION**

Second collection NEXT weekend: **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>Monday, November 26</b>	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal
<b>Tuesday, November 27</b>	8am Mass; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English
<b>Wednesday, November 28</b>	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 7pm RCIA in Spanish
<b>Thursday, November 29</b>	8am Mass; 7pm Bible Study in Spanish; Blessed Is She
<b>Friday, November 30</b>	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry; 6:30pm Spanish Prayer Group
<b>Saturday, December 1</b>	10am Baptisms in Spanish; 11:30am in English; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass; <b>6:30pm Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony</b>
<b>Sunday, December 2</b>	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish) Masses; Pancake Breakfast after the 8am & 10am Masses; <b>8pm Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>



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**FOR PARISHIONERS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY**

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**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).

 <p><b>BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES</b> Call or visit the Religious Education Office 530.544.4788 Find the <b>2018 SCHEDULE:</b> <a href="http://www.tahoecatholic.com/baptisms">http://www.tahoecatholic.com/baptisms</a></p>	<p><b>THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD</b> "His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, His kingship shall not be destroyed." —Daniel 7:14</p>
<p><b>RESPECT LIFE</b> <b>PREGNANT ? NEED HELP?</b> 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.</p>	<p>In heaven, the form of government in which we shall live eternally will not be a democracy, socialism, a Communist regime, or that of a tyrannical dictator. Jesus is King, that is, a Monarch, and He is a benevolent and sovereign Lord. We who believe in King Jesus will spend eternity with a blessed Ruler (1 Tm 6:15) Who loves us beyond measure. Even those who have lived in a worldly monarchy or benevolent dictatorship will hardly be able to relate to the heavenly kingdom, for no one has even begun to imagine what our Ruler has in store for us (1 Cor 2:9). Earthly kings might be so lavish as to throw a seven-day party (Est 1:5); King Jesus gives an eternal wedding feast (Rv 19:9). Earthly rulers put to death those who try to kill them (Est A:13-14); Lord Jesus dies for us as we kill Him (Catechism, 598). Only a few people are allowed access to earthly rulers; everyone has access to King Jesus (Eph 2:18; Mt 11:28; Jn 6:37). Earthly rulers lord their authority over their subjects (Mt 20:25); Lord Jesus comes to serve His subjects and lay down His life out of love for us (Mt 20:28; Lk 22:27; Jn 10:15; 13:5).</p>
 <p><b>KNIGHT'S CORNER</b> Men of the Parish are you looking for something more in your life? We do men's Catholic Fellowship! <u>NOW AVAILABLE:</u> St. Theresa Commemorative keepsakes. <u>PANCAKE BREAKFAST</u>—Dec. 2 after the 8AM &amp; 10AM Masses. It always tastes right when cooked by a Knight! Knights will donate the profits from the pancake breakfasts to the victims of the Camp Fire. <u>Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Party</u>—Dec. 5 <b>Become a better version of yourself. Become a knight!</b> George Westinghouse (530)-721-1753 will be happy to help you learn more about the Knights of Columbus</p>	<p>Many in our secular world choose to serve gods of sex, money, power, greed, ambition, status, or wanton pleasure-seeking. Others are imprisoned under the rule of the harsh dictatorship of addiction, compulsion, abuse. "Decide today whom you will serve" (Jos 24:15). Give your life to Jesus, your King and Lord. <b>Prayer:</b> <i>Christ the King, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Mt 6:10).</i> <b>Promise:</b> <i>"Anyone committed to the truth hears My voice." — Jn 18:37</i> <b>Praise:</b> <i>Praise You, risen Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All. I love You forever. Alleluia!</i> <a href="https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&amp;d=11/25/2018">https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&amp;d=11/25/2018</a></p>
<p><b>HOLDING ON TO THE CHRIST</b> Life is unpredictable. We can be happy one day and sad the next, healthy one day and sick the next, rich one day and poor the next, alive one day and dead the next. So who is there to hold on to? Who is there to feel secure with? Who is there to trust at all times? Only Jesus, the Christ. He is our Lord, our shepherd, our rock, our stronghold, our refuge, our brother, our guide, and our friend. He came from God to be with us. He died for us, he was raised from the dead to open for us the way to God, and he is seated at God's right hand to welcome us home. With Paul, we must be certain that "neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nothing already in existence and nothing still to come, nor any power, nor the heights nor the depths, nor any created thing whatever, will be able to come between us and the love of God, known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39). <a href="https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-communion-of-saints/">https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-communion-of-saints/</a></p>	<p><b>CLAIMING OUR RECONCILIATION</b> How do we work for reconciliation? First and foremost by claiming for ourselves that God through Christ has reconciled us to God. It is not enough to believe this with our heads. We have to let the truth of this reconciliation permeate every part of our beings. As long as we are not fully and thoroughly convinced that we have been reconciled with God, that we are forgiven, that we have received new hearts, new spirits, new eyes to see, and new ears to hear, we continue to create divisions among people because we expect from them a healing power they do not possess.</p>
<p><b>THE TASK OF RECONCILIATION</b> What is our task in this world as children of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus? Our task is reconciliation. Wherever we go we see divisions among people – in families, communities, cities, countries, and continents. All these divisions are tragic reflections of our separation from God. The truth that all people belong together as members of one family under God is seldom visible. Our sacred task is to reveal that truth in the reality of everyday life. Why is that our task? Because God sent Christ to reconcile us with God and to give us the task of reconciling people with one another. As people reconcile with God through Christ we have been given the ministry of reconciliation" (see: 2 Corinthians 5:18). So whatever we do the main question is, Does it lead to reconciliation among people? <a href="https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-task-of-reconciliation/">https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-task-of-reconciliation/</a></p>	<p>Only when we fully trust that we belong to God and can find in our relationship with God all that we need for our minds, hearts, and souls, can we be truly free in this world and be ministers of reconciliation. This is not easy; we readily fall back into self-doubt and self-rejection. We need to be constantly reminded through God's Word, the sacraments, and the love of our neighbours that we are indeed reconciled. <a href="https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/claiming-our-reconciliation/">https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/claiming-our-reconciliation/</a></p>

## 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 FOUR | SIGNS OF HOLINESS IN TODAY’S WORLD**

### **IN CONSTANT PRAYER**

147. Finally, though it may seem obvious, we should remember that holiness consists in a habitual openness to the transcendent, expressed in prayer and adoration. The saints are distinguished by a spirit of prayer and a need for communion with God. They find an exclusive concern with this world to be narrow and stifling, and, amid their own concerns and commitments, they long for God, losing themselves in praise and contemplation of the Lord. I do not believe in holiness without prayer, even though that prayer need not be lengthy or involve intense emotions.

148. Saint John of the Cross tells us: “Endeavour to remain always in the presence of God, either real, imaginative, or unitive, insofar as is permitted by your works”. [109] In the end, our desire for God will surely find expression in our daily lives: “Try to be continuous in prayer, and in the midst of bodily exercises do not leave it. Whether you eat, drink, talk with others, or do anything, always go to God and attach your heart to him”. [110]

149. For this to happen, however, some moments spent alone with God are also necessary. For Saint Teresa of Avila, prayer “is nothing but friendly intercourse, and frequent solitary converse, with him who we know loves us”. [111] I would insist that this is true not only for a privileged few, but for all of us, for “we all have need of this silence, filled with the presence of him who is adored”. [112] Trust-filled prayer is a response of a heart open to encountering God face to face, where all is peaceful and the quiet voice of the Lord can be heard in the midst of silence.

150. In that silence, we can discern, in the light of the Spirit, the paths of holiness to which the Lord is calling us. Otherwise, any decisions we make may only be window-dressing that, rather than exalting the Gospel in our lives, will mask or submerge it. For each disciple, it is essential to spend time with the Master, to listen to his words, and to learn from him always. Unless we listen, all our words will be nothing but useless chatter.

151. We need to remember that “contemplation of the face of Jesus, died and risen, restores our humanity, even when it has been broken by the troubles of this life or marred by sin. We must not domesticate the power of the face of Christ”. [113] So let me ask you: Are there moments when you place yourself quietly in the Lord’s presence, when you calmly spend time with him, when you bask in his gaze? Do you let his fire inflame your heart? Unless you let him warm you more and more with his love and tenderness, you will not catch fire. How will you then be able to set the hearts of others on fire by your words and witness? If, gazing on the face of Christ, you feel unable to let yourself be healed and transformed, then enter into the Lord’s heart, into his wounds, for that is the abode of divine mercy. [114]

152. I ask that we never regard prayerful silence as a form of escape and rejection of the world around us. The Russian pilgrim, who prayed constantly, says that such prayer did not separate him from what was happening all around him. “Everybody was kind to me; it was as though everyone loved me... Not only did I feel [happiness and consolation] in my own soul, but the whole outside world also seemed to me full of charm and delight”. [115]

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### **WHAT’S THE SMOKE FOR?**

Dear Johan,

***Why is it that so many people leave church before the end of Mass? I am saddened to see people leave as soon as they receive Communion.***

Gentle Reader,

Last week, as I was trying to sing the closing hymn, people around me were putting on their coats and obviously were waiting for me to let them out of the pew. Not only did they not stay till the end, but they made it impossible for me to pay attention till the end.

What difference do a few minutes make? Unless they had a soufflé waiting in the oven, I saw no reason for their hurry.

I have always been annoyed by this. When I was a teenager my aunt found me making a sign saying “leaving already?” My plan was to wait outside church with the sign so early departees would be shamed by my sign. Thankfully, my wise aunt talked me out of it.

Since those days I have softened quite a bit. So, I am not for harsh words or placing liturgical watchdogs at all doors, but I must admit that I am disheartened by the so-called “post-communion exodus.” How come people don’t want to spend some quiet time after receiving Communion? This is not a liturgical drive-through.

The liturgical patience of those who stay after receiving Communion is often tested by the endless announcements after Communion. Who can blame them? Even I am tested by those. But I persevere, why can’t others?

What saddens me most, though, is that our liturgical assembly seems fractured when people start leaving. It is a bit like people leaving early at a dinner party. That does not speak well of the party. I would feel horrible as the host. I feel horrible as a fellow guest.

I suspect the only thing we can do is make the liturgy as beautiful as we can so people will want to stay. And after that, it is really out of our hands.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY | Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

**Novena:** December 2-11

**Serenate:** December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the church

**Mañanitas:** Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5am in the church,

**Mass:** Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm followed by dinner & program.

**Penance Service (Confessions)**

**Monday, December 10 at 6pm**

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*Holy Day of Obligation*

**Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>:**

Vigil Masses at 5:30pm in English

7pm in Spanish

**Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Mass at 8am

### SIMBANG GABI (NIGHT MASS)

**Monday, December 17 at 6pm**

Food after the Mass in Globin Social Hall

**Wednesday December 19 at 6pm**

Food and Entertainment after Mass in Grace Hall

**Friday, December 21 at 6pm**

Food after the Mass in Grace Hall

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

**All are welcome!**

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

**December 24 (Vigil Masses):**

5:30pm—8pm Mass in Spanish

**December 25 (Christmas Masses):**

12am Midnight Mass;

8am—10am—12noon



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### LETTING GO OF OLD HURTS

One of the hardest things in life is to let go of old hurts. We often say, or at least think: "What you did to me and my family, my ancestors, or my friends I cannot forget or forgive. ... One day you will have to pay for it." Sometimes our memories are decades, even centuries, old and keep asking for revenge.

Holding people's faults against them often creates an impenetrable wall. But listen to Paul: "For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old order is gone and a new being is there to see. It is all God's work" (2 Corinthians 5:17-18). Indeed, we cannot let go of old hurts, but God can. Paul says: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not holding anyone's fault against them" (2 Corinthians 5:19). It is God's work, but we are God's ministers, because the God who reconciled the world to God entrusted to us "the message of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:19). This message calls us to let go of old hurts in the Name of God. It is the message our world most needs to hear.

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## 25 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2018 | NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO, REY DEL UNIVERSO

PARA PROBLEMAS DE ESCUCHA: hay audífonos disponibles en la sacristía. Favor de devolverlos después de Misa.

¡Bienvenidos a todos! Nos reunimos con Jesús. Cristo es quien nos invita al banquete celestial. Qué esta liturgia les traiga paz. Si están visitando nuestra iglesia por la primera vez, ójala que se sienten como en familia, una parte de la familia mundial del Señor. Les damos la bienvenida cordialmente y celebramos y contemplamos el misterio de la Eucaristía y rezamos que su viaje a su casa será seguro y que regresen pronto.

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El último domingo del año litúrgico celebramos la fiesta de Cristo Rey. Puede que entendamos las lecturas de hoy como acontecimientos que sucedieron hace mucho, mucho tiempo o predicciones que se harán realidad algún día en algún lugar. Pero en realidad nos invitan a aclamar a Cristo como nuestro Rey aquí y ahora. Las palabras de Jesús a Pilatos en el Evangelio nos recuerdan que su Reino trasciende el tiempo y el espacio. Y las profecías de Daniel y del Apocalipsis nos dan motivos para ser fieles a Cristo, nuestro Rey, aquí y ahora.

Al terminar el año con esta fiesta proclamamos nuestra fe en que Jesucristo es el único Rey de todos los tiempos, pueblos y de toda la Creación. Sin importar cuál sea nuestra nacionalidad ni qué idioma hablemos: Cristo “y ha hecho de nosotros un reino” (Apocalipsis 1:6), en un pueblo unido en el amor y la paz por toda la eternidad.

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Cuando uno, como el Hijo del Hombre se dirigió hacia el anciano y fue llevado a su presencia, recibió el dominio eterno (Daniel 7:13-14).

**Salmo** — El Señor reina, vestido de majestad (Salmo 93 [92]).

**Segunda lectura** — La gloria y el poder sean dados a Jesucristo, el Señor de toda la tierra (Apocalipsis 1:5-8).

**Evangelio** — Jesús como Rey, vino a ser testigo de la verdad. (Juan 18:33b-37).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ap 14:1-3, 4b-5; Sal 24 (23):1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lc 21:1-4

Martes: Ap 14:14-19; Sal 96 (95):10-13; Lc 21:5-11

Miércoles: Ap 15:1-4; Sal 98 (97):1-3ab, 7-9; Lc 21:12-19

Jueves: Ap 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 21:20-28

Viernes: Rom 10:9-18; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Sábado: Ap 22:1-7; Sal 95 (94):1-7ab; Lc 21:34-36

Domingo: Jer 33:14-16; Sal 25 (24):4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Tes 3:12 4:2; Lc 21:25-28, 34-36

### INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

#### NOVIEMBRE—POR TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

24 de noviembre | sábado |

San Andrés Dũng-Lạc y compañeros

5:30 pm

25 de noviembre | domingo |

8 am—10am—12 pm—7 pm (Spanish)

26 de noviembre | lunes |

8 am

27 de noviembre | martes |

8 am

28 de noviembre | miércoles |

8 am—12 pm

29 de noviembre | jueves |

8 am

30 de noviembre | viernes |

8 am—12 pm

1 de diciembre | sábado | Santa María Virgen

5:30 pm | St. Theresa volunteers



#### 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.

### PETICIONES POR ESTAS PERSONAS

#### POR LOS FELIGRESES—ACTIVOS CON EL SERVICIO MILITAR

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#### POR LOS QUE ESTÁN ENFERMOS

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

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#### ¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

11/18	<i>Colecta Regular</i>	4,358.42
	<b>CAMP FIRE ASSISTANCE FUND</b>	3,153.80

*Segunda colecta— 24/25 de noviembre: NO HAY COLECTA*

*Segunda colecta— 1/2 de diciembre: MANTENIMIENTO*

### FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

**Novena:** 2 al 11 de diciembre

**Serenata:** martes 11 de diciembre a las 8pm en la iglesia

**Mañanitas:** miércoles 12 de diciembre a las 5:00am

**Misa:** miércoles 12 de diciembre a las 6pm; después habrá cena y un programa cultural.



### TIEMPO FINAL

"Ha llegado el tiempo de la cosecha" (Apocalipsis 14:15).

Al final, Jesús, el Rey de Reyes (Ap 17:14), vendrá en una nube blanca con una corona de oro en su cabeza y una hoz afilada en su mano (Ap 14:14). Él recogerá la cosecha de justicia (Ap 14:16). Entonces un ángel vendrá del templo en el cielo. También empuñará una hoz afilada para recoger las uvas de la ira (Ap 14:19). Todos seremos cosechados, ya sea por nuestro amoroso Señor o por la "parca".

"Maestro, ¿cuándo tendrá lugar esto y cuál será la señal de que va a suceder?" (Lc 21:7) La respuesta es: pronto y "muy pronto" vamos a ver al Rey (Ap 1:1). "Feliz el que lea y felices los que escuchen las palabras de esta profecía y tengan en cuenta lo que está escrito en ella, porque el tiempo está cerca" (Ap 1:3). "En cuanto al tiempo y al momento, no es necesario que les escriba. Ustedes saben perfectamente que el Día del Señor vendrá como un ladrón en plena noche. Cuando la gente afirme que hay paz y seguridad, la destrucción caerá sobre ellos repentinamente, como los dolores de parto sobre una mujer embarazada, y nadie podrá escapar. Pero ustedes, hermanos, no viven en las tinieblas para que ese Día los sorprenda como un ladrón: todos ustedes son hijos de la luz, hijos del día. Nosotros no pertenecemos a la noche ni a las tinieblas. No nos durmamos, entonces, como hacen los otros: permanezcamos despiertos y seamos sobrios" (1 Tes 5:1-6). "El que garantiza estas cosas afirma: '¡Sí, volveré pronto!' ¡Amén! ¡Ven, Señor Jesús!" (Ap 22:20)

**Oración:** Jesús, que pueda estar listo para Tu venida final en cualquier momento. Prepárame ahora.

**Promesa:** "Él viene a gobernar la tierra" (Sal 96:13).

**Alabanza:** Al escuchar que tenía una enfermedad terminal, Norman se regocijó en el Señor. Él confió completamente su vida, esperanzas y futuro a Jesús.

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### GRATITUD

¿Qué es la alegría sin la gratitud y dónde está la gratitud sin Dios?

—Coventry Patmore

### ORIGINALIDAD

Recuerda que Dios prefiere la pobreza de nuestros corazones a los más sublimes pensamientos que tomamos prestados de otros.

—San Pedro Juliano Eymard

### FALTA DE VALOR

Al que ve lo justo y no lo practica, le falta valor.

—Confucio

### MISAS DE SIMBANG GABI

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

**17, 19 & 21 de diciembre a las 6pm**

### EL GOBIERNO DE DIOS

"Su dominio es un dominio eterno que no pasará, y su reino no será destruido" (Daniel 7:14).

En el cielo, la forma de gobierno en la que viviremos eternamente no será una democracia, un socialismo, un régimen comunista o el de un dictador tiránico. En reino de los cielos, Jesús es el Rey, es decir, un Monarca y Él es un Señor benevolente y soberano. Nosotros, los que creemos en el Rey Jesús, pasaremos la eternidad con un Monarca bendito (1 Tim 6:15) que nos ama sin medida.

Incluso aquellos que han vivido en una monarquía mundana o una dictadura benévola, difícilmente podrán relacionarse con el reino celestial, porque nadie ha comenzado siquiera a imaginar lo que nuestro Monarca tiene reservado para nosotros (1 Co 2:9). Los reyes terrenales podrían ser tan generosos como para lanzar una fiesta de siete días (Est 1:5); el Rey Jesús da un banquete de bodas eterno (Ap 19:9). Los gobernantes terrenales matan a los que intentan matarlos (Est A: 13-14); el Señor Jesús muere por nosotros cuando lo matamos (Catecismo, 598). Solo unas pocas personas tienen acceso a gobernantes terrenales; todos tienen acceso al Rey Jesús (Ef 2:18; Mt 11:28; Jn 6:37). Los gobernantes terrenales dominan a sus súbditos con su autoridad (Mt 20:25); el Señor Jesús viene a servir a Sus súbditos y da Su vida por amor a nosotros (Mt 20:28; Lc 22:27; Jn 10:15; 13:5).

Muchos en nuestro mundo secular eligen servir a los dioses del sexo, el dinero, el poder, la codicia, la ambición, el estado o la búsqueda gratuita de placer. Otros están encarcelados bajo la dominación de la difícil dictadura de la adicción, la compulsión y el abuso. "Elijan hoy a quién servirán" (Jos 24:15). Entrega tu vida a Jesús, tu Rey y Señor.

**Oración:** Cristo Rey, "que venga Tu reino, que se haga Tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo" (Mt 6:10).

**Promesa:** "El que es de la verdad, escucha Mi voz" (Jn 18:37).

**Alabanza:** Alabado seas, Jesús resucitado, mi Señor, mi Dios, mi Todo. Te amo por siempre. ¡Aleluya!

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### CEREMONIA DE ILUMINACIÓN DEL ÁRBOL DE NAVIDAD Sábado, 1 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!

### SOLEMNIDAD DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN Día de precepto

Misas de vigilia el **viernes 7 de diciembre:**

5:30pm (inglés) y 7pm en español

Misa el **sábado 8 de diciembre:** 8am (inglés)