

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

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Saturday | January 4 | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

5:30pm Robert & Mildred Kerr (dec) by their son

Sunday | January 5 |

8:00am Stephen Ehrler (dec) by his family

10:00am Jeanette Fedock Carey (dec) by her family

12:00pm Mario Lomibao (dec) by Lorna Lomibao & family

7:00pm

Monday | January 6 | St. André Bessette

8:00am Elaine Buck (dec) by Barbara Kopcho

Tuesday | January 7 | St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:00am Ronel & Therese Villanueva (dec) by Joan & Ador & family

Wednesday | January 8 |

8:00am All souls, by Father Mauricio

12:00pm Remedios & Fernando Cabristante (dec) by their family

Thursday | January 9 |

8:00am Robert Growden (dec) by daughter Bridget Spencer

Friday | January 10 |

8:00am Ester Alaoen (special intention) by her family

Saturday | January 11 |

5:30pm Phil Smith & Michael Blank Jr (dec) by St. Theresa Parish Staff

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Monday, January 6 | 8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal

Tuesday, January 7 | 8am Mass; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English

Wednesday, January 8 | 8am Mass & 12noon Mass

Thursday, January 9 | 8am Mass

Friday, January 10 | 8am Mass; 3pm Food Pantry; 4pm Second Serving Meal

Saturday, January 11 | 4pm confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 12 | 8am, 10am, 12 noon & 7pm (in Spanish) Masses

**YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS**

Dear Parishioner,  
We are automatically mailing out tax receipts if your contribution exceeded \$100.00 for the 2019 calendar year. Donation letters will be mailed by end of January. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Gaston or Irene Lohmeier at (530) 544-3533 Ext. 101. Thanks, Fr. Mauricio

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**FOR PARISHIONERS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY**

Phillip Gaston | Corbett Martin | Zachary Martin | Erik Townsend

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Bill Barboni | Lauren Bates | Romie Enriquez | Eileen Foster | Steve Frick | Jerry Kirvida | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | 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 [tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com).



**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

**STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH**

12/29	<b>REGULAR COLLECTION</b>	6173.57
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Second collection this week: **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

Second collection next week: **NO SECOND COLLECTION**

Second collection on January 18/19:  
**NO SECOND COLLECTION**



### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office  
530.544.4788 Find the **2019 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! We take our Faith seriously but.....Come join us for some fun and always a good time!*

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

**Become a better version of yourself. Become a knight!**

Call Frank Dixon 530 318 1574

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### PROMOTING LIFE

#### Life: An "Epiphany" of God

"Life is always a good. ... Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 8:6). This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: 'Man, living man, is the glory of God'. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself" (The Gospel of Life, n. 34).

<https://www.priestsforlife.org/liturgy/liturgicalresource-cycles.aspx?id=87>

### TASTE THE MOMENT TO THE FULL

Be sure to taste the moment to the full. The Lord always reveals himself to you where you are most fully present. In your prayer, try to present your anxieties, struggles, and fears to him, and let him show you the way to follow him. More important than anything else is to follow the Lord. The rest is secondary. If you follow him, you can follow him as a priest, as a lay minister, as a single person, or as a married person; but what really counts is that he is the center. <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/taste-the-moment-to-the-full/>

### WHEN THE STAR FADES...

"We observed His star at its rising..." —Matthew 2:2

In their homeland, the Magi saw a great star at its rising. Greatly impressed, they set out on their journey to follow the star to greet the newborn King to Whom they believed the star pointed. After they had traveled for a time, they could no longer see the star. They were past the point of no return, and were not sure where God was now leading them. But the Magi did not give up on God's leading; they did not quit and return back home. Instead, they did the reasonable thing; they consulted the nearby leader, King Herod of Israel. Though Herod harbored ill will, he unwittingly sent them to the right place, Bethlehem, when his advisors consulted the Hebrew Scriptures. As the Magi set out in blind faith for Bethlehem, suddenly the star re-appeared. It's no wonder the Magi "were overjoyed at seeing the star" (Mt 2:10). God's guidance for their journey had resumed.

Have you ever started on a journey of faith in response to the clear prompting of God? You commit yourself to the journey, burn your bridges behind you (see 1 Kgs 19:19-21), and then it seems like God's divine guidance completely vanishes. This is a pattern that many have experienced in their lives of faith. This might be a test from God, "the Tester of our Hearts" (1 Thes 2:4).

If you're in this situation, the Magi are a model for you. Persevere in trust, as they did, and believe that God will guide you at the proper time. "Walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor 5:7). "Commit to the Lord your way; trust in Him, and He will act" (Ps 37:5).

**Prayer:** *Jesus, like the Magi, I give You the gift of my life. I will follow You wherever You lead. "In my life, Lord, be glorified."*

**Promise:** *"In Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body." —Eph 3:6*

**Praise:** *"The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world" (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, 528). Alleluia!*

<https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=1/5/2020>

### LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## REFLECTIONS

### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2020

<https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/THE-HOLY-FATHERS-PRAYER-INTENTIONS-2020-ENG2.pdf>

**JANUARY | Prayer intention for evangelisation - Promotion of World Peace**

*We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.*

### WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

**When did we start referring to Three Kings' Day as Epiphany? I prefer Three Kings' Day. It's easier and it tells us what it is.**

Gentle Reader,

Three Kings' Day may be easier but that does not make it correct. Let me reverse the question. When did we start referring to Epiphany as Three Kings' Day?

Today the Christmas season is punctuated by a number of liturgical celebrations, in chronological succession:

- the feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's, unless January 1 falls on a Sunday when it is celebrated on December 30;
- the solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1;
- the solemnity of the Epiphany, though originally celebrated on January 6, now mostly observed on the Sunday between January 2 and 8;
- and the feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany, unless Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8 when the feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated the next day.

The most ancient of all these is the solemnity of the Epiphany with written evidence dating back to the end of the second century. By contrast the earliest known reference to the celebration of Christmas on December 25 is no older than 354 AD.

The word epiphany is the English transliteration of the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning appearance, revelation, and manifestation. The feast of the Epiphany is thus the feast of the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God. It was also known as the theophany, *theophaneia* in Greek, meaning the revelation or appearance of God.

The original feast of the Epiphany celebrated the four major epiphanic moments in the life of Jesus all bundled in one:

- The first epiphany is the announcement to the shepherds, which we now celebrate on Christmas.
- The second is the revelation of Jesus as God to the magi, which is currently celebrated on Epiphany in the churches of the West. Thus your title of Three Kings' Day for this feast.
- The third is the revelation of Jesus as God during his baptism, which is now celebrated on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.
- The fourth major revelation is Jesus' first miracle during the wedding feast at Cana when he changed water into wine. Though not accorded its own feast, the reading recounting this event is now read on the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord during Year C, thus in close proximity to the other three celebrations.

The main theological reason why these epiphanic moments are now spread out over several celebrations is due to the importance of each one of them in its own right. The goal of each celebration is twofold: first, we celebrate each epiphany so we come to know God better, and second, we celebrate each epiphany so we may in turn lead lives that reveal God to the world.

Oh, and by the way, there is absolutely no evidence that the magi or wise men were kings. They were more likely astrologers.

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### SHIFT YOUR POINT OF GRAVITY

Jesus' response to our worry-filled lives is quite different. He asks us to shift the point of gravity, to relocate the center of our attention, to change our priorities. Jesus wants us to move from the "many things" to the "one necessary thing." It is important for us to realize that Jesus in no way wants us to leave our many-faceted world. Rather, he wants us to live in it, but firmly rooted in the center of all things. Jesus does not speak about a change of activities, a change of contacts, or even a change of pace. He speaks about a change of heart. This change of heart makes everything different, even while everything appears to remain the same. This is the meaning of "Set your hearts on his kingdom first . . . and all these other things will be given you as well." What counts is where our hearts are. When we worry, we have our hearts in the wrong place. Jesus asks us to move our hearts to the center, where all other things fall into place.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/shift-your-point-of-gravity/>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**BOOK STUDY | *The next meeting for our book study is on Tuesday, January 21 at 9am***  
**Catching Fire, Becoming Flame: A Guide for Spiritual Transformation by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM**  
**IF YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THIS STUDY, PLEASE BUY YOUR BOOK.**

### FLU SEASON AND THE SUSPENSION OF THE CUP AND OTHER PRECAUTIONS

The flu season has come early this year. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) reports that the incidence of flu and flu-like illnesses is “widespread” and has reached a level requiring that we enact preventive measures to mitigate the possibility of infection at Mass. In order to protect the health and well-being of everyone, Bishop Soto has issued the following directives:

- The use of the Communion cup is suspended temporarily.
- Receive the Body of Christ in the hand (although receiving on the tongue is permitted)
- Do not shake hands. Offer the sign of Peace to those around you with a simple nod, saying “peace be with you.”
- Do not hold hands during the Our Father.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and other Holy Days does not apply to those who are sick. If you are sick, stay home and take of yourself. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. And pray for those who are sick. The administration of Holy Communion in both kinds will resume as soon as the Bishop deems it safe and prudent to do so.

### JANUARY 22, DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

*The 8am & 12noon Masses on Wednesday, January 22* will be for “Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life”  
January 22, 2020 marks the 47th anniversary of the lamentable 1973 U.S. Supreme Court Decision, Roe v. Wade. In the Diocese of Sacramento, January 22 is designated as a Diocesan Day of Reparation. All are asked to observe this Day of Reparation through fasting, prayer, penance and works of mercy.

**ASH WEDNESDAY | February 26**

**Masses:**

8am, 12noon, 6:00pm & 7:30pm (Spanish)

*Save  
the  
Date*

**CRAB DINNER**

Saturday  
February 8, 2020

### 16TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

**Saturday January 25, 2020 11:00 AM–3:30 PM**

We'd like to invite you and your families and friends to join us in beautiful San Francisco for the 16th Annual Walk for Life West Coast.

**Schedule:** | Rally: 12:30 to 1:30PM | Walk: 1:30PM

### *World Marriage Day 2020*

**Saturday, February 15, 2020 | 11:00am Mass with Bishop Jaime Soto**

**Where:** Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament | 1017 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Join us as we honor marriage and salute the beauty of faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in married life. During this Mass, there will be a special blessing for sacramentally married couples and an opportunity for them to renew their marital commitment. An informal reception will follow for couples and their families. Special certificates will be distributed at the reception honoring couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+).

If you plan to attend, please register at: [www.scd.org/wmd](http://www.scd.org/wmd)

If you have questions, call the Office of Family and Faith Formation at (916) 733-0133

### ALL IS CLOTHED IN DIVINE LIGHT

God exists, and the meaning of all that I am depends totally on that knowledge. I wonder constantly if I am genuinely allowing my life to be determined by that truth. Maybe part of my reason for hesitating to embrace this truth fully is that it challenges me to give up all control over my life and to let God be God, my God, the God of my neighbor, and the God of all creation. But I also realize that as long as I do not “do” this, my life is an illusion and most of my energy is spoiled in trying to keep that illusion going.

Does all this mean that my thoughts, plans, projects, and ideas no longer matter? That conclusion has been drawn by people who used the spiritual life as a way to manipulate others, and that conclusion has led, sadly enough, to false views on asceticism, obedience, surrender to God’s will, and certain forms of self-denial. The converted person does not say that nothing matters anymore, but that everything that happens in God and that he is the dwelling place where we come to know the true order of things. Instead of saying: “Nothing matters anymore, since I know that God exists,” the converted person says: “All is now clothed in divine light and, therefore, nothing can be unimportant.”

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/all-is-clothed-in-divine-light/>

## 5 DE ENERO DE 2020 | LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

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. Que esta liturgia les traiga paz. Si están visitando nuestra iglesia por la primera vez, ¡ojala 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** — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).

**Salmo** — Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72 [71]).

**Segunda lectura** — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Evangelio** — Magos del oriente llegaron, diciendo: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44

Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 10, 12-13; Mc 6:45-52

Jueves: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lc 4:14-22a

Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; Hch 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

### INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

4 de enero	sábado	Santa Isabel Ana Seton
5:30 pm		Robert & Mildred Kerr (dec) by their son
5 de enero	domingo	
8:00 am		Stephen Ehrler (dec) by his family
10:00 am		Jeanette Fedock Carey (dec) by her family
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### MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA | 26 de febrero

Misas:

8am, 12 mediodía, 6pm y 7:30pm (en Español)

### ¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

12/29	Colecta Regular	6173.57
Segunda colecta— 4/5 de enero: <b>MANTENIMIENTO</b>		
Segunda colecta— 11/12 de enero: <b>NO HAY COLECTA</b>		
Segunda colecta— 18/19 de enero: <b>NO HAY COLECTA</b>		

### PRESENTACIÓN DE NIÑOS

Domingo, 2 de febrero

Habrá presentación de niños el día 2 de febrero dentro de la Misa de Domingo a las 7pm.

### RECIBO DE CONTRIBUCIONES AL FINAL DEL AÑO

Querido feligrés:

Le enviaremos automáticamente el recibo de contribuciones para sus impuestos si excede \$100.00 para el año 2017. La carta de donación será enviada a finales de enero. Si necesita ayuda, póngase en contacto con Jennifer Gaston o Irene Lohmeier al (530) 544-3533 Ext 101. ¡Gracias! Fr. Mauricio



### 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 especiales al Perpetuo Socorro.

### 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

Barboni | Lauren Bates | Romie Enriquez | Eileen Foster | Steve Frick | Jerry Kirvida | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | 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](mailto:tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com)

**PROMOVIENDO LA VIDA**  
**Vida: Una "Epifanía" de Dios**

"La vida es siempre un bien. ... ¿Por qué la vida es un bien? Esta pregunta se encuentra en todas partes en la Biblia, y desde las primeras páginas recibe una poderosa y sorprendente respuesta. La vida que Dios da al hombre es muy diferente a la vida de todas las otras criaturas vivientes, aun cuando el hombre haya sido formado del polvo de la tierra (Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Salmo 103:14; 104:29), es una manifestación de Dios en el mundo, un signo de su presencia, un destello de su gloria (Gen 1:26-27; Salmo 8:6). Esto es lo que San Ireneo de León quería enfatizar en su célebre definición: 'El hombre, el hombre vivo, es la gloria de Dios.' Al hombre se la ha dado una sublime dignidad, basada en el íntimo vínculo que lo une a su Creador: "en el hombre brilla un reflejo del propio Dios. (El Evangelio de la Vida, no. 34).

<https://www.priestsforlife.org/spanish/liturgia/liturgicalresource-cycles.aspx?id=87>

**EXHORTACIÓN PARA LA SOLEMNIDAD DE LA EPIFANÍA**  
**(Tomado de B. Caballero: La Palabra cada Domingo, San Pablo, España, 1993, p. 42)**

Bendito seas, Señor Dios, padre de todos los hombres,  
porque tu amor salvador no tiene fronteras de raza ni lengua.  
Hoy alcanza a todos los pueblos tu salvación por Cristo.  
Él ha dejado su obra y evangelio en nuestras manos,  
como ascuas encendidas para prender fuego a la tierra.  
Pero nosotros somos luz que se esconde y sal desvirtuada.

Perdona nuestra cobardía y comodidad que todo lo malogra,  
y llévanos de la fuerza, valentía y audacia de tu Espíritu  
para poder manifestar hoy tu rostro a nuestros hermanos  
que preguntan por ti en la desierta soledad de tu ausencia,  
Así te manifestaremos presente hoy entre los hombres. Amén.

**LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR**  
**5 de enero de 2020**

Abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra.  
— Mateo 2:11b

**RASCACIELOS**

**"¡Levántate, resplandece, porque llega tu luz y la gloria del Señor brilla sobre ti!" (Isaías 60:1).**

En cada Epifanía, el Señor nos manda a "Levántate, brilla," para poner la luz de nuestras vidas en Cristo sobre un candelabro para dar luz a todos en la oscuridad (ver Lc 8:16). Debemos dejar que nuestra "pequeña luz brille", y que el mundo conozca el verdadero mensaje de Navidad — que Jesús se convirtió en un ser humano, nació, murió en una cruz y resucitó de entre los muertos para salvarnos. Antes de levantarnos, debemos ver dos cosas. Primero, ver lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros, Su gloria brillando sobre nosotros (Is 60, 2). Luego, tenemos que ver lo que el pecado y Satanás han hecho al mundo, "porque las tinieblas cubren la tierra y una densa oscuridad, a las naciones" (Is 60: 2). Cuando vemos la gracia que hemos recibido y la oscuridad mortal del mundo, sabemos que tenemos la responsabilidad y el poder para levantarnos. "Porque el mismo Dios que dijo: «Brille la luz en medio de las tinieblas», es el que hizo brillar su luz en nuestros corazones para que resplandezca el conocimiento de la gloria de Dios, reflejada en el rostro de Cristo" (2 Co 4:6). Para ascender, tenemos que ver. Para ver, debemos arrepentirnos. En este día gran día de la temporada de Navidad, vamos a darle a Jesús tres regalos — no oro, incienso y mirra, pero arrepentimiento, visión y ascensión. Jesús nos dio el don de su nacimiento. Podemos darle el don del nuevo nacimiento para muchos en la oscuridad.  
**Oración:** Padre, que pueda llevar más gente a creer en Jesús en el año 2016 que en todos mis años juntos.  
**Promesa:** "Postrándose, le rindieron homenaje. Luego, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron dones, oro, incienso y mirra" (Mt 2:11).  
**Alabanza:** ¡Alabado sea el Jesús resucitado, la Vida (Jn 14:6), Amor (1 Jn 4:16), Luz (Jn 8:12), y el Señor (Fil 2:11)!  
<https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=es&d=1/3/2016>

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