

May 20, 2018**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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 — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or Galatians 5:16-25.

Gospel — As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**Saturday May 19**

5:30 pm	Charles Maddox (dec) by the Maddox Boyle families
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Sunday May 20

8:00 am	St. Theresa parishioners
10:00 am	Ramona Dominguez (dec) by the Winslow family
12:00 pm	Rowdy Yates (dec) by the Knights of Columbus
7:00 pm	

Monday May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

8:00 am	The Ehrler family
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Tuesday May 22 St. Rita of Cascia

8:00 am	Bill Roach (special intention) by his family
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Wednesday May 23

8:00 am	Gerald Hurley & Kathleen Carlson (dec)
12:00 pm	Ma. Elena Alvarado (dec) by Nida & Gabriel Alvarado

Thursday May 24

8:00 am	Bernice Attinger (dec) by Ken & Irene Lohmeier
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Friday May 25 St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

8:00 am	Manny Rodriguez (special intention) by a friend
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12:00 pm	Nicholas & Isabel Wojciak, 50th anniversary
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Saturday May 26 St. Philip Neri

5:30 pm	Numer Cabanero (dec) by wife, Nora
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June 17th at the 12noon Mass
Save the date CELEBRATION OF FATHER GRACE'S 70IETH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

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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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, May 21	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth meal
Tuesday, May 22	8am Mass; 9am Study Program
Wednesday, May 23	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 2pm Funeral for Ellen Cullen
Thursday, May 24	8am Mass; 7pm Bible Study in Spanish
Friday, May 25	8am &12noon Masses
Saturday, May 26	8am-12noon Clean-up Day; 10am-2pm; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass; 6:30pm Wedding anniversary
Sunday, May 27	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish)

STEWARSHIP IN OUR PARISH

05/13	Regular Collection	4168.39
	Catholic Communication Campaign	1152.06

Second collection THIS weekend: NO SECOND COLLECTION

Second collection May 26/27: Building Maintenance



COME, HOLY SPIRIT

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 | Romie Enriquez | Gene Estepa | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | Tony Russo

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.

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

Why do we need all the movement during liturgy? And I don't mean the procession. What I am talk-ing about is the sitting, standing, kneeling . . . Wouldn't it be easier to just sit? All the movement is distracting.

Gentle Reader,

Your question brings us to the issue of bodily presence in the celebration of the liturgy. Our culture is somewhat schizophrenic when it comes to the body. We suffer from an obsession with the body while exhibiting a Victorian fear of the body. This, of course, impacts the way we see liturgy in relationship to our bodies.

When words fail us, our bodies take over as tears run down our cheeks or smiles brighten our faces. Though we fancy living above our eye-brows, we are essentially bodily creatures. This is why kneeling and standing, blessing oneself with holy water, bowing and genuflecting are part of the Roman Rite.

In addition, our bodies are both good learners and good teachers. Often one cannot help but wonder which came first, our faith in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament or our custom to make a sign of reverence when we enter a church. Do we believe because our bodies, through genuflecting and bowing, from childhood on, have taught us to believe? Or do we bow and genuflect because we were taught to believe? Probably a combination of both, yet, the power of the body as a learner and teacher should not be underestimated.

While certain words and gestures are reserved for the presider, at the same time he models for us how we are to be present at the Eucharist. When he stands, we stand; when he sits, we sit; when he bows, we bow. Other times during the liturgy we assume a posture different from that of the presider, which is befitting to our role in the assembly.

All these gestures weave a wonderful tapestry of bodily engagement of all of us in the celebration of the liturgy. After all, the liturgy is not merely an intellectual exercise celebrated above our eye-brows; rather the liturgy needs to be engaged in by the entire person, mind, body, and soul.

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530.544.4788 Find the **2018 SCHEDULE:**

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KNIGHT'S CORNER

Men of the Parish are you looking for something more in your life? We do men's Catholic Fellowship!

[COMING SOON: St. Theresa commemorative](#)

keepsakes available for sale for a small donation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER GRACE - JUNE 13TH IS HIS 70TH ANNIVERSARY SERVING THE CHURCH. FR. GRACE IS THE ST. THERESA KNIGHTS' CHARTER CHAPLAIN AND STILL SERVES THE KNIGHTS TODAY. THANK YOU FATHER GRACE!!

[MONTHLY MEETING](#)—June 13th with Dinner @6pm

[PANCAKE BREAKFAST](#)—June 3rd after the 8 & 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

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY | JUNE 2/3 |

INVITATION: COME PREPARED TO SPEND 15

MINUTES OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AFTER THE 8AM, 10AM, 12NOON & 7PM MASSES ON JUNE 3.

Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday.

The Mass and the Office for the feast was edited or composed by St. Thomas Aquinas upon the request of Pope Urban IV in the year 1264. It is unquestionably a classic piece of liturgical work, wholly in accord with the best liturgical traditions. . . It is a perfect work of art.

Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch.

THE CUP OF LIFE | henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-cup-of-life/

When the mother of James and John asks Jesus to give her sons a special place in his Kingdom, Jesus responds, "Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?" (Matthew 20:22). "Can we drink the cup?" is the most challenging and radical question we can ask ourselves. The cup is the cup of life, full of sorrows and joys. Can we hold our cups and claim them as our own? Can we lift our cups to offer blessings to others, and can we drink our cups to the bottom as cups that bring us salvation? Keeping this question alive in us is one of the most demanding spiritual exercises we can practice.

HOLDING THE CUP | henrinouwen.org/meditation/holding-the-cup/

We all must hold the cups of our lives. As we grow older and become more fully aware of the many sorrows of life – personal failures, family conflicts, disappointments in work and social life, and the many pains surrounding us on the national and international scene – everything within and around us conspires to make us ignore, avoid, suppress, or simply deny these sorrows. "Look at the sunny side of life and make the best of it," we say to ourselves and hear others say to us. But when we want to drink the cups of our lives, we need first to hold them, to fully acknowledge what we are living, trusting that by not avoiding but befriending our sorrows we will discover the true joy we are looking for right in the midst of our sorrows.

REFLECTIONS

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

MAY 2018 | Evangelization:

The Mission of the Laity That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

<https://www.popesprayer.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/English-2018-def-temi-3.pdf>

"ONE SPIRIT" (EPH 4:4)" | "No sooner had He said this than He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight." —Acts 1:9

Happy Pentecost! Happy birthday of the Church! Come, Holy Spirit! On this "last and greatest day of the festival," Jesus continues to cry out: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me; let him drink who believes in Me. Scripture has it: 'From within Him rivers of living water shall flow.' (Here He was referring to the Spirit)" (Jn 7:37-39).

The Holy Spirit will come to us and through us renew the face of the earth (Ps 104:30). The Spirit will make us witnesses for the risen Christ (see Acts 2:32). He will give us the words to say (Mt 10:19-20), and people of all nations will believe that Jesus is Lord (see 1 Cor 12:3). Through faith, they will accept the Lord's gift of salvation, and the world will be renewed.

The renewal of the earth, the acceptance of salvation, and our witnessing for Jesus depend to a large extent on Christians being united. Jesus is praying even now that we would be one as He and the Father are one so that the world will believe the Father sent Him (Jn 17:21). Our unity is the basis for faith, which is the basis for salvation (Eph 2:8), which is the basis for renewal. The Spirit will never renew the world unless He unites us.

Therefore, "it was in one Spirit that all of us...were baptized into one body" (1 Cor 12:13). "Make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin" (Eph 4:3). May peoples of all nations, denominations, and divisions repent, forgive and understand each other, and be one in the Spirit. Then all will be saved (1 Tm 2:4), and the world renewed. Come, Holy Spirit of unity!

Prayer: Father, in Jesus' name, stir into flame the gift of the Spirit (2 Tm 1:6-7). Renew my Baptism and Confirmation.

Promise: "All were filled with the Holy Spirit." —Acts 2:4

Praise: Praise Jesus, Who died, rose, and ascended so that we could be filled with the Holy Spirit! Alleluia!

www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=5/20/2018

"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.

1. "REJOICE AND BE GLAD" (Mt 5:12), Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. The call to holiness is present in various ways from the very first pages of the Bible. We see it expressed in the Lord's words to Abraham: "Walk before me, and be blameless" (Gen 17:1).
2. What follows is not meant to be a treatise on holiness, containing definitions and distinctions helpful for understanding this important subject, or a discussion of the various means of sanctification. My modest goal is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. For the Lord has chosen each one of us "to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Eph 1:4).

CHAPTER ONE | THE CALL TO HOLINESS | THE SAINTS WHO ENCOURAGE AND ACCOMPANY US

3. The Letter to the Hebrews presents a number of testimonies that encourage us to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (12:1). It speaks of Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Gideon and others (cf. 11:1-12:3). Above all, it invites us to realize that "a great cloud of witnesses" (12:1) impels us to advance constantly towards the goal. These witnesses may include our own mothers, grandmothers or other loved ones (cf. 2 Tim 1:5). Their lives may not always have been perfect, yet even amid their faults and failings they kept moving forward and proved pleasing to the Lord.

4. The saints now in God's presence preserve their bonds of love and communion with us. The Book of Revelation attests to this when it speaks of the intercession of the martyrs: "I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne; they cried out with a loud voice, 'O sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long will it be before you judge?'" (6:9-10). Each of us can say: "Surrounded, led and guided by the friends of God... I do not have to carry alone what, in truth, I could never carry alone. All the saints of God are there to protect me, to sustain me and to carry me".[1]

5. The processes of beatification and canonization recognize the signs of heroic virtue, the sacrifice of one's life in martyrdom, and certain cases where a life is constantly offered for others, even until death. This shows an exemplary imitation of Christ, one worthy of the admiration of the faithful.[2] We can think, for example, of Blessed Maria Gabriella Sagheddu, who offered her life for the unity of Christians.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 26 8am to 12noon. We will be cleaning the inside and the outside of the church. We need your help! Fr. Mauricio

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY | MAY 26/27

CCC No. 237. "The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the 'mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God'. [Dei Filius 4: DS 3015.] To be sure, God has left traces of his Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit."

SHREDDING FUNDRAISER | May 26 | 10am-2pm | Saint Theresa's parking lot

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JUNE

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

Q. In Christian initiation, what is the Rite of Election, and what happens during this liturgy?

A. Catechumens move to the next stage of their formation by taking part in the Rite of Election and the Enrollment of Names. Having spent a generous period of time in formation and instruction in the Catechumenate, catechumens, with the help of pastor, catechists, and sponsor, have discerned that they are ready for sacraments of initiation at the forthcoming Easter Vigil. At the Rite of Election they will be pronounced "the elect" and then will move into the last period of preparation.

Up to this point catechumens have been nurtured in their own parish. Now they will be introduced to the larger Church at the diocesan cathedral. Their parish may celebrate a Rite of Sending in which the catechumens are presented to the assembly to be blessed for the next step. The celebrant asks the godparents if the catechumens are ready to be presented to the bishop. Hearing that they are, the celebrant says that the community gladly recommends them to the bishop for the Rite of Election. They may sign their names in the parish's Book of the Elect, which will be taken to the cathedral and presented at the Rite of Election. Or the signing takes place as part of the Rite of Election.

In the first part of the initiation process the companion to each catechumen has been the sponsor. From now on that person will be the godparent—one with whom the person seeking initiation will have a lifelong relationship. Often the catechumen asks the sponsor to continue in the role of the godparent.

Catechumens and their godparents and catechists travel to the diocesan cathedral for the Rite of Election. The rite itself takes place after the homily, in which the bishop helps the catechumens understand what the rite means for them, and to reflect on Christ's ongoing call to each of them. They are then presented to the bishop, coming forward with their godparents as their names are called. This experience of the larger Church along with the personal greeting from the bishop can be a thrilling experience for catechumens. Next the bishop asks the godparents if their catechumen is ready to prepare for Christian initiation.

He may ask specifically if they have "faithfully listened to God's word proclaimed by the Church," "responded to that word and begun to walk in God's presence," and "shared the company of their Christian brothers and sisters and joined with them in prayer" (RCIA, 131B). He may also ask the assembly for their testimony. Finally the catechumens are asked if they desire to enter the Church's life more fully.

After these questions and responses the catechumens are invited to enroll their names in the Book of the Elect. If names were inscribed earlier, the parish Book of the Elect may be presented at this time and the names read aloud. (The image of a book filled with the names of those who have been chosen is found throughout the Scriptures.)

After the enrollment the bishop declares the catechumens to be "members of the elect, to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the next Easter Vigil" (RCIA, 133). The newly elected respond, "Thanks be to God."

The Church then prays for them and promises to walk with them as they continue their preparations for Easter. The Rite of Election is a decisive step for people preparing for initiation since it confirms their call to Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist on behalf of the wider Church.

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20 DE MAYO DE 2018 | DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉS

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.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Espíritu Santo desciende sobre los apóstoles (Hechos 2:1-11).

Salmo — Envía tu espíritu, Señor, y renueva la faz de la tierra (Salmo 104 [103]).

Segunda lectura — Hemos sido bautizados en el mismo Espíritu para formar un solo cuerpo (1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13) o Gálatas 5:16-25.

Evangelio — Jesús se hizo presente a los discípulos y les trajo su paz. Les envío en su misión con poder para perdonar o atar los pecados por el Espíritu Santo (Juan 20:19-23) o Juan 15:26-27; 16:12-15.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Sant 3:13-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 9:14-29

Martes: Sant 4:1-10; Sal 55 (54):7-11a, 23; Mc 9:30-37

Miércoles: Sant 4:13-17; Sal 49 (48):2-3, 6-11; Mc 9:38-40

Jueves: Sant 5:1-6; Sal 49 (48):14-20; Mc 9:41-50

Viernes: Sant 5:9-12; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mc 10:1-12

Sábado: Sant 5:13-20; Sal 141 (140):1-3, 8; Mc 10:13-16

Domingo: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Sal 33 (32):4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20



VEN, ESPÍRITU SANTO

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Cincuenta días después del Domingo de Pascua, celebramos el cumplimiento de todas las promesas de Dios en el Domingo de Pentecostés, una celebración a la que muchas veces se ha llamado el cumpleaños de la Iglesia. Se nos recuerda otra vez más que los cristianos hemos recibido el Espíritu Santo, no para beneficio personal sino para permitirnos seguir nuestra vocación cristiana.

El eje de las lecturas para Pentecostés es el relato en los Hechos de los Apóstoles, cuando el Espíritu Santo es enviado a los discípulos. Las demás lecturas para este domingo nos ayudan a comprender qué significa vivir nuestra vocación cristiana. La carta del apóstol san Pablo nos muestra los dones y frutos que el Espíritu Santo nos concede. El Evangelio según san Juan nos recuerda que Jesús ha enviado a todos sus discípulos para que compartan su perdón y paz, por el poder del Espíritu Santo.

INTENCIÓNES PARA LAS MISAS

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20 de mayo | domingo |

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8:00 am Bill Roach (special intention) by his family

22 de mayo | martes | Santa Rita de Casia

8:00 am

23 de mayo | miércoles |

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

12:00 pm Ma. Elena Alvarado (dec) by Nida & Gabriel Alvarado

24 de mayo | jueves |

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25 de mayo | viernes | San Beda el Venerable; San

Gregorio VII; Santa María Magdalena de Pazzi

8:00 am Manny Rodriguez (special intention) by a friend

12:00 pm Nicholas & Isabel Wojciak, 50th anniversary

26 de mayo | sábado | San Felipe Neri

5:30 pm Numer Cabanero (dec) by wife, Nora

LIMPIEZA DE LA IGLESIA

La limpieza dentro y fuera de la iglesia está programada para el sábado 26 de mayo de 8am a 12 medio-día. ¡Dona un poco de tu tiempo y trabajo! Padre Mauricio

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

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LISTA DE LOS ENFERMOS

Si desea conservar su ser querido en la lista, por favor, envíe un correo electrónico con el nombre de su ser querido, junto con su nombre y número de teléfono a tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com

TRITURACIÓN DE DOCUMENTOS PARA RECAUDAR FONDOS

¡Marque sus calendarios! Traiga todos sus documentos y papeles viejos para ser triturados el 26 de mayo, 10am-2pm, en el estacionamiento de Santa Teresa. Donación sugerida: \$5 a \$ 10 por caja. Para más información, comuníquese con Danette Winslow (530) 544-4788 o sttheresare@gmail.com

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

	Colecta Regular	4168.39
05/13	COLECTA DE LA “CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA DE LA COMUNICACIÓN	1152.06
	Segunda colecta— 19/20 de mayo: <i>no colecta</i>	
	Segunda colecta— 26/27 de mayo: <i>Mantenimiento</i>	

DISCÍPULOS HACIENDO DISCÍPULOS

Pregunta: ¿Qué es la etapa de purificación e iluminación, y qué sucede en esta tercera etapa del proceso de la iniciación cristiana?

Respuesta: La temporada Cuaresma va estrechamente ligada a la preparación de nuevos cristianos para el bautismo. Coincide con la etapa de Purificación e Iluminación después de que los catecúmenos han sido escogidos para el bautismo por el obispo y se convierten en "elegidos". Así como la Cuaresma es una especie de retiro espiritual anual para toda la Iglesia, esta etapa de iniciación está destinada a ser un tiempo de intensa oración y reflexión para los elegidos que se preparan para su iniciación en la Pascua.

Para ayudar a los elegidos en esta preparación, la Iglesia celebra los escrutinios con ellos en el tercero, cuarto y quinto domingo de Cuaresma. Estos ritos del antiguo proceso de iniciación, buscan liberar a los elegidos del poder del pecado, ayudarlos a resistir la tentación y a pedir para ellos la fortaleza de Cristo (RICA, 141).

Cuando se celebran estos ritos, las lecturas del Ciclo A siempre son proclamadas. Los evangelios de estos domingos son la mujer samaritana junto al pozo (Juan 4:5-45), el ciego de nacimiento (Juan 9:1-41) y la resurrección de Lázaro (Juan 11:1-45). Son relatos sobre personajes a quienes un encuentro con Jesús les cambió radicalmente la vida. La mujer escucha a Jesús, le cree e invita a sus vecinos a creer. El ciego es sanado "para que en él se manifestaran las obras de Dios" y se convierte en un testimonio del poder sanador de Jesús. Lázaro es resucitado de entre los muertos a una nueva vida, por Jesús. Al igual que las figuras de los relatos evangélicos, los elegidos están llamados a oír la palabra, responder a ella, ser sanados, y ser levantados a una vida nueva.

En cada semana de los escrutinios, se les pide a los elegidos que escudriñen su interior y se arrepientan para ser sanados y fortalecidos. A los fieles reunidos se les pide orar por los elegidos y también a sacar fuerza del rito para sí mismos. Cada escrutinio termina con un exorcismo, una oración que pide que los elegidos sean liberados del mal y llevados a la salvación.

Durante la tercera semana de Cuaresma, el Credo es presentado a los elegidos, y la Oración del Señor es presentada durante la quinta semana. Se les pide que memoricen estas oraciones porque son la creencia más central de la Iglesia, sus oraciones máspreciadas, las cuales recitarán públicamente cuando sean bautizados. Cuando los que se preparan para el bautismo son despedidos de la misa dominical, no participan en tres acciones centrales de la fe cristiana: la Profesión de Fe, las intercesiones por el mundo en la Oración Universal y el banquete de la Eucaristía. La entrega del Credo y la Oración del Señor preparan a los elegidos para comenzar a participar en estos deberes de todos los fieles.

Finalmente, en el Sábado Santo, día previo al bautismo, a la confirmación y la primera Eucaristía, se pide a los elegidos que pasen el día en oración y reflexión, observando el ayuno pascual. Pueden reunirse en el templo por la mañana para los ritos opcionales de preparación:

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"UN SOLO ESPÍRITU" (EF 4:4)

"Recíban al Espíritu Santo" (Juan 20:22).

¡Feliz Pentecostés! ¡Feliz cumpleaños de la Iglesia! ¡Ven, Espíritu Santo! En este "último y más grande día de la celebración", Jesús continúa clamando: "El que tenga sed, venga a Mí; y beba el que cree en Mí. Como dice la Escritura: "De su seno brotarán manantiales de agua viva". Él se refería al Espíritu" (Jn 7:37-39).

El Espíritu Santo vendrá a nosotros y por nosotros renovará la faz de la tierra (Sal 104:30). El Espíritu nos hará testigos de Cristo resucitado (ver Hch 2:32). Él nos dará las palabras que debemos decir (Mt 10:19-20), y personas de todas las naciones creerán que Jesús es el Señor (ver 1 Co 12:3). Por medio de la fe, aceptarán el don del Señor de la salvación y el mundo será renovado.

La renovación de la tierra, la aceptación de la salvación y nuestro testimonio de Jesús dependen en gran medida de que los cristianos estemos unidos. Jesús está orando incluso ahora para que seamos uno como Él y el Padre son uno para que el mundo crea que el Padre lo envió (Jn 17:21). Nuestra unidad es la base de la fe, que es la base de la salvación (Ef 2:8), que es la base para la renovación. El Espíritu nunca renovará el mundo a menos que Él nos una.

Por lo tanto, "Todos hemos sido bautizados en un solo Espíritu para formar un solo cuerpo" (1 Co 12:13). "Traten de conservar la unidad del Espíritu mediante el vínculo de la paz" (Ef 4:3). Que los pueblos de todas las naciones, denominaciones y divisiones se arrepientan, se perdonen y se entiendan y sean uno en el Espíritu. Entonces todos serán salvos (1 Tim 2:4) y el mundo renovado. ¡Ven, Espíritu Santo de la unidad!

Oración: Padre, en el nombre de Jesús, enciende en llamas el don del Espíritu (2 Tm 1:6-7). Renueva mi Bautismo y Confirmación.

Promesa: "Todos quedaron llenos del Espíritu Santo" (Hch 2:4).

Alabanza: ¡Alabado sea Jesús, que murió, resucitó y ascendió para que pudiéramos quedar llenos del Espíritu Santo! ¡Aleluya! .

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>>>>>>> la presentación o entrega de la Oración del Señor, de haber sido aplazada, la recitación del Credo, dado anteriormente, y el rito de effetá, que pide que los oídos y la boca de los elegidos, por el bautismo, puedan "ser abiertos" (lo que significa "effetá") para escuchar la palabra de Dios y proclamarla. También pueden elegir un nuevo nombre para su bautismo en este momento. Después de estos ritos, se bendice y despide a los elegidos hasta que comience la gran Vigilia Pascual por la noche.

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