

May 27, 2018**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

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 — Ask now of the days of old: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — You received a Spirit of adoption through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:14-17).

Gospel — I am with you always, until the end of the age (Matthew 28:16-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39 -56

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday May 26 St. Philip Neri

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

Sunday May 27

8:00 am Bart Sullivan (dec) by St. Theresa parish staff

10:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

12:00 pm Dominador Tumbaga (dec) by his family

7:00 pm

Monday May 28

8:00 am Rudy Pakes (dec) by Ken & Irene Lohmeier

Tuesday May 29

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

Wednesday May 30

8:00 am Jennifer Gaston (bdy) by parish staff

12:00 pm

Thursday May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Antone & Margaret Salel (dec)

Friday June 1 St. Justin

8:00 am Elizabeth Ryan (dec) by Ken & Irene Lohmeier

12:00 pm Lalson Roshni & family (thanksgiving) by Lalu & Laly

Saturday June 2 Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 pm Carol Damazio (dec) by Mom

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

Monday, May 28

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

Tuesday, May 29

8am Mass; 9am Study Program

Wednesday, May 30

8am Mass; 12noon Mass

Thursday, May 31

8am Mass

Friday, June 1

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

Saturday, June 2

4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, June 3

8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish); pancake breakfast after the 8am & 10am Masses

STEWARSHIP IN OUR PARISH

05/20

Regular Collection

5023.53

05/12

Confirmation

742.40

5/19

First Communion

690.50

Second collection THIS weekend: Building Maintenance

Second collection June 2/3: New Boiler in the Rectory

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.



KNIGHT'S CORNER

"Controlling your Stress" - "When life gets stressful, never forget the things you should remember, and remember the things you should forget. Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards." *Kemmy Nola

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.

A "Philippine delight" Dinner by Romey, thank you Ester), and always a lively meeting following dinner.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI 2018

Ernesto Aguilar Lopez

Abel Arce Garcia

Ella Bickert

Jesus Chavarin

Jannett Corona

Andrea Cortez

Anna Ferguson

Miguel Galicia Sanchez

Ayu Gaiser

Alonso Grajeda

Cristal Gomez-Ceja

Jasmine Gonzales

Alize Hernandez

Daniel Hernandez

Mariana Huerta

Matthew Kallas

Grecia Lizaola

Cassandra Llamas Toro

Diego Lopez

Juan Martinez

Isael Martinez-Ramos

Ashley Medina Cruz

Luna Melgarejo

Cesar Mendoza-Navarrete

MacKenzie Nealis

Dylan Palemon

Jennifer Octavo

Giovanni Palomera

Lizette Pantoja Solarsano

Alejandro Ramirez

Osmar Regalado

Cynthia Rico

Jorge Rizo

Alexis Rosas

Quetzy Ruiz Rico

Krishell Sanchez

Zamany Sequin-Loyola

Erika Strain

Jesus Torres

Luis Tovar

Luis Ubaldo Camberos

Pedro Vargas

Angel Velasquez Ramos

Martin Villalpando

Sofia Wagner

Molly Winslow

Alexander Zarate

Stephanie Zepeda

Marco Huerta

Elsa Evangelista

Edgar Lopez



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office

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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.

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

Why is it that people sign themselves with the sign of the cross on their foreheads, lips, and hearts before the reading of the gospel?

Gentle Reader,

Christians love to sign themselves and others with the sign of the cross. I remember asking my parents for a blessing every night before going to bed and they would sign my forehead with the sign of the cross. I sort of did it out of habit and yet deep down I realized it was important because I would not have dreamt of omitting this from our evening ritual, except maybe in a fit of rebellion during my teens. I will never forget asking my dad for his blessing during his last visit. It was his last blessing I ever received. This custom of signing ourselves and others with the cross goes back to the early centuries of Christianity. Tertullian (ca. 160-ca. 220), for example, made reference to Christians wearing out their foreheads with the sign of the cross.

Every time we sign ourselves with the sign of the cross we place ourselves under the protection of the cross and we commit ourselves to Christ into whom we have been baptized.

Specific to your question, there is evidence that people signed themselves on the forehead and breast at the time of the gospel as early as the ninth century. By the eleventh century the signing at the time of the gospel also included the mouth.

Today's rubrics (prescriptions) for the celebration of the Eucharist as they are contained in the Roman Missal indicate that the person proclaiming the gospel is to say, "A reading from the holy Gospel according to..." Following that, he is to make the sign of the cross on the book, and then on his forehead, lips, and breast, "which everyone else does as well." The meaning of this gesture may be summarized as follows: May the word of the Lord guide our thoughts, our speech, and all our actions.

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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>

A THREE-DIMENSIONAL LIFE | "Make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them in the name 'of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.' " —Matthew 28:19

As Christians, we not only believe in Three Persons in one God, but are baptized into, immersed into these Three Persons (Mt 28:19). When we wake up in the morning, the first word on our lips is in praise of the name of Jesus. Because Jesus is the only Way to the Father (Jn 14:6), we soon are thanking the Father for giving us another day, providing breakfast for us, and creating us. Because the Father and Jesus give the Holy Spirit (Jn 15:26), before long the Spirit cries out in our hearts "Abba," that is, "Father," (Rm 8:15) and "Jesus is Lord" (1 Cor 12:3). We pray to the Father through the Son and in the Spirit. We worship the Father and the Son in Spirit and truth (Jn 4:24). As Christians, we live each day in a crossfire of Trinitarian love.

The Father speaks the eternal Word, Who is Jesus (Jn 1:1, 14), Whose words are Spirit and life (Jn 6:63). And we welcome this Word in our hearts (Jas 1:21). The Father speaks the Truth; Jesus is the Truth (Jn 14:6); "the Spirit is Truth" (1 Jn 5:6). And we live and speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15). God is Love (1 Jn 4:16). The Father and the Son eternally love Each Other, and the eternal Fruit of this love is the Spirit. We live in this love (Jn 15:10). We live in the Trinity and the Trinity in us (see Jn 6:56; 14:17; 14:23). To us Christians, life means the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (see Phil 1:21).

Prayer: *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I give my life to You. I live for, in, through, and with You alone.*

Promise: *"Know that I am with you always, until the end of the world!" —Mt 28:20*

Praise: *Praise the Triune God — the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit caught in an eternal triangle of love!*

<http://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=5/27/2018>

"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.

6. Nor need we think only of those already beatified and canonized. The Holy Spirit bestows holiness in abundance among God's holy and faithful people, for "it has pleased God to make men and women holy and to save them, not as individuals without any bond between them, but rather as a people who might acknowledge him in truth and serve him in holiness".[3] In salvation history, the Lord saved one people. We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual. Rather, God draws us to himself, taking into account the complex fabric of interpersonal relationships present in a human community. God wanted to enter into the life and history of a people.

7. I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence. We might call them "the middle class of holiness".[4]

8. Let us be spurred on by the signs of holiness that the Lord shows us through the humblest members of that people which "shares also in Christ's prophetic office, spreading abroad a living witness to him, especially by means of a life of faith and charity".[5] We should consider the fact that, as Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross suggests, real history is made by so many of them. As she writes: "The greatest figures of prophecy and sanctity step forth out of the darkest night. But for the most part, the formative stream of the mystical life remains invisible. Certainly the most decisive turning points in world history are substantially co-determined by souls whom no history book ever mentions. And we will only find out about those souls to whom we owe the decisive turning points in our personal lives on the day when all that is hidden is revealed".[6]

9. **Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church.** But even outside the Catholic Church and in very different contexts, the Holy Spirit raises up "signs of his presence which help Christ's followers".[7] Saint John Paul II reminded us that "the witness to Christ borne even to the shedding of blood has become a common inheritance of Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants".[8] In the moving ecumenical commemoration held in the Colosseum during the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, he stated that the martyrs are "a heritage which speaks more powerfully than all the causes of division".[9]

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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

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."

JUNE

EUCARISTIC ADORATION | Friday, June 1 from 12:30pm to 6:00pm.

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." (CCC, 1380)

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY | June 2/3 | — *Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch.*

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.

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Q. *What is the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, and what happens during this third stage of the Christian initiation process?*

A. *The season of Lent is closely tied to the preparation of new Christians for Baptism. It coincides with the Period of Purification and Enlightenment that follows after catechumens are chosen for Baptism by the bishop and become "the elect." Just as Lent is a kind of annual spiritual retreat for the whole Church, this period of initiation is intended to be a time of intense prayer and reflection for the elect as they prepare for their initiation at Easter.*

To help the elect in this preparation, the Church celebrates the scrutinies with them on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. The rites are an ancient part of the initiation process intended to liberate the elect from the power of sin, to help them resist temptation, and to give them the strength of Christ (RCIA, 141).

When these rites are celebrated, the readings from Cycle A are always proclaimed. The Gospels for these Sundays, the Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4:5–45), the Man Born Blind (John 9:1–41), and the Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1–45) each tell the story of someone whose life was radically changed by an encounter with Jesus. The woman hears Jesus' proclamation, believes it, and brings her neighbors to faith. The blind man is healed to reveal God's works in the world and becomes a witness to Jesus' healing power. Lazarus is raised from the dead to a new life by Jesus. Like the figures in the Gospel accounts, the elect are called to hear the Word, respond to it, be healed, and be raised to new life. Each week of the scrutinies, the elect are asked to search themselves and to repent so that they can be healed and strengthened. The assembled faithful are encouraged to pray for the elect and also draw strength from the rite for themselves. Each scrutiny ends with an exorcism, a prayer in which the Church asks that the elect be freed from evil and brought to salvation.

During the Third Week of Lent, the elect may be presented with the Creed, and during the Fifth Week, with the Lord's Prayer. They are asked to memorize them—the Church's most central belief and its most treasured prayer—since they will recite them publically when they are baptized. When those preparing for baptism are dismissed from the Sunday Mass, they do not take part in three central actions of the Christian faith: professing the Creed, interceding for the world in the Universal Prayer, and celebrating the Eucharist. The gift of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer prepares the elect to begin to take part in these duties of all the Christian faithful.

Finally, on Holy Saturday, the day leading up to their Baptism, Confirmation, and first Eucharist, the elect are asked to spend the day in prayer and reflection, observing the Paschal fast. They may gather at the church in the morning for the optional preparation rites: the presentation of the Lord's Prayer if it has been deferred, the recitation of the Creed, given earlier in Lent, and the ephphatha rite, in which the celebrant prays over their ears and mouth, so that in Baptism they might "be opened" (the meaning of ephphatha) to hear God's Word and to proclaim it. They may also choose a new name for their Baptism at this time. After these rites, the elect are blessed and dismissed until the great Vigil of Easter begins in the night.

27 DE MAYO DE 2018 | LA SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD

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. Que 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 Señor es Dios en los cielos y en la tierra, y no hay otro (Deuteronomio 4:32-34, 39-40).

Salmo — Dichoso el pueblo que el Señor se escogió como heredad (Salmo 33 [32]).

Segunda lectura — Somos hijos de Dios, herederos también; herederos de Dios herederos de Cristo si sufrimos con él (Romanos 8:14-17).

Evangelio — Jesús les dice a sus discípulos que vayan y hagan discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándolos y enseñándolos (Mateo 28:16-20).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Pe 1:3-9; Sal 111 (110):1-2, 5-6, 9-10c; Mc 10:17-27

Martes: 1 Pe 1:10-16; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Mc 10:28-31

Miércoles: 1 Pe 1:18-25; Sal 147 (146):12-15, 19-20; Mc 10:32-45

Jueves: Sof 3:14-18a o Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lc 1:39-56

Viernes: 1 Pe 4:7-13; Sal 96 (95):10-13; Mc 11:11-26

Sábado: Jds 17, 20b-25; Sal 63 (62):2-6; Mc 11:27-33

Domingo: Ex 24:3-8; Sal 116 (115):12-13, 15-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mc 14:12-16, 22-26

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Hoy es un día para reflexionar sobre el hecho de que en el Bautismo, Dios Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo nos hizo hijos suyos. La primera lectura del Deuteronomio nos insta a anclar en nuestro corazón la verdad de que Dios es el Señor del cielo y de la tierra y que no hay otro dios. San Pablo nos recuerda que, al haber recibido el Espíritu de adopción en el Bautismo, ahora somos hijos de Dios. En el Evangelio Jesús nos encomienda la responsabilidad de encontrar más discípulos. Estas realidades hacen de la solemnidad de hoy un día de alabanza, adoración y responsabilidad. Es un día apropiado para agradecerle a Dios el generoso regalo de la fe que recibimos en el Bautismo. También es un día para pedirle a Dios fortaleza para asumir la responsabilidad de compartir esa fe con los demás.

INTENCIÓNES PARA LAS MISAS

26 de mayo | sábado | San Felipe Neri

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

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29 de mayo | martes |

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12:00 pm

31 de mayo | jueves | La visitación de la Santísima Virgen María

8:00 am Antone & Margaret Salel (dec)

1 de junio | viernes | San Justino

8:00 am Elizabeth Ryan (dec) by Ken & Irene Lohmeier

12:00 pm Lalson Roshni & family (thanksgiving) by Lalu & Laly

2 de junio | sábado | Santos Pedro y Marcelino; Santa María Virgen

5:30 pm Carol Damazio (dec) by Mom

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Viernes 1 de junio de 12:30pm a 6:00pm

"La Iglesia y el mundo tienen una gran necesidad del culto eucarístico. Jesús nos espera en este sacramento del amor. No nos negamos el tiempo para ir a encontrarlo en la adoración, en la contemplación llena de fe y abierta a reparar las faltas graves y delitos del mundo. No cese nunca nuestra adoración". (CIC 1380)

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

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

RIQUEZA | San Luis Gonzaga

¿De qué sirve la riqueza en la eternidad?

SE ENTREVÉ A TRAVÉS DEL VELO | Ralph Waldo Emerson

La naturaleza es un velo demasiado delgado; la gloria del Dios omnipresente se entrevé por todas partes.

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

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Segunda colecta— 26/27 de mayo: **Mantenimiento**

Segunda colecta— 2/2 de junio: **New Boiler in the Rectory**

DISCÍPULOS HACIENDO DISCÍPULOS

Pregunta: ¿Cómo se hace la iniciación en la Vigilia Pascual?
Respuesta: Para los que fueron bautizados siendo infantes, el sacramento del bautismo puede parecer lejano y abstracto. Cuando llegamos a la Vigilia Pascual y presenciamos la plena iniciación cristiana a través del bautismo, la confirmación y la Eucaristía, no solo apoyamos a los que están siendo iniciados, sino que nos sentimos más profundamente atraídos a nuestros propios sacramentos de iniciación.

La Vigilia Pascual es la celebración más esencial del año; significa una profunda inmersión en el gran misterio de la vida, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo Jesús. Nos reunimos en familia y recibimos a los nuevos cristianos. En la oscuridad de la noche del sábado santo, nos reunimos como una familia para esperar la resurrección, entrando en un tiempo sin tiempo. Al preparar el fuego y el cirio pascual, el celebrante ora:

"Cristo ayer y hoy,

Principio y fin,

Alfa y Omega.

Suyo es el tiempo y la eternidad.

A él sea la gloria y el poder

por los siglos de los siglos. Amén".

La Vigilia Pascual precede a cualquier otra liturgia del año. En ella se despliegan todos nuestros símbolos, los cuales expresan el significado de esta noche: luz, cruz, palabra, agua, aceite, pan y vino. Entramos en oscuridad, siguiendo la "Luz de Cristo", el Cirio Pascual, y encendemos nuestros propios cirios de ese Fuego. Escuchamos las grandes historias del amor de Dios y su búsqueda del ser humano, hasta culminar en la resurrección de Cristo; escuchamos la conexión inseparable entre la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo Jesús y nuestro propio bautismo en Cristo.

Enseguida, los elegidos van a la fuente del bautismo, cantando la letanía de los santos para recordarnos que la Comunión de los santos está aquí para presenciar estos bautismos e interceder por estas personas. El agua de la fuente es bendecida con una bella y amplia oración que recuerda todas las formas en que el agua nos ha traído la gracia de Dios a lo largo de la historia. Los elegidos renuncian al pecado y profesan su fe; y cada uno es bautizado (por inmersión o por infusión) conforme a las instrucciones de Jesús: Yo te bautizo "en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo". Los recién bautizados surgen cristianos, empapados de las aguas de la nueva vida. Ahora son "una nueva creación", y reciben una vestidura blanca que expresa esta novedad, y una vela encendida del Cirio Pascual, pues están "iluminados por Cristo". Luego son confirmados: el celebrante impone las manos sobre la cabeza, orando por los dones del Espíritu Santo, y ungiendo a cada uno con el aceite fragante llamado Crisma, para ser "sellados con el Don del Espíritu Santo".

Ahora toda la asamblea, renueva sus votos bautismales, renunciando al pecado y afirmando la fe de la Iglesia; todos somos rociados ahora con agua de la fuente, como renovación de nuestro propio bautismo. Finalmente los recién bautizados y confirmados se nos unen por primera vez

UNA VIDA TRIDIMENSIONAL

"Vayan, y hagan que todos los pueblos sean Mis discípulos, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo" (Mateo 28:19).

Como cristianos, no solo creemos en Tres Personas en un solo Dios, sino que somos bautizados e inmersos en estas Tres Personas (Mt 28:19). Cuando nos levantamos por la mañana, la primera palabra en nuestros labios es en alabanza del nombre de Jesús. Debido a que Jesús es el único Camino al Padre (Jn 14:6), pronto agradecemos al Padre por darnos otro día, proporcionándonos el desayuno y creándonos. Porque el Padre y Jesús dan el Espíritu Santo (Jn 15:26), en poco tiempo el Espíritu clama en nuestros corazones "Abba", es decir "Padre" (Rom 8:15) y "Jesús es Señor" (1 Co 12:3). Oramos al Padre por medio del Hijo y en el Espíritu. Adoramos al Padre y al Hijo en espíritu y en verdad (Jn 4:24). Como cristianos, vivimos cada día en el fuego cruzado del amor Trinitario. El Padre habla la Palabra eterna, que es Jesús (Jn 1:1, 14), cuyas palabras son Espíritu y Vida (Jn 6:63). Y recibimos con docilidad esta Palabra en nuestros corazones (Stg 1:21). El Padre habla la Verdad; Jesús es la Verdad (Jn 14:6); "El Espíritu es verdad" (1 Jn 5:6). Vivimos y hablamos la verdad en amor (Ef 4:15). Dios es Amor (1 Jn 4:16). El Padre y el Hijo se aman eternamente el Uno al Otro, y el fruto eterno de este amor es el Espíritu. Vivimos en este amor (Jn 15:10). Vivimos en la Trinidad y la Trinidad en nosotros (ver Jn 6:56; 14:17; 14:23). Para nosotros cristianos, la vida significa vida con el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo.

Oración: Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, Te doy mi vida. Vivo para, en, con y por Ti solamente.

Promesa: "Y yo estaré siempre con ustedes hasta el fin del mundo" (Mt 28:20)

Alabanza: ¡Alabado sea el Dios Trino - Padre, Hijo y Espíritu

Santo conformados en un eterno triángulo de amor!

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en la oración universal y la gran Plegaria Eucarística, y reciben el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, saboreando con nosotros el banquete eterno de la redención en Cristo.

La Iglesia nos llama júbilosamente a ¡ser testigos de todo esto en la Vigilia Pascual! Nuestra familia cristiana, nacida en las aguas del bautismo, tiene una identidad única: la pertenencia a Cristo. Alabamos al Dios que creó todas las cosas, y celebramos la resurrección de Jesús. Caminamos al lado de los recién iniciados en la fe, los fortalecemos y los acogemos en nombre del Señor. Ahora, juntos somos enviados a compartir la buena noticia de que Cristo ha resucitado, cantando, "¡Aleluya, Aleluya, Aleluya!".

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