


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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).
Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).
Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).
Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 29
5:30pm	St. Theresa parishioners
Sunday	March 1
8:00am	Abi Terry (dec) by the Camacho family
10:00am	Peter Strand (spec. int) by the Camacho family
12:00pm	Ramses Sa-Onoy (dec) by his family
7:00pm	
Monday	March 2
8:00am	Richard Gowing (dec) by the Gowing family
Tuesday	March 3 St. Katharine Drexel
8:00am	Patrick & Catherine Hurley (dec) by the Hurleys
Wednesday	March 4 St. Casimir
8:00am	All souls
12:00pm	
Thursday	March 5
8:00am	Rosalie Graz (dec) by Al & Diane Bisbee
Friday	March 6
8:00am	Fr. Keith Canterbury by Fr. Mauricio
Saturday	March 7 Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
5:30pm	Lois Pirrello (dec) by the Giomis



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

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 | William Foster | Jerry Kirvida | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Tony Russo | Barbara Talbott | 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, March 2	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal
Tuesday, March 3	8am Mass; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English
Wednesday, March 4	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 1:30pm Mass at the Skilled Nursing Facility
Thursday March 5	8am Mass; 7pm RCIA in Spanish
Friday, March 6	8am Mass; 3pm Food Pantry; 4pm Second Serving Meal; 8:30am to 3:30pm Eucharistic Adoration; 6pm Stations of the Cross; 6:40pm soup dinner; 7pm Stations of the Cross in Spanish
Saturday, March 7	4pm confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, March 8	8am, 10am, 12 noon & 7pm (in Spanish) Masses



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER
 Sunday, March 15 | 5-8pm | Grace Hall
 \$15 Adults | \$5 Kids 6—12 yrs old
 Free for kids 5 and under
 Tickets available at the church office and after weekend Masses

SIGN UP TODAY!

2020 LENTEN DAILY REFLECTIONS FROM BISHOP BARRON
 Spend your time with Christ in the Gospel this Lent alongside Bishop Barron and the Word on Fire community. The link is www.lentreflections.com

And/or

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever

Sign up for Best Lent Ever, a FREE, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly.

Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

The link is dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 FRIDAYS during Lent at 6PM**

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

2/23	REGULAR COLLECTION	3536.80
	ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL	

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

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



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office
530.544.4788 Find the **2019 SCHEDULE**: <http://www.tahoeatholic.com/baptisms>



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.



KNIGHTS' 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 – Mar. 1st 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

THE SECRET TO LIFE

"Then she prayed to the Lord, the God of Israel, saying: 'My Lord, our King, You alone are God. Help me, who am alone and have no help but You, for I am taking my life in my hand.' " —Esther C:14-15

The Lord commands us to pray always and not lose heart (Lk 18:1). He calls us not only to pray but to have a life of prayer now and forever.

The Lord leads us to the life of praying always by giving us needs which can be met only by Him. As this becomes increasingly obvious, we ask, seek, and knock in prayer (see Mt 7:7), and He graciously answers our prayers.

However, sometimes the Lord does not answer our prayers as we requested. Then we ask ourselves the question: "Why pray, if it doesn't work?" At this point, we will either fall away from prayer or receive the breakthrough revelation that prayer is not primarily about "working" but about loving. We pray focusing not so much on our needs but on the Lord and our relationship with Him.

When we discover that prayer is primarily about loving communication with God, then we discover that prayer is not so much about petitioning as about listening.

Prayer that is loving and listening to our Lord is then more readily understood as lived prayer, a prayer life. To live a life of praying always is the only way to live once we know the meaning of prayer, which is also the meaning of life. Live to listen to and love God.

Prayer: *Father, teach me to pray always in total surrender to Your love (see 1 Thes 5:17).*

Promise: *"Save us by Your power, and help me, who am alone and have no one but You, O Lord." —Est C:25*

Praise: *Howard prays during his lunch hour.*

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LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ARE NEEDED

Dear parishioners, We need volunteers to read at Mass and distribute Communion at Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. Please consider helping your parish as a lector or a Eucharistic Minister. For more information and training, get in touch with Sandie Finkel sandiefinkel@aol.com Fr. Mauricio

A SUNDAY TO REMEMBER

"Then Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil." —Matthew 4:1

I have wonderful memories of the graces of the first Sunday of Lent. I was also intrigued by Jesus being led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by Satan. I consider it a great insight that the first and fundamental temptation of Christ and Christians is the temptation to doubt the Spirit's proclamation of our being sons or daughters of God the Father (Mt 4:3). It is so glorious to hear Jesus boldly state His divinity at the beginning of the New Testament when He commands Satan: "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test" (Mt 4:7).

On the first Sunday of Lent, we probably have a fresh enthusiasm for Lent and a break in our weekday fasting. This Sunday is the worldwide rite of election where the millions who elect to join the Church by being baptized into Christ on Easter are accepted by the Church. If you've been to your cathedral for the rite of election, you probably can remember the Lord's presence through the bishop, successor of the apostles, and through the worshipping assembly of the elect, their sponsors, the families and parish of the elect, and other members of the body of Christ.

Today is a very "acceptable time" (2 Cor 6:2). "Now is the day of salvation!" (2 Cor 6:2) Rejoice in the First Sunday of Lent.

Prayer: *Father, thank You for days like today: days of hope, love, and joy.*

Promise: *"If death began its reign through one man because of his offense, much more shall those who receive the overflowing grace and gift of justice live and reign through the one Man, Jesus Christ." —Rm 5:17*

Praise: *"The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ" (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, 638). Praise the risen Jesus!*

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PROMOTING LIFE

"You Shall Be Like Gods"

This original temptation, outlined in the first reading, was a promise that what was right and what was wrong would be up to us; that we could write our own moral law. That's what the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" meant, and why Adam and Eve couldn't eat from it. We are all called to know good from evil, but not to decide it. To think we decide it is the error of the "pro-choice" mindset. "It's all up to me and my choice, even if it means killing a baby." In the culture of life, on the other hand, we live in the freedom of the children of God, and pattern our lives on the obedience of Jesus that leads to life eternal.

<https://www.priestsforlife.org/liturgy/liturgicalresource-cycles.aspx?id=88>

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>

MARCH | Prayer intention for evangelisation - Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

We love celebrating the Stations of the Cross, especially during Lent. However, some of our friends seem to think that this is an old-fashioned custom and should be abolished. What do you think?

Gentle Reader,

Stations of the Cross, one of the most popular devotional practices of the Catholic Church, is indeed, like many other aspects of our faith, loved by some and belittled by others.

Regardless of one's affection for the practice, its fundamental concept of a spiritual journey through the last days of Jesus' life is rooted in a deep human need to see, touch, and experience places of personal, historic, or religious importance. Sometimes people will travel thousands of miles to visit such places. Catholic football fans, for instance, will think nothing of crossing the country merely to visit the football stadium at Notre Dame and to touch the statue of Knute Rockne. Most Catholics have a pilgrimage to Rome, Lourdes, or the Holy Land on their bucket list. Muslims, Jews, and Christians alike visit Jerusalem, an important location on the spiritual map of these three major monotheistic religions.

This desire to visit Jerusalem is nothing new. During the Middle Ages, western European Christians not only desired to visit the places where Jesus had lived but also to defend them from non-Christians. Thus, some medieval Christians went to Jerusalem as pilgrims, others as crusaders. Regardless of their intent, those who returned to their homelands brought back stories and descriptions of the holy sites.

The growing emphasis on the Lord's passion during a time plagued with pestilence, famine, and war, combined with the pilgrim stories, gave rise to the creation of shrines dedicated to the passion of our Lord. Preached by the Franciscan Friars, a devotion that followed Jesus on his last journey from his trial to his tomb developed.

Today's Stations of the Cross are characterized as a meditation on Jesus' obedience unto death, God's unending love, and our human frailty. Lent, with its baptismal and penitential emphasis, is well suited for the celebration of this devotion.

Though we may think that we have always celebrated the Stations of the Cross in the same ways, they have actually varied greatly over time and they continue to do so. The most recent version of the Stations of the Cross was introduced by Pope John Paul II on Good Friday 1991. This version differs both in content and in number from the traditional fourteen stations. In terms of content, Pope John Paul's individual stations are all based on the Scriptures. Such stations as "Jesus meets Veronica," which has no biblical reference, have been replaced. In terms of number, John Paul II added one more station: the resurrection.

In the end, more important than the number or the theme of the stations is the intent of the people who enter into this devotion and how this devotion changes their lives into becoming more like Christ, the giver of life.

And please tell your friend that no, I don't think it should be abolished. Even if I did, I know it will not.

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CATHOLIC HUMOR | Jesus Vs. Satan

Jesus and Satan were having an ongoing argument about who was better on his computer. They had been going at it for days, and God [the Father] was tired of hearing all of the bickering. Finally God said, "Cool it. I am going to set up a test that will run two hours and I will judge who does the better job."

So down Satan and Jesus sat at the keyboards and typed away. They moused. They did spreadsheets. They wrote reports. They sent faxes. They sent e-mail. They sent out e-mail with attachments. They downloaded. They did some genealogy reports. They made cards. They did every known job.

But ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, the rain poured and, of course, the electricity went off. Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed. The electricity finally flickered back on, and each of them restarted their computers.

Satan started searching frantically, screaming "It's gone! It's all gone! I lost everything when the power went out!"

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours. Satan observed this and became irate. "Wait! He cheated, how did he do it?"

God shrugged and said, "Jesus saves."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS during Lent at 6PM**
followed by soup dinner at
Social Hall

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
March 8
Set clocks forward 1 hour

**A Day of Reflection with guest speaker
Tim Staples**
Director of Apologetics at Catholic Answers
Saturday April 18, 2020



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

<https://www.scd.org/annual-catholic-appeal>

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need through the Annual Catholic Appeal

Your gift will make a difference in someone's life. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! Envelopes are still available in the church or in the parish office. Please remember...25% of what you give is returned to our parish to assist people in our own community who need help.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION | Friday, March 6 from 8:30am to 3:30pm.

"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)

BURNOUT | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/burnout/>

Aren't you, like me, hoping that some person, thing, or event will come along to give you that final feeling of inner well-being you desire? Don't you often hope: "May this book, idea, course, trip, job, country, or relationship fulfill my deepest desire"? But as long as you are waiting for that mysterious moment you will go on running helter-skelter, always anxious and restless, always lustful and angry, never fully satisfied. You know that this is the compulsiveness that keeps us going and busy but at the same time makes us wonder whether we are getting anywhere in the long run. This is the way to spiritual exhaustion and burnout.

PROTECT YOUR INNER SANCTUARY | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/protect-your-inner-sanctuary/>

There is a false form of honesty that suggests that nothing should remain hidden and that everything should be said, expressed, and communicated. This honesty can be very harmful, and if it does not harm, it at least makes the relationship flat, superficial, empty, and often very boring. When we try to shake off our loneliness by creating a milieu without limiting boundaries, we may become entangled in a stagnating closeness. It is our vocation to prevent the harmful exposure of our inner sanctuary, not only for our own protection but also as a service to our fellow human beings with whom we want to enter in a creative communion. Just as words lose their power when they are not born out of silence, so openness loses its meaning when there is no ability to be closed.

CHILDREN ARE OUR GUESTS | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/children-are-our-guests/>

It belongs to the center of the Christian message that children are not properties to own and rule over, but gifts to cherish and care for. Our children are our most important guests, who enter into our home, ask for careful attention, stay for a while, and then leave to follow their own way. Children are strangers whom we have to get to know.

BIRTHDAYS | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/birthdays/>

Birthdays need to be celebrated. I think it is more important to celebrate a birthday than a successful exam, a promotion, or a victory. Because to celebrate a birthday means to say to someone: "Thank you for being you." Celebrating a birthday is exalting life and being glad for it. On a birthday we do not say: "Thanks for what you did, or said, or accomplished." No, we say: "Thank you for being born and being among us." On birthdays we celebrate the present. We do not complain about what happened or speculate about what will happen, but we lift someone up and let everyone say: "We love you."

HUMAN INTIMACY CREATES A HOME FOR GOD | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/human-intimacy-creates-a-home-for-god/>

Marriage is not a lifelong attraction of two individuals to each other, but a call for two people to witness together to God's love... [The] intimacy of marriage itself is an intimacy that is based on the common participation in a love greater than the love two people can offer each other. The real mystery of marriage is not that [two people] love each other so much that they can find God in each other's lives, but that God loves them so much that they can discover each other more and more as living reminders of God's divine presence. They are brought together, indeed, as two prayerful hands extended toward God and forming in this way a home for God in this world.

The same is true for friendship. Deep and mature friendship does not mean that we keep looking each other in the eyes and are constantly impressed or enraptured by each other's beauty, talents, and gifts, but it means that together we look at God, who calls us to God's service.

1 DE MARZO DE 2020 | PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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

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

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Entonces se les abrieron los ojos y ambos se dieron cuenta de que estaban desnudos. (Génesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Salmo — Ten piedad, Señor, porque somos pecadores (Salmo 51 [50]).

Segunda lectura — Una sola trasgresión acarree sentencia de muerte para todos, pero la rehabilitación merecida por uno solo, obtuvo perdón y vida para todos (Romanos 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Evangelio — Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios, y a él solo servirás (Mateo 4:1-11).

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

29 de febrero | sábado |

5:30 pm St. Theresa parishioners

1 de marzo | domingo |

8:00 am Abi Terry (dec) by the Camacho family

10:00 am Peter Strand (spec. int) by the Camacho family

12:00pm Ramses Sa-Onoy (dec) by his family

7:00pm

2 de marzo | lunes |

8:00 am Richard Gowing (dec) by the Gowing family

3 de marzo | martes | Santa Catalina Drexel

8:00 am Patrick & Catherine Hurley (dec) by the Hurleys

4 de marzo | miércoles | San Casimiro

8:00 am All souls

12:00pm

5 de marzo | jueves |

8:00 am Rosalie Graz (dec) by Al & Diane Bisbee

6 de marzo | viernes |

8:00 am Fr. Keith Canterbury by Fr. Mauricio

7 de marzo | sábado | Santas Perpetua y Felicitas

5:30 pm



DEVOCIÓN A NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO

Cada miércoles a las horas de 10:30 am con la "coronilla de la Divina Misericordia". Rosario y oraciones especiales al Perpetuo Socorro.

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

2/23	Colecta Regular	3536.80
	Llamado Católico Anual	

Segunda colecta— 29 de febrero/ 1 de marzo:
NO HAY COLECTA

Segunda colecta— 7/8 de marzo: **NO HAY COLECTA**

VÍA CRUCIS

Los viernes de cuaresma el Vía Crucis a las **7pm**. Pueden llegar temprano para ser parte de la cena de Sopa que se estará ofreciendo después del Vía Crucis en inglés y antes del Vía Crucis en español

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Viernes 6 de marzo de febrero de 8:30am a 3:30pm

"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)

LLAMADO CATOLICO ANNUAL

Gracias por apoyar a nuestros vecinos necesitados a través del Llamado Católico Anual

Su donación hará una diferencia en la vida de alguien. Si aún no ha hecho una donación, ¡no es demasiado tarde! Los sobres todavía están disponibles en la iglesia o en la oficina parroquial. Recuerde: el 25% de lo que da regresa a nuestra parroquia para ayudar a las personas de nuestra comunidad que necesitan ayuda.

TENTACIÓN

Cada tentación vencida representa una nueva fuerza moral. Cada prueba vencida y superada con el espíritu correcto hace al alma más noble y fuerte de lo que era antes.

—William Butler Yeats

ORACIÓN

El valor de la oración perseverante no es que Dios nos vaya a escuchar, sino que nosotros escucharemos a Dios.

—William McGill

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

Bill Barboni | Lauren Bates | Romie Enriquez | William Foster | Jerry Kirvida | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Tony Russo | Barbara Talbott | 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 tahocatholicbulletin@gmail.com

UN GRAN "HACER"

"Lo hicieron conmigo" (Mateo 25:40).

¿Qué debemos hacer? Algunas veces, "ponemos en peligro la vida de nuestro prójimo" (Lev 19:16). Podemos fácilmente ser negligentes en el servicio a los pobres, hambrientos, sedientos, refugiados, enfermos y encarcelados (ver Mt 25:42ss)

A veces, hacemos algo, pero es "algo" equivocado. Estamos ocupados con muchas cosas (Lc 10:41), pero puede que no hemos elegido la mejor parte, es decir, escuchar a Jesús (Lc 10:39, 42).

Podemos hacer las cosas en el momento equivocado. Por ejemplo, podemos tratar de eliminar la paja del pecado de los ojos de los demás antes de eliminar la viga del pecado de nuestros propios ojos (Mt 7:5).

¿Cuánto debemos hacer? A veces, hay que dejar de regañar a otros para que hagan la voluntad de Dios. Debemos estar en silencio y en oración confiar que el Señor complete su obra (ver Is 30:15). En otras ocasiones, podemos plantar una semilla y esperar. Pero el Señor manda a hacer más y a sembrar generosamente (ver 2 Co 9:6).

Podemos estar desperdiciando nuestras vidas por no hacer nada o hacer lo incorrecto. La Cuaresma es el tiempo para asegurarse de "vivir el resto de su vida mortal, no según los deseos humanos, sino según la voluntad de Dios" (1 Pe 4:2).

Oración: Padre, voy a trabajar "mientras es de día;" porque "llega la noche, cuando nadie puede trabajar" (Juan 9:4).

Promesa: "No serás vengativo con tus compatriotas ni les guardarás rencor. Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Yo soy el Señor" (Lev 19:18).

Alabanza: Mónica se arrepintió de regañar y en su lugar pasó ese tiempo en oración.

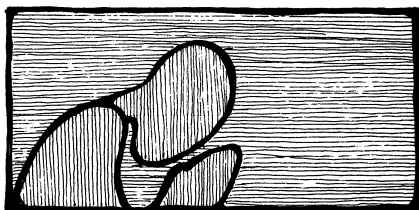
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PROMOVIENDO LA VIDA

"Serán como dioses"

Esta tentación original, señalada en la primera lectura, fue la promesa de que lo que estaba bien y lo que estaba mal dependería de nosotros, que nosotros podríamos escribir nuestra propia ley moral. Eso es lo que el "árbol de la ciencia del bien y el mal" significaba, y por qué Adán y Eva no podían comer de él. Todos estamos llamados a distinguir el bien del mal, pero no a decidirlo. El pensar que podemos decidirlo es el error de la mentalidad "pro-elección". "Todo depende de mí y de mi elección, aunque esto signifique matar a un bebé." En cambio, en la cultura de la vida, vivimos en la libertad de los hijos de Dios, y modelamos nuestras vidas en la obediencia de Jesús que conduce a la vida eterna.

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LA VISTA DESDE EL DESIERTO

"Jesús fue llevado por el Espíritu al desierto" (Mateo 4:1).

En la cruda desolación del desierto físico, se puede:

- ver claramente sin distracción.
- vivir con sencillez, en un estilo de vida "claro y directo". Solo las necesidades básicas para sobrevivir son valiosas.
- discernir claramente el valor. Tenemos la tendencia a sobrevalorar las cosas de este mundo (1 Jn 2:16). En el desierto, una taza de agua tiene mucho más valor que un collar de diamantes.

En la Cuaresma, el Espíritu Santo nos lleva al desierto para hablarle a nuestro corazón (Os 2:16). Este desierto espiritual es similar al desierto físico:

- Las tentaciones se pueden ver con mayor claridad por lo que son, sin distracciones.
- Las cosas que parecen tan importantes en el mundo, tales como la relación de los demás, se desvanecen en la oscuridad del desierto espiritual.
- Las cosas que parecen oscuras en el desorden de la sociedad, tales como la opinión que Dios tiene de ti, son de importancia crítica en el desierto.
- Tu necesidad de provisión y protección de Dios es aguda en el desierto. Las consecuencias de rebelarse en contra de la dirección de Dios pueden ser fatales.

Por encima de todo, el desierto es un lugar de amor (ver Jer 2:2).

En el desierto, el Señor nos atrae (Os 2:16) derramando Su amor en nuestro corazón por medio del Espíritu Santo (Rom 5:5). Los Israelitas se quejaron en el desierto (ver Ex 16:2), pero en el desierto de Cuaresma, nos regocijaremos (Is 35:1). "¡Preparen en el desierto el camino del Señor!" (Is 40:3)

Oración: Jesús, déjame considerar todo como pérdida de modo que siempre pueda considerarte solo a Ti para que seas mi Riqueza (Fil 3:7-8).

Promesa: "Por la obediencia de uno solo, todos se convertirán en justos" (Rom 5:19).

Alabanza: Jesús, nuestro Novio nos espera a nosotros, su novia, en su reino. Alabado, Señor Jesús, por tu misericordia. Te adoramos.

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FORTALEZA ANTE LA TENTACIÓN

El primer domingo del tiempo de Cuaresma siempre incluye el relato evangélico de la tentación del Señor Jesús en el desierto por el diablo. Este año tiene como trasfondo la primera lectura de Génesis, en la que se narra la primera tentación del diablo que ocurre en un jardín de delicias. El relato del Evangelio transcurre en el desierto. Los creyentes sabemos que la tentación viene tanto en nuestros propios jardines de delicias como en los desiertos de nuestra vida. La Cuaresma comienza, y nuestra atención se dirige a esa tentación dentro de nosotros de hacernos como Dios —queremos control, poder y respuesta a todas las difíciles preguntas de la vida. A nuestras comunidades de fe se les ofrece este tiempo de arrepentimiento para que podamos unir nuestro corazón al de otros en el difícil camino de la conversión. Nos volvemos a Dios y hacia los demás buscando fortaleza ante la tentación.

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