

May 5, 2019

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday May 4</b>	
5:30pm	Cathy Kope (healing) by St. Theresa parish staff
<b>Sunday May 5</b>	
8:00 am	Wes Fisher (dec) by Tom & Judy Finn
10:00 am	David Higgins (dec)
12:00 pm	St. Theresa parishioners
7:00 pm	
<b>Monday May 6</b>	
8:00 am	John & Judy Cefalu (spec int) by John & Melanie Grady
<b>Tuesday May 7</b>	
8:00 am	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday May 8</b>	
8:00 am	<b>NO MASS</b>
12:00 pm	Concordia Balong (healing) by Ester and family
<b>Thursday May 9</b>	
8:00 am	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday May 10 St. Damien de Veuster</b>	
8:00 am	Cathy Kope (healing) by Tom & Judy Finn
12:00 pm	Peter Strand (healing) by Paul & Ellen Camacho
<b>Saturday May 11</b>	
5:30pm	The Anthony family & Sophie Zimnox by Bob Anthony

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God exalted Jesus as leader and savior (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).  
**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).  
**Second Reading** — To the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might (Revelation 5:11-14).  
**Gospel** — When the disciples came ashore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>Monday, May 6</b>	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal
<b>Tuesday, May 7</b>	<b>NO 8AM MASS</b> ; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation
<b>Wednesday, May 8</b>	<b>NO 8AM MASS</b> ; 12noon Mass; 7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
<b>Thursday, May 9</b>	<b>NO 8AM MASS</b> ; 2pm-4pm B&B4Kids; 6pm Blessed Is She
<b>Friday, May 10</b>	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 12:30 Baptisms; 1pm-6pm Eucharistic Adoration; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry
<b>Saturday, May 11</b>	10am-3pm First Communion retreat; 4pm confessions; 5:30pm Mass
<b>Sunday, May 12</b>	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish); pancake breakfast after the 8am & 10am Masses



**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**

Concordia Balong | Bill Barboni | Kathleen Brady | Krista Carson | Romie Enriquez | Gene Estepa | Mamerto Estepa | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | 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 [tahoeatholicbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:tahoeatholicbulletin@gmail.com).

**STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH**

4/28	Regular Collection	4061.32
	<b>CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL (SHARED WITH BLACK &amp; INDIAN MISSIONS)</b>	1430.36

Second collection THIS weekend: **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

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

**FR. MAURICIO'S WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>Monday, May 6</b>	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; <b>9am leaving for Citrus Heights</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 7</b>	<b>PRIESTS SPRING RETREAT</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 8</b>	<b>PRIESTS SPRING RETREAT</b>
<b>Thursday, May 9</b>	<b>PRIESTS SPRING RETREAT</b> <b>9pm leaving for South Lake Tahoe</b>
<b>Friday, May 10</b>	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 11am Graveside service; 12noon Mass; 12:30pm Baptism; 1pm-4pm office work; 4pm break; 5pm-6pm adoration
<b>Saturday, May 11</b>	7:30am opening the church; 7am-8:30am blowing leaves & pine needles; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, May 12</b>	6:45am opening the church; 8am, 10am, 12 noon Masses; 2pm-5pm personal time; 6pm confessions; 7pm Mass in Spanish



### KNIGHT'S CORNER

There are no limits to what you can accomplish, except the limits you place on your own thinking.  
Brian Tracy

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 & 10AM

Masses. It always tastes right when cooked by a Knight!

MONTHLY MEETING—*May 8*—Dinner 6pm; meeting 7pm

MONTHLY MEETING—*June 12*—Dinner by Gary Brand

Knights' Pats-on-the-Back:

- New paint in Globin Hall
- New water heater
- Classroom cleaning for the Confirmation classes
- \$500 donation to St. Thomas Moore in Paradise, CA
- Hosted the St. Patrick's Day dinner
- Providing a Knights' Color Guard for Confirmation (5/4)

COME JOIN US!!

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

Call Frank Dixon 530 318 1574

### WHEN SHEEP MAKE SHEPHERDS

**"Look around among your own number, brothers, for seven men acknowledged to be deeply spiritual and prudent." —Acts 6:3**

Did you notice that the leaders of the early Church placed the responsibility for finding deacons on the "community of the disciples"? (Acts 6:2) That's us! We are to be on the lookout for those who would make good leaders in the Church.

This was new for the early Christians. Jewish priests and Levites were born into their positions. The apostles were called and chosen by Jesus Himself. The early Church, however, called the whole community of disciples to raise up future leaders from "among [their] own number" (Acts 6:3).

Our priests and bishops today cannot possibly know each person who may have a call to religious life and other forms of leadership in the Church. They depend on each one of us to do our part in building up the Church. We can do this by: asking God to reveal to us those "spiritual and prudent" men and women,

pointing out to these people their gifts, frequently encouraging (Heb 10:25) and praying for them, discipling them so they can be more "spiritual and prudent," presenting these people to church leaders by offering to introduce them to vocation directors, paying for them to go on retreats, etc. and making disciples (Mt 28:19) by having as many children as God calls us to have and raising them in the faith.

The leaders of the Church are depending on you. "Look around" (Acts 6:3).

*Prayer: Father, may I be for You a scout full of encouragement (Nm 13:2, 30ff).*

*Promise: Jesus "told them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' " —Jn 6:20*

*Praise: Penny put her uncertain future as a widow with three young children into her Lord's hands. God has sustained her daily. Now her children are faith-filled, faithful adults.*

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### THE THIRD DEGREE

**"Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" —John 21:16**

Three times Jesus addressed Peter not as "Peter," the name Jesus had given him, but as "Simon, son of John," Peter's name before he met Christ (Jn 21:15, 16, 17).

Jesus asked Peter three times: "Do you love Me?" Was Jesus questioning Simon about his love? Two weeks ago, every Catholic in the world who went to Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday Mass renewed baptismal promises by rejecting Satan and professing faith in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. What if Jesus asked you today to renew again your baptismal promises? What if He asked you to renew them again tomorrow? Would Jesus seem unconvinced about our commitment to Him?

Jesus described Simon Peter as a disciple who "went about" as He "pleased" (Jn 21:18). However, Simon Peter needed to be a disciple who would allow himself to lose his life and even die for Jesus (Jn 21:18-19).

Do you deserve to be addressed by your baptismal name? Is your love for Jesus convincing? Are you Jesus' disciple on your terms or on His?

*Prayer: Jesus, I choose to follow You to the cross.*

*Promise: "We testify to this. So too does the Holy Spirit, Whom God has given to those that obey Him." —Acts 5:32*

*Praise: Praise You, Jesus, risen in splendor and glory. We adore You with all our hearts. Glory to You forever.*

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### SOLITUDE CREATES SPACE FOR GOD

To live a Christian life means to live in the world without being of it. It is in solitude that this inner freedom can grow. Jesus went to a lonely place to pray, that is, to grow in the awareness that all the power he had was given to him; that all the words he spoke came from his Father; and that all the works he did were not really his but the works of the One who had sent him. In the lonely place Jesus was made free to fail.

A life without a lonely place, that is, a life without a quiet center, easily becomes destructive. When we cling to the results of our actions as our only way of self-identification, then we become possessive and defensive and tend to look at our fellow human beings more as enemies to be kept at a distance than as friends with whom we share the gifts of life.

In solitude we can slowly unmask the illusion of our possessiveness and discover in the center of our own self that we are not what we can conquer, but what is given to us. In solitude we can listen to the voice of him who spoke to us before we could speak a word, who healed us before we could make any gesture to help, who set us free long before we could free others, and who loved us long before we could give love to anyone. It is in this solitude that we discover that being is more important than having, and that we are worth more than the results of our efforts. In solitude we discover that our life is not a possession to be defended, but a gift to be shared. It's there we recognize that the healing words we speak are not just our own, but are given to us; that the love we can express is part of a greater love; and the new life we bring forth is not a property to cling to, but a gift to be received.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/solitude-creates-space-for-god/>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: ADDRESSING THE WOUNDS INFLICTED BY CLERGY ABUSE |  
Diocese of Sacramento. 4.29.19

Dear Parishioners of Saint Theresa,

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Diocese of Sacramento published the list of priests and deacons who have been credibly accused of abusing minors and young people in the Diocese of Sacramento since 1950. The list is available on line at [www.scd.org/clergyabuse](http://www.scd.org/clergyabuse). May the Lord who died on the Cross and was raised from the dead grant us healing and peace. Fr. Mauricio

- 1. *Why is the diocese releasing a list of accused priests and deacons?*** Bishop Jaime Soto pledges to confront the past and the shameful sins and crimes of sexual abuse that were part of it. He is determined to own this past and to atone for it, and a key step to doing this is to make a thorough and public accounting of that past.
- 2. *Is there anyone on this list still serving in a parish, school or diocesan ministry in the Diocese of Sacramento?*** No one known to the diocese to have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor is in active ministry. In 2002, the diocese instituted a policy of “zero tolerance” regarding the abuse of minors by clergy. Since then, any member of the clergy in our diocese facing a plausible accusation of sexual abuse of a minor is immediately removed from ministry, regardless of when the abuse is alleged to have occurred. No priest, deacon or religious credibly accused of abuse of a minor is working in a parish, school or any diocesan ministry today.
- 3. *How was this list compiled?*** The diocese enlisted the services of an independent consulting firm headed by Dr. Kathleen McChesney, a former executive assistant director of the FBI and a founding member of the Office of Child Protection at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Dr. McChesney and her firm are recognized experts in reviewing personnel files, detecting indications of possible abuse, and assisting dioceses in fulfilling their promises of accountability. Diocesan staff and Dr. McChesney’s firm examined every clergy personnel file (the records of 1,452 Bishops, Priests and Deacons who served in the Diocese of Sacramento) for indications that a credible accusation of child or young adult sexual abuse was made.
- 4. *Who verifies that you are following your policies and safeguards?*** The diocese’s Independent Review Board (IRB) examines allegations of sexual abuse of children and vulnerable adults involving clergy or diocesan personnel. The board also reviews the diocese’s policies to ensure continued compliance and vigilance on the part of diocesan leadership.  
Additionally, the diocese is audited annually by an independent examiner who verifies compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, established in 2002 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. That audit assesses such things as criminal background checks and safe environment training of diocesan personnel and volunteers who interact with children, and reporting of the receipt of any new allegations of abuse.
- 5. *Who is on the Independent Review Board?*** The IRB is comprised of nine men and women from diverse professional backgrounds with a wide range of expertise. They include a former judge and prosecutor, as well as professionals with experience in psychology and victim assistance. Six of the nine members are lay persons; three are ordained or religious. All share a commitment to ensuring our diocese is safeguarding children and the vulnerable from clergy sexual abuse.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### PRIESTS SPRING RETREAT | MAY 6-10, 2019

Where? Christ the King Retreat & Conference Center | 6520 Van Maren Ln, Citrus Heights, CA

Please say a prayer for the priests of the Diocese of Sacramento as we gather for our annual Spring Retreat. For this same reason, **THERE IS NO DAILY MASS** the following days:

**NO 8AM MASS ON TUESDAY, MAY 7**

**NO 8AM MASS ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8; WE DO HAVE THE 12NOON MASS**

**NO 8AM MASS ON THURSDAY, MAY 9**

For questions and concerns regarding not having Mass, please feel free to call the Diocesan office (916) 733-0100

I apologize for the inconveniences. Fr. Mauricio

### PRIEST, PROPHET AND KING

**Bible Study/Formation Program | Parish Center (corner of Rufus Allen/Lyons Ave.) | Tuesdays at 9am s**

Join this six-session Bible Study! "We cannot introduce Jesus to others unless we have first been introduced to him ourselves, and this is our purpose with the Priest, Prophet and King– to provide and introduction to the Lord so that in coming to know him, people might better introduce him to other." Come to better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture, and realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission received at Baptism.

Tuesday, May 14: Challenging False Worship

Tuesday, May 21: The Word Made Flesh

Tuesday, June 4: Ordering the Kingdom

Tuesday, June 11: King of Kings

### WEEKEND OF REFLECTION | June 14th and 15th Zephyr Point Conference Center, Zephyr Cove, NV

Join us for a two day event with the spiritually uplifting motivational speaker, Becky Eldredge. Her knowledge, training and experience which leads people on a faith filled journey, will transform the heart and renew the mind and spirit. She will introduce simple practices that will show us how even brief moments of quiet with Jesus will change the way we deal with everyday frustrations and our interactions with others. She also will teach us to take notice of the presence of God in the middle of our overscheduled lives.

**Friday, June 14th (6-9pm)**

***Making Hope Real***

*An FREE evening event for both men and women.*

**Saturday, June 15th (9-5pm)**

***Making Room for God in the Busyness***

*A full day of reflection and includes breakfast and lunch. Open to women 12 and older.*

**Cost: \$40 per person**

*Tickets may be purchased at:*

<https://www.eventbrite.com> (Zephyr Cove)

*Or Contact **Bridget Spencer at (916) 595-2570***

### Help us CRAM-A-CRUISER

With food for South Lake Tahoe Kids in need!

**Saturday, May 4, 10am—3pm | Grocery Outlet, 2358 Lake Tahoe Blvd.**

St. Theresa's "Bread & Broth 4 Kids" is packing & sending bags of food home with food insecure school kids for weekend nourishment. **We need your help!** Please stop by Grocery Outlet on May 4<sup>th</sup> to donate food from our wish list or help us with a monetary donation so we can purchase the food.

**WISH LIST:** canned soup, ravioli, spaghetti, chili, tuna/chicken (5oz.), beef jerky, mac & cheese (small instant cups), instant oatmeal in packets, granola bars, fruit snacks, ramen, cup o' noodles, fruit or applesauce cups, raisins (1oz.), nuts, crackers with cheese or peanut butter (16oz), jelly both in plastic containers, or 12oz, boxes of cereal for longer holiday vacations. All in single serving packages, please.

**For questions, please call Paula Peterson (530) 307-0909 or Christy Slocum (530) 542-8748**

## 5 DE MAYO DE 2019 | TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA

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**—Llevados ante el sanedrín, los apóstoles dieron testimonio de Jesucristo (Hechos 5:27-32, 40b-41).

**Salmo** — Te alabaré, Señor, eternamente. Aleluya (Salmo 30 [29]).

**Segunda lectura** — En su visión Juan ve a todo en el cielo y en la tierra rindiendo honores y gloria al que está en el trono y al Cordero (Apocalipsis 5:11-14).

**Evangelio** — Jesús se aparece a los discípulos cerca del mar de Tiberíades (Juan 21:1-19).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 6:8-15; Sal 119 (118):23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Martes: Hch 7:51 — 8:1a; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Miércoles: Hch 8:1b-8; Sal 66 (65):1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Jueves: Hch 8:26-40; Sal 66 (65):8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Viernes: Hch 9:1-20; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Sábado: Hch 9:31-42; Sal 116 (115):12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Domingo: Hch 13:14, 43-52; Sal 100 (99):1-2, 3, 5; Apo 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

### SERVICIO A LARGO PLAZO |

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“Voy a pescar”. ¡Qué anuncio! Si preguntó quién lo dijo, pero no digo que es una frase que está en la Biblia, podríamos decir: “el abuelo o el tío Alfredo”, o admitir “¡lo dije yo el verano pasado!” Pero es una frase tomada de la Biblia, del Evangelio de hoy. La persona que lo dijo una vez afirmó “tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios vivo”. Así es, ¡fue Pedro! Así que la frase aparece al final. El domingo pasado Jesús dijo: “Así como el Padre me ha enviado, así los envío yo”. Pero Pedro parece determinado a regresar al oficio que tenía antes de ser apóstol, hasta que Jesús interviene, haciendo que Pedro diga ahora lo siguiente: “Señor, tú sabes que te quiero” y la llamada apostólica aparece más clara, “apacienta a mis ovejas”. Así lo hace Pedro. Los Hechos presentan las consecuencias: Pedro declara: “Debemos obedecer a Dios antes que a los hombres”. Como el Apocalipsis dice: “Digno es el cordero”, para recibir el servicio de toda la vida de Pedro y las nuestras.

### INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

4 de mayo   sábado
5:30 pm Cathy Kope (healing) by St. Theresa parish staff
5 de mayo   domingo
8:00 am Wes Fisher (dec) by Tom & Judy Finn
10:00 am David Higgins (dec)
12:00 pm St. Theresa parishioners
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8 de mayo   miércoles
8:00 am <b>NO HAY MISA</b>
12:00 pm Concordia Balong (healing) by Ester and family
9 de mayo   jueves
8:00 am <b>NO HAY MISA</b>
10 de mayo   viernes   San Damián de Veuster
8:00 am Cathy Kope (healing) by Tom & Judy Finn
12:00 pm Peter Strand (healing) by Paul & Ellen Camacho
11 de mayo   sábado
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### 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 | Kathleen Brady | Krista Carson | Romie Enriquez | Gene Estepa | Mamerto Estepa | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | 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)

### ¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

	<i>Colecta Regular</i>	4061.32
4/28	<i>Catholic Home Missions Appeal (shared with Black &amp; Indian Missions)</i>	1430.36
	<i>Segunda colecta—Mantenimiento</i>	
	<i>Segunda colecta—11/12 de mayo: NO HAY COLECTA</i>	



#### DEVOCIÓN A NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO

Cada miércoles a las horas de 10:30 am con la “coronilla de la Divina Misericordia”. Rosario y oraciones special a Peretuo Socorro.

## RETIRO DE PRIMAVERA DE LOS SACERDOTES DEL 6 DE MAYO AL 10 DE ABRIL

¿Dónde? Christ the King Retreat & Conference Center  
6520 Van Maren Ln, Citrus Heights, CA

Por favor, recen por los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Sacramento mientras nos reunimos para nuestro retiro anual de primavera. Por esta misma razón, no hay Misa diaria los días siguientes:

**No hay Misa de 8am el martes, 7 de mayo**

**No hay Misa de 8am el miércoles, 8 de mayo; si tenemos la masa mediodía**

**No hay Misa de 8am el jueves 9 de mayo**

Para preguntas e inquietudes con respecto a esto, por favor siéntase libre de llamar a la oficina Diocesana (916) 733-0100 Mil disculpas por los inconvenientes: Padre Mauricio

## ¿ESTÁS EN LA FOGATA?

**"¿Qué debemos hacer para realizar las obras de Dios?"  
(Juan 6:28).**

Como testigo del Cristo resucitado, ¿estás más entusiasmado con Jesús a medida que avanza el tiempo de Pascua? ¿O está apagado tu fuego? ¿Estás consumido? Peor aún, ¿nunca has estado ardiendo por Jesús?

Se puede prender fuego a un pedazo de papel enfocando los rayos del sol sobre él por un tiempo prolongado a través de una lupa. Podemos ser motivados al exponernos por un tiempo prolongado a la gracia de Dios magnificada mediante el estudio de la Biblia (ver Lc 24:32), los sacramentos, la vida comunitaria (ver Hch 2:42), la persecución (Mt 5:11), la muerte, los milagros. Por ejemplo, imagine orar después de que uno de sus hermanos en Cristo ha sido arrestado y martirizado (ver Hch 6:12ss). ¿No sería la oración en estas circunstancias lo que nos motivara? Imagínese ir a una misa después de que su esposa fuera sanada milagrosamente de cáncer terminal. Probablemente te motivarías más cuando fuiste a la Comunión, aunque ya estuvieras más que motivado. ¿Qué pasaría si asistieras diariamente a Misa, leyeras y oraras las Escrituras a diario y compartieras tu fe abiertamente día tras día? Por medio de esta extensa exposición a la luz del Señor, puedes experimentar tu propia forma espiritual de "combustión espontánea".

"Porque nuestro Dios es un fuego devorador" (Heb 12:29). Jesús exclama: "Yo he venido a traer fuego sobre la tierra, ¡y cómo desearía que ya estuviera ardiendo!!" (Lc 12:49) Sus hijos, discípulos y testigos deben estar en llamas. Que puedas unirte al fuego con el Hijo.

**Oración:** Padre, que en esta temporada de Pascua encienda un violento fuego espiritual.

**Promesa:** "Trabajen, no por el alimento perecedero, sino por el que permanece hasta la Vida eterna, el que les dará el Hijo del hombre" (Jn 6:27).

**Alabanza:** Por las oraciones de su médico, Jesús curó a la esposa de William de su cáncer cerebral en su cuarta etapa.  
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## EL TERCER GRADO

**"¿Simón, hijo de Juan, Me amas?" (Juan 21:16).**

Tres veces Jesús se dirigió a Pedro no como "Pedro", el nombre que Jesús le había dado, sino como "Simón, hijo de Juan", el nombre de Pedro antes de conocer a Cristo (Jn 21:15, 16, 17). Jesús pudo haber estado diciéndole a Simón Pedro: "Si quieres vivir como si nunca me hubieras conocido, entonces me referiré a ti por tu nombre como antes de conocerme".

Jesús le preguntó a Pedro tres veces: "¿Me amas?" Jesús parecía no estar convencido del amor de Simón Pedro. Hace dos semanas, todos los católicos en el mundo que asistieron a la Vigilia Pascual o al bautizo en la Misa del Domingo de Pascua prometieron rechazar a Satanás y profesar fe en Dios Padre, Dios Hijo y Dios Espíritu Santo. ¿Que pasaría si Jesús te pidiera que renovararas tus promesas bautismales otra vez? ¿Qué pasaría si Él te pidiera que las renovararas mañana? Jesús parecería no estar convencido de nuestro compromiso con Él. Jesús describió a Simón Pedro como un discípulo que "hacia lo que quería" y estaba "satisfecho" (Jn 21:18). Sin embargo, Simón Pedro necesitaba ser un discípulo que se permitiría perder la vida e incluso morir por Jesús (Jn 21:18-19).

¿Mereces tú que te llamen por tu nombre bautismal? ¿Es tu amor por Cristo convincente? ¿Eres discípulo de Jesús en tus términos o en los de Él?

**Oración:** Jesús, elijo seguirte a la cruz.

**Promesa:** "Nosotros somos testigos de estas cosas, nosotros y el Espíritu Santo que Dios ha enviado a los que le obedecen" (Hch 5:32).

**Alabanza:** Te alabo Jesús, resucitado en esplendor y gloria. Te adoramos con todo nuestro corazón. Gloria a Ti por siempre.

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Muchas primeras comuniones se celebran en el Tiempo de Pascua. Además de recibir el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús por primera vez en su vida los comulgantes reciben un libro de oraciones, un rosario y un escapulario. Como recuerdo del evento, muchos comulgantes regalan a sus amigos y parientes alguna estampita religiosa.

Las estampitas llevan imágenes de Jesucristo, la Virgen, los ángeles o los santos y son muy populares entre los latinos. Las ponemos en nuestros autos, en libros como la Biblia o libros de oración. Las tenemos en altarcitos domésticos o metidos en los marcos de las fotos de nuestros seres queridos.

Muchos critican esta práctica recordando que en Éxodo 20:3-5, Dios prohibió el uso de ídolos. Esto la Iglesia católica nunca lo ha negado, pero recuerda que Dios también pidió imágenes de ángeles para el arca de la alianza (Éxodo 25:17). En Números 21:8 mandó hacer una imagen milagrosa de una serpiente. Ninguna de esas imágenes es considerada un ídolo porque son imágenes al servicio de Dios y recuerdo de su presencia igual que las estampitas e imágenes religiosas.

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