

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday | March 7 | Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

5:30pm Lois Pirrello (dec) by the Giomis

Sunday | March 8 |

8:00am St. Theresa parishioners

10:00am Lois Pirrello (dec) by the Giomis

12:00pm Mark Davis (dec) by the Winslow family

7:00pm

Monday | March 9 | St. Frances of Rome

8:00am Peter Strand (dec) by the Camacho family

Tuesday | March 10 |

8:00am Margaret & Antone Salel (dec) by the Hurleys

Wednesday | March 11 |

8:00am David Lyons (dec) by Jackie & Jeanette Macfarlane

12:00pm Felix Sugalan (dec) by his daughter

Thursday | March 12 |

8:00am All souls

Friday | March 13 |

8:00am Ross Sidebottom (dec) by Katie

Saturday | March 14 |

5:30pm Teodora Penliar (dec) by the Penliar family & Betty McNeer (dec) by her family

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

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 | Tom Taggart | 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 9	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal; 6pm meeting
Tuesday, March 10	8am Mass; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English
Wednesday, March 11	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday March 12	8am Mass; 6pm Blessed Is She program; 7pm RCIA in Spanish
Friday, March 13	8am Mass; 3pm Food Pantry; 4pm Second Serving Meal; 8:30am to 6pm Eucharistic Adoration; 6pm Stations of the Cross; 6:40pm soup dinner; 7pm Stations of the Cross in Spanish
Saturday, March 14	4pm confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, March 15	8am, 10am, 12 noon & 7pm (in Spanish) Masses; 5pm-7pm Saint Patrick's Dinner



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

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



DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays 10:30a.m. in the Church with the Rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet, and novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

03/01	REGULAR COLLECTION	4136.82
	NO SECOND COLLECTION	

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

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

Second collection March 21/22: **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (shared with the Church in Central America & Eastern Europe)**



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 – April 5 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

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.

A CONVERTED LIFE

Living a spiritual life requires a change of heart, a conversion. Such a conversion may be marked by a sudden inner change, or it can take place through a long, quiet process of transformation. But it always involves an inner experience of oneness. We realize that we are in the center, and that from there all that is and all that takes place can be seen and understood as part of the mystery of God's life with us. Our conflicts and pains, our tasks and promises, our families and friends, our activities and projects, our hopes and aspirations, no longer appear to us a fatiguing variety of things that we can barely keep together, but rather as affirmations and revelations of the new life of the Spirit in us. "All these other things," which so occupied and preoccupied us, now come as gifts or challenges that strengthen and deepen the new life that we have discovered. This does not mean that the spiritual life makes things easier or takes our struggles and pains away. The lives of Jesus' disciples clearly show that suffering does not diminish because of conversion. Sometimes it even becomes more intense. But our attention is no longer directed to the "more or less." What matters is to listen attentively to the Spirit and to go obediently where we are being led, whether to a joyful or a painful place. Poverty, pain, struggle, anguish, agony, and even inner darkness may continue to be part of our experience. They may even be God's way of purifying us. But life is no longer boring, resentful, depressing, or lonely because we have come to know that everything that happens is part of our way to the Father.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/a-converted-life/>

THE GREATEST

"This is My beloved Son on Whom My favor rests. Listen to Him." —Matthew 17:5

Abram (Abraham) is the father of many nations (see Gn 12:2-3). He was and continues to be a blessing to the Jewish people, Muslims, and Christians. Yet as great as Abraham is, "the least born into the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Mt 11:11). As sons and daughters of God the Father, we Christians are called to the greatest of greatness.

We fulfill our amazing potential only by listening to Jesus (Mt 17:5). He alone is the Truth of our lives and the Way to live the life of ultimate greatness (see Jn 14:6).

Nevertheless, even in our new nature through Baptism, we have difficulty listening to and obeying Jesus. We need God the Father to reveal to our hearts and minds the divinity of His Son (see Mt 17:5). When we believe in Jesus' divinity on a deep level, we will listen and submit to Him as God. Also, we need the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the divine Trinity, to proclaim to us that "Jesus is Lord," that is, God (1 Cor 12:3). The three apostles at Jesus' Transfiguration rightly listened, submitted to the Lord, and became great only after the Holy Spirit descended on them at the first Christian Pentecost. We likewise need a new Pentecost to believe in a life-changing way in Jesus' divinity so as to fulfill our call to greatness.

On this second Sunday of Lent, may God the Father and God the Holy Spirit confirm profoundly Jesus' divinity, and may we listen to Jesus as God, do as He wills, and be great as He wills.

Prayer: *Father, renew my Baptism today.*

Promise: *"With the strength which comes from God bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails." —2 Tm 1:8*

Praise: *Praise You, Jesus. Through Your Resurrection we have access to the Father. Our "faith and hope, then, are centered in God" (see 1 Pt 1:21).*

<https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=3/8/2020>

PROMOTING LIFE

Men suffer too. The following is a letter written by a man who lost his son to abortion:

Dear John Peter,

In the fall, John, when the leaves fall from the trees I shall think of you, for you too fell from life. In the cold of winter, John, the snow shall remind me of you: for like the snow you were and are white and pure. In the spring, John, I shall think of you: for the birth of spring shall remind me that you, too should have been born into this world. John, I shall think of you in the summer: I shall imagine your laughter. I shall see you as you might have been, a little boy running and playing, scraping your knees from a fall. I shall miss, John, all that I might have gained from your life.

May you rest in the arms of God, Dad

Men struggling with the temptation and wounds of abortion can find help through Priests for Life at www.FatherhoodForever.org.

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,

Why is the anniversary of Jesus' torture and execution called "Good Friday"? Maybe the name lost something in translation from another language?

Gentle Reader,

From your question I surmise that you did not grow up with the Baltimore Catechism. Question 80 in said catechism answers your question very succinctly: "We call that day 'good' on which Christ died because by His death He showed His great love for man [sic], and purchased for him [sic] every blessing."

Still, I am not quite sure if you take issue with the name of the day itself or with the fact that the day is called good. So, to be sure, I will speak to both.

The naming of days has evolved over the years and differently so in different languages. Just looking at the days of the week in English they are all connected with pagan gods, though coming from different pantheons. Sunday, for example, is a translation of the Roman name for Dies Solis or Day of the Sun. Monday, or Day of the Moon, is a translation of the Roman Dies Lunae. Tuesday is dedicated to the Norse god Tiw. Wednesday is named after the Germanic god Wodan. Thursday is the day of Thor. Friday is the day of the Norse goddess Fríge. And Saturday takes us back to the Roman times as it is dedicated to Saturnus.

The Romance languages borrow directly from the Roman calendar and name the days after the moon (lunes, lundi) and the Roman gods Mars (martes, mardi), Mercury (miércoles, mercredi), Jupiter (jueves, jeudi), and Venus (viernes, vendredi). Saturday and Sunday are named borrowing from the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church: Dies Dominica or Day of the Lord (domingo, dimanche) for Sunday and Dies Sabati or Sabbath (sábado, samedi).

Unlike other languages, the other days of the week in Latin according to the Catholic liturgical calendar are simply numbered. Thus Monday is simply known as feria secunda or second day since Dies Dominica is really the feria prima or first day. Friday is known as feria sexta or sixth day.

The official Latin name for Good Friday in the liturgical calendar is Feria sexta in Passione Domini or Day Six of our Lord's Passion.

Romance languages refer to this day as Holy Friday (Viernes Santo, Vendredi Saint). Germanic languages, on the other hand, refer to this day as Good Friday (Goede Vrijdag, Kar Freitag). The goodness of this day obviously does not refer to the sufferings of our Savior, but rather to the fact that through his suffering Jesus has conquered death and freed us from the lasting burden of sin. The name of the day embodies the paradox of the mystery itself, for it is by his suffering that we were saved. And it is through entering into his death that we live.

So, though other languages have other names that are clearly suitable, unless you decide to use Feria sexta in Passione Domini, Good Friday is a strong name too.

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CATHOLIC HUMOR | Knock & The Door Shall Be Opened To Thee

A pastor went out one Saturday to visit his church members. At one house it was obvious that someone was home, but nobody came to the door even though the pastor had knocked several times. Finally, the pastor took out his card and wrote "Revelations 3:20" on the back of it, and stuck it in the door:

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and him with me."

The next day, the card turned up in the collection plate. Below the pastor's message was the notation Genesis 3:10:

"I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

JESUS IS GOD-WHO-SUFFERS-WITH-US | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/jesus-is-god-who-suffers-with-us/>

God sent Jesus to make free persons of us. He has chosen compassion as the way to freedom. That is a great deal more radical than you might at first imagine. It means that God wanted to liberate us, not by removing suffering from us, but by sharing it with us. Jesus is God-who-suffers-with-us. Over time, the word sympathizing has become a somewhat feeble way of expressing the reality of "suffering with" someone. Nowadays, when someone says: "I have sympathy for you," it has a rather distant ring about it. The feeling, at least for me, is of someone looking down from above. The word's original meaning of "suffering together with someone" has been partly lost. That's why I've opted for the word compassion. It's warmer, more intimate, and closer. It's taking part in the suffering of the other, being totally a fellow human being in suffering...

Jesus is the revelation of God's unending, unconditional love for us human beings. Everything that Jesus has done, said, and undergone is meant to show us that the love we most long for is given to us by God, not because we deserved it, but because God is a God of love.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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



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

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 is returned to our parish to assist people in our own community who need help.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | Friday, March 13 from 8:30am to 6pm.

"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)

FLU SEASON, COVID-19 AND TAKING PRECAUTIONS TO MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF INFECTION.REMINDER

The flu season came early this year. Now, with growing concerns about the Corona virus it's important that we continue to be vigilant about taking precautions against the spread of disease. While the number of cases of people infected with the Corona virus in the U.S. is very small, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) reports that the incidence of flu and flu-like illnesses is still widespread and at a level requiring we do everything reasonably possible to mitigate the spread of infection.

Therefore, in order to protect the health and well-being of everyone, we wish to remind you of the following directives:

- 1) ***The use of the Communion cup is suspended temporarily.***
- 2) ***Receive the Body of Christ in the hand.***
- 3) ***Do not hold hands during the Our Father.***
- 4) ***Effective immediately, Bishop Soto instructs the presiders and deacons at Mass to refrain from inviting the assembly to exchange the sign of peace.***

After the priest says "The Peace of the Lord be with you always" and the assembly responds "And with your Spirit" he should proceed directly to the fraction rite.

- 5) Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion must cleanse their hands with an alcohol-based antiseptic before and after administering Holy Communion. This also applies to those who take Holy Communion to the home-bound.

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

2020 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Wednesday, March 11 12:30-1pm
 Sunday, March 15 after the 8am, 10am & 12noon Masses
 Wednesday, March 18 12:30-1pm
 Sunday, March 22 after the 8am, 10am & 12noon Masses

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (April 4 & 5)

5:30pm Vigil Mass; 8am, 10am, 12noon & 7pm (Spanish) Masses

MONDAY & TUESDAY (April 6 & 7)

8am Daily Mass

WEDNESDAY (April 8)

8am & 12noon Daily Masses

HOLY THURSDAY (April 9)

Morning Prayer at 8am (No morning Mass)
 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm (with Eucharist Adoration until 7am next day)

GOOD FRIDAY (April 10)

The Lord's Passion Liturgy at 12noon
(with Stations of the Cross at 1pm, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet)
 6pm Bilingual Stations of the Cross from the Library to the church
 The Lord's Passion Liturgy in Spanish at 7pm

HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 11)

Easter Vigil at 8:15pm

Note: There are no Confessions at 4pm and no 5:30pm Mass

EASTER SUNDAY (April 12)

8am, 10am, 12noon & 7pm (Spanish) Masses

8 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 — Abram partió como se lo había ordenado el Señor (Génesis 12:1-4a).

Salmo — Señor, muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros, puesto que en ti hemos confiado (Salmo 33 [32]).

Segunda lectura — Comparte conmigo los sufrimientos por la predicación del Evangelio, sostenido por la fuerza de Dios (2 Timoteo 1:8b-10).

Evangelio — “Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias, escúchenlo” (Mateo 17:1-9).

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

7 de marzo | sábado | Santas Perpetua y Felicitas

5:30 pm Lois Pirrello (dec) by the Giomis

8 de marzo | domingo |

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13 de marzo | viernes |

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14 de marzo | sábado |

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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!

03/01	<i>Colecta Regular</i>	4136.82
	NO HAY COLECTA	

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

Segunda colecta— 14/15 de marzo: NO HAY COLECTA

Segunda colecta— 21/22 de marzo: Catholic Relief Services (shared with the Church in Central America & Eastern Europe)

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 13 de marzo de 8:30am a 6pm

"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.

COMPARTIR

Es fácil partir la papa por la mitad cuando hay amor.

—*Proverbio irlandés*

LA MAYOR CARGA

Cargar resentimiento es la mayor carga que puedes echar encima. —*Anónimo*

PRIMAVERA

Podrán cortar todas las flores, pero no podrán detener la primavera. —*Pablo Neruda*

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 | Tom Taggart | 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 tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com

HIJOS DE ABBA PADRE

"Sean misericordiosos, como el Padre de ustedes es misericordioso" (Lucas 6:36).

La Iglesia no cesa en recordarnos que nosotros, como hijos de Dios, debemos ser como nuestro Padre Dios. Debemos ser compasivos y misericordiosos como lo es Él. (Lc 6,36). Debemos ser "buenos con los desagradecidos y malos" tal cual es Dios nuestro Padre (Lc 6:35). Dios Padre nos insta a ser como Él mismo, a no juzgar ni a condenar a otras personas (Lc 6:37). "Porque el Padre no juzga a nadie: Él ha puesto todo juicio en manos de su Hijo" (Jn 5:22). Solo cuando dejamos de lado nuestro papel de juez, somos libres para emplearnos en el perdón y la generosidad (Lc 6:37-38). Dios Padre perdona constantemente. Su Hijo Jesús nos enseñó a pedirle que nos perdone (ver Mt 6:12) hasta setenta veces siete (Mt 18:22). También nosotros hemos de perdonar constantemente a imitación de nuestro Padre con el poder de su ayuda. Solo cuando hayamos abierto nuestro puño cerrado y nuestro corazón inmisericorde, podremos perdonar para dar desprendidamente (ver Mt 6: 11-12). Al igual que el padre del hijo pródigo, el perdón nos moverá a dar ropas, zapatos y anillos (Lc 15:22). Al igual que nuestro Abba Padre, podemos dar una gran fiesta (ver Lc 15:23-24) y unirnos a la inmensa alegría en el cielo por ese pecador que se arrepiente (Lc 15:7). Seamos más como el Padre.

Oración: Abba Padre...

Promesa: "¡Al Señor, nuestro Dios, la misericordia y el perdón, porque nos hemos rebelado contra él! Nosotros no hemos escuchado la voz del Señor, nuestro Dios, para seguir sus leyes, que él puso delante de nosotros por medio de sus servidores los profetas" (Dn 9:9-10).

Alabanza: A pesar de que a Curt le dolía tanto la espalda que ya no podía trabajar ni podía levantarse de su sillón, respondió con fe al llamado de Dios para convertirse en un cuidador de un centro de retiro. Ahora, con una salud mejorada, Curt mantiene una agenda muy ocupada, realizando un trabajo físico para que el pueblo de Dios se pueda renovar.

<https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=es&d=3/13/2017>

PROMOVIENDO LA VIDA

Los hombres también sufren. Lo que sigue es una carta escrita por un hombre que perdió a su hijo a causa del aborto:

Querido Juan Pedro,
En el otoño, Juan, cuando las hojas se caigan de los árboles voy a pensar en ti, porque tú también te caíste de la vida. En el frío del invierno, Juan, la nieve me hará recordarte: porque como la nieve tú fuiste y eres blanco y puro. En la primavera, Juan, pensaré en ti: ya que el nacimiento de la primavera me hará recordar que tú también deberías haber nacido en este mundo. Juan, pensaré en ti en el verano: imaginaré tu risa. Te veré como podrías haber sido, un niño corriendo y jugando, raspándote las rodillas en una caída. Extrañaré, Juan, todo lo que podría haber ganado con tu vida.

¿ESTÁS A PENAS TRABAJANDO PARA EL EVANGELIO?

"Comparte conmigo los sufrimientos que es necesario padecer por Evangelio" (2 Timoteo 1:8).

Como hijo bautizado de Dios, tienes una parte de las bendiciones del evangelio (1 Co 9:23; Ef 1:3). Asimismo, tienes una parte de las dificultades que el evangelio de Cristo requiere (2 Tim 1:8).

Jesús, en Su misericordia, trae esperanza a Sus discípulos en medio de las dificultades. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús lleva a tres de Sus discípulos a la montaña y les permite presenciar Su brillante y gloriosa Transfiguración (Mt 17:1ss). San Pedro entendió esta dinámica terrenal entre la gloria y el sufrimiento. Él nos dijo que la felicidad espiritual de la Transfiguración de Jesús fue una luz "brillando en un lugar oscuro" para todos nosotros que soportamos las dificultades del evangelio (2 Pe 1:16-19). Pedro también las entendió como una parte normal del evangelio. Él nos dice: "y ya que Cristo sufrió en su carne, compenétrense también ustedes de esta convicción" (1 Pe 4:1).

Nuestras dificultades son pocas comparadas con las de nuestros ancestros en la fe. Abram recorrió cientos de millas a la edad de setenta y cinco años (Gn 12:1ss). María, la madre de Jesús, sufrió muchas penas. Innumerables discípulos han sido martirizados por proclamar el evangelio. La mayoría de nosotros hemos soportado ni una de las dificultades mencionados en la lista de los sufrimientos de san Pablo por el evangelio (2 Co 11:23-33). "Nuestra angustia, que es leve y pasajera" (2 Co 4:17), y el Señor nos da la fuerza diaria (2 Tim 1:8) y vistazos periódicos de Su gloria para que podemos perseverar (ver Mt 17:2).

"¡Ánimo...! –oráculo del Señor–. ¡Manos a la obra!" para difundir el evangelio (Ag 2:4). "Comparte conmigo los sufrimientos que es necesario padecer por Evangelio, animado con la fortaleza de Dios" (2 Tim 1:8).

Oración: Padre, usa mi vida en el servicio del evangelio (Rom 15:16).

Promesa: "Él nos salvó y nos eligió con su santo llamado" (2 Tim 1:9).

Alabanza: ¡Alabanza al transfigurado, crucificado, resucitado y glorificado cuerpo de Jesús!

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CAMBIO

Cuaresma es cambio y cambiar no es fácil. Para poder cambiar debemos dejar algo atrás. Hoy escuchamos acerca de un hombre muy viejo que decide responder al llamado de Dios. Abram atraviesa por una tremenda cantidad de cambios cuando todo lo deja y lo arriesga por la promesa de Dios. Jesús cambia, se transfigura, justo delante de los ojos de sus discípulos. Las escrituras en Cuaresma nos llaman a cambiar, a ser transfigurados, para que también nosotros pronto participemos en la gloria de Dios. ¿Qué nos pide Dios dejar atrás? ¿Estamos dispuestos a arriesgarlo todo por la promesa que Dios hace? Estas son las preguntas centrales en el camino de conversión de la Cuaresma.

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