SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Let us love one another, because love is of God (1 John 4:7-10) *or 1 John 4:11-16*.

Gospel — This is my commandment: love one another as I love you (John 15:9-17) *or John 17:11b-19*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-

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Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or

Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS		WEEK AT A GLANCE			
		Monday,		8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth meal	
5:30 pm	The Anthony family & Sophie Zimnox (dec) by Bob Anthony	May 7		oani wass, 4pm-5.50pm breau & broth mear	
·		Tuesday, May 8		8am Mass; 9am Study Program; 4:30pm Confession for Children in Faith Formation	
Sunday May 6					
8:00 am	Jeanie Sullivan (dec), Helen Ahern (dec) & Bart Sullivan (dec), by the Sullivan family			and Regular Faith Formation Program	
	St. Theresa parishioners	Wednesday, May 9		8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	
12:00 pm	Elfi Sotomayor (bday, healing intention) by family			Columbus Meeting	
7:00 pm		Thursday, May 10		8am Mass; 7pm Bible Study in Spanish	
Monday May 7					
		Friday, May 11		8am &12noon Masses; 6pm Rehearsal for Confirmation	
Tuesday May 8					
		Saturday, May 12		11am Confirmations ; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass	
Wednesday May 9					
8:00 am	Lance Oineza (healing) by Cherry & Napoleon	Sunday, May 13		8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish) Masses	
12:00 pm	Concordia Balong (healing) by the Balong family				
Thursday May 10 St. Damien de Veuster		STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH			
	Joan E. Grech (dec) by her family			Regular Collection 4260.50	
Friday May 11		04/29		<u> </u>	
8:00 am	Korenne Greco (dec) by the Kringle family	04,23		olic Home Missions Appeal (Shared vith Black and Indian Missions)	
12:00 pm	Florentina Otic (dec) by the Balong family		·		
Saturday May 12 Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras		Second collection THIS weekend: Building Maintenance			
5:30 pm Father Mark Richards, 25th anniversary of ordination, by Pat Murphy		Second collection May 12/13: Catholic Communication Campaign			



Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (May 10, 2018) is transferred to the following Sunday, May 13, 2018.

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.

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

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

I hate contemporary abstract art. I don't understand it. It's ugly. It has no spiritual meaning. It has no place in the church. Why do some people insist on forcing contemporary art on us? We don't need it. We don't want it.

Gentle Reader,

No need to get so excited. It sure is not good for your health. Let us consider a couple of things together.

For starters, it is a great consolation to me, as it should be to you, that even Michelangelo, who was undeniably one of the greatest artists of all times, was a contemporary artist at one point who was revered by some and reviled by others. The same holds for many artists who are widely loved and admired today. Take, for example, French composer Maurice Ravel (1875–1937). When dedicating a newly composed string quartet to his teacher Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924), Fauré told him that this was very kind but he could not accept since the piece was ugly, had no meaning, and was completely unintelligible. Publicly humiliated, Ravel doubted his talents and almost stopped composing. Thankfully, fellow composer Claude Debussy (1862–1918), who loved Ravel's work, encouraged him to continue writing music. String Quartet in F is now one of the most celebrated works in French string music and Ravel is known and loved throughout the world. The appreciation of art is often very subjective and our subjective appreciation depends mostly on the taste of the community we live in. Very few people venture beyond this comfort zone. By contrast, great artists, the kind of artists who will be remembered almost by definition, venture beyond this comfort zone as they have the gift of seeing what most of us cannot see, except when these artists allow us a peek into the world they see through their art. Sometimes their vision is complex. Often their art is unusual and maybe uncomfortable. However, it is not because we don't "like it" that it is bad art. It may take more effort on our part to appreciate and understand contemporary art, but just remember that the artists we all love and appreciate were

With regard to your distaste for abstract art I am afraid there is little I can do as you seem quite convinced. But just in case, I ask you to consider this one premise: figurative art imposes imagery while abstract art invites imagery.

"modern" artists at one point and they too were scorned for

their "modern" art, even by other artists.

Figurative art, of course, has served us well in the telling of our Christian story. There is, however, one danger in that figurative art runs the risk of imposing imagery. This fact can easily be illustrated by asking a group of people about certain biblical scenes. They visualize them just as they have seen them in the pictures, regardless whether these pictures were historically accurate or not. Take, for example, the conversion of St. Paul. The most popular depictions of this important moment in his life show him falling off his horse. When asked, that is what people will tell you happened despite the fact that the Scriptures do not mention a horse at all.

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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office 530.544.4788 Find the **2018 SCHEDULE**: http://www.tahoecatholic.com/baptisms

RESPECT 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.



KNIGHT'S CORNER

Thought for the day: "I Will Survive".

'We survive by remembering, but sometimes we survive by forgetting. Maybe it's not such a bad thing

to forget" author unknown.

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 AVAIL FOR SALE TO ALL PARISHONERS FOR A SMALL DONATION. WATCH THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

MONTHLY MEETING—May 9th with Dinner @6pm PANCAKE BREAKFAST—May 6th 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

FRIENDS AND THEIR LIMITATIONS

We need friends. Friends guide us, care for us, confront us in love, console us in times of pain. Although we speak of "making friends," friends cannot be made. Friends are free gifts from God. But God gives us the friends we need when we need them if we fully trust in God's love.

Friends cannot replace God. They have limitations and weaknesses like we have. Their love is never faultless, never complete. But in their limitations they can be signposts on our journey towards the unlimited and unconditional love of God. Let's enjoy the friends whom God has sent on our way. henrinouwen.org/meditation/ friends-and-their-limitations/

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The image is imprinted on people's minds, even those who are familiar with the Scriptures. This is an innocent example, but what about Mary and Jesus being depicted with blond hair and blue eyes? What does that image do to our religious imagination?

By contrast, abstract art does not impose images; rather abstract art invites imagination. That makes it less obvious and less utilized as an evangelization tool as it demands more work on the part of the viewer. Yet, despite this, it enjoys the capacity for a deeper and more genuine reception of the Bible

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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

WHO CAN'T TEACH YOU? | "As Peter entered, Cornelius went to meet him, dropped to his knees before him and bowed low." —Acts 10:25

The Holy Spirit wants to teach us all things (Jn 14:26). For example, He wants to teach us how to be parents, wives, husbands, lay single people, and members of religious communities. The Spirit wants to teach us how to spend our money, eat, talk, think, work, love, live, and die. Because the Holy Spirit wants to teach us so much, the proper relationship with Him is to be teachable, that is, docile.

Most of the time the Spirit does not teach us directly but indirectly. He teaches us through people, such as parents, pastors, spouses, brothers, sisters, strangers, and even enemies. To be docile means to be able to learn from anyone the Holy Spirit chooses to teach through. For example, Cornelius, a powerful Roman centurion, was humbly submissive to the teaching of Peter, an uneducated Jewish fisherman (see Acts 10:25ff). The secretary of the treasury of the Ethiopian government asked the simple Philip to teach him from the Bible (Acts 8:27ff).

Who do you consider to be the last person in the world to teach you anything? If the Spirit so chooses, are you willing to be taught by him or her? If so, you are docile and ready to receive the Holy Spirit. If not, you are in danger of rejecting the Holy Spirit.

Prayer: Father, teach me about being teachable.

Promise: "Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God but that He has loved us and has sent His Son as an Offering for our sins." -1 In 4:10

Praise: Praise the risen Jesus, Who through His Word and Eucharist is with us always. Alleluia! www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=5/6/2018

FOLLOWING CHRIST IN THE HOLY SPIRIT: DISCERNMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT by Fr. Dick Hauser, SJ Christians are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Discipleship begins with the encounter with Christ, when one decides to follow Jesus. Keeping the Ten Commandments comes later, as one encounters Christ and decides to do his will. This is a two-stage process of initial and ongoing conversion, of internal and external assent that may happen simultaneously as we mature as Christians. This maturation leads us to an ever deeper level of discipleship with Christ. The Holy Spirit moves us from an external conformity of actions to an internal response to Christ, to following Christ in the Holy Spirit! "The redemption accomplished by the Son in the dimensions of the earthly history of humanity—accomplished in his 'departure' through the Cross and Resurrection—is at the same time, in its entire salvific power, transmitted to the Holy Spirit: the one who will take what is mine." (Dominum et Vivificantem, no.11) All Christian spirituality flows from responding to the Holy Spirit. Hence, the word "spirituality."

We know that prayer is a gift of the Holy Spirit. It involves dropping external preoccupations and listening and responding to the internal voice of the Holy Spirit rising within our hearts. St. Paul is clear in this when he says, "In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will." (Rom 8:26-27)

Discernment of the Holy Spirit is also a gift of the Holy Spirit. Our reflections focus on God's presence through the Holy Spirit, given to us through faith and baptism. Discernment of the Holy Spirit is listening and responding to the voice of the Holy Spirit arising in the midst of daily activities. It is being aware of the internal fluctuations of our hearts and learning to discern those movements that flow from the Holy Spirit from those that do not. The Epistles and the Gospels invite us to be disciples "in the Holy Spirit," the third person of the Blessed Trinity.

www.usccb.org/beliefs- and-teachings/how-we-teach/cateches is/catechetical-sunday/prayer/adult-faith-formation-hauser.cfm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN | MAY 12/13

Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.



CONFIRMATIONS AT SAINT THERESA | May 12th at 11am

All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass where 51 of our young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us support them with our prayers and presence. Father Mauricio

JUNE

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY | JUNE 30th

Our Lady of Tahoe is planning a retreat, "Renew Us in Spirit", at the Zephyr Point Conference Center on June 30th. Father Matthew Pennington - "Diary of a Country Priest" - and current parish priest at Our Lady of the Nativity in San Luis Obispo, will be the retreat master. The fee for the day, with breakfast, lunch and dinner included, is \$20. Members of the St. Theresa parish who are interested in attending, contact the OLOT parish office at (775)588-2080.

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

Q. What is the Rite of Acceptance, and what happens during this rite?

A. The first public ritual for the unbaptized inquirer is the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. Whenever a number of inquirers are ready the rite may be celebrated, and the inquirers will become catechumens. It is usually celebrated on a Sunday, and two or three celebrations of this rite can be set during a year (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 18).

Prior to the celebration, the pastor, catechists, and others who have been working with the inquirers help them to discern their readiness to take the next step. The rite itself celebrates what has taken place in the Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate: inquirers have begun to walk in an intentional relationship with God in faith and to learn how the community lives its faith. Inquirers have begun or deepened their private prayer life and have regularly worshiped with the community. They have become acquainted with some basic features of the Catholic faith, they wish to move on in the process, and the community is willing to pledge their prayer and support to them.

This beautiful rite expresses eloquently the Church's joy in welcoming inquirers (for the first part of the celebration they are called "candidates"). It also expresses the assembly's solemn intention to hand on the treasures of the faith. At the very beginning of Mass the priest or deacon goes outside to meet the candidates and their sponsors. After greeting the newcomers, the celebrant asks their names and what they ask of God's Church. He then asks them if they are prepared to live the Christian life, to accept the teachings of the Gospel. They answer as individuals, "I am," and the celebrant asks the sponsors and the entire assembly if they are willing to help the candidates "find and follow Christ." After the responses, "We are," the celebrant offers a prayer and all sing an acclamation.

Next the candidates are signed with the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads, ears, eyes, lips, heart, shoulders, hands, and feet, claiming every sense and faculty for Christ. Now they shall be known as catechumens, those who are being instructed. The assembly sings an acclamation, and the new catechumens are welcomed into the assembly, invited to listen with the community to the Word of God.

After the Homily the catechumens may be presented with a Bible or a cross. A series of intercessions for the catechumens offered, a final prayer is prayed over them, and then they are kindly dismissed to "reflect more deeply upon the word of God" (RCIA, 67B). The Liturgy of the Eucharist then proceeds as usual. From this point on the catechumens are considered part of the household of faith (see RCIA, 47). They participate in the Sunday Liturgy of the Word (after which they are dismissed to reflect on it), and special rites for marriage and funerals have been designed for them should the necessity arise.

The Rite of Acceptance also points to what is to come in the next period—the Catechumenate—when the teachings of our faith will be handed on to them as they are celebrated during the liturgical year. At the core of those teachings is the Cross of Jesus—the Paschal Mystery—that they have just received. It will be revealed to them more and more as they participate in the Liturgy of the Word on Sundays. The assembly will continue to pray for them every week in the intercessions, and the catechumens will have opportunities to participate in activities of the parish, especially service, that will also teach the meaning of the cross they have received in the Rite of Acceptance.

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6 DE MAYO DE 2018 | SEXTO 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 quién nos invita al banquete celestial. Qué esta liturgia les traiga paz. Si están visitando nuestra iglesia por la primera vez, ójala que se sienten como en familia, una parte de la familia mundial del Señor. Les damos la bienvenida cordialmente y celebramos y contemplamos el misterio de la Eucaristía y rezamos que su viaje a su casa será seguro y que regresen pronto.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Mediante las prédicas de Pedro, el Espíritu Santo viene a los gentiles (Hechos 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Salmo — El Señor revela a las naciones su justicia (Salmo 98 [97]).

Segunda lectura — Dios es amor y Dios nos ama (1 Juan 4:7-10) *o 1 Juan 4:11-16.*

Evangelio — Jesús da este mandamiento a sus discípulos: ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado (Juan 15:9-17) o Juan 17:11b-19.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 16:11-15; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a Martes: Hch 16:22-34; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11 Miércoles: Hch 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12

Jueves: Hch 18:1-8; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 16:16-20 Viernes: Hch 18:9-18; Sal 47 (46):2-7; Jn 16:20-23 Sábado: Hch 18:23-28; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28 Domingo: Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17- 23 o Ef 4:1 -13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mc 16:15-20

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

5 de mayo | sábado | 5:30 pm The Anthony family & Sophie Zimnox (dec) by Bob Anthony

6 de mayo | domingo |

8:00 am Jeanie Sullivan (dec), Helen Ahern (dec) & Bart Sullivan (dec), by the Sullivan family

10:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

12:00 pm Elfi Sotomayor (bday, healing intention) by family

7:00 pm

7 de mayo | lunes |

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

8 de mayo | martes |

8:00 am Antone & Margaret Salel (dec)

9 de mayo | miércoles

8:00 am Lance Oineza (healing) by Cherry & Napoleon

12:00 pm Concordia Balong (healing) by the Balong family

10 de mayo | jueves | San Damiano José de Veuster

8:00 am Joan E. Grech (dec) by her family

11 de mayo | viernes

04/29

8:00 am Korenne Greco (dec) by the Kringle family

12:00 pm Florentina Otic (dec) by the Balong family

12 de mayo | sábado | Santos Nereo y Aquiles; San Pancracio

5:30 pm Father Mark Richards, 25th anniversary of ordination, by Pat Murphy



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Segunda colecta— 5/6 de mayo: Mantenimiento

Segunda colecta— 12/13 de mayo: COLECTA DE LA "CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA DE LA COMUNICACIÓN"

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



DEVOCIÓN A NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO

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

COLECTA DE LA "CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA DE LA COMUNI-CACIÓN" | 12 Y 13 DE MAYO

Nuestra segunda colecta la próxima semana es para la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación. Esta campaña conecta a las personas con Cristo, aquí y alrededor del mundo, en los países en desarrollo a través del internet, la televisión, la radio y los medios impresos. Y, el cincuenta por ciento de los fondos recaudados, permanece en nuestra diócesis para financiar nuestros esfuerzos locales en el campo de las comunicaciones. ¡El apoyo de ustedes ayuda a propagar el mensaje del evangelio! Para informarse más, visiten www.usccb.org/ccc.

CONFIRMACIONES EN SANTA TERESITA | 12 de Mayo 11am

Todos están invitados a acompañar a 51 jóvenes de nuestra parroquia quienes estarán recibiendo del Sacramento de Confirmación el 12 de mayo. Apoyémoslos con nuestras oraciones y nuestra presencia. Padre Mauricio

DISCÍPULOS HACIENDO DISCÍPULOS

Pregunta: ¿Qué es la etapa de catecumenado? ¿Qué sucede en esta etapa de la iniciación?

Respuesta: La etapa del catecumenado es la segunda etapa del proceso de la iniciación cristiana. Cuando los interesados, junto con el párroco, los catequistas y otras personas involucradas en el proceso, han discernido que ellos están dispuestos a expresar públicamente su deseo de aceptar el Evangelio y seguir el camino de Jesucristo, los interesados están invitados a celebrar el Rito de Admisión en el orden de los catecúmenos. Con este rito comienza formalmente la segunda etapa de iniciación cristiana.

El catecumenado debe ser un largo período de formación, catequesis y discernimiento continuo alimentado por la oración comunitaria y personal. Los catecúmenos son guiados en los modos cristianos de vivir (formación), y aprenden sobre la fe (catequesis). Ellos continúan escuchando el llamado del Espíritu Santo (en oración y discernimiento). Acuden a orar regularmente con la comunidad, y con la ayuda de los sponsors o tutores en la fe, y de otras personas, comienzan una vida de oración personal.

El rito prevé que un catecúmeno pase un mínimo de un año litúrgico completo en este período para dar tiempo a que el Evangelio arraigue en él y así, despertar la conversión en su corazón y su mente. Juntos, categuistas, sponsors y catecúmenos, ponen atención a los impulsos del Espíritu Santo para discernir los siguientes pasos del proceso. Las estaciones y celebraciones del año litúrgico con sus lecturas, oraciones y música revelan los misterios y enseñanzas de la fe, especialmente el Misterio Pascual en su esencia, vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo. Es muy importante que la catequesis ponga de relieve las intuiciones y enseñanzas que ese Misterio irradia a lo largo de todo el año litúrgico. Así, los catecúmenos; se familiarizan con los dogmas y preceptos básicos de la Iglesia, y reflexionan sobre ellos para comenzar a integrarlos como parte de su vida. Los catecúmenos experimentan la nueva vida a la que son llamados en medio de la asamblea cristiana. La comunidad ayuda a los catecúmenos a conocer a Jesús, a vivir como cristianos y a discernir el llamado del Espíritu Santo. Los catecúmenos se han de volver lectores activos de las Escrituras, personas de oración y en proceso de reformar sus vidas con el Evangelio. Las sesiones de esta etapa período incluyen oración, reflexión y diálogo sobre enseñanzas particulares de la Iglesia, así como la escucha activa de testimonios de otros miembros de la comunidad. Durante esta etapa, los catecúmenos son despedidos después de la homilía para reflexionar juntos sobre la Palabra de Dios. Puesto que no han sido iniciados todavía, no pueden interceder por el mundo en la Oración Universal, hacer la Profesión de Fe, ni participar en la Eucaristía, pero se nutren de varios otros ritos, incluyendo celebraciones de la palabra, exorcismos menores, bendiciones y la unción con aceite de los catecúmenos.

Los catecúmenos deben tener sponsors o tutores en la fe, catequistas y otras personas de la asamblea con quienes puedan dialogar regularmente. Estos cristianos son compañeros y guías que comparten su fe, participando con ellos en la oración y en el discernimiento acerca de lo que

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¿QUIÉN NO PUEDE ENSEÑARTE? "Cuando Pedro entró, Cornelio fue a su encuentro y se postró a sus pies" (Hechos 10:25).

El Espíritu Santo quiere enseñarnos todas las cosas (Jn 14:26). Por ejemplo, Él quiere enseñarnos cómo ser padres, esposas, maridos, personas solteras y miembros de comunidades religiosas. El Espíritu quiere enseñarnos cómo gastar nuestro dinero, comer, hablar, pensar, trabajar, amar, vivir y morir. Debido a que el Espíritu Santo quiere enseñarnos tanto, la relación apropiada con Él debe ser educable, es decir, dócil.

La mayor parte del tiempo el Espíritu no nos enseña directa sino indirectamente. Él nos enseña por medio de personas, tales como padres, pastores, esposos, hermanos, hermanas, extraños e incluso enemigos. Ser dócil significa ser capaz de aprender de cualquier persona que el Espíritu Santo elija para enseñarnos. Por ejemplo, Cornelio, un poderoso centurión romano, fue humildemente sumiso a la enseñanza de Pedro, un pescador judío sin educación (ver Hch 10:25ss). El secretario del tesoro del gobierno etíope le pidió al sencillo Felipe que le enseñara de la Biblia (Hch 8:27ss).

¿A quién consideras que sería la última persona en el mundo que te pueda enseñar algo? Si el Espíritu así elige, ¿estás dispuesto a ser enseñado por él o ella? Si es así, eres dócil y estás listo para recibir al Espíritu Santo. Si no, estás en peligro de rechazar al Espíritu Santo.

Oración: Padre, enséñame sobre ser educable.

Promesa: "Y este amor no consiste en que nosotros hayamos amado a Dios, sino en que Él nos amó primero, y envió a Su Hijo como víctima propiciatoria por nuestros

Alabanza: Alaba al Jesús resucitado, que con Su Palabra y Eucaristía está siempre con nosotros. ¡Aleluya http://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp? lang=es&d=5/6/2018

pecados" (1 Jn 4:10).

Dios desea para ellos. Los catecúmenos también deben saber que toda la parroquia los está apoyando con su oración.

Al final del período, los catecúmenos no habrán aprendido todo lo relacionado a la fe cristiana, ni serán cristianos perfectos, pero tendrán sólidos fundamentos de la fe y sus rituales, los cuales irán despertando en ellos el deseo de ser parte más plena de lo que la Iglesia celebra. Cuando el párroco, los catequistas y los sponsors o tutores, junto con los catecúmenos, descubran que están listos, la parroquia puede celebrar el Rito de Envío y enviarlos al obispo para el Rito de Elección al comienzo de la Cuaresma. Con ese rito se termina formalmente el período del catecumenado, y los catecúmenos pasan a ser "elegidos", es decir, escogidos para los sacramentos de iniciación. Timothy A. Johnson. © 2017 Arquidiócesis de Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. Derechos reservados. Ilustración de Steve Musgrave.