ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Gospel — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42 Tuesday 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday June 16 Blessed Virgin Mary						
5:30 pm	Father John Grace (70th anniversary of priestly ordin.)					
Sunday June 17						
8:00 am	St. Theresa parishioners					
10:00 am	Numer Cabanero (dec) by his wife Nora & family					
12:00 pm	Ed & Danette Winslow 30th wedding anniversary (6-18 -18) by the Winslow family					
7:00 pm						
Monday June 18						
8:00 am	Bill Roach (special intention) by his family					
Tuesday June 19 St. Romuald						
8:00 am	John Kopcho (dec) by Barbara Randall					
Wednesday June 20						
8:00 am	Gerald Hurley & Kathleen Carlson (dec)					
12:00 pm	SSG Lance Oineza (special intention) by Cherry & Nap					
Thursday June 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga						

8:00 am Bernice Attinger (dec) by Joe & Joanne Tillson

Friday June 22 St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More

8:00 am Ellen Cullen (Cullen) by Katie Donovan **12:00 pm** Anmarie Roach (special intention) by family

Saturday June 23 **Blessed Virgin Mary**

5:30 pm Ellen Cullen (dec) by Steve & Diane Yarrow

WEEK AT A GLANCE Monday, 8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth meal; June 18 6:30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting Tuesday, 8am Mass June 19 Wednesday, 8am Mass; 12noon Mass June 20 Thursday, 8am Mass; 5pm wedding rehearsal June 21 8am &12noon Masses; 3pm-4:30pm Food Friday, June 22 Pantry Saturday, 11:30am wedding; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm June 23 Vigil Mass Sunday. 8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish) June 24

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a group of 12-15 ladies or men who can devote 2 hours, once a month, to do a weekly cleaning (dusting, etc.) of the church. Please contact Irene Lohmeier: (H) 530-541-1864 (C) 530-545-1350 or e-mail irenelohmeier@yahoo.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



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STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

06/10	Regular Collection	5925.06
	no second collection	Thank you!

Second collection THIS weekend: new light poles in main parking lot

Second collection June 23/24: Peter's Pence Collection

Second collection June 30/July 1: Building Maintenance

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.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office **1** 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

"A Great Attitude becomes a great mood. A Great Mood becomes a great day. A Great Day becomes a great year. A Great Year becomes a

Great Life." 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 available for sale for a small donation.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS—July 11, Time TBA KNIGHTS' MASS-July 15 @ 8AM. All Knights strongly encouraged to attend. Lets show our strength PANCAKE BREAKFAST—July 1 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

TREES

"And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom." - Ezekiel 17:24

The Bible begins with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gn 2:9). It ends with the trees of life on the banks of the river of life-giving waters in heaven (Rv 22:1-2). Ezekiel described the Messianic kingdom as a majestic cedar tree on a high mountain (Ez 17:22-23). In contrast, Jesus described His kingdom in a much less impressive way as being like a mustard tree or shrub (Mk 4:32). Finally, the early Church referred to Jesus' cross as a tree (see Acts 13:29).

The cross is the ultimate tree of life bridging Genesis to Revelation, the beginning to the end, earth to heaven, and humanity to God. The tree of the cross is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies. It is the means of establishing God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. It is the way to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer: Father, may the sight of a tree make me think with gratitude of Your Son's cross.

Promise: "We walk by faith, not by sight." -2 Cor 5:7

Praise: Praise You Jesus, our Life, Love, and risen Lord God. You are "the Author of Life" (Acts 3:15). We rejoice in You! www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?

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EMPOWERED TO PRAY

Prayer is the gift of the Spirit. Often we wonder how to pray, when to pray, and what to pray. We can become very concerned about methods and techniques of prayer. But finally it is not we who pray but the Spirit who prays in us. Paul says: "The Spirit ... comes to help us in our weakness, for, when we do not know how to pray properly, then the Spirit personally makes our petitions for us in groans that cannot be put into words; and he who can see into all hearts knows what the Spirit means because the prayers that the Spirit makes for God's holy people are always in accordance with the mind of God" (Romans 8:26-27). These words explain why the Spirit is called "the Consoler." henrinouwen.org/meditation/empowered-to-pray/

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

I was taught to genuflect before entering my pew in church. I am afraid not everyone does that any-more. Is that OK? Should I continue to genuflect?

Gentle Reader,

Sometimes we think that the liturgy begins with the opening song and procession. As a matter of fact, the liturgy begins much sooner than that. It begins when we get ready to make our way to church. From that moment on, we start transition-ing from our daily world to the world of the lit-urgy. This process may involve getting ourselves and maybe our children ready. Then we make our way to church. We find a parking place, hope-fully without much difficulty. We walk toward the church across a busy street or through a nicely landscaped garden. When we get to the doors of the church, the transition heightens. Pushing open the often heavy church doors, the wafts of incense and burning wax or the smell of evergreens or Easter lilies meets us.

At that moment we engage in two important transitional acts. First we make our way to the baptismal font, where we bless ourselves with holy water and remind ourselves of our baptis-mal rights and obligations. Then we proceed into the church proper and, before sitting or kneeling down in prayer, we genuflect as a sign of reverence toward the Blessed Sacrament, which is reserved in the tabernacle. In case the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in a separate chapel a profound bow toward the altar is appropriate as the altar is a symbol of Christ. Both are threshold gestures. They complete the transition from our daily life to our liturgical life, not that the one ever ignores the other.

These transitional gestures are extremely im-portant. They express what we believe and they reinforce those beliefs. The loss of these gestures is not only a sign of the loss of reverence due the Blessed Sacrament; it will also compound that loss of

So to answer your question, please continue genuflecting and maybe add a visit to the baptismal font. Hopefully your great example will encourage others to follow suit.

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REFLECTIONS

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER JUNE 2018 | : Social Networks

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences. https://www.popesprayer.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/English-2018-def-temi-3.pdf

"REJOICE AND BE GLAD" | In the next few weeks we will be posting excerpts from the APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD. CHAPTER ONE: The call to holiness | The Lord calls | Your mission in Christ | Activity that sanctifies 25. Just as you cannot understand Christ apart from the kingdom he came to bring, so too your personal mission is inseparable from the building of that kingdom: "Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness" (Mt 6:33). Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace. Christ himself wants to experience this with you, in all the efforts and sacrifices that it entails, but also in all the joy and enrichment it brings. You cannot grow in holiness without committing yourself, body and soul, to giving your best to this endeavour.

26.It is not healthy to love silence while fleeing interaction with others, to want peace and quiet while avoiding activity, to seek prayer while disdaining service. Everything can be accepted and integrated into our life in this world, and become a part of our path to holiness. We are called to be contemplatives even in the midst of action, and to grow in holiness by responsibly and generously carrying out our proper mission.

27. Could the Holy Spirit urge us to carry out a mission and then ask us to abandon it, or not fully engage in it, so as to preserve our inner peace? Yet there are times when we are tempted to relegate pastoral engagement or commitment in the world to second place, as if these were "distractions" along the path to growth in holiness and interior peace. We can forget that "life does not have a mission, but is a mission".[27]

28. Needless to say, anything done out of anxiety, pride or the need to impress others will not lead to holiness. We are challenged to show our commitment in such a way that everything we do has evangelical meaning and identifies us all the more with Jesus Christ. We often speak, for example, of the spirituality of the catechist, the spirituality of the diocesan priesthood, the spirituality of work. For the same reason, in Evangelii Gaudium I concluded by speaking of a spirituality of mission, in Laudato Si' of an ecological spirituality, and in Amoris Laetitia of a spirituality of family life. 29. This does not mean ignoring the need for moments of quiet, solitude and silence before God. Quite the contrary. The presence of constantly new gadgets, the excitement of travel and an endless array of consumer goods at times leave no room for God's voice to be heard. We are overwhelmed by words, by superficial pleasures and by an increasing din, filled not by joy but rather by the discontent of those whose lives have lost meaning. How can we fail to realize the need to stop this rat race and to recover the personal space needed to carry on a heartfelt dialogue with God? Finding that space may prove painful but it is always fruitful. Sooner or later, we have to face our true selves and let the Lord enter. This may not happen unless "we see ourselves staring into the abyss of a frightful temptation, or have the dizzying sensation of standing on the precipice of utter despair, or find ourselves completely alone and abandoned".[28] In such situations, we find the deepest motivation for living fully our commitment to our work. 30. The same distractions that are omnipresent in today's world also make us tend to absolutize our free time, so that we can give ourselves over completely to the devices that provide us with entertainment or ephemeral pleasures. [29] As a result, we come to resent our mission, our commitment grows slack, and our generous and ready spirit of service begins to flag. This denatures our spiritual experience. Can any spiritual fervour be sound when it dwells alongside sloth in evangelization or in service to others?

31.We need a spirit of holiness capable of filling both our solitude and our service, our personal life and our evangelizing efforts, so that every moment can be an expression of self-sacrificing love in the Lord's eyes. In this way, every minute of our lives can be a step along the path to growth in holiness.

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EMPOWERED TO BE

Who are we? Are we what we do? Are we what others say about us? Are we the power we have? It often seems that way in our society. But the Spirit of Jesus given to us reveals our true spiritual identities. The Spirit reveals that we belong not to a world of success, fame, or power but to God. The world enslaves us with fear; the Spirit frees us from that slavery and restores us to the true relationship. That is what Paul means when he says: "All who are guided by the Spirit of God are sons [daughters] of God, for what you received was not the spirit of slavery to bring you back into fear; you received the spirit of adoption, enabling us to cry out, 'Abba, Father!'" (Romans 8:15). Who are we? We are God's beloved sons and daughters! henrinouwen.org/meditation/empowered-to-be/

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

PRESENTATION ON THE ANNULMENT PROCESS | Thursday, June 21 | 7 9pm

St. John the Baptist Parish, Folsom | Garden Room located in the Parish Office

Join Father Mark Richards, JCL, Judicial Vicar, and Cheryl M. Tholcke, Moderator of the Tribunal Chancery, as they present an overview of the Church's annulment process. Time is allotted for questions and answers, as well as time to speak privately with one of them or an appointed Parish Advocate.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | Friday, June 22 from 12:30pm to 6:00pm.

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

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION | June 23/24

Next week, we will take the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

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Q. What's next? Is it over now? Does Christian initiation ever end?

A. At its heart, Christian initiation is about conversion—people turning toward God for the first time. But that movement of turning toward God continues after initiation. Disciples continue to turn more and more deeply toward God throughout their lives. That is why the privilege of accompanying seekers as they come to know Jesus Christ is so compelling and revitalizing for the baptized. We are always engaged in that movement of turning, of ongoing conversion

The ninety-some days from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost, from death to new life, are at the heart of Christian life and are an especially fertile time for ongoing conversion. The assembly makes this journey together each year with those who are coming to faith. Beginning in Lent, the paths of the elect and the assembly gradually grow closer until at Easter neophytes and assembly are at last one in Baptism and share Eucharist together at the Lord's Table.

At the Easter Vigil, the baptized attend closely as the elect are called by name, rise from the font, and are told they are "a new creation." We watch as they are given a lighted candle, told they have been enlightened by Christ, and reminded to walk as children of the light. These words take on a new meaning as the assembly hears them spoken to these adults. We see ourselves in the newly baptized. We recommit to bringing our baptismal garment unstained to Christ, to walking as children of light. We voice this recommitment by renewing our baptismal promises and are sprinkled with baptismal water. These days renew us in our baptismal identity, calling us to share the light of Christ in all the dark corners of our world.

Mystagogy during the fifty days of Easter is a school for Christian living—a school for neophytes and for all the assembly. And it was a school through which Jesus' first disciples also learned. For forty days after he rose from the dead, the Risen Lord stayed with his disciples, opening the Scriptures for them, sharing meals with them, and assuring them of his everlasting presence. He commissioned them as Apostles and ascended, ten days later sending the Holy Spirit among them. The seven Sunday Masses of Easter Time echo that savoring, teaching, understanding, and commissioning.

After Pentecost, our daily living goes on, nourished by this journey. Whether neophyte or long-baptized, we will experience joys and sorrows in our lives ahead. We will stumble and rise, we will fall short of the baptismal life to which we are called. Yet the Risen Christ accompanies us, and we accompany one another, turning together toward the world still in need of Christ's light.

At every moment in the world, God is loving and leading people. Grace is flowing, hearts are stirring, and people are seeking. That is how initiation begins—with God's action—and disciples are needed to respond by being and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. We do this simply by living our lives as faithful disciples, and we do not hesitate to give a reason for our hope when people want to talk—to share our joys and struggles as followers of Jesus Christ. We may never know the impact of our efforts to be a sign of encouragement, or we may have the joy of knowing that we helped to move someone along in their journey. Soon we will begin this initiation process again, with new experiences and with new seekers who will become new Christians. The Church's work of initiation never ends. *Kyle Lechtenberg.* © 2017 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved.

EMPOWERED TO CALL GOD "ABBA" | henrinouwen.org/meditation/empowered-call-god-abba/

Calling God "Abba, Father" is different from giving God a familiar name. Calling God "Abba" is entering into the same intimate, fearless, trusting, and empowering relationship with God that Jesus had. That relationship is called Spirit, and that Spirit is given to us by Jesus and enables us to cry out with him, "Abba, Father."

Calling God "Abba, Father" (see Roman 8:15; Galatians 4:6) is a cry of the heart, a prayer welling up from our innermost beings. It has nothing do with naming God but everything to do with claiming God as the source of who we are. This claim does not come from any sudden insight or acquired conviction; it is the claim that the Spirit of Jesus makes in communion with our spirits. It is the claim of love.

17 DE JUNIO DE 2018 | UNDÉCIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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 — Elevaré los árboles pequeños (Ezequiel 17:22-24).

Salmo — Es bueno dar gracias al Señor (Salmo 92 [91]).
Segunda lectura — En el destierro o en la patria, nos esforzamos por agradar al Señor (2 Corintios 5:6-10).
Evangelio — El hombre siembra su campo, y sin que él sepa cómo, la semilla germina y crece (Marcos 4:26-34).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Re 21:1-16; Sal 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42 Martes: 1 Re 21:17-29; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48 Miércoles: 2 Re 2:1, 6-14; Sal 31 (30):20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Jueves: Sir 48:1-14; Sal 97 (96):1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Viernes: 2 Re 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Sal 132 (131):11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

Sábado:2 Cr 24:17-25; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34 Domingo: Is 49:1-6; Sal 139 (138):1-3, 13-15; Hch 13:22-26; Lc 1:57-66, 80

Pedro

Segunda colecta— 30 de junio/1 de julio: Mantenimiento

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coronilla de la Divina Misericordia". Rosario y

oraciones special a Peretuo Socorro.

En el Evangelio de hoy, se nos presenta a Jesús como un excelente cuentista. A él le gustaba contar parábolas como una forma para comparar esto de aquello. En muchas de las parábolas, Jesús revela quien es Dios al comparar la naturaleza o acciones de Dios con alguna situación conocida de su audiencia. En la parábola de la semilla de mostaza, Jesús proclama una verdad maravillosa e irrefutable. Su pequeño grupo de discípulos, tan insignificantes como ellos se hubieran sentido, un día producirán un reinado poderoso cuyo crecimiento lo comenzó Dios. Las semillas de este reino fueron plantadas por Dios y es Dios quien cosechará el fruto producido por esas semillas. No se puede predecir que tanto crecerá el Reino de Dios. Debemos confiar el trabajo de las manos del dueño, así como nosotros, al igual que la semilla de mostaza, crece y crece.

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INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS		PETICIONES POR ESTAS PERSONAS		
16 de junio sábado Santa María Virgen		POR LOS FELIGRESES—ACTIVOS CON EL SERVICIO MILITAR		
5:30 pm Father John Grace (70th anniversary of priestly ordin.)		Phillip Gaston Corbett Martin Zachary Martin Erik Townsend		
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7:00 pm		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
18 de junio lunes		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		
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19 de junio martes San Romualdo				
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20 de junio miércoles				
o.oo am Octaid Turicy & Ratificen Carison (dec)		PADRE iPadre! A Dios mismo no le podemos dar un nombre más santo. —William Wordsworth VERANO Una sola golondrina no hace verano. —John Heywood		
12:00 pm SSG Lance Oineza (special intention) by Cherry & Nap				
21 de junio jueves San Luis Gonzaga				
8:00 am Bernice Attinger (dec) by Joe & Joanne Tillson				
22 de junio viernes San Paulino de Nola; San Juan Fisher; San Tomás Moro		¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!		
8:00 am Ellen Cullen (Cullen) by Katie Donovan		Colecta Regular	5925.06	
12:00 pm Anmarie Roach (special intention) by family		06/10 No colecta Gracias	0 . 1	
23 de junio sábado Santa María Virgen			Gracias!	
<i>5:30 pm</i> Ellen Cullen (dec) by Steve & Diane Yarrow		Segunda colecta— 16/17 de junio: new light poles in main parking lot Segunda colecta— 23/24 de junio: Colecta del Óbolo de San		
DEVOCIÓN A NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO				
Cada miercoles a las horas de 10:30 am con la				

TOMANDO RIESGOS | "Tu Padre, que ve en lo secreto, te recompensará" (Mateo 6:18).

Estamos en el medio de las tres semanas en las que leemos el Sermón del Monte de Jesús. Los primeros diez días, Jesús nos manda hacer lo imposible. Por ejemplo, Él nos dice que escojamos pobreza y persecución (Mt 5:3, 10). Él establece un estándar de santidad "fuera de este mundo". No se nos permite ni enojarnos ni miradas lujuriosas (Mt 5:22, 28). Jesús va tan lejos que exige que no ofrezcamos resistencia a heridas, sino que prestemos la otra mejilla, hasta el amar a nuestros enemigos (Mt 5:39, 44). Él en fin llega a ser "totalmente irrealista" cuando nos dice que debemos ser perfectos como nuestro Padre celestial es perfecto (ver Mt 5:48). Obviamente esto es imposible.

Jesús entiende nuestro dilema. Dijo al joven rico: "Para los hombres es imposible, pero no para Dios, porque para Él todo es posible" (Mc 10:27). El Hijo quiere darnos una confianza tanto más profunda en nuestro Padre, que le permitamos darnos gracia suficiente para vivir el Sermón del Monte. El Señor nos está llamando a dar limosna, orar y ayunar como nunca antes lo hemos hecho (Mt 6:1ss). Debemos tomar algunos riesgos calculados financieramente, en oración, e incluso físicamente. Tenemos que atrevernos a un riesgo extremo para dar una contribución importante, rezando horas, o haciendo un ayuno a largo plazo. Cuando fallen nuestros cálculos, descubriremos que nuestro Padre celestial nos rescatará (Sal 94:18). Confiemos en Él para que trabaje más radicalmente en nuestras vidas.

Oración: ¡Abba, haz cualquier cosa que quieras en, a través, y conmigo - cualquier cosa!

Promesa: "Amen al Señor, todos sus fieles, porque Él protege a los que son leales y castiga con severidad a los soberbios" (Sal 31:24).

Alabanza: George aprendió a confiar totalmente en Dios, y ha vivido varias décadas en esa confianza.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Muchas parejas se casan durante este mes. Las bodas son ritos religiosos y culturales que celebran el inicio de un matrimonio. En 1215 el matrimonio se convirtió en sacramento cristiano. Este sacramento tiene un rito simple por el cual la pareja se casa proclamando en público su mutuo consentimiento. En Latinoamérica varios ritos culturales han sido incorporados al rito cristiano para embellecerlo con simbolismo y folclor.

Uno de estos ritos es el de las arras y es mencionado por Jesús en la parábola de la mujer que encuentra su moneda perdida. Según tradiciones judías y árabes la familia del novio entregaba una cantidad de dinero al padre de la novia. Algunas de estas monedas eran dadas a la novia como recuerdo del día de su boda. Esta costumbre llega a España durante la invasión de los Moros. Pero luego los españoles la trajeron a América.

Arras significan "garantía" y son las primicias del sostenimiento económico que el novio dará a la nueva familia que se establece en el matrimonio de la pareja. Normalmente son 13 monedas representando a Jesús y a los doce apóstoles. —Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

ÁRBOLES

"Y todos los árboles del campo sabrán que yo, el Señor, humillo al árbol elevado y exalto al árbol humillado, hago secar el árbol verde y reverdecer al árbol seco" (Ezequiel 17:24).

La Biblia comienza con el árbol de la vida y el árbol del conocimiento del bien y del mal (Gn 2:9). Termina con los árboles de la vida a orillas del río de las aguas que dan vida en el cielo (Ap 22:1-2). Ezequiel describió el reino Mesiánico como un majestuoso árbol de cedro en una alta montaña (Ez 17:22-23). En contraste, Jesús describió Su reino de una manera mucho menos impresionante, como si fuera un árbol de mostaza o arbusto (Mc 4:32). Finalmente, la Iglesia primitiva se refirió a la cruz de Jesús como un árbol (ver Hch 13:29).

La cruz es el supremo árbol de la vida que une el Génesis a la Revelación, el principio al fin, la tierra al cielo y la humanidad a Dios. El árbol de la cruz es el cumplimiento de las profecías Mesiánicas. Es el medio de establecer el reino de Dios en la tierra como en el cielo. Es el camino para entrar en el reino de los cielos.

Había árboles en el paraíso. Hay árboles en el cielo. El Espíritu llamó a la Iglesia primitiva a ver la cruz como un árbol. La poetisa Joyce Kilmer tenía razón cuando dijo que nunca vería nada tan maravilloso como un árbol.

Oración: Padre, que la vista de un árbol me haga pensar con gratitud sobre la cruz de Tu Hijo.

Promesa: "Porque nosotros caminamos en la fe y todavía no vemos claramente" (2 Co 5:7).

Alabanza: Alabado sea Jesús, nuestra vida, amor, y resucitado Señor Dios. Tu eres "el autor de la vida" (Hch 3:15). ¡Nos regocijamos en Ti!

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