

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 — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday December 15

5:30 pm Celeste Taylor (bday) by her mom

Sunday December 16

8:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

10:00 am Edward Burkart by his family

12:00 pm Larry Grilli Sr (dec) by the Winslow family

7:00 pm Marilyn Burt (dec) by her son, daughter-in-law and

Monday December 17

8:00 am Hermina Murphy (dec) by Pat

Tuesday December 18

8:00 am Mark Hurley & John Hurley (dec) by the Hurley family

Wednesday December 19

8:00 am Celeste Taylor (bday) by her mom

12:00 pm Joan E. Grech (dec) by her family

Thursday December 20

8:00 am Andrew Mariusz (healing) from Mom & Dad

Friday December 21 St. Peter Canisius

8:00 am Kevin Malone (dec) by Tom & Judy Finn

12:00 pm Celeste Taylor (bday) by her mom

Saturday December 22

5:30 pm The Anthony family & Sophie Zimnox by Bob Anthony

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 17 8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal; 6pm Mass (Simbang Gabi)

Tuesday, December 18 8am Mass; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English; 7pm Posada

Wednesday, December 19 8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 6pm Mass (Simbang Gabi); 7pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, December 20 8am Mass; 6pm Blessed Is She Program; 7pm Posada

Friday, December 21 8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry

Saturday, December 22 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass; 7pm Posada

Sunday, December 23 8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish); 8pm Posada



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 tahocatholicbulletin@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

12/09	Regular Collection	3832.57
	RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS	1222.07
12/08	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	749.00

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

Second collection **NEXT** weekend: **SNOW REMOVAL**



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

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



RESPECT LIFE 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

Men of the Parish are you looking for something more in your life? We do men's Catholic Fellowship!

NOW AVAILABLE: St. Theresa Commemorative keepsakes. Find them at the back of the Church or ask a Knight!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Jan. 6 after the 8AM & 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

RCIA

The preparation for Christmas includes buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: his Son, Jesus.

INVITE SOMEONE WHO IS NOT CATHOLIC TO ATTEND

MASS WITH YOU AT CHRISTMAS. For more information about the RCIA, contact Danette Winslow sttheresare@gmail.com (530) 544-4788 or Fr. Mauricio mauricioh650@gmail.com (530) 544-3533 Ext. 102

ST. THERESA PARISH DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!

If you had a photograph taken at the parish in 2016 by Lifetouch photographers, whether you ordered portraits or not you are welcome to pick up your complimentary directory at the parish office, Monday-Friday 9am -12pm and 1-4pm. If you are interested in extra copies, they may be purchased for \$10.00 each.

Thank you all for your patience in receiving this long awaited publication, enjoy!

GIVING PERMISSION TO DIE

One of the greatest gifts we can offer our family and friends is helping them to die well. Sometimes they are ready to go to God but we have a hard time letting them go. But there is a moment in which we need to give those we love the permission to return to God, from whom they came. We have to sit quietly with them and say: "Do not be afraid ... I love you, God loves you ... it's time for you to go in peace. ... I won't cling to you any longer ... I set you free to go home ... go gently, go with my love." Saying this from our heart is a true gift. It is the greatest gift love can give. When Jesus died he said: "Father, into your hands I commit my Spirit" (Luke 23:46). It is good to repeat these words often with our dying friends. With these words on their lips or in their hearts, they can make the passage as Jesus did.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/giving-permission-to-die/>

WHEN DADDY SINGS

"Sing joyfully." —Zephaniah 3:14

The Lord, through St. Paul, commands and graces us to rejoice in Him always (Phil 4:4). No matter how many problems we have, no matter how bad we feel — the fact that we are "in the Lord" dwarfs everything else. How can we let a little cloud or two eclipse the Son?

When we fix our eyes on Jesus (Heb 12:2), the Son of God (Mk 1:1), He will reveal to us our heavenly Father (Lk 10:22; Jn 14:6), Who is the Source of our joy. Jesus and the Holy Spirit will show us our Abba (see Gal 4:6) rejoicing over each one of us with gladness and renewing us in His love (Zep 3:17). We will see the reality that God Himself, our Abba, is at this moment singing joyfully because of us, His adopted children (Rm 8:15; Zep 3:17). Abba's joyous singing is quite contagious — especially for His children. In the presence of Abba, we find ourselves breaking out into song and singing our parts in the Trinitarian musical. Our everlasting songs of joy drown out our passing sorrows. We "rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice!" (Phil 4:4)

Prayer: *Father, may I "rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with glory" (1 Pt 1:8).*

Promise: *"He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire." —Lk 3:16*

Praise: *"I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul" (Is 61:10).*

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CHRISTMAS

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us.

Because of this belief, God is not only **Transcendent**, but also wholly **Immanent**, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining **Transcendent** (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time **Immanent** (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him... including the fact that he was born to die for us.

The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends as a way to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/christmas/index.cfm>

REFLECTIONS

“REJOICE AND BE GLAD” | In the next few weeks we will be posting excerpts from the **APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION GAUDETE ET EXULTATE OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY’S WORLD.**

CHAPTER FIVE | SPIRITUAL COMBAT, VIGILANCE AND DISCERNMENT

Alert and trustful

162. God’s word invites us clearly to “stand against the wiles of the devil” (Eph 6:11) and to “quench all the flaming darts of the evil one” (Eph 6:16). These expressions are not melodramatic, precisely because our path towards holiness is a constant battle. Those who do not realize this will be prey to failure or mediocrity. For this spiritual combat, we can count on the powerful weapons that the Lord has given us: faith-filled prayer, meditation on the word of God, the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic adoration, sacramental Reconciliation, works of charity, community life, missionary outreach. If we become careless, the false promises of evil will easily seduce us. As the sainted Cura Brochero observed: “What good is it when Lucifer promises you freedom and showers you with all his benefits, if those benefits are false, deceptive and poisonous?” [122]

163. Along this journey, the cultivation of all that is good, progress in the spiritual life and growth in love are the best counterbalance to evil. Those who choose to remain neutral, who are satisfied with little, who renounce the ideal of giving themselves generously to the Lord, will never hold out. Even less if they fall into defeatism, for “if we start without confidence, we have already lost half the battle and we bury our talents... Christian triumph is always a cross, yet a cross which is at the same time a victorious banner, borne with aggressive tenderness against the assaults of evil”. [123]

Spiritual corruption

164. The path of holiness is a source of peace and joy, given to us by the Spirit. At the same time, it demands that we keep “our lamps lit” (Lk 12:35) and be attentive. “Abstain from every form of evil” (1 Thess 5:22). “Keep awake” (Mt 24:42; Mk 13:35). “Let us not fall asleep” (1 Thess 5:6). Those who think they commit no grievous sins against God’s law can fall into a state of dull lethargy. Since they see nothing serious to reproach themselves with, they fail to realize that their spiritual life has gradually turned lukewarm. They end up weakened and corrupted.

165. Spiritual corruption is worse than the fall of a sinner, for it is a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness. Everything then appears acceptable: deception, slander, egotism and other subtle forms of self-centredness, for “even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light” (2 Cor 11:14). So Solomon ended his days, whereas David, who sinned greatly, was able to make up for disgrace. Jesus warned us against this self-deception that easily leads to corruption. He spoke of a person freed from the devil who, convinced that his life was now in order, ended up being possessed by seven other evil spirits (cf. Lk 11:24-26). Another biblical text puts it bluntly: “The dog turns back to his own vomit” (2 Pet 2:22; cf. Pr 26:11).

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http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exultate.html#SPIRITUAL_COMBAT,_VIGILANCE_AND_DISCERNMENT

WHAT’S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

I have noticed that there is much more talking in the back of the church before Mass and even during Mass than there used to be. Don’t these people get it?

Gentle Reader,

You are quite correct, things have changed. Far gone are the days when we did not dare to even whisper after we had entered church. Today, many people enter a church in the same manner as they might enter a restaurant or bar. And worse, they continue their chatter even after the liturgy has begun.

Of course, there is something really beautiful about the joy people express upon seeing fellow Christians when entering church. They shake hands, hug, and kiss. New babies are crooned over while visiting college students receive jovial slaps on the back.

I also marvel at the people who engage in their pious routine after quietly slipping past all the hubbub. They walk to the baptismal font where they pause briefly to intentionally bless and remember their baptismal commitment. From there they go to one of the shrines to light a candle. Finally, they make their way to a pew. They genuflect, enter the pew, and kneel down in quiet prayer. All of this is done in perfect silence somewhat hassled by the friendly banter all around them. Though both are valid, at times the sounds of enthusiasm and the silence of prayer collide. In order for both to coexist, contemporary churches often have a gathering space where arriving parishioners can meet and greet. They also have a Blessed Sacrament chapel where silence and reverence prevail.

Many older churches have neither a gathering space nor a Blessed Sacrament chapel. This requires churchgoers to exercise liturgical patience and to honor the spiritual needs of others. Those who are more inclined to visit ought to make sure they control their decibels of enthusiasm and end their socializing before the liturgy begins. Those who prefer quiet prayer over joyous encounters are at a disadvantage as their silence is often drowned out. My advice to them is to pray for ever deepening patience as well as for the needs of those people who annoy them with their enthusiasm.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

USHERS NEEDED FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES

Please consider being an Usher this Christmas to welcome people before Mass, to take up the collection and give away a Christmas gift. To sign up or more information please contact Fr. Mauricio at (530) 544-3533 Ext. 102 or mauricioh650@gmail.com or sign up in the vestibule.

SIMBANG GABI (NIGHT MASS)

Monday, December 17 at 6pm

Food after the Mass in Globin Social Hall

Wednesday December 19 at 6pm

Food and Entertainment after Mass in Grace Hall

Friday, December 21 at 6pm

Food after the Mass in Grace Hall

Simbang Gabi (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Roman Catholics in the Philippines in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have 3 days of the novena.

All are welcome!

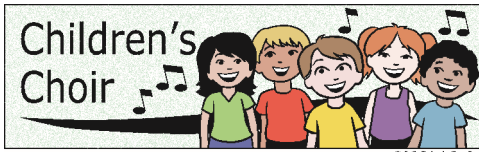
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

December 24 (Vigil Masses):

5:30pm—8pm Mass in Spanish

December 25 (Christmas Masses):

12am Midnight Mass; 8am—10am—12noon



The Children's Choir for the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve vigil Mass will practice the on December 20th from 4:30-5:30 pm in the church. We will then sing at the 5:30 pm Mass on December 24. All children are welcome to join us! Any questions, please contact Danette Winslow at the Parish Center (544-4788) or Karin Holmes at 544-1616

THE NOTRE DAME MEN'S GLEE CLUB

The Notre Dame A Cappella Men's Choir will be performing at St. Theresa Church on Tuesday, January 8 at 7:30 p.m. as they tour throughout California. The choir was established in 1915 and has performed in 40 of the 50 United States of America. The professional choir sings a combination of sacred, classical secular music, folk songs and spirituals.

For more information, please contact Moe Leonard at 530-307-0151

THE RENEWAL OF THE WHOLE CREATION

Our final homecoming involves not just ourselves and our fellow human beings but all of creation. The full freedom of the children of God is to be shared by the whole earth, and our complete renewal in the resurrection includes the renewal of the universe. That is the great vision of God's redeeming work through Christ.

Paul sees the whole created order as a woman groaning in labour, waiting eagerly to give birth to a new life. He writes: "It was not for its own purposes that creation had frustration imposed on it, but for the purposes of him who imposed it – with the intention that the whole creation itself might be freed from its slavery to corruption and brought into the same glorious freedom as the children of God" (Romans 8:20-21). All that God has created will be lifted up into God's glory.

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16 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2018 | TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

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.

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El día de hoy se le ha llamado tradicionalmente “Domingo *Gaudete*” o de la “Alegría”. El nombre latino se deriva de la petición de Pedro en la segunda lectura de “alégrense siempre en el Señor”, y del texto de la Misa en latín en el que está basada esta lectura. La ironía y paradoja de esta alegría cristiana se manifiesta en el hecho que Pablo escribió esas palabras en la prisión. Pero desde allí podía ver el progreso de la obra de Dios.

¿Nos parece obvio a nosotros? Sentimos que este no es un tiempo para la alegría cuando hay tanto sufrimiento e inmoralidad. Es interesante, entonces, que la primera lectura sea del profeta Sofonías, que está casi exclusivamente preocupado con sombrías visiones del Día del Juicio. Hoy la Iglesia selecciona la única parte optimista de Sofonías, donde el profeta es tocado por el espíritu del gozo.

Esta es, se nos asegura en todas partes, “la temporada de la alegría”. Recuperemos ese espíritu de alegría en nuestra vida y que se refleje en los que no tienen ese gozo.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Canta! ¡Da gritos de júbilo! ¡Gózate y regocíjate! El Señor tu Dios está entre ustedes y es un poderoso salvador (Sofonías 3:14-18a).

Salmo — El Señor es mi Dios y salvador (Isaías 12).

Segunda lectura — ¡Alégrense! El Señor está cerca. Presenten sus peticiones a Dios (Filipenses 4:4-7).

Evangelio — Juan dice a sus oyentes que compartan sus posesiones con los necesitados (Lucas 3:10-18).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Martes: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Miércoles: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
 Jueves: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Lc 1:26-38
 Viernes: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45
 Sábado: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
 Domingo: Mi 5:1-4a; Sal 80 (81):2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lc 1:39-45

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

15 de diciembre sábado	
5:30 pm	Celeste Taylor (bday) by her mom
16 de diciembre domingo	
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10:00 am	Edward Burkart by his family
12:00 pm	Larry Grilli Sr (dec) by the Winslow family
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18 de diciembre martes	
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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

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

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	FONDO DE JUBILACIÓN DE RELIGIOSOS	1222.07
12/08	LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN DE LA VIRGEN MARÍA	749.00

Segunda colecta— 15/16 de diciembre: NO HAY COLECTA

Segunda colecta— 22/23 de diciembre: GASTOS PARA REMOVER LA NIEVE



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.

ENTRANDO AL CÍRCULO DE LA VIDA
"Genealogía de Jesucristo..." (Mateo 1:1).

La familia era todo para los judíos. La línea de sangre era de extrema importancia. Cada línea familiar llevaba un sentido significativo. Los judíos guardaban su genealogía a la memoria y se la recitaban los unos a los otros. Esta transmisión verbal era la norma, ya que la mayoría de la gente no podía leer.

El descenso de Dios a la tierra, no fue un sencillo rescate impersonal, para luego dejarnos. Jesús entró en la vida familiar, en las genealogías, al entrar al círculo de la vida, mostrando así el amor personal de Dios. Jesús cargó con nuestras cargas (Is 53:4; Mt 8:17), nuestra naturaleza humana y aún nuestra estructura familiar.

Así que aquí estamos, viviendo en cuerpos humanos, nacidos en nuestra genealogía, con todos sus miembros, buenos y malos. No se puede elegir el patrimonio familiar. Jesús, sin embargo, ha transformado por completo nuestra genealogía. Ya no podemos culpar a nuestro abuelo, al tío Juan, mamá y papá, o Adán y Eva, por nuestros problemas. Jesús opera en nuestra genealogía, con toda su disfunción. Mire la línea familiar de Jesús: contiene más disfunción que una telenovela, tanto aburrimiento como cualquier otra línea familiar, está llena de personas tanto indescriptibles como pecaminosas. Sin embargo, Jesús ama a Su línea familiar, hasta asegurar que su genealogía aparezca dos veces en la Biblia (Mt 1:1-17; Lc 3:23-38). Él no se avergüenza de ser nuestro Dios (Heb 11:16) ni de ser nuestro pariente. Él nos ama tanto que ha entrado en nuestra familia humana. Abraza tu herencia familiar en Cristo.

Oración: *Jesús, toma el control de mi familia. Te doy mi permiso para hacer lo que quieras en mi línea familiar terrenal.*

Promesa: *"Que en sus días florezca la justicia y abunde la paz, mientras dure la luna" (Sal 72:7).*

Alabanza: *"Oh Sabiduría, oh santa Palabra de Dios, Tú gobiernas a toda la creación con Tu cuidado fuerte pero tierno".*

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MISAS DE SIMBANG GABI

Todos están invitados a unirse a los hermanos y hermanas filipinos. Esta es una tradición religiosa filipina de celebrar una Misa por nueve días en preparación para la Navidad. No podemos tener las nueve Misas, pero si tendremos tres:
17, 19 & 21 de diciembre a las 6pm

TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO
16 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2018

El Señor sera el rey de Israel en medio de ti y ya no temerás ningún mal.
— *Sofonías 3:15b*

CUANDO PAPITO CANTA

"¡Grita de alegría, hija de Sión!" (Sofonías 3:14).

El Señor, por medio de san Pablo, nos ordena y nos agradece que nos regocijemos en Él siempre (Fil 4:4). No importa cuántos problemas tengamos, sin importar cuán mal nos sintamos, el hecho de que estemos "en el Señor" empequeñece todo lo demás. ¿Cómo podemos dejar que una nubecita o dos eclipsen al Hijo?

Cuando fijamos nuestros ojos en Jesús (Heb12:2), el Hijo de Dios (Mc 1:1), Él nos revelará a nuestro Padre celestial (Lc 10:22; Jn 14:6), la Fuente de nuestra alegría. Jesús y el Espíritu Santo nos mostrarán nuestro Abba (ver Gál 4:6) regocijándose sobre cada uno de nosotros con alegría y renovándonos en Su amor (Sof 3:17). Veremos la realidad de que Dios mismo, nuestro Abba, está cantando en este momento con gozo por nosotros, Sus hijos adoptivos (Rom 8:15; Sof 3:17).

El alegre canto de Abba es bastante contagioso, especialmente para Sus hijos. En presencia de Abba, nos encontramos alzando nuestras voces encantadas y cantando nuestras partes en el musical trinitario. Nuestras canciones eternas de alegría ahogan nuestras penas pasajeras. "Alégrense. Alégrense siempre en el Señor. Vuelvo a insistir, alégrense" (Fil 4:4).

Oración: *Padre, que pueda alegrarme "con un gozo indecible y lleno de gloria" (1 Pe 1:8).*

Promesa: *"Él los bautizará en el Espíritu Santo y en el fuego" (Lc 3:16).*

Alabanza: *"Yo desbordo de alegría en el Señor, mi alma se regocija en mi Dios" (Is 61:10).*

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Los cristianos latinos tenemos unos cinco siglos en nuestra trayectoria de fe y como todo cristiano aguardamos la segunda venida del Mesías, Jesús. Nuestra espera forma parte de dos milenios de cristianos que buscan verlo llegar en las nubes.

Desde el siglo VII la oración oficial de la Iglesia clama el retorno de Cristo con las exclamaciones llamadas las "Antifonas Oh". Estas llaman a Jesús pidiéndole que venga bajo los títulos de Emmanuel, Sabiduría celestial, Señor de gran poder, Vara de Isaí, Llave de David, Alba de la luz, y Deseo y Rey de gentes, y algunos más. Estos refranes se usan aún todavía hoy durante los días 17 al 23 de diciembre, y unidas en un acróstico latino forman las palabras *ero cras* (estaré mañana), como respuesta a la petición cristiana. Eventualmente en el siglo X o XI estas antifonas fueron unidas en el canto gregoriano *Veni, veni Emmanuel* (Oh ven, oh ven Emmanuel).

Este adviento mientras cantamos las antiguas antifonas hay que preguntarnos si de veras estamos listos para el regreso del Hijo del Hombre que viene para juzgar a vivos y muertos.

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