

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 — Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 pm Leia Stewart & Grandma (birthday) by Grandma Mila

Sunday September 9

8:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

10:00 am De Lallo family (intention) by Bill

12:00 pm Louise & Canonido (dec) by her family

7:00 pm Consuela Sr

Monday September 10

8:00 am Robert Growden (dec, bday) by Bridget Growden Spencer

Tuesday September 11

8:00 am Napoleon Oineza (happy birthday) by Cherry Oineza

Wednesday September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 am Isidro Padua (dec) by Cherry Oineza

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

Thursday September 13 St. John Chrysostom

8:00 am Keith Walker (dec) by Ellen Camacho

Friday September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 am Linda, Lydia & Alven (thanksgiving) by the Manchery family

12:00 pm De Lallo family by Bill

Saturday September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

5:30 pm Charles Maddox (dec) by Marie, Mary, & Helen

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, September 10	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal
Tuesday, September 11	8am Mass; <i>9am Study Program on the Mass</i>
Wednesday, September 12	8am & 12noon Masses; 7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday, September 13	8am Mass; 7pm Bible Study in Spanish
Friday, September 14	8am & 12noon Masses; 1:30pm Wedding; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry;
Saturday, September 15	10am Baptism; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, September 16	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish); <i>Meet & Greet after the 8am, 10am & 12noon Masses</i>



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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CAR BLESSING

If you want to have your car blessed, please stay for the blessing a few minutes after Mass on September 22 or September 23.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

09/02	Regular Collection	6974.67
	Our Lady of the Sierras	386.75
	Faith Formation Program	2904.51

Second collection **THIS** weekend: **Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement**

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

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 tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com.



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.



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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!

COME JOIN US FOR SOME FUN.....

October 20th Knights sponsored OCTOBERFEST

MONTHLY MEETING - Sept. 12, 6pm dinner 7pm meeting

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Oct. 7 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

BEING READY TO DIE

Death often happens suddenly. A car accident, a plane crash, a fatal fight, a war, a flood, and so on. When we feel healthy and full of energy, we do not think much about our deaths. Still, death might come very unexpectedly. How can we be prepared to die? By not having any unfinished relational business. The question is: Have I forgiven those who have hurt me and asked forgiveness from those I have hurt? When I feel at peace with all the people I live with, my death might cause great grief, but it will not cause guilt or anger. When we are ready to die at any moment, we also are ready to live at any moment.
<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/being-ready-to-die/>

A GRATEFUL DEATH

When we think about death, we often think about what will happen to us after we have died. But it is more important to think about what will happen to those we leave behind. The way we die has a deep and lasting effect on those who stay alive. It will be easier for our family and friends to remember us with joy and peace if we have said a grateful good-bye than if we die with bitter and disillusioned hearts. The greatest gift we can offer our families and friends is the gift of gratitude. Gratitude sets them free to continue their lives without bitterness or self-recrimination.
<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/a-grateful-death/>

THE GRANDEST OPENING

"Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared." —Isaiah 35:5

Jesus emitted a groan and said: " 'Ephphatha!' (that is, 'Be opened!')" (Mk 7:34) Through this prayer, Jesus opened the ears and mouth of "a deaf man who had a speech impediment" (Mk 7:32). Yet there are greater and grander openings than these. At the end of the Old Testament, the Lord promised that when we obeyed Him by tithing, He would open for us "the floodgates of heaven, to pour down blessing upon [us] without measure" (Mal 3:10). Yet there are greater and grander openings.

The grandest opening is to open "the door of faith" (Acts 14:27), that is, to open our hardened hearts (see 2 Cor 6:13). In this way, the "door to heaven" is opened for us (Rv 4:1).

We speak of an open mind, open enrollment, open arteries, the open man, open bowling, open bar, etc. The word "open" is at the entrances of hundreds of thousands of businesses. Yet all these openings mean nothing unless we have hearts open to the Lord. If you open your heart when Jesus says "Ephphatha!", He will open the gates of heaven when you say: "Ephphatha!"

Prayer: *Father, I will open my heart and You will fill it*

Promise: *"Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom He promised to those who love Him?" —Jas 2:5*

Praise: *Praise the risen Jesus, Who holds "the keys of death and the nether world!" (Rv 1:18).*

<http://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=9/9/2018>

THE COMPANIONSHIP OF THE DEAD

As we grow older we have more and more people to remember, people who have died before us. It is very important to remember those who have loved us and those we have loved. Remembering them means letting their spirits inspire us in our daily lives. They can become part of our spiritual communities and gently help us as we make decisions on our journeys. Parents, spouses, children, and friends can become true spiritual companions after they have died. Sometimes they can become even more intimate to us after death than when they were with us in life.

Remembering the dead is choosing their ongoing companionship.

henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-companionship-of-the-dead/

CHOOSING LIFE

God says, "I am offering you life or death, blessing or curse. Choose life, then, so that you and your descendants may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19).

"Choose life." That's God's call for us, and there is not a moment in which we do not have to make that choice. Life and death are always before us. In our imaginations, our thoughts, our words, our gestures, our actions ... even in our nonactions. This choice for life starts in a deep interior place. Underneath very life-affirming behaviour I can still harbour death-thoughts and death-feelings. The most important question is not "Do I kill?" but "Do I carry a blessing in my heart or a curse?" The bullet that kills is only the final instrument of the hatred that began being nurtured in the heart long before the gun was picked up.
<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/choosing-life/>

REFLECTIONS

“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 THREE | IN THE LIGHT OF THE MASTER

THE GREAT CRITERION

Ideologies striking at the heart of the Gospel

101. The other harmful ideological error is found in those who find suspect the social engagement of others, seeing it as superficial, worldly, secular, materialist, communist or populist. Or they relativize it, as if there are other more important matters, or the only thing that counts is one particular ethical issue or cause that they themselves defend. Our defence of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection.[84] We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in a world where some revel, spend with abandon and live only for the latest consumer goods, even as others look on from afar, living their entire lives in abject poverty.

102. We often hear it said that, with respect to relativism and the flaws of our present world, the situation of migrants, for example, is a lesser issue. Some Catholics consider it a secondary issue compared to the “grave” bioethical questions. That a politician looking for votes might say such a thing is understandable, but not a Christian, for whom the only proper attitude is to stand in the shoes of those brothers and sisters of ours who risk their lives to offer a future to their children. Can we not realize that this is exactly what Jesus demands of us, when he tells us that in welcoming the stranger we welcome him (cf. Mt 25:35)? Saint Benedict did so readily, and though it might have “complicated” the life of his monks, he ordered that all guests who knocked at the monastery door be welcomed “like Christ”, [85] with a gesture of veneration; [86] the poor and pilgrims were to be met with “the greatest care and solicitude”. [87]

103. A similar approach is found in the Old Testament: “You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you yourselves were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Ex 22:21). “When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress him. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Lev 19:33-34). This is not a notion invented by some Pope, or a momentary fad. In today’s world too, we are called to follow the path of spiritual wisdom proposed by the prophet Isaiah to show what is pleasing to God. “Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn” (58:7-8).

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http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html#REJOICE_AND_BE_GLAD

WHAT’S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

I have not gone to confession since I was in grade school. I would like to start going on a regular basis but I am a little intimidated since I don’t remember what I am supposed to do. How can I relearn this important sacrament?

Gentle Reader,

The sacrament of reconciliation, formerly known as confession, is probably one of the most unknown, undervalued, and underestimated sacraments we have. The Catechism of the Catholic Church now groups the seven sacraments into the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation, Eucharist), the sacraments of healing (reconciliation, anointing of the sick), and the sacraments at the service of the communion (holy orders and matrimony).

In its discussion of the sacrament of reconciliation, the Catechism suggests five different names for the same sacrament: conversion, confession, penance, forgiveness, reconciliation. In a way, these five names refer to the different stages a person goes through when preparing for and celebrating the sacrament.

- First, we need to realize that certain thoughts and actions are harmful to ourselves and the community and thus harm our relationship with God.
- Second, we name our sins before God, in the presence of a priest.
- Third, we express our willingness to repent for the sins committed and to do penance to make amends.
- Fourth, God heals us from our sins through the absolution spoken by the priest.
- Fifth, true conversion, confession, and penance lead to forgiveness and reconciliation with ourselves, with the church, and with God.

Ordinarily, this sacrament is celebrated privately between the confessor and the person making his or her confession. The rite is very simple: after the sign of the cross and the greeting, the priest proclaims a brief passage from Scripture. After this, the penitent confesses his or her sins to the priest. In response, the priest may give advice and suggest some form of satisfaction, which most often consists of prayer, fasting, or giving of alms. Then, the penitent prays for forgiveness. The priest absolves the penitent from his or her sins and together they give praise to God.

I suggest you make an appointment with your priest and schedule your next confession. Do let him know it has been a while. I am sure he will be happy to navigate you through the sacrament. Also, most parishes have prayer cards available in their reconciliation chapels so you need not worry about knowing those by heart.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

STUDY ON THE MASS |

Tuesdays | 9am | Ongoing | Parish Center (corner of Lyons Avenue & Rufus Allen Blvd.)

Be part of this six-week-study program! | No need to register.

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you'll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION | 6-8pm in the Parish Center

Tues. Sept. 11th | Thurs. Sept. 13th | Mon. Sept. 17th | Wed. Sept. 19th

Please bring baptismal certificate AND birth certificate.

Classes start on Tuesday Sept. 25th 4:30PM-5:45PM

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS RETIREMENT | September 8/9

There will be a second collection—the Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement—at all Masses this weekend. This is our opportunity to take care of those who have spent their lives caring for our spiritual and sacramental needs within our Diocese. If you are not prepared this weekend, there are envelopes in the vestibule for you to take home. Simply return the envelope in the offering next week. Thank you for your support of our parish priests.

SHEPHERDS FIELD OLIVE WOOD HANDCRAFTS | September 8/9

“A group from the Holy Land (Bethlehem & Jerusalem) will be selling religious articles after masses to support the Catholic Christian minorities in Bethlehem. As a tradition, many of the Catholic families in the Holy Land work in small workshops to produce religious articles from olive wood. These articles represent the Christian art of the Holy Land. In the past, they used to sell their artwork to pilgrims who visit the Holy Land. However, these days they are facing an economic hardship as very few tourists visit the Holy Land due to security issues. Many of the Catholic families immigrated and left the Holy Land. The percentage of Christians in the Holy Land has dropped from 20% to less than 2%. Therefore, if this hardship continues as it is now, we believe that in a few years, there will be no Catholics in Bethlehem or Jerusalem. The struggle to preserve the Catholic identity of the birthplace of our savior; Jesus Christ is a serious concern for Catholics around the world. Sales will be used to help and support the Catholics in the Holy Land and to encourage them not to immigrate.”

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!

Join us on Wednesday, October 10 at Globin Hall

5:30 p.m. Potluck

6:30 p.m. Film: "Unprotected-A Pope, the Pill and the Perils of Sexual Chaos"

Churches all over North America are using the film produced by Don Johnson: "Unprotected" to encourage and deepen the faith of their parishes and the community.

The Respect Life ministry is hosting the event with guest speaker, Steve Patton, Director of Respect Life and Family Planning Ministries of the Diocese of Sacramento.

Sign up sheets will be available for those who would like to participate in Respect Life Ministry events.

For more information or to contribute to the potluck, please call Moe at 530-307-0151

Are you looking for a community of likeminded women who are compassionate and have similar challenges in their life?

Do you want to strengthen your spirituality and have the tools to live a passion-filled life?

Are you finding it hard to find time to renew and deepen your faith?

Trying to find time to read the Word or search for the right scriptures to inspire your spirit?

BLESSED IS SHE is a group of women of all ages and backgrounds, all coming together in sisterhood to share in life's journey and foster community.

For questions or more information, please contact:

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JOHANNA JESTEADT (OUR LADY OF TAHOE) | (516) 263-5465 | JVARG0102@GMAIL.COM

9 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2018 | VIGÉSIMO TERCER 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 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.

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La frase “vestido de domingo” ha perdido gran parte de su significado en la sociedad actual. Algunos se lamentan de que la gente ya no se ponga elegante para asistir a la iglesia los domingos; otros consideran que es un síntoma saludable que nos vistamos tan informalmente cuando nos reunimos ante el Señor como en los demás lugares. Sin importar cuál sea nuestra opinión sobre este tema, Santiago seguramente nos reprendería. En ambos casos, seguimos centrándonos en las apariencias, creyendo que suponen una especie de posición privilegiada ante Dios. Es cierto, Santiago critica a la comunidad que favorece a los ricos y bien vestidos mientras condena al ostracismo a los que están pobremente vestidos, pero critica aún más a quienes hacen distinciones y toman decisiones en base a criterios que nada tienen que ver con el Reino de Dios. Puede que Santiago enfoque nuestra atención hacia el Reino de Dios que describe Isaías, en el cual la gente es curada y la tierra se hace fértil para dar fruto. Jesús hoy se enfoca en este Reino de Dios cuando cura a un gentil en una región hostil a su fe judía, sin tener en cuenta el origen, la vestimenta ni la condición social de este hombre, ni siquiera su habilidad para retribuirle la atención. Isaías, Santiago y Jesús en el Evangelio según san Marcos nos llaman a ir más allá de las apariencias para averiguar dónde se debe hacer y se ha hecho la voluntad de Dios, así en la tierra como en el cielo.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Díganles a los que están asustados: Calma, no tengan miedo. Ya viene su Dios a salvarlos (Isaías 35:4-7a).

Salmo — Alaba, alma mía, al Señor (Salmo 146 [145]).

Segunda lectura — No hagan diferencias entre personas. Dios ha escogido a los pobres de este mundo para hacerlos ricos en la fe (Santiago 2:1-5).

Evangelio — Jesús curó a un sordo que hablaba con dificultad. “Ábrete”. (Marcos 7:31-37)

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Sal 5:5-7, 12; Lc 6:6-11

Martes: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lc 6:12-19

Miércoles: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Sal 45 (44):11-12, 14-17; Lc 6:20-26

Jueves: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Sal 139 (138):1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lc 6:27-38

Viernes: Nm 21:4b-9; Sal 78 (77):1bc-2, 34-38; Flm 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Sábado: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Sal 116 (115):12-13, 17-18; Lc 6:43-49

Domingo: Is 50:5-9a; Sal 116 (115):1-6, 8-9; Sant 2:14-18; Mc 8:27-35

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

8 de septiembre | sábado | La Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María

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11 de septiembre | martes |

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12 de septiembre | miércoles | El Santísimo Nombre de la Virgen María

8:00 am Isidro Padua (dec) by Cherry Oineza

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

13 de septiembre | jueves | San Juan Crisóstomo

8:00 am Keith Walker (dec) by Ellen Camacho

14 de septiembre | viernes | La Exaltación de la Santa Cruz

8:00 am Linda, Lydía & Alven (thanksgiving) by the Manchery family

12:00 pm De Lallo family by Bill

15 de septiembre | sábado | Nuestra Señora de los Dolores

5:30 pm Charles Maddox (dec) by Marie, Mary, & Helen

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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Segunda colecta— 8/9 de septiembre: *Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement* :

Segunda colecta— 15/16 de septiembre: *no colecta*

APERTURA A LA GRANDEZA

"Entonces se abrirán los ojos de los ciegos y se destaparán los oídos de los sordos" (Isaías 35:5).

Jesús emitió un gemido y dijo: "¡Efatá! que significa: 'Ábrete'" (Mc 7:34). Por medio de esta oración, Jesús abrió las orejas y la boca de "un sordomudo" (Mc 7:32). Sin embargo, hay aperturas mayores y más grandes que éstas. Al final del Antiguo Testamento, el Señor prometió que cuando le obedecemos a Él con el diezmo, Él nos abriría "las compuertas del cielo y derramar para ustedes la bendición en abundancia" (Mal 3:10). Sin embargo, hay aperturas más grandes.

La apertura más grandiosa es abrir "la puerta de la fe" (Hch 14:27), es decir, abrir nuestros corazones endurecidos (ver 2 Co 6:13). De esta manera, la "puerta en el cielo" se abre para nosotros (Ap 4:1).

Hablamos de una mente abierta, de un registro abierto, de arterias abiertas, del hombre abierto, de los bolos abiertos, de la barra abierta. La palabra "abierto" está en las entradas de centenares de millares de asuntos. Sin embargo, todas estas aperturas no significan nada a menos que tengamos corazones abiertos al Señor. Si abres tú corazón cuando Jesús dice "¡Efatá!", Él abrirá las puertas del cielo cuando diga: "¡Efatá!".

Oración: Padre, abro mi corazón y Tú lo llenas.

Promesa: "¿Acaso Dios no ha elegido a los pobres de este mundo para enriquecerlos en la fe y hacerlos herederos del Reino que ha prometido a los que lo aman?" (Stg 2:5)

Alabanza: Alaben al Jesús resucitado, que tiene "la llave de la Muerte y del Abismo" (Ap 1:18)

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REGISTRACION PARA EL CATECISMO

6-8pm en el Parish Center

Martes, 11 de septiembre

Jueves, 13 de septiembre

Lunes, 17 de septiembre

Miércoles, 19 de septiembre

Favor de traer una copia de la Boleta Bautismal y copia del Acta de Nacimiento. Las clases comienzan el martes, 25 de septiembre de 4:30PM-5:45PM

FONDO DE JUBILACIÓN DE SACERDOTES DIOCESANOS 7 & 8 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Este fin de semana habrá una segunda colecta de donaciones para el Fondo de Jubilación de Sacerdotes Diocesanos durante todas las misas. Esta es una oportunidad para ayudar aquéllos quienes han dedicado su vida sirviendonos espiritualmente en nuestra Diócesis. Si no está preparados este fin de semana, pueden llevar un sobre del vestíbulo y regresarlo el próximo fin de semana con su donación. Gracias por su apoyo a nuestros sacerdotes parroquiales.

BASURA Y CUMPLEAÑOS

"La Virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo a quien pondrán el nombre de Emanuel", que traducido significa: 'Dios con nosotros' (Mateo 1:23).

A menudo damos regalos a aquellos que celebran sus cumpleaños. En el cumpleaños de María, es aún mejor. A menudo en este día, el Señor le da a todos regalos especiales. Por ejemplo, por medio de la intercesión de María, el Señor puede darnos el regalo de un milagro en el cual Él toma incluso cosas malas y las trabaja juntas para el bien de los que aman a Dios y son llamados según Su decreto (Rom 8:28).

Piensa en los peores pecados de tu vida. Piensa en los peores pecados cometidos contra ti. ¿Cuáles son las peores injusticias en nuestra cultura de la muerte? ¿Qué te ha roto el corazón? ¿Cuáles son tus mayores desencantos? Trae la basura más sucia de tu vida a la fiesta de cumpleaños de María hoy. En la Misa, trae al altar tu vida entera, especialmente las peores partes de ella. Cuando Jesús cambia el pan y el vino en Su Cuerpo y Sangre, Jesús puede tomar tu basura y convertirla en perdón, sanación, liberación y salvación. El Señor hace estos milagros porque Él te ama mucho. Él hace estos milagros a menudo en el cumpleaños de María porque María te ama y se complace en ver a su Hijo derramando Su amor sobre sus hijos (ver Rom 5:5). Los cumpleaños son días de amor y milagros. ¡Feliz cumpleaños!

Oración: Padre, haz más de lo que puedo pedir o imaginar (Ef 3:20).

Promesa: "Por eso, el Señor los abandonará hasta el momento en que dé a luz la que debe ser madre" (Miq 5:2).

Alabanza: Horacio, quien fuera no cristiano, llegó a conocer a Jesús como Señor debido a su interés en los mensajes proféticos dados en las apariciones marianas.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En muchos países latinoamericanos la Fiesta de la Santa Cruz se celebra el 3 de mayo, pero la Iglesia universal la celebra el 14 de septiembre. La fiesta del 14 de septiembre conmemora la consagración del santuario del Santo Sepulcro en Jerusalén. Este es el santuario más importante de la religión cristiana, pues en él se encuentran tanto el monte del Calvario donde falleció Jesús como el sepulcro del cual resucitó al tercer día. Sin estos dos acontecimientos no hubiese cristianismo.

Nosotros los latinos tenemos muchas fiestas y muchos santuarios. Ninguna de éstas puede ser más importante que las que recuerdan la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. El clima del año litúrgico cristiano es el Triduo Pascual el cual termina en la celebración de la Pascua Florida de 50 días.

En Puerto Rico se han celebrado tradicionalmente las fiestas de la cruz con una novena que termina en la fiesta de la Cruz (3 de mayo). Cada día de la novena se canta el rosario frente a un altar hecho para la cruz. Tal vez algunas comunidades hispanas quieran retomar esta devoción y celebración cultural en septiembre.

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