



**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**

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).  
**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).  
**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)  
**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).  
**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11  
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25  
 Thursday: Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15  
 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday April 8</b>	
5:30 pm	Christine Kerr (dec) by Robert Kerr
<b>Sunday April 9</b>	
8:00 am	Rosalyn Resler (dec) by the Sullivan family
10:00 am	St. Theresa parishioners
12:00 pm	Pauline Mifsud (dec) by the Yarrow family
7:00 pm	
<b>Monday April 10</b>	
8:00 am	Joe Fuller (healing) by the Lohmeiers
<b>Tuesday April 11</b>	
8:00 am	Louise Svarczkopf (healing) by the Lohmeiers
<b>Wednesday April 12</b>	
8:00 am	Margaret & Antone Salel (dec)
12:00 pm	Porfie Murphy (healing) by Pat
<b>Thursday April 13 The Sacred Paschal Triduum</b>	
7:00 pm	
<b>Friday April 14 Friday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	
<b>Saturday April 15 Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</b>	
8:15 pm	Zachary Martin (safe intentions) by Mom

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>Monday, April 10</b>	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth meal; 6pm-9pm Evening of Reflection in Spanish
<b>Tuesday, April 11</b>	8am Mass; 6:30pm RCIA; 7pm Talleres de Oración y Vida; 7pm Concert with Toccata
<b>Wednesday, April 12</b>	8am & 12noon Masses; 10am-11:30am Marian Devotions; 6pm Rehearsal for the Easter Vigil
<b>Thursday, April 13</b>	afternoon Bread & Broth 4Kids; 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Friday, April 14</b>	12:15pm Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Liturgy; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry; 6pm People of the Passion; 7:30pm Spanish Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Liturgy in Spanish
<b>Saturday, April 15</b>	8:15pm Easter Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, April 16</b>	8am, 10am, 12noon & 7pm Masses

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**FOR PARISHIONERS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY**

Phillip Gaston | Corbett Martin | Zachary Martin | Domingo Ortega | Erik Townsend

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Bill Barboni | Soledad Batuyong | Frank Dixon | Romie Enriquez | Steve Frick | Joan Jack | Richard Jones | Ophelia Kirvida | Martha Klover | Kel Lohmeier | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Frances Ortega | Steve Peacock | Tony Russo | Cathy Shaver

**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](mailto:tahocatholicbulletin@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

**STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH**

04/02	Regular Collection	4567.14
	New Boiler in Grace Hall	2060 .00

*This week's 2nd collection — Building Maintenance*

*Second Collection on Easter Sunday: New Boiler in Grace Hall*



### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office  
530.544.4788 Find the **2017 SCHEDULE**:  
<http://www.tahoecatholic.com/baptisms>



### KNIGHT'S CORNER

**Confidence doesn't come out of nowhere. It's result of hours and days and weeks and years of constant work and dedication . \*Roger**

*Staubach*

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

MONTHLY MEETING – *April 12th* with dinner at 6pm,  
Meeting 7:00 pm sharp

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - *1st Sunday* after the 8:00 am and  
10:00 am Masses

It always tastes right when cooked by a Knight  
**Become a better version of yourself.**

**JOIN THE KNIGHTS!**

George Westinghouse (530)-721-1753 will be happy to help you learn more about the KoC

### PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please make your check payable to the name of your parish. Please be generous.

### GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND OURS

When God makes a covenant with us, God says: "I will love you with an everlasting love. I will be faithful to you, even when you run away from me, reject me, or betray me." In our society we don't speak much about covenants; we speak about contracts. When we make a contract with a person, we say: "I will fulfill my part as long as you fulfill yours. When you don't live up to your promises, I no longer have to live up to mine." Contracts are often broken because the partners are unwilling or unable to be faithful to their terms.

But **God didn't make a contract with us; God made a covenant with us, and God wants our relationships with one another to reflect that covenant.** That's why marriage, friendship, life in community are all ways to give visibility to God's faithfulness in our lives together. **Henri Nouwen Society**

### THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection; through whom we are saved and delivered.

—Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, *Roman Missal*



### 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.



**When:** Tuesdays —4:00-4:30 pm

**Where:** St. Theresa Church

**Age:** 2nd grade— 8th grade

Children to sing at Religious Education Masses, monthly Sunday Masses, & special liturgies. We hope to see you there! *For more information, please contact Moe Leonard, 530-307-0151*

### PEOPLE OF THE PASSION

People of the Passion by Mary Betten is a collection of monologues by characters who witnessed and/or participated in the crucifixion of Jesus. Through their personal stories, we become witnesses to the Passion of Jesus in a unique and personal way.

*"They connect our experiences and our feelings with the people of the Gospel, the people who met Christ in the flesh, and who were changed by that experience. Until now we have seen and heard these people at a distance, in stained glass, in a reading or a homily and we assumed we had nothing in common with them. They were a planet away from us in time, and maybe the Master they met seemed to be so, too. Mary Betten tries to change all that. She takes us in for a close-up; she takes us inside Jairus's daughter and we listen in on her feelings and her memories The playwright puts flesh and blood on an ancient disciple, like the bride at Cana. She tells us stories, as Jesus did, but they are about the real people he touched and enthralled with those stories...."*

Mary Betten makes these people human and approachable, these people whom Jesus approached, so that we become convinced it can happen to us, too."

Most Reverend Roger M. Mahoney, Archbishop of Los Angeles, From the Forward of People of the Passion

### SMILES BREAKING THROUGH TEARS

Dying is a gradual diminishing and final vanishing over the horizon of life. When we watch a sailboat leaving port and moving toward the horizon, it becomes smaller and smaller until we can no longer see it. But we must trust that someone is standing on a faraway shore seeing that same sailboat become larger and larger until it reaches its new harbor. Death is a painful loss. When we return to our homes after a burial, our hearts are in grief. But when we think about the One standing at the other shore eagerly waiting to welcome our beloved friend into a new home, a smile can break through our tears. **Henri Nouwen Society**

## REFLECTIONS

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER | APRIL 2017

Young People.

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

<http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/2017-intentions>

### THAT'S A NO-KNOW?

**Peter "began cursing, and swore, 'I do not even know the Man!' " —Matthew 26:74**

Peter was privileged to know Jesus in ways not granted to the other disciples (see Mt 16:17; Mt 14:29; Mt 17:1; Mk 5:37; Mt 26:37). If anyone was in a position to know Jesus intimately, Peter was. He knew Jesus the Messiah, Teacher, Deliverer, Raiser of the dead, and Master of the crowds. Yet, on Good Friday, Peter saw a Man before him standing bound, captive, mocked, and silent before His accusers. When asked about his association with this Prisoner, Peter answered: "I do not even know the Man" (Mt 26:74). Certainly, Peter spoke words of cowardice and denial. Yet, there is a profound truth to Peter's statement: he did not know Jesus, the Suffering Servant, Who was standing before him.

Paul was privileged to see Jesus and converse with Him (see Acts 9:4-5; 18:9-10; 9:16; 2 Cor 12:1-4). Paul knew Jesus in a way that few human beings will ever experience. However, Paul said: "I wish to know Christ" (Phil 3:10). Paul realized that his human lifespan was insufficient to completely know the God-Man. Perhaps you feel that you know Jesus personally and intimately. Even so, the Passion Sunday readings challenge you to take a new look at the Unknown One. Humbly bow before Him during the upcoming Holy Week. Ask Him: "Do I really know You?" He will look at you (Lk 22:61), and your life with Him will never be the same.

**Prayer:** "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...grant you a spirit of wisdom and insight to know Him clearly" (Eph 1:17).

**Promise:** "Morning after morning He opens my ear that I may hear." —Is 50:4

**Praise:** "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mt 21:9)

<http://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=4/9/2017>

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

**Did you know?** April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God – our children.

#### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace to act with justice.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.

Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace and justice.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### Child Abuse Prevention Month Pastoral Assistance for Victims of Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Sacramento provides pastoral care to persons who have suffered sexual abuse by members of the Catholic clergy and other Catholic Church workers. Please call toll-free at 866-777-9133 if you are seeking assistance in coping with this tragic situation. Assistance is available in English and Spanish.

### WHERE MOURNING AND DANCING TOUCH EACH OTHER

"[There is] a time for mourning, a time for dancing" (Ecclesiastes 3:4). But mourning and dancing are never fully separated. Their "times" do not necessarily follow each other. In fact, their "times" may become one "time." Mourning may turn into dancing and dancing into mourning without showing a clear point where one ends and the other starts.

Often our grief allows us to choreograph our dance while our dance creates the space for our grief. We lose a beloved friend, and in the midst of our tears we discover an unknown joy. We celebrate a success, and in the midst of the party we feel deep sadness. Mourning and dancing, grief and laughter, sadness and gladness - they belong together as the sad-faced clown and the happy-faced clown, who make us both cry and laugh. Let's trust that the beauty of our lives becomes visible where mourning and dancing touch each other. **Henri Nouwen Society**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## APRIL

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### **Monday & Tuesday (April 10 & 11)**

8am Daily Mass

#### **Wednesday (April 12)**

8am & 12noon Daily Masses



#### **Holy Thursday (April 13)**

**No morning Mass**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**at 7pm** (with adoration of the Holy Eucharist until 8am next day)



#### **Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Liturgy (April 14)**

at 12:15 pm (with Stations of the Cross around 1:30pm, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet *Divine Mercy Novena's first day*)

**"People of the Passion" at 6pm**

**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Liturgy in Spanish 7:30pm**



#### **Easter Vigil (April 15) 8:15pm**

**Note:** There are **NO CONFESSIONS** no 5:30pm Mass



#### **Easter Sunday (April 16)**

8am, 10am, 12noon & 7pm (Spanish) at 4pm and Masses

### EASTER TRIDUUM

"The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil."

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

- Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
- Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord



#### **PEOPLE OF THE PASSION | GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 14 | 6 PM**

A play that presents the stories of a variety of characters who witnessed or participated in the crucifixion of Jesus. Through their personal stories, we become witnesses to the Passion of Jesus in a unique and personal way.

#### **3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL BASKETBALL GAME: DIOCESAN PRIESTS VS. SEMINARIANS**

**Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

Game starts at 7:00 pm Doors open at 6:30 pm Christian Brothers High School

4315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95820

**TICKETS**—\$10 Adults \$40 Group of 6 Adults \$5 Students K-College

To buy tickets contact Marisela (916) 733-0258 [msmith@scd.org](mailto:msmith@scd.org)

Diocese of Sacramento Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818

#### **COLLAR CUP 2017 – DIOCESAN PRIESTS VS. SEMINARIANS.**

Come join us on this family day with Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck (ex-professional MLS soccer player) and our priests and seminarians, for this soccer match on July 1, 2017 at Bonney Field/Cal Expo (event includes Mass, blessing of athletes, soccer match: priests vs. seminarians and professional soccer game in the evening). Athletes 6th grade to young adults in college, who RSVP by June 1, 2017 (and purchase a ticket) will be able to participate in the special blessing for athletes and receive a St. Sebastian medal (Patron of Athletes) at the end of Mass (space is limited). Cost of tickets: \$17 per person. To purchase online tickets visit: [www.CollarCup.com](http://www.CollarCup.com) or contact the Office of Vocations at (916) 733-0258.

# 9 de abril, 2017 | DOMINGO DE RAMOS “DE LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR”

PARA PROBLEMAS DE ESCUCHA: hay audífonos disponibles en la sacristía. Favor de devolverlos después de Misa.

*¡Felicitaciones a todos! Nos juntamos con Jesu Cristo 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 que esta es una 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

**Evangelio para la procesión de las palmas** — ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! (Lucas 19:28-40)

**Primera lectura** — A pesar de mi sufrimientos no quedará confundido. No me siento avergonzado (Isaías 50:4-7).

**Salmo** — Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado? (Salmo 22 [21]).

**Segunda lectura** — Jesús se despojó totalmente y Dios lo llenó de exaltación (Filipenses 2:6-11).

**Evangelio** — El recuento de la pasión de Cristo según san Mateo (Mateo 26:14 — 27:66).

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 42:1-7; Sal 27 (26):1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Martes: Is 49:1-6; Sal 71 (70):1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Miércoles: Is 50:4-9a; Sal 69 (68):8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Jueves: Cena del Señor: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Sal 116 (115):12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Viernes: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Sal 31 (30):2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

**PARA VER A CRISTO CLARAMENTE** — Hoy comenzamos viendo a través de las puertas de Jerusalén, vemos a la multitud, aclamando y agitando ramos de olivo en el aire. Es una atmósfera de júbilo, triunfo y celebración. Podemos distraernos o embelesarnos con la escena y no ver claramente las características de Jesús cuando entra. Pero nuestras lecturas de Isaías y la carta de Pablo a los filipenses aclaran estas características. Él es el Siervo que Sufre, manso y callado ante sus captores y perseguidores; es la mismísima imagen del Dios invisible, sin embargo, no se aferrará a la igualdad con Dios antes de sufrir su enfrentamiento final en humildad. Isaías y Pablo nos ayudan a “ver al Cordero de Dios” antes de oír el relato de su mayor y último enfrentamiento. Es importante que veamos a Cristo claramente antes de oír el relato de su Pasión, porque nosotros –su Cuerpo por medio del Bautismo, la Iglesia– somos su rostro. Debemos, junto con él, pasar por este tiempo de sufrimiento para que podamos, también junto con él, pasar por su triunfo final. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

## INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

## PETICIONES POR ESTAS PERSONAS

sábado, 8 de abril

5:30 pm Christine Kerr (dec) by Robert Kerr

domingo 9 de abril

8:00 am Rosalyn Resler (dec) by the Sullivan family

10:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

12:00 pm Pauline Mifsud (dec) by the Yarrow family

7:00 pm

lunes 10 de abril

8:00 am Joe Fuller (healing) by the Lohmeiers

martes 11 de abril

8:00 am Louise Svarczkopf (healing) by the Lohmeiers

miércoles 12 de abril

8:00 am Margaret & Antone Salel (dec)

12:00 pm Porfie Murphy (healing) by Pat

jueves 13 de abril el Triduo Pascual comienza

7:00 pm

viernes 14 de abril Ayudar y Abstinencia

sábado, 15 de abril Vigilia Pascual

8:15 pm Zachary Martin (safe intentions) by Mom

### POR LOS FELIGRESES—ACTIVOS CON EL SERVICIO MILITAR

Phillip Gaston | Corbett Martin | Zachary Martin | Domingo Ortega | Erik Townsend

### POR LOS QUE ESTÁN ENFERMOS

Bill Barboni | Soledad Batuyong | Frank Dixon | Romie Enriquez | Steve Frick | Joan Jack | Richard Jones | Ophelia Kirvida | Martha Klover | Kel Lohmeier | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Frances Ortega | Steve Peacock | Tony Russo | Cathy Shaver

### 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](mailto:tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com)

## ¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

04/02	Colecta Regular	4567.14
	Boiler nuevo en Grace Hall	2060.00
Segunda colecta—Mantanimiento		
Segunda colecta—Domingo de Pascua—Boiler nuevo en Grace Hall		



**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.

**HORARIO DE SEMANA SANTA  
LUNES Y MARTES (10 & 11 DE ABRIL)**

8am Misa Diaria

**MIÉRCOLES (ABRIL 12)**

Misa de 8am & 12medio día

**JUEVES SANTO (13 DE ABRIL) A LAS 7PM**

No hay Misa de 8am

Misa de la Cena del Señor a las 7pm (con Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento hasta las 8am del día siguiente)

**VIERNES SANTO: LITURGIA DE LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR  
(14 DE ABRIL) A LAS 12:15 PM (INGLÉS)**

(Vía Crucis a la 1:30pm, y Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia)

"People of the Passion" a las 6:00pm

**Liturgia de la Pasión del Señor (14 de abril) a las 7:30pm en ESPAÑOL**

**VIGILIA PASCUAL (15 DE ABRIL) 8:15PM**

Nota: No hay confesiones a las 4pm y no hay Misa de 5:30pm

**DOMINGO DE PASCUA (16 DE ABRIL)**

Misas de 8am, 10am, 12noon & 7pm (español)

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

El Viernes Santo es el día más impresionante que se conmemora en el calendario cristiano. Es el día en que Jesús, muriendo en la cruz, se revela al mismo tiempo como Hijo del Hombre e Hijo de Dios. Los hispanos conmemoramos este día no sólo con la liturgia oficial de la Iglesia, sino también con nuestras devociones populares como el Vía crucis en vivo, el Pésame a la Virgen y el sermón de las Siete Palabras. Esta última devoción es también conocida como el Sermón de tres horas y es mayormente usada por las Iglesias protestantes, sin embargo, tiene su origen gracias al sacerdote Jesuita Francisco del Castillo, en Perú.

Como Jesús, este santo varón dedicó toda su vida a los pobres y marginados. El Viernes Santo de 1660, mientras predicaba en la iglesia de Nuestra de Señora de los Desamparados, ante la efigie del Señor en agonía, decidió hacer una comparación del sufrimiento de Cristo al sufrimiento de los desamparados, llamando a los cristianos al apostolado de caridad y justicia. Las siete últimas palabras de Jesucristo deben movernos al servicio de los desamparados.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**LA CRUZ**

Nosotros hemos de gloriarnos en la cruz de nuestro Señor Jesucristo: en él está nuestra salvación, vida y resurrección; él nos ha salvado y liberado.

—Antifona de entrada, Misa vespertina de la Cena del Señor, *Misal Roman*

**¿QUÉ ES UN NO CONOCER A JESÚS?**

**"Pedro se puso a maldecir y a jurar que no conocía a ese hombre" (Mateo 26:74).**

Pedro tenía el privilegio de conocer a Jesús de una manera más íntima, no concedida a los otros discípulos (ver Mt 16:17; Mt 14:29; Mat 17:1; Mc 5:37; Mt 26:37). Si alguien estaba en condiciones de conocer íntimamente a Jesús, ese era Pedro. Conocía a Jesús el Mesías, maestro, libertador, vencedor de la muerte y maestro de las multitudes. No obstante, el Viernes Santo, Pedro vio a un hombre delante de él atado, cautivo, burlado y silencioso ante Sus acusadores. Cuando le preguntaron sobre su asociación con este prisionero, Pedro respondió: "que no conocía a ese hombre" (Mt 26:74). Sin duda, estas palabras dichas por Pedro son de cobardía y rechazo. Sin embargo, existe una verdad profunda en la afirmación de Pedro: él no conocía a Jesús, el siervo sufriente, que estaba delante de él.

Pablo tuvo el privilegio de ver a Jesús y conversar con Él (ver Hch 9:4-5; 18:9-10; 9:16; 2 Co 12:1-4). Pablo conoció a Jesús de una manera que pocos seres humanos experimentarían jamás. No obstante, Pablo dijo: "podré conocerlo a él" (Fil 3:10). Pablo se dio cuenta de que su vida humana no era lo suficiente para conocer completamente al Hombre-Dios.

A lo mejor tú te sientes como si conocieras personal e íntimamente a Jesús. Aun así, las lecturas del domingo de Ramos te desafían a mirar de nuevo a este Desconocido. Humilmente inclínate delante de Él durante la Semana Santa que viene, y pregúntale: "¿Realmente Te conozco?" Él te mirará (Lc 22:61), y tu vida con Él nunca volverá a ser la misma.

**Oración:** "Que el Dios de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Padre de la gloria, les conceda un espíritu de sabiduría y de revelación que les permita conocerlo verdaderamente" (Ef 1:17).

**Promesa:** "Cada mañana, Él despierta mi oído para que yo escuche como un discípulo" (Is 50:4).

**Alabanza:** "¡Hosanna al Hijo de David! ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor!" (Mt 21:9)

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**COLECTA DEL VIERNES SANTO**

El Papa Francisco ha pedido a nuestra parroquia apoyo para la colecta del Viernes Santo – Una Colecta Pontificia que ayuda a los cristianos en Tierra Santa.

A través de la Colecta del Viernes Santo, somos solidarios con la Iglesia en Tierra Santa como testigos de paz, apoyando a los católicos en parroquias y escuelas, manteniendo santuarios cristianos y cuidando a los refugiados en Tierra Santa. Por favor hagan el cheque a nombre de su parroquia. ¡Por favor colaboren generosamente!