

April 8, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: Hearing aids for use are in the sacristy—please return them after Mass.

With joy & happiness we welcome all of you who have come to pray and worship with us. We hope you will find friendship and fellowship in our community and encouragement to face whatever may come in the week ahead. For our guests & visitors, we pray that your stay in Tahoe is wonderful, that you have a safe journey home – and return to us soon.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).
Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).
Second Reading — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).
Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS


WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday April 7	
5:30 pm	Eleanor Ecock (dec) by her longtime friend
Sunday April 8	
8:00 am	St. Theresa parishioners
10:00 am	Rudy Pakes (dec) by Moni & Colleen
12:00 pm	Bernice Attinger (dec) by St. Theresa parish staff
7:00 pm	
Monday April 9 The Annunciation of the Lord	
8:00 am	Barbara Roach (spec inten) by her family
Tuesday April 10	
8:00 am	Elissa Proto (healing) by mom & Franz
Wednesday April 11 St. Stanislaus	
8:00 am	Patrick & Catherine Hurley (dec)
12:00 pm	Fe Magpusao (dec) by Mindy (daughter)
Thursday April 12	
8:00 am	Mark & John Hurley (dec)
Friday April 13 St. Martin I	
8:00 am	Lena Barry (dec) by Cynthia & Richard Hertzog
12:00 pm	Joan Grech (dec) by her family
Saturday April 14	
5:30 pm	St. Theresa parishioners

Monday, April 9	8am Mass; Funeral Mass for Charles Montgomery; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth meal
Tuesday, April 10	8am Mass; 9am Bible Study on Conversion
Wednesday, April 11	8am & 12noon Masses; 7pm Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting; 7pm Bible Study in Spanish
Thursday, April 12	8am Mass; 7pm Spanish RCIA
Friday, April 13	8am & 12noon Masses; 5pm Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, April 14	10am Funeral for Korienne Greco; 2:30pm Wedding; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, April 15	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish) Masses; Meet & Greet after the 8am, 10am & 12noon Masses

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

OUR LADY OF TAHOE CATHOLIC CHURCH is having a giant rummage sale on Saturday April 7th from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and on Sunday April 8th, from 1:00pm to 4:00 pm. The proceeds will go to the Henri Maroney Memorial (OLOT) Kitchen Remodel Fund. OLOT is located at 1 Elks Point Road in Zephyr Cove. (Hwy 50 to Round Hill, left on Elks Point Road towards Nevada Beach)



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		
04/01	Regular Collection	13467.12
	Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land	1148.48
	Holy Thursday Collection to shelter the homeless	1186.02
	Spring Cleaning Coin Drive for Charity	1388.60
<i>Second collection THIS weekend: Maintenance</i>		
<i>Second collection April 14/15: for New Boiler in the Rectory :</i>		

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 tahocatholicbulletin@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.



KNIGHT'S CORNER

Your Enemy can be your biggest ally. You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life. Churchill

MONTHLY MEETING—April 11th with Dinner @6pm

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—April 8th after the 8 & 10AM Masses

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

THE DIGNITY TO GIVE AND RECEIVE

“Nobody is so poor that he/she has nothing to give, and nobody is so rich that he/she has nothing to receive.” These words by Pope John-Paul II, offer a powerful direction for all who want to work for peace. No peace is thinkable as long as the world remains divided into two groups: those who give and those who receive. Real human dignity is found in giving as well as receiving. This is true not only for individuals but for nations, cultures, and religious communities as well.

A true vision of peace sees a continuous mutuality between giving and receiving. Let's never give anything without asking ourselves what we are receiving from those to whom we give, and let's never receive anything without asking what we have to give to those from whom we receive.

<http://henrinouwen.org/meditation/1084/>

THE IMPORTANCE OF RECEIVING

Receiving is often harder than giving. Giving is very important: giving insight, giving hope, giving courage, giving advice, giving support, giving money, and most of all, giving ourselves. Without giving there is no brotherhood and sisterhood.

But receiving is just as important, because by receiving we reveal to the givers that they have gifts to offer. When we say, “Thank you, you gave me hope: thank you, you gave me a reason to live; thank you, you allowed me to realize my dream,” we make givers aware of their unique and precious gifts.

Sometimes it is only in the eyes of the receivers that givers discover their gifts.

<http://henrinouwen.org/meditation/gods-faithfulness-and-ours-2/>

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

I saw a young woman with crosses as earrings and at least a dozen rosaries and several pectoral crosses around her neck. I was appalled. It seems to me that the cross is the most important symbol of Christianity. How dare she mock it so?

Gentle Reader,

I must have seen the same woman recently, or else this has become an unhappy trend.

Your question reminds me of a scene that played out many years ago. My younger brother came home from university with a small silver crucifix dangling from his ear. Without saying a word, my mom walked over to him and took it (read: yanked it) out of his ear. To this day I am not sure what displeased my mom the most: the fact that he had his ear pierced or the fact that he wore a cross as an earring.

The cross is the most recognizable symbol of Christianity. However, as is the case with many things we now take for granted, it has not always been thus. It took a while before the cross and especially the crucifix or any other depictions of Christ, Mary, and the saints were accepted. Two factors were at play.

First, early Christians displayed a general timidity toward imagery at best and engaged in the occasional full-fledged period of iconoclasm at worst. It was not until the Second Council of Nicea (787) that matters were settled once and for all. After tumultuous debates, this council not only denounced iconoclasm but it also called for the depictions of Christ, Mary, and the saints with the admonition that when one adores an image one really adores the one represented by the image. Second, the death of Jesus on the cross was neither expected by his followers nor was it readily embraced. Death by crucifixion was one of the worst condemnations. Roman citizens, for example, could not be punished by crucifixion. In a sense, the cross was experienced as a scandal and an embarrassment. So they concentrated on the resurrection, rather than on the death of Jesus.

Gradually the Christian community came to embrace the scandal of the cross as the mystery of salvation. And by the early third century the cross had become closely associated with Christianity. Clement of Alexandria (150–ca. 215) referred to the cross as τὸ κυριακὸν σημεῖον or the Lord's sign. And according to Tertullian (160–220) Christians are *crucis religiosi* or devotees of the cross.

Today the cross is ubiquitous and it is undoubtedly the most recognizable symbol in the entire world. We top our church steeples with crosses. We hang crosses in our homes, in our cars, and around our necks. We even tattoo crosses on our bodies. Most often this is done in good faith and in good taste. Sometimes it is done in a misguided attempt at unfortunate fashion. In some rare and regrettable instances the cross is intentionally desecrated.

Although I can understand why the sight of the young woman may have given you cause for concern, let's take consolation in the fact that by the cross we have been saved and nothing can take that away, not even ill-advised use or malicious abuse.

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REFLECTIONS

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER | April 2018 | For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

<https://www.popesprayer.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/English-2018-def-temi-3.pdf>

AS GOOD A WITNESS AS I WANT TO BE

"With power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." —Acts 4:33

Our secular humanistic society hardly notices when we Christians proclaim that Jesus is risen from the dead. Our message of the Resurrection is effortlessly ignored and often militantly denied and ridiculed. We clearly lack power as witnesses for the risen Lord.

The Holy Spirit, Who is Power (Lk 24:49; Acts 1:8), will give us the power that we lack. All we need do is obey Him (Acts 5:32). Traditionally, the Holy Spirit has given us power by giving communal and economic commands. The Spirit commands us to devote ourselves to the communal life (Acts 2:42) and to accept His grace to be of one mind and heart (Acts 4:32). He commands many of us to hold things in common (Acts 4:32; 2:44). He commands not a few of us to liquidate our property and to give the proceeds to the Church (Acts 4:34ff).

How much do you believe in the risen Christ? How powerful do you want to be as His witness? Maximum power is available to you. Obey the Spirit and especially His communal and economic commands.

Prayer: *Father, I repent of making excuses for my powerlessness. May I trust You and be strengthened with every power, in accord with His glorious might (see Col 1:11).*

Promise: *"Peace be with you," [Jesus] said again. 'As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.' Then He breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.' " —Jn 20:21-22*

Praise: *All praise and honor to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Thank You for pouring down Your many graces on us.*
<http://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=4/08/2018>

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

Q. What is the difference between the Baptism of infants and the Baptism of adults?

A. In its essentials, Baptism is the same regardless of the age of the person being baptized. But the celebrations are meant to meet the different spiritual needs of those two different circumstances.

Infants are usually baptized within the first months after birth. The sacrament can be celebrated outside of Mass, but the preferred setting is during a Sunday Mass with the Baptism of several children together and the whole parish community joining in the celebration. Baptism is not just a family moment: it is a parish moment. Every Christian has cause for rejoicing when a new member is joined to the Body of Christ through Baptism. So important is the presence of the parish community, in fact, that for children who were baptized in emergency circumstances in a hospital or another institution, the Church provides a special Rite of Bringing a Baptized Child to the Church, to be introduced to and welcomed by the parish community.

The Rite of Baptism for children begins with a welcome of the children and their families. The parents are invited to say aloud the name they have given their child, and then the priest, parents, and godparents make the Sign of the Cross on the child's forehead, claiming the child for Christ. Following the readings and homily, the saints are invoked, a prayer of exorcism is prayed, asking that the child be freed from Original Sin, and the child is anointed with the Oil of Catechumens. The parents and godparents then make a profession of their own faith, for they are entrusted with handing on that faith to the child. Baptism follows, along with the "Explanatory Rites," which provide images for the new life of the baptized—the white garment, the lighted candle, and the anointing with Chrism. Those baptized as infants will receive the other sacraments of initiation—Confirmation and Eucharist—much later.

While infants can be baptized at almost any time of the year, for adults the time for Baptism is at the Easter Vigil, the high point of the Church's liturgical year. (Of course, in case of emergency, Baptism for adults can happen at any time.) In this way, the preparation and Baptism of adults corresponds to the liturgical year. The Period of Purification and Enlightenment, a time of intense prayer and preparation for the sacraments, coincides with the season of Lent, when the whole Church is focused on prayer, penance, and preparation for Easter. The Baptism of adults, by which they are united with the Paschal Mystery of Christ's dying and rising, takes place in the very heart of the Church's celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. And the time of mystagogy, a deepening awareness of the sacraments they have received, unfolds in the context of Easter Time, the joyful days between Easter and Pentecost.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults outlines a rich series of prayers and rituals for adults preparing for Baptism, which follow (over time) much the same pattern as infant Baptism. Their journey formally begins with admission into the Order of Catechumens through the Rite of Acceptance, in which their foreheads, their senses, and even their hands, feet, and shoulders are marked with the Sign of the Cross. On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the scrutinies—prayers of exorcism—are prayed over the elect. Then, at the Easter Vigil, they receive the three sacraments of initiation, one after the other, in keeping with the most ancient practice in the Church: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

RETREATS AT CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER

MEN'S PREACHED RETREAT WEEKEND (APRIL 13-15) |

"May the Passion of Jesus Christ be Always in our Hearts"

Preached Retreats are back! This year we focus on the Passion of Jesus as per the Gospel of St. Mark. Mark probes the "plunging" of Jesus into the brokenness of humanity. Presumably the first step along all of our spiritual paths is becoming aware, however dimly, of the numinous elements and experiences of our lives. Eventually, we come to cherish these experiences, understand our values, and, perhaps, interpret our lives according to myths and symbols inherited from our culture.

6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Contact: (916) 725-4720 x301 or Email us at retreatctk@passionist.org

MAY

STUDY PROGRAM: UNTOLD BLESSING: THREE PATHS TO HOLINESS

Tuesdays at 9am (We start on Tuesday May 1, 2018)

Our ultimate goal is to be a saint. It is our greatest calling and what is desired for us by our Creator. Bishop Robert Barron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ. He lays out three intriguing paths to holiness:

1. *Finding the Center*
2. *Knowing You're A Sinner*
3. *Realizing Your Life is Not About You*

Please sign up for this **SEVEN-WEEK STUDY PROGRAM!** To register, please call Fr. Mauricio at (530) 544-3533 Ext. 102 or by e-mail: mauricioh650@gmail.com

SACRAMENTO CLASSIC | Priests vs. Seminarians | 4TH ANNUAL BASKETBALL GAME

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Game starts at 7:00 pm Doors open at 6:30 pm

At Christian Brothers High School

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

TICKETS

\$15 Adults \$60 Group of 6 Adults \$5 Students K-College

Buy tickets; WWW.SCD.ORG/BASKETBALL

For more information, contact the Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations (916) 733-0258 msmith@scd.org

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS AT PASTORAL CENTER

Director of Family & Faith Formation – Sacramento

Regional Coordinator for Youth & Young Adult Ministry – Sacramento

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS AT CATHOLIC FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES

Automotive & Diesel Mechanic – Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services, Sacramento

Family Service Advisor – Calvary Cemetery, Citrus Heights

Family Service Advisor – St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center, Sacramento

Funeral Arranger – St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center, Sacramento

Funeral Assistant – George L. Klumpps Chapel of Flowers, Sacramento

Funeral Director – St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center, Sacramento

Location Manager – St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center, Sacramento

Part-time Receptionist – Calvary Cemetery, Citrus Heights

To apply for a position, please email a short cover letter, resume, and application to personnel@scd.org
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**8 DE ABRIL DE 2018 |
SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE PASCUA (DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA)**

PARA PROBLEMAS DE ESCUCHA: hay audifonos 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 — La comunidad de los creyentes compartía todo con el mismo amor (Hechos 4:32-35).
Salmo — Den gracias al Señor porque es bueno, porque es eterna su misericordia (Salmo 118 [117]).
Segunda lectura — Si alguien cree que Jesús es el Enviado, ése ha nacido de Dios (1 Juan 5:1-6).
Evangelio — Felices los que creen sin haber visto (Juan 20:19-31).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Sal 40 (41):7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38
 Martes: Hch 4:32-37; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Miércoles: Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Jueves: Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34 (33):2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
 Viernes: Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
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 Domingo: Hch 3:13-15, 17-19; Sal 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lc 24:35-48

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La carta de san Juan retoma esta idea diciendo que: “todo el que cree que Jesús es el Cristo ha nacido de Dios” (5:1); lo que llamaríamos “nacer de nuevo”. Nuestra lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles para este Segundo Domingo de Pascua nos muestra exactamente qué sucede cuando los creyentes nacen de nuevo por medio de la fe.

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

PETICIONES POR ESTAS PERSONAS

7 de abril sábado
5:30 pm Eleanor Ecock (dec) by her longtime friend
8 de abril domingo
8:00 am St. Theresa parishioners
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14 de abril sábado
5:30 pm St. Theresa parishioners

POR LOS FELIGRESES—ACTIVOS CON EL SERVICIO MILITAR

Phillip Gaston | Corbett Martin | Zachary Martin | Erik Townsend

POR LOS QUE ESTÁN ENFERMOS

Concordia Balong | Bill Barboni | Romie Enriquez | Gene Estepa | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | Tony Russo

LISTA DE LOS ENFERMOS

Si desea conservar su ser querido en la lista, por favor, envíe un correo electrónico con el nombre de su ser querido, junto con su nombre y número de teléfono a tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

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DEVOCIÓN A NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO

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

DISCÍPULOS HACIENDO DISCÍPULOS

Pregunta: ¿Qué hace el bautismo por nosotros?

Respuesta: *"Cristiano, recuerda tu dignidad", dice san León Magno en un sermón de Navidad, "...y ahora que compartes la propia naturaleza de Dios, no regreses, por el pecado, a tu antigua condición natural" (Del Oficio de Lectura para Navidad, Sermón 1, Nativitate Domini). San Pedro lo dijo así: "Ustedes son una raza elegida, sacerdocio real, nación santa y pueblo adquirido... Los que antes no eran pueblo, ahora son pueblo de Dios; los que antes no habían alcanzado misericordia, ahora la han alcanzado" (1 Pedro 2:9-10).*

¿Qué es lo que confiere una dignidad tan grande? ¿Qué convierte a alguien que no es nadie en pueblo de Dios, en sacerdote, rey y partícipe en la propia naturaleza de Dios? El sacramento del bautismo.

Mediante el bautismo, participamos en la muerte y resurrección de Cristo y nos convertimos en nueva creación: hijos adoptivos de Dios. El bautismo nos cambia. De hecho, el bautismo lo cambia todo. El bautismo es tan trascendental como la muerte y el nacimiento: en el bautismo, morimos con Cristo, y nacemos de nuevo como hijos amados de Dios. Quedamos incorporados al cuerpo de Cristo, uniéndonos con otros creyentes, orientándonos hacia una vida de testimonio cristiano, viviendo en comunidad. El bautismo lava todo pecado, original y personal, y nos libera para vivir según el nuevo mandamiento del amor: amando y sirviendo a Dios y al prójimo en esta vida, y preparándonos para la vida eterna. El bautismo marca un cambio decisivo en nuestras vidas. En el Rito del Bautismo, rechazamos explícitamente a Satanás y al poder del mal, y nos volvemos a Dios, profesando nuestra fe en la Trinidad (Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo), para caminar bajo la luz de Cristo. En el rito bautismal, el sacerdote o el diácono ora: "Ahora, él los unge con el Crisma de la salvación para que, unidos con su pueblo, permanezcan para siempre miembros de Cristo que es Sacerdote, Profeta y Rey" (Oración después de la Unción con el Crisma). Por nuestro bautismo, somos llamados a ser como Cristo: actuar como "sacerdotes, profetas y reyes" en el mundo. Suena imposible. Pero, ¿qué hace un sacerdote? Él intercede ante Dios en nombre de la comunidad. Eso es lo que hacemos como miembros del sacerdocio de los bautizados: damos culto a Dios e intercedemos por el mundo entero en nuestra oración. ¿Qué hacen los profetas? Ellos anuncian y proclaman la voluntad de Dios para el mundo. Hacemos lo mismo cuando nuestra fe nos motiva a actuar en favor de los oprimidos y a vivir nuestras vidas como ejemplo del mensaje del Evangelio. ¿Y cuál es la tarea de reyes y reinas? Ellos son elegidos por Dios para cuidar al pueblo y guiarlo con la sabiduría de la ley de Dios. En el bautismo, somos ungidos para servir, a ejemplo de Cristo: lavándonos los pies los unos a los otros.

El bautismo trae consigo inmensos privilegios e inmensas responsabilidades. Nos reunimos en oración los domingos y los días festivos como comunidad de creyentes. Celebramos los sacramentos, especialmente el del Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor, la Eucaristía, nuestra gran oración de acción de gracias. Estamos llamados a conocer la ley de Dios y a obedecerla. Pero esto es sólo el comienzo. Para cada cristiano, la vivencia del bautismo será diferente, ya que cada uno de nosotros tiene una vocación particular, y Dios llama a cada uno de manera >>>>>

TAN BUEN TESTIGO COMO QUIERO SER

"Los Apóstoles daban testimonio con mucho poder de la resurrección del Señor Jesús" (Hechos 4:33).

Nuestra sociedad humanista y secular apenas se da cuenta cuando los cristianos proclamamos que Jesús ha resucitado de entre los muertos. Nuestro mensaje de la Resurrección es ignorado y a menudo, militantemente negado y ridiculizado. Claramente nos falta poder como testigos del Señor resucitado.

El Espíritu Santo, el cual es Poder (Lc 24:49; Hch 1:8), nos dará el poder que nos falta. Todo lo que necesitamos hacer es obedecerle (Hch 5:32). Tradicionalmente, el Espíritu Santo nos ha dado poder al darnos órdenes comunales y económicas. El Espíritu nos ordena que nos dediquemos a la vida comunitaria (Hch 2:42) y que aceptemos Su gracia para ser de una sola mente y un solo corazón (Hch 4:32). Él ordena a muchos de nosotros que tengamos las cosas en común (Hch 4:32, 2:44). Él no manda a algunos de nosotros a liquidar nuestra propiedad y dar los ingresos a la Iglesia (Hch 4:34ss).

¿Cuánto crees en el Cristo resucitado? ¿Qué tan poderoso quieres ser como Su testigo? El poder máximo está a tu disposición. Obedece al Espíritu y especialmente a Sus mandamientos comunales y económicos.

Oración: *Padre, me arrepiento de hacer excusas por mi impotencia. Que pueda confiar en Ti y ser fortalecido con todo el poder, de acuerdo con Tu poder glorioso (ver Col 1:11).*

Promesa: *"Jesús les dijo de nuevo: '¡La paz esté con ustedes! Como el Padre me envió a mí, yo también los envío a ustedes'. Al decirles esto sopló sobre ellos y añadió 'Reciban al Espíritu Santo'" (Jn 20:21-22).*

Alabanza: *¡Alabado seas, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo! Gracias por derramar Tus muchos dones sobre nosotros.*
<http://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=es&d=4/8/2018>

>>>>>>diferente. Una cosa es cierta: el bautismo nos cambia pero implica inmensas responsabilidades. Es un sacramento que se recibe en un determinado momento, pero sus efectos duran toda la vida.

¡Cristiano, recuerda tu dignidad!

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NO ES UNA TEORÍA

Deja que tu religión no sea cuestión de teoría sino de amor.

—G. K. Chesterton

TODO

Oh Dios, de tu bondad infinita regálame a ti mismo y eso será suficiente para mí. Sólo en ti lo tengo todo.