

**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 sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).  
**Psalm** — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).  
**Second Reading** — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).  
**Gospel** — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday February 24</b>	
5:30 pm	The Richards family (special int) by St. Theresa parish
<b>Sunday February 25</b>	
8:00 am	Joan Jack (dec) by Helen & David
10:00 am	Richard Torrano (dec) by Marie, Mary & Helen
12:00 pm	Michel Nollet (dec) by Gabby
7:00 pm	
<b>Monday February 26</b>	
8:00 am	The Ehrler family
<b>Tuesday February 27</b>	
8:00 am	Antone & Margaret Salel (dec)
<b>Wednesday February 28</b>	
8:00 am	Mark & John Hurley (dec)
12:00 pm	Nicomedes Balong Sr (dec) by the Balong family
<b>Thursday March 1</b>	
8:00 am	St. Theresa parishioners
<b>Friday March 2</b>	
8:00 am	Rudy Pakes (dec) by Moni & Colleen
12:00 pm	St. Theresa parishioners
<b>Saturday March 3 St. Katharine Drexel</b>	
5:30 pm	Cetta McCarthy (dec) by Marie, Mary & Helen

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>Monday, February 26</b>	8am; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth meal
<b>Tuesday, February 27</b>	8am Mass; 9am Bible Study on Conversion; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA
<b>Wednesday, February 28</b>	8am & 12noon Masses; 7pm Bible Study in Spanish
<b>Thursday, March 1</b>	8am Mass; 7pm RCIA in Spanish
<b>Friday, March 2</b>	8am & 12noon Masses; 12:30pm to 6pm Eucharistic Adoration; 6pm Station of the Cross and Soup Supper; 7:00pm Station of the Cross in Spanish
<b>Saturday, March 3</b>	11am Baptism; 2pm Funeral Reception; 4pm Confessions & 5:30pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, March 4</b>	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish) Masses; Pancake Breakfast by Knights after the 8am & 10am Masses

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**STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH**

02/18	Regular Collection	5051.40
2/14	Ash Wednesday	2348.39
Second collection this weekend: New Boiler in the Rectory		
Second collection March 3/4: Building Maintenance		

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**FOR PARISHIONERS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY**

Phillip Gaston | Corbett Martin | Zachary Martin | Erik Townsend

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Concordia Balong | Bill Barboni | Romie Enriquez | 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 [tahoeatholicbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:tahoeatholicbulletin@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



### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office  
530.544.4788 Find the **2017 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

*People don't always need advice. Sometimes all they really need is a hand to hold, an ear to listen, and a heart to understand them.\* unknown*

Welcome to our new members: Patrick, Chris, Andrew & transfer member Jose

ST. PATRICK'S CORNED BEEF DINNER—March 17th

KNIGHT'S LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AFTER STATIONS—March 2nd

MONTHLY MEETING—March 14th with Dinner @6pm

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—March 4 after the 8AM & 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

### SEEING THE BEAUTY AND GOODNESS IN FRONT OF US

We don't have to go far to find the treasure we are seeking. There is beauty and goodness right where we are. And only when we can see the beauty and goodness that are close by can we recognize beauty and goodness on our travels far and wide. There are trees and flowers to enjoy, paintings and sculptures to admire; most of all there are people who smile, play, and show kindness and gentleness. They are all around us, to be recognized as free gifts to receive in gratitude.

Our temptation is to collect all the beauty and goodness surrounding us as helpful information we can use for our projects. But then we cannot enjoy it, and we soon find that we need a vacation to restore ourselves. Let's try to see the beauty and goodness in front of us before we go elsewhere to look for it. | <http://henrinouwen.org/meditation/seeing-beauty-goodness-front-us/>

### THE MEAL THAT MAKES US FAMILY AND FRIENDS

We all need to eat and drink to stay alive. But having a meal is more than eating and drinking. It is celebrating the gifts of life we share. A meal together is one of the most intimate and sacred human events. Around the table we become vulnerable, filling one another's plates and cups and encouraging one another to eat and drink. Much more happens at a meal than satisfying hunger and quenching thirst. Around the table we become family, friends, community, yes, a body.

That is why it is so important to "set" the table. Flowers, candles, colorful napkins all help us to say to one another, "This is a very special time for us, let's enjoy it!"

<http://henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-meal-that-makes-us-family-and-friends/>

### THE INTIMACY OF THE TABLE

The table is one of the most intimate places in our lives. It is there that we give ourselves to one another. When we say, "Take some more, let me serve you another plate, let me pour you another glass, don't be shy, enjoy it," we say a lot more than our words express. We invite our friends to become part of our lives. We want them to be nurtured by the same food and drink that nurture us. We desire communion. That is why a refusal to eat and drink what a host offers is so offensive. It feels like a rejection of an invitation to intimacy.

Strange as it may sound, the table is the place where we want to become food for one another. Every breakfast, lunch, or dinner can become a time of growing communion with one another. <http://henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-intimacy-of-the-table/>

### THE BAROMETER OF OUR LIVES

Although the table is a place for intimacy, we all know how easily it can become a place of distance, hostility, and even hatred. Precisely because the table is meant to be an intimate place, it easily becomes the place we experience the absence of intimacy. The table reveals the tensions among us. When husband and wife don't talk to each other, when a child refuses to eat, when brothers and sisters bicker, when there are tense silences, then the table becomes hell, the place we least want to be. The table is the barometer of family and community life. Let's do everything possible to make the table the place to celebrate intimacy.

<http://henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-barometer-of-our-lives/>

### CREATING BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES

What happens during meals shapes a large part of our memories. As we grow older we forget many things, but we mostly remember the Thanksgiving or Christmas dinners in our families. We remember them with joy and gratitude or with sadness and anger. They remind us of the peace that existed in our homes or the conflicts that never seemed to get resolved. These special moments around the table stand out as vivid reminders of the quality of our lives together.

Today fast-food services and TV dinners have made common meals less and less central. But what will there be to remember when we no longer come together around the table to share a meal? Maybe we will have fewer painful memories, but will we have any joyful ones? Can we make the table a hospitable place, inviting us to kindness, gentleness, joy, and peace and creating beautiful memories? <http://henrinouwen.org/meditation/creating-beautiful-memories/>

### IMPRESSION

When we try to make an impression, that's the impression we make.

—Anonymous

# REFLECTIONS

## INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

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

February 2018 | Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

**"HE LOVES ME. HE LOVES ME NOT. HE LOVES ME..."**

**"A cloud came, overshadowing them, and out of the cloud a voice: 'This is My Son, My Beloved. Listen to Him.' " — Mark 9:7**

"God is for us" (Rm 8:31). He "did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for the sake of us all" (Rm 8:32). After that, will He not "grant us all things besides?" (Rm 8:32) God couldn't love us more. He loves us unconditionally, sacrificially, infinitely, perfectly, and eternally.

Nevertheless, God does things and allows things in our lives which we can't understand. Although this should make us question our powers of understanding, we are instead tempted to question God's love.

To dispel all doubts about His love, the Lord does not necessarily explain in detail why things are the way they are. Rather, He speaks to us of His cross. He does not always explain why we suffer but rather that He suffered and died for love of us. Jesus joined humanity in its sufferings. Jesus is Emmanuel, that is, "God with us" in suffering (see Mt 1:23).

To learn the lessons of love in the midst of suffering, we must listen to Jesus when He speaks of the cross (see Mk 9:7). This is a difficult subject for us. However, it is Jesus' favorite subject, and because Jesus is our transfigured Lord and God, we listen to Him.

**Prayer:** *Father, send the Holy Spirit to help me to listen to Jesus about crucified love.*

**Promise:** *"I swear by Myself, declares the Lord, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from Me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly." —Gn 22:16-17*

**Praise:** *Praise Jesus, transfigured, crucified, risen, and glorified God!*

<http://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=2/25/2018>

## THE BASIS OF OUR SECURITY

What is the basis of our security? When we start thinking about that question, we may give many answers: success, money, friends, property, popularity, family, connections, insurance, and so on. We may not always think that any of these forms the basis of our security, but our actions or feelings may tell us otherwise. When we start losing our money, our friends, or our popularity, our anxiety often reveals how deeply our sense of security is rooted in these things.

A spiritual life is a life in which our security is based not in any created things, good as they may be, but in God, who is everlasting love. We probably will never be completely free from our attachment to the temporal world, but if we want to live in that world in a truly free way, we'd better not belong to it. "You cannot be the slave both of God and of money" (Luke 16:13). <http://henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-basis-of-our-security/>

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to those who have already made a one-time or an ongoing donation to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift will make a difference in someone's life. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! Envelopes are still available in the church or in the parish office. Don't forget... 25% of what you give is returned to our parish to assist people in our community who need help.

## INFLUENZA, SUSPENSION OF CUP & OTHER PRECAUTIONS

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has indicated that the incidence of flu and flu-like illnesses has reached a level requiring that we take action to mitigate the possibility of infection at Mass. In order to protect the health and well-being of everyone, Bishop Soto has issued the following directives:

- ◆ The use of Communion cup is suspended temporarily.
- ◆ Receive the Body of Christ in the hand (although receiving on the tongue is permitted).
- ◆ Do not shake hands. Offer the Sign of peace to those around you with a simple nod, saying "peace be with you."
- ◆ Do not hold hands during the Our Father.
- ◆ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to cleanse their hands with an alcohol-based antiseptic before and after administering Holy Communion. This also applies to those who take Communion to the Home-bound.
- ◆ Remember that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from flu-like symptoms. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MARCH

### BIBLE STUDY ON CONVERSION

Please sign up for a six-week (Tuesdays) Bible Study on Conversion starting on February 27 at 9am. To sign up, please contact Fr. Mauricio at (530) 544-3533 Ext. 102 *or* mauricioh650@gmail.com

In this film and study program, Bishop Robert Barron illuminates six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how six ordinary people, just like you, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through him.

The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy toward an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In his characteristically energetic style, Bishop Barron explains how conversion is not so much a one time event, but a life-long process. "Jesus Christ calls us in thousands of different ways to follow Him, as we strive on the path for spiritual excellence," explains Bishop Barron.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION | Fridays from 12:30pm to 6:00pm | March 2, 9, & 16

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



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS during Lent at

6PM



### LENTEN SOUP DINNER

Following the Stations of the Cross | **Globin Hall**



### MARCH 11:

Daylight Savings time begins: Sets clocks forward 1 hour

### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Confessions at Saint Theresa on March 10, 2018 | 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Continuing Pope Francis' call during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Diocese of Sacramento invites all Catholics to celebrate 24 Hours for the Lord to experience the Lord's loving mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation. This year's Lenten celebration will be marked with 24 hours of continuous confession in each of the 12 deaneries from noon on March 9, 2018, to noon on March 10, 2018. In some deaneries, this will happen at one central location. In other deaneries, 24 hours of the sacrament of reconciliation will be offered by rotating to several different sites.

### THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP ! | 2018 LENTEN DAILY REFLECTIONS FROM BISHOP BARRON

Spend your time with Christ in the Gospel this Lent alongside Bishop Barron and the Word on Fire community. The link is [www.lentreflections.com](http://www.lentreflections.com)

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### THE NONPOSSESSIVE LIFE

To be able to enjoy fully the many good things the world has to offer, we must be detached from them. To be detached does not mean to be indifferent or uninterested. It means to be nonpossessive. Life is a gift to be grateful for and not a property to cling to.

A nonpossessive life is a free life. But such freedom is only possible when we have a deep sense of belonging. To whom then do we belong? We belong to God, and the God to whom we belong has sent us into the world to proclaim in his Name that all of creation is created in and by love and calls us to gratitude and joy. That is what the "detached" life is all about. It is a life in which we are free to offer praise and thanksgiving. <http://henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-nonpossessive-life/>

## 25 DE FEBRERO DE 2018 | SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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

¡Bienvenidos a todos! Nos reunimos con Jesús. Cristo es quién nos invita al banquete celestial. Qué esta liturgia les traiga paz. Si están visitando nuestra iglesia por la primera vez, ójala que se sienten como en familia, una parte de la familia mundial del Señor. Les damos la bienvenida cordialmente y celebramos y contemplamos el misterio de la Eucaristía y rezamos que su viaje a su casa será seguro y que regresen pronto.

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura**—El sacrificio de nuestro patriarca

Abraham (Génesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18).

**Salmo** — Caminaré en presencia del Señor, en el país de la vida (Salmo 116 [115]).

**Segunda lectura** — Dios nos entregó a su propio Hijo (Romanos 8: 31-34).

**Evangelio** — Este es mi Hijo amado (Marcos 9: 2-10).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38

Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30):5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31

Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sábado: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

Domingo: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Sal 19 (18):8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

### LA OBEDIENCIA DE ABRAHAM Y JESÚS |

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Dios puso a prueba a Abraham pidiéndole no un sacrificio ordinario, el cual requería que se quemara parcialmente la carne y se dividiera entre Dios y el pueblo y fuera consumido por los que hacían el sacrificio, sino que le pidió un holocausto, la quema completa del animal expiatorio. Este tipo de sacrificio consagraba la ofrenda solo a Dios. Esto es lo que Dios le pedía a Abraham en su ofrenda de su único hijo, Isaac. Cuando Abraham demostró su obediencia, fue suficiente. El relato de la Sagrada Escritura de hoy predice la finalización de los sacrificios de sangre de la vieja alianza en la nueva alianza: la sangre del Hijo de Dios, la cual se nos ofrece en la cruz y en la Eucaristía. La obediencia de Abraham prefigura la obediencia de Jesús a la promesa de salvación de Dios. La recompensa de la obediencia de Abraham yace en el nacimiento, por medio de Isaac, de muchas naciones. La recompensa de la obediencia de Jesús yace en la salvación de todas las personas por los siglos de los siglos.

### INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

### PETICIONES POR ESTAS PERSONAS

**24 de febrero | sábado |**

**5:30 pm** The Richards family (special int) by St. Theresa parish

**25 de febrero | domingo |**

**8:00 am** Joan Jack (dec) by Helen & David

**10:00 am** Richard Torrano (dec) by Marie, Mary & Helen

**12:00 pm** Michel Nollet (dec) by Gabby

**7:00 pm**

**26 de febrero | lunes |**

**8:00 am** The Ehrler family

**27 de febrero | martes |**

**8:00 am** Antone & Margaret Salel (dec)

**28 de febrero | miércoles | San Pedro Damián**

**8:00 am** Mark & John Hurley (dec)

**12:00 pm** Nicomedes Balong Sr (dec) by the Balong family

**1 de marzo | jueves |**

**8:00 am** St. Theresa parishioners

**2 de marzo | viernes |**

**8:00 am** Rudy Pakes (dec) by Moni & Colleen

**12:00 pm** St. Theresa parishioners

**3 de marzo | sábado | Santa Katharine Drexel**

**5:30 pm** Cetta McCarthy (dec) by Marie, Mary & Helen

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

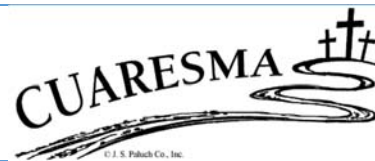
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### POR LOS QUE ESTÁN ENFERMOS

Concordia Balong | Bill Barboni | Romie Enriquez | 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](mailto:tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com)



### ¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

02/11	Colecta Regular	5051.40
02/14	Miércoles de Ceniza	2348.39
Segunda colecta—New Boiler in the Rectory		
Segunda colecta—3/4 de marzo: Mantenimiento		



### 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.

## LLAMADO CATÓLICO ANNUAL

Gracias a todos los que ya han dado su donativo y hecho su compromiso mensual al Llamado Católico Anual 2018. Su donativo hace la diferencia en la vida de alguien. Pero si aún no los has hecho, no es demasiado tarde. Aún hay sobres disponibles en la iglesia y en la oficina parroquial. No olviden... 25% de tu donativo, regresa a la parroquia para ayudar a la gente necesitada de nuestra comunidad.



### VÍA CRUCIS

Los viernes de cuaresma el Vía Crucis a las **7pm**. Pueden llegar temprano para ser parte de la cena de Sopa que se estará ofreciendo después del Vía Crucis en inglés y antes del Vía Crucis en español.

## 24 HORAS PARA EL SEÑOR |

### Confesiones:

**De 9am a 12mediodía el sábado 10 de marzo**

Siguiendo con la invitación del Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco, durante el año Jubilar de la Misericordia, la Diócesis de Sacramento nos invita a celebrar 24 Horas para el Señor. El Sacramento de la Confesión se ofrecerá en varias parroquias a lo largo de nuestra diócesis por 24 horas ininterrumpidas empezando a las 12 del mediodía del viernes 9 de marzo y terminando al mediodía del sábado 10 de marzo de 2018. Nuestra parroquia, Santa Teresa, estará ofreciendo confesiones de 9am a 12mediodía el 10 sábado de marzo.

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Regresando a los tres pilares de la conversión, el ayuno es mucho más que el simple hecho de no comer, es aprender a negarme a mí mismo para que ya no sea yo quien vivo, sino Cristo que vive en mí. Es el negarme de ciertas cosas para dar vida a los demás.

El ayudar es poner en práctica la caridad y la justicia social. Es buscar el cargar con nuestra propia cruz y ayudar a los demás con la de ellos. En otras palabras, es practicar la misma generosidad de Dios quien hace caer la lluvia sobre los buenos y los malos, es amar sin distinción de personas.

Contemporáneamente, el orar es entrar en conversación con Dios, es recogerse para entrar en la presencia de Dios, con todo lo que uno es y todo lo que uno tiene, poniendo todo en las manos misericordiosas del Padre que nos ama.

Esta Cuaresma procuremos hacer lo que debemos hacer todo el año: ayunar, ayudar y orar. Es difícil, pero no nos desanimemos porque el Espíritu Santo viene a nuestro alcance porque donde somos más débiles, Cristo es nuestra fuerza.

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

## "ME AMA. NO ME AMA. ME AMA..."

**"Entonces una nube los cubrió con su sombra, y salió de ella una voz: 'Este es mi Hijo muy querido, escúchenlo' " (Marcos 9:7).**

"Dios está con nosotros" (Rom 8:31). Él "no escatimó a su propio Hijo, sino que lo entregó por todos nosotros" (Rom 8:32). Después de todo "¿no nos concederá con Él toda clase de favores?" (Rom 8:32) Dios no podía amarnos más. Él nos ama incondicional, sacrificial, infinita, perfecta y eternamente.

Sin embargo, Dios hace cosas y permite algunas cosas en nuestras vidas que no podemos entender. Aunque esto debería hacernos cuestionar nuestros poderes de entendimiento, en vez de eso, estamos tentados a cuestionar el amor de Dios.

Para disipar todas las dudas sobre Su amor, el Señor no necesariamente explica en detalle por qué las cosas son como son. Más bien, nos habla de Su cruz. Él no siempre explica por qué sufrimos, sino que Él sufrió y murió por amor a nosotros. Jesús unió a la humanidad en Sus sufrimientos. Jesús es Emmanuel, que significa, "Dios con nosotros" en el sufrimiento (ver Mt 1:23).

Para aprender las lecciones del amor en medio del sufrimiento, debemos escuchar a Jesús cuando el habla de la cruz (ver Mc 9:7). Este es un tema difícil para nosotros. Sin embargo, es el tema favorito de Jesús, y debido a que Jesús es nuestro Señor transfigurado y Dios, lo escuchamos.

**Oración:** *Padre, envía al Espíritu Santo para que me ayude a escuchar a Jesús acerca del amor crucificado.*

**Promesa:** "Juro por mí mismo –oráculo del Señor: porque has obrado de esa manera y no me has negado a tu hijo único, yo te colmaré de bendiciones" (Gn 22:16-17).

**Alabanza:** *¡Alabado sea Jesús, transfigurado, crucificado, resucitado y Dios glorificado*

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## ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

**Viernes 2, 9 y 16 de marzo de 12:30pm a 6:00pm**

"La Iglesia y el mundo tienen una gran necesidad del culto eucarístico Jesús nos espera en este sacramento del amor No nos negamos el tiempo para ir a encontrarlo en la adoración, en la contemplación llena de fe... y abierta a reparar las faltas graves y delitos del mundo. No cese nunca nuestra adoración". (CIC 1380)

## SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

**25 de febrero de 2018**

Si Dios está a nuestro favor,  
¿quién estará en contra nuestra?

— Romanos 8:31b