

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The Lord will rescue me from every threat (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday October 26 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30pm Father Ben DeLeon (dec)

Sunday October 27

8:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

10:00 am Dylan Rohrer (dec) by his mother

12:00 pm Betty McNeer (dec) by Moe Leonard & choir

7:00 pm

Monday October 28 Ss. Simon and Jude

8:00 am Father Ben DeLeon (dec)

Tuesday October 29

8:00 am Jo Ortwein (dec) by Katie Donovan

Wednesday October 30

8:00 am Matas Semkus (dec) & Edward (bday)

12:00 pm Algerdas Kraujales (dec)

Thursday October 31

8:00 am Grace Bisbee (bday) by family

NOVEMBER Masses are for the faithful departed

Friday November 1 All Saints

8:00 am 6:00pm 7:30pm (Spanish)

Saturday November 2 All Souls Day

12:00pm (Cemetery) 5:30pm



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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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10/20	Regular Collection	4775.27
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Second collection THIS weekend: **NO SECOND COLLECTION**

Second collection NEXT weekend: **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

Second collection November 9/10 **COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, October 28	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal
Tuesday, October 29	8am Mass; 9am Bible Study on King David; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English
Wednesday, October 30	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 6pm B & B Board Meeting
Thursday, October 31	8am Mass; 7pm RCIA in Spanish
Friday, November 1	8am Mass; 6pm Mass; 4pm Second Serving Meal; 7:30pm Mass in Spanish
Saturday, November 2	10am Baptism in Spanish; 11am Baptisms in English; 12noon Mass at Happy Homestead Cemetery; 4pm confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, November 3	8am, 10am, 12 noon & 7pm (in Spanish) Masses; pancake breakfast after the 8am & 10am Masses

FATHER MAURICIO'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, October 28	day off
Tuesday, October 29	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 9am Bible Study; 11am appointment; 12noon-3pm office work; 3pm break; 4pm-6pm office work; 6:30pm dinner
Wednesday, October 30	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 10am visiting the hospital; 12noon Mass; 2pm-6pm office work; 6pm Bread & Broth Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, October 31	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 10am-12noon office work; 1pm Eucharistic Adoration; 1:15pm-3pm office work; 3pm break; 4pm- 6pm office work; 7pm leading the RCIA in Spanish
Friday, November 1	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 10am-12noon office work; 12noon break; 1pm-5pm office work; 6pm Mass; 7:30pm Mass
Saturday, November 2	7:30am opening the church; 6:30am cleaning the outside of Grace Hall, Rectory and church; 10 am Baptism; 11am Baptisms; 12noon Mass at cemetery; 4pm confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, November 3	6:45am opening the church; 8am, 10am, 12noon Masses; 2pm-5pm personal time; 6:30pm confessions; 7pm Mass





BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office
530.544.4788 Find the **2019 SCHEDULE**:
<http://www.tahoecatholic.com/baptisms>



RESPECT LIFE PREGNANT ? NEED HELP?

We offer practical help to any women with a crisis pregnancy. We have a special concern for you and your unborn child. For any help with a troubled pregnancy, 544-3533.



KNIGHT'S CORNER

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

but.....Come join us for some fun and always a good time!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Nov. 3 after the 8am and 10am Masses. It always taste's right when cooked by a Knight. Your help and support is always appreciated.

NOVEMBER 13—6pm dinner (Earl/George) meeting @7pm

Become a better version of yourself. Become a knight!

Call Frank Dixon 530 318 1574

THE GARDEN OF THE SAINTS | *Henri Nouwen Society*

The Church is a very human organization but also the garden of God's grace. It is a place where great sanctity keeps blooming. Saints are people who make the living Christ visible to us in a special way. Some saints have given their lives in the service of Christ and his Church; others have spoken and written words that keep nurturing us; some have lived heroically in difficult situations; others have remained hidden in quiet lives of prayer and meditation; some were prophetic voices calling for renewal; others were spiritual strategists setting up large organizations or networks of people; some were healthy and strong; others were quite sick, and often anxious and insecure.

But all of them in their own ways lived in the Church as in a garden where they heard the voice calling them the Beloved and where they found the courage to make Jesus the center of their lives.

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 | Lauren Bates | Romie Enriquez | Eileen Foster | 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.

"LOW," I AM WITH YOU

"The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds." —Sirach 35:17
Clouds can be a sign of God's presence or, figuratively speaking, a barrier preventing us from "getting through" to God. Clouds present no problem to the prayer of the lowly, for their prayer pierces the clouds.

We can surmise that the prayer of many people is not "getting through" to God, for many people pray infrequently. If they were "getting through," they probably would be encouraged to pray always (see Lk 18:1). Who wants to keep calling a phone number when you seldom "get through"? Many of us must not be lowly, or we would be "getting through" and praying more.

Signs of not being lowly are:

- not forgiving (see Mt 6:15),
- not going to Confession often,
- not submitting to the authority of the Lord through the Church (see Heb 13:17),
- focusing on ourselves (see Lk 18:11-12),
- comparing ourselves with others (see Lk 18:11),
- not washing others' feet through service (see Jn 13:14-15), and
- trying to live the "high life" of affluence and comfort.

Jesus is lowly — from the stable at Bethlehem to the cross on Calvary to appearing as bread and wine in the Eucharist. Be like the lowly Jesus, and your prayer will pierce the clouds.

Prayer: *Jesus, gentle and lowly of heart, make my heart like Yours (see Mt 11:29).*

Promise: *"The Lord will continue to rescue me from all attempts to do me harm and will bring me safe to His heavenly kingdom." —2 Tm 4:18*

Praise: *"This is the Jesus God has raised up, and we are his witnesses" (Acts 2:32). Alleluia!*

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CATHOLIC HUMOR

TWO JEWISH GUYS are walking when one notices a sign on a Catholic church that says "Convert to Christianity, and we'll give you \$100."

The one says to the other, "should we do it?"

The other says "NO!! Are you crazy?"

The first guy replies "Hey, a hundred dollars is a hundred dollars... I'm gonna do it."

So he walks in to the church, and little while later, he walks back out.

The friend says, "well, did you get the money?"

He replies, "Oh that's all you people think about, isn't it?"

Q: *Where is the first baseball game in the Bible?*

A: In the big inning. Eve stole first, Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel. The Giants and the Angels were rained out.

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.

— *Sirach 35:17-18a*

REFLECTIONS

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2019

OCTOBER | Evangelization: A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary spring in the Church

www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/English-2019-def-temi.pdf

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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ALL SOULS' DAY ENVELOPES

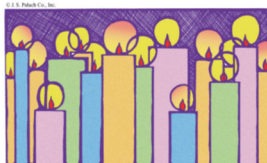
All Souls Day envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. Please write the names of the deceased relatives you want to pray for and bring the envelope to the office or drop it in the collection basket.

AN ALTAR IN COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

During the month of November, we will have an altar in remembrance of those who have died. We encourage you to bring a 5" x 7" framed picture of your deceased relatives. Feel free to drop off the picture during office hours or bring it to Mass on November 1st, or 2nd or 3rd. Please write your name and phone number on the back of the picture.

MASSES ON ALL SAINTS' DAY

Masses on Friday, November 1st: 8am
([English](#)), 6pm (English), and 7:30pm
(Spanish)



MASS ON ALL SOULS' DAY

Saturday, November 2
12noon Mass at Happy Homestead Cemetery
(Note: If weather allows).
Please wear warmth clothes and bring a chair!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MORE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ARE NEEDED!

If you love the Eucharist, you qualified and you would like give communion at Mass, please let Sandie Finkel know to train you sandiefinkel@aol.com

BIBLE STUDY ON KING DAVID | Tuesday, October 29, November 5 & 12 at 9am

October 29: Gather in Jerusalem

November 5: House of God

November 12: Absalom, my Son!

David is the paradigmatic king in the Old Testament. His kingship recalls that of Adam in the Garden of Eden, and yet it points toward the King par excellence, Jesus Christ. In David the King, Bishop Barron helps us to understand this pivotal figure in light of the first king and the King of kings.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, October 31, immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please sign up for 30 minutes or 1 hour. The sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION?

"This practice, repeatedly praised and recommended by the Magisterium, is supported by the example of many saints. Particularly outstanding in this regard was Saint Alphonsus Liguori, who wrote: 'Of all devotions that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us.' The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace."¹

Visite al SS. Sacramento e a Maria Santissima, Introduction: Opere Ascetiche, Avellino (2000), 295, as cited in EE, no. 25.

Thirty-One Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, A Resource of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK | November 3-9, 2019

"National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 3-9, 2019. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation." (www.usccb.org)

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY | Saturday, December 7th at 6:30pm

All are invited to the St. Theresa **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

- We gather in front of the Church for the Lighting Ceremony at 6:30pm
- Potluck after the Lighting Ceremony in Grace Hall

Families are asked to bring a dish and drinks to share! If your last name begins with:

A-M bring a main dish to share,

N-T bring desserts,

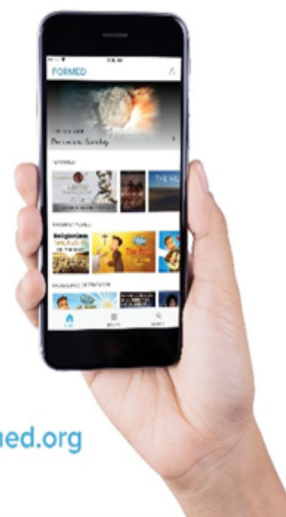
U-Z bring fruits, finger foods or soft drinks.

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20 DE OCTUBRE DE 2019 | TRIGÉSIMO 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.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor escucha el grito de los oprimidos, el huérfano, la viuda (Eclesiástico 35:12-14, 16-18).

Salmo — El Señor no está lejos de sus fieles (Salmo 34 [33]).

Segunda lectura — La corona de los santos me está esperando (2 Timoteo 4:6-8, 16-18).

Evangelio — El publicano se quedaba atrás, se golpeaba el pecho (Lucas 18:9-14).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ef 2:19-22; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Lc 6:12-16

Martes: Rom 8:18-25; Sal 126 (125):1b-6; Lc 13:18-21

Miércoles: Rom 8:26-30; Sal 13 (12):4-6; Lc 13:22-30

Jueves: Rom 8:31b-39; Sal 109 (108):21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lc 13:31-35

Viernes: Ap 7:2-4, 9-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Sábado: Sab 3:1-9; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Rom 5:5-11

Domingo: Sab 11:22 — 12:2; Sal 145 (144):1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Tes 1:11 — 2:2; Lc 19:1-10

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

26 de octubre | sábado | Santa María Virgen

5:30 pm Father Ben DeLeon (dec)

27 de octubre | domingo |

8:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

10:00 am Dylan Rohrer (dec) by his mother

12:00 pm Betty McNeer (dec) by Moe Leonard & choir

7:00 pm

28 de octubre | lunes | Santos Simón y Judas, apóstoles

8:00 am Father Ben DeLeon (dec)

29 de octubre | martes |

8:00 am Jo Ortwein (dec) by Katie Donovan

30 de octubre | miércoles |

8:00 am Matas Semkus (dec) & Edward (bday)

12:00 pm Algerdas Kraujales (dec)

31 de octubre | jueves |

8:00 am Grace Bisbee (bday) by family

NOVIEMBRE—POR TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

1 de noviembre | viernes | Todos los Santos

8:00 am 6:00pm 7:30pm (Spanish)

2 de noviembre | sábado | Todos los Fieles Difuntos

12:00pm (Cemetery) 5:30pm



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.

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 | Lauren Bates | Romie Enriquez | Eileen Foster | 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

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Los jueves 31 de octubre de 8:30am a 1pm

"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)

SOBRE DE DÍA DE LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

Los sobres de los Fieles Difuntos están disponibles en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia. Por favor, escriba los nombres de sus parientes fallecidos por los que desea orar y traiga el sobre a la oficina o colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta.

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

10/20	Colecta Regular	4775.27
	DIA MUNDIAL DE LAS MISIONES	1554.29

Segunda colecta— 26/27 de octubre: **NO HAY COLECTA**

Segunda colecta— 2/3 de noviembre: **MANTENIMIENTO**

Segunda colecta— 9/10 de noviembre:
COLECTA PARA LA ARQUIDIOCESIS DE SERVICIOS MILITARES

MISAS EL DIA DE TODOS LOS SANTOS

Viernes, 1 de noviembre: Misas en inglés: 8am, 6pm y **Misa en español a las 7:30pm**

MISA EL DÍA DE TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

Sábado 2 de noviembre

12mediodía en el cementerio Happy Homestead.

Favor de traer una silla y vestir ropa calentita.



CAMBIO DE HORA

3 de noviembre

!Retrase el reloj 1 hora!

CEREMONIA DE ILUMINACIÓN DEL ÁRBOL DE NAVIDAD

Sábado, 7 de diciembre a las 6:30pm

¡Todos están invitados a la ceremonia de iluminación del árbol de Navidad de Santa Teresita!

- nos reuniremos frente a la iglesia para la ceremonia de iluminación a las 6:30 pm
- cena después de la ceremonia de la iluminación en Grace Hall

¡Se les pide a las familias que traigan un platillo y bebidas para compartir!

Lo que pueden compartir está dividido por las iniciales de su apellido:

Si su apellido comienza con:

A - M traiga un platillo principal para compartir

N - T traiga postres

U - Z traiga frutas, bocadillos o refrescos.

¡Esperamos verlos!

ALTAR EN CONMEMORACIÓN DE TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

Durante el mes de noviembre tendremos un altar en recuerdo de aquellos que han fallecido. Te invitamos a traer una imagen de tus parientes difuntos en un marco de 5 x 7 pulgadas. Favor de traer la foto durante las horas de oficina o llevarla a Misa el 1, 2 o 3 de noviembre. Escribe tu nombre y número de teléfono en la parte trasera de la imagen.

CAMBIO DE HORA

3 de noviembre | !Retrase el reloj 1 hora!

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El 31 de octubre muchos se visten de monstruos y al día siguiente, los cristianos celebramos a *todos* los santos. Es interesante el contraste entre los dos días. Un día recordamos brujas y zombis y al siguiente conmemoramos vírgenes y mártires, religiosos y laicos comprometidos todos con una cosa en común: su amor a Dios, un amor que se hace carne en obras de caridad y justicia.

La mayoría de los santos se hicieron santos gracias a los monstruos que los rodeaban. Los primeros mártires cristianos murieron a mano de los monstruos romanos, muchos religiosos medievales se refugiaban en Dios para protegerse de los monstruos internos que los tentaban con sexo, dinero y poder. Y en América muchos como Manuel Chin Sooj se hicieron testigos de la justicia en manos de los monstruos de gobiernos injustos.

Los monstruos, en fin no pueden vencer a los santos por eso en Guatemala el martirio de Manuel Chin Sooj, animó a los obispos guatemaltecos a unirse con la carta "El clamor de la tierra" a los esfuerzos de pobres en búsqueda de tierra y dignidad humana.

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

"QUE YO DISMINUYA" (JUAN 3:30)

"Y refiriéndose a algunos que se tenían por justos y despreciaban a los demás, dijo también esta parábola:" (Lucas 18:9).

La piedad del fariseo era admirable: aportaba el diez por ciento de su ingreso bruto y ayunaba dos días a la semana, probablemente un ayuno muy arduo. ¿Cuántos de nosotros damos el diezmo y ayunamos por tal o cual motivo? Sin embargo, san Lucas señala específicamente que la "oración" del fariseo se dirigía a sí mismo y no a Dios (Lc 18:11). Comparó sus virtudes con la conducta de otras personas, no con los estándares de Dios.

La piedad de los tributos no era admirable. Los cobradores de impuestos del tiempo de Jesús eran judíos que trabajaban para los romanos. Muchas veces extorsionaban a su propia gente para ganarse una mejor comisión. Tal vez esta fue la única vez que este publicano de la parábola había estado en el templo. Pero este publicano poseía la visión de ver su propia pequeñez ante Dios. También evitó compararse con los demás. En cambio, sí comparó su propia vida de pecado con la santidad de Dios, y se arrojó en manos de la misericordia de Dios (Lc 18:13).

En la segunda lectura de hoy, san Pablo parece asemejarse al fariseo más que el recaudador de impuestos. Nos "cuenta" cómo él también ha sido fiel a Dios (ver 2 Tim 4:7). Sin embargo, los comentarios de san Pablo eran un testimonio de la fidelidad del Señor en lugar de una larga lista de auto-elogios para que Dios escuchara. Pablo da crédito a Dios por cualquier bien que ha hecho. El fariseo se da crédito a sí mismo, rechazando la buena obra de Dios en su vida. Cualquier cosa buena en nuestras vidas ha sido obra de Dios (Fil 2:13). Nombra, si puedes, algo "que tengas y no hayas recibido", un talento o don espiritual. "Y si lo has recibido, ¿por qué te glorías como si no lo hubieras recibido?" (1 Co 4:7).

Oración: *Jesús, que Tú "crezcas y que yo disminuya (In 3:30).*

Promesa: *"Pero el Señor rescata a sus servidores" (Sal 34:23).*

Alabanza: *¡Alaba a Jesús, el Redentor, el Mesías y Rey resucitado! (Esta enseñanza fue presentada por un miembro del equipo editorial).*

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Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a la oración, hacia una relación con Dios. Pues las relaciones se sienten más naturales cuando conocemos mejor uno con el otro. El libro del Eclesiástico nos anima a conocer mejor a Dios. En su sabiduría, este libro nos dice cómo es Dios, justo, de mente abierta, compasivo y atento. "El Señor no tarda" dice. Sabiendo que la ayuda de Dios llega en el debido momento, donde sea que la necesitemos, calma nuestros corazones y nos ayuda a confiar en el Señor. En la segunda carta a Timoteo, san Pablo demuestra su propia confianza en Dios. A pesar de las luchas agotadoras que san Pablo ha enfrentado a causa de su fe cristiana, él alaba al Señor por haberlo rescatado una y otra vez. El Evangelio de hoy nos acerca también a Jesús, revelando su especial amor por los pobres y humildes. Cuando Jesús cuenta la parábola acerca de las formas como los fariseos y recolectores de impuestos rezan, nuestros corazones se convierten tan gentiles como los de Cristo.