


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

TODAY'S READINGS		WEEK AT A GLANCE	
<p><b>First Reading</b> — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).  <b>Psalm</b> — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).  <b>Second Reading</b> — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).  <b>Gospel</b> — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).</p>		<p><b>Monday, December 16</b> 8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread &amp; Broth Meal; 7pm Posada</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, December 17</b> 8am Mass; 9am Book Study; 4pm Mass (Simbang Gabi Mass); 5pm food &amp; program after Mass; 6:30pm RCIA in English</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, December 18</b> 8am Mass; 11am-11:50am Confessions; 12noon Mass; 7pm Posada</p>		<p><b>Thursday, December 19</b> 8am Mass; 12noon Funeral Mass for Concordia Balong; 7pm Posada; 7pm RCIA in Spanish</p>	
<p><b>Friday, December 20</b> 8am Mass; 4pm Second Serving Meal; 7pm Posada</p>		<p><b>Saturday, December 21</b> 4pm confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass; 6:30pm Meeting of the Hispanic Committee</p>	
<p><b>Sunday, December 22</b> 8am, 10am, 12 noon &amp; 7pm (in Spanish) Masses; 6:15pm Confessions</p>		<p><b>Sunday, December 22</b> 8am, 10am, 12 noon &amp; 7pm (in Spanish) Masses; 6:15pm Confessions</p>	
FATHER MAURICIO'S WEEK AT A GLANCE			
<p><b>Monday, December 16</b> 8:00am Ruthie Lawrence (healing) by her sister Mary</p>		<p><b>Monday, December 16</b> 7am opening the church; 8am Mass; day off; 7pm Posada</p>	
<p><b>Sunday, December 15</b> 8:00am St. Theresa parishioners</p>		<p><b>Tuesday, December 17</b> 7am opening the church; 8am Mass; 9am Book Study; 11am-2pm office work; 2pm break; 4pm Mass (Simbang Gabi Mass)</p>	
<p>10:00am Elaine Davis (dec) by her sister Tish</p>		<p><b>Wednesday, December 18</b> 7am opening the church; 8am Mass; 10am hospital visit; 11am-11:50am Confessions; 12noon Mass; 1pm break; 2pm-6pm office work; 7pm Posada</p>	
<p>12:00pm Lena Goonan by her family</p>		<p><b>Thursday, December 19</b> 7am opening the church; 8am Mass; 9am-11am office work; 12noon funeral; 2pm break; 3pm-6pm office work; 7pm RCIA in Spanish</p>	
<p>7:00pm</p>		<p><b>Friday, December 20</b> 7am opening the church; 8am Mass; 10am-12noon office work; 12noon break; 1pm-4pm office work; 6pm-7pm confessions</p>	
<p><b>Monday, December 16</b> 8:00am Andrew Glabek (healing) by Mom &amp; Dad</p>		<p><b>Saturday, December 21</b> 8am decorating the church; 4pm confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday, December 17</b> 8:00am Herminia Murphy (dec) by her daughter</p>		<p><b>Sunday, December 22</b> 6:45am opening the church; 8am, 10am, 12noon Masses; 2pm-6pm personal time; 6:15pm confessions; 7pm Mass</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday, December 18</b> 8:00am Ann Marie Holt (dec) by the Carbone family</p>			
<p>12:00pm Teodora Penoliar (dec) by the Penoliar family</p>			
<p><b>Thursday, December 19</b> 8:00am Elaine Davis (dec)</p>			
<p><b>Friday, December 20</b> 8:00am Arek Glabek (dec) by Mom &amp; Dad</p>			
<p><b>Saturday, December 21</b>   St. Peter Canisius 5:30pm Jesus Bobadilla 9dec) by Mindy &amp; family</p>			
PRAYER REQUESTS			
FOR PARISHIONERS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY			
Phillip Gaston   Corbett Martin   Zachary Martin   Erik Townsend			
FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL			
Bill Barboni   Lauren Bates   Romie Enriquez   Eileen Foster   Steve Frick   Ophelia Kirvida   Kel Lohmeier   Matthew Morisky   Simon McQuarrie   Byron Melrose   Jamie O'Malley   Tony Russo   Gloria Walkowiak			
STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH			
12/08	REGULAR COLLECTION	3195.10	
	RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS	1265.66	
Second collection this week: <b>NO SECOND COLLECTION</b>			
Second collection on December 21/22: <b>NO SECOND COLLECTION</b>			



**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 **2019 SCHEDULE:** <http://www.tahoecatholic.com/baptisms>



### 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** – Jan. 5 after the 8am and 10am Masses. It always taste's right when cooked by a Knight. Your help and support is always appreciated.

**Become a better version of yourself. Become a knight!**

Call Frank Dixon 530 318 1574

### CHRISTMAS

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only **Transcendent**, but also wholly **Immanent**, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining **Transcendent** (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time **Immanent** (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us.

The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends as a way to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/christmas/index.cfm>

### CATHOLIC HUMOR

Jesus was walking along one day, when He came upon a group of people surrounding a lady of ill repute. It was obvious that the crowd was preparing to stone her, so Jesus made His now-famous statement, "Let the person who has no sin cast the first stone." The crowd was shamed and one by one began to turn away. All of a sudden, a lovely little woman made her way through the crowd. Finally getting to the front, she tossed a pebble towards the woman. Jesus looks over and says, "I really hate it when you do that, Mom."

### COMING UP ROSES

**"They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee." —Isaiah 35:10**

In the Catholic community, we call today "Gaudete Sunday," meaning "Rejoice Sunday." We rejoice because the Lord's Christmas coming is near. Our priests wear rose vestments today to express our exuberant joy. We are flushed with joy because the world's dire circumstances are overshadowed by God's presence. In the shadow of His wings, we shout for joy (Ps 63:8). We rejoice not in the circumstances but in the Lord of the circumstances (Phil 4:4). We rejoice because God is with us (Is 7:14; Mt 1:23). "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Heb 13:8). "The blind recover their sight, cripples walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, dead men are raised to life, and the poor have the good news preached to them" (Mt 11:5). "Despite the increase of sin, grace has far surpassed it" (Rm 5:20). Therefore, "be patient," my brothers and sisters, "until the coming of the Lord" (Jas 5:7). "You may for a time have to suffer the distress of many trials; but this is so that your faith, which is more precious than the passing splendor of fire-tried gold, may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ appears" (1 Pt 1:6-7).

**Prayer:** *Father, may the joy inside me rise to fever pitch (Acts 8:8).*

**Promise:** *"The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song." —Is 35:1-2*

**Praise:** *Thank You, Jesus! You were mocked, spit upon, scourged and put to death. Just as You promised, You rose on the third day (see Mk 10:34). Glory to You forever!*

<https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=12/15/2019>

### HOPE

When we live with hope we do not get tangled up with concerns for how our wishes will be fulfilled. So, too, our prayers are not directed toward the gift but toward the One who gives it. Ultimately, it is not a question of having a wish come true but of expressing an unlimited faith in the giver of all good things. . . . Hope is based on the premise that the other gives only what is good. Hope includes an openness by which you wait for the promise to come through, even though you never know when, where, or how this might happen.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/hope/>

### THE HIDDEN WAY

It is hard to believe that God would reveal his divine presence to us in the self-emptying, humble way of the man from Nazareth. So much in me seeks influence, power, success, and popularity. But the way of Jesus is the way of hiddenness, powerlessness, and littleness. It does not seem a very appealing way. Yet when I enter into true, deep communion with Jesus, I will find that it is this small way that leads to real peace and joy.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-hidden-way/>

## REFLECTIONS

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2019 | [www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/English-2019-def-temi.pdf](http://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/English-2019-def-temi.pdf)  
DECEMBER | Universal: The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

### WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

I was struck by the priest wishing people a happy New Year on the First Sunday of Advent. It made me wonder about the liturgical calendar and how it connects to the civic calendar. Wouldn't it be easier to have just one calendar? I find it confusing.

Gentle Reader,

I cannot help but ask, did he also inquire about your New Year's resolutions?

But seriously, unlike space, which can easily be measured, time is much more elusive. So, be assured, you are not the only one to be confused by time. Throughout the ages we have tried to mark time as best we can by developing calendars based on the movement of the sun or the moon or a combination of the two. These calendars have allowed us to better relate to the seasons of the year and also to mark important events, both civic and religious.

Today the most widely known and used calendar is the Gregorian calendar. It was instituted by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 as a corrective to the Julian calendar, instituted by Julius Caesar in 45 BC. By 1582, the Julian calendar was eleven days behind the solar cycle. Thus, the spring equinox, for example, fell around March 10 rather than around March 21. In order to reconnect the calendar with the solar cycle the pope ordered that eleven days simply be skipped. This happened in October 1582 when the calendar shifted from Thursday, October 4, 1582, the last day of the Julian calendar, to Friday, October 15, 1582, the first day of the Gregorian calendar. He also adjusted the calculation of leap years to avoid accumulating discrepancies between the calendar and the cycles of the sun.

Though some churches still use the Julian calendar, the Catholic Church and many other denominations base the computation of the liturgical year on the Gregorian calendar. As a result, Christmas in the liturgical calendar coincides with December 25 of the Gregorian calendar. This feast is one of many feasts that are connected to a specific date. There are also moveable feasts that are not connected with a specific date. Easter and all feasts and seasons connected to Easter, for example, change from year to year relative to the first full moon following the spring equinox (March 21). This formula to calculate the date of Easter was established by the First Council of Nicea (325). According to this council Easter is to be celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon, following the spring equinox. The council set March 21 as the spring equinox, though astrologically speaking March 20 is more often the actual date of the spring equinox.

The liturgical year, then, uses the Gregorian calendar yet exists in its own right. While the Gregorian calendar is tied to the cycles of the sun, the liturgical calendar is connected to the mystery of salvation. Thus the liturgical year as we know it today begins with the incarnation cycle (Advent and Christmas), which celebrates the birth of our salvation in Jesus Christ. Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas each year. Therefore the dates for the Sundays of Advent differ from year to year.

The other major season in the liturgical year, of course, is the paschal cycle (Lent and Easter), when we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Together these two cycles comprise the most important moments of the liturgical year. The rest of the liturgical year unfolds around these two dates, concluding with the last Sunday of the year being Christ the King.

Given that we begin a new liturgical year on the First Sunday of Advent, it was appropriate for the priest to wish you a happy New Year. It would also have been appropriate to invite you to come up with some New Year's resolutions. After all, each new liturgical year we are given a new chance to do just a little better in terms of our Christian calling than the previous year.

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**ADVENT ATTITUDE** | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/advent-attitude/>

In the beginner's mind there is no thought 'I have attained something.' All self-centered thoughts limit our vast mind. When we have no thought of achievement, no thought of self, we are true beginners. Then we can really learn something. The beginner's mind is the mind of compassion. When our mind is compassionate, it is boundless."

I like these words. Also very important for Advent. Open, free, flexible, receptive. That is the attitude that makes us ready. I realize that in Zen you are not expecting anything or anyone. Still, it seems that all the things Shunryu Suzuki tells his students are important for Christians to hear and realize. Isn't a beginner's mind, a mind without the thought "I have attained something," a mind opened for grace? Isn't that the mind of children who marvel at all they see? Isn't that the mind not filled with worries for tomorrow but alert and awake in the present moment?

### CATHOLIC HUMOR

A LITTLE BOY WAS LISTENING to a long and excessively boring sermon in church. Suddenly he eyes the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### BOOK STUDY | Tuesdays at 9am in the Parish Center

**Catching Fire, Becoming Flame: A Guide for Spiritual Transformation by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM**  
**IF YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THIS STUDY, PLEASE BUY YOUR BOOK.**

### ADVENT CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

**Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30pm in the School Building**

An Advent Contemplative Prayer Group is starting on December 4th. The group will be meeting on Wednesdays during Advent from 6:30-7:30pm. This group is an opportunity for parishioners to slow down in the midst of the holiday rush, and connect with God and each other midweek. Each week, participants will practice a different contemplative prayer together, and be encouraged to practice greater awareness of God throughout the week.

### FLU SEASON AND THE SUSPENSION OF THE CUP AND OTHER PRECAUTIONS

The flu season has come early this year. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) reports that the incidence of flu and flu-like illnesses is “widespread” and has reached a level requiring that we enact preventive measures 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 the 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.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and other Holy Days does not apply to those who are sick. If you are sick, stay home and take of yourself. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. And pray for those who are sick. The administration of Holy Communion in both kinds will resume as soon as the Bishop deems it safe and prudent to do so.

#### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Saturdays of Advent at 4pm  
 Wednesday, December 18 11-11:50am  
 Friday, December 20 at 6pm-7pm

#### SIMBANG GABI MASS

Tuesday, Dec. 17  
 4pm in the church.

#### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

##### Tuesday, December 24

5:30pm Vigil Mass  
 9pm Mass in Spanish  
 11:30pm Christmas Carols  
 Midnight Mass

##### Wednesday, December 25

8am, 10am & 12noon Masses

### THE "O ANTIPHONS" OF ADVENT

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

#### December 17

○ Wisdom of our God Most High,  
 guiding creation with power and love:  
 come to teach us the path of knowledge!

#### December 18

○ Leader of the House of Israel,  
 giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
 come to rescue us with your mighty power!

#### December 19

○ Root of Jesse's stem,  
 sign of God's love for all his people:  
 come to save us without delay!

#### December 20

○ Key of David,  
 opening the gates of  
 God's eternal Kingdom:  
 come and free the  
 prisoners of darkness!

#### December 21

○ Radiant Dawn,  
 splendor of eternal light,  
 sun of justice:  
 come and shine on those  
 who dwell in darkness  
 and in the  
 shadow of death.

#### December 22

○ King of all nations and keystone of the Church:  
 come and save man, whom you formed from the  
 dust!

#### December 23

○ Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:  
 come to save us, Lord our God!

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*



## 15 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2019 | TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

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** — ¡Sean fuertes, no teman! Su Dios viene a salvarlos (Isaías 35:1-8a, 10).

**Salmo** — Ven, Señor, a salvarnos (Salmo 146 [145])

**Segunda lectura** — Sean también pacientes y valientes porque la venida del Señor está cerca (Santiago 5:7-10).

**Evangelio** — “¿Eres tú él que debe venir o tenemos que esperar a otro?” (Mateo 11:2-11).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Martes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Miércoles: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Jueves: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25

Viernes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38

Sábado: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45

Domingo: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

### INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

### PETICIONES POR ESTAS PERSONAS

14 de diciembre | sábado | San Juan de la Cruz

5:30 pm Ruthie Lawrence (healing) by her sister Mary

15 de diciembre | domingo |

8:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

10:00 am Elaine Davis (dec) by her sister Tish

12:00pm Lena Goonan by her family

7:00pm

16 de diciembre | lunes |

8:00 am Andrew Glabek (healing) by Mom & Dad

17 de diciembre | martes |

8:00 am Herminia Murphy (dec) by her daughter

18 de diciembre | miércoles |

8:00 am Ann Marie Holt (dec) by the Carbone family

12:00pm Teodora Penoliar (dec) by the Penoliar family

19 de diciembre | jueves |

8:00 am Elaine Davis (dec)

20 de diciembre | viernes |

8:00 am Arek Glabek (dec) by Mom & Dad

21 de diciembre | sábado | San Pedro Canisio

5:30 pm Jesus Bobadilla 9dec) by Mindy & family

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

### MOTIVO DE REGOCIJO

El color morado se usa durante el Adviento para expresar el carácter de este tiempo de preparación espiritual para la Navidad y la “venida del Señor”. Pero en el Tercer Domingo de Adviento, anteriormente conocido como Domingo *Gaudete* (“regocijo” en latín), se puede agregar el color rosa al ambiente litúrgico. Toda la liturgia está impregnada de regocijo.

La primera lectura de hoy y el Evangelio proclaman la realidad de la obra salvadora de Dios entre nosotros. Isaías describe con exuberancia la idílica transformación de toda la creación como resultado de la presencia de Dios en medio de su pueblo. En el Evangelio, Jesús vincula la profecía de Isaías con lo que está ocurriendo en su propio ministerio. Además de lista de curaciones de Isaías (los ciegos, los cojos, los leprosos y los sordos), la presencia de Jesús ofrece otras dos razones para regocijarnos: “Los muertos resucitan y a los pobres se les anuncia el Evangelio” (Mateo 11:5). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



### 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 especiales al Perpetuo Socorro.

### ¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

12/08	Colecta Regular	3195.10
	<b>FONDO DE RETIRO PARA RELIGIOSOS</b>	1265.66

Segunda colecta— 14/15 de diciembre: **NO HAY COLECTA**

Segunda colecta— 21/22 de diciembre: **NO HAY COLECTA**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EL ADVIENTO</b> Del 1 al 24 de diciembre del 2019. El Adviento, Vísperas de Navidad</p> <p>Por: Catholic.net   Fuente: Catholic.net</p> <p>El Adviento es el comienzo del Año Litúrgico, empieza el domingo más próximo al 1 de diciembre y termina el 24 de diciembre. Son los cuatro domingos anteriores a la Navidad y forma una unidad con la Navidad y la Epifanía. El término "Adviento" viene del latín adventus, que significa venida, llegada. El color usado en la liturgia de la Iglesia durante este tiempo es el morado. Con el Adviento comienza un nuevo año litúrgico en la Iglesia</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>"M" DE VICTORIA</b> "Bendito sea dios, el Padre de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que nos ha bendecido en Cristo con toda clase de bienes espirituales en el cielo (efesios 1:3).</p> <p>Después del primer pecado Dios prometió que no importa cuán malas se vean las cosas, aún tenemos una gran ventaja. Nosotros aplastamos la cabeza del diablo, él únicamente puede morder nuestros talones (Gen 3:15; Rom 16:20). No importa cuán manchados y sucios estemos por el pecado, todavía estamos llamados a ser "santos e irreprochables en su presencia" (Efe 1:4), "sin mancha ni arruga y sin ningún defecto" (Efe 5:27). Podemos "en todo esto obtener una amplia victoria, gracias a Aquél que nos amó" (Rom 8:37), "porque no hay nada imposible para Dios" (Lc 1:37).</p> <p>Sin embargo, encontramos que las promesas gloriosas de victoria de Dios son difíciles de creer. A menudo, nuestras experiencias diarias son largas rachas de pérdidas en vez de una cadena imparable de victorias. En un mundo de muerte, hambre, abortos, racismo, guerra, divorcio, alcoholismo, familias desintegradas y explotación, nos vemos como perdedores, no ganadores. Estamos tentados a caminar en la presencia de nuestras experiencias más que por la fe en las promesas de Dios. Necesitamos valentía.</p> <p>María es un signo y un ejemplo glorioso de la victoria de Dios. Ella fue invicta e inmaculada desde el comienzo hasta el final, desde su inmaculada concepción hasta su gloriosa ascensión. Siempre estuvo en el equipo ganador porque siempre permitió que Jesús peleara sus batallas. Observa a María. Mira lo que Jesús hizo por ella. Cree y recibe la victoria total en Cristo.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONFESIONES DE ADVIENTO</b> Sábados de Adviento a las 4pm Domingos de Adviento a las 6:15pm Miércoles, 18 de diciembre 11am a 11:50am Viernes, 20 de diciembre 6pm a 7pm</p>	<p>Sin embargo, encontramos que las promesas gloriosas de victoria de Dios son difíciles de creer. A menudo, nuestras experiencias diarias son largas rachas de pérdidas en vez de una cadena imparable de victorias. En un mundo de muerte, hambre, abortos, racismo, guerra, divorcio, alcoholismo, familias desintegradas y explotación, nos vemos como perdedores, no ganadores. Estamos tentados a caminar en la presencia de nuestras experiencias más que por la fe en las promesas de Dios. Necesitamos valentía.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIESTA NAVIDEÑA DE NUESTROS HERMANOS FILIPINOS</b> El martes 17 de diciembre a las 4pm. ¡Todos estamos invitados!</p>	<p>María es un signo y un ejemplo glorioso de la victoria de Dios. Ella fue invicta e inmaculada desde el comienzo hasta el final, desde su inmaculada concepción hasta su gloriosa ascensión. Siempre estuvo en el equipo ganador porque siempre permitió que Jesús peleara sus batallas. Observa a María. Mira lo que Jesús hizo por ella. Cree y recibe la victoria total en Cristo.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HORARIO DE NAVIDAD</b> <b>Martes 24 de diciembre</b> 5:30pm Misas de Vigilia 9pm Misa en español Misa de medianoche <b>Miércoles 25 de diciembre</b> Misas de 8am, 10am y 12 mediodía todas en inglés</p>	<p>María es un signo y un ejemplo glorioso de la victoria de Dios. Ella fue invicta e inmaculada desde el comienzo hasta el final, desde su inmaculada concepción hasta su gloriosa ascensión. Siempre estuvo en el equipo ganador porque siempre permitió que Jesús peleara sus batallas. Observa a María. Mira lo que Jesús hizo por ella. Cree y recibe la victoria total en Cristo.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SAN JUAN DE LA CRUZ (c. 1542-1591)</b> <b>14 de diciembre</b></p> <p>Juan Yepes nació en España siendo hijo de un noble y de "una mujer de pueblo". Ingresó a los 21 años a la orden religiosa de los Carmelitas Descalzos, donde asumiría el nombre de Juan de la Cruz. En 1567 conoció a Teresa de Ávila, quien influenciaría su corazón y espiritualidad y posteriormente, junto a ella, renovarían su comunidad religiosa. No obstante, los talentos y vida espiritual de Juan de la Cruz generaron muchos celos en sus hermanos religiosos a tal grado de que en 1577 lo encerraron ellos mismos durante nueve meses, expuesto a abusos y humillaciones. Gracias a una "noche oscura" logra escapar y vuelve a su monasterio, en el que se le siguió maltratando e ignorando. Durante su cautiverio y años posteriores, escribió los más bellos tratados de espiritualidad y mística, entre ellos <i>La noche oscura del alma</i>. No obstante, su obra no fue valorada sino hasta después de su muerte. Debido a la profundidad de su pensamiento fue declarado Doctor de la Iglesia por el Papa Pío XI en 1926.</p> <p>—Miguel Arias, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.</p>	<p><b>Oración:</b> Jesús, Te damos gracias por darnos a María y a otros cristianos victoriosos que nos inspiran a perseverar.</p> <p><b>Promesa:</b> "María dijo entonces: 'Yo soy la servidora del Señor que se cumpla en mí lo que has dicho' " (Lc 1:38).</p> <p><b>Alabanza:</b> Sally amaba fervientemente a la Santísima Madre. Después de una vida de amor fiel, Jesús se llevó a Sally de esta vida en la Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción de María.</p> <p><a href="https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=es&amp;d=12/9/2013">https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=es&amp;d=12/9/2013</a></p>
<p><b>PERSPECTIVA</b></p> <p>La montaña avergüenza a una madriguera hasta que ambas son humilladas por las estrellas.</p> <p>—Antiguo adagio</p>	<p><b>¿A QUÉ SE PARECE EL AMOR?</b></p> <p>¿A qué se parece el amor?</p> <p>El amor tiene manos para ayudar a los demás.</p> <p>El amor tiene pies para ir junto a los necesitados y los pobres.</p> <p>El amor tiene ojos para ver la miseria y la pobreza.</p> <p>El amor tiene oídos para escuchar los lamentos de los hombres.</p> <p>A eso es lo que se parece el amor.</p> <p>—San Agustín</p>