

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 days are coming when the Lord will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).
Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).
Second Reading — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).
Gospel — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK AT A GLANCE

NOVEMBER Masses are for the faithful departed

Saturday December 1 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 pm St. Theresa volunteers

Sunday December 2

8:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

10:00 am Romeo Alaoen (bday) by St. Theresa parish staff

12:00 pm Edward Burkart (dec) by his family

7:00 pm Maria Teresa Olivas (dec) by Guadalupe Martinez

Monday December 3 St. Francis Xavier

8:00 am Patrick & Catherine Hurley (dec) by the Hurley family

Tuesday December 4 St. John Damascene

8:00 am Richard Souza (dec) by Liz & Lew

Wednesday December 5

8:00 am Caia Enriquez (bday) by her family

12:00 pm Concordia Balong (healing) by the Balong family

Thursday December 6 St. Nicholas

8:00 am Margaret & Antone Salel (dec) by the Hurley family

Friday December 7 St. Ambrose

8:00 am Marylou Sumner (dec) by Al & Di Bisbee

12:00 pm Marilu San Agustin (dec) by her family

5:30 pm

7:00 pm

Saturday December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 pm SSG Lance Oineza (special intention) by Cherry & Nap



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Second collection **THIS** weekend: **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

Second collection **NEXT** weekend: **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

Second collection December 15/16: **NO SECOND COLLECTION**

Monday, December 3

8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal; 7pm Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 4

8am Mass; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English; 7pm Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 5

8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 7pm RCIA in Spanish; 7pm Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 6

8am Mass; 7pm Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 7

8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry; Vigil Mass **Immaculate Conception** at 5:30pm and 7pm Mass in Spanish & Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 8

8am Mass; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass; 7pm Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 9

8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish) Masses



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

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 | Kathleen Brady | Krista Carson | Romie Enriquez | Gene Estepa | Mamerto Estepa | 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 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

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

NOW AVAILABLE: St. Theresa Commemorative keepsakes. Find them at the back of the Church or ask a Knight!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Dec. 2 after the 8AM & 10AM

Masses. It always tastes right when cooked by a Knight! Knights will donate the profits from the pancake breakfasts to the victims of the Camp Fire.

Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Party—Dec. 5

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

GOD'S IMAGINATION

So much of our energy, time, and money goes into maintaining distance from one another. Many if not most of the resources of the world are used to defend ourselves against each other, to maintain or increase our power, and to safeguard our own privileged position.

Imagine all that effort being put in the service of peace and reconciliation! Would there be any poverty? Would there be crimes and wars? Just imagine that there was no longer fear among people, no longer any rivalry, hostility, bitterness, or revenge. Just imagine all the people on this planet holding hands and forming one large circle of love. We say, "I can't imagine." But God says, "That's what I imagine, a whole world not only created but also living in my image."

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/gods-imagination/>

THE FULLNESS OF TIME

Jesus came in the fullness of time. He will come again in the fullness of time. Wherever Jesus, the Christ, is the time is brought to its fullness.

We often experience our time as empty. We hope that tomorrow, next week, next month or next year the real things will happen. But sometimes we experience the fullness of time. That is when it seems that time stands still, that past, present, and future become one; that everything is present where we are; and that God, we, and all that is have come together in total unity. This is the experience of God's time. "When the completion of the time came [that is: in the fullness of time], God sent his Son, born of a woman" (Galatians 4:4), and in the fullness of time God will "bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth" (Ephesians 1:10). It is in the fullness of time that we meet God.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-fullness-of-time/>

AN ADVENTAGEOUS ADVENTURE

"No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but You doing such deeds for those who wait for Him." —Isaiah 64:3

We should take Advent as seriously as a new mother takes her pregnancy. The Christmas season is not merely a memory, celebration, or blessing, but a new, extremely important encounter with the incarnate Jesus. St. Charles Borromeo taught: "This holy season (Advent) teaches us that Christ's coming was not only for the benefit of His contemporaries; His power has still to be communicated to us" (from Office of Readings, Monday of the first week of Advent). Christmas will be an exceptional grace or an opportunity sadly missed.

Therefore, our Advent preparation for Christmas is very important for God's kingdom, the Church, the world, the future, our families, and ourselves. "Our hearts should be as much prepared for this coming of Christ (Christmas) as if He were still to come into this world" (St. Charles Borromeo). Moreover, if we are not prepared for Christ's unique Christmas coming this year, we are not prepared for His coming at the end of the world.

Consequently, "be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come" (Mk 13:33). "Wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 1:7). Make this the best Advent ever, preparing for Christ's greatest Christmas coming of your life.

Prayer: *Father, make this Advent more than we can ever ask for or imagine (Eph 3:20).*

Promise: *"Would that You might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of You in our ways!" —Is 64:4*

Praise: Praise You, risen Jesus, Emmanuel, "God with us!" You became flesh and dwelt among us. Praise You for letting us see Your glory (Jn 1:14).

<https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=11/30/2014>

RCIA

The preparation for Christmas includes buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: his Son, Jesus. **INVITE SOMEONE WHO IS NOT CATHOLIC TO ATTEND MASS WITH YOU AT CHRISTMAS.** For more information about the RCIA, contact Danette Winslow sttheresare@gmail.com (530) 544-4788 or Fr. Mauricio mauricioh650@gmail.com (530) 544-3533 Ext. 102

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

December 24 (Vigil Masses):
5:30pm—8pm Mass in Spanish

December 25 (Christmas Masses):
12am Midnight Mass;
8am—10am—12noon



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REFLECTIONS

“REJOICE AND BE GLAD” | In the next few weeks we will be posting excerpts from the **APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION *GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE* OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY’S WORLD. CHAPTER FOUR | SIGNS OF HOLINESS IN TODAY’S WORLD**

IN CONSTANT PRAYER

153. Nor does history vanish. Prayer, because it is nourished by the gift of God present and at work in our lives, must always be marked by remembrance. The memory of God’s works is central to the experience of the covenant between God and his people. God wished to enter history, and so our prayer is interwoven with memories. We think back not only on his revealed Word, but also on our own lives, the lives of others, and all that the Lord has done in his Church. This is the grateful memory that Saint Ignatius of Loyola refers to in his *Contemplation for Attaining Love*, [116] when he asks us to be mindful of all the blessings we have received from the Lord. Think of your own history when you pray, and there you will find much mercy. This will also increase your awareness that the Lord is ever mindful of you; he never forgets you. So it makes sense to ask him to shed light on the smallest details of your life, for he sees them all.

154. Prayer of supplication is an expression of a heart that trusts in God and realizes that of itself it can do nothing. The life of God’s faithful people is marked by constant supplication born of faith-filled love and great confidence. Let us not downplay prayer of petition, which so often calms our hearts and helps us persevere in hope. Prayer of intercession has particular value, for it is an act of trust in God and, at the same time, an expression of love for our neighbour. There are those who think, based on a one-sided spirituality, that prayer should be unalloyed contemplation of God, free of all distraction, as if the names and faces of others were somehow an intrusion to be avoided. Yet in reality, our prayer will be all the more pleasing to God and more effective for our growth in holiness if, through intercession, we attempt to practise the twofold commandment that Jesus left us. Intercessory prayer is an expression of our fraternal concern for others, since we are able to embrace their lives, their deepest troubles and their loftiest dreams. Of those who commit themselves generously to intercessory prayer we can apply the words of Scripture: “This is a man who loves the brethren and prays much for the people” (2 Mac 15:14).

155. If we realize that God exists, we cannot help but worship him, at times in quiet wonder, and praise him in festive song. We thus share in the experience of Blessed Charles de Foucauld, who said: “As soon as I believed that there was a God, I understood that I could do nothing other than to live for him”.[117] In the life of God’s pilgrim people, there can be many simple gestures of pure adoration, as when “the gaze of a pilgrim rests on an image that symbolizes God’s affection and closeness. Love pauses, contemplates the mystery, and enjoys it in silence”.[118]

156. The prayerful reading of God’s word, which is “sweeter than honey” (Ps 119:103) yet a “two-edged sword” (Heb 4:12), enables us to pause and listen to the voice of the Master. It becomes a lamp for our steps and a light for our path (cf. Ps 119:105). As the bishops of India have reminded us, “devotion to the word of God is not simply one of many devotions, beautiful but somewhat optional. It goes to the very heart and identity of Christian life. The word has the power to transform lives”.[119]

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http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html#REJOICE_AND_BE_GLAD

WHAT’S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

Sometimes we say the Nicene Creed after the intercessions, and sometimes we don’t. Isn’t it a part of the Mass? What gives?

Gentle Reader,

I hope we never say the Creed after the intercessions. That would be a rubrical mishap. The Creed is to follow the homily and precede the intercessions. On a rare occasion the rubrical mishap we make may be that of omission. Mind you, the liturgy police is always quick to point this out.

And, indeed, the Creed is part of the Sunday Eucharist. It is good to remember, though, that besides the Nicene Creed there are two other forms we can use, namely, the Apostles’ Creed and the Baptismal Creed.

People are undoubtedly most familiar with the Nicene Creed as it is the most widely used. It is called the Nicene Creed after the location of the first ecumenical council, which was held in Nicea in 325. The original form of this Creed was adopted there. The current form, which is an expansion of the original Creed, is said to have been adopted at the Council of Constantinople in 381. Because of this the full name of the Nicene Creed is the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed.

The shorter yet less known Apostles’ Creed is said to have originated in the second century. The first written testimony to its existence, though, is much more recent as it is mentioned in a letter written by Ambrose of Milan to Pope Siricius in 390. The earliest complete text we have of this Creed is no older than the beginning of the eighth century. The Roman Missal indicates that this Creed may be used instead of the Nicene Creed, especially during Lent and Easter. This undoubtedly has to do with the reference in this Creed to Jesus’ descent into hell.

The third option, which is only used for the Easter celebrations as well as for baptism and confirmation, is the Baptismal Creed. Its form differs from the other two in that this Creed is done in a question-and-answer format.

Regardless of what Creed is chosen, the Creed is the assembly’s response to the readings and the homily as well as the affirmation of the community’s shared faith in preparation for the prayers of the faithful. It should not be omitted; better yet, if possible it should be sung.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ABOUT ADVENT WREATHS

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, **Gaudete Sunday**, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead. <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/about-advent-wreaths.cfm>

COLLECTION FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS | December 8/9.

Help care for elders. "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. **Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.**

USHERS NEEDED FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES

Please consider being an Usher this Christmas to welcome people before Mass, to take up the collection and give away a Christmas gift. To sign up or more information please contact Fr. Mauricio at (530) 544-3533 Ext. 102 or mauricioh650@gmail.com or sign up in the vestibule.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Novena: December 2-11

Serenate: December 11th at 8pm in the church

Mañanitas: Wednesday, December 12th at 5am in the church,

Mass: Wednesday, December 12th at 6pm followed by dinner & program.

Penance Service (Confessions)
Monday, December 10 at 6pm

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 7th:

Vigil Masses at 5:30pm in English

7pm in Spanish

Saturday December 8th: Mass at 8am

SIMBANG GABI (NIGHT MASS)

Monday, December 17 at 6pm

Food after the Mass in Globin Social Hall

Wednesday December 19 at 6pm

Food and Entertainment after Mass in Grace Hall

Friday, December 21 at 6pm

Food after the Mass in Grace Hall

Simbang Gabi (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Roman Catholics in the Philippines in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have 3 days of the novena.

All are welcome!

THE MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCE

At some moments we experience complete unity within us and around us. This may happen when we stand on a mountaintop and are captivated by the view. It may happen when we witness the birth of a child or the death of a friend. It may happen when we have an intimate conversation or a family meal. It may happen in church during a service or in a quiet room during prayer. But whenever and however it happens we say to ourselves: "This is it ... everything fits ... all I ever hoped for is here."

This is the experience that Peter, James, and John had on the top of Mount Tabor when they saw the aspect of Jesus' face change and his clothing become sparkling white. They wanted that moment to last forever (see Luke 9:28-36). This is the experience of the fullness of time. These moments are given to us so that we can remember them when God seems far away and everything appears empty and useless. These experiences are true moments of grace.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-mountaintop-experience/>

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

We walk in a "ravine as dark as death" (Psalm 23:4), and still we have nothing to fear because God is at our side: God's staff and crook are there to soothe us (see Psalm 23:4). This is not just a consoling idea. It is an experience of the heart that we can trust. Our lives are full of suffering, pain, disillusion, losses and grief, but they are also marked by visions of the coming of the Son of Man "like lightning striking in the east and flashing far into west" (Matthew 24:27). These moments in which we see clearly, hear loudly, and feel deeply that God is with us on the journey make us shine as a light into the darkness. Jesus says, "You are the light of the world. Your light must shine in people's sight, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16). <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/light-in-the-darkness/>

2 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2018 | PRIMER 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 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.

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Estamos en buena compañía cuando clamamos a Dios por justicia. Con frecuencia escuchamos y estamos de acuerdo con el pueblo de Israel que pregunta a Dios por qué el malo prospera. Sin embargo, cuando clamamos por justicia usualmente queremos que alguien reciba el castigo que se merece. Obviamente la justicia de Dios es más que eso. La justicia de Dios abarca una maravillosa rectitud entre Dios y la humanidad.

En la lectura de hoy Jeremías avizora un tiempo en el que un justo brotará del tronco de Jesé, de la casa y la familia de David. La vida no era justa en el tiempo de Jeremías. Los reyes de Israel mantenían viva la promesa de la fidelidad de Dios, pero era difícil ver cómo la promesa de Dios se podía cumplir por medio de ellos.

No obstante, Jeremías levanta la voz y anuncia que ya viene el Salvador prometido. El Evangelio de Lucas hace eco de ese anuncio, y Pablo se llena de un gran ánimo. De esta manera el Adviento comienza con una promesa.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Se acercan los días cuando el Señor cumplirá su promesa que hizo a Israel y a Judá (Jeremías 33:14-16).

Salmo — Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos (Salmo 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura — Que el Señor los llene y los haga rebosar de amor para que sean irreprochables en santidad (1 Tesalonicenses 3:12 — 4:2).

Evangelio — Habrá señales y verán al Hijo del Hombre venir con gran poder y majestad (Lucas 21:25-28, 34-36).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 2:1-5; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Martes: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lc 10:21-24

Miércoles: Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Jueves: Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Viernes: Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Sábado: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38

Domingo: Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126 (125):1-6; Fil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lc 3:1-6 Lc 21:25-28, 34-36

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

NOVIEMBRE—POR TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

1 de diciembre | sábado | Santa María Virgen

5:30 pm St. Theresa volunteers

2 de diciembre | domingo |

8:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

10:00 am Romeo Alaoen (bday) by St. Theresa parish staff

12:00 pm Edward Burkart (dec) by his family

7:00 pm Maria Teresa Olivas (dec) by Guadalupe Martinez

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5 de diciembre | miércoles |

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6 de diciembre | jueves | San Nicolás

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7 de diciembre | viernes | San Ambrosio

8:00 am Marylou Sumner (dec) by Al & Di Bisbee

12:00 pm Marilu San Agustin (dec) by her family

5:30 pm

7:00 pm

1 de diciembre | sábado |

La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María

5:30 pm SSG Lance Oineza (spec intention) by Cherry & Nap

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 | Kathleen Brady | Krista Carson | Romie Enriquez | Gene Estepa | Mamerto Estepa | 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

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*Segunda colecta— 1/2 de diciembre: **MANTENIMIENTO***

*Segunda colecta— 8/9 de diciembre: **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS***



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.

ACERCA DE LA CORONA DE ADVIENTO

Tradicionalmente, las coronas de Adviento se construyen de un círculo de ramas de hoja perenne en la que se insertan cuatro velas, que representan las cuatro semanas de Adviento. Idealmente, tres velas son de color púrpura y una es rosa, pero velas blancas también se pueden utilizar.

Las velas de color púrpura en particular, simbolizan la oración, penitencia y sacrificios y obras preparatorias de mercancías llevadas a cabo en este momento. La vela rosa se enciende en el tercer domingo de **Gaudete domingo**, cuando el cura también lleva las vestiduras de rosa en la misa; Gaudete domingo es el domingo de regocijo, porque los fieles han llegado al punto medio de Adviento, cuando su preparación es ahora la mitad una y que están cerca de la Navidad.

La iluminación progresiva de las velas simboliza la expectativa y la esperanza de nuestro Señor rodea primera entrada en el mundo y la anticipación de su segunda venida a juzgar a los vivos y los muertos.

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/about-advent-wreaths.cfm>



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FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Novena: 2 al 11 de diciembre

Serenata: martes 11 de diciembre a las 8pm en la iglesia

Mañanitas: miércoles 12 de diciembre a las 5:00am

Misa: miércoles 12 de diciembre a las 6pm; después habrá cena y un programa cultural.

MISAS DE SIMBANG GABI

Todos están invitados a unirse a los hermanos y hermanas filipinos. Esta es una tradición religiosa filipina de celebrar una Misa por nueve días en preparación para la Navidad. No podemos tener las nueve Misas, pero si tendremos tres:

17, 19 & 21 de diciembre a las 6pm

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Es más que justo empezar el tiempo litúrgico de Adviento con la Virgen María. Esta semana celebramos la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de María. Esta es una fiesta especial para varios países latinoamericanos como Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay y los Estados Unidos que tienen como patrona nacional a la Madre de Jesús bajo este título.

Esta creencia tiene siglos de ser discutida por teólogos cristianos como Ambrosio, Agustín, Buenaventura y Tomás de Aquino, pero fue solo con la Constitución *Ineffabilis Deus* del Papa Pío IX en 1854 que pasó a ser doctrina oficial de la Iglesia. La enseñanza de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Madre de Jesús insiste que María nació y permaneció sin pecado. Según el teólogo franciscano Juan Duns Escoto, María fue salvada del pecado desde el vientre de su madre Ana. De esta manera Jesús pudo salvarla no después de haber pecado como ha hecho con nosotros, sino antes de que ella hubiera pecado.

La Inmaculada Concepción se hizo en vista de la venida de Jesús quien nos puede hacer inmaculados gracias al perdón y la gracia que nos ofrece.

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

UNA VENTAJOSA AVENTURA

"...que nadie había escuchado jamás, ningún oído oyó, ningún ojo vio a otro Dios, fuera

Debemos asumir el Adviento con la misma seriedad que una madre primeriza asume su embarazo. La temporada de la Navidad no es simplemente un recuerdo, celebración, o bendición, sino un nuevo encuentro de extrema importancia, con Jesús encarnado. San Carlos Borromeo, enseñó: "Esta temporada santa (Adviento) nos enseña que la llegada de Cristo no fue sólo para el beneficio de sus contemporáneos; su poder aún no se nos ha comunicado" (Oficio de Lecturas, del lunes 1ra Semana de Adviento). La Navidad será una gracia excepcional, o una oportunidad lamentablemente perdida.

Por lo tanto, nuestra preparación de Adviento para la Navidad es muy importante para el Reino de Dios, la Iglesia, el mundo, el futuro, nuestras familias y para nosotros mismos. "Nuestro corazón debe estar lo más preparados posible para esta venida de Cristo (Navidad) como si todavía estuviese por venir a este mundo" (san Carlos Borromeo). Por otra parte, si no estamos preparados para la mejor Navidad con Cristo en este año, no estamos preparados para su venida al final del mundo.

En consecuencia, "Tengan cuidado y estén prevenidos porque no saben cuándo llegará el momento" (Mc 13,33). "Por eso, mientras esperan la Revelación de nuestro Señor Jesucristo" (1Co 1:7). Has de este el mejor Adviento que nunca has hecho, preparándote para la mejor Navidad de Cristo que ha llegado a tu vida.

Oración: *Padre, haz de este Adviento más de lo que jamás podemos pedir o pensar (Ef 3:20).*

Promesa: *"Tú vas al encuentro de los que practican la justicia y se acuerdan de tus caminos" (Is 64:4).*

Alabanza: *Alabado seas Jesús resucitado, Emmanuel, Dios está entre nosotros. "Y la Palabra se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros. Y nosotros hemos visto su gloria" (Jn 1:14).*

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Ayuden a cuidar a los ancianos. "Gracias al apoyo que da el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos hoy estamos en una mucho mejor posición para cuidar a nuestros ancianos", escribe una hermana religiosa. Su donativo ayuda a su comunidad religiosa, y a cientos de otros, a proveer para sus miembros de edad avanzada y planificar para sus necesidades a largo plazo. **Les rogamos que sean generosos la próxima semana en la colecta para el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos.**

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN *Día de precepto*

Misas de vigilia el **viernes 7 de diciembre:**

5:30pm (inglés) y 7pm en español

Misa el **sábado 8 de diciembre:** 8am (inglés)

LAS TRES VENIDAS DEL ADVIENTO

Sabemos de una triple venida del Señor: su venida a la humanidad, su venida en la humanidad y su venida contra la humanidad.

—San Bernardo: *Tercer Sermón para Adviento*