

November 5, 2017

# THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**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** — Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us? (Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).  
**Psalm** — In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).  
**Second Reading** — You have received not a human word but the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).  
**Gospel** — Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven (Matthew 23:1-12).

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**NOVEMBER** Masses are offered for the faithful departed

**Saturday November 4** St. Charles Borromeo  
5:30 pm

**Sunday November 5**  
8:00 am | 12:00 pm | 6:00 pm | 7:00 pm Spanish

**Monday November 6**  
8:00 am

**Tuesday November 7**  
8:00 am

**Wednesday November 8**  
8:00 am | 12:00 pm

**Thursday November 9** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
8:00 am

**Friday November 10** St. Leo the Great  
8:00 am | 12:00 pm

**Saturday November 11** St. Martin of Tours  
5:30 pm

## 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 | Frank Dixon | Romie Enriquez | Steve Frick | Liz Galliano | Joan Jack | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Steve Peacock | 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).

## STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

10/29	Regular Collection	4351.81
	Building Maintenance	1417.14

Second Collection this week: Health2Humanity

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14  
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24  
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33  
 Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22  
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8  
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15  
 Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>Monday, November 6</b>	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth meal
<b>Tuesday, November 7</b>	8am Mass; 4:45pm Mass with the Children in Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA
<b>Wednesday, November 8</b>	8am, 12noon Masses; 6:00pm Knights of Columbus meal and meeting at 7pm
<b>Thursday, November 9</b>	8am Mass; 7pm Spanish RCIA
<b>Friday, November 10</b>	8am & 12noon Masses; 12:30-6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Saturday, November 11</b>	4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, November 12</b>	8am, 10am, 12noon & 7pm Masses; special pancake breakfast after 10am Mass to honor Veterans



## 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

## SANTA ROSA DIOCESE FIRE RELIEF

*"I am reaching out to you first of all to say thank you, to all of you for your prayers for us, and to ask you to please continue praying for the Diocese of Santa Rosa, because of the enormous challenge of picking up the pieces is just the beginning."* —Bishop Robert Vasa, Diocese of Santa Rosa

In solidarity, we respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Santa Rosa as they struggle to heal and rebuild their lives and community in the wake the recent wild fires. Our parish has already taken a second collection to assist the Diocese of Santa Rosa's relief effort. However, those who wish to make an online contribution to the relief efforts may do so by visiting <http://www.srdiocese.org/signofhope>. Thanks!!!!



**Free pancake breakfast to honor our veterans on November 12th after the 10AM Mass. Open to everyone!!!**



## 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

*We are not put on earth for ourselves, but are placed here for each other. If you are there always for others, then in time of need,*

*someone will be there for you.*

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

MONTHLY MEETING – 2nd Wednesday November 8 with dinner at 6pm, Meeting 7:00 pm sharp

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - November 5th after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses. It always tastes right when cooked by a Knight! OCTOBER DONATION \$300!!!

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

George Westinghouse (530)-721-1753 will be happy to help you learn more about the Knights of Columbus

## THE PILLARS OF THE CHURCH | *Henri Nouwen Society*

The two main sacraments, baptism and the Eucharist, are the spiritual pillars of the Church. They are not simply instruments by which the Church exercises its ministry. They are not just means by which we become and remain members of the Church but belong to the essence of the Church. Without these sacraments there is no Church. The Church is the body of Christ fashioned by baptism and the Eucharist. When people are baptized in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and when they gather around the table of Christ and receive his Body and Blood, they become the people of God, called the Church.

## 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.

## BELIEVING IN THE CHURCH | *Henri Nouwen Society*

The Church is an object of faith. In the Apostles' Creed we pray: "I believe in God, the Father ... in Jesus Christ, his only Son - in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting." We must believe in the Church! The Apostles' Creed does not say that the Church is an organization that helps us to believe in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. No, we are called to believe in the Church with the same faith we believe in God. Often it seems harder to believe in the Church than to believe in God. But whenever we separate our belief in God from our belief in the Church, we become unbelievers. God has given us the Church as the place where God becomes God-with-us.

## THE TWO SIDES OF ONE FAITH | *Henri Nouwen Society*

Our faith in God who sent his Son to become God-with-us and who, with his Son, sent his Spirit to become God-within-us cannot be real without our faith in the Church. The Church is that unlikely body of people through whom God chooses to reveal God's love for us. Just as it seems unlikely to us that God chose to become human in a young girl living in a small, not very respected town in the Middle East over two thousand years ago, it seems unlikely that God chose to continue his work of salvation in a community of people constantly torn apart by arguments, prejudices, authority conflicts, and power games. Still, believing in Jesus and believing in the Church are two sides of one faith. It is unlikely but divine!

## THE CHURCH, GOD'S PEOPLE | *Henri Nouwen Society*

As Jesus was one human person among many, the Church is one organization among many. And just as there may have been people with more attractive appearances than Jesus, there may be many organizations that are a lot better run than the Church. But Jesus is the Christ appearing among us to reveal God's love, and the Church is his people called together to make his presence visible in today's world. Would we have recognized Jesus as the Christ if we had met him many years ago? Are we able to recognize him today in his body, the Church? We are asked to make a leap of faith. If we dare to do it our eyes will be opened and we will see the glory of God.

## THE CHURCH, SPOTLESS AND TAINTED

| *Henri Nouwen Society*

The Church is holy and sinful, spotless and tainted. The Church is the bride of Christ, who washed her in cleansing water and took her to himself "with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless" (Ephesians 5:26-27). The Church too is a group of sinful, confused, anguished people constantly tempted by the powers of lust and greed and always entangled in rivalry and competition. When we say that the Church is a body, we refer not only to the holy and faultless body made Christ-like through baptism and Eucharist but also to the broken bodies of all the people who are its members. Only when we keep both these ways of thinking and speaking together can we live in the Church as true followers of Jesus.

## REFLECTIONS

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER | <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/2017-intentions/>  
November 2017 | Christians in Asia..

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

### LOVE YOUR PASTOR

**"So well disposed were we to you, in fact, that we wanted to share with you not only God's tidings but our very lives, so dear had you become to us." —1 Thessalonians 2:8**

What is the proper relationship between you and your pastor?

**PRAYER** — If your pastor is a Catholic priest, he has committed himself to pray for the Church, including you, at daily Mass and at least five other times each day in the Liturgy of the Hours. In turn, you should pray for him by name daily (see Heb 13:17-18).

**WORK** — Your pastor's primary work is to teach (see Mt 23:2; Mal 2:6-8; Acts 6:4; Vatican II, On Priests, 4, 6). You are obligated to share in this teaching ministry by learning the faith, witnessing for Jesus (Acts 1:8), and teaching the faith at home or elsewhere (see Acts 5:42).

**SPEECH** — Your pastor has the responsibility to correct you (1 Thes 5:14) by speaking the truth in love (Eph 4:15). You have the responsibility to encourage him (Heb 13:17) and to avoid gossip, which is spiritually like a cancer in the Christian community.

**OBEDIENCE** — If your pastor is in unity with the Church, "do everything and observe everything" he tells you (Mt 23:3). Likewise, your pastor should submit to the authority of those leading him. He must be under authority to be in authority in God's order.

**SUFFERING** — Your pastor is to find joy in the sufferings he endures for you or even from you (see Col 1:24). He should even do penance not only for his sins but also for your sins (Catechism, 1466). You also should suffer and sacrifice to support your pastor.

Love your pastor as you love the Church (Eph 5:25).

**Prayer:** Father, may I love ministerial priests and live my baptismal priesthood to the full (see 1 Pt 2:9).

**Promise:** "That is why we thank God constantly that in receiving His message from us you took it, not as the word of men, but as it truly is, the word of God at work within you who believe." —1 Thes 2:13

**Praise:** Praise Jesus, eternal High Priest and risen Lord!

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### THE MESSAGE, NOT THE MESSENGER

**"We thank God constantly that in receiving His message from us you took it, not as the word of men, but as it truly is, the word of God." —1 Thessalonians 2:13**

As a teenager, I attended daily Masses said by Father O'Hare (not his real name). His style rubbed me the wrong way; it was hard for me to concentrate on his homilies. *God used him to teach me to concentrate on the message, not the messenger* (1 Thes 2:13). Here are some words of God from various "disturbing" messengers over the years that have stayed with me:

Sin is serious. Repent immediately.

We Catholics have the greatest news ever. We need to share this news with everyone.

"He Who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion" (Phil 1:6).

You have to work for justice if you call yourself Christian.

Jesus loves you passionately. Why can't you love Him?

Here is how you wait on the Lord: "you just wait."

The infant Jesus lies in a manger, a feeding trough. By this God shows us that Jesus is Food for us (Jn 6:55).

Teach the truth.

God uses all kinds of messengers to speak His words to us. He may speak His most profound messages through the messenger we least want to hear. How about you? What words of God can you list from messengers whose style you didn't care for? What messages of God are you missing?

**Prayer:** Father, use anyone You want to teach me anything You want. Open my ears that I may hear You at all times.

**Promise:** "The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest." —Mt 23:11

**Praise:** Praise Jesus, the Lamb of God Who brought us out of darkness into His glorious light! Because He rose, we "hope in the Lord, both now and forever" (Ps 131:3).

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NOVEMBER



**Youth  
CHOIR**

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### CHOIR NEWS – FAITH FORMATION

**WHO:** Students in the 2nd grade and above are invited to join the children's choir  
The choir will perform in 2 Christmas Concerts at St. Theresa Church

**Concert Dates:** Friday, Dec. 1, 7:30pm, & Sunday, Dec. 3, 3:00pm

**WHEN:** Tuesday evenings, 5:45-6:30pm (immediately after Faith Formation classes)

**WHERE:** choir classroom in school

For more information, please contact Moe Leonard. [530-307-0151](tel:530-307-0151)



### NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK | November 5-11, 2017

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 13 in 2013. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, November 10 & November 17

12:30—6pm



### TAMALE SALE

After Masses on November 11 -12.

### FREE THANKSGIVING MEAL | On Monday, November 20 4pm-6pm | All are welcome!!!

Also, we are asking for **DONATIONS** from the community to supply the key ingredients for the meal: carrots, celery, mushrooms, onions, oranges, fresh cranberries, sausage, and butter. Cash donations are also greatly appreciated. Please make arrangements to drop off your contributions by Wednesday November 15 at the office of Saint Theresa on weekdays between 9am-12noon and 1pm-4pm. For more information, please contact Kathi O. at (530) 600-3605 or [jk.olsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jk.olsen@sbcglobal.net)



### FAITH FORMATION FOR PARISHIONERS!

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### MEETING CHRIST IN THE CHURCH

Loving the Church does not require romantic emotions. It requires the will to see the living Christ among his people and to love them as we want to love Christ himself. This is true not only for the "little" people - the poor, the oppressed, the forgotten - but also for the "big" people who exercise authority in the Church.

To love the Church means to be willing to meet Jesus wherever we go in the Church. This love doesn't mean agreeing with or approving of everyone's ideas or behavior. On the contrary, it can call us to confront those who hide Christ from us. But whether we confront or affirm, criticize or praise, we can only become fruitful when our words and actions come from hearts that love the Church. **—Henri Nouwen Society**

### LOVING THE CHURCH

Loving the Church often seems close to impossible. Still, we must keep reminding ourselves that all people in the Church - whether powerful or powerless, conservative or progressive, tolerant or fanatic - belong to that long line of witnesses moving through this valley of tears, singing songs of praise and thanksgiving, listening to the voice of their Lord, and eating together from the bread that keeps multiplying as it is shared. When we remember that, we may be able to say, "I love the Church, and I am glad to belong to it."

Loving the Church is our sacred duty. Without a true love for the Church, we cannot live in it in joy and peace. And without a true love for the Church, we cannot call people to it. **—Henri Nouwen Society**





Come join your friends and neighbors for our annual free pre-Thanksgiving Spaghetti Dinner. Everyone is invited as we give thanks to our members and supporters for another successful year serving our community.

Before all the Thanksgiving preparation begins, come relax and let Saint Joseph Community Land Trust serve you a delicious Spaghetti Dinner!

Enter the free drawing for a turkey to take home for your Thanksgiving Feast.

**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

(serving dinner until 7:00)

**Grace Hall, Saint Theresa Church  
1041 Lyons Avenue, South Lake Tahoe, CA**

Special Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their expert culinary talent in cooking our delicious dinner.



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# 5 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2017 | TRIGÉSIMO PRIMER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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

¡Felicitaciones a todos! Nos juntamos con Jesu Cristo 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 que esta es una 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** — Adora al Dios que nos creó, y sean fieles unos a otros (Malaquías 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).

**Salmo** — En ti, oh Señor, encuentro la paz (Salmo 131 [130]).

**Segunda lectura** — Estábamos decididos a compartir con ustedes no sólo el Evangelio de Dios, sino nuestro ser también (1 Tesalonicenses 2:7b-9, 13).

**Evangelio** — El más grande de ustedes debe ser el servidor de los demás (Mateo 23:1-12).

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Rom 11:29-36; Sal 69 (68):30-31, 33-34, 36; Lc 14:12-14

Martes: Rom 12:5-16b; Sal 131 (130):1bcde-3; Lc 14:15-24

Miércoles: Rom 13:8-10; Sal 112 (111):1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lc 14:25-33

Jueves: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Viernes: Rom 15:14-21; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Lc 16:1-8

Sábado: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Sal 145 (144):2-5, 10-11; Lc 16:9-15

Domingo: Sab 6:12-16; Sal 63 (62):2-8; 1 Tes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

## EL MÁS GRANDE ENTRE NOSOTROS

¿A quién admiras? ¿Al presidente de Estados Unidos, a una celebridad del cine o a un excéntrico millonario? Estas son las personas que el mundo presenta como famosas. Como los fariseos del Evangelio de hoy, ellos tienen lugares de honor a donde quiera que van. ¿Te gustaría seguir su ejemplo?

Las Escrituras de hoy nos ofrecen diferentes ejemplos de a quien seguir. Jesús nos dice que el más grande en medio de nosotros son las personas que sirven. Ellas son las personas que debemos honrar e imitar su ejemplo. Se nos llama a ser como Pablo, quien trabajó duro para atender las necesidades de sus comunidades y Jesús quien dio su vida al servicio del mundo.

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INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS	PETICIONES POR ESTAS PERSONAS
<b>NOVIEMBRE—POR TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS</b>	<b><u>POR LOS FELIGRESES—ACTIVOS CON EL SERVICIO MILITAR</u></b>
4 de noviembre sabado San Carlos Borromeo 5:30 pm	Phillip Gaston   Corbett Martin   Zachary Martin   Erik Townsend
5 de noviembre domingo 8:00 am   12:00 pm   6:00 pm   7:00 pm Espanol	<b><u>POR LOS QUE ESTÁN ENFERMOS</u></b>
6 de noviembre lunes 8:00 am	Concordia Balong   Bill Barboni   Frank Dixon   Romie Enriquez   Steve Frick   Liz Galliano   Joan Jack   Ophelia Kirvida   Kel Lohmeier   Simon McQuarrie   Byron Melrose   Jamie O'Malley   Steve Peacock   Tony Russo
7 de noviembre martes 8:00 am	<b>LISTA DE LOS ENFERMOS</b>
8 de noviembre miercoles 8:00 am   12:00 pm	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 <a href="mailto:tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com">tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com</a>
9 de noviembre jueves La Dedicación de la Basílica de San Juan de Letrán 8:00 am	<b>DEVOCIÓN A NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO</b>
10 de noviembre viernes San León Magno 8:00 am   12:00 pm	Cada miercoles a las horas de 10:30 am con la "coronilla de la Divina Misericordia". Rosario y oraciones special a Peretuo Socorro.
11 de noviembre sabado San Martín de Tours 5:30 pm	



## ADORACION DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO

10 y 17 de noviembre

12:30—6pm

## ¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

10/29	Colecta Regular	4351.81
	Mantenimiento	1417.14
Colecta 4/5 de noviembre: Health2Humanity		

## HACIENDO CRISTIANOS

### Continuación...

Como católicos nosotros tenemos cuatro pilares en que sostenemos. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos enseña que nuestra fe está sólidamente asentada en la base firme de los cuatro principios siguientes: EL CREDO, LOS SACRAMENTOS, LA MORALIDAD y LA ORACIÓN

### EL CREDO (ASIRNOS A LA FE)

Creer es algo que no sólo hacemos con nuestra cabeza, sino también con nuestro corazón. La siguiente historia lo ejemplifica:

‘Un equilibrista estaba cruzando las cataratas del Niágara en un monociclo, con una persona en los hombros y sobre un simple alambre que iba de un lado al otro de las cataratas. Cuando ambos desmontaron, ya en tierra firme, la multitud rompió en frenético aplauso. El equilibrista les dio las gracias y les preguntó: ¿Cuántos estáis convencidos de que lo puedo hacer otra vez? Después de acabar de ver la proeza, todos levantaron la mano. Entonces el equilibrista se volvió a montar en su monociclo, señaló a los hombros y pregunto: Muy bien, entonces, ¿Quién es el siguiente en subirse en mis hombros?’

Creer es involucrarse en una relación con otro y poner nuestra confianza en esa persona. Hasta que eso ocurre lo que tenemos no es creencia, sino una idea. Una idea se convierte en creencia cuando hace el salto de la cabeza al corazón. Ni el creer ni la fe son ciegos. Están cimentados en la razón.

No amamos íntimamente a una persona a no ser que tengamos una buena razón (y un cierto grado de evidencia) para pensar que esa persona es digna de confianza. Del mismo modo ponemos nuestra fe en Dios, no a ciegas, sino basados en las buenas razones que tenemos y en un cierto grado de evidencia de que puede confiar en él. ¿Cuál es la evidencia? A saber: la historia de la salvación y el testimonio vivo de los seguidores de Jesús. Las Sagradas Escrituras nos cuentan la historia de cómo Dios ha sido fiel a su pueblo desde el momento de la Creación. El testimonio vivo de los santos (tanto los canonizados como los que pasando desapercibidos viviendo sus vidas en la fe) nos da evidencia creíble de que Dios merece nuestra confianza. Nuestra propia experiencia también nos puede llevar a creer que podemos confiar en Dios. A pesar de todo, realmente nos tenemos prueba de ello, ni garantías; solo se nos invita a que confiemos. Es por ello que cuando decimos en el Credo: ‘Creo en un solo Dios’, lo hacemos bajo nuestra propia responsabilidad.

*Autor: Joe PATROCKI, Una Fe Bien Construida Páginas 5.*

## PUEBLO SACERDOTAL

**"¡Y ahora, para ustedes es esta advertencia, sacerdotes!" (Malaquías 2:1).**

"Los labios del sacerdote guardan la ciencia y de su boca se busca la instrucción, porque es el mensajero del Señor de los ejércitos" (Mal 2:7). Cuando los sacerdotes no ejercen correctamente su Ministerio de la enseñanza dado por Dios, provocan "a muchos tambalearse" por su instrucción (Mal 2:8). Entonces el Señor, con el fin de proteger a su pueblo, trata de corregir a sus sacerdotes convirtiendo sus bendiciones en maldiciones (Mal 2:2) y los sacerdotes en "despreciables y viles para todo el pueblo" (Mal. 2:9).

Si eres cristiano bautizado, eres sacerdote (1 Pe 2:9; Ap 5:10; Catecismo, 783, 1241, 1546). Por lo tanto, las palabras de Dios por medio de Malaquías se aplican a ti. Santo Tomás de Aquino enseñó: "Enseñar para guiar a otros a la fe es la tarea de cada predicador y cada creyente" (citado en Catecismo, 904).

¿Qué estás enseñando a otros con tu conversación y modo de vida? ¿Conoces tu fe para poder enseñarla correcta y completamente? ¿Conoces las enseñanzas de la Iglesia? ¿Has leído el Catecismo? ¿Alguna vez lees las encíclicas del Papa? ¿Qué tan bien conoces la Biblia? ¿Incluso intentas aprenderla? ¿Buscas oportunidades para compartir tu fe? ¿Alguna vez invitas a alguien entregar su vida a Jesús? ¿Podrías explicar la Misa a los que te preguntan sobre ella? "Proclama la Palabra de Dios, insiste con ocasión o sin ella, arguye, reprende, exhorta, con paciencia incansable y con afán de enseñar" (2 Tim 4:2).

**Oración:** Padre, hazme hambriento de tu Palabra, no espiritualmente anorético .

**Promesa:** "No cesamos de gracias a Dios, porque cuando recibieron la Palabra que les predicamos, ustedes la aceptaron no como palabra humana, sino como lo es realmente, Palabra de Dios, que actúa en ustedes, los que creen" (1 Tes 2:13). .

**Alabanza:** Alabado Jesús resucitado, eterno Sumo Sacerdote (véase Heb 7:24).

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## CORRECTO E INCORRECTO

Lo que es moralmente incorrecto nunca puede ser políticamente correcto.

—Anthony Ashley Cooper

## AQUÍ SE NECESITA AMOR

Nadie necesita más amor que alguien que no lo merece.

—Anónimo



Trigésimo Primer Domingo  
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El mayor de entre ustedes  
sea su servidor.

—Mateo 23:11