

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 — This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8).
Psalm — I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116).
Second Reading — Christ is the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15).
Gospel — This is my body. This is my blood of the covenant (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-12
 Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27
 Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28b-34
 Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37
 Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51
 Sunday: Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-8; 2 Cor 4:13 — 5:1; Mk 3:20-35

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday June 2 Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; Blessed Virgin Mary	
5:30 pm	Carol Damazio (dec) by Mom
Sunday June 3	
8:00 am	Ed McDonough (dec) by Knights of Columbus
10:00 am	Susan & Joe Gaestel (40th wedding anniv) by family
12:00 pm	St. Theresa parishioners
7:00 pm	
Monday June 4	
8:00 am	Bill Roach (special intention) by family
Tuesday June 5 St. Boniface	
8:00 am	Mark & John Hurley (dec)
Wednesday June 6 St. Norbert	
8:00 am	Chinnamma (birthday) by family
12:00 pm	Beverly Sass (bday) by St. Theresa parish staff
Thursday June 7	
8:00 am	Patrick & Catherine Hurley (dec)
Friday June 8 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
8:00 am	Robert Michael Paczkowski (dec) by Theresa & Markus
12:00 pm	Myana Ortiz & Victoria Stanley (dec) by Joey & Aloy Ortiz
Saturday June 9 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
5:30 pm	The Anthony family & Sophie Zimnox (dec) by Bob Anthony

Monday, June 4	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth meal
Tuesday, June 5	8am Mass; 9am Study Program
Wednesday, June 6	8am Mass; 12noon Mass
Thursday, June 7	8am Mass
Friday, June 8	8am & 12noon Masses; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry; Toccata 4pm-9pm
Saturday, June 9	10am Baptism in Spanish; 11:30am Baptism in English; 2pm Quinceañera; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, June 10	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish)

CHARITY

Charity is that with which no one is lost, and without which no one is saved.
 —St. Robert Bellarmine



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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

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

05/27	Regular Collection	5913.19
	Building Maintenance	2186.21
Second collection THIS weekend: New Boiler in the Rectory		
Second collection June 9/10: no second collection		

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR PARISHIONERS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Phillip Gaston | Corbett Martin | Zachary Martin | Erik Townsend

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Concordia Balong | Bill Barboni | Romie Enriquez | Gene Estepa | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | Tony Russo

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to add to the prayer list, please send an email with your loved one's name along with your name and phone number to tahoeatholicbulletin@gmail.com.



KNIGHT'S CORNER

"Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Lie is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a Game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight for it. " *Mother Teresa* Men of the Parish are you looking for something more in your life? We do men's Catholic Fellowship!

COMING SOON: St. Theresa commemorative keepsakes available for sale for a small donation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER GRACE - JUNE 13TH IS HIS 70TH ANNIVERSARY SERVING THE CHURCH. FR. GRACE IS THE ST. THERESA KNIGHTS' CHARTER CHAPLAIN AND STILL SERVES THE KNIGHTS TODAY. THANK YOU FATHER GRACE!!

MONTHLY MEETING—June 13th with Dinner @6pm.

A "Philippine delight" Dinner by Romey, thank you Ester), and always a lively meeting following dinner.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—June 3rd after the 8 & 10AM

Masses It always tastes right when cooked by a Knight!

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

JESUS' SELF-PORTRAIT

Jesus says: "Blessed are the poor, the gentle, those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst for uprightness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who are persecuted in the cause of uprightness" (Matthew 5:3-10). These words offer us a self-portrait of Jesus. Jesus is the Blessed One. And the face of the Blessed One shows poverty, gentleness, grief, hunger, and thirst for uprightness, mercy, purity of heart, a desire to make peace, and the signs of persecution.

The whole message of the Gospel is this: Become like Jesus. We have his self-portrait. When we keep that in front of our eyes, we will soon learn what it means to follow Jesus and become like him.

<http://henrinouwen.org/meditation/jesus-self-portrait/>

JESUS IS POOR

Jesus, the Blessed One, is poor. The poverty of Jesus is much more than an economic or social poverty. Jesus is poor because he freely chose powerlessness over power, vulnerability over defensiveness, dependency over self-sufficiency. As the great "Song of Christ" so beautifully expresses: "He ... did not count equality with God something to be grasped. But he emptied himself, ... becoming as human beings are" (Philippians 2:6-7). This is the poverty of spirit that Jesus chose to live. Jesus calls us who are blessed as he is to live our lives with that same poverty.

<http://henrinouwen.org/meditation/jesus-is-poor/>



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.

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

I don't think the practice of shaking hands during the sign of peace is particularly hygienic. I wish we would not have to do that.

Gentle Reader,

First off, if you are not comfortable doing this, then don't. No one will force you.

You make me think of the wonderful icon of Sts. Peter and Paul greeting one another with the kiss of peace. Although this is the original greeting between Christians, the church has wisely decided that some cultures might have a problem kissing strangers. So, other options have been provided: a hug, a handshake, or a bow. Each of these involves different levels of touching relative to the cultural comfort with physical contact.

The liturgy of the Roman Rite is celebrated in the midst of the reality and physicality of our human existence. As a result, much of what we do in our liturgies is physical: we submerge one another in water; we anoint with oil; we gather around the Easter fire; we wash feet and sometimes kiss them; we break bread and share it with one another; we drink from the one cup; we throw ashes at the beginning of Lent; we burn incense; we use candles, dripping with wax; we kneel and prostrate on the ground; we hug, touch, and kiss our books, our cross, the altar, and (sometimes) one another. We are the BODY of Christ. And our liturgy is profoundly messy. It is physical and sensuous. It cannot and should not be sanitized.

Your concern with hygiene, though, is real, very real. As an alternative to the customary ways of exchanging the sign of peace, you might consider touching the sleeved forearms of your Christian brothers and sisters or just wash your hands before and after the celebration of the Eucharist. I noticed that some communities are anticipating your concern and have placed dispensers with disinfectant solutions throughout their church. This has given rise to a new liturgical procession as people walk to them following the sign of peace.

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REFLECTIONS

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

JUNE 2018 | : Social Networks

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

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

“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.**

10. All this is important. Yet with this Exhortation I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that he also addresses, personally, to you: “Be holy, for I am holy” (Lev 11:44; cf. 1 Pet 1:16). The Second Vatican Council stated this clearly: “Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect”. [10]

11. “Each in his or her own way” the Council says. We should not grow discouraged before examples of holiness that appear unattainable. There are some testimonies that may prove helpful and inspiring, but that we are not meant to copy, for that could even lead us astray from the one specific path that the Lord has in mind for us. The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts (cf. 1 Cor 12:7), rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them. We are all called to be witnesses, but there are many actual ways of bearing witness. [11] Indeed, when the great mystic, Saint John of the Cross, wrote his Spiritual Canticle, he preferred to avoid hard and fast rules for all. He explained that his verses were composed so that everyone could benefit from them “in his or her own way”. [12] For God’s life is communicated “to some in one way and to others in another”. [13]

12. Within these various forms, I would stress too that the “genius of woman” is seen in feminine styles of holiness, which are an essential means of reflecting God’s holiness in this world. Indeed, in times when women tended to be most ignored or overlooked, the Holy Spirit raised up saints whose attractiveness produced new spiritual vigour and important reforms in the Church. We can mention Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Saint Bridget, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Teresa of Avila and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. But I think too of all those unknown or forgotten women who, each in her own way, sustained and transformed families and communities by the power of their witness.

13. This should excite and encourage us to give our all and to embrace that unique plan that God willed for each of us from eternity: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you” (Jer 1:5).

FOR YOU TOO

14. To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain. [14]

15. Let the grace of your baptism bear fruit in a path of holiness. Let everything be open to God; turn to him in every situation. Do not be dismayed, for the power of the Holy Spirit enables you to do this, and holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life (cf. Gal 5:22-23). When you feel the temptation to dwell on your own weakness, raise your eyes to Christ crucified and say: “Lord, I am a poor sinner, but you can work the miracle of making me a little bit better”. In the Church, holy yet made up of sinners, you will find everything you need to grow towards holiness. The Lord has bestowed on the Church the gifts of scripture, the sacraments, holy places, living communities, the witness of the saints and a multifaceted beauty that proceeds from God’s love, “like a bride bedecked with jewels” (Is 61:10).

16. This holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures. Here is an example: a woman goes shopping, she meets a neighbour and they begin to speak, and the gossip starts. But she says in her heart: “No, I will not speak badly of anyone”. This is a step forward in holiness. Later, at home, one of her children wants to talk to her about his hopes and dreams, and even though she is tired, she sits down and listens with patience and love. That is another sacrifice that brings holiness. Later she experiences some anxiety, but recalling the love of the Virgin Mary, she takes her rosary and prays with faith. Yet another path of holiness. Later still, she goes out onto the street, encounters a poor person and stops to say a kind word to him. One more step.

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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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

WELCOME FATHER PHILIP WELLS & DEACON STEVEN WOOD!

Father Philip, a retired priest of the Diocese of Sacramento, will be with us for a week. Deacon Steven, a transitional Deacon of the Diocese of Sacramento, will be with us for seven weeks. Please make them feel at home! Fr. Mauricio

*Save
the date*

CELEBRATION OF FATHER GRACE'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

June 17th

At the 12noon Mass

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Q. *What happens during the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil?*

A. *For those who were baptized as infants, the Sacrament of Baptism may seem far away and abstract. When we come to the Easter Vigil and witness full Christian initiation through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, we not only support those being initiated. We are drawn more deeply into our own sacraments of initiation.*

For the Church, the Easter Vigil is the most essential celebration of the year—a deep plunge into the great mystery of the life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We gather as a family and welcome new Christians. In the dark of Holy Saturday night, we await the Resurrection, entering into a time without time. As the Easter fire crackles and the Easter candle is prepared, the celebrant prays,

***“Christ yesterday and today,
the Beginning and the End,
the Alpha and the Omega.***

All time belongs to him and all the ages.

To him be glory and power through every age and for ever. Amen.”

(Roman Missal, Easter Vigil)

The Easter Vigil is unlike any other liturgy during the year. We bring out all our symbols to express the meaning of this moment: light, Cross, Word, water, oil, bread, and wine. We process into the dark church, following “the Light of Christ”—the Easter candle—and we light our tapers from it (Roman Missal, Easter Vigil). We listen to the compelling stories of God’s love and pursuit of us, generation after generation, culminating in Christ’s Resurrection and including St. Paul’s reminder of the inseparable connection between the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and our Baptism into Christ.

Now we bring newcomers to the font to be baptized, singing the Litany of the Saints to remind ourselves that the entire Communion of Saints is here to witness these Baptisms and intercede for these people. The water in the font is blessed with a beautiful long prayer remembering all the ways that water has brought God’s grace to us throughout history. The elect renounce sin and profess their faith; each is baptized (by immersion in the water or by pouring) with Jesus’ own instructions: “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit.” The newly baptized Christians rise, drenched with the waters of new life. They are “a new creation,” and receive a white garment to express their newness. A candle lit from the Easter candle signifies that they are “enlightened by Christ.” Now they are confirmed: the celebrant lays hands on each head, praying for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and anointing each with the fragrant oil so that they will be “sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit” (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 226, 229, 230, 235).

The assembly now renews its baptismal vows, renouncing sin and affirming the faith of the Church. To remind us of our own Baptisms, we are sprinkled with water from the font.

Finally the newly baptized and confirmed join us for the first time in the Universal Prayer and the great prayer of thanksgiving—the Eucharistic Prayer—and they receive the Body and Blood of Christ, tasting with us the eternal banquet of Christ’s redemption.

Joyfully, the Church calls us and witness all of this at the Easter Vigil! Our Christian family, born in the waters of Baptism, has a unique identity: we belong to Christ. We praise the God who created all things, and we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. We walk alongside newcomers to faith and welcome them beside us at the altar of the Lord. Together we are sent forth to share the good news that Christ is Risen, singing, “Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

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3 DE JUNIO DE 2018 | EL CUERPO Y LA SANGRE DE CRISTO (CORPUS CHRISTI)

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 hace una alianza con su pueblo y la sella con sangre (Exodo 24:3-8).
Salmo — Alzaré la copa de la salvación, invocando tu nombre (Salmo 116 [115]).
Segunda lectura — La sangre de Cristo obtiene la redención eterna para el pueblo (Hebreos 9:11-15).
Evangelió — Jesús, mientras celebraba la Pascua con sus discípulos, establece la nueva Alianza (Marcos 14:12-16, 22-26).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Pe 1:2-7; Sal 91 (90):1-2, 14-16; Mc 12:1-2
 Martes: 2 Pe 3:12-15a, 17-18; Sal 90 (89):2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mc 12:13-17
 Miércoles: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Sal 123 (122):1b-2; Mc 12:18-27
 Jueves: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mc 12:28b-34
 Viernes: Os 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Ef 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37
 Sábado: 2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 2:41-51
 Domingo: Gn 3:9-15; Sal 130 (129):1-8; 2 Cor 4:13 — 5:1; Mc 3:20-35

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En esta solemnidad centramos nuestra atención al Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Escuchamos el relato de renovación de la antigua alianza, la cual Moisés selló rociando la sangre de animales en el altar de sacrificio, así como en las personas. Jesús, cuya sangre es la sangre de la nueva alianza, derramó esa preciosa sangre en la cruz para salvarnos del pecado y prometernos la vida eterna. La sangre es la fuente de vida que fluye por nuestro cuerpo. La preciosa sangre de Cristo es la fuente de vida de nuestro espíritu. Que hoy, como el salmista, ofrezcamos un sacrificio de agradecimiento al Señor, cuyo cuerpo y sangre nos fortalecen para llevar la Buena Nueva a todos los que conocemos.

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

2 de junio sábado Santos Pedro y Marcelino; Santa María Virgen
5:30 pm Carol Damazio (dec) by Mom
3 de junio domingo
8:00 am Ed McDonough (dec) by Knights of Columbus
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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 | Romie Enriquez | Gene Estepa | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | Tony Russo

LISTA DE LOS ENFERMOS

Si desea conservar su ser querido en la lista, por favor, envíe un correo electrónico con el nombre de su ser querido, junto con su nombre y número de teléfono a tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com

CARIDAD

Con caridad, nadie se condena; sin caridad nadie se salva.

—San Roberto Belarmino

EL COMIENZO

Lo más difícil es comenzar.

—Anónimo

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

05/27	Colecta Regular	5913.19
	Mantenimiento	2186.21
Segunda colecta— 2/3 de junio: New Boiler in the Rectory		
Segunda colecta— 9/10 de junio: no colecta		

DISCÍPULOS HACIENDO DISCÍPULOS

Pregunta: ¿Qué es la mistagogia, y qué sucede en ella?

Respuesta: Cuando experimentamos algo significativo, queremos recordarlo y saborearlo. Los que experimentan el bautismo, la confirmación y la Eucaristía en la Vigilia Pascual, quieren saborear y explorar lo que han experimentado. Es impresionante e inspirador, y especialmente poderoso porque todo se realiza en una celebración altamente simbólica y expresiva de la resurrección de Jesús. Para los iniciados, ¡Pasa todo tan rápido! Nuestra Iglesia ayuda a los recién bautizados, a los que llama "neófitos", pues la palabra significa "recién plantados", a revivir y reflexionar sobre estas experiencias durante los cincuenta días de Pascua. Es un tiempo llamado mistagógico, que significa dedicado a la "explicación de los misterios".

El escenario más importante para la mistagogia son las siete misas dominicales del tiempo pascual. La asamblea da a los neófitos una "plena y gozosa integración en la comunidad" (RICA, 246), recibéndolos, a ellos y a sus padrinos, con calidez en estas liturgias. Ahora los neófitos participan plenamente en la Liturgia de la Eucaristía como lo hicieron por primera vez en la Vigilia Pascual, ejerciendo su sacerdocio bautismal junto con cada uno de los miembros de la asamblea. Ahora se regocijan cuando profesan públicamente su fe, cuando oran por el mundo y comparten la Eucaristía con su nueva familia eclesial.

Tan grande es el Misterio Pascual experimentado en la Vigilia Pascual que la Iglesia dedica toda la temporada pascual a reflexionar sobre todo esto desde diferentes ángulos. Las lecturas y homilias que escuchamos, las oraciones que rezamos, la música que cantamos, el aroma de las flores y del incienso, así como los símbolos, ayudan tanto a neófitos como a miembros de la asamblea a meditar en algún aspecto de la vida de Jesús y su resurrección.

Las Escrituras del tiempo pascual nos guían más profundamente al misterio de pertenecer a Cristo a través del bautismo. Los evangelios dominicales hablan de las apariciones de Cristo resucitado a sus discípulos, su encomienda para hacerlos sus apóstoles, su Ascensión y la venida del Espíritu Santo prometido en Pentecostés. Las lecturas de los Hechos de los Apóstoles demuestran la valiente y enérgica participación de los apóstoles en la fe con el pueblo de Jerusalén y, en última instancia, hasta los confines de la tierra. La proclamación del Evangelio que hacen los apóstoles recuerda especialmente a los neófitos, que los sacramentos de pascua no son el fin de la historia, sino el comienzo de su nueva vida en Cristo.

La vista, los sonidos y los olores de la liturgia ayudan a los neófitos a recordar y reflexionar sobre el significado de esa noche de su bautismo y sus nuevas responsabilidades de cristianos. En las reuniones fuera de la misa compartirán la experiencia de su nueva fe. Ellos recordarán, saborearán, compartirán sus puntos de vista y escucharán la sabiduría de la Iglesia sobre el poder de estos sacramentos. Hablarán sobre cómo la misa capacita y envía a los discípulos a través de las obras de caridad para traer la nueva vida de Cristo resucitado al mundo, y lo pondrán en práctica a través del servicio con otros miembros de la comunidad. >>>>>>>>>>>>>

UNA VIDA TRIDIMENSIONAL

"Vayan, y hagan que todos los pueblos sean Mis discípulos, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo" (Mateo 28:19).

Como cristianos, no solo creemos en Tres Personas en un solo Dios, sino que somos bautizados e inmersos en estas Tres Personas (Mt 28:19). Cuando nos levantamos por la mañana, la primera palabra en nuestros labios es en alabanza del nombre de Jesús. Debido a que Jesús es el único Camino al Padre (Jn 14:6), pronto agradecemos al Padre por darnos otro día, proporcionándonos el desayuno y creándonos. Porque el Padre y Jesús dan el Espíritu Santo (Jn 15:26), en poco tiempo el Espíritu clama en nuestros corazones "Abba", es decir "Padre" (Rom 8:15) y "Jesús es Señor" (1 Co 12:3). Oramos al Padre por medio del Hijo y en el Espíritu. Adoramos al Padre y al Hijo en espíritu y en verdad (Jn 4:24). Como cristianos, vivimos cada día en el fuego cruzado del amor Trinitario. El Padre habla la Palabra eterna, que es Jesús (Jn 1:1, 14), cuyas palabras son Espíritu y Vida (Jn 6:63). Y recibimos con docilidad esta Palabra en nuestros corazones (Stg 1:21). El Padre habla la Verdad; Jesús es la Verdad (Jn 14:6); "El Espíritu es verdad" (1 Jn 5:6). Vivimos y hablamos la verdad en amor (Ef 4:15). Dios es Amor (1 Jn 4:16). El Padre y el Hijo se aman eternamente el Uno al Otro, y el fruto eterno de este amor es el Espíritu. Vivimos en este amor (Jn 15:10). Vivimos en la Trinidad y la Trinidad en nosotros (ver Jn 6:56; 14:17; 14:23). Para nosotros cristianos, la vida significa vida con el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo.

Oración: Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, Te doy mi vida. Vivo para, en, con y por Ti solamente.

Promesa: "Y yo estaré siempre con ustedes hasta el fin del mundo" (Mt 28:20)

Alabanza: ¡Alabado sea el Dios Trino - Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo conformados en un eterno triángulo de amor!

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EL CUERPO Y LA SANGRE DE CRISTO 3 DE JUNIO DE 2018

Levantaré el cáliz de salvación
e invocaré el nombre del Señor.

— Salmo 116 (115):13

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Para los neófitos, los cincuenta días son un tiempo alegre y rico para recordar y saborear su experiencia de iniciación en la Vigilia Pascual, reflexionando sobre lo que Dios ha hecho por ellos en Cristo para comenzar a emprender la misión que esto conlleva. La asamblea, al abrir sus brazos y corazones para dar la bienvenida a los recién iniciados y seguirles dando ejemplo de la vida de fe, fortalece el Cuerpo de Cristo para ser luz del mundo. Con la bienvenida y el testimonio, la asamblea ayuda a los neófitos a forjar lazos duraderos con su nueva familia eclesial, asumiendo las responsabilidades del discipulado.
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