

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

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the Lord Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12). do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday | December 7 |

5:30pm Bobby Burda (dec)

Sunday | December 8 |

8:00am Jon Bachelder (dec) by St. Joseph Land Trust

10:00am St. Theresa parishioners

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

7:00pm

Monday | December 9 | Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am All family members, by Linda

Tuesday | December 10 | International Human Rights Day

8:00am Aldaro Geiusti (dec) from his wife and son

Wednesday | December 11 | St. Damasus I

8:00am Michael Damazio (healing) by Mom

12:00pm Concordia Balong (dec) by Ester and family

Thursday | December 12 | Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Don Ong (dec) and Deoduo Bee (dec) by Linda

Friday | December 13 | St. Lucy

8:00am Tom Thornton (dec) by his sister Mary

Saturday | December 14 | St. John of the Cross

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



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

12/01	REGULAR COLLECTION	3885.89
	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	1373.60

Second collection this week:
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Second collection on December 14/15:
NO SECOND COLLECTION

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 9	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal; 5:30pm Mass; 7pm Mass in Spanish; 8pm Novena
Tuesday, December 10	8am Mass; 9am Book Study; 6:30pm RCIA in English; 7pm Novena
Wednesday, December 11	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 6pm Knights of Columbus Dinner; 6:30pm Contemplative Prayer Group; 8pm Serenate to Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday, December 12	5am Mañanitas; 5:30am Mass in Spanish; 8am Mass; 6pm Evening Prayer in Spanish; 6:30pm Dinner and Program
Friday, December 13	8am Mass; 4pm Second Serving Meal; 6pm-7pm confessions
Saturday, December 14	10am Funeral; 4pm confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, December 15	8am, 10am, 12 noon & 7pm (in Spanish) Masses; Meet & Greet after the 8am, 10am & 12noon Masses

FATHER MAURICIO’S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 9	6am opening the church; 8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 2pm-4pm office work; 5:30pm Mass; 7pm Mass
Tuesday, December 10	7am opening the church; 8am Mass; 9am Book Study; 11am-2pm office work; 2pm break; 4:30pm class; 6:30pm RCIA
Wednesday, December 11	7am opening the church; 8am Mass; 10am hospital visit; 12noon Mass; 1pm break; 2pm-6pm office work
Thursday, December 12	4am opening the church; 5am Mañanitas; 5:30am Mass; 8am Mass; 10am-12pm office work; 2pm-5pm office work; 6pm Evening Prayer; 6:30pm dinner and program
Friday, December 13	7am opening the church; 8am Mass; 6 hours off; 6pm-7pm confessions
Saturday, December 14	7:30am opening the church; 10am funeral; 4pm confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, December 15	6:45am opening the church; 8am, 10am, 12noon Masses; 2pm-6pm personal time; 6:30pm confessions; 7pm Mass





BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

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



RESPECT 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

WARM ROOM VOLUNTEER TRAININGS ANNOUNCED

The Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless will host training sessions for members of the community who would like to become new Warm Room volunteers this season. (If you have volunteered in past seasons, you do not need to train again.). Trainings will take place at CoWork Tahoe (3079 Harrison Ave #12) on Thursday, December 12th from 5:30-7:30. Each free, two-hour training session will provide the necessary information to get started: Warm Room policies and procedures, roles and responsibilities, and to how to sign up for shifts. To sign up to join a session, click here: <https://signup.com/go/MKuxFnu>.

CATHOLIC HUMOR

—A Jesuit, a Dominican, and a Franciscan were walking along an old road, debating the greatness of their orders. Suddenly, an apparition of the Holy Family appeared in front of them, with Jesus in a manger and Mary and Joseph praying over him. The Franciscan fell on his face, overcome with awe at the sight of God born in such poverty. The Dominican fell to his knees, adoring the beautiful reflection of the Trinity and the Holy Family. The Jesuit walked up to Joseph, put his arm around his shoulder, and said, "So, have you thought about where to send him to school?"

—A priest was driving and gets stopped for speeding. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Father, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest, fingers crossed. The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Praise be to God! He's done it again!"

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2019

Thank you to those who have already made a gift to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift will make a difference in someone's life. As of November 15, 2019, 305 parishioners have participated in the 2019 Appeal at our parish, totaling \$20, 052 in gifts and pledges. Don't forget... 25% of what you give is returned to our parish. This year, Appeal funds have been used to support people with motel, clothes, and utility assistance.

ADVENT TO THE MAX

"...a herald's voice in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths.'" —Matthew 3:3

The purpose of Advent is to prepare the way of the Lord, Who is coming to us in a new personal way this Christmas season. But there are different kinds and degrees of preparation. The Church teaches with John the Baptist that our preparation for Christ's coming this Christmas needs to be very extensive. We even need a baptism of repentance, that is, to be immersed in repentance (see Mt 3:11).

Our preparation for Christ this Christmas is comparable to a major excavation where mountains are made low and the fill dirt is used to fill in the valleys so as to make a rough road smooth and a crooked road straight (Lk 3:5). While the world gives us the picture of Santa Claus with a bag of presents, the Church presents the scene of the wild prophet, John the Baptist, driving a Komatsu super earth-mover to bury our sins.

Very few of us believe that Christmas is so great and we are so sinful as to require such an earthquake of preparation. However, the Church is right. We need a big Advent to have a true Christmas.

Prayer: *Father, send the Holy Spirit so that I will not minimize but maximize Advent.*

Promise: *"The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord." —Is 11:2*

Praise: *"God freed him from death's bitter pangs, however, and raised him up again, for it was impossible that death should keep its hold on him" (Acts 2:24). Alleluia!*

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COLLECTION FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS | December 7/8

Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

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

REFLECTIONS

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2019 | 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,

Advent is my favorite season of the year. I love the fact that we take time to prepare for the birthday of Jesus. Sadly, I don't know the meaning of the word Advent. Do you know what it means and where it comes from?

Gentle Reader,

The notion of the birthday of Jesus makes me a little uncomfortable. It reminds me of an unfortunate "children's Mass" with birthday cake and birthday song. Thankfully, there were no candles to be blown out. How many should there have been anyway?

Just to be clear, the season of Advent is the time of preparation leading up to the solemnity of Christmas in all its theological complexities. It is marked by the four Sundays of Advent.

The English word Advent comes from the Latin *Adventus Domini*, meaning the coming of the Lord. Most of us understand this to mean Jesus' presence with us at Christmas as we commemorate and celebrate his birth. The full meaning of *Adventus Domini*, however, embraces Jesus' birth two thousand years ago, his presence with us today, as well as his return at the end of time. Advent thus becomes a time of preparation not only for the celebration of Jesus' birth on Christmas. It also is a time when we become more aware of Jesus' presence in our lives today. And it is a time during which we prepare for his Second Coming at the end of time.

As a result, when we pray *Maranatha* or "Come, Lord Jesus," we not only pray for his presence in our midst at Christmas but we also pray for his presence among us today. And, most astoundingly, we even pray for his Second Coming, thus hastening the end of time.

As Christians we believe that when Christ returns he will inaugurate the completion of the messianic times. At that time, according to the prophet Isaiah, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares / and their spears into pruning hooks" and "the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, / and the leopard shall lie down with the kid." "There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain." "The desert and the parched land . . . will bloom with abundant flowers." Not surprisingly, these are lines taken from readings used during the Advent season.

The beautiful season of Advent invites us to dream of that perfect world without disasters, disease, or death; a world where all God's children and all of creation exist together in perfect harmony. It is also a season during which we commit ourselves to making this harmonious world a bit more possible.

So, when we sing *Maranatha* let's do it with full voice and heart and let's act in ways that will hasten the arrival of that perfect world.

I hope I did not ruin Advent for you.

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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*

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, December 5, immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please sign up for 30 minutes or 1 hour. The sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

WHAT IS THE SOCIAL ASPECT OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

“Devotion to the divine Eucharist exerts a great influence upon the soul in the direction of fostering a ‘social’ love, in which we put the common good ahead of private good, take up the cause of the community, the parish, the universal Church, and extend our charity to the whole world because we know that there are members of Christ everywhere . . . This zeal at prayer and at devoting oneself to God for the sake of the unity of the Church is something that religious, both men and women, should regard as very specially their own since they are bound in a very special way to adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and they have, by virtue of the vows they have pronounced, become a kind of crown set around it here on earth.” *MF, nos. 69, 71 Thirty-One Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, A Resource of the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy, Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

ADVENT CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday, December 11 & 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.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

December 2-10 Novena

Wednesday, December 11th at 8pm

Serenade

Thursday, December 12th

5am Mañanitas

5:30am Mass

6pm Evening Prayer in Spanish

6:30pm dinner & program.

SIMBANG GABI MASS

Tuesday, Dec. 17

4pm in the church.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 9

(this solemnity is transferred to Monday because this year December 8 falls on a Sunday)

Masses on Monday December 9th: 8am, 12noon & 5:30pm in English & 7pm in Spanish

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Saturdays of Advent at 4pm

Friday, December 13 at 6-7pm

Wednesday, December 18 11-11:50am

Friday, December 20 at 6pm-7pm



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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

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.

8 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2019 | SEGUNDO 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.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Brotará un retoño del tronco de Jesé. Juzgará a los pobres con justicia y herirá al violento con el látigo de su boca (Isaías 11:1-10).

Salmo — Que en sus días florezca la justicia y la paz abunde eternamente (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — Vivan en perfecta armonía unos con otros (Romanos 15:4-9).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista predica, “Arrepiéntanse, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca” (Mateo 3:1-12).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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

Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Jueves: Zac 2:14-17 o Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de la Bienaventurada María Virgen

Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Sábado: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Domingo: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Sal 146 (145):6-10; Stgo 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

PETICIONES POR ESTAS PERSONAS

7 de diciembre | sábado |

5:30 pm Bobby Burda (dec)

8 de diciembre | domingo |

8:00 am Jon Bachelder (dec) by St. Joseph Land Trust

10:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

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

7:00pm

9 de diciembre | lunes | La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María

8:00 am All family members, by Linda

10 de diciembre | martes | Día Internacional de Derechos Humanos

8:00 am Aldaro Geusti (dec) from his wife and son

11 de diciembre | miércoles | San Dámaso I

8:00 am Michael Damazio (healing) by Mom

12:00pm Concordia Balong (dec) by Ester and family

12 de diciembre | jueves | Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

8:00 am Don Ong (dec) and Deoduo Bee (dec) by Linda

13 de diciembre | viernes | Santa Lucía

8:00 am Tom Thornton (dec) by his sister Mary

14 de diciembre | sábado | San Juan de la Cruz

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

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

COLECTA ESPECIAL PARA EL “FONDO DE JUBILACIÓN DE RELIGIOSOS” 7 y 8 de diciembre

Apoye a los religiosos y religiosas ancianos. Nuestra segunda colecta está asignada al Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos. Muchas hermanas católicas mayores, hermanos y sacerdotes de orden religiosa, sirvieron por poco o ningún pago. Hoy día, esas comunidades a menudo carecen de ahorros suficientes para cubrir las necesidades de su jubilación. Su donativo ayuda a proporcionar fondos vitales para medicamentos, enfermeros y más, para cientos de miles de religiosos ancianos. También ayuda a asegurar que los miembros más jóvenes puedan continuar las buenas obras que iniciaron sus mayores. Por favor, sean generosos.

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

Misas el lunes 9 de diciembre: 8am, 12 mediodía, y 5:30pm en inglés y 7pm en español

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

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	MANTENIMIENTO	1373.60

Segunda colecta— 7 y 8 de diciembre:
FONDO DE RETIRO PARA RELIGIOSOS

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

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Los jueves 5 de diciembre de 8:30am a 4pm

"La Iglesia y el mundo tienen una gran necesidad del culto eucarístico. Jesús nos espera en este sacramento del amor. No nos negamos el tiempo para ir a encontrarlo en la adoración, en la contemplación llena de fe y abierta a reparar las faltas graves y delitos del mundo. No cese nunca nuestra adoración". (CIC 1380)

CONFESIONES DE ADVIENTO

Sábados de Adviento a las 4pm
Domingos de Adviento a las 6:15pm
Viernes, 13 de diciembre 6pm a 7pm
Miércoles, 18 de diciembre 11am a 11:50am
Viernes, 20 de diciembre 6pm a 7pm

FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Novena: 2-10 de diciembre
Serenata: **miércoles 11 de diciembre a las 8pm**
Jueves 12 de diciembre
5am Mañanitas
5:30am Misa
6pm Vísperas y danza
6:30pm cena & programa

FIESTA NAVIDEÑA DE NUESTROS HERMANOS FILIPINOS

El martes 17 de diciembre a las 4pm. ¡Todos estamos invitados!

HORARIO DE NAVIDAD

Martes 24 de diciembre

5:30pm Misas de Vigilia
9pm Misa en español
Misa de medianoche

Miércoles 25 de diciembre

Misas de 8am, 10am y 12 mediodía todas en inglés

NOTA DISCORDANTE | "En aquel tiempo se presentó Juan el Bautista, predicando en el desierto de Judea" (Mateo 3:1).

Hoy la iglesia nos presenta en un personaje rústico llamado a Juan; que se vestía con pieles de camello (Mt 3:4). Además de ropa áspera y fea, comía saltamontes con miel, como quien come patatas fritas (Mt 3:4).

El estilo duro y áspero de la vida de Juan el Bautista también se reflejaba en su manera de predicar. Decía a los líderes religiosos: "Raza de víboras, ¿quién les enseñó a escapar de la ira de Dios que se acerca?" (Mt 3:7). Jesús nos dice que Juan es un profeta, "y más que un profeta" (Mt 11:9). Sin duda tenemos la obligación de escucharle con atención. Contrario a los personajes navideños que nos invitan a celebrar y a darnos gusto, Juan nos llama al arrepentimiento. Es claro que Juan el Bautista es la "nota discordante", el mensaje que arruina la mentalidad comercial de la época navideña.

Juan todavía ruge: "Conviértanse, porque el Reino de los Cielos está cerca" (Mt 3:2). "Preparen el camino del Señor, allanen sus senderos" (Mt 3:3). "Produzcan el fruto de una sincera conversión" (Mt 3:8).

Oración: Padre, envía a alguien, en mi vida, que me llame al arrepentimiento. Que pueda ir a confesarme lo antes posible.

Promesa: "Sobre él reposará el espíritu del Señor" (Is 11:2).

Alabanza: ¡Alabanza a Jesús resucitado, Emmanuel, "Dios con nosotros"! En su manto y en su muslo lleva escrito este nombre: Rey de los reyes y Señor de los señores (Ap 19:16).

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"M" DE VICTORIA

"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).

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).

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.

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.

Oración: Jesús, Te damos gracias por darnos a María y a otros cristianos victoriosos que nos inspiran a perseverar.

Promesa: "María dijo entonces: 'Yo soy la servidora del Señor que se cumpla en mí lo que has dicho' " (Lc 1:38).

Alabanza: 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.

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EL ADVIENTO

Del 1 al 24 de diciembre del 2019.

El Adviento, Vísperas de Navidad

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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