

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 — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you” (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).


Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday January 27 St. Angela Merici	
5:30 pm	Bud Salvato (dec) by Bread & Broth
Sunday January 28	
8:00 am	John Bojan (dec) by Lydia Rogers
10:00 am	St. Theresa parishioners
12:00 pm	Julia Veronica Czapl (1st bday) by Aneto Flores & grandparents
7:00 pm	
Monday January 29	
8:00 am	Joan E. Grech (dec) by her family
Tuesday January 30	
8:00 am	Father Martin Brusato (dec)
Wednesday January 31 St. John Bosco	
8:00 am	Theresa Paganello (dec) by Ann Marie Rosie
12:00 pm	Barb Gojan (comfort) by Lydia Rogers
Thursday February 1	
8:00 am	Father Martin Brusato (dec)
Friday February 2 The Presentation of the Lord	
8:00 am	Margaret Svarczkopf (dec) by the Lohmeiers
12:00 pm	Father Martin Brusato (dec)
Saturday February 3 St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary	
5:30 pm	Pauline Mifsud (dec) by the Winslow family

	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
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STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH		
01/21	Regular Collection	3787.96
	Annual Registration Fee for formed.org	1362.34
Second Collection on January 27/28: Building Maintenance		

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 29	8am; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth meal
Tuesday, January 30	8am Mass; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA
Wednesday, January 31	8am & 12noon Masses; 6pm Bread & Broth Board Meeting
Thursday, February 1	8am Mass; 7pm RCIA in Spanish
Friday, February 2	8am & 12noon Masses; 6:30pm Spanish Prayer Group
Saturday, February 3	10am Baptisms in Spanish; 11:30am Baptisms in English; 4pm Confessions & 5:30pm Vigil Mass; 6pm Crab Dinner
Sunday, February 4	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish) Masses; Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after the 8am and 10am Masses

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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 | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | 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 tahocatholicbulletin@gmail.com.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office
530.544.4788 Find the **2017 SCHEDULE**:
<http://www.tahoecatholic.com/baptisms>



PREGNANT ? NEED HELP?

We offer practical help to any women with a crisis pregnancy. We have a special concern for you and your unborn child. For any help with a troubled pregnancy, 544-3533.



KNIGHT'S CORNER

By being yourself, you put something wonderful in the world that was not there before. Edwin Elliot

Welcome to our new members: Patrick, Chris & Andrew! Knights donated \$1200, the profits from our last 6 month's pancake breakfasts, to the parish Maintenance fund

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Feb. 4 after the 8AM & 10AM Masses
Monthly Meeting changed to FEB 7th. Dinner 6pm

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

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CREATING SPACE TO DANCE TOGETHER

When we feel lonely we keep looking for a person or persons who can take our loneliness away. Our lonely hearts cry out, "Please hold me, touch me, speak to me, pay attention to me." But soon we discover that the person we expect to take our loneliness away cannot give us what we ask for. Often that person feels oppressed by our demands and runs away, leaving us in despair. As long as we approach another person from our loneliness, no mature human relationship can develop. Clinging to one another in loneliness is suffocating and eventually becomes destructive. For love to be possible we need the courage to create space between us and to trust that this space allows us to dance together. *Henri Nouwen Society*

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED BY SOLITUDE

Solitude greeting solitude, that's what community is all about. Community is not the place where we are no longer alone but the place where we respect, protect, and reverently greet one another's aloneness. When we allow our aloneness to lead us into solitude, our solitude will enable us to rejoice in the solitude of others. Our solitude roots us in our own hearts. Instead of making us yearn for company that will offer us immediate satisfaction, solitude makes us claim our center and empowers us to call others to claim theirs. Our various solitudes are like strong, straight pillars that hold up the roof of our communal house. Thus, solitude always strengthens community. *Henri Nouwen Society*

YEARNING FOR PERFECT LOVE | *Henri Nouwen Society*

When we act out of loneliness our actions easily become violent. The tragedy is that much violence comes from a demand for love. When loneliness drives our search for love, kissing easily leads to biting, caressing to hitting, looking tenderly to looking suspiciously, listening to overhearing, and surrender to rape. The human heart yearns for love: love without conditions, limitations, or restrictions. But no human being is capable of offering such love, and each time we demand it we set ourselves on the road to violence. How then can we live nonviolent lives? We must start by realizing that our restless hearts, yearning for perfect love, can only find that love through communion with the One who created them.

THE VOICE IN THE GARDEN OF SOLITUDE

Henri Nouwen Society

Solitude is the garden for our hearts, which yearn for love. It is the place where our aloneness can bear fruit. It is the home for our restless bodies and anxious minds. Solitude, whether it is connected with a physical space or not, is essential for our spiritual lives. It is not an easy place to be, since we are so insecure and fearful that we are easily distracted by whatever promises immediate satisfaction. Solitude is not immediately satisfying, because in solitude we meet our demons, our addictions, our feelings of lust and anger, and our immense need for recognition and approval. But if we do not run away, we will meet there also the One who says, "Do not be afraid. I am with you, and I will guide you through the valley of darkness." Let's keep returning to our solitude.

FINDING SOLITUDE | *Henri Nouwen Society*

All human beings are alone. No other person will completely feel like we do, think like we do, act like we do. Each of us is unique, and our aloneness is the other side of our uniqueness. The question is whether we let our aloneness become loneliness or whether we allow it to lead us into solitude. Loneliness is painful; solitude is peaceful. Loneliness makes us cling to others in desperation; solitude allows us to respect others in their uniqueness and create community. Letting our aloneness grow into solitude and not into loneliness is a lifelong struggle. It requires conscious choices about whom to be with, what to study, how to pray, and when to ask for counsel. But wise choices will help us to find the solitude where our hearts can grow in love.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Parishioner,
We are automatically mailing out tax receipts if your contribution exceeded \$100.00 for the 2017 calendar year. Donation letters will be mailed by end of January. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Gaston or Irene Lohmeier at (530) 544-3533 Ext. 101. —Fr. Mauricio

REFLECTIONS

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

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

January 2018 | Religious Minorities in Asia .

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

CRADLE CATHOLICS | "The married man is busy with this world's demands and occupied with pleasing his wife. This means he is divided." —1 Corinthians 7:33

Many of you who read One Bread, One Body are married. Today's second reading seems to imply that marriage is a limited vocation because a married person is not able to be both married and "busy with the Lord's affairs" (1 Cor 7:32).

It is important, however, to read this passage in its context. St. Paul believes that Jesus will return shortly (1 Cor 7:29, 31). If "the time is short" (1 Cor 7:29), then it is vital to commit all efforts to converting "as many as possible" (1 Cor 9:19) before Jesus returns. Long-term endeavors such as marriage and family could not meet the short-term need to evangelize full-force.

However, Jesus did not return in Paul's lifetime. The early Church then realized that its members needed to "make disciples" (Mt 28:19) by bearing and raising godly children well-trained in the faith. In this context, married persons have an integral and irreplaceable part in "the Lord's affairs." They have the unique advantage of a long-term, nurturing, loving, and discipling relationship with their children that cannot be forged by any other member of the body of Christ. Paul then realized that God is so pleased by this kind of marriage that He considers it to be a reflection of His own love for the Church (Eph 5:31-32).

Prayer: Father, may all married couples build up the body of Christ and thereby be devoted "entirely to the Lord" (1 Cor 7:35).

Promise: "The people were spellbound by His teaching because He taught with authority, and not like the scribes." —Mk 1:22

Praise: Praise You, Jesus, for loving us perfectly, even while we were still sinners (Rm 5:8). All glory be to You forever!

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POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS AUXILIARY BISHOP MYRON J. COTTA AS BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF STOCKTON

Pope Francis appointed Auxiliary Bishop Myron J. Cotta of the Diocese of Sacramento as Bishop of the Diocese of Stockton, succeeding Bishop Stephen E. Blaire, who has served the Stockton Diocese since March 16, 1999. Bishop Blaire submitted his resignation to the Holy Father when he reached the mandatory retirement age of 75 on Dec. 22, 2016.

The appointment was made public Jan. 23 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. Bishop Cotta's installation will take place on Thursday, March 15 in the Cathedral of the Annunciation in Stockton. Until that date, Bishop Blaire will serve as Apostolic Administrator of the diocese. Bishop Cotta will be the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Stockton.

INFLUENZA, SUSPENSION OF CUP & OTHER PRECAUTIONS

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has indicated that the incidence of flu and flu-like illnesses has reached a level requiring that we take action 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 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.
- ◆ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to cleanse their hands with an alcohol-based antiseptic before and after administering Holy Communion. This also applies to those who take Communion to the Home-bound.
- ◆ Remember that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from flu-like symptoms.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2018 and in parishes on the weekend of February 3-4, 2018. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. (www.usccb.org)

MONSIGNOR WALLACE 24TH ANNUAL CLASSY CRAB DINNER

February 3 | Must be 21 years or older to attend

FUNDRAISER BENEFITING: Religious Education programs

Parish building maintenance

MORE INFO: Danette Winslow 530.544.4788 or the church office at 530.544.3533



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14

Masses: 8am, 12noon, 6:00pm & 7:30pm (Spanish)

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL | February 10-11

On Feb 10-11, we will once again be given the opportunity to be Christ to others. How do we help a family that has suffered great loss? How do we help the homeless man or woman who is looking for a way out of poverty? How do we provide emotional support where it is needed most? As Catholics in the Diocese of Sacramento, we have a way to help those truly in need. By making a generous donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you can live the Gospel message to help our brothers and sisters. Last year our parishioners contributed \$23,726.00. Our parish received 25% to serve our local ministry to others. The charitable works of the Church, whether in Catholic social service programs or parish-based outreach ministries, depend on all of us. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, really does make a difference in someone's life. Please prayerfully consider what you can give. Our gift is the Heart of Mercy in Northern California.

FREE SAFETY TRAINING FOR USHERS AND CHURCH STAFF

Date: Thursday February 1st

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Sierra Community Church 1165 Sierra Blvd, South Lake Tahoe

Instructor: Mike Bullian, Central California Intelligence Center

The course consists of about 35-40 minutes of lecture on what things can be done by ushers/church staff to increase security. The main subject is situational awareness, always knowing what is going on in and around the facility is important. Other subjects covered are pre-operational surveillance by criminals, securing of doors during the service, the proper use of cell phones during the service, counter surveillance, suspicious photography, suspicious behavior, planning for an attack, and safety teams. The instructor can also set up a safety walk through of your individual churches to point out potential security hazards your facilities may have.

Please let Father Mauricio know if you want to attend (530) 544-3533 Ext. 102 or mauricioh650@gmail.com

FATHER-SON PROGRAM IN ENGLISH | FEBRUARY 24, 2018 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: *Presentation School*

3100 Norris Ave., Sacramento, CA 95821

Registration Link <http://fathersonprogram.com>

The Father-Son Program explores God's special gift of human sexuality and fertility as well as the goodness and wonder of his plan for growing up and becoming a man. It is designed for fathers and their 12-15 year-old sons. All content is pure, light-hearted and affirming. This class will be conducted in English. The cost of \$20 per family includes snacks. To register online, contact a local site coordinator or review program content, go to website listed here. For additional information, contact Steve Patton at 916-733-0133 or spatton@scd.org. All reservations must be received by the Monday before the event date.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS | FEBRUARY 24, 2018 | 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Event Website—<http://www.SacWMD.com>

Location: *Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament*

1017 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814

Join Auxiliary Bishop Myron J. Cotta as he presides at the World Marriage Day Mass. At this Mass, sacramentally-married couples of all ages are invited to attend and renew their wedding vows. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the parish hall, at which certificates will be given out to couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+).

28 DE ENERO DE 2018 | CUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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

¡Bienvenidos a todos! Nos reunimos con Jesús. Cristo es quién nos invita al banquete celestial. Qué esta liturgia les traiga paz. Si están visitando nuestra iglesia por la primera vez, ójala que se sienten como en familia, una parte de la familia mundial del Señor. Les damos la bienvenida cordialmente y celebramos y contemplamos el misterio de la Eucaristía y rezamos que su viaje a su casa será seguro y que regresen pronto.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura—Moisés le habló a todo el pueblo diciendo: “El Señor Dios hará surgir en medio de ustedes un profeta como yo” (Deuteronomio 18:15-20).

Salmo — Ojalá escuchen hoy la voz del Señor: “No endurezcan el corazón” (Salmo 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — Hermanos y hermanas: Yo quisiera que ustedes vivieran sin preocupaciones (1 Corintios 7:32-35).

Evangelio — Los oyentes quedaron asombrados de sus palabras, pues enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad (Marcos 1:21-28).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Sal 3:2-7; Mc 5:1-20

Martes: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Mc 5:21-43

Miércoles: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5-7; Mc 6:1-6

Jueves: 1 Re 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Cr 29:10-12; Mc 6:7-13

Viernes: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Sal 24 (23):7-10; Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]

Sábado: 1 Re 3:4-13; Sal 119 (118):9-14; Mc 6:30-34

Domingo: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Sal 147 (146):1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mc 1:29-39

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Hoy en Deuteronomio oímos que las palabras de Dios llenarán la boca de un profeta verdadero, pero un profeta falso pondrá, por así decirlo, palabras meramente humanas en boca de Dios. En el Evangelio según san Marcos, vemos a Jesús enseñando y curando como un profeta verdadero con la autoridad de la voz de Dios. La historia de nuestra Iglesia está llena de ambos tipos de profetas. Algunos profetas falsos fueron extremadamente populares y eran muy versados en la Sagrada Escritura, incluso ocupaban puestos de autoridad eclesial. Pero en el Evangelio de hoy descubrimos que la fama de Jesús se extendió porque enseñaba con autoridad; no era una autoridad porque fuera popular o famoso. En otra parte, descubrimos con él, cuando es tentado y enfrenta a Satanás en el desierto, que cualquiera puede citar la Sagrada Escritura, incluso si estos van en contra de los propósitos de Dios. Hoy oímos que su autoridad no era como la de los escribas, que eran la autoridad oficial religiosa en su época. Nuestra tarea es hacer todo lo posible por saber identificar a los verdaderos profetas que están entre nosotros y también a ser verdaderos profetas. El salmista nos dice cómo hacerlo: no debemos endurecer nuestros corazones cuando escuchamos a Dios. Si realmente escuchamos a Dios, Dios pondrá sus palabras en nuestra boca.

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

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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



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.

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

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Segunda colecta—27/28 de enero—Mantenimiento

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

27 de enero | sábado | Santa Ángela de Meríci

5:30 pm Bud Salvato (dec) by Bread & Broth

28 de enero | domingo |

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30 de enero | martes |

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31 de enero | miércoles | San Juan Bosco

8:00 am Theresa Paganello (dec) by Ann Marie Rosie

12:00 pm Barb Gojan (comfort) by Lydia Rogers

1 de febrero | jueves |

8:00 am Father Martin Brusato (dec)

2 de febrero | viernes | La Presentación del Señor

8:00 am Margaret Svarczkopf (dec) by the Lohmeiers

12:00 pm Father Martin Brusato (dec)

3 de febrero | sábado | San Blas; San Oscar; Santa María Virgen; Bendición de las gargantas

5:30 pm Pauline Mifsud (dec) by the Winslow family

POSTURAS Y GESTOS CORPORALES EN LA MISA

Continuación...

SEÑAL DE REVERENCIA. Por último, en la nueva Instrucción General, se nos pide que hagamos una señal de reverencia, señal que ha de ser determinada por los obispos de cada país o región, antes de recibir de pie la Comunión. Los obispos de este país han determinado que la señal que ofreceremos antes de la Comunión ha de ser una venia, un gesto mediante el cual expresamos nuestra reverencia y honramos a Cristo, quien viene a nosotros como alimento espiritual.

Además de servir como un medio para la oración de los seres compuestos de cuerpo y alma, las posturas y los gestos corporales que hacemos en la Misa cumplen otra función muy importante. La Iglesia ve en estas posturas y gestos corporales comunes tanto un símbolo de unidad de aquellos que han venido a reunirse para rendir culto como un medio para proteger dicha unidad. No somos libres para cambiar estas posturas para acomodarlas a nuestra propia piedad, ya que la Iglesia deja bien claro que nuestra unidad en las posturas y gestos corporales son una expresión de nuestra participación en el único Cuerpo formado por los bautizados con Cristo, nuestra cabeza. Cuando nos ponemos de pie, cuando nos arrodillamos, cuando nos sentamos, cuando hacemos una reverencia, lo mismo que cuando hacemos una señal como una acción en común, atestiguamos sin ambigüedades que somos en verdad el Cuerpo de Cristo, unidos en el corazón, la mente y el espíritu.

Based upon Roman Missal Formational Materials provided by the Secretariat for the Liturgy of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "2010.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El día 2 de febrero se celebrará la Candelaria. En este día se conmemora la purificación de María, cuarenta días después de que dio a luz a Jesús. Candelaria viene del verbo latín candere (brillar), de allí la palabra candela, o sea, veladora. La celebración de la Purificación de María y la Presentación del Niño Jesús en el templo se conmemora con la bendición de todas las velas y veladoras que se van a usar durante el año. Esto se hace con la esperanza de que nunca venga a faltar la luz, tanto material como espiritual, en las casas de los fieles. Los cristianos, como Simeón en el templo, pueden decir que ellos también han visto la salvación; Jesús la verdadera luz que brilla en brazos de María.

En Puerto Rico tradicionalmente esta fiesta se celebra con la quemazón de los árboles de navidad, basura, palos, cosas viejas, etc. Esta costumbre subraya el deseo de dejar atrás todo lo malo para que llegue lo bueno; es decir terminar con la oscuridad para que brille la luz.

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

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CATÓLICOS DE NACIMIENTO

"El que tiene mujer se preocupa de las cosas de este mundo, buscando cómo agradar a su mujer" (1 Corintios 7:33).

Muchos de ustedes que leen Un Pan, Un Cuerpo están casados. La segunda lectura de hoy parece implicar que el matrimonio es una vocación limitada porque una persona casada no puede estar casada y "preocupada de las cosas del Señor, buscando cómo agradar al Señor" (1 Co 7:32). Es importante, empero, leer este pasaje en su contexto. San Pablo cree que Jesús volverá pronto (1 Co 7:29, 31). Si "queda poco tiempo" (1 Co 7:29), entonces es vital hacer todo el esfuerzo para convertir "al mayor número posible" (1 Co 9:19) antes de que Jesús regrese. Esfuerzos a largo plazo como el matrimonio y la familia no podrían satisfacer la necesidad a corto plazo de evangelizar con toda fuerza.

Pero, Jesús no regresó en el plazo de la vida de Pablo. La Iglesia primitiva se dio cuenta de que sus miembros debían "hacer discípulos" (Mt 28:19) teniendo y criando hijos piadosos y bien entrenados en la fe. En este contexto, las personas casadas tienen un papel integral e irremplazable en los "asuntos del Señor". Tienen la ventaja única para alimentar, amar y discipular a sus hijos en una relación a largo plazo y que no se puede igualar por ningún otro miembro del cuerpo de Cristo. Pablo entonces se dio cuenta de que Dios se complace tanto por este tipo de matrimonio que Él lo considera un reflejo de Su propio amor por la Iglesia (Ef 5:31-32).

Oración: Padre, que todas las parejas casadas construyan el cuerpo de Cristo y así "se entreguen totalmente al Señor" (1 Co 7:35).

Promesa: "Todos estaban asombrados de su enseñanza, porque les enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad y no como los escribas" (Mc 1:22).

Alabanza: Te alabo, Jesús, por amarnos perfectamente, aunque todavía seamos pecadores (Rom 5:8). ¡Toda gloria a Ti para siempre!

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Le enviaremos automáticamente el recibo de contribuciones para sus impuestos si excede \$100.00 para el año 2017. La carta de donación será enviada a finales de enero. Si necesita ayuda, póngase en contacto con Jennifer Gaston o Irene Lohmeier al (530) 544-3533 Ext 101. —Fr. Mauricio



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14 de febrero

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