

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23.

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday June 1 St. Justin

5:30pm The Anthony family & Sophie Zimnox (dec) by Bob Anthony

Sunday June 2

8:00 am Ed Burkart (dec) by Tom and Cindy Burkart

10:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

12:00 pm Father John Grace (dec) by St. Theresa parish staff

7:00 pm

Monday June 3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

8:00 am Mark Bisbee (bday) by his family

Tuesday June 4

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

Wednesday June 5 St. Boniface

8:00 am Jose Sanchez (dec) by his daughter

12:00 pm Concordia Balong (healing) by Ester & family

Thursday June 6 St. Norbert

8:00 am Beverly Sass (bday) by the St. Theresa parish staff

Friday June 7

8:00 am Michael Donovan (dec) by his mom

12:00 pm Andy Draghi (healing) by Pat Murphy

Saturday June 8

5:30pm Monsignor Murrough Wallace (spec int) by friends



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

5/26	Regular Collection	pending
	NO SECOND COLLECTION	

Second collection *THIS* weekend:
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Second collection *NEXT* weekend: **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, June 3	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal
Tuesday, June 4	8am Mass; 9am Session V of Priest, Prophet & King
Wednesday, June 5	8am Mass; 12noon Mass
Thursday, June 6	8am Mass; 2pm-4pm B&B4Kids; 6pm Blessed Is She
Friday, June 7	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 4pm-5pm Second Serving; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry; 4pm wedding rehearsal; 7pm Toccata Concert
Saturday, June 8	4pm confessions; 1pm wedding; 5:30pm Rev. Manny Rodriguez Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday, June 9	8am, 10am, 12 noon (Rev. Steven Wood Mass of Thanksgiving) and 7pm (in Spanish) Masses

FR. MAURICIO'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, June 3	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 9am-12noon office work; 12noon break; 1pm appointment; 2-4pm office work
Tuesday, June 4	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 9am Session V of Priest, Prophet & King; 11am-4pm office work
Wednesday, June 5	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 9-11:30am office work; 12noon Mass; 130pm Mass at Barton Skilled Nursing; 3pm break; 4-6pm office work; 6pm workout
Thursday, June 6	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; day off
Friday, June 7	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 1pm-4pm office work; 4pm wedding rehearsal
Saturday, June 8	7:30am opening the church; 7am-8:30am blowing leaves & pine needles; 10am Baptism in Spanish; 11:30 Baptisms in English; 1pm wedding; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm (Rev. Manny Rodriguez Mass of Thanksgiving)
Sunday, June 9	6:45am opening the church; 8am, 10am, 12 noon (Rev. Steven Wood Mass of Thanksgiving) Masses; 3pm-5pm personal time; 6pm confessions



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office
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KNIGHT'S CORNER

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS California State Council

"Fear Not" For Nothing is Impossible With God

MEN: Are You Ready to make a change?

If you're too busy to participate in Knights of Columbus Council activities right now, but want to be a member, on-line membership is for you! California communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values. For over 130 years, Knights of Columbus stood up for the Church, serve the least among us, and strengthen our parishes. The world needs more committed Catholic men to answer the call.

WILL YOU ANSWER?

All practical Catholic men, 18 years and over can join the Knights of Columbus on-line in a simple streamlined process: **eMembership** Available at: www.knights.net
Find out about what Knights do in California
www.californiaknights.org

PRAYER IS TO BE SHARED

Much that has been said about prayer might create the false impression that prayer is a private, individualistic, and nearly secret affair, so personal and so deeply hidden in our inner life that it can hardly be talked about, even less be shared. The opposite is true. Just because prayer is so personal and arises from the center of our life, it is to be shared with others. Just because prayer is the most precious expression of being human, it needs the constant support and protection of the community to grow and flower. Just because prayer is our highest vocation, needing careful attention and faithful perseverance, we cannot allow it to be a private affair. Just because prayer asks for a patient waiting in expectation, it should never become the most individualistic expression of the most individualistic emotion, but should always remain embedded in the life of the community of which we are part.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/prayer-is-to-be-shared/>



ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF SAINT THERESA

Saturday | June 22 | 12noon-9pm

SWING SET?

"I tell you truly: you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices; you will grieve for a time, but your grief will be turned into joy." —John 16:20

Imagine a little boy sitting in a swing. This child's slightly older brother begins to push his brother in the swing. At first, the younger brother is delighted. Then his brother pushes the swing harder. The younger brother begins to become afraid. He cries to his brother to stop. The older brother pushes even harder. The younger child begins to scream and cry.

This scene is analogous to trusting in the Spirit. When the wind of the Spirit blows our swing, it can be delightful. However, if the Holy Spirit pushes harder, we might become afraid. Because of our fears, we can refuse to let the wind of the Spirit lift us up to the heights.

The Holy Spirit swung Paul so hard that he was sent to be a missionary to the Gentiles (see Acts 18:6). The cross is the ultimate push of the Holy Spirit. We are naturally afraid to be lifted up to the cross.

Tomorrow begins the Pentecost novena, which is often all about growing to trust the Holy Spirit before He pushes your swing harder. Pray with all your heart the Pentecost novena.

Prayer: Jesus, lifted up on the cross, in the Resurrection, and in Your Ascension, may I let you draw me to Yourself (Jn 12:32).

Promise: "Many of the Corinthians, too, who heard Paul believed and were baptized." —Acts 18:8

Praise: At a healing service, Jesus healed Nora's torn rotator cuff, restoring her full range of motion.

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Download the app. This is an opportunity for our parishes to stay connected with parishioners by bringing faith to their fingertips. Thanks to a partnership between myParish App, FAITH Catholic and our Diocese, there is no cost associated with this for parishes, including maintenance and server. **NO COST!**

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR PARISHIONERS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Phillip Gaston | Corbett Martin | Zachary Martin | Erik Townsend

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Concordia Balong | Bill Barboni | Kathleen Brady | Krista Carson | Romie Enriquez | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | Tony Russo | Gloria Walkowiak

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

REFLECTIONS

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

I am alarmed by the conservative trends in the liturgy today. The changes in the celebration of the Eucharist that were recently imposed on us are but the tip of the iceberg. What should I do?

Gentle Reader,

I sometimes wish Jesus had left us with much clearer directives as to the celebration of the Eucharist. Of course, he didn't and undoubtedly purposefully so. Nevertheless, I wonder what exactly he had in mind when he told us, "do this in memory of me"?

Much has changed in the liturgy since Jesus gathered with his followers to break the bread and share the wine on the night before he died. The liturgy has evolved together with the church as it became more and more complex. Some of the landmark events that changed the liturgy over the course of time are the unification of the liturgy of the early Christian churches into the Roman Rite, the codification of the liturgy in light of the Council of Trent, and the fundamental changes in the liturgy after the Second Vatican Council.

Today's liturgy is characterized by the following five affirmations:

The Eucharist is the source and summit of everything we do as a community.

The entire Body of Christ in its varied ministries celebrates the liturgy.

Everyone is called to full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy.

Christ is present in the gathered assembly, the celebrant, the Word proclaimed, and above all the consecrated bread and wine.

The Body of Christ worships best when using the local language and honoring local customs.

These fundamental theological concepts were published over fifty years ago in a groundbreaking document: the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (1963). On the basis of this document the liturgy was revised. The first edition of the revised liturgy was published in the Roman Missal of 1969. In the year 2000 the fifth revision of this instruction was promulgated in Latin. As in every round of revisions, there are some clarifications and some adaptation in light of contemporary liturgical needs. We have been using this version of the liturgy since Advent 2011.

Every shift in the way we celebrate the liturgy in the course of our history has been accompanied by praise and outcry. This was no different with the most recent change. Some people are very much for it while others are very vocally opposed. This holds true for both laypeople and clerics alike, even high ranking ones. Some say the changes go too far, others that they don't go far enough. On and on it goes.

Our calling as members of the church is to trust in the Holy Spirit at work, albeit in a sinful church and through fallible people. The beauty of the Catholic Church is that there is room for those who delight in singing Gregorian chant as well as those who clap hands and beat on the drums. So rather than set up theological barriers and delineate liturgical camps, let us build bridges we can cross together.

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TOGETHER WE PRAY TO GOD

Prayer is the language of the Christian community. In prayer the nature of the community becomes visible because in prayer we direct ourselves to the One who forms the community. We do not pray to each other, but together we pray to God, who calls us and makes us into a new people. Praying is not one of the many things the community does.

Rather, it is its very being. Many discussions about prayer do not take this very seriously. Sometimes it seems as if the Christian community is "so busy" with its projects and plans that there is neither the time nor the mood to pray. But when prayer is no longer its primary concern, and when its many activities are no longer seen and experienced as part of prayer itself, the community quickly degenerates into a club with a common cause but no common vocation.

By prayer, community is created as well as expressed. Prayer is first of all the realization of the community itself. Most clear and most noticeable are the words, the gestures, and the silence through which the community is formed. When we listen to the word, we not only receive insight into God's saving work, but we also experience a new mutual bond. When we stand around the altar, eat bread and drink wine, kneel in meditation, or walk in procession, we not only remember God's work in human history, but we also become aware of God's creative presence here and now. When we sit together in silent prayer, we create a space where we sense that the One we are waiting for is already touching us, as he touched Elijah in front of the cave (1 Kings 19:13).

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/community-is-heart-calling-to-heart/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT | May 31 to June 8

I encourage you to pray for **nine days for the gift of the Holy Spirit**. Let's invoke that Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, whom we received in Baptism and Confirmation. Just as the disciples prayed for this gift and received the Breath of God in Pentecost, let us ask the Holy Spirit to breath in us again. Please find a copy of the novena on the tables in the vestibule.

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN | June 1 & 2

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, in the United States and around the world, through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in the Diocese of Sacramento to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

PRIEST, PROPHET AND KING

Bible Study/Formation Program | Parish Center (corner of Rufus Allen/Lyons Ave.) | Tuesdays at 9am s

Join this six-session Bible Study! "We cannot introduce Jesus to others unless we have first been introduced to him ourselves, and this is our purpose with the Priest, Prophet and King- to provide an introduction to the Lord so that in coming to know him, people might better introduce him to others." Come to better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture, and realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission received at Baptism.

June 4: Ordering the Kingdom | June 11: King of Kings

5th ANNUAL BASKETBALL GAME

Priests vs Seminarians | Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Game starts 7pm | Doors open 6:30pm Christian Brothers High School Gym 4315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95820

\$15 Adults · \$60 Group of 6 Adults · \$5 Students K-College Buy tickets: WWW.SCD.ORG/BASKETBALL For more information, contact Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations at (916) 733-0258 or msmith@scd.org

THANKSGIVING MASSES

Rev. Mr. Manuel Manny Rodriguez
and

Rev. Mr. Steven Wood

will be celebrating a Mass of thanksgiving at St. Theresa the following dates:

Mass of thanksgiving by Rev. Mr. Manuel "Manny" Rodriguez

Saturday, June 8 at 5:30pm

Reception to follow in Grace Hall.

Mass of thanksgiving by Rev. Mr. Steven Wood

Sunday, June 9 at 12noon

Reception to follow in Grace Hall.

RECEPTIONS AFTER MASSES OF THANKSGIVING

For the reception for Deacon Manny on June 8, families are asked to bring a dish and drinks to share! If your last name begins with:

A-M bring a main dish to share,

N-R bring desserts,

S-Z bring fruits, finger foods or soft drinks.

For the reception for Deacon Steven on June 9, families are asked to bring a dish and drinks to share! If your last name begins with:

A-D bring desserts,

E-H bring fruits, finger foods or soft drinks,

I-Z bring a main dish to share.

WEEKEND OF REFLECTION | June 14th and 15th | Zephyr Point Conference Center, Zephyr Cove, NV

Join us for a two day event with the spiritually uplifting motivational speaker, Becky Eldredge. Her knowledge, training and experience which leads people on a faith filled journey, will transform the heart and renew the mind and spirit. She will introduce simple practices that will show us how even brief moments of quiet with Jesus will change the way we deal with everyday frustrations and our interactions with others. She also will teach us to take notice of the presence of God in the middle of our overscheduled lives.

Friday, June 14th (6-9pm)

Making Hope Real

An FREE evening event for both men and women.

Saturday, June 15th (9-5pm)

Making Room for God in the Busyness

A full day of reflection and includes breakfast and lunch. Open to women 12 and older.

Cost: \$40 per person

Tickets may be purchased at: <https://www.eventbrite.com> (Zephyr Cove)

Or Contact **Bridget Spencer** at (916) 595-2570

2 DE JUNIO DE 2019 | LA ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR

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.

MISAS DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

Los Reverendos Manuel Manny Rodríguez y Steven Wood celebrarán una Misa de acción de gracias en Santa Teresa las siguientes fechas:

Misa de acción de gracias por el Reverendo Manuel Manny Rodríguez

Sábado, 8 de junio a las 5:30pm

Hay Recepción después de Misa en Grace Hall.

Misa de acción de gracias por el Reverendo Steven Wood

Domingo, 9 de junio a las 12mediodia

Hay Recepción después de Misa en Grace Hall

RECEPCIONES DESPUÉS DE LAS MISAS DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

Para la recepción del Diácono Manny el 8 de junio, se les invita a traer algo para compartir. Lo pueden que traer está asignado por la letra inicial de su apellido:

A-M trae un platillo para compartir | N-R trae postre | S-Z traer fruta, bocadillos o sodas

Para la recepción del Diácono Steven el 9 de junio, se les invita a traer algo para compartir. Lo pueden que traer está asignado por la letra inicial de su apellido:

A-D prostres | E-H fruta, bocadillos o sodas | I-Z un platillo para compartir.

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“¡Hasta la próxima semana, mantén tus pies en el suelo y sigue buscando las estrellas!” Hoy no es la sabiduría bíblica, sino el sabio consejo del legendario DJ Casey Kasem, escuchado por generaciones a lo largo y ancho de Estados Unidos por generaciones, el desafiante cierre de los Top 40 de Estados Unidos. Aunque Casey no citaba las Escrituras, hoy los Hechos de los Apóstoles ofrecen un consejo parecido. Cuando Jesús ascendió, los discípulos “miraban fijamente el cielo”. ¿No preferiríamos una mirada relajante del alma en un cielo azul tranquilo hasta un enfoque descorazonador en una tierra manchada de sangre? Pero los interlocutores celestiales preguntaron a los primeros discípulos, ¿por qué están parados ahí mirando el cielo? ¡La tierra espera su misión! Mientras nuestros corazones deben “seguir buscando en el cielo”, nosotros necesitamos “mantener nuestros pies en la tierra”. Los pasajes de la Ascensión y el jubileo de la misericordia nos recuerdan, el Jesús que veneramos cuando “ascendió al cielo” vive aquí mismo en medio de nosotros en la tierra, esperando nuestro reconocimiento y servicio amoroso.

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

1 de junio | sábado | San Justino

5:30 pm The Anthony family & Sophie Zimnox (dec) by Bob Anthony

2 de junio | domingo |

8:00 am Ed Burkart (dec) by Tom and Cindy Burkart

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4 de junio | martes |

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7 de junio | viernes |

8:00 am Michael Donovan (dec) by his mom

12:00 pm Andy Draghi (healing) by Pat Murphy

8 de junio | sábado |

5:30 pm Monsignor Murrough Wallace (spec int) by friends



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

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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

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

5/26	Colecta Regular	pending
	NO HAY COLECTA	

Segunda colecta—COLECTA PARA LA CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA DE LA COMUNICACIÓN

Segunda colecta—1/2 de junio: MANTENIMIENTO

COLECTA PARA LA "CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA DE LA COMUNICACIÓN" | 1 & 2 DE JUNIO

Hoy realizaremos la colecta para la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación (CCC). Su apoyo ayuda a la CCC a conectar a las personas con Cristo, en Estados Unidos y alrededor del mundo, a través del Internet, la televisión, la radio y los medios impresos. La mitad de los fondos recaudados permanecen en la Diócesis de Sacramento para financiar esfuerzos locales. Sea parte de esta campaña para propagar el mensaje del Evangelio. ¡Apoye a la colecta de hoy! Para informarse más, visiten www.usccb.org/cc.

¿UNA FE ALTAMENTE CONTAGIOSA?

"Apenas esta oyó el saludo de María, el niño saltó de alegría en su seno, e Isabel, llena del Espíritu Santo" (Lucas 1:41-42).

El viejo dicho es verídico: "La fe se aprende más por contagio que por ser enseñada". Si tienes al Espíritu Santo muy activo en ti, tendrás un breve encuentro con los demás, y muchos de ellos entregarán sus vidas a Jesús, recibirán el Espíritu Santo, y serán transformados. Esto es lo que sucedió cuando María visitó a Isabel. En el primer Pentecostés cristiano, tres mil personas escucharon un poco acerca de Jesús, y en unas pocas horas fueron bautizados en Él (ver Hch 2:41). Pablo fue de ciudad en ciudad y vio que las conversiones se llevaban a cabo muy rápidamente, tan repentinas como su propia conversión ocurrida en el camino a Damasco (Hch 22:6-10). Esto también sucedió por medio de Pedro (Hch 10:44-48), Felipe (Hch 8:34-38) y otros discípulos de Jesús. La fe de aquellos en el Espíritu es altamente contagiosa. Aún un breve contacto con esta puede generar muchas conversiones.

¿A cuántas personas has contagiado tu fe últimamente? Si no son muchas, no culpes a los corazones endurecidos de aquellos que encuentres, sino busca en tu corazón para ver si estás apagando al Espíritu Santo (1 Tes 5:19). Arrepiéntete y recibe un nuevo Pentecostés mediante el cual el Espíritu "renovará la faz de la tierra" (Sal 104:30).

Oración: Padre, en este primer día de la Novena de Pentecostés, aumenta en mí el amor y el celo para ser un cristiano altamente contagioso.

Promesa: "¡El Señor, tu Dios, está en medio de ti, es un guerrero victorioso! Él exulta de alegría a causa de ti, te renueva con Su amor y lanza por ti gritos de alegría" (Sof 3:17).

Alabanza: La Santísima Virgen María no se guardó las Buenas Nuevas, sino que compartió a su Hijo con su primo y con nosotros. Este acto de bondad ayudó a soltar el poder del Espíritu Santo al mundo.

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¿IMPULSOS DE COLUMPIO?

"Les aseguro que ustedes van a llorar y se van a lamentar; el mundo, en cambio, se alegrará. Ustedes estarán tristes, pero esa tristeza se convertirá en gozo" (Juan 16:20).

Imagina a un niño pequeño sentado en un columpio. El hermano un poco mayor comienza a empujar a su hermano en el columpio. Al principio, el hermano menor está encantado. Entonces su hermano empuja el columpio con más fuerza. El hermano menor comienza a tener miedo. Él le grita a su hermano que se detenga. El hermano mayor empuja aún más duro. El niño más pequeño comienza a gritar y llorar. Esta escena es análoga a confiar en el Espíritu. Cuando el viento del Espíritu sopla nuestro columpio, suele ser delicioso. Empero, el Espíritu Santo nos impulsará más. Entonces, podremos inquietarnos. Si clamamos al Espíritu que pare, entonces, a diferencia del hermano mayor, el Espíritu se detendrá. Debido a nuestros temores, nosotros podemos negarnos a permitir que el viento del Espíritu nos eleve a las alturas.

El Espíritu Santo impulsó a Pablo tan fuerte que le envió a ser misionero de los gentiles (ver Hch 18:6). Esto traspasó, y por mucho, la zona de confort de Pablo. La cruz es el impulso final del Espíritu Santo. Naturalmente tenemos miedo a ser elevados a la cruz.

Mañana comienza la novena de Pentecostés, que suele abarcar un crecimiento de confianza en el Espíritu Santo antes de que Él te impulse más tu columpio. Ora con todo tu corazón la novena de Pentecostés.

Oración: Jesús, levantado en la cruz, en la Resurrección, y en Su Ascensión, que pueda yo permitirte impulsarme hacia Ti (Jn 12:32).

Promesa: "Muchos habitantes de Corinto, que habían escuchado a Pablo, abrazaron la fe y se hicieron bautizar" (Hch 18: 8).

Alabanza: En un servicio de sanación, Jesús curó el desgarro del mango rotador de Nora, restaurando su rango completo de movimiento.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El 25 de abril la Iglesia conmemora a Pedro de Betancur (1626-1667). Originalmente de las Islas Canarias, a la edad de 24, se trasladó a Cuba. En 1651 llegó a Guatemala con la ambición de predicar a Cristo. Esto lo hizo, no como sacerdote ni religioso. El fue como laico, reconociendo su deber bautismal de evangelizar. En 1655 ingresó en la Orden Seglar Franciscana y como laico quiso poner en práctica la espiritualidad franciscana, ayudando a los pobres. Sin su propio pan o casa el alimentaba al hambriento y amparaba al indigente. A todos recordaba la necesidad de la salvación y en la simplicidad de su mensaje derretía el egoísmo de los ricos. Les abría el corazón enseñándoles a compartir con los más pequeños de sus hermanos y hermanas.

Eventualmente su nobleza de espíritu atrajo a hombres y mujeres que deseaban compartir su apostolado y fundó la Orden Betlehemitana. También fundó la primera escuela de niños en Centro América convirtiéndose en el alfabetizador de Guatemala. Así dio ejemplo de lo que la Iglesia debe hacer por el pobre y marginado.

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