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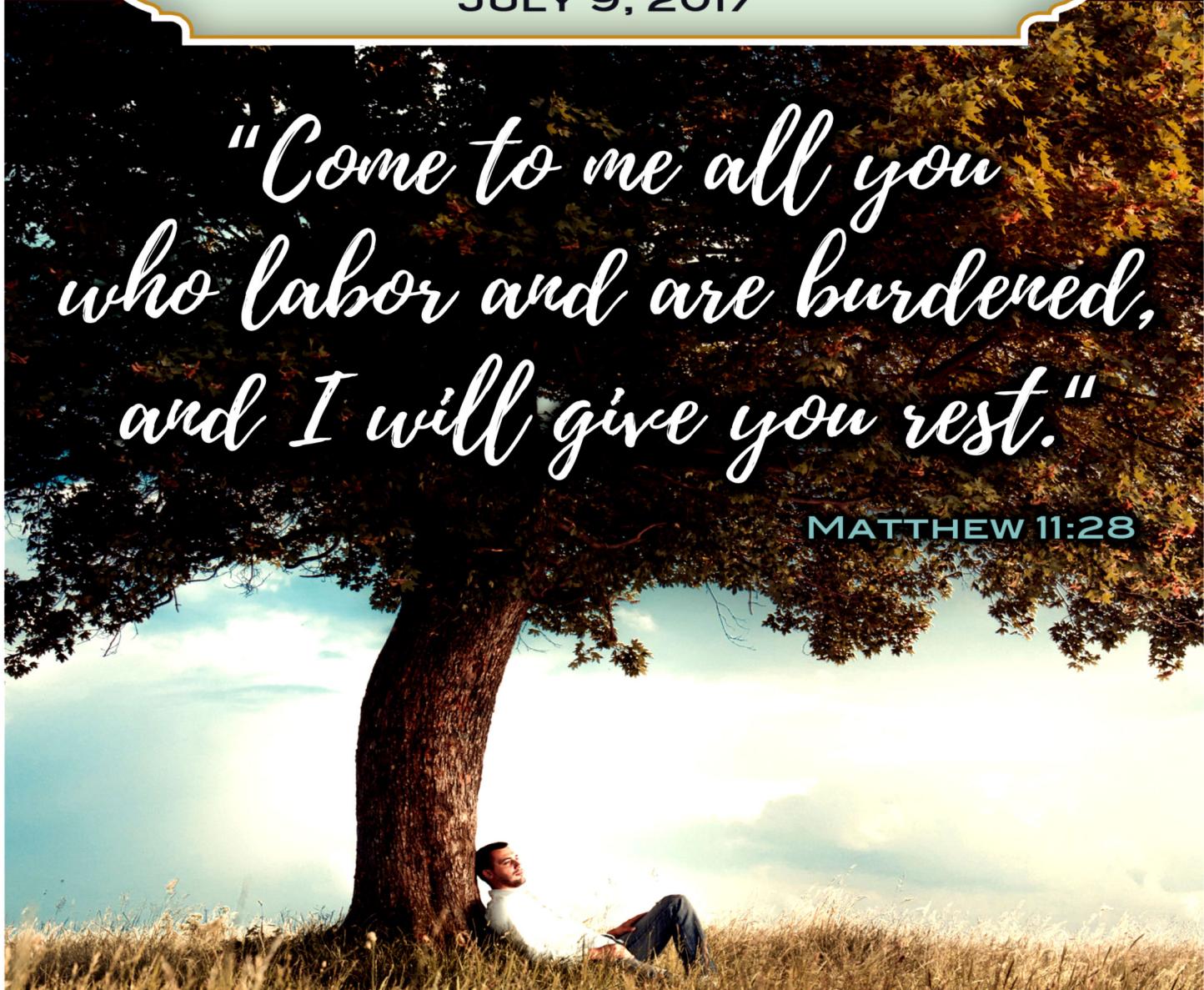


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 9, 2017

*"Come to me all you
who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest."*

MATTHEW 11:28



Light Burdens

First Reading

Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

The Prophet Zechariah sees a vision of the future messianic king of a reunited Israel, but he is not a king of the typical sort. While most kings gain or retain their dominion by force of arms. This king will "banish the chariot" and "the warrior's bow." And he will establish a peace that extends well beyond the boundaries of the present country of Israel. He is a "savior," but not a military one. His dominion is rooted not in might, but in righteousness, in meekness. Moreover, he will arrive, not on a war horse, but on a mere "colt, the foal of an ass."

The Hebrew moshiach refers to the anointing that kings (as well as priests and prophets) would have received as a sign of office. But the hope of Israel, as seen here in Zechariah, is for more than a duly anointed king of the Davidic line who would defeat her enemies. The deepest desire of the prophet and his people—as for us—is for shalom, that peace that no ordinary king can provide. This sort of peace is not enforced, but the subject of a proclamation, as the prophet says. Only the true King, whose divine dominion extends even beyond "the ends of the earth" to the heights of heaven, can supply this deeper peace by a word of proclamation. Although the prophet hints at this proclamation, it is realized in the Gospel.



Second Reading

The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11-13).

To enter the kingdom of the Messiah described by the prophet Zechariah, who is meek and yet capable of bringing peace by a mere command, we must learn to live in a new way. That way of living is a gift—a gift of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ. Just as he is not a king "according to the flesh," we are not to be his subjects "according to the flesh." In this exhortation against "the flesh," St. Paul does not mean that we are to

reject everything bodily, but only that which is connected to what he calls a few verses earlier "sinful flesh" (8:3). If you live by sinning in the flesh, he warns, "You will die." But if

we live according to the dictates of the Spirit, even our "mortal bodies" will be drawn into the life of this new spiritual kingdom. We are, by God's design, embodied spirits, different from both animals and the angels. Our particular way of cleaving to God is not disembodied, nor is it animalistic. When we surrender ourselves to the Spirit of God, he transforms us, body and soul, into "heirs with Christ" of the heavenly Kingdom that immeasurably surpasses anything that earth can offer (8:17). Our way to that inheritance is the same that he trod: through suffering and death.

Gospel Reading

Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).

We sometimes puzzle over this image of the yoke, which is the mechanism used by farmers to bind draft animals to each other and to the equipment that they labor to pull. It sounds to us as though Jesus isn't doing us any favors by offering us such a yoke. He does say specifically that his yoke is "easy" and "light," but why should we want to be bound up like a draft animal, even if the instrument that binds me is relatively comfortable?

Rabbi Joshua ben Korhah was asked once why it is that in the twice daily ritual of Jewish life called the Shema prayer, the first portion speaking of love of God and his word (Deut 6:4-9) should precede the portions which speak of the obligations of Jewish life (11:13-21). His answer was "so that one might accept upon himself the yoke of the kingdom of heaven first; afterwards, he accepts upon himself the yoke of the commandments."

Thus, the yoke that Jesus speaks of is a symbol for a covenantal, familial relationship with God. What Jesus offers us is a new way to enter the kingdom of God, the covenant with God, one which does indeed involve obedience, but which is made easy and light because of the grace that he wins for us by his own obedience. He first models the obedience he asks for by being "meek and humble of heart." His own obedience to the Father and love for us comes first; then he asks us to take on ourselves the yoke he has already carried for us. When he says that it is "my yoke," he means that it is the one he not only wears, but also that he shares.

Grow in Discipleship

Sometimes we are tempted to think that it would be so much easier to believe in Jesus if we were living when he was on earth. Maybe ... but maybe not. Today's Gospel tells us that it has never been easy to understand all of Jesus's teachings, even for those who heard him in person.

What, for instance, would the disciples have made of the saying "My yoke is easy and my burden light"? It's unlikely that they would have immediately understood what he was talking about. After hearing Jesus say these things, they probably discussed the teachings among themselves, puzzling over what he was truly saying. How can one man make everyone's burden light? And what is the yoke he is talking about?

In some ways, today we have it easier than they did because we know from Church teaching that Jesus was referring to the "yoke of faith," which makes our other burdens including

illness, finances, difficult life circumstances, and anxiety easier to bear. It's not always easy to have faith, but when we bring our burdens to the Lord in faith, meekness, and humility, Jesus helps us carry them—and in doing so, they become lighter and more bearable. The yoke of faith gives us rest from the cares of the world, and allows us to live more peacefully as children of God in the Kingdom of God.

DIGGING DEEPER: Yokes

Yokes are referred to in Scripture more than sixty times. The first reference is in Genesis 27:40 when Esau begged for a blessing after Isaac had accidentally given the blessing of the first-born to Jacob. Esau's father tells him: "By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; but when you break loose, you shall break his yoke from your neck" (RSV: 2CE). Another famous reference to a yoke is in Galatians 5:1: "For freedom

Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (RSV: 2CE).

DISCUSSION

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light," but what is Jesus really talking about?

Watch the short Opening the Word video presentation at FORMED.org.

The presenter gave one possible explanation for what Jesus was talking about when he referred to things hidden from the wise. What are these hidden things?

What new insights about Jesus's "easy" yoke did you gain from this presentation? What is this yoke? How has this changed your idea of why he said his burden is light?

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Mass

Intentions

Saturday 7/8

- 8:30am Agustin & Natalie Seoane
Stuart Howe Baty †
5:00pm Delfin Gatchalian, Jr. †
7:00pm Dell, Fredd and Anette
Angel Gabriel Morales †

Sunday 7/9

- 6:45am Virginia Tynan †
8:00am Mass for Our Parish
Melanie Maher †
9:30am Thomas Heise †
11:00am Grandparents of Nguyen T. Le †
12:30pm Paula, Truly and Dennis †
6:00pm Maureen O'Shaunessy
Mr & Mrs Charles Saulino †

Monday 7/10

- 8:30am Michael Ziegler
Elizabeth Taylor †
The Souls in Purgatory †

Tuesday 7/11

- 8:30am Jacob Mitkof
The Hamilton Family
Clarina D'Souza †
Rosalia Lopez †

Wednesday 7/12

- 8:30am Fr Rafael Hinojosa
Antony Pham Van Hoi †
Paula, Truly and Dennis †

Thursday 7/13

- 8:30am Ramiro Resendiz †
Hector & Sofia Hernandez †
Julio, Isabel, Betty, Lynn †

Friday 7/14

- 8:30am Dell, Fredd and Anette
Ramiro Resendiz †
Hector & Sofia Hernandez †

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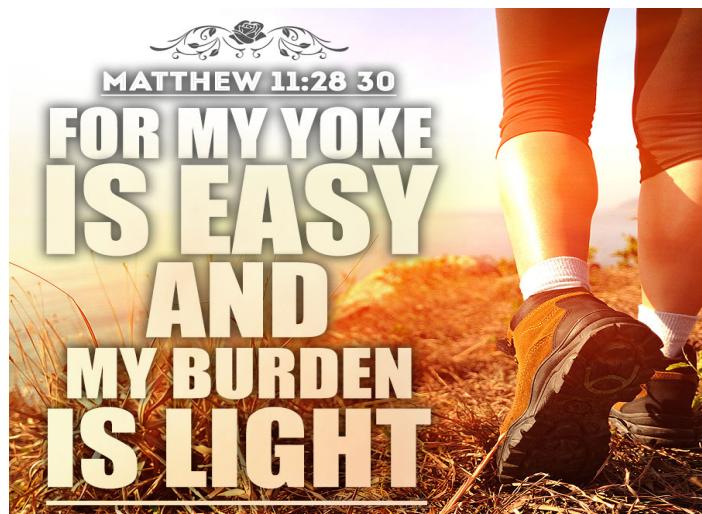
Prayers & Devotion

Meditate on Jesus' words: "My yoke is easy, and my burden light." What is the heaviest burden you carry now in your life? Envision that burden resting on your shoulders and ask Jesus to help you carry it. Imagine turning the weight over to him. Prayerfully envision Jesus with you, helping you carry your heaviest burden.

RESOLUTION:

Each morning this week, begin your day by asking Jesus to help you carry this burden—and trust that he is truly with you and that he loves you so much he does not want you to carry this on your own.

Use your journal to write down your thoughts and reflections and your resolutions.



Parish Prayer Requests

For the repose of the souls of Richard Frydenal, Cornelius Frydenal, Elizabeth "Betty" Taylor (Karen McCaffrey's mother), Pat Bellavia (Chuck's mother) and Dorothy Cavalli.

For Father Kenneth Russell, who served at St Michael's from 1979-1981. He passed to his eternal life on June 20 in Tucson, Arizona.

For Ryan, who is recovering from brain surgery.

For all those who are suffering in body, mind and spirit.

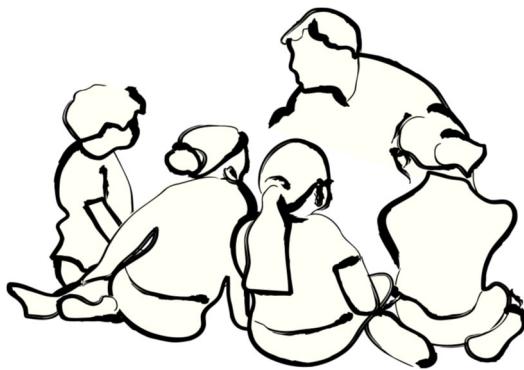
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News & Announcements

Registration is NOW OPEN!

1st-5th Grade Faith Formation
Middle School Youth Ministry

Teen Confirmation



1st-5th Grades: Classes in English will be on Wednesdays at 4:00-5:30 pm or 6:00-7:30 pm, beginning October 4th. Classes in Spanish will be on Fridays at 5:00-6:30 pm, beginning October 6th. **Deadline to register is September 6.**

Teen Confirmation: Classes will be on Mondays at 6:00—8:00 pm starting September 18, or Sundays at 2:00-4:00 pm starting September 24th. **Deadline is to register is August 21** (second year students are automatically enrolled into the program and do not need to register again.)

Middle School Ministry: 6th - 8th grade Middle School Edge Youth Ministry will meet on Thursdays at 6:30-8:00 pm, starting on October 5. No deadlines, just drop in to register!

Pick up registration forms at the Faith Formation Office, Church Office or download at StMichaelLivermore.com/FaithFormation

Got questions? Contact Lourdes at 925-667-4096
Faith@StMichaelLivermore.com



Backpacks!

Please mark your calendars for August 12 at 9:00 am at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 1501 Hillcrest Avenue, to deliver backpacks filled with school supplies for Livermore's most needy students. Contact: ernestina.shay@comcast.net

Adult Confirmation Classes

If you are...

- at least 18 years old
- baptized, practicing Catholic
- have received your first Holy Communion
- living the marriage disciplines of the Church
- have never been confirmed

... then this is the group for you! Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:30 pm in the Convent. Call or email for more info, or just plan to attend on September 6.

Marjorie Melendez 925-447-2925
RCIA@stmichaellivermore.com

Discover the Catholic Faith

“Inquiry” meetings are the first step for adults who are thinking about becoming Catholic. It’s a no-pressure gathering to ask questions and get answers. Inquiry meets year-round on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Convent.

Marjorie Melendez 925-447-2925
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7:00 am Mass

Due to a lack of available priests, we are no longer able to offer 7:00 am Mass during the week.

8:30 am Mass, Monday-Saturday will continue as usual.

This Week

MONDAY, JULY 10

Readings: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Events:

Young Ladies' Institute meets at 1:30 pm in the Convent to deepen spiritual awareness, form friendships and provide charitable support to the parish. Contact Annie at 925-447-7211

THURSDAY, JULY 13

St. Henry

Readings: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

Reminder:

Did you get your FORMED account set up? See page 3 for instructions!

TUESDAY, JULY 11

St. Benedict

Readings: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

Events:

Rosary for St Michael School will be held every Tuesday in the Adoration Chapel at 3:30 pm. Join us!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

Readings: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Events:

Discover the Faith Inquiry Meets at 7:00 pm in the Convent. Adults curious about becoming Catholic are invited!

SUNDAY, JULY 16

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

The Sower and the Seed

When we hear the parable of the sower and seed, it can be easy to assume it is meant for someone else. After all, we are good soil, right? Next week, we will be challenged to look a bit more deeply at our own lives and assess just what kind of soil we really are. All too often, many things like sin, busyness, worry, work, and other activities keep us from receiving fully the teachings of Christ. Our initial excitement and enthusiasm for the Gospel can give way to a sort of dull acceptance. The good seed that was sown in our lives can begin to wither and die. The soil of our lives isn't all that good.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Readings: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Suggestion:

In honor of St Kateri, patron of the environment, go for a walk and pick up garbage along the way.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

Readings: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Events:

Dress-a-Girl Sew Fest: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St. from 9 am to 3 pm to make simple dresses for girls in poverty-stricken countries. Contact Suzanne Beck at 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

Fatima Plenary Indulgence Rosary

Sat, July 15 at 4:30 pm

Pope Francis has offered a Plenary Indulgence for the faithful who devoutly pray before the statue of Our Lady of Fatima during this 100th anniversary of her apparitions.

Join us to pray the rosary before the statue of Our Lady of Fatima at 4:30 pm in the church.

To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must also fulfill the ordinary conditions: go to Confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Confession is available at 9:15 and 3:45 pm in English, 6:15 pm in Spanish.



Upcoming

Summer Office Hours

**June 21-July 28
Church Office
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9:00 am—12:00 pm
1:00 pm—4:00 pm**

Tri-Valley Catholic Young Adult Ministry Mass & Brunch

Sun, July 23 at 9:30 am

Tri-Valley Catholic Young Adult Ministry serves to gather other young adults from the Tri-Valley for the purpose of growing in the faith and building community.

Join us on July 23 at the 9:30 am Mass at St Michael's followed by brunch. Meet some new friends! Questions? trivalleyyam@gmail.com

Safe Environment In-Person Training

Thurs, July 27 at 6 pm

If you are a volunteer in any ministry (regardless if you work directly with children or not), the Diocese of Oakland requires you to complete Safe Environment Training. This "in-person" training opportunity at 6:00 pm in the Church is for those who did not complete the online training earlier this year. **If you completed the online course, you do not need to attend this training.**



SUMMER ADORATION

Jesus, present in the Eucharist, is exposed on the altar in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel—24/7. All are invited to set aside a few minutes, an hour or more to just bask in the Lord's presence.

There is nothing you must "do" other than remain respectfully quiet in the chapel. The time is yours to pour out your heart to the Lord who is waiting to shower you with his love and blessings. To facilitate prayer, some people write in a journal or read Scripture or spiritual writings. Some listen to hymns through their headphones or pray the rosary. Many just sit and allow the Lord to do what He does best!

For the after-hours access code, please call 775-772-6369 in advance.

SAVE September 30 October 1

Come out and join us for the most delicious variety of ethnic food, representing our diverse community and fun and games for the whole family. We will be celebrating our patron, St Michael, and kicking off the Centennial Year for our church.



Hours of Operation: Saturday, September 30th from 11-9:30pm and Sunday, October 1st from 10-4pm.

Want to help make this year's Fall Festival a roaring success? Sponsor a booth, volunteer, donate to the auction, buy raffle tickets!

Email Festival@StMichaelLivermore.com to see how you can be a part of this historic event.

Noticias Parroquiales

La matriculación ya esta disponible

Formación de fe grados 1-5

**Ministerio de la juventud de secundaria
confirmación de adolescentes**



Grados 1-5: Clases en inglés serán miércoles 4:00-5:30 o 6:00-7:30, comenzando el 4 de Octubre. Clases en Español serán los viernes de 5:00-6:30, empezar el 6 de Octubre. Fecha límite para inscribirse es el 6 de Septiembre.

Confirmación de adolescentes: clases serán los Lunes a 6:00 – 8:00 comenzando 18 de Septiembre o los Domingos comenzando el 24 de Septiembre. 2:00-4:00, Fecha límite es para inscribirse es el 21 de Agosto (segundo año los estudiantes están inscritos automáticamente en el programa y no necesita registrarse de nuevo.)

Ministerio de la escuela media: 6-8 º grado secundaria borde Ministerio de la juventud reunirá el Jueves a las 6:30-8:00, a partir del 5 de Octubre. No hay plazos, sólo caer registrarse!

Formularios de inscripción en la oficina de formación de fe, oficina de la iglesia o descargar en
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tienes preguntas? Comunicarse con Lourdes en el 925-667-4096 Faith@StMichaelLivermore.com



¡Importante!

No habrá ninguna misa los miércoles por la noche durante el mes de julio.

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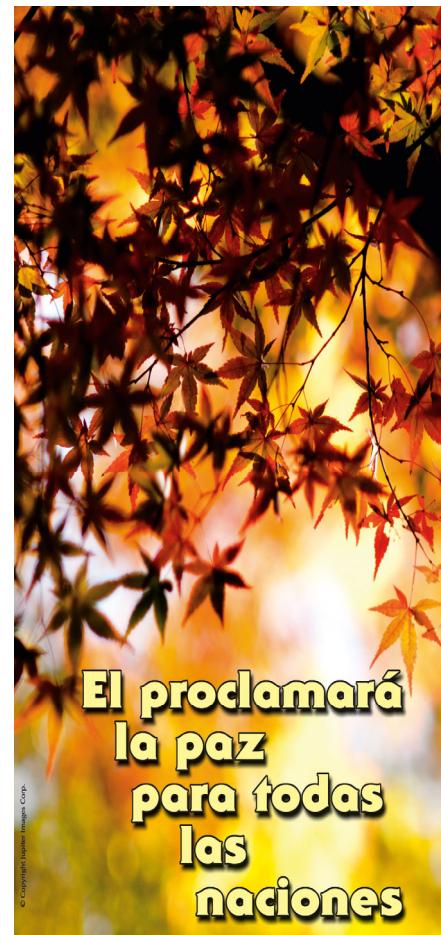
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Reflexiones de Domingo

DESDE EL RÍO HASTA LOS ÚLTIMOS RINCONES DE LA TIERRA

¡Cómo anhelamos la paz en el mundo! Pareciera que constantemente estamos rodeados de noticias de muerte y destrucción, ya sea en nuestro país o en el extranjero. Las escuchamos y las lamentamos, tratamos de dar refugio a quienes escapan de la guerra y el crimen en sus países. Oramos por ellos y por nosotros, que el miedo no nos invada y nos haga hacer cosas necias o que nos aprovechemos de personas inocentes. Dios "anunciará la paz a las naciones" (Zacarías 9:10). Podemos confiar en esta promesa de paz, si nos convertimos en personas pacíficas nosotros mismos y no somos vengativos o dejamos que la ira profunda nos domine. "Ustedes no viven conforme al desorden egoísta del hombre, sino conforme al Espíritu" (Romanos 8:9).

temos cargando la cruz equivocada. Nuestra cruz, se nos promete, será suave y ligera. Pareciera que esto no es verdad cuando sufrimos la pérdida de un ser querido, quedamos desempleados, perdemos la casa o nuestro sustento. Pero si volteamos hacia Jesús, siempre encontraremos el consuelo y amor bondadoso del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Los niños voltean hacia nosotros los adultos por consuelo y apoyo, pues Dios ha "escondido estas cosas a los sabios y entendidos, y las ha revelado a la gente sencilla" (Mateo 11:25). Podemos aprender de los niños acerca de nuestra dependencia en Dios. Y Jesús nos dice "tomen mi yugo sobre ustedes y aprendan de mí, que soy manso y humilde de corazón" (Mateo 11:29). Una vez más, la humildad del Señor no revela arrogancia ni una falsa negación de su poder, sino que revela un reconocimiento de su amor por nosotros.



VEN A MÍ

Una de las palabras de más consuelo en los evangelios están en la lectura de hoy. "Vengan a mí, todos los que están fatigados y agobiados por la carga, y yo los aliviaré, . . . porque mi yugo es suave y mi carga ligera" (Mateo 11:28, 30). Algunas veces cargamos lo que parece ser una carga difícil, cargamos nuestra cruz. Pero quizás es-

Lecturas de hoy:

Zac 9:9-10; Sal 145
(144):1-2, 8-11, 13-14;
Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt
11:25-30

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

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Jueves: San Enrique

Viernes: Santa Kateri Tekakwitha

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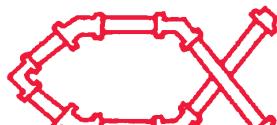
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Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa 8:30 am

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