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PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office: Open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (closed 12:00-1:30 PM for lunch). Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM. Fridays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (closed on Fridays in the summer from Memorial Day through Labor Day).

Parish Office/Chapel of the Nativity:
124 East Second Street

Church: 111 East High Street (corner of Mountain Avenue and East High Street)

Parish Office: (732) 356-0027

Parish Fax: (732) 356-8092

Emergencies Only: (732) 356-8936

Website: www.sjcbb.net

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: English Baptisms will be officiated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Church.

Spanish Baptisms will be officiated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Church. Contact the Parish Office to schedule. Attendance at Baptism class is mandatory. The Baptism must be scheduled before you attend Baptism class.

Marriage: Weddings celebrated Saturdays and Friday evenings, but not Sundays. You must contact a priest 9 months before the planned date, and reservation of a wedding time is suggested even earlier.

Confirmation, First Eucharist, First

Penance: Though immediate preparation is given before receiving these sacraments, children are expected to receive a Catholic upbringing in their families. This includes formal religious education classes and regular Sunday worship in the years prior to and following the reception of these Sacraments.

DEVOTIONS

Marian Novena: Saturdays following 8:30 AM Mass in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration:

- First Friday of the month from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Benediction in English in the Chapel.
- Second Friday of the month from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Benediction in Spanish in the Chapel.

IN THE HOSPITAL?

If you or someone you know is sick in the hospital or nursing home for an extended stay, please contact the parish office. We will do our best to have someone make a pastoral visit and bring communion. Please note that the Hospitals or Nursing Homes do not notify us, and we rely on the family to inform us of this information. Thank you for your assistance.

NEW PARISHIONERS

New Parishioners are asked to come to the Parish Office and fill out a Census form. Individuals and families must be registered and practicing here for at least six months before applying for sponsorship.

If you have changed your address or other information, please contact the Parish Office at (732) 356-0027 so that we can update our records.

SPONSORSHIP ELIGIBILITY

To be or not to be . . . A Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation

The opportunity to walk with another in Faith, whether a child or an adult is an awesome privilege. It is cause for serious consideration on the part of those who ask another to witness with their lives what it means to be a Catholic, and for those who accept this responsibility. It is important to think carefully about your selection and decision. The person to be considered a Sponsor must be at least 14 years of age and have themselves completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation), and are leading a life in harmony with the Faith and Tradition they are called to witness. A Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the mother or father of the one to be baptized. If married, their marriage must be recognized as "valid" by the Catholic Church. They must be attending Mass regularly, that is, every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.

They will need to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility signed by their pastor.

Being properly registered at one's parish is an important first step. Consider carefully your invitation and response. There is more involved to this than simply standing at the Baptismal Font. It is a lifelong commitment. If you have questions, speak with one of the parish priests who can guide you correctly. Call the Parish Office EARLY, even before your child's birth to obtain information that will help you in selecting suitable godparents.

HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY

The Middlebrook Deanery

Catholic School

(Grades Pre-K through 8)

149 South Plainfield Avenue

South Plainfield, NJ 07080

(908) 822-5890

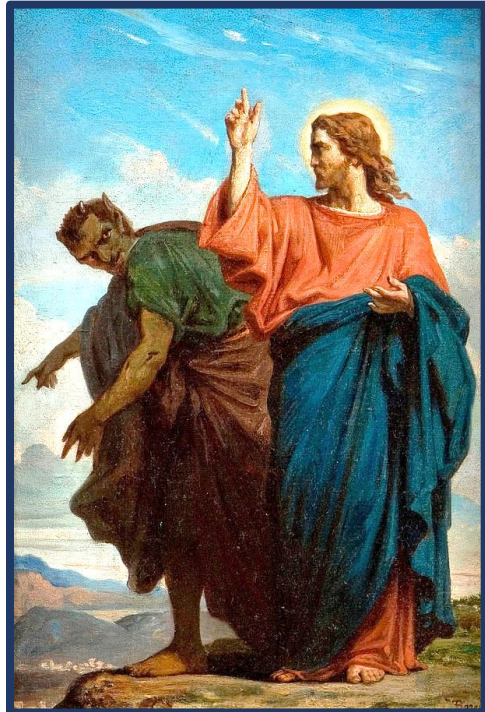
www.holysavioracademy.com

Mrs. Carol Woodburn, Principal



First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019



The Temptation of Jesus

MASSES/PENANCE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 11, 2019

8:30 AM † Juan Bautista Rivas, request of Maria Rivas

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

8:30 AM † Salvatore Persico, request of Christine Cuba

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

8:30 AM † People of the Parish

Thursday, March 14, 2019

8:30 AM † Theresa Bertucci, request of St. Joseph Choir

Friday, March 15, 2019

8:30 AM † Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:30 AM † John S. Williams, request of brother, Joe Williams

4:00 PM Penance

5:00 PM Pegg Campbell, request of Mary Patten

7:00 PM Nayely Plascencia, request of parents and brother

Sunday, March 17, 2019

8:00 AM Pasqualina Stankus, request of Skip and Donna Emanuelli

10:00 AM Veronica Hector, request of Antonio Andrade and family

12:00 PM Geraldo Salazar Chavez, request of Theresa and Eugenio Porras

† Masses held in the Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading 1: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

In a holy covenant, God promises Abram a homeland.

Reading 2: Philippians 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1

Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

His face changed in appearance and his clothes became dazzling white.

THIS WEEK

Monday, March 11, 2019

1:00-2:30 PM Rosary Altar Society in the Main Church

6:30-8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education in the Community School

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

4:00-5:15 PM Religious Education in the Community School

7:00-9:00 PM First Eucharist in the Main Church

7:00-9:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group in the Library

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education in the Community School

7:00-8:30 PM Lenten Bible Study in the Upper Room

Thursday, March 14, 2019

4:30-5:30 PM Spanish Choir in the Main Church

5:30-6:30 PM Children's Choir in the Main Church

6:30-7:30 PM Bell Choir in the Main Church

7:30-8:30 PM Adult Choir in the Main Church

7:00-9:00 PM Divine Mercy in the Chapel

7:00-8:30 PM Jóvenes Adultos Llamados al Amor de Cristo in the Library

Friday, March 15, 2019

9:30-10:30 AM Holy Hour of Prayer for Priests in the Chapel

6:00-8:00 PM Youth Group in the Upper Room

7:00-9:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group in the Chapel

Saturday, March 16, 2019

9:00-11:30 AM Altar Servers Meeting in the Main Church

3:00-4:00 PM Divine Mercy Meeting in the Upper Room

5:00-7:00 PM Spanish RICA in the Library

6:00-8:00 PM Encuentro Matrimonial in the Main Church

Sunday, March 17, 2019

9:15-10:45 AM Religious Education in the Upper Room

10:00 AM Children's Liturgy in the Main Church

11 AM-1 PM English RCIA in the Library

5:00-7:00 PM Spanish Ushers Meeting in the Upper Room

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA If you or someone you know would like to hear more about Jesus and His church, we invite you to join us at an Inquiry Session. In addition, if you wish to be baptized into the Catholic Faith, you are already baptized and wish to receive the other Sacraments of Initiation, or you come to us from another faith wishing to become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, then we invite you to join RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). For more information about sessions in English, please contact Deacon Gary Newton at Deacon.Gary@sjcbb.net or for sessions in Spanish, please contact Deacon Edgar Chaves at Deacon.Edgar@sjcbb.net.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE 2019-20 ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2019**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.



St. Joseph Parish now offers *Parish Giving*, an online option for donating to the Sunday collection. It's Simple. Log on to the St. Joseph Parish website www.sjcbb.net and click on the Parish Giving Logo. Follow the easy registration instructions.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."
(Deuteronomy 26:10)*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

In preparation for the Consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, a Spanish-speaking pilgrimage to Mexico to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held from July 1-5, 2019. More information to follow.

SUNDAY OFFERING

March 3 Regular Collection\$5,383
Thank you! Your continued support helps St. Joseph Parish to serve our community more effectively.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Where do I encounter temptation? When do I give in?
How do I withstand it?

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

All-powerful and ever-living God, when Abraham left his native land and departed from his people, you kept him safe through all his journeys. Protect these soldiers. Be their constant companion and their strength in battle, their refuge in every adversity. Guide them, O Lord, that they may return home in safety. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL HELP BUILD A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Joseph Parish. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 16/17, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2019 Offertory envelopes in the Narthex of the Church following mass. They will not be mailed to you. Thank you for your cooperation.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Monday, March 11, at 6:30 PM in the Chapel of the Nativity. The day will conclude at 8:30 PM with Prayer and Benediction in Spanish. Come and rest in the presence of Jesus.



Religious Education Educación Religiosa



First Penance will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM in the Main Church.

ALTAR SERVER MEETINGS IN MARCH

There will be meetings on March 16 and March 23 in the Main Church for new and current altar servers. Current altar servers will meet from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM and new training altar servers will meet from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Please plan to attend.

ST. JOSEPH FEAST TABLE



On Sunday, March 17 we are going to once again have our St. Joseph feast table following the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM masses. Please feel free to donate cakes or cookies, and if you are interested in manning the table, please let us know by calling (732) 356-0027 or email MaryEllen.Kirchman@sjcbb.net

PURCHASE SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS

HELP SUPPORT YOUR PARISH!

ShopRite gift cards are available for purchase following most Masses or in the Parish Office. Simply pay face value to purchase a card. The parish benefits because we are able to purchase the cards at a 5% discount. As a result, without spending anything extra, you make a contribution to St. Joseph Church. The profit generated is used to support the parish. You can buy \$10 or \$50 cards. ShopRite Gift Cards do not expire. Cash or checks are accepted.



MUSIC MINISTRY

If you would like to sing to the Lord here at Saint Joseph, come! All are welcome. The ability to read music is not a prerequisite, but a definite asset. Rehearsals are on Thursdays.



4:30 PM Spanish Choir
5:30 PM Children's Choir
6:30 PM Bell Choir
7:30 PM Adult Choir/
Instrumentalists

For more information contact Maritza Alvarez after Masses or e-mail Maritza.Alvarez@sjcbb.net.

"JESUS" (A SIGHT & SOUND PRODUCTION)

The Women's Literary Club of Bound Brook invites you to a day trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see the brand-new sight & sound production of "JESUS."

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 | **Package Price:** \$134.00

For more information and reservations, contact Joan at (732) 469-5425 or Sue at (732) 469-4169.

LENTEN INSTRUCTIONS

The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All other Fridays are days of abstinence. From Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed. Fast applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger. Abstinence applies to Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstain from meat. Obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.

SOLEMN QUIET DURING LENT

During Lent, please maintain the tradition of solemn quiet. Lent is a time of penance and reflection on the Mass, music and readings. Please refrain from any applause.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings during lent in the Chapel of the Nativity. 7:00 PM in English † 8:00 PM in Spanish

WHAT IS BEST LENT EVER?

It's a free e-mail program by *Dynamic Catholic* that will guide you on an incredible journey toward the best version of yourself. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday you'll discover ways to transform your life in forty days. Sign up for free at bestlentever.com/lent2019.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be held on **Monday, March 11**. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the church and will begin at **1:00 PM**. We hope all Rosarians will be able to attend.

The Rosary Altar Society wishes to extend an invitation to all women of St. Joseph Parish to attend our meetings and join our organization. We would love to have you!

ATTENTION YOUTH!



Join us for our youth group, *Youth United in Christ!* We meet every Friday from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Upper Room. If you have questions, please call (732) 648-5775.



St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook

LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Primera Lectura: Génesis 15:5-12, 17-18

En una alianza el Señor promete tierras a Abraham.

Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 3: 17—4:1

Cristo transformará nuestro cuerpo miserable en un cuerpo glorioso, semejante al suyo.

Evangelio: Lucas 9:28-36

Su rostro cambio de aspecto y sus vestiduras se hicieron blancas y relampagueantes.

AVISOS A LA COMUNIDAD

Confesiones

Las confesiones se realizan en inglés y español:

• **Sábados** de 4:00 a 4:45 PM en la Iglesia.

Marzo 16: Fr. John Pringle

Marzo 23: Fr. Marco Cáceres (Español e Inglés)

Marzo 30: Fr. John Pringle (Inglés)

Para confesarse en otro momento debe hacer una cita previa llamando al (732) 356-0027.

Familiares Hospitalizados

Si tiene algún familiar hospitalizado, y desea visita pastoral y Eucaristía, por favor infórmelo a la parroquia, llamando al teléfono (732) 356-0027.

DURANTE ESTA SEMANA

Divina Misericordia

Todos los jueves a las 7:00 PM se reúnen en la Capilla el grupo de la Divina Misericordia. Cada tercer jueves del mes se tiene Hora Santa. Para más información llamar a José Molina al (732) 824-9570.

Círculo de Oración

El Grupo de Oración se reúnen todos los viernes de 7:00 a 9:00 PM en la capilla. Para más información puede contactar a Maribel Alfaro (908) 642-0497, Osvaldo Navarro (732) 208-3856.

¡ATENCIÓN JÓVENES!

Jesús te está llamando, **¡jóvenes Unidos en Cristo!** Ven a unirte al

grupo para compartir juntos el amor que Jesús tiene para nosotros a través de la reflexión de la lectura Bíblica, oración y recreación, formando una comunidad de fe y amor. Únete a nosotros los **viernes de 7:00-9:00 PM** en lo alto del centro parroquial. ¡No te olvides de traer a un amigo!



SOLEMNE SILENCIO DURANTE LA CUARESMA

Durante la Cuaresma, por favor mantenga la tradición de la tranquilidad solemne. La Cuaresma es un tiempo de penitencia y reflexión sobre la Misa, la música y las lecturas. Por favor, absténgase de cualquier aplauso.

TOME NOTA

El Diácono Gustavo Sandoval está disponible para aquellas personas que necesiten alguna ayuda espiritual. Para comunicarse con él, favor llamarle al teléfono (732) 317-8544 o a su correo Deacon.Gustavo@sjcbb.net.

El Diácono Edgar Chaves está disponible para las personas adultas que deseen hacer el bautismo, comunión o confirmación. También el está a cargo de la Divina Misericordia y los ensayos de matrimonio en español, si desea más información o inscribirse para las clases de los sacramentos contacte al diacono en su correo Deacon.Edgar@sjcbb.net.

La Sra. Martha Rovitto atiende en la oficina Parroquial (donde está la Capilla) todo lo relacionado con Misas, bautismos, registros parroquiales y certificados. Ella está en la oficina todos los martes, miércoles y jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 PM y vía telefónica llamando al (732) 356-0027 ext. 6.

Ana Valencia la directora del programa de Educación Religiosa (CCD) está todos los miércoles de 6:30 a 8:30 PM en la oficina Parroquial, para las personas que necesiten consultar sobre sus niños que están en la catequesis.

SANTÍSIMO

Tome Nota

La Adoración y Bendición del Santísimo Sacramento en español se llevará a cabo el lunes 11 de marzo (mañana), en la Capilla de la Natividad, de 6:30 a 8:30 PM. Venga a descansar en la presencia de Jesús.



REFLEXIÓN

PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

"Y ahora yo traigo las primicias de los productos del suelo que tú, Yahveh, me has dado.»

(Deuteronomio 26:10)

Esta línea del Antiguo Testamento ofrece dos desafíos. Primero, ¿le das a Dios de tus "primicias", lo mejor que tienes para ofrecer, o das de lo que queda? Segundo, ¿reconoces que todo lo que tienes te ha sido dado por Dios? Pídale a Dios un corazón agradecido y generoso, todos los días, en cualquier circunstancia.

VÍA CRUCIS

Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma en la Capilla de la Natividad, se estará ofreciendo las Estaciones de la Cruz. Esperamos que muchos puedan participar horario es el siguiente:

7:00 PM Ingles 8:00 PM Español



NUEVOS BAUTIZADOS



Damos la bienvenida a nuestra familia Cristiana de la Iglesia St. Joseph a: Marjorie Sofia Contreras-Alfaro, Lesly Makayla Saenz, Evelin Domínguez-Ruiz, Fernando Domínguez-Ruiz, que

el pasado fin de semana recibieron el bautismo. Felicidades a los padres y padrinos y que la luz de Cristo permanezca por siempre en el corazón de estos niños y para siempre sea luz.

APELACIÓN ANUAL DEL OBISPO 2019

AYUDA A CONSTRUIR UNA CIVILIZACIÓN DE AMOR

Para este momento, ha recibido una carta del Obispo Checchio invitándole a participar en la Campaña Anual del Obispo de 2019. Los ministerios diocesanos que se benefician con los aportes que se reciban con esta campaña, tienen un impacto directo en muchos de los feligreses aquí en nuestra parroquia de St. Joseph. Su donación brinda oportunidades de formación para nuestros catequistas, jóvenes y adultos jóvenes. Entre otros ministerios importantes, el sacrificio que hace con su contribución aporta a nuestro renovado esfuerzo de Evangelización y Comunicación.

SOBRES DE CONTRIBUCIÓN A LA IGLESIA



Los sobres de contribución y asistencia a la Iglesia del 2019 están listos para recogerlos en la Iglesia. Si usted está registrado en la Parroquia debe tomar los suyos, **tome en cuenta que no los mandaremos por correo.** Las cajas fueron clasificadas en orden de alfabético, por favor venga a levantar los suyos, controle que todos sus datos estén correctos **no se lleve los sobres equivocados.** Gracias por su colaboración.

ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL MUNDIAL

¿Necesita un regalo perfecto para su pareja?

Dele el regalo de su tiempo y amor al asistir juntos a un fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial. El corto fin de semana juntos puede cosechar muchos beneficios para usted, su pareja y toda su familia. Los próximos fines de semana son el 30 y 31 de marzo y 18 y 19 de mayo. Para más información o para inscribirse llame a Eugenio y Theresa Porras al teléfono (732) 910-3057 o (201) 707-8583.



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St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook, NJ

REUNIONES DE SERVIDORES DEL ALTAR

Habrán reuniones el 16 de marzo y el 23 de marzo en la iglesia principal para nuevos y actuales servidores del altar. Los servidores de altares actuales se reunirán de 9:30 AM a 10:30 AM y los nuevos servidores de altar se reunirán para entrenamiento de 10:30 AM a 11:30 AM. Los esperamos.

JÓVENES ADULTOS LLAMADOS AL AMOR DE CRISTO (JALAC)

DE ENTRE 18 A 30 AÑOS

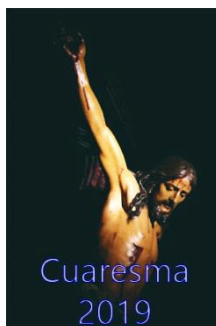
Hoy ha llegado un gran día, para que puedas hacer un cambio en tu vida, ven comparte y aprende a seguir al Señor, como cuando "Jesús subió a la montaña y llamó a los que él quiso y los que quisieron vinieron junto a él" (Marcos 3:13) Hoy él te llama por tu nombre, ven y descúbrelo.

Objetivo: Encauzar al joven adulto a conocerse y aceptar el llamado de Dios en su proceso de conversión a través de las sagradas escrituras para reafirmar y vivir su fe.

Integrantes de la Directiva: Norberto Lan, (732) 215-5643, Armida Bonilla (908) 392-3012, Fausto Flores, Flavio Roja.



EL MENSAJE DEL PAPA FRANCISCO PARA LA CUARESMA 2019 EN 30 FRASES



«La creación, expectante, está aguardando la manifestación de los hijos de Dios» (Rm. 8, 19) lema de la Cuaresma 2019

Al igual que hicieron sus últimos antecesores y en él mismo en años anteriores, el Papa **Francisco** ha hecho público un mensaje para la Cuaresma. El lema propuesto por Francisco es «La creación,

expectante, está aguardando la manifestación de los hijos de Dios» (Rm. 8, 19). En este mensaje, resuena la encíclica de Francisco sobre el cuidado de la casa común *Laudato si'* (¡Alabado seas, mi Señor!) y la permanente llamada a la conversión, a una conversión personal y comunitaria, que afecta y alude también a nuestra relación y compromiso con la ecología integral. (1) Cada año a través de la Madre Iglesia, Dios «concede a sus hijos anhelar, con el gozo de habernos purificado, la solemnidad de la Pascua, para que (...) por las celebraciones de los misterios que nos dieron nueva vida, lleguemos a ser en plenitud hijos de Dios» (Prefacio I de Cuaresma).

(2) De este modo, podemos caminar, de Pascua en Pascua, hacia el cumplimiento de aquella salvación que ya hemos recibido gracias al misterio pascual de Cristo: «Pues hemos sido salvados en esperanza» (Rm 8, 24). (continuará).