



## Holy Cross Catholic Church

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Hours: 8am - 3:30pm (Mon. thru Fri.)  
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### **Welcome:**

If you are a new parishioner, or visiting for the first time, welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church! We are glad that you are here and hope you find our parish home to be a warm and welcoming community. If you would like to become a member of our parish, please check with the parish office or give us a call.

**Homebound:** For Communion to the sick or the homebound, please call the parish office.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Food Pantry hours are Tuesday, 10am - noon and Thursday evenings, 5:30 - 7pm.

**Funerals:** To ensure the availability of a priest and the church, please call the office before you make arrangements with the funeral director.

**Baptism Preparation:** Classes offered as needed. Please contact the parish staff for more information. Se ofrece una clase cada tercer sábado del mes a las 10 de la mañana.

**Senior Luncheon:** We are working on re-establishing the Luncheons and will notify everyone when we are ready to offer lunch once a month at 11:30am in the school hall for Seniors and Friends.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday - Friday:** 8am Rosary, 8:30am Mass

**Saturday:** 5pm Vigil, English

**Sunday:** 9am, English & 12pm, Español

**Adoration:** Thursdays, 8:30am-8:30pm

**Adoración al Santísimo:** jueves, 8:30am-8:30pm

**Reconciliation:** Tuesday and Wednesday, 7pm  
**Reconciliación:** martes y miércoles, 7pm

**Anointing of the Sick:** Second Wednesday of each month following the 8:30am Mass.  
(Anointing is available at all hours in emergency.)

**School Mass:** Friday, 8:30am (Sept.—June)

May 21st & 22nd, 2022: Sixth Sunday of Easter

## The Church Teaches...



**By this point in ‘the Fifty Days’ of the Easter season**, we arrive at the near-end of Jesus’ post-Resurrection appearances, His Ascension to Heaven, and then the Descent of the Holy Spirit. These weeks offer us an invitation to be aware of the abiding presence of God within us. We live in the ‘New Covenant of Jesus,’ daily facing uncertainty, conflict, and temptations. Yet, it is the abiding presence of God within us that enables us to face the future with undying hope and true Christian courage.

**The Holy Spirit**, whom the risen Lord asked His Father to send upon His Church, prompts us to turn to the Scriptures and the Sacraments for support and encouragement. The Spirit enables us to learn the Divine truths and grants us His peace at all times. However, to be able to receive these gifts, it is necessary for us to actually crack open our Bibles, get to Mass, and spend a time each day in personal prayer. Reading (or hearing) God’s Word, opening our hearts to His grace in the Sacraments, and talking (and listening) to God will inevitably deepen our relationship with Jesus and help us love Him sincerely.

**The Holy Spirit** teaches us through the Scriptures, in the Mass, and through our prayer to walk confidently with God, every step of life’s journey. The same Spirit helps us know that we are not alone.

**One of the great social and ethical problems** of our time (and this was true before Covid-19) is isolation. Today approximately 25% of all adults live alone. Some households (spouses, parents, and children) often live as virtual strangers to one another. This is unfortunate because we never need to be alone. Jesus can always be present to us. He shares His joy with us and replaces our burdens with His blessings. He takes our grief and turns it into joy. The peace of the Lord is the greatest gift we can give our children, our friends, and all others with whom we share the journey.



\***Masks are now recommended in the church! We encourage you to keep your masks on while in the church.**

- **Masks are welcome** – in order to protect the more vulnerable in our community, like children **and** those with compromised immunities.
- **On a practical note**, whether you wear a mask or not at Communion, please continue to say “Amen,” step aside, consume the Consecrated Host, and then return to your pew.
- **Finally**, now more than ever, if you are sick in any way or even feeling a little “under the weather,” please stay home! Our overriding concern is for **your** good health and the good health of others in the pews.

## Bulletin Announcements



**School News—The Donor Dinner** was such a wonderful night! Maureen Briare, the featured alumni speaker, shared the powerful role Holy Cross played in her life and the lives of her children—who are all alums!

Third grade students shared their inventions and did a musical performance with their recorders. Student speakers impressed everyone in attendance! The evening was a fantastic celebration of everything that makes our school community so special!

*Check out the school Facebook page for more pictures!*



**Upcoming Rose Festival Events**—Holy Cross Parish will be participating in this year’s **84th Annual Rose Garden Contest** in the **Church Category**. You may see Royal Rosarian judges visiting our rose bed on Sunday, June 5th. (*The first time we entered in 2019, we won 1st prize!*)

Holy Cross will also be entering roses in the **Spring Rose Show** on Thursday, June 9th at Lloyd Center. We are very excited for this opportunity as this treasured event was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19.



**Catholic Charities of Oregon’s 2022 Annual Appeal**—Through the month of May, Catholic Charities of Oregon will be holding its second collection appeal throughout the Archdiocese.

**Please consider giving today** and walking alongside us to share God’s love and help to spread Christ’s light. It means so much to all of us at Catholic Charities of Oregon (including our clients!) to have your support. Thank you for the work you allow us to do on your behalf.

All gifts are welcome and appreciated!  
<https://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/>.

### ***The Holy Cross Worship Schedule***

❖ Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday, 8:30am

***Confessions this Week:***  
Tuesday & Wednesday, 7pm



**\*Special note: Appointments for Confession are also available throughout the week.**

## Bulletin Announcements: Activities & Opportunities

**7TH & 8TH GRADE**  
**Hangout**  
Join us Thursdays  
3-4:30pm  
in the Parish Center

**Holy Cross Teen Programs**—Hello Holy Cross 7th and 8th grade families! We are happy to announce a new program for 7th and 8th graders in the parish.

James Henderson (Youth Ministry Coordinator) and Mary Jane Weber (Director of Evangelization) will be hosting a hangout time after school on Thursdays in the Parish Center from 3pm till 4:30pm. Join us for fellowship and a fun time!

Permission slips will be available at the front entrance of the church, please bring those with you when you join us.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Conference** here at Holy Cross is looking to add a monthly opportunity for food delivery from the Food Pantry.



Along with the weekly hours presently scheduled, the Food Pantry will now be “open” on the last Sunday of the month at 1pm (May 29th, for example).

**The Conference** is hoping to make food available for those who need a helping hand themselves — but they are also going to encourage all of us to reach out to our neighbors, who may not have enough food. If any of us have neighbors “in need,” let’s plan to make a delivery so that “nobody will go hungry.” Thank you!

*\*At this time, our SVdP Food Pantry is in need of shampoo & toilet paper. Contributions may be delivered directly to the pantry during pantry hours (Tuesdays, 10-noon & Thursdays, 5:30-7pm) or dropped off at the Parish Office.*



As the weather (we hope) becomes more spring-like, the desire to be outdoors will grow stronger. Resist the temptation — for just an hour — on Thursdays! Please consider making a commitment to an hour of prayer (in Adoration) each week.

**We need help right now at 5pm.** Please call the parish office at 503.289.2834 to sign up. —Thank you!



**Parish Website**—Please view the resources available at the parish website, including continuing education resources for all ages, and more!

**Livestreaming our Masses**—[Our final livestreamed Mass will be Sunday, May 29th.](#)

We thank our Website/Livestream Team (especially **Bob Kerns & R.J. Tagorda**) for their dedication in making the Mass available for so many months.

- ❖ Go to: [www.holycrosspdx.org/holy-cross-church/](http://www.holycrosspdx.org/holy-cross-church/)
- ❖ Click on: the English Mass image

- Bulletins
  - Missalettes
  - Music Issues
  - Holy Water
  - Catholic Sentinels
- ...are available in the parish office “treasure chest.”



**Homebound Ministry**—If you are homebound or know of someone who is homebound who would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Mary Jane at 503.953.8328.

### The 87th Annual Archbishop's Seminary Tea—

**Wednesday, June 1st from 3-6pm  
at the Portland Golf Club.**



(\*Shuttles will be available in the parking lot across the street from the Portland Golf Club.)

The annual tea party has been held since 1935 to support the formation of future priests in western Oregon. The goal is to support seminarians and build community among Catholics.

This year's tea will recognize Archbishop Alexander Sample in the 32nd year of his priesthood.

For more information,  
please email the Seminary Tea Committee  
at [info@seminarytea.org](mailto:info@seminarytea.org).

## May: Mary's Month



**Dedicating the month of May** to St. Mary has been a custom in the Church dating back many centuries. It offers us a beautiful chance to associate her with all the signs of “new life” appearing all around us. In this special month, we are encouraged to deepen our devotion to the Blessed Mother.

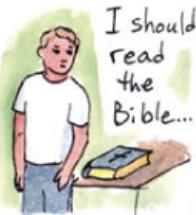
**We can learn a lot from St. Mary's habit** of reflecting on the life of her Son. The Gospels say she treasured His words and pondered the meaning of His actions: “She kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.” In this, too, she can be our model. Consider spending some time each day contemplating Jesus’ words and deeds through your prayerful reading of the Gospels. Like Mary, we can keep His words and example in our hearts. We can pray for the grace we need every day to love her more and to be more like her Son.

**The purity, humility, and generosity of Mary** are in sharp contrast to the selfishness of “the world.” To the extent that we realize this, we should feel moved to imitate her.

*Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.*

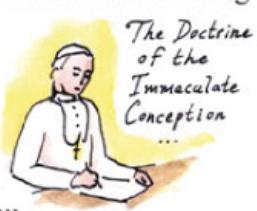
## Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit

In today's Gospel reading Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples after He was gone. The Holy Spirit would teach them all they needed to know.



After Jesus left, the disciples would be confused about what Jesus had wanted them to do and how to go about building the Church He had started. But Jesus promised that they would not be alone. God the Holy Spirit would come to them and show them what they needed to do.

Where is the Holy Spirit now? He is still working in the Church. He inspires people to do what is right and to learn the truth. He also shows the leaders of the Church what God wants of them and keeps the Church's teachings free of error. Can you think of times when the Holy Spirit helped you?



**Families can gather in person at Holy Cross for three family events this summer:**

- \* June 12
- \* July 6
- \* August 14

Each gathering lasts from 10am to 1pm.  
Please join us for the whole time or for whatever segment your schedule allows.

Each gathering is **FREE** and is filled with games, songs, skits, and more!

**TEENS**— we need your help, too! Let us know if you'd like to help! (You get service hours!)  
Contact Andrea at [aswanson@archdpdx.org](mailto:aswanson@archdpdx.org).

## Registration has opened for next school year!



As we near the end of the 2021-2022 school year, it is time to register for parish faith programs for next school year! We have programs for your family to continue to grow in their faith and in community:

- # Religious Education Classes (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- # Sacramental Preparation (in English & Spanish)
- # Jr. High Hang Out (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades) Youth Group
- # Youth Group
- # Confirmation Preparation (for high school)

We have registration materials in the foyer of the church for these programs. Pick some up today!

Questions? Contact Andrea Swanson  
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for elementary programs

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James Henderson  
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for jr. high & high school programs



SUNNY BORDER DECORATION

## Important Dates

**May 22:** Sixth Sunday of Easter  
**May 24 & 25:** Confessions, 7pm  
**May 26:** Adoration, 8:30am-8:30pm  
**May 29:** The Ascension of the Lord/\*Final livestreamed Mass  
**May 30:** Memorial Day, Parish Office Closed, No School  
    **Memorial Day Mass, 9am**  
**May 31 & June 1:** Confessions, 7pm  
**June 2:** Adoration, 8:30am-8:30pm  
**June 5:** Pentecost Sunday  
**June 7:** Confessions, 7pm  
**June 8:** Confessions, \*Please note time change to 7:30pm  
**June 9:** Adoration, 8:30am-8:30pm  
**June 10:** Holy Cross School Baccalaureate Mass, 8:30am

## Next Week's Readings – May 29th

### The Ascension of the Lord—

**1st Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 1, 1-11  
**Psalm:** 47    **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 1, 17-23  
**Gospel:** Luke 24, 46-53



### Upcoming Memorial Day Mass—

Please make plans to join us on Monday, May 30th for a special Memorial Day Mass at 9am.

We will remember those we would traditionally remember on this holiday, but we will also be remembering those who have died over the past two years, for whom we have not been able to offer a Funeral Mass.

**It will be our privilege** to pray for these members of our parish who have died “recently”: Joyce Wells, Dick Merck, Jeanne Albrecht, Fran Rowley, Shirley Cole, Carolyn Kadlec, Muriel Schelb, Lara Burns, and Mary LaFave. If you know of someone else who has died (for whom we were unable to celebrate a Funeral Mass), please let us know in the parish office.

*“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”*

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## Mass Intentions for May 23rd—29th, 2022:

**Monday Morning Prayer ~ No Mass**  
**Tues.** +Dorothy Inskeep by the Inskeep Family  
**Wed.** +Jim Wilson by Theresa Lang  
**Thurs.** +Virginia Harmon by Glenda Bell  
**Friday** +Mike Bell by Glenda Bell  
**Sat. (5pm)** +Judith Barr by HC Parishioners  
**Sun. (9am) Int. of Bernardine Niece** by Bridget Fadden  
**(12pm) People of the Parish**

To arrange for a Mass intention, please contact the parish office.  
Please plan ahead if you are requesting a specific date.



In our prayers, let us remember all those  
who have died, including:

Andrew Bachman and Michael Maroney

Let us pray for all those who are ill or homebound,  
including:

Darlene Thayer, Shayna Ramirez,  
Joyce McNichols, Sue Anne Boettcher, Sandy Barrera,  
Mary McNamara, Mary Ragland, Irene Heaverin,  
Tomasa Moreno, Bob Hungerford, Steve Unger,  
Bernie Verbout, Ernie Marbott, Jim Graiff,  
Amanda Holmberg, Erma Faoro, John Bachmeier,  
Helen Shamrell, Luise Ritter, Christina Gardener,  
Yvonne Clendenin, Pat Schaeffer, Eleanor Archerd,  
Joe Schweitzer, and Harry Clark

## Stewardship



**May 14th & 15th, 2022**  
**Weekend Offertory:** \$6,247.00  
**Online Giving:** \$1,170.00  
**Total:** \$7,417.00

**Stewardship**—In the midst of our fast paced world it is easy to neglect our time with God. What prayer practices and routines do we have in our lives? Do we give enough time to prayer each day? Would we like to make more time for prayer? How could we do that?

**How often is it that**, when we pray, we are tempted to do all the talking and our prayer becomes very “active”?

**The gift of peace**, about which Jesus speaks in the Gospels, along with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, are just that: gifts! We cannot earn them or obtain them by our own merits. But we can learn to be grateful for them and use them well.

**An invitation for this week:** try a new way of praying, perhaps meditating in front of an icon, joining in on a time of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, learning to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, or meditating on a passage of Scripture (*lectio divina*). Try to refrain from too much “active” and busy prayer, but instead sit silently with the Lord with an attitude of openness. Listen to what He has to say to you. Allow Him to bless you with the gifts He has in store for you. Ask for His help in using them well.

## EL EVANGELIO



**En el Evangelio de San Juan** podemos leer un conjunto de discursos en los que Jesús se va despidiendo de sus discípulos. Los comentaristas lo llaman “El Discurso de Despedida.”

En su Discurso se respira una atmósfera muy especial: los discípulos tienen miedo a quedarse sin su Maestro; Jesús, por su parte, les insiste en que, a pesar de su partida, nunca sentirán su ausencia. Hasta cinco veces les repite que podrán contar con “el Espíritu Santo.” Él los defenderá, pues los mantendrá fieles a su mensaje y a su proyecto. Por eso lo llama “Espíritu de la verdad.” **En un momento determinado**, Jesús les explica mejor cuál será su quehacer: “El Espíritu Santo, el intérprete que el Padre les va a enviar en mi Nombre, les enseñará todas las cosas y les recordará todo lo que yo les he dicho.” Este Espíritu será la memoria viva de Jesús.

**Jesús desea que capten bien** lo que significará para ellos el Espíritu de la verdad y defensor de su comunidad: “La paz les dejo, mi paz les doy.” No sólo les desea la paz, les regala su paz. Si viven guiados por el Espíritu, recordando y guardando sus palabras, conocerán la paz.

**La palabra del Señor** siempre nos conduce, por medio de su Espíritu, al conocimiento de toda la verdad revelada por Jesús, pidiéndonos una absoluta fidelidad a ella, que sólo es posible gracias al auxilio de ese mismo Espíritu, que es quien infunde en nosotros el amor y nos transforma en “templos vivos de Dios, en templos vivos del Espíritu Santo.”

### Mayo: El Mes de la Virgen María

#### Debemos darle un lugar especial a La Virgen

**María** no porque sea una tradición de larga data en la Iglesia o por las gracias especiales que se pueden obtener, sino porque Santa María es nuestra Madre, la madre de todo el mundo y porque se preocupa por todos nosotros, intercediendo incluso en los asuntos más pequeños.



*Santa Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros.  
Madre de Cristo, ruega por nosotros.  
Madre de la Iglesia, ruega por nosotros.  
Madre de la misericordia, ruega por nosotros.*



**La Conferencia de San Vicente de Paúl,** aquí en la parroquia de Santa Cruz está buscando la oportunidad para llevar comida una vez (más) al mes.

Además de las horas semanales que están sirviendo ahora, el Banco de Comida estará “abierto” el último domingo del mes a la 1pm (por ejemplo, el 29 de mayo).

**El equipo (compuesto de parroquianos)** espera poder tener disponible comida para aquellos que necesitan una “mano amiga” para ellos mismos, pero también quieren motivarnos a que vayamos a nuestros vecinos que quizás no tienen comida suficiente. Si alguno de nosotros tenemos algún vecino/a “en necesidad” vamos a planear llevarles comida: de esta manera “nadie pasará hambre.” ¡Gracias!

## PARA REFLEJAR



De cuando en cuando oímos que una anciana o anciano, consciente de que su muerte no está lejos, da consejos a sus hijos e hijas: “Cuando yo falte, haz esto o aquello para tu propio bien y felicidad.” Las palabras de despedida de Jesús (Juan 14) se dirigen también a nosotros. Sus palabras son como una especie de testamento, de última voluntad.

**Jesús nos está diciendo** que si encontramos aquella escurrídiza paz verdadera que solamente Él puede dar, tenemos que amarle a Él y al Padre, y también amarnos unos a otros. Tenemos que seguir escuchando al Espíritu Santo que nos recuerda las obras y las enseñanzas del mismo Jesús.

**Para reflejar:** ¿Cuándo expresamos mejor nuestro amor a Jesús? ¿Es cuando vivimos conforme a su Evangelio? Él permanece en nosotros por medio de su Santo Espíritu, que nos da una comprensión de lo que el Evangelio exige de nosotros – y también nos da la fuerza para vivir conforme a Él.



### Las Primeras Comuniones...

**Jesús no nos abandonó** cuando ascendió al cielo. Él permaneció con nosotros en Su Iglesia, que continúa su obra de enseñar, sanar, y guarnos. Una de las maneras más significativas en que Él permanece con nosotros es en el sacrificio de la Eucaristía, donde el pan y el vino se convierten en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, quien se encuentra plenamente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar.

**Adoramos a Jesús** en el Sacramento durante la Misa, en la Adoración, y donde Él se encuentre presente en el tabernáculo, pero la manera más importante e íntima que compartimos en Su presencia es cuando recibimos la Comunión. La Comunión nos une más estrechamente a Jesús, y también es signo de que vivimos en comunión con su Iglesia, siguiendo sus enseñanzas.

**La Comunión** es un gran misterio al que debemos acercarnos con reverencia. Favor de continuar en pedir por nuestros niños y jóvenes que recientemente comulgaron por primera vez – especialmente para que ellos puedan mantener un espíritu de reverencia en sus corazones.

## MINISTERIO HISPANO

Ana Carmina Pérez 503.289.7188

Por ahora la oficina no está abierta.

Si tiene preguntas o necesita algo llámenos  
o mande un correo electrónico.

**¡Agradecemos la paciencia que nos ha tenido  
durante estos tiempos sin precedente!**

**Pláticas Pre-Bautismales:**

18 de junio a las 9:30am

**Bautismos:**

Domingo 26 de junio

Sábado 2 de julio

**Preparación Sacramental para:**

Iniciación Católica para Adultos (RICA)

y Bodas –

por favor llame a la oficina.

**Misas de Acción de Gracias para**

**Quinceañeras:**

11 de junio, 11am

**Confesiones:**

cada martes y miércoles a las 7pm

**¡Gracias por su paciencia  
y compresión!**

**En nuestras oraciones recordemos:**

**...a todos los que están enfermos,**

**incluyendo:** Darlene Thayer, Shayna Ramirez, Joyce McNichols, Sue Anne Boettcher, Sandy Barrera, Mary McNamara, Mary Ragland, Irene Heaverin, Tomasa Moreno, Steve Unger, Bob Hungerford, Michael Fitzgerald, Bernie Verbout, Ernie Marbott, Jim Graiff, Amanda Holmberg, Erma Faoro, Luise Ritter, Yvonne Clendenin, Armando De Los Reyes, Eleanor Archerd, Pat Schaeffer, Harry Clark, Joe Schweitzer, y John Bachmeier



**...y a todos los que han muerto,**

especialmente Michael Maroney, Andrew Bachman, y todos los que han fallecido a causa del Covid-19.

*"Te pedimos, Señor, que tus siervos que han muerto ya para este mundo, vivan ahora para ti y que tu amor misericordioso borre los pecados que cometieron por fragilidad humana.  
Por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor."*

## HORARIO PARROQUIAL

**22 de mayo: Sexto Domingo de la Pascua**

**24-25 de mayo: Confesiones, 6-8pm**

**26 de mayo: Adoración, 8:30am — 8:30pm**

**29 de mayo: Fiesta de la Ascensión del Señor**



**Corresponsabilidad Parroquial:**

**15 de Mayo \$7,417.00**

¿Qué estamos aportando hoy desde la Iglesia de Jesús? ¿Concordia o división? ¿Reconciliación o enfrentamiento? Y si los seguidores de Jesús no llevan paz en su corazón, ¿qué es lo que llevan? ¿Miedos, intereses, ambiciones o irresponsabilidad?

“Ven Espíritu Santo a alegrar nuestro mundo tan sombrío. Ayúdanos a imaginarlo mejor y más humano. Abrenos a un futuro más fraternal, limpio, y solidario. Entra hasta el fondo de nuestras almas. Mira el vacío del hombre si tú le faltas por dentro. Mira el poder del pecado cuando tú no envías tu aliento. Ven Señor y dador de vida, pon en los hombres gozo, fuerza, y consuelo, en sus grandes y pequeñas decisiones, en sus miedos, luchas, esperanzas y temores. Ven Espíritu Santo y enséñanos a creer en ti como ternura y cercanía personal de Dios, como fuerza y como gracia que puede conquistar nuestro interior y dar vida a nuestra vida. Amén.”

## LA LITURGIA — LECTURAS

### ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR

**Primera Lectura:** Hechos de los Apóstoles 1, 1-11

**Salmo: 46**

**Segunda Lectura:** Efesios 1, 17-23

**Evangelio:** Lucas 24, 46-53

## CINCUENTA DÍAS DE PASCUA



**La Pascua de Resurrección** es el día más Santo del año de la Iglesia, pero puede y debe ser también una actitud, una manera de vivir, y un hábito diario. Llamémoslo “tener un espíritu de Pascua de Resurrección.” El Papa Juan Pablo II lo expresó mejor: “Somos un pueblo de la Pascua de Resurrección y aleluya es nuestro canto.”

**La temporada y el espíritu de la Pascua** — la celebración de la Resurrección de Cristo y su promesa de vida eterna para todos nosotros — debe ser la característica que defina a los creyentes, y una perspectiva, una manera de ver la vida con valentía, optimismo, y confianza y con un canto en nuestro corazones. San Pablo, escribe de manera similar, “Si Dios está con nosotros, ¿quién puede estar en contra nuestra?”

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