



Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Co-patroness of the Unborn

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PARISH CHURCH / IGLESIA PARROQUIAL:

Daily Mass English: Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass English: 6:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil;
6:45 a.m., 10 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

Misa Domingo Español: 12:00 p.m.

Adoration: Thurs 11:45 a.m. through Fri 6:30 a.m.

SHRINE/PAVILION / SANTUARIO/PABELLÓN:

Misa Diaria Español: Lunes-Sábado 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass English: 11:45 a.m.

Misas Domingo Español: 7:00 p.m. Sabado Vigilia;
8:15 a.m.; 10 a.m.; 1:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

Confessions/Confesiones: Thu/Jue & Fri/Vier 6:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, CO-PATRONESS OF THE UNBORN — VISION STATEMENT

In the spirit of the Holy Family of Nazareth, the mission of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish is to be a humble, bilingual, pro-life, pro-family Catholic community, joyfully announcing the Gospel. We welcome all to religious education in the fullness of the Truth entrusted to the Church. We invite all to celebrate with reverence and unity the real presence of Christ in the rites of our Liturgy. We call our members to the humble obedience of faith and to sacrificial service for the sake of building up the Body of Christ.

OLG MASS SCHEDULE ON / HORARIO DE MISAS POR FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE LIVE:

<https://m.facebook.com/guadalupebakersfield/>
<https://www.youtube.com/c/ShrineofGuadalupeBakersfield>

- Mass Sundays Spanish / Domingos Español 10:00 a.m.
- Mass Sunday English / Domingo Misa Inglés 11:45 a.m.

GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

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Today's Readings: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23, Ps 137, Eph 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

MARCH 14, 2021

*Just as Moses lifted up
the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man
be lifted up, so that everyone
who believes in him
may have eternal life.*
John 3:14-15

FOURTH LENT
SUNDAY OF



March 13 - March 20

Mass † Intentions

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday March 13th

6:00 pm Eng. (Church) † Paul Muñoz / Neri Family
7:00 pm Sp. (Shrine) Cumpleaños de Maria Vega / Nancy

Sunday March 14th

6:45 am Eng. (Church) Parishioners
8:15 am Sp. (Shrine) Las Familias
10:00 am Eng. (Church) Birthday of Pablo Pérez
10:00 am Sp. (Shrine) † Andres Aguilera / Arcelia
11:45 am Eng. (Shrine) † Romana Soliz Vela
12:00 pm Sp. (Church) † María de Jesús Sánchez Rodríguez
1:45 pm Sp. (Shrine) † Gustavo & Eliseo López & Rosa Muñoz
5:30 pm Sp. (Shrine) † Daniel Salazar
6:30 pm Eng. (Church) † David & Dolores Ojeda

Monday March 15th LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 am Eng. (Church) Birthday of April Michelle Alcaraz
8:00 am Sp. (Shrine) † Pastora & Erasmo Robles
7:00 pm Bil. (Shrine) Norma Lidia Quiroz

Tuesday March 16th LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 am Eng. (Church) Borba Family / Sr. Susana
8:00 am Sp. (Shrine) † María de Jesús Sánchez Rodríguez
7:00 pm Bil. (Shrine) † Yolanda Fonseca de Ramírez / Gloria

Wednesday March 17th LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 am Eng. (Church) Borba Family / Sr. Susana
8:00 am Sp. (Shrine) † María de Jesús Sánchez Rodríguez
7:00 pm Bil. (Shrine) † Frank Martínez

Thursday March 18th LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 am Eng. (Church) Oblates of St. Joseph
8:00 am Sp. (Shrine) † María de Jesús Sánchez Rodríguez
7:00 pm Bil. (Shrine) † Mercedes & Manuel Cerda

Friday March 19th SAINT JOSEPH SPOUSE OF MARY

7:00 am Eng. (Church) † Jose Martínez Diaz
8:00 am Sp. (Shrine) † María de Jesús Sánchez Rodríguez
9:30 am Eng. (Church) All S.J.S. Aspirants
5:30 pm (Church) Boda de Miguel Raya & Ma. Luz Becerra
7:00 pm Bil. (Shrine) Deceased Benefactors of the OSJ

Saturday March 20th LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00 am Sp. (Shrine) † María de Jesús Sánchez Rodríguez
12:00 pm (Church) 15 Años de Raquel Robledo
2:00 pm (Shrine) 15th Birthday of Rosemary Luna

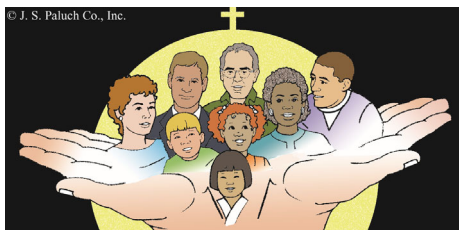
Pray for - Oren Por Los Fallecidos

Miguel Josefino Martínez Nieves, Angela Villaseñor, Antonio Olaya Méndez, Fernando Ambriz, José Amezcua Rocha, Sabas Alonso Morales, & Porfirio Castañeda who died recently.

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14, 2021

God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17



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Weekly Collections

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Church Collections	3/7/2021	Shrine Collections	3/7/2021
6:00 pm Sat.	\$370	7:00 pm Sab.	\$742
6:45 am	\$1,029	8:15 am	\$1,778
10:00 am	\$1,377	10:00 am	\$2,447
12:00 pm	\$1,317	11:45 am	\$1,267
6:30 pm	\$245	1: 45 pm	\$1,655
		5:30 pm	\$1,192
Total	\$4,338	Total	\$9,081

MAIL & WALK IN DONATIONS FOR THIS WEEK: \$4,102
102TOTAL FOR WEEK TO 3/7/2021: \$17,521

COLLECTION—DONATIONS

We greatly appreciate all who support your Church community. You may bring offering in an envelope to donation boxes at Church or Shrine whenever they are open or mail in your donations to the parish office at **601 E. California Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93307** or give online at: www.guadalupebakersfield.org/donate, and pick the fund you would like your donation to go to. For help please call our office at 661-323-3148 during office hours Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
Thank you to all. May Our Lord bless you and your family abundantly.

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

If you would like to receive our weekly bulletin in your email you can sign up in our webpage and follow the instructions at: www.guadalupebakersfield.org

“Let us ask Saint Joseph, to act as our spiritual director.”
- St. Joseph Marelló



“Pidamos a San José, actuar como nuestro director espiritual.”
- San José Marelló

COLECTA—DONATIVOS

Sinceramente les agradecemos a todos los que han apoyado a su comunidad de la Iglesia. Pueden llevar la ofrenda en un sobre a las cajas para donaciones en la Iglesia o el Santuario cuando estén abiertos o enviar sus donaciones a la oficina a **601 E. California Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93307** o puede donar en línea: www.guadalupebakersfield.org/donate y escoja el fondo al que quiere donar. Para ayuda llame al 661-323-3148 durante las horas de oficina, de lunes a viernes de 9:00 am a 5:00 pm.
Agradecemos a todos. Que Nuestro Señor les bendiga abundantemente a usted y a su familia.

BOLETÍN ELECTRÓNICO

Si le gustaría recibir el boletín en su buzón de correo electrónico puede registrarse en la pagina web en: www.guadalupebakersfield.org y siga las indicaciones

DO NOT COME TO CHURCH IF YOU HAVE COUGH OR OTHER SYMPTOMS!

ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK



MASKS REQUIRED!

DO NOT ENTER WITH

- ⊗ Fever
- ⊗ Cough
- ⊗ Shortness of Breath
- ⊗ Been near a person with COVID-19

ONLY 300 PEOPLE ALLOWED INSIDE

NO CANDLES OR HOLY WATER

Church on California

ONLY ONE PERSON IN RESTROOMS

Shrine on Brundage Ln.

ONLY TWO PERSONS IN RESTROOMS

¡NO VENGA A LA IGLESIA SI TIENE TOS U OTROS SÍNTOMAS?

ENTRE BAJO SU PROPIO RIESGO



¡MÁSCARAS OBLIGATORIAS!

NO ENTRE SI USTED TIENE

- ⊗ Fiebre
- ⊗ Tos
- ⊗ Dificultad para respirar
- ⊗ Contacto cercano con una persona con COVID-19

SOLO 300 PERSONAS ADENTRO

NO HAY VELAS NI AGUA BENDITA

Iglesia en California Ave.

SOLO UNA PERSONA EN LOS BAÑOS

Santuario en la Brundage

SOLO DOS PERSONAS EN LOS BAÑOS

Prayer Presented by Leo XIII and St. John Paul II

To you, O Blessed Joseph, we come in our trials, and having asked the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently ask your patronage also. Through that sacred bond of charity which united you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the fatherly love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you to look graciously upon the beloved inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by his blood, and to aid us in our necessities with your power and strength. O most provident guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ. Most beloved father, dispel the evil of falsehood and sin. Our most mighty protector, graciously assist us from heaven in our struggle with the powers of darkness. And just as you once saved the Child Jesus from mortal danger, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity. Shield each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your help, we may be able to live a virtuous life, to die a holy death, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

During this special Year of St. Joseph, we are approaching his major Solemn Feast on March 19. We invite everyone to prepare to make a Consecration to St. Joseph on the that day. To prepare for this we will be offering Mass every evening for 30 days, starting this Thursday.

Bilingual Masses at 7:00 P.M. at the Shrine Pavilion, on Mondays through Fridays. On even dates the Liturgy of the Word and homily will be in English, while the Gospel and the Eucharistic Prayer will be in Spanish. On odd dates the opposite will occur. On weekends the reflections will occur during the evening Spanish Masses at the Shrine (Saturday 7:00 P.M. and Sunday at 5:30 P.M.) and the Evening English Masses at the Church (Saturday 6:00 P.M. and Sunday 6:30 P.M.).

Don't miss this unique opportunity to grow in holiness by learning to imitate the one man closest to Christ and preparing to consecrate yourself to him.

Mass Date	Language Location	Prayer	Theme
Sat. 3/13 6:00pm	English Church	Mystery 7 Holy Spouses Rosary	Model of Interior Life, Perpetual Adorer
Sun. 3/14 6:30pm	English Church	Purity	Patron of Blessed Death
Mon. 3/15 7:00pm	Bilingual Shrine	Mystery 8 Holy Spouses Rosary	Greatest Saint next to Mary
Tues. 3/16 7:00pm	Bilingual Shrine	Mystery 9 Holy Spouses Rosary	Hope of the Sick
Wed. 3/17 7:00pm	Bilingual Shrine	7 Sorrows and Joys	Patron of the Unborn
Thurs. 3/18 7:00pm	Bilingual Shrine	Mystery 10 Holy Spouses Rosary	Son of David
Fri. 3/19 7:00pm	Bilingual Shrine	Mystery 5 St. Joseph Rosary	Joseph Most Just

Oración presentada por León XIII y San Juan Pablo II

A ti, bienaventurado San José, acudimos en nuestra tribulación y después de implorar el auxilio de tu Santísima Esposa, solicitamos también confiadamente tu patrocinio. Por aquella caridad con que la Inmaculada Virgen María, Madre de Dios, te tuvo unido y por el paterno amor con que abrazaste al Niño Jesús, humildemente te suplicamos que vuelvas benigno los ojos a la herencia que con su sangre adquirió Jesucristo, y con tu poder y auxilio socorras nuestras necesidades. Protege, providentísimo custodio de la divina familia, la escogida descendencia de Jesucristo; aparta de nosotros toda mancha de error y corrupción; asistenos propicio desde el cielo en esta lucha contra el poder de las tinieblas; y como en otro tiempo libraste al Niño Jesús del inminente peligro de la vida, así ahora defiende a la Iglesia Santa de Dios de las acechanzas de sus enemigos y de toda adversidad, y a cada uno de nosotros protégenos con tu perpetuo patrocinio, para que a ejemplo tuyo y sostenidos con tu auxilio, podamos santamente vivir, piadosamente morir y alcanzar en el cielo la eterna bienaventuranza. Amén.

MES DE SAN JOSÉ

Durante este Año especial de San José, nos acercamos a su mayor Fiesta Solemne el 19 de marzo. Invitamos a todos a prepararse para hacer una Consagración a San José ese día. Para prepararnos para esto, estaremos ofreciendo misa todas las noches durante 30 días, a partir de este jueves.

Misas bilingües serán a las 7:00 P.M. en el Pabellón Santuario, de lunes a viernes. En fechas pares, la Liturgia de la Palabra y la homilía serán en inglés, mientras que el Evangelio y la Plegaria Eucarística serán en Español. En fechas nones ocurrirá lo contrario. Los fines de semana las reflexiones se realizarán durante las misas vespertinas en Español en el Santuario (sábado 7:00 P.M. y domingo a las 5:30 P.M.) y las misas vespertinas en inglés en la Iglesia (sábado 6:00P.M. y domingo 6:30 P.M.).

No se pierda esta oportunidad única de crecer en santidad aprendiendo a imitar al hombre más cercano a Cristo y preparándose para consagrarse a él.

Fecha de Misa	Idioma Lugar	Oración	Tema
Sab. 3/13 7:00pm	Español Santuario	7 Misterio del Rosario de S. E	Modelo de Vida Interior, Adorador Perpetuo
Dom. 3/14 5:30pm	Español Santuario	Pureza	Patrón de la Buena Muerte
Lun. 3/15 7:00pm	Bilingüe Santuario	8 Misterio del Rosario de S. E	Mayor Santo después de María
Mar. 3/16 7:00pm	Bilingüe Santuario	9 Misterio del Rosario de S.E.	Esperanza de los Enfermos
Mier. 3/17 7:00pm	Bilingüe Santuario	7 Dolores y Alegrías	Patrón de los No Nacidos
Juev. 3/18 7:00pm	Bilingüe Santuario	10 Misterio del Rosario de S.E.	Hijo de David
Vier. 3/19 7:00pm	Bilingüe Santuario	5 Misterio Rosario de San José	José Justísimo

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

The Church is much more than a building. By respecting the life of the tiny unborn at the Memorial and by the consoling and healing ministry that accompanies this, we are building Christ's Church. By spending Holy Hours before the Blessed Sacrament, we will be building Christ's Church! As we grow in appreciating the value of life in the womb and in adoring Jesus, our Eucharistic Life, the support will grow to build the physical church, to serve and express this appreciation.

You may contribute to this work of God by putting your donations in the offering box in an envelope marked "Adoration Chapel" or simply "Building Fund", or at www.guadalupebakersfield.org/donate using the button "Give to Our Lady's Shrine". Please contribute also with your prayers.

PRAYER

FOR PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Dear Mary and Joseph, Holy Spouses, as a phase of construction for the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Copatroness of the Unborn, please guide us to prepare a Chapel for Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, in imitation of your first adoration of Jesus in the manger of Bethlehem. Amen.

CAPILLA DE ADORACIÓN PERPETUA

La Iglesia es mucho más que un edificio. Respetando la vida de los pequeños no nacidos en el Memorial y por el ministerio consolador y sanador que lo acompaña, estamos edificando la Iglesia de Cristo. ¡Al pasar las Horas Santas ante el Santísimo Sacramento, estaremos edificando la Iglesia de Cristo! A medida que crecemos en la apreciación del valor de la vida en el vientre y en la adoración de Jesús, nuestra Vida Eucarística, el apoyo crecerá para construir la iglesia física, para servir y expresar este agradecimiento.

Puede contribuir a esta obra de Dios poniendo sus donaciones en la caja de ofrendas en un sobre marcado como "Capilla de Adoración" o simplemente "Fondo de Construcción", o en www.guadalupebakersfield.org/donate usando el botón "Give to Our Lady's Shrine". Por favor contribuya también con sus oraciones.

ORACIÓN

POR CAPILLA DE ADORACIÓN PERPETUA

Amados María y José, como etapa de la construcción del Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe copatrona de los no nacidos, hágannos el favor de guiarnos a preparar una Capilla de Adoración Perpetua del Santísimo Sacramento, a imitación de su primera adoración de Jesús en el pesebre de Belén. Amén.

Feast of St. Joseph

Mass Schedule for the Feast of Saint Joseph

Friday, March 19th

Church—7:00am English

Shrine—8:00am Spanish

Church—9:30am English

Shrine—7:00pm Bilingual

NO CONFESSIONS THIS FRIDAY



Fiesta de San José

Horario de misas para la Fiesta de San José

Viernes 19 de marzo

Iglesia—7:00am Inglés

Santuario—8:00am Español

Iglesia—9:30am Inglés

Santuario—7:00pm Bilingüe

NO CONFESIONES ESTE VIERNES

Lent, a Season of the Word

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way—if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it! But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God—living by God's word, trusting in God, and worshipping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 7). In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself.

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Blossoms and Fruit

Unless a tree has borne blossoms in spring, you will vainly look for fruit on it in autumn.

—Walter Scott

Cuaresma, Temporada de la Palabra

Cada año, en el primer domingo de Cuaresma, escuchamos uno de los relatos evangélicos de la tentación de Jesús. En el relato de Lucas, el diablo cita las Escrituras repetidamente, instando a Jesús a interpretarlas de una manera falsa y egoísta: si Dios envía ángeles para proteger a aquellos a quienes Dios ama (como dice el Salmo 91), ¡pruébelo! Pero Jesús resiste esta insidiosa tentación recurriendo a pasajes de las Escrituras que hablan de la relación correcta con Dios: vivir según la palabra de Dios, confiar en Dios y adorar solo a Dios.

Jesús mismo escuchó la palabra inspirada de Dios y dejó que ella le modelara y le formara. A través de la liturgia, hacemos lo mismo. Las lecturas que escuchamos en la Misa pueden enseñarnos, pero esa no es su función principal. Más bien, las Escrituras están destinadas a revelarnos al Señor, a permiternos experimentar su presencia y formarnos en nuestra identidad cristiana. La presencia de Cristo se realiza con su palabra hablada, "porque es él mismo quien habla cuando se leen las Sagradas Escrituras en la Iglesia" (*Constitución sobre la Sagrada Liturgia*, 7). En las lecturas proclamadas en la Misa, escuchamos la voz del mismo Cristo.

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Frutos y Retoños

A menos que un árbol de retoños en la primavera, vanamente encontrarás frutos en el otoño.

—Walter Scott

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—THIS FRIDAY

We are having the Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 4:30 P.M. in the church, Bilingual. Accompany Our Lord in this moving devotion.

Saint Joseph's Story

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts.

When the Bible speaks of God "justifying" someone, it means that God, the all-holy or "righteous" one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God's own holiness, and hence it is really "right" for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not.

By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.

The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.

It is no contradiction of Joseph's manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this "quietly" because he was "a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame" (Matthew 1:19).

The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

Saint Joseph is the Patron Saint of:

Belgium, Canada, Carpenters, China, Fathers, Happy Death, Peru, Russia, Social Justice, Travelers, Universal Church, Vietnam & Workers, and UNIVERSAL PATRON

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION BLESSING OF CHILDREN IN THE WOMB

You are invited to Feast of the Annunciation bilingual Mass at the Shrine. Thursday, March 25th at 7:00pm. All pregnant women are invited to join us as we begin Our Lady of Guadalupe Annual Spiritual Adoption Program for special blessing of their children in the womb.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Over 4,000 babies in the U.S. are killed by abortion. They have so little protection. Prayer is the best weapon to help them. At the end of Mass, parish members will pledge to pray daily for nine months for their spiritually adopted baby who is in danger of abortion. For more information please call 742-7570, 396-7128 or 703-6936.

VÍA CRUCIS—ESTE VIERNES

Tendremos el Vía Crucis todos los viernes de Cuaresma a las 4:30 P.M. en la Iglesia, Bilingüe. Acompañe a Nuestro Señor en esta devoción.

La Historia de San José

La Biblia le hace a José el mayor cumplido: era un hombre "justo". La calidad significaba mucho más que fidelidad en el pago de deudas.

Cuando la Biblia habla de Dios "justificando" a alguien, significa que Dios, el todo santo o "justo", transforma a una persona de tal manera que el individuo comparte de alguna manera la propia santidad de Dios, y por lo tanto, es realmente "correcto" para Dios. amarlo a él o a ella. En otras palabras, Dios no está jugando, actuando como si fuéramos amables cuando no lo somos.

Al decir que José era "justo", la Biblia significa que él era alguien que estaba completamente abierto a todo lo que Dios quería hacer por él. Se hizo santo al abrirse totalmente a Dios.

El resto lo podemos suponer fácilmente. Piense en el tipo de amor con el que cortejó y ganó a Mary, y la profundidad del amor que compartieron durante su matrimonio.

No es una contradicción de la santidad varonil de José que decidió divorciarse de María cuando se descubrió que estaba embarazada. Las palabras importantes de la Biblia son que planeaba hacer esto "en silencio" porque era "un hombre justo, pero no estaba dispuesto a exponerla a la vergüenza" (Mateo 1:19).

El hombre justo obedeció a Dios de manera sencilla, gozosa y sincera: al casarse con María, al nombrar a Jesús, al pastorear a la preciosa pareja a Egipto, al llevarlos a Nazaret, en el número indeterminado de años de tranquila fe y valor.

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