

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.

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

Sunday Mass English: 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil;
6:45 a.m., 10 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

Misa Domingo Español: 7:00 p.m. Sabado Vigilia;
12:00 p.m.

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

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

SHRINE/PAVILION / SANTUARIO/PABELLÓN:

Sunday Mass English: 11:45 a.m.

Misas Domingo Español:

8:15a.m.; 10 a.m.; 1:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

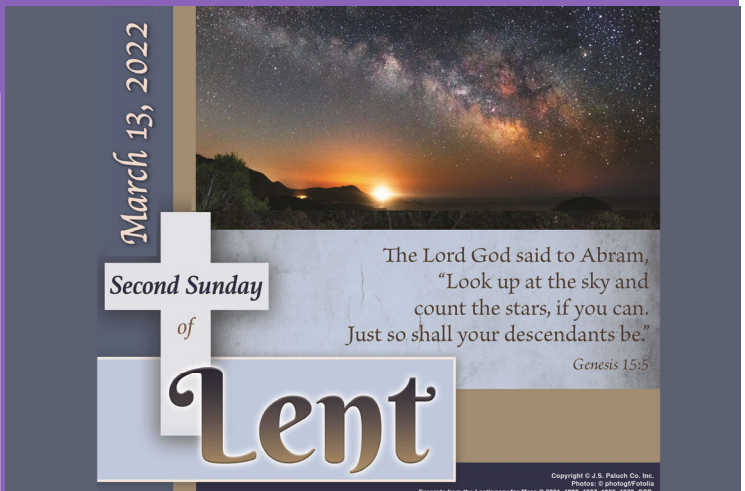
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, CO-PATRONESS OF THE UNBORN — VISION STATEMENT

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.

A GLIMPSE OF GOD

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.

Today's Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 (3:20 — 4:1); Luke 9:28b-36



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12 - March 19

Mass † Intentions

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday March 12th

5:30 pm Eng. (Church) † Paul Muñoz / Neri Family
7:00 pm Sp. (Church) † María de Jesús Guerrero / Hijos

Sunday March 13th

6:45 am Eng. (Church) Parishioners
8:15 am Sp. (Shrine) † Hermelinda Anguiano Salinas / Family
10:00 am Eng. (Church) Special Intentions Rose Nuñez Howard
10:00 am Sp. (Shrine) † Paulino Catzín / Esperanza
11:45 am Eng. (Shrine) † Manuel & Mercedes Cerda
12:00 pm Sp. (Church) † Jose Manuel Vela
1:45 pm Sp. (Shrine) † Gustavo, Elizeo & Rosa López / María
5:30 pm Sp. (Shrine) Cumpleaños de Jacobo Franco
6:30 pm Eng. (Church) Santos Salinas

Monday March 14th LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 am Eng. (Church) Rose Nuñez Howard
8:00 am Sp. (Church) Holy Souls of Purgatory / Maria Rosa

Tuesday March 15th LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 am Eng. (Church) Maria Vega's Birthday / Nancy
8:00 am Sp. (Church) † Pastora & Erasmo Robles

Wednesday March 16th LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 am Eng. (Church) Rose Nuñez Howard
8:00 am Sp. (Church) † Ulises Frias / Parents

Thursday March 17th LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 am Eng. (Church) Lynn Taylor / M. Cerda
8:00 am Sp. (Church) † Ulises Frias / Parents

Friday March 18th LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 am Eng. (Church) † Ulises Frias / Parents
8:00 am Sp. (Church) † Humberto Gutierrez & Juana Torres
9:00 am (Church) All the SJS Sisters in The Formation House
7:00 pm Bil. (Church) Salud de Miguel Ortega

Saturday March 19th SAINT JOSEPH

7:00 am Eng. (Church) † José Martínez
8:00 am Sp. (Church) Cumpleaños de Jose Vela / Lupe Vargas
3:00 pm (Shrine) Ricardo Bermúdez & Gloria Guerrero

Pray for - Oren Por Los Fallecidos

Felipe J. Marmolejo, Baby María José, Dianne Feliz and
Henry Tempzen who died recently.

Second Sunday of Lent March 13, 2022

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

— Psalm 27:1



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Weekly Collections

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EVENTS CALENDAR CALENDARIO DE EVENTOS

Church Collections	3/06/2022	Shrine Collections	3/06/2022
5:30 pm Sat.	\$2,111	8:15 am	\$1,928
7:00 pm Sat.	\$1,139	10:00 am	\$2,084
6:45 am	\$675	11:45am	\$1,551
10:00 am	\$1,581	1:45 pm	\$2,262
12:00 pm	\$1,854	5:30 pm	\$1,268
6:30 pm	\$1,410		
Total	\$8,770	Total	\$9,093

MAIL & WALK IN DONATIONS FOR THIS WEEK: \$3,211
TOTAL FOR WEEK TO 3/06/2022: \$21,074

BUILDING FUND TOTAL 1/31/2022

3/06/2022 SECOND COLLECTION:
BUILDING FUND \$11,600

THIS WEEK SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection for this week will be for the International Needs. Thank You for your generosity.



ESTA SEMANA SEGUNDA COLECTA

La Segunda Colecta de esta semana será para las Necesidades Internacionales. Gracias por su generosidad.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

In honor of our holy patron's feast day, we will set up special tables to collect non-perishable food items for the poor at the Shrine (E. Brundage Ln) and the Parish Hall (E. California Ave). Food items may be brought to the Parish Hall after the 7pm Mass on Friday, March 18th and after all Masses on Saturday, March 19th and Sunday, March 20th. Food items may be brought to the Shrine on Sunday, March 20th. We will bless the St. Joseph Tables following the 10:00 am Mass at the Church and the 1:45 Mass at the Shrine. All of the collected food items will be taken to local charitable organizations so that they may be distributed to the poor.



Thurs.-Fri. 3/10-18 St. Joseph Novena M-F 7:00pm, Sat. 4:45pm
Sun. 5:45 pm
Fri. 3/18 St. 7pm St. Joseph Bil. Vigil Mass—Church
Sat. 3/19 St. Joseph Day Masses 7am Eng., 8am Sp. —Church
Fri. 3/25 Spiritual Adoption & Blessing of Pregnant Mothers Mass
Bil. 7pm—Church
Sat.-Sun. 3/26-27 LGL Retreat—OLG Hall
Fri. 4/1 and 4/8 Stations of the Cross 7pm Bilingual
Thurs. 4/14 Holy Thursday Bilingual Mass 7:00pm / Silent Adoration
until 11:00pm—Shrine
Fri. 4/15 Good Friday 2:00pm Eng. Church. 4:00pm Sp.—Shrine
Sat. 4/16 Holy Saturday 9:00pm Easter Vigil Bilingual Mass—Shrine

Open Meetings this Week Juntas Abiertas esta Semana

Mon. 3/14 7:00 pm Al-Anon Fe y Esperanza—St. Joseph Marelo
Tues. 3/15 7:00 pm Al-Anon Fe y Esperanza—St. Joseph Marelo
Tues. 3/15 6:30 pm Bible Study—Social Hall
Wed. 3/16 7:00 pm Al-Anon Fe y Esperanza—St. Joseph Marelo
Wed. 3/16 5:00 pm Legión de Maria—St. Jude
Wed. 3/16 6:30 pm Lumen Christi Youth—San Juan Diego
Wed. 3/16 6:00 pm Saulo de Tarso-Jóvenes Adultos—Social Hall
Thurs. 3/17 6:00 pm Saulo de Tarso Teens—Social Hall
Fri. 3/18 6:00 pm Saulo de Tarso Jóvenes Adultos—St. Gabriel

TEACHER POSITION OPEN

Our Lady of Guadalupe School has teaching positions open for school year 2022-2023. Applications are to be submitted to Our Lady of Guadalupe School office located at 609 E. California Avenue. For more information please call the school office at 323-6059.



MESA DE SAN JOSÉ

En honor a la fiesta de nuestro santo patrón, instalaremos mesas especiales para recolectar alimentos no perecederos para los pobres en el Santuario (E. Brundage Ln) y el Salón Parroquial (E. California Ave). Los alimentos se pueden traer al Salón Parroquial después de la Misa de las 7:00 pm el viernes 18 de marzo y después de todas las Misas el sábado 19 de marzo y el domingo 20 de marzo. Los alimentos se pueden llevar al Santuario el domingo 20 de marzo. Bendeciremos las Mesas de San José después de la Misa de las 10:00 am en la Iglesia y la Misa de la 1:45 en el Santuario. Todos los alimentos recolectados se llevarán a organizaciones benéficas locales para que puedan ser distribuidos a los pobres.



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**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SYNOD
THIS SATURDAY**

The Synod is a process of "journeying, listening, and discerning" with each other, guided by the Holy Spirit towards a better understanding of the church we are now and the church we hope to become for future generations, fully claiming our roles as sons and daughters of God and authentic disciples of his Son, Jesus Christ. Please join us for a question and discussion style meeting at the **Guadalupe Hall on March 19th from 6:30 to 8:00pm**. How does your parish provide the tools you need to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Help us answer questions like this and become part of the synod on synodality. God and the church want to hear your voice! For questions, please contact Erika Salazar at (661) 205-8456.

**FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION
BLESSING OF CHILDREN IN THE WOMB**

You are invited to Feast of the Annunciation bilingual Mass. Friday, 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. There will be no stations of the cross on Friday, March 25.

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.

LIFE-GIVING LOVE ENGLISH WORKSHOP

The weekend of March 26th and 27th, 2022 from 8:00am to 6:00pm in Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall. This workshop is for married couples, engaged couples and for any adult interested in attending. Topics covered during the workshop: Sexuality, Marriage, Communication, Responsible Parenthood, Formation, Natural Family Planning, and the Mission of the Family. For more information please contact the office Monday from 2pm to 5pm and Tuesday through Friday from 9:00am to 12:30pm or from 1:30 to 5:00pm at 323-3148 or Andres & Hortencia Nevarez at 345-4518.

POST ABORTION HEALING MASS

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, please consider joining us for our post abortion healing Mass. Come and experience the merciful, never-ending love that God has for you. You are not alone. Come, embrace the moment, and begin your journey of healing at a special Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Copatroness of the Unborn, 4600 E. Brundage Ln, **7:00 pm, on Monday, March 28** (or in Spanish on Weds April 6).

**SÍNODO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE
ESTE SÁBADO**

El Sínodo es un proceso de "caminar, escuchar y discernir" unos con otros, guiados por el Espíritu Santo hacia una mejor comprensión de la iglesia que somos ahora y de la iglesia que esperamos llegar a ser para las generaciones futuras, reivindicando plenamente nuestro papel de hijos e hijas de Dios y auténticas discípulas de su Hijo, Jesucristo. Únase a nosotros para una reunión de estilo de discusión y preguntas en el **Guadalupe Hall el 19 de marzo de 6:30 a 8:00pm**. ¿Cómo proporciona tu parroquia las herramientas que necesita para ser discípulo de Jesucristo? Ayúdanos a responder preguntas como esta y sé parte del sínodo sobre la sinodalidad. ¡Dios y la iglesia quieren escuchar tu voz! Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con Erika Salazar al (661) 205-8456.

**FIESTA DE LA ANUNCIACIÓN
BENDICIÓN DE NIÑOS EN VIENTRE**

Todos están invitados a la Misa bilingüe de la Fiesta de la Anunciación el viernes 25 de marzo a las 7:00pm. Las mujeres embarazadas están invitadas a recibir una bendición especial para sus bebés en el vientre y dar comienzo a nuestro programa anual de Adopción Espiritual de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. No habrá Vía Crucis el viernes 25 de Marzo.

ADOPCIÓN ESPIRITUAL

Más de 4,000 bebés son asesinados a diario por el aborto. Ellos tienen tan poca protección. La oración es la mejor arma para ayudarlos. Al final de la Misa, los miembros de nuestra parroquia harán la promesa de orar a diario durante nueve meses por sus bebés adoptados espiritualmente que están en peligro de ser abortados. Para más información favor de llamar al 397-4811 o al 703-6936.

RETIRO "LA FAMILIA NATURAL VIVE MEJOR"

Se llevará a cabo el fin de semana **21 y 22 de mayo** del 2022 en el Salón Guadalupe de 8am a 6pm. Este es un taller para parejas casadas, parejas comprometidas y para cualquier adulto interesado. Temas cubiertos: sexualidad, matrimonio, comunicación, paternidad responsable, formación, familia natural y la misión de la familia. Para más información favor de llamar a Francisco y Verónica Hernández 333-7047.

MISA DE SANACIÓN POST ABORTO

Si tu o alguien que conoces ha tenido un aborto, considera acompañarnos a nuestra Misa de sanación post aborto. Ven y experimenta el infinito amor misericordioso que Dios tiene para ti. No estás sola. Ven, abraza el momento y comienza tu proceso de sanación en una Misa especial en el Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Co-patrona de los no Nacidos, 4600 E. Brundage Ln, **7:00pm, el miércoles 6 de abril** (o en inglés el lunes 28 de marzo).

BETHLEHEM 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!

You may contribute to this work of God by your donations to the building fund 2nd collections 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 BELÉN PARA 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!

Puede contribuir a esta obra de Dios con sus donaciones para el fondo de construcción de la segunda colecta o en www.guadalupebakersfield.org/donate usando el botón "Give to Our Lady's Shrine". Por favor contribuya también con sus oraciones.

ORACIÓN

POR LA 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.

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA INTENTIONS

After the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph is the most powerful intercessor in Heaven. He is patron of husbands, fathers, workers, virgins, the sick, the dying, the unborn, the unemployed, the homeless, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, the Church and universal patron for all in every need. The St. Joseph Novena will be held each evening bilingually in our parish as follows:

Saturday 3/12 - 4:45 pm.
Sunday 3/13 - 5:45 pm.
Mon. 3/14 through Fri. 3/18 - 7:00 pm.

INTENCIONES PARA NOVENA DE SAN JOSÉ

Después de la Santísima Virgen María, San José es el más poderoso intercesor en el Cielo. Es patrono de los maridos, padres, trabajadores, vírgenes, los enfermos, los moribundos, los no nacidos, los desempleados, las madres sin hogar, embarazadas, los viajeros, los inmigrantes, la Iglesia y patrono universal para todos en todas las necesidades. La Novena de San José se llevará a cabo bilingüe cada noche en nuestra parroquia de la siguiente manera:

Sábado 3/12 - 4:45 pm.
Domingo 3/13 - 5:45 pm.
Lunes 3/14 a viernes 3/18 - 7:00 pm.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH MASSES

Friday Vigil 3/18 - 7:00pm Bil
Saturday 3/19 - 7:00am Eng., 8:00am Sp.

Come honor the Husband of Mary, Earthly Father of Jesus, Patron of the church, and Patron of the Oblates.

MISAS DE LA FIESTA DE SAN JOSÉ

Viernes de Vigilia 3/18 - 7:00pm Bil
Sábado 3/19 - 7:00am Ing., 8:00am Sp.

Vengan a honrar al Esposo de María, Padre Terrenal de Jesús, Patrono de la Iglesia y Patrono de los Oblatos.

St. Joseph Novena Intentions / Intenciones para el Novenario de San José

Marriage / El Matrimonio	_____	The Pope / El Papa	_____	Liberation / Liberación	_____
Children / Los Hijos	_____	Vocations / Vocaciones	_____	Chastity / Castidad	_____
Work / El Trabajo	_____	Youth / Los Jóvenes	_____	Trust / Confianza	_____
Finances / Finanzas	_____	Consolation / Consuelo	_____	Deceased / Difuntos	_____
Health / Salud	_____	Charity / Caridad	_____	Humility / Humildad	_____
Happy Death / Buena Muerte	_____	Reconciliation / Reconciliación	_____	Immigration / Inmigración	_____
Conversion / Conversión	_____	Healing / Sanación	_____	New Church / Nueva Iglesia	_____

Other / Otras _____

VOCATION DISCERNMENT

Fr. Brian Crawford, OSJ, Vocation Director for the Holy Spouse Province, USA, of the Oblates of St. Joseph, will be visiting our parish from March 22 to March 27. If you would like an appointment to speak with Fr. Brian about vocation discernment, please contact the parish office at 661-323-3148.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary,
be with us this day.
You protected and cherished the Virgin;
loving the Child Jesus as your Son,
you rescued Him from the danger of death.
Defend the Church, the household of God,
purchased by the blood of Christ.
Guardian of the Holy Family,
be with us in our trials.
May your prayers obtain for us the
strength to flee from error and
wrestle with the powers of corruption
so that in life we may grow in holiness
and in death rejoice in the crown of victory.

Amen.

DESCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

El P. Brian Crawford, OSJ, Director Vocacional de la Provincia "Holy Spouses" de los Oblatos de San José en USA, va a visitar nuestra parroquia del 22 al 27 de marzo. Si gusta hacer una cita con el P. Brian para hablar con él de discernimiento vocacional. Favor llamar a la oficina parroquial al 661-323-3148.

Oración a San José

Bendito José, esposo de María,
estar con nosotros este día.
tú protegías y acarició a la Virgen;
amando al Niño Jesús como a tu Hijo,
lo rescataste del peligro de la muerte.
Defiende a la Iglesia, la casa de Dios,
comprado por la sangre de Cristo.
Guardián de la Sagrada Familia,
estar con nosotros en nuestras pruebas.
Que sus oraciones nos obtengan la
fortaleza para huir del error y
luchar con los poderes de la corrupción
para que en vida crezcamos en santidad
y en la muerte regocijemos con la corona de la victoria.

Amén.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help us make calls and sign people up for Pledges and Donations for Our Bethlehem Adoration Chapel. If you are interested please contact Virginia Santos @ 661-323-3073

SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS

Estamos buscando voluntarios para que nos ayuden a hacer llamadas e inscribir a personas para Promesas y Donaciones para Nuestra Capilla de Adoración de Belén. Si está interesado, comuníquese con Virginia Santos al 661-323-3073

ST. 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.

HISTORIA DE SAN JOSÉ

La Biblia le hace el mayor cumplido a José: era un hombre "justo". La calidad significó mucho más que la fidelidad en el pago de las 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 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 quiere decir 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. Piensa en el tipo de amor con el que cortejó y ganó a María, y la profundidad del amor que compartieron durante su matrimonio.

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

El hombre justo fue obediente a Dios con sencillez, alegría y todo su corazón: 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 coraje.

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