

HOLY EUCHARIST CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

***WE ARE A SUPPORTIVE, FAITH FILLED COMMUNITY THAT WELCOMES ALL PEOPLE.
THROUGH OUR BAPTISMAL CALL TO STEWARDSHIP WE BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST
AS WE PRAY, WORSHIP, CELEBRATE AND REACH OUT IN SERVICE TO OTHERS.***

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 3 & 4, 2026

*I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will remain.*

John 15:16



XXVII DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

3 Y 4 DE OCTUBRE, 2026

*Los escogí a ustedes y los he puesto para que produzcan fruto,
y ese fruto permanezca, dice el Señor.*

Juan 15:16

Mass Schedule/Horario de Misas

Thursday/Jueves 9:00 am Spanish/Español

Friday/Viernes 9:00 am English/Inglés

Saturday/Sábado 4:00 pm English/Inglés

Sunday, Domingo 8:00 am & 10:00 am English, 12:00 pm Español

Holy Days (as scheduled in bulletin)

Días Festivos (según lo programado en el boletín)

Sacraments/Sacramentos

Please call the Parish Office at 722-5490 to make an appointment. Por favor llame la Oficina al 722-5490 para hacer una cita.

Reconciliation Services-By request, before and after Mass

Servicios de Reconciliación-Solamente por petición, antes y después de la Misa

Sacrament of Baptism-Parents and God Parents are required to attend one session of preparation in advance of infant baptism.

Sacramento de Bautizo-Padres y Padrinos se les requiere que atiendan una sesión antes del bautismo del infante.

Sacrament of Marriage

Bride & Groom must begin premarital preparation six months prior to date.

Sacramento de Matrimonio

Novios deberán comenzar una preparación prematrimonial seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda.

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Horas de Oficina: Martes – Jueves 9:30 am – 4:30 pm, Viernes 9:30 am-3:30 pm



Life: Our Sign of Hope

There is perhaps no more beautiful celebration than when parents bring their newborn child to the waters of baptism.

Parents, godparents, family, and friends share in this sacrament with incomparable joy. For in baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and through the outward signs of water and oil, are made children of God and given the hope of eternal life with Him.

"The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope." Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. "Hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing what the future may bring." [2] Because of this Christian hope, we can face the unknown trials of life with faith rather than fear.

We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."

"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:5

Sadly, there is a devastating absence of hope today. We see this most profoundly in a sweeping disregard for human life in its most vulnerable forms and stages. Abortion and assisted suicide are products of hopelessness and despair. Yet even amid the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the "storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death."

We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For "hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross."

Having been "buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death." [6] Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope, knowing that "the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope."

Blessing of the Animals/Bendición de los Animales

Sunday, October 4th at 2:30 pm

Domingo, 4 de Octubre a las 2:30 pm

Please be prompt to prevent those animals waiting from getting stressed. Thank You.

Por favor sea puntual para evitar que los animales estén en espera y se estresen. Gracias.



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend's Gospel reading poses some challenging stewardship questions, particularly at a time when so many people are becoming disengaged from their faith communities. When Christ returns, will we be found working diligently in the Lord's "vineyard," converting our own hearts into a rich harvest of love and compassion? Calling those outside our vineyard to enter into the joy of the Lord? Or will we just be living off of what the Lord has given us, but not sharing God's love with others? Jesus' parable suggests that if we aren't good stewards of the gifts we've been given then the gifts will be taken away, and we will be called to give an account for our failures. We have all we need for a bountiful harvest, even during these disquieting times.

What will our Lord find when He returns and asks us to give an account?

Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La lectura del Evangelio de este fin de semana plantea algunas preguntas desafiantes sobre la corresponsabilidad, particularmente en un momento en el que tantas personas se están distanciando de sus comunidades de fe. ¿Cuando Cristo regrese, nos hallará trabajando

diligentemente en la "viña" del Señor; convertir nuestro propio corazón en una rica cosecha de amor y compasión? ¿Llamando a los que están fuera de nuestra viña a entrar en el gozo del Señor? ¿O simplemente estaremos viviendo de lo que el Señor nos ha dado, pero no compartiremos el amor de Dios con los demás? La parábola de Jesús sugiere que si no somos buenos corresponsables de los dones que se nos han dado, los dones nos serán quitados y seremos llamados a dar cuenta de nuestros fracasos. Tenemos todo lo que necesitamos para una cosecha abundante, incluso durante estos tiempos inquietantes. ¿Qué encontrará nuestro Señor cuando regrese y nos pida que demos cuentas?

Maker's Festival

Saturday, October 24, 2026

10 am-3 pm.

Gifts for Mom or Dad, Holidays, or any special occasion.

There will be crafts of all kinds:

- knit • crochet • woodwork • pottery • jewelry
- sewing • weaving • soaps • painting • sweets
- photography and more.



Festival de Artesanías

Sábado 24 de octubre de 2026

10 am a 3 pm.

Regalos para mamá o papá, días festivos o cualquier ocasión especial.

Habrà manualidades de todo tipo:

- Tejido • crochet • carpintería •
- cerámica • joyería • costura • jabones
- pintura • dulces • fotografía y más.

Mass Schedule & Readings

Saturday, October 3

4:00 pm Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (English)
For the People of Holy Eucharist

Sunday, October 4

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (English)

+Jennifer Minton (Holy Eucharist)
+Silvia Santos (Rosa Regalado)
+Jose Francisco Regalado (Rosa Regalado)
+Oscar Mejia, Sr. (Oscar & Letty Mejia)
For the Special Intentions of the Minton Family

10:00 am Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (English)
For the Special Intention of Barbara Holton & Ray Chatten
For the Special Intention of Jeana Bowers (Loree Borelli)
For the Special Intention of Fr. Derek (Karen Campbell)

12:00 pm Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Spanish)
+Lupé Cardenas (Elvia Delgado)
+Rosa Hernandez (Salvador Hernandez)
+Demetrio Muñoz (Marisela Botello)
+Juan Anaya (Marisela Botello)
+Souls in Purgatory (Palmieri Salazar)
For the Special Intention of Teresa Jimenez (Maura Motta)
For the Special Intention of Luis Motta (Holy Eucharist)
For the Special Intention of Marco Antonio Rodriguez (Marisela Botello)
For the Special Intention of Palmieri Suguey Salazar
For the Special Intention of Deonicio Quintero (Rodolfo Quintero)
For the Special Intention of Consuelo Ramos (Vicky Ramos)
R: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

Monday, October 5

R: Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 6

R: Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)

R: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 8

9:00 am Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Spanish)

R: Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 9

9:00 am Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (English)

R: Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 10

4:00 pm Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (English)

+Lynn Eaton
For the Special Intention of Michael Lewis (The Coty Family)
For the Special Intention of Margaret & Kevin Woolever
For the Special Intention of Norm & Lois Hagen (HE)

Sunday, October 11

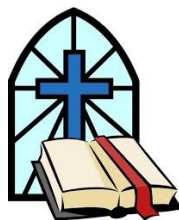
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (English)

For the People of Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (English)
+Jennifer Minton (Holy Eucharist)
For the Special Intentions of Barbara Holton & Ray Chatten
For the Special Intention of the Minton Family (Holy Eucharist)

12:00 pm Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Spanish)
+Rosa Hernandez (Salvador Hernandez)
+Diana Mello (Marisela Botello)
+Lydia & Reed Nottoli (Marisela Botello)
+Souls in Purgatory (Palmieri Salazar)
+Luis Gonzalez (Teresa Gonzalez)
For the Special Intention of Margarita Cuella (Marisela Botello)
For the Special Intention of Consuelo Ramos (Vicky Ramos)
R: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20;
Matthew 22:1-14



Horarios & Lecturas de la Misa

Sábado, 3 de Octubre

4:00 pm Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Inglés)
Feligreses de la Parroquia

Domingo, 4 de Octubre

XXVII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

8:00 am Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Inglés)

+Jennifer Minton (Holy Eucharist)
+Silvia Santos (Rosa Regalado)
+Jose Francisco Regalado (Rosa Regalado)
+Oscar Mejia, Sr. (Oscar y Letty Mejia)
Intención Especial de la Familia Minton

10:00 am Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Inglés)
Intenciones Especiales de Barbara Holton y Ray Chatten (HE)
Intención Especial de Jeana Bowers (Loree Borelli)
Intención Especial de Padre Derek (Karen Campbell)

12:00 pm Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Español)
+Lupé Cardenas (Elvia Delgado)
+Rosa Hernandez (Salvador Hernandez)
+Demetrio Muñoz (Marisela Botello)
+Juan Anaya (Marisela Botello)
+Almas del Purgatorio (Palmieri Salazar)
Intención Especial de Teresa Jimenez (Maura Motta)
Intención Especial de Luis Motta (Holy Eucharist)
Intención Especial de Marco Antonio Rodriguez (Marisela Botello)
Intención Especial de Palmieri Suguey Salazar (Maura Motta)
Intención Especial de Deonicio Quintero (Rodolfo Quintero)
Intención Especial de Consuelo Ramos (Vicky Ramos)
L: Isaías 5:1-7; Filipenses 4:6-9; Mateo 21:33-43

Lunes, 5 de Octubre

L: Gálatas 1:6-12; Lucas 10:25-37

Martes, 6 de Octubre

L: Gálatas 1:13-24; Lucas 10:38-42

Miércoles, 7 de Octubre

Bienaventurada Virgen María del Rosario (Memoria)

L: Gálatas 2:1-2, 7-14; Lucas 11:1-4

Jueves, 8 de Octubre

9:00 am Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Español)

L: Gálatas 3:1-5; Lucas 11:5-13

Viernes, 9 de Octubre

9:00 am Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Inglés)

L: Gálatas 3:7-14; Lucas 11:15-26

Sábado, 10 de Octubre

4:00 pm Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Inglés)

+Lynn Eaton
Intención Especial de Michael Lewis (La Familia Coty)
Intenciones Especiales de Margaret y Kevin Woolever
Intenciones Especiales de Norm y Lois Hagen (HE)

Domingo, 11 de Octubre

XXVIII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

8:00 am Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Inglés)

Feligreses de la Parroquia

10:00 am Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Inglés)
+Jennifer Minton (Holy Eucharist)
Intenciones Especiales de Barbara Holton y Ray Chatten
Intención Especial de la Familia Minton (HE)

12:00 pm Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Español)
+Rosa Hernandez (Salvador Hernandez)
+Diana Mello (Marisela Botello)
+Lydia y Reed Nottoli (Marisela Botello)
+Almas del Purgatorio (Palmieri Salazar)
+Luis Gonzalez (Teresa Gonzalez)
Intención Especial de Margarita Cuella (Marisela Botello)
Intención Especial de Consuelo Ramos (Vicky Ramos)
L: Isaías 25:6-10; Filipenses 4:12-14, 19-20;
Mateo 22:1-14

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Come and get your flu shot!
Protect yourself, your family, and
your community by getting your
annual flu shot. It's quick, safe, and
the best defense against the flu.

**Sunday,
October 11th
8:30am-1:00 pm.**

STOP IT BEFORE IT STARTS!

Please scan the QR code
to register
and get your free flu-shot voucher.



¡Venga a vacunarse contra la gripe!
Protéjase a sí mismo, a su familia y a su
comunidad poniéndose la vacuna anual
contra la gripe. Es rápida, segura y la
mejor defensa contra la gripe.

**Domingo
11 de Octubre
8:30 am-1:00 pm**

¡DETÉNGALO ANTES DE QUE EMPIECE!

Por favor, escanee el código QR para
registrarse y obtener su vale para la
vacuna gratuita contra la gripe.

FEED HUNGRY

Team #4 is hosting this Monday

Salvation Army-Watsonville, CA

Food for the hungry is provided each Monday evening.
You can contribute to this program by leaving a monetary
contribution in the brown wooden on the offering table.

Meals served last week:

September 28, 2026—85 Total Meals

Thank you to all that contribute to this ministry.



Programa Dar Comer al Hambriento

El equipo #4 estará sirviendo este Lunes.

Salvation Army- Watsonville, CA

Todos los lunes por la noche se sirve comida caliente
para las personas que tienen hambre. Usted puede
contribuir al programa dejando su contribución monetaria
en la caja de madera marrón sobre la mesa de ofrendas.

Comidas Servidas la semana pasada:

28 de Septiembre, 2026—85 Alimentos Totales

Gracias a todos los que contribuyen a este ministerio.

Important Dates

October 4-Blessing of the Animals, 2:30 pm

October 11-Flu Clinic

October 24-Maker's Festival



Fechas Importantes

4 de Octubre-Bendición de los Animales, 2:30 pm

11 de Octubre-Clinica de Gripe

24 de Octubre-Festival de Artesanias

A big THANK YOU goes out to all that attended
and participated in our Wine Tasting and
Auction this past Sunday. The food was
fabulous-thanks to Russ and his crew. The
wine, the company, and the items we were
battling to take home were all great.

If you donated to the auction-thank you. If you
helped set-up, clean-up, serve or prepare
food, or helped in any way-thank you.

Thank you to all that attended the event-your
support is needed and appreciated.

Un gran agradecimiento a todos los que
asistieron y participaron en nuestra cata de
vinos y subasta el pasado Domingo. La
comida estuvo fabulosa, gracias a Russ y a su
equipo. El vino, la compañía, y los artículos
de la subasta, por los que luchamos para
llevar a casa fueron geniales.

Si usted donó a la subasta-gracias.
Si usted ayudó a la preparación, limpieza, el
servicio o en preparar alimentos,-gracias.

Gracias a todos los que asistieron al
evento-su apoyo es necesario y apreciado.

Parish Calendar

Monday, October 5

Office Closed

Salvation Army -Team #4 4:15 pm

Tuesday, October 6

10:30 am Rosary Group

4:30 pm 1st Year Religious Education

Wednesday, October 7

10:00 am Bible Study-English

7:00 pm Bible Study-Spanish

Thursday, October 8

9:00 am Mass-Spanish

4:30 pm 2nd Year Religious Education

Friday, October 9

9:00 am Mass-English

9:30 am-12:30 pm Office Hours

Saturday, October 10

2:30 pm Adult Confirmation

4:00 pm Mass-English



Calendario Parroquial

Lunes, 5 de Octubre

Oficina Cerrada

Salvation Army - Equipo #4 4:15 pm

Martes, 6 de Octubre

10:30 am Grupo de Rosario

4:30 pm 1° Año Educación Religiosa

Miércoles, 7 de Octubre

10:00 am Estudio de Biblia-Inglés

7:00 pm Estudio de Biblia-Español

Jueves, 8 de Octubre

9:00 am Misa-Español

4:30 pm Segundo Año Educación Religiosa

Viernes, 9 de Octubre

9:00 am Misa-Inglés

9:30 am-12:30 pm Horas de Oficina

Sábado, 10 de Octubre

2:30 pm Confirmación Adultos

4:00 pm Misa-Inglés

Stewardship of Treasure

Plate Collections September 26 & 27, 2026

Plate Collection & Mail in Donations \$2,598.80

Electronic Donations (Plate only) \$ 165.55

Total \$2,764.35

Weekly Plate Collection

Budgeted (needed) \$3,906.00

Shortage -\$1,141.65

Reporte de Finanzas de Corresponsabilidad

Colecta de la Limosna 26 y 27 de Septiembre, 2026

Misas de fin de Semana \$2,598.80

Donaciones Electrónicas \$ 165.55

Total \$2,764.35

Colecta de la limosna semanal

Presupuesto (necesario) \$3,906.00

El Déficit -\$1,141.65

Second Collections

October 3 & 4-Respect Life

October 17 & 18-World Mission Sunday

October 26 & 27-Parish Development

Segundas Colectas

3 y 4 de Octubre-Respeto a la Vida

17 y 18 de Octubre-Domingo de Misión Mundial

26 y 27 de Octubre-Desarrollo Parroquial

SUMMERTIME CHRISTMAS 2026

\$8,872.26

Thank to all who contributed.

Your generosity is needed and appreciated.



NAVIDAD EN VERANO DE 2026

\$8,872.26

Gracias a todos los que ya han contribuido.

Su generosidad es muy necesaria y apreciada.

May our Prayers be a comfort to our parish family.

Que nuestras oraciones sean un consuelo para las familias de nuestra parroquia.

Sergio Abarca, Dana Alaga, Mabel Alameda, Wanda Allee, Mary Ellen Ambriz, Virginia Anderson, Jane Ango, Leonardo Arias, Richie Avalos, Camille Baxter, George & Susan Boero, Ken Brodkey, Tony & Vickie Cadiente, Ana & Jose Cahue, Karen Campbell, Shirley Castillo, Laurie Chapman, Ray Chatten, Gretchen Coffey, Coco Conklin, Teri Corman, Greg Cornell, Aileen Correa, Trish Cronin, Mary Cross, Elizabeth Dailey, Roberta Dallimonti, Diane DeLisle, Lori Dewitt, The Dias Family, The Diaz Family, Jessica Dixon, Joseph Bradley Diaz, Marilynn Fanucci, The Faria Family, Maria Flores, Patty Galvan, Catalina Garcia, Ed & Pat Golditch, Jasmine Gomez, Maria Cuqui Gonzalez, Donna Harlan, Fr. Derek Hughes, Barry Jennings, Larry Jennings, Daniel Johnston, Robin Jozovich, Robin Karr, Nancy Kirk, June Landacre, Joanne Landa, The Landis Family, Anabella Grace Legare, Terry Locke-Paddon, Connor Lopez, Chris Luffman, Juana Magdaleno, Romba Maitoza, Alfredo Marquez, Angelica Marquez, Lorena Marquez, Maru Marquez, Alfredo Madrigal, Raiden Martinez, Susie Martinez, Rose Marie McNair, Rebeka Medina, Emma Morales, Rosie Morales, Luis & Maura Motta, Theresa Orosco, Daniela Ortiz, Michael Ortiz, Lucinda Pappani, Jane Patricio, Aidan Patterson, The Pezzini Family, Steve Podulke, Caroline Policicchio, Oliver Potts, Maria Quintana, Luis Ramirez, Adrian Renteria, Elaine Ribeiro, Mary Ringrose, Joel Rivera, Elis Rojas, Serafin Lopez Rojas, Vicky Romero, Kathie Skov Rossi, Jose Rufino, Johnny & Yoli Salgado, Baby Samuel, Robert Schuster, Sandra Silva, Ed Smith, Tom Stickel, Barbara Stringari, Julio Cesar Tena, The Valdivia Family, Genoveva Vázquez, Arturo Villalobos, Paul Vitali, Laura Wallenstein, Betsy Walsh, Dan & Kateri Walsh, Andy Wiley Dennis Winans and Jim Wood.

Mary, Mother of Life



When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the *mother of life*. Mary’s acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.

Eve was called the “mother of all the living” (Gen 3:20). Unfortunately, her disobedience brought sin into the world. In contrast Mary, through her obedience to God, gives birth to our Salvation. Mary becomes the New Eve—the new mother of all the living. Her fiat gives us an example of perfect docility and cooperation with the will of God.

At the Annunciation, when Mary learns that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is six months pregnant, she travels in haste to visit Elizabeth, spending the next three months at her side, even while pregnant herself. In her selfless service to Elizabeth, the Blessed Mother perfectly models how we are called to accompany expectant mothers as they prepare to welcome new life into the world.

Mary’s role as the Mother of Life extends from the Annunciation all the way to the Crucifixion. On

Oh Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”

Evangelium vitae

Calvary, Mary stands at the foot of the Cross with Saint John. The Gospel tells us: “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (Jn 19:26-27).

With his final breaths on the Cross, Jesus entrusts Mary and the Beloved Disciple to one another, and by extension establishes a maternal relationship between Mary and the Church. Jesus’ words are addressed not only to Saint John, but to each one of us. In this moment, the physical mother of Jesus becomes the spiritual mother of the Church and all the faithful. Saint John goes on to take Mary into his home and cares for her as she advances in age, demonstrating our responsibility to continue our care for human life, from conception to natural death. Mary, who taught us how to nurture human life, becomes the recipient of that same honor and care.

The life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. Mary is our model for upholding the sanctity of all human life. O Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”¹

¹ Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 105.

María, madre de la vida



Cuando el ángel Gabriel se apareció a María para decirle que concebiría y daría a luz un hijo, María respondió con su *fiat*: “que se cumpla en mí lo que has dicho” (Lc 1, 38). María concibe a Cristo en su seno, y se convierte en la madre de Dios, la madre de Jesús. Jesús mismo nos dice que Él es “el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida” (Jn 14, 6). Al convertirse en la madre de Jesús, María se convierte en la *madre de la vida*. La aceptación de María en este momento imprevisto demuestra cómo cada uno de nosotros debe acoger el don de una nueva vida humana, incluso cuando ese don es inesperado o nos exige sacrificios.

Eva fue llamada “la madre de todos los vivientes” (Gn 3, 20). Lamentablemente, su desobediencia trajo el pecado al mundo. En cambio, María, por su obediencia a Dios, da a luz a nuestra Salvación. María se convierte en la Nueva Eva: la nueva madre de todos los vivientes. Su *fiat* nos da un ejemplo de perfecta docilidad y cooperación con la voluntad de Dios.

En la Anunciación, cuando María se entera de que su prima anciana Isabel tiene seis meses de embarazo, se pone en camino de prisa para visitar a Isabel, y pasa los tres meses siguientes a su lado, aun estando ella misma embarazada. En su servicio abnegado a Isabel, la Santísima Virgen es modelo perfecto de cómo estamos llamados a acompañar a las madres gestantes mientras se preparan para acoger una nueva vida en el mundo.

La función de María como madre de la vida se despliega desde la Anunciación hasta la Crucifixión.

Oh, María, “Madre de los vivientes, a Ti confiamos la causa de la vida”.

Evangelium vitae

En el Calvario, María permanece al pie de la Cruz junto a san Juan. El Evangelio nos dice: “Al ver a la madre y cerca de ella al discípulo a quien él amaba, Jesús le dijo: ‘Mujer, aquí tienes a tu hijo’. Luego dijo al discípulo: ‘Aquí tienes a tu madre’. Y desde aquel momento, el discípulo la recibió en su casa” (Jn 19, 26-27).

Con sus últimos alientos en la Cruz, Jesús confía a María y al Discípulo Amado el uno al otro y, por extensión, establece una relación materna entre María y la Iglesia. Las palabras de Jesús se dirigen no solo a san Juan, sino a cada uno de nosotros. En este momento, la madre física de Jesús se convierte en la madre espiritual de la Iglesia y de todos los fieles. San Juan procede a recibir a María en su casa y cuida de ella a medida que avanza en edad, lo cual demuestra nuestra responsabilidad de continuar nuestro cuidado de la vida humana, desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. María, quien nos enseñó cómo alimentar la vida humana, se convierte en la receptora de ese mismo honor y cuidado.

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¹ Papa Juan Pablo II, *Evangelium vitae*, 105.

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