

Bishop Jaime Soto – Reflection at the beginning of the Mass of the Last Supper
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We come together for these sacred rites of the Easter Triduum not only to recall the extraordinary charity of the Jesus' sacrifice. We also come mindful our own sins and failings. In these days, there have been painful reminders of how the Church's sins have wounded the Body of Christ. Our failures have harmed the children and families as well as caused many people to question their faith. The memories of these afflictions still are painful to all of us who love and serve the Church and to me personally as your Bishop. All this compels us to come, wearied and broken, to the Lord Jesus because "it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured ... He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins, Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his *wounds we are* healed." (Is. 53.4-5)

Acerquémonos a la cruz de nuestro Salvador Jesús no solo con el recuerdo de Su caridad derramada. Conscientes de nuestro propios pecados y la aflicción que la han provocado venimos al divino pastor, cuyas heridas nos han sanado. En estos días hemos escuchado reportes que nos han traído de nuevo la consciencia que somos un pueblo pecador. El recuerdo de los pecados contra la inocencia de niños y la confianza de familia todavía nos duele. Estas profundas heridas todavía faltan el remedio de la cruz. Entonces, pongamos nuestra mirada en Jesús porque "eran nuestras dolencias las que él llevaba, eran nuestros dolores los que le pesaban. ... El soportó el castigo que nos trae la paz y por sus llagas hemos sido sanados." (Is. 53.4-5)