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9:15am - noon & 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Friday 9:15am- noon

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Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: (English) 8:00am

Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

First Saturday 9am

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30am

Tuesday 6:00pm (English)

Thursday 6:00pm (Spanish)

ROSARY PRAYED IN COMMON

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:40pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8:10am

Saturday: 5:15pm

Sunday: 7:15am & 12:15pm

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Tuesday, Thursday and

2nd & 4th Saturdays 5:00-5:45pm

and by appointment 936-825-3920

RECONCILIACION/CONFESIONES

Los Martes, jueves y el

segundo y cuarto sábado a las 5:00-5:45pm

y por cita 936-825-3920

Second Sunday of Lent : March 17, 2019

Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

March 16 & 17, 2019

Under the Patronage of St. Patrick and Our Lady of Guadalupe

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

MONDAY, MARCH 18

No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

No Mass -Lenten Penance Service at 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

8:30 AM Martha Maniha †

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

8:30 AM Torres and Rangel Families

10:00 AM Torres Families at Golden Creek

6:00 PM* Ligia Ramirez, Living

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

8:30 AM Sterling Denman †

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

6:00 PM Vigil Angie Scarmardo †

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM* Margarita Espinoza †

*SPANISH

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MARCH 18

5:00 PM Spanish Legion of Mary, CH Cry room

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

6:00 PM Lenten Penance Service, CH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

6:00 PM Religious Education Class, Pre-K thru 5th

6:00 PM to 6:45 PM Parent Class, English & and Spanish, CH

7:15 PM Choir Practice, CH

7:30 PM RCIA in English, SPCC

7:30 PM RCIA in Spanish, SPCC

7:30 PM Youth Group Meeting, SPH

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

12:00 PM English Legion of Mary, CH Cry room

2:00 PM Music & Liturgy Practice & Work Time, CH

5:00 PM to 5:45 PM Confession, CH

Spanish Bible Class, CH Cry room

Guitar Lesson, CH

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

2:00 PM Music & Liturgy Practice & Work Time, CH

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross, CH

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

9:00 AM 1st Holy Communion Workshop
Reconciliation, CH

9:00 AM Confirmation Workshop, SPH

5:00 PM to 5:45 PM Confession, CH

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 AM Mass RCIA First Scrutiny

After 8:00 AM Mass, Youth selling Breakfast Tacos

10:15 AM Religious Education Classes, 6-12th Grades



Lenten Penance Service
6:00 PM March 19th at
Christ Our Light Church

E-Mail Addresses for the Parish

To e-mail Fr. Elias...fr.eli@christourlight.org

To e-mail Nelda: nelda@christourlight.org

To e-mail RE Board: reboard@christourlight.org

Christ Our Light web-site: www.christourlight.org

BULLETIN DEADLINE TUESDAY 12:00 NOON

Announcements and **or articles are to be submitted in writing** to the Parish Office, or faxed to 825-7612 or e-mailed nelda@christourlight.org.

Events, meeting etc. for the Parish Calendar are to be submitted in writing to the Parish Office in advance.

AFTER MASS WEEKLY PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline Tuesday, 12:00 Noon. **Announcements are to be submitted in writing** to the Parish Office. The Pastor reserves the right to pick and choose which announcements are made in this forum as there is a need to keep these to a minimum.

Todos los anuncios deben ser presentados por escrito en la oficina de la parroquia no mas tarde que los martes al mediodía. El Pastor decidirá si las noticias son de importancia para ser pronuncia das.

PARISH REGISTRATION

To our new parishioner, we welcome you to Christ Our Light Parish. Please register at the parish office or ask one of the Hospitality Ministers to help you. For parishioners moving out of the parish or changing your address or phone number, **please** notify the parish office, 825-3920.

Sacrament of Baptism Schedule



English Baptism Class Schedule for 2019:

8:30 AM to 10:30 AM April 13, July 13, and October 12. **PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO CLASS.** To register please contact Deacon

Grant Holt at 936-825-6448 or Lucy Coronilla at 936-419-9296.

Spanish Baptism Class Schedule for 2019: 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, April 21 and 28, July 21 and 28 October 20 and 27. For Information, call Rosa Torres at 936-419-8974

ALL DOCUMENTS AND FORMS must be completed and turned in before Baptism Date. **SCHEDULED** Baptism will be celebrated once a month at 12 noon every 3rd Saturday following completion of the baptismal classes the prior month. The Sacrament of Baptism is a communal celebration. Therefore, private baptisms are not celebrated here.



**PRAY for THE CONTINUING
RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF
the infirmed and homebound**

members of our community. Frank Crouch, Minnie Crouch, Yvonne Meitzen, Leslie Mills, Leon Nowak, Victor Ostiguin, Leona Pasket, Angelina Peterson, Wallace Peterson, Lucila Rivera, Josh Sechelski, Dana Sowell, and Krysten Sowell, Harold Urbanosky, Crystal Winkler.

Call the parish office when a member of our community has a need to be remembered in prayer, 825-3920.

Also, if you have added a name to the prayer list, please call to let us know when to remove the name from the list.

Thank you.



New Memorial Candles

The new Candle Stands are electrical. Anyone wanting to light a candle may do so by pressing the red button and give an offering. The candle will burn for 12 hours. Memorial Candles burning for one year are \$150.00 each. Come by the parish office to schedule and pay your offering of \$150.00 for your Memorial candle.

**YOUR PARISH SUPPORT
SU APOYO PARROQUIAL**

Weekly Offering

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TRESASURE YOU HAVE SHARED:

GIFTS FOR GOD — YOUR TITHE RESPONDS

March 6th Ash Wednesday

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| (39) Ash Wednesday | 2,173.07 |
| II Collection, Archdiocese Social Mins. | 370.00 |

March 09 and 10, 2019

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| (91) Offertory Envelopes/Loose Checks and On Live Giving | 4,094.00 |
| Loose Cash | 846.12 |
| Children | 62.00 |
| Total | 5,002.12 |
| Maintenance Fund | 1,124.33 |

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held every Friday during Lent at 6:00 PM

March 22nd — Choir

March 29th — Legion of Mary

April 5th — Knights of Columbus

April 12th — Fr. Eli

Friday April 19th, the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) at 3:00 PM

DIOCESAN SERVICE FUND - 2019

Goal: \$24,900.00

Pledged: \$2,810.00

Paid: \$1,470.00

Total Registered Families: 651

Number of Participant: 12

Percent Paid: 5.89%

In Our Prayers

We remember in prayer our friends and loved ones in active military duty, both in and out of harms way, in the service of their our country. Pray for peace in the world and for our leaders.

SSG Jorge Aguilar, Jr., Alexander Cortez,
Antonio Magallon, Sgt. Kevin Seigler,
SSgt Allen Thane

**OUR HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR
MARCH**

General Intention — Recognition of the Rights of Christian Communities: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



**P.E.R.A. (Perpetual Eucharistic
Reparative Adoration)**

We are inviting and highly encouraging everyone to sign-up for our "P.E.R.A." (Perpetual Eucharistic Reparative Adoration). We are asking everyone to devote ONE HOUR (at least) a WEEK adoring God in the Blessed Sacrament—that is, only asking 168 parishioners to make adoration of God everyday, 24/7! We do this as a Parish Community in response to the teaching of St. John Paul II:

The "Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to make amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease."

(Dominicae cenae, 3)

Please call Mary Rangel @ 936-419-9024.

**THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND
Web site is FORMED.ORG**

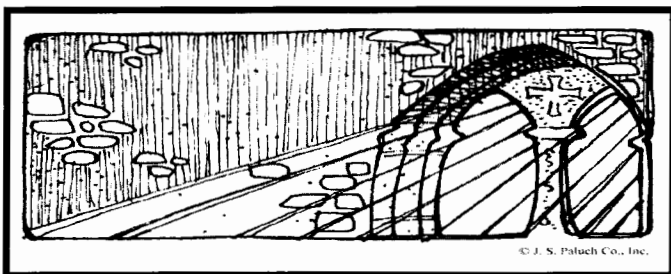
The Parish Code to access the website is
MVMZKF

There are 2 easy ways to connect to
FLOCKNOTE (pick one):

Then register to create an account.

NOTE: Do not use Mozilla Firefox browser.

1. Visit our church at: www.flocknote.com/christourlightchurch
2. Text SPOLG to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.



Second Sunday of Lent March 17, 2019

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear? — *Psalm 27:1*

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Every 1st weekend of the month (Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses) blessing of all who have a birthday or Wedding Anniversary during the month.

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

to the Priesthood and Religious Life especially in our Archdiocese.

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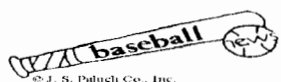
MEMORIALIZING THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



If you are interested in memorializing the Sanctuary candle, in memory of, in personal reverence and petition or special intention for the week, stop by the parish office for more information.

11 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLYLAND
TIBERIAS—MOUNT OF BEATITUDES—CANA—
NAZARETH—MOUNT OF OLIVES—JERUSALEM—
BETHLEHEM - WITH FR. ELI - APRIL 30—MAY 10, 2019

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land brings the scriptures to life. It will give new meaning and depth to scripture and your faith. How wonderful it would be for you to make a pilgrimage and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. I invite you to join me on a life changing journey of faith to visit the Holy Land. If you have any questions, please contact me at lopez.eli68@gmail.com



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

JOIN FR. ELI

HOUSTON ASTRO VS. SEATTLE MARINERS
ST. STANISLAUS & CHRIST OUR LIGHT AT THE
GAME JUNE 28TH

BUS WILL LEAVE ST. STANISLAUS AT 4:00 PM
AND RETURN AFTER THE GAME.

\$50 PER PERSON INCLUDES ASTROS TICKET
AND BUS TRIP. PLEASE CALL ST. STANI-
SLAUS OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS.

936-873-2291

MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASSES

Refreshment will be served after Masses the first Sunday of each month. The refreshments and service will be provided by the following:

Altar Society—January and July
Pastoral Council—February and October
Finance Council—March and September
R.E. Board—April and August
Stewardship—May and November
Choir—June and December

ONLINE STORE FOR CATHOLIC GIFTS

Go to our website: www.christourlight.org
Click on: www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store?
Promo Code=102608">> img (with a % of your purchase going back as Credit to the parish.

First Sunday in Lent — *"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land of possession."* *Genesis 15:7* Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

Segundo domingo de Cuaresma — *"Y le dijo: <<Yo soy Yahveh que te saqué de Ur de los caldeos, para darte esta tierra en propiedad.>>" Génesis 15:7* Así como el Señor le dio a Abraham, a Moisés y a los israelitas una tierra que poseer, Él también nos ha dado a cada uno de nosotros un hogar. Ya sea que tu hogar sea grande o humilde, es un regalo de Dios. Abraham preparó un gran sacrificio al Señor en gratitud por el hogar que Dios le dio. ¿Cómo demuestras tu gratitud a Dios por el hogar que Él te ha dado? ¿Haces un sacrificio de algún tipo? ¿Reintegras algo de tus ganancias a Dios, invirtiendo igualmente en tu hogar eterno, así como inviertes en tu hogar terrenal?

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Mass Intentions for 2019 are available and needed. Stop by the parish office or drop your request in the collection basket with the needed information.

IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission

Summary Report — February 14, 2019

Parish Goal: \$208,632.00

Total Pledged to Date: \$98,853.00

% of Parish Goal 47.38%

Number of Participation

(# Families) 34

St. Mary and Joseph Women's ACTS Retreat Has Openings

The SMSJ ACTS Women's Retreat will be held April 4th—7th, 2019. It is with excitement and anticipation that we invite all women of St. Mary's—St. Joseph's and surrounding parishes to attend this retreat. If you would like to attend this retreat, please contact Lucy Lomonte at 936-597-8659 or 832-489-2567. You do not have to be Catholic to attend. If physical or financial challenges are a concern, assistance and scholarships are available.



Anyone who did not receive information through mail from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston may pick up information with an envelope to fill out both TOP and BOTTOM portions of the envelope. Return to the Parish Office or mail to Diocesan Services Fund. Do Not Neglect to SHARE What You Have. Please support DSF with your Gift today.

Teaching, Evangelizing and Worship

Your donation to DSF will support these Teaching, Evangelizing and Worship ministries

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| † Apostleship of the Sea | † Ecumenism Commission |
| † Catholic Schools Office | † Office of Evangelization & Catechesis |
| † Chapels (Holy Cross and Warren | † Office of Worship |
| † Communications Office | † Pastoral and Educational Ministry |

Second Collection in March and April

March 16th & 17th — Archdiocese Black and Indian Mission

March 30th & 31st — Archdiocese Catholic Relief Service

April 13th & 14th — Maintenance Fund

April 27th & 28th — Archdiocese Home Mission

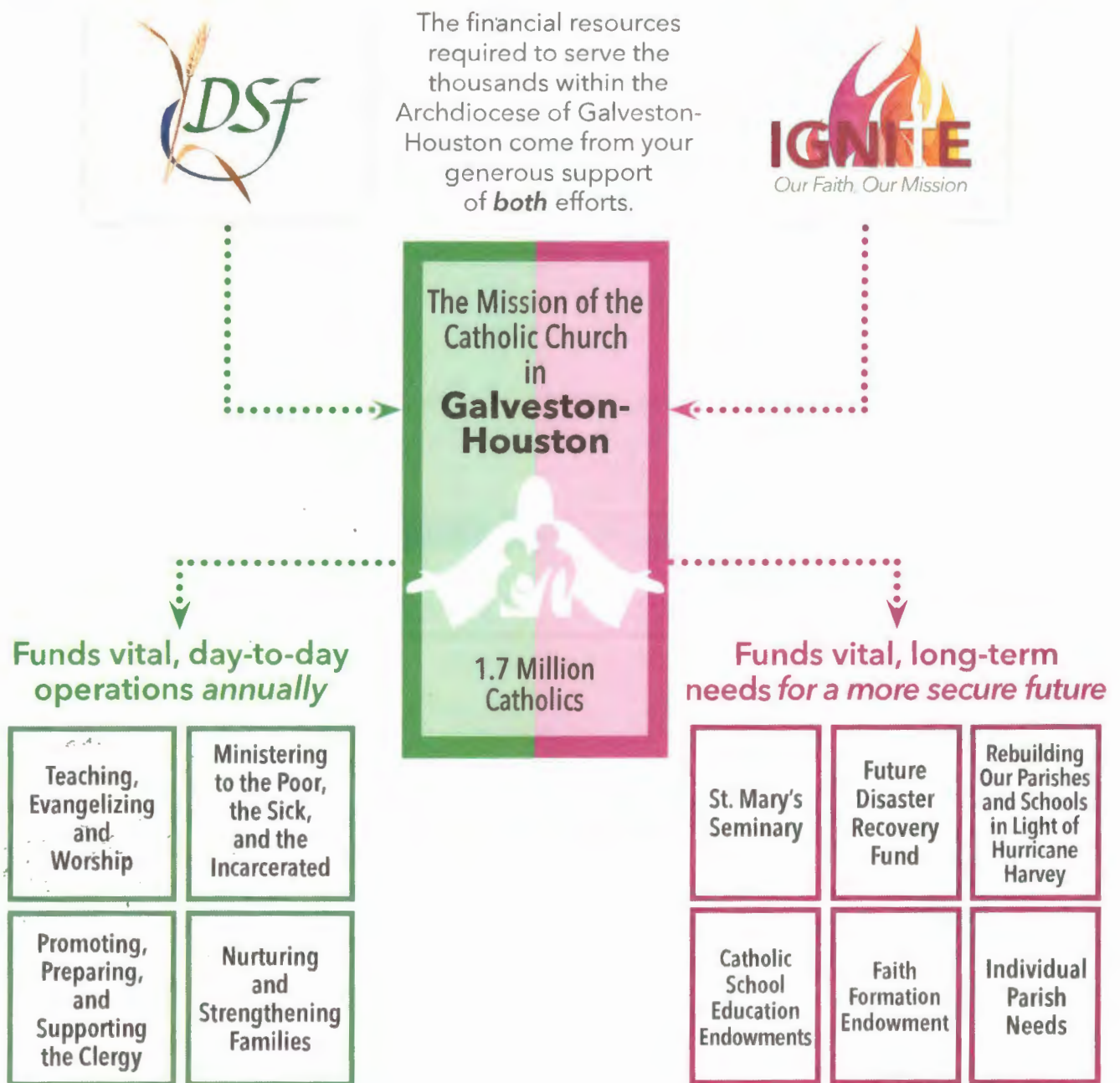


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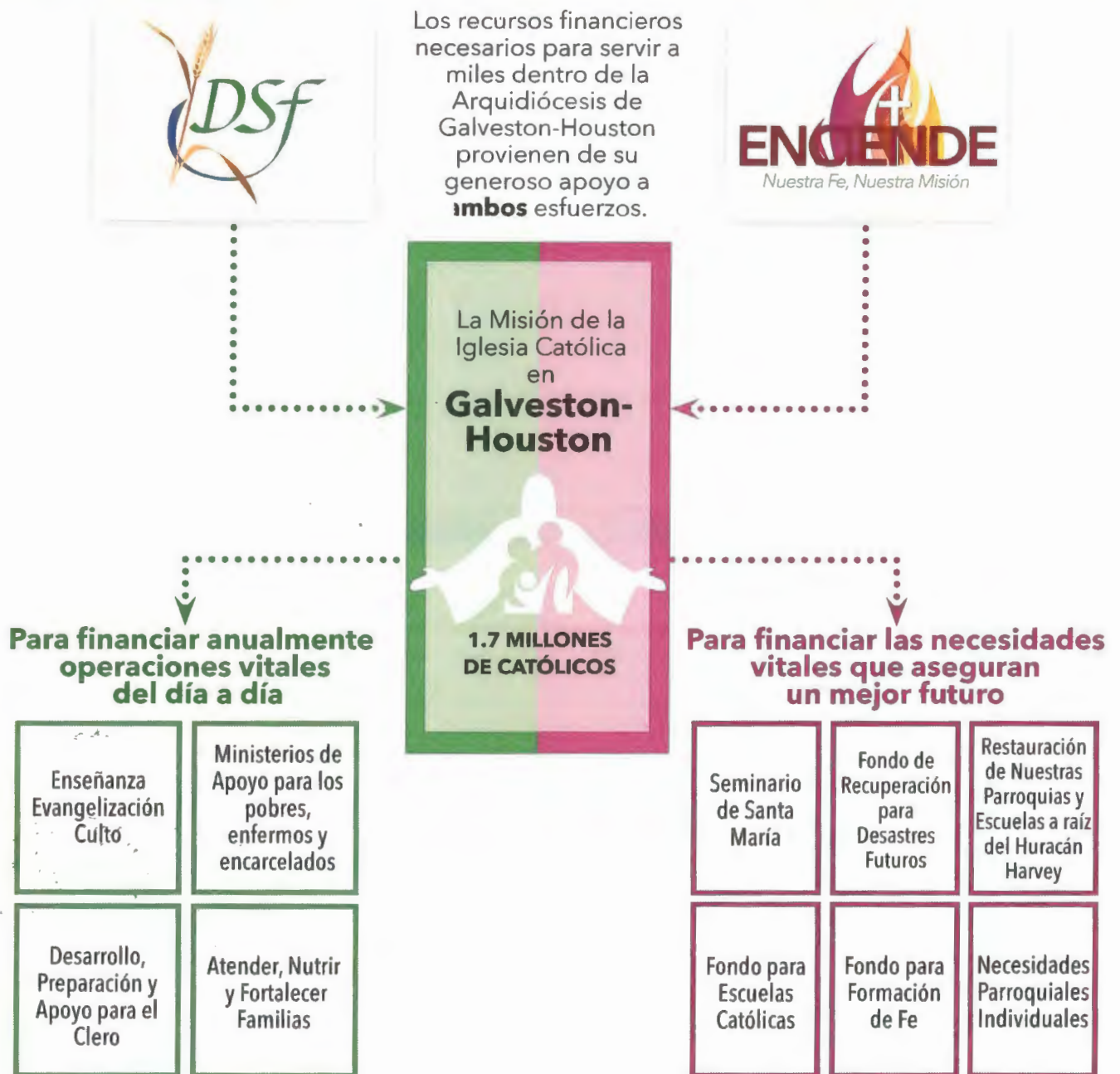
March 19, 2019

Addressing the Short and Long-term Needs of Our Church and those God calls us to serve.



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**ATENDIENDO LAS NECESIDADES A CORTO Y LARGO PLAZO DE NUESTRA IGLESIA
Y LAS NECESIDADES DE AQUELLOS A QUIENES DIOS NOS LLAMA A SERVIR**



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Conversion of Heart

Lenten Reflections on Mercy and Forgiveness

Week 2

READINGS: *Genesis 15: 5–12, 17–18; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 9:28b–36*

“While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white” (Lk 9:29).



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Transfigure toward mercy by accepting it

In this week's reading, three of the apostles experience something they do not quite understand. As Jesus was transfigured before them with Moses and Elijah at his side, Peter thought it right to build tents for each, to contain this moment that he knew to be good.

But the voice of God interrupted him and said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him” (Lk 9:35). It turned out that Peter's plans weren't God's plans at all.

All of sudden, it was over. Jesus was found alone, and the light that emitted from him was dimmed. The disciples, especially Peter, were left with more questions than answers. They “fell silent and

did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen” (v. 36).

We oftentimes don't understand God's mercy in our lives. We are limited in our understanding, and our perception of our motives and those of others can only go so far. We try to live lives of peace and order, but sometimes our own plans don't work out and we end up hurting others.

As Catholics, our job isn't to understand God's mercy; it is to accept it. When we do this well, we come to a deeper understanding of how God works in our lives. It is only through this acceptance that we can truly see as God sees,

which enables us to do as God does by offering that same mercy to those who are most in need of it, none needier than ourselves.

For Reflection

- › Is God's will for your life clear to you right now?
- › Have you seen God work through the unplanned events in your life?
- › Do you find it easy to accept God's mercy?

“How happy I am to see myself imperfect and be in need of God’s mercy.”

~ ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS



Faith Lesson

Attach yourself to GOD

Detachment has always been a means by which people have come closer to God. We witness Jesus’ constant detachment from worldly things every time he climbs a mountain to pray, preaches about the Kingdom, and heals the poor and outcast. He is the model par excellence of detachment.

When it comes to accepting God’s gift of mercy, our first step is to mimic the saints who followed Christ’s call to detachment. The first reaction of every holy man or woman after they accept this reward reacts the same way — with a sense of unworthiness that is followed by acts of fasting to make up for the sins they committed. In other words, we

disassociate ourselves with our former life and detach from our old ways. We are then a “new creation” (2 Cor 5:17) and thus better equipped to complete our God-given mission.

What do you need to detach from so as to *attach* yourself to God more intimately?

Fasting TIPS

Consider making a fast from technology this week. Apart from abstaining from meat on Friday, try going off social media, streaming videos, or other forms of digital entertainment. If you really want to go all out, try fasting from all screens and take that time to pray and reflect.

Lord, I am not worthy to be called your servant, but, nevertheless, I am. Allow me to accept your mercy with humility and purity of heart so that I may teach others to do the same. Strengthen me in my weakness and allow me to overcome my imperfections so that I might better imitate your Son to whom I am forever in debt.



Become an instrument of peace

Francis of Assisi was a man lost in the darkness of sin. He was selfish and determined to gain honor as a soldier and popularity as a frequent partygoer. It wasn’t long before he hit rock bottom as a constant consumer of worldly pleasures. He realized his life was not well-lived, and God told him in a dream to return from war and convert his life. He spent several months attempting to live a good, holy life, oftentimes spending nights in a nearby cave where he would weep for his sins.

It wasn’t until he became completely detached from worldly desires that he found true peace and a reason for being — serving the poor. After years of service and founding many like-minded communities, he would become one of the greatest saints the Church has ever known.

As you continue your Lenten journey, take a page from St. Francis’s book and accept the mercy from God that will transform you into something greater than your own desires for yourself. God is the potter, and we are the clay. May he make of you a beautiful instrument of his peace.



La conversión del corazón

Reflexiones de Cuaresma sobre la misericordia y el perdón

Semana
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LECTURAS: Génesis 15, 5-12. 17-18; Filipenses 3, 17-4, 1; Lucas 9, 28b--36

“Y mientras estaba orando, su cara cambió de aspecto y su ropa se volvió de una blanca fulgurante” (Lc 9, 29).



Transfigurarnos a la misericordia al aceptarla

En la lectura de esta semana, tres de los apóstoles experimentaron algo que no comprendieron muy bien. Cuando Jesús se transfiguró ante ellos con Moisés y Elías a su lado, Pedro pensó que lo mejor sería construir una choza para cada uno de ellos, para así conservar este momento que sabía que era bueno.

Pero la voz de Dios lo interrumpió cuando dijo: “Este es mi Hijo, mi Elegido, escúchenlo” (v. 35). Los planes de Pedro no eran similares a los planes de Dios.

Repentinamente, todo se terminó. Jesús estaba solo y la luz que emanaba de Él se había atenuado. Los discípulos, sobre todo Pedro, se quedaron con más preguntas que respuestas. Ellos

“guardaron silencio y no contaron nada a nadie de lo que habían visto” (v. 36).

Con frecuencia nosotros no comprendemos la misericordia de Dios en nuestras vidas. Nuestra capacidad de comprender es limitada, como también es limitada la percepción que tenemos de nuestras intenciones y de las intenciones de los demás. Tratamos de vivir nuestra vida en paz y en orden, pero a veces nuestros propios planes no funcionan y terminamos lastimando a otras personas.

Como católicos, nuestro trabajo no es entender la misericordia de Dios, sino aceptarla. Cuando somos capaces de hacerlo, llegamos a comprender de manera más profunda la forma en la que Dios trabaja en nuestras vidas.

Solamente mediante esta aceptación podemos ver como Dios ve, lo que nos permite hacer lo que Dios hace y ofrecer la misma misericordia a aquellos que más la necesitan.

Para reflexionar

- › ¿Te queda clara la voluntad de Dios para tu vida en este momento?
- › ¿Has visto la mano de Dios en los acontecimientos inesperados de tu vida?
- › ¿Es fácil para ti aceptar la misericordia de Dios?

“Me alegra ver mis imperfecciones y necesitar la misericordia de Dios.”

- SANTA TERESA DEL NIÑO JESÚS



Lección de fe

Únete más a Dios

El desprendimiento siempre ha sido una manera en la que las personas se acercan más a Dios. Vemos cómo Jesús constantemente se desprende de las cosas mundanas cuando sube a la montaña a orar, cuando predica sobre el Reino y cuando sana a los pobres y marginados. Él es el modelo perfecto del desprendimiento.

En lo que se refiere a aceptar la misericordia de Dios, lo primero que debemos de hacer es imitar a los santos que siguieron el llamado de Jesús al desprendimiento. Todos los santos y santas reaccionan de la misma manera después de haber aceptado esta recompensa: con un sentido de humildad seguido de ayuno como reparación por sus pecados. En otras

palabras, nos separamos de nuestra vida anterior y nos desprendemos de nuestras viejas costumbres. Somos una “nueva creación” (2 Cor 5, 17) y por tanto estamos más capacitados para realizar la misión que Dios nos confió.

¿De qué cosas necesitas desprenderte para poder unirme más íntimamente a Dios?

Consejos para el AYUNO

Considera dejar la tecnología esta semana. Además de abstenerse de comer carne el viernes, trata de no utilizar las redes sociales, ver videos u otras formas de entretenimiento digital. Si quieres hacer el esfuerzo completo, prueba dejar todas las pantallas esta semana y usar ese tiempo para orar y reflexionar.



Oración

Señor, yo no soy digno de ser llamado tu siervo, pero, sin embargo, lo soy. Permíteme aceptar tu misericordia con humildad y pureza de corazón para que pueda enseñar a otros a hacer lo mismo. Fortaléceme en mi debilidad y permíteme superar mis imperfecciones para que pueda imitar mejor a tu Hijo, Jesús.



Ser un instrumento de paz

Francisco de Asís fue un hombre que se encontraba perdido en la oscuridad del pecado. Era egoísta y deseaba obtener honores por ser un soldado y conseguir popularidad por llevar una vida de diversión. Poco tiempo después tocó fondo por consumir constantemente los placeres del mundo. Francisco se dio cuenta de que estaba echando por la borda su vida y, en un sueño, Dios le dijo que regresara de la guerra y cambiara su vida. Pasó varios meses tratando de vivir una vida buena y santa, pasando algunas veces las noches en una cueva cercana, en la que sollozaba por sus pecados.

Una vez que pudo desprenderse completamente de sus deseos mundanos, pudo por fin encontrar la paz y una razón para vivir: servir a los pobres. Tras años de servicio y después de haber fundado muchas comunidades con ideas afines, se convirtió en uno de los santos más importantes de la Iglesia.

Mientras continúas tu camino cuaresmal, acepta la misericordia de Dios, tal y como lo hizo san Francisco y Dios te transformará en algo más grande que lo que tú desees. Dios es el artesano, nosotros somos el barro. Pidámosle que nos transforme en hermosos instrumentos de su paz.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



The Voice

Lord,
you established a covenant
with Abraham
and promised him that his descendants
would outnumber the stars.
You spoke and Abraham listened
to your voice.
Throughout your relationship,
there were difficulties and doubts,
which brought confusion and uncertainty
to your servant.
We also listen to your voice,
and hear you proclaim "This is my
chosen Son, listen to him."
Allow us to draw near to your Word
especially in our times of doubt and
misunderstanding,
so that we may find the clarity
and peace
that only your Word can offer.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, March 17, 2019

My Sacrifice

Today's Readings: Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18; Psalm 27:1, 7–8, 8–9, 13–14; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 9:28b–36. Abram obeys the Lord's commands, and he is blessed. God gave him direction and guided him to a new place. Having chosen Abram, God invites him into a covenant relationship. God both initiates relationships and gives human beings a chance to respond. The ritual described is one of an ancient covenant. With awe of God, Abram enters into the covenant, and God promises Abram numerous descendants and land.

In the Gospel, Jesus chose three disciples to come away with him to the mountain. There, the disciples encounter the glory of God as they see an aspect of Jesus that no one had seen before. Peter wants tents to be made so that he

and the others can stay on the mountain, experiencing Jesus' glory. The Apostle does not understand what he has seen. God is going to call Peter to make a sacrifice. God proclaims, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Does this allow Peter to better understand who Jesus is and who God is calling Peter to be?

When we listen to God and place the will of God first in our life, the reward is more than we can possibly imagine. How are you living as a disciple? Are you listening for the voice of God? During the next week of Lent, focus on what God is calling you to do and be in this moment of sacred history.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 18

Change of Heart

Lent is a time for a change of heart. The Gospel offers concrete examples of how to do this: by not passing judgment on others, by not being critical of others, by living with a forgiving and loving heart. We will be judged in the same manner that we respond to others. Challenge yourself to refrain from negative assessments today. *Today's Readings: Daniel 9:4–10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Luke 6:36–38.*

Tuesday, March 19

St. Joseph

Today we honor St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. In Scripture, Joseph is described as an upright and righteous man. Little detail is given about him, but his actions portrayed his faith. When the angel in his dream tells him to take Mary as his wife, he abandons his plan to divorce her quietly. Obediently, he also names the child Jesus, just as the angel told him. There are times we do not understand the plan God sets before us. Let us pray today to seek God's will. *Today's Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4–5, 12–14, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27, 29; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24.*

Wednesday, March 20

Not to Be Served, but to Serve

The mother of Zebedee's sons asks that her two boys sit at a place of honor with Jesus, one at his right hand and the other at his left in the Kingdom. The other ten disciples are not pleased with this request. None yet understands that through servanthood, the Kingdom of God is entered. What do you request of God as you go through times of difficulty or sorrow? *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 18:18–20; Psalm 31:5–6, 14, 15–16; Matthew 20:17–28.*

Thursday, March 21

The Face of Christ

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus invites us to reflect upon our attitude toward the poor. What can your family do to respond to the needs of the poor in your community? Consider providing a meal for a shelter or serving at a soup kitchen. Reflect with your family following the visit on what they saw and experienced. Discuss how you felt God's presence during your visit. Ask the family if they saw the face of Christ in any of the guests of this meal. *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4–6; Luke 16:19–31.*

Friday, March 22

Reject the Cornerstone

It is easy to stand outside the setting of today's Gospel and not identify with the characters in this parable. The tenants are portrayed as those who do not listen to the owner. They are shown as disobedient and greedy. During an examination of conscience, consider how you listen to the Word of God. Do you give God glory or only seek your success and reward? Do you worry excessively about money and finances? Have you intentionally done evil to someone? *Today's Readings: Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13, 17–28; Psalm 105:16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46.*

Saturday, March 23

Joy of the Feast

The parable of the forgiving father is familiar to us. What do we think the younger son was expecting when he arrived home? He had been away from his country, his father's house, and his family a long time. He did not know what was happening there while he was gone. Upon his return, he experiences the mercy and the love of his Father. The joy of the feast is compromised by the response of the older brother. Do we ever judge our family members in a harsher light? Carry out a random act of kindness in your home today. *Today's Readings: Micah 7:14–15, 18–20; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32.*



SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



La voz

Señor,

al hacer alianza con Abraham
le prometiste que sus descendientes
serían más numerosos que
las estrellas.

Hablaste y Abraham escuchó tu voz.

Sin embargo,

dudas y dificultades
sembraron confusión e inseguridad
en tu siervo.

Nosotros también escuchamos
tu voz anunciando:

“Este es mi Hijo elegido. Escúchenlo”.

Concédenos acercarnos a tu Palabra,
especialmente, cuando la duda y la
oscuridad nos asalten,
para que hallemos la paz y claridad
que solo tu Palabra ofrece.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor.
Amén.

Domingo, 17 de marzo de 2019

Mi sacrificio

Lecturas del día: Génesis 15:5–12, 17–18; Salmo 27:1, 7–8, 8–9, 13–14; Filipenses 3:17–4:1; Lucas 9:28b–36. Abram obedece los mandatos del Señor y obtiene su bendición. Dios lo dirige y lo guía a un lugar nuevo. Al elegir a Abram, Dios lo invita a una alianza. Dios inicia la relación y espera la respuesta humana. El ritual describe una alianza muy antigua. Con temor de Dios, Abram se compromete en alianza, y Dios le promete una descendencia numerosa y una tierra.

En el evangelio, Jesús escoge a tres discípulos para que lo acompañen a la montaña. Allí encuentran la gloria de Dios cuando ven a Jesús como nadie antes lo había visto.

Pedro quiere hacer unas tiendas para poderse quedar en la montaña, experimentando la gloria de Dios. El apóstol no entiende lo que ha visto. Dios va a llamar a Pedro a un sacrificio mayor. Dios anuncia: “Este es mi Hijo elegido. Escúchenlo”. ¿Entendió Pedro mejor a Jesús y a lo que Dios lo llamaba?

Al escuchar a Dios y al anteponer su voluntad a todo, la recompensa será mayor de lo imaginable. ¿Cómo vive el discipulado usted? ¿Escucha usted la voz de Dios? La semana que viene, concéntrese en lo que Dios lo llama a hacer y a ser, en este momento sagrado de la historia.



ESTA SEMANA EN CASA

Lunes, 18 de marzo

Cambiar el corazón

La Cuaresma es tiempo oportuno para cambiar el corazón. En el evangelio hallamos ejemplos concretos de cómo hacerlo: no juzgar a los demás, no criticarlos, cultivar un corazón compasivo y amoroso. Pensemos también que seremos juzgados de la misma manera en que reaccionamos ante los demás. Especialmente hoy, absténgase de calificar negativamente a los demás. *Lecturas del día: Daniel 9:4-10; Salmo 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lucas 6:36-38.*

Martes, 19 de marzo

San José

Hoy honramos a san José, esposo de María y padre putativo de Jesús. Por las Escrituras, José es hombre justo y recto. No dan muchos detalles de él, pero lo que él hace retrata su fe. Cuando en sueños el ángel le pide recibir a María, su esposa, abandona su plan de repudiarla secretamente. Obediente, nombra al niño Jesús, como le indicara el ángel. A veces no entendemos el plan de Dios para nosotros. Oremos para buscar con ahínco hacer la voluntad de Dios. *Lecturas del día: 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Salmo 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Romanos 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mateo 1:16, 18-21, 24.*

Miércoles, 20 de marzo

No para ser servidos sino para servir

La madre de los de Zebedeo solicita que sus dos hijos discípulos ocupen los lugares de honor junto a Jesús, uno a su derecha y el otro a su izquierda en el Reino. A los otros diez discípulos no les agrada esa solicitud. Ninguno entiende todavía que el Reino de Dios está llegando mediante la servidumbre. ¿Qué le pide a Dios conforme atraviesa usted momentos difíciles o de tristeza? *Lecturas del día: Jeremías 18:18-20; Salmo 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mateo 20:17-28.*

Jueves, 21 de marzo

El rostro de Cristo

La parábola del rico y Lázaro nos lleva a reflexionar sobre nuestra actitud hacia los pobres. ¿Qué puede hacer con su familia para responder a las necesidades de los pobres de la comunidad? Quizá proveer comida para un refugio o servir en un comedor de beneficencia comunitario. Hable con su familia sobre su visita, sobre cómo sintieron la presencia de Dios. Pregunte a su familia si percibieron el rostro de Cristo en alguno de los allí presentes. *Lecturas del día: Jeremías 17:5-10; Salmo 1:1-2, 3, 4-6; Lucas 16:19-31.*

Viernes, 22 de marzo

Rechazar la piedra angular

Resulta fácil quedarse fuera del cuadro del evangelio de hoy, sin identificarse con los personajes de la parábola. Los arrendatarios no escuchan al dueño, son exhibidos como desobedientes y codiciosos. En su examen de conciencia, considere cómo escucha usted la Palabra de Dios. ¿Le da gloria a Dios o solo busca su éxito y recompensa individuales? ¿Se preocupa excesivamente por el dinero y las finanzas? ¿Ha hecho daño a alguien, intencionalmente? *Lecturas del día: Génesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Salmo 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mateo 21:33-43, 45-46.*

Sábado, 23 de marzo

La alegría de la fiesta

Conocemos la parábola del padre que perdona. Imaginemos ahora lo que el hijo menor esperaba encontrar a su vuelta. Había estado lejos de su país y de la casa paterna y no sabía nada de la familia. A su vuelta, lo que experimenta es la misericordia y el amor de su padre como una fiesta. Esa alegría, sin embargo, se ve comprometida por la reacción del hermano mayor. ¿Hemos juzgado con dureza a los miembros de nuestra familia? Condúzcase hoy en su hogar con deliberada bondad. *Lecturas del día: Miqueas 7:14-15, 18-20; Salmo 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32.*



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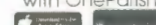
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