

Christ Our Light Catholic Church

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Monday-Thursday

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

Friday 9:15am - noon

Other times by appointment

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SUNDAY EUCHARIST

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

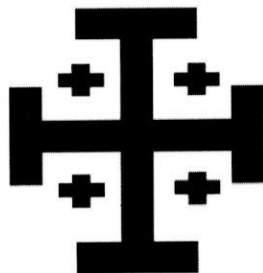
RECONCILIACION/CONFESIONES

Los Martes, jueves y el

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

y por cita 936-825-3920

May 9, 2021 - Sixth Sunday of Easter



Have you ever thought about what it would be like to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and to experience the Gospels come to life?

Fr. Eli is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this fall (October 11-21, 2021).

**For further information, please contact Fr. Eli at
936-873-2291 or 936-825-3920
lopez.eli68@gmail.com**

Early registration is encouraged!

Pastor Al®



"Holy water in a super soaker would save me a few steps, but I doubt the bishop would approve."

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Padre Pancho



"Eso sí eliminaría algunos pasos con la aspersión de agua bendita, pero dudo que el obispo aprobaría."

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May 08 & 09, 2021

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

MONDAY, MAY 10

No Mass



TUESDAY, MAY 11

6:00 PM Grace Malek †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

8:30 AM James † and Hester † Vassar

THURSDAY, MAY 13

8:30 AM Torres, Rangel and Baldobino Families

6:00 PM* Hector Padron †

FRIDAY, MAY 14

8:30 AM Leon Nowak †

SATURDAY, MAY 15

6:00 PM Joe † and Margaret † Noto

SUNDAY, MAY 16

8:00 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM* Petra Rios Rico †

*Spanish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 10

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

6:00 PM Altar Society Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 11

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

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

5:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, St. Stanislaus Parish Hall, Anderson

THURSDAY, MAY 13

11:30 AM Finance Council Meeting, SPH

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

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

7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH

SATURDAY, MAY 15

11:30 AM Approved Baptisms, CH

Christ Our Light Catholic Church



The Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston

The Church is open every day from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for people to come stop by and Pray.



Happy Mother's Day — May 09, 2021

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 2021: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM , April 10th, July 10th, & October 9th **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 2021: 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM , April 25th, July 25th, & October 24th. 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 and Fr. Eli has been informed in advance. The Sacrament of Baptism is a communal celebration. Therefore, private baptisms are not celebrated here.

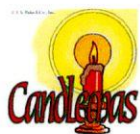


**PRAY for THE CONTINUING
RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF
the infirmed and homebound
members of our community.**

Sarafina Alo, Jo Ann Clepper, Frank Crouch, Elizabeth Culmer, Herman Culmer, Eva Estrada, Liz Estrada, Lois Finke, Liz Johnson, Rachel Kammel, Mary Ann Knowles, Liz Kubricht, Glenda Lawrence, John Lawrence, Christian Mills, Leslie Mills, France Munoz, Leona Pasket, Cecelia Pearson, Angelina Peterson, Wallace Peterson, Irene Ramirez, Lucila Rivera, Zek Rueda, Rosalinda Salazar, Josh Sechelski, Dana Sowell, and Krysten Sowell, Jessie Valadez, III, 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**

TRESASURE YOU HAVE SHARED:

GIFTS FOR GOD — YOUR TITHE RESPONDS

May 01 and 02, 2021

(61) Offertory Envelopes/Loose Checks, On Line Giving, Easter, Mail Ins, Drop Ins	6,255.50
Children Offering	79.00
Maintenance Fund	540.00

Thank you thank you for Mailing, Bringing in, and On Line Giving your Offertory. Baskets will be passed during the Offertory. Baskets will also be passed when we have a II Collection.

SECOND COLLECTION

May 8 & 9, Maintenance Fund
May 15 & 16, Catholic Communications
May 22 and 23, DSF Shortfall of our assigned Goal



The Altar Flowers this past week-end were in Memory of Carlton Mayo. The parish thanks the Mayo Family.

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, Jesus Cortez, Spec. SFC Antinia Franco, 1SG, Jason Malek, Antonio Magallon, Jose Rene Milan, Christopher Munoz, Javier Salinas, Sgt. Kevin Seigler, SSgt Allen Thane

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

Universal Intention — The world of finance. Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its danger



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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has resumed on Thursdays throughout the Summer following the 8:30 AM Masses on Thursdays and will be reposed before the 6:00 PM Spanish Mass.

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."

Please call Mary Rangel @ 936-419-9024 to sign up for a time slot on Thursdays.

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

The Parish Code to access the website is
MVMZKF

Then register to create an account.

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

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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go bear fruit.
— John 15:16

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.

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

6th Sunday of Easter — *“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” -John 15:12-13* Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

“Boletín de Mayordomía—Reflexiones

6to. Domingo de Pascua— *“Este es mi mandamiento; ámense los unos a los otros como yo los he amado. Nadie muestra más amor que quien da la vida por sus amigos.” -Juan 15:12-13* ¿Usted ama a Jesús? ¿Lo considera su amigo? Jesús dice que si lo amamos seremos capaces de ofrecerle todo lo que tenemos, no porque queremos alabanzas y gloria, sino simplemente porque lo amamos. ¿Su donación parece hecha mecánicamente solo por obligación, o usted comparte libremente por amor?

Sixth Sunday of Easter

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day
Monday: St. Damien de Veuster; St. John De Avila
Wednesday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras;
Eid al Fitr (Islamic observance) begins at sunset
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (unless transferred to Sunday); otherwise Our Lady of Fatima
Friday: St. Matthias
Saturday: St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day

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**Pray for
Vocations**



PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

to the Priesthood and Religious Life especially in our

Archdiocese.

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.

ParishSOFT
Giving

SIGN UP NOW

Sign Up for Christ Our Light
Online Giving Now

Christ Our Light now accepts online giving. Parish Soft is our parish’s online giving program. Enroll at the link the below. It is secure and easy to use. You will be able to use Parish Soft for normal tithing and special collections throughout the year. Apps are available, so your cell phones/tablets can be used for online giving.

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/dl?uid=chri510191>

CELEBREMOS/LET US CELEBRATE MISSALETES

Missalette’s starting April 11 to July 31, 2021 are available to purchase for \$5.00. Do not leave them in Church. Take them home with you, bring with you each weekday or weekend Masses you will be attending. Stop by the parish office at 510 Manley Street.

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2021

DSF Goal \$25,000.00
Gifts Received \$8,614.00
35 Donors

Parish Pastoral Council Training — Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) provides assistance with council member discernment and consultation with pastors on the development of the PPC in their parish. Each year two workshops are offered for training council members in the basics of Parish Pastoral Council development and in special topics of interest.

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IGNITE

Ignite Parish Goal \$208,632.00
Gifts Amount Received \$63,887.00
38 Donors

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY **CHRIST OUR LIGHT** **ST. STANISLAUS**

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society voted to have their meetings on the First Saturday at St Patrick Hall following First Saturday Mass and the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 PM at St. Stanislaus Parish Hall.

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THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used—"the Holy Spirit 'fell' on them" (Acts 10:44)—is characteristic of the way the Spirit works throughout the book of Acts: powerful and surprising. Though this "baptism" is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. And we have a double reinforcement of how this work is accomplished from a Letter and a Gospel bearing John's name. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love.
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LA PRESENCIA DEL ESPÍRITU SANTO

Hoy tenemos un episodio único en los Hechos de los Apóstoles. ¡Un grupo de personas que llena una habitación es bautizado con el Espíritu Santo antes de que se bautizaran con agua! La palabra que se usa para describir el suceso: "el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre ellos" (Hechos 10:44), es característica de la forma en que el Espíritu obra en todo el libro de los Hechos: de manera poderosa y sorprendente. Aunque este "bautismo" no es la norma para describir el bautismo en el Nuevo Testamento, es sin embargo un buen recordatorio de que el Espíritu Santo no está controlado por si hemos vertido el agua o no, sino que nuestros signos sacramentales revelan al Espíritu presente y obrando entre nosotros. Y tenemos un doble refuerzo de cómo esta obra se lleva a cabo en la carta y el Evangelio que llevan el nombre de Juan. Es el amor, el auto sacrificio y el amor de entrega, que manifiestan al Espíritu de Jesús entre nosotros. El amor es el más grande de los mandamientos. El Espíritu se manifiesta también a través de los que viven en ese amor.
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May 9, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 | 1 Jn 4:7-10 | Jn 15:9-17

Love
ONE
ANOTHER

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

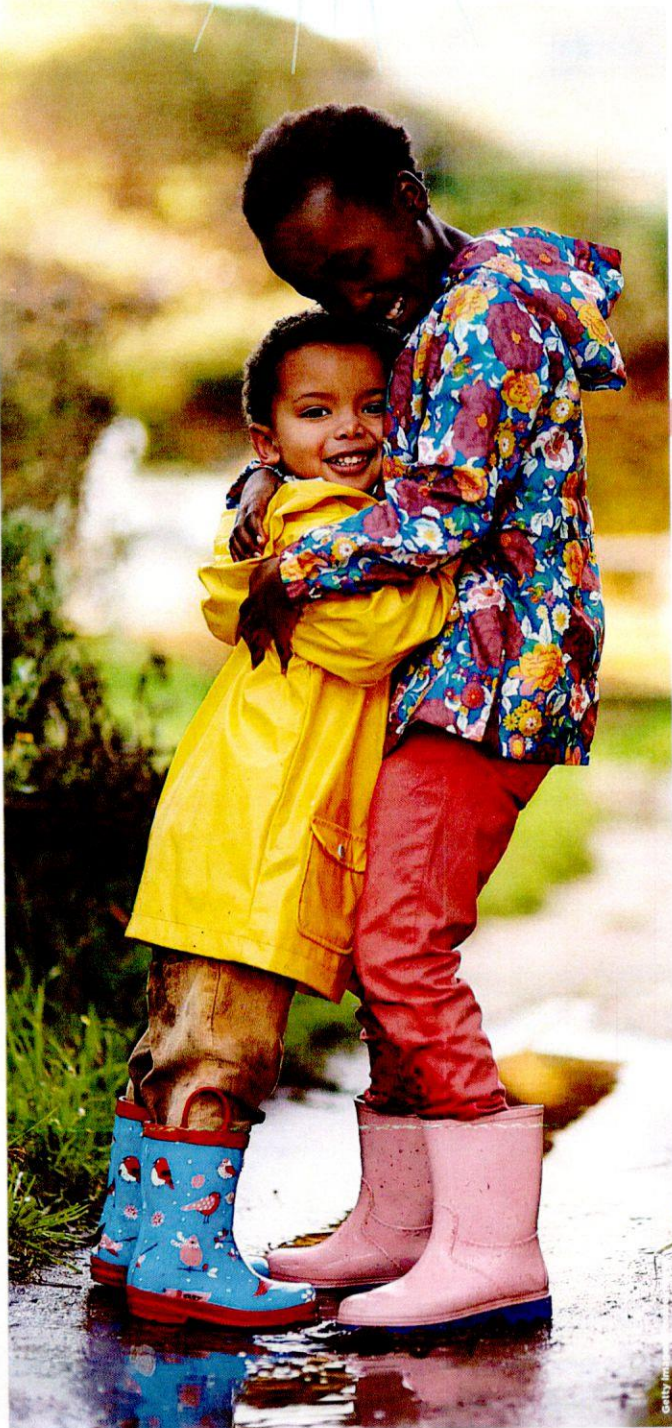
I have 20/15 vision. I can see things in the distance as well as close up. But that doesn't mean I can see everything perfectly. Because of a difference in how each eye focuses, I can't find those hidden images in "magic eye" posters, and forget trying to watch a 3D movie! Seeing all things perfectly is not something many of us could claim, including Peter. And yet, with God's help, he understands a vision God gave to him: "In truth," Peter says, "I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation, whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." Through God's mercy and Jesus' redemptive cross, the kingdom of God has been prepared for all peoples. God's saving power has been revealed. With faith, and the help of the Holy Spirit in living out the commandments, we can fix our eyes on Christ – the revelation of God's love who came into the world that we might have life through him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

So much information comes to us every day, in all forms of media, there are now even shortcuts to the shortcuts for grasping the content. My personal favorite is the abbreviation, "TL; DR" which means, "too long, didn't read." Some might claim that we are dumbing down our culture with this type of shorthand notation, or we could argue that clear, concise, and straightforward is simply best. And that is what Jesus gives us today in his one commandment: "Love one another as I love you." He offers commentary for the commandment and gives reasons for why he is telling it to us, but the crux of it cannot be missed: *love one another*. It is a commandment both simple, yet complex; easy, yet at times exponentially difficult to live. So Jesus provides the key to fulfilling it by saying, "remain in *my* love" [emphasis mine]. Faithfulness to a sacramental life and participation in communal living give us the grace to remain in that love – which in turn transforms and enables us to share that love with others.

PRAY To honor the celebration of Mother's Day, pray the Rosary today for the intentions of our mothers, for those who have been motherly influences to us, and for those who long to be mothers.

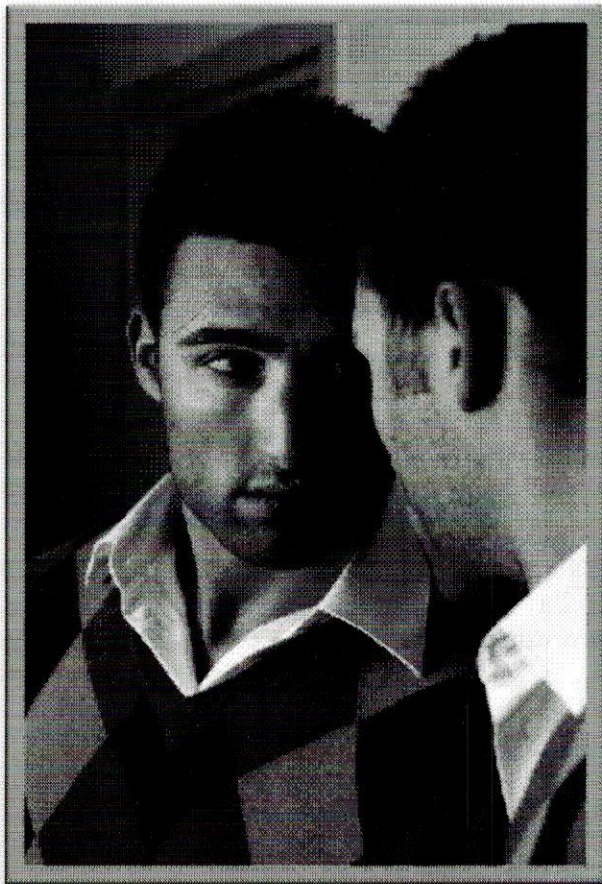


Graceful Generosity

Published to help you grow as a steward of God's grace.

Giving God our First Priority

Have you ever worked and worked to see very little result from your big efforts? In the Old Testament book of Haggai, the work of God's people was producing no fruit. They toiled in the fields, but there was no harvest. God was upset with them so he made their efforts fruitless. Because their priorities were focused only on themselves rather than God, God "*called for a drought on the fields and the mountains*" (Haggai 1:11). He even "*blew away*" (verse 9) what they had brought home.



The reason for God's wrath was expressed in verse 4: "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"

God had finally had enough of their self-centeredness. God's priorities were not his

people's priorities. He got their attention by making life difficult for them.

God's people responded. They "*obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai*" (vs. 12). God's priorities became the priorities of the people. In the same way as the people in the time of Haggai examined and changed their priorities, we need to make sure that we are putting God's priorities for our lives first. Our focus can't be on building bigger and better homes or larger retirement accounts for ourselves. God is calling us to make a difference in people's lives. We need to ask God what he wants to accomplish through us.

On the Lighter Side

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of the minister in line at the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" answered the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know ... Our Father, who does art in Heaven ..."

*Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life,*

And pass it on to other folk! Amen.

A Month's Wages

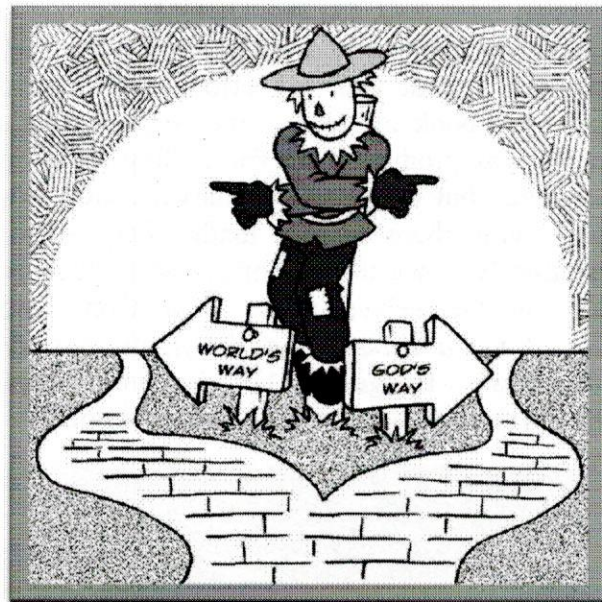
The Reverend J. Ross Stevenson, when pastor of the Fifth Avenue Church, New York City, received a letter enclosing a month's wages from a Swedish servant girl, just before the annual offering for foreign missions was to be taken. She wrote that she had been making the offering a subject of special prayer and it had been put into her heart to give this sum. Lest Satan should tempt her not to give so much, if she waited until Sunday, she sent it at once. When the pastor read the note from the pulpit, there was a profound silence, and the offering that day was doubled by the example of one girl's sacrifice.

Two men who had come over from New Jersey for that service walked down the avenue afterward together without either saying a word for some distance. One asked the other whether he could lend him some money to get home; then his friend confessed that he, too, had put into the offering every cent he had with him. Both were obliged to walk to the ferry and find a good Samaritan in Jersey City to assist them to get home. (Author Unknown)

Choosing Our Path

God wants us to follow him, but he gives us the freedom to choose what path we will take and whom we will serve. As we stand at the crossroads of life, God continually reaches out to us through his Word. In Jeremiah 6:16 we read, *"This is what the Lord says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.'"* Daily we are at the crossroads of life. The choice we make is our own. As Yogi Berra said, When you get to a fork in the road, take it." The road we take will have eternal consequences. Will we choose God's way or the ways of the world? With God's help, our answer can be like Joshua's:

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).



Joshua's choice was that he and his family would be servants and stewards of the Lord. When you reach crossroads in life, you will hear God's call, "Follow Me," but the call to serve yourself and the ways of the world will be loud and boisterous. If you don't reject God's call and you follow, as Jeremiah did, the ancient paths, you will turn away from your self-interests and focus on ways to serve the Lord. Your lifestyle will reflect your relationship with him. As followers of Jesus, we acknowledge God's ownership and love. We become stewards of what he entrusts to us. As followers of the Lord, we see others as brothers and sisters in Christ. We live with an eternal perspective.

Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

May 2021

Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church

Rev. Elias Lopez, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

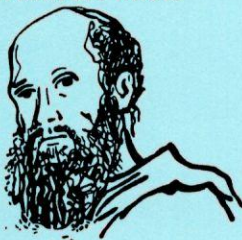
God is our strength

Life can be exhausting and we can become overwhelmed by what it takes to be good. It is important to remember that we don't struggle alone. *"If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?"* (Romans 8:31-32).

A new approach

St. Paul said the whole law is summed up in love. While he was talking about Mosaic law, laws are given to preserve order. Jesus presented a new fresh approach. Out of love, He came not to abolish the Law, but to bring it to perfection. The relationship between heaven and earth is love.

"Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13-14).



Who do you say that Jesus is?

Jesus said to his Apostles, *"But who do you say that I am?"* (Matthew 16:15). In *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis wrote that there are three ways to answer this question. Perhaps Jesus was a liar, deliberately misleading others by claiming to be God. Or, was He insane, deluded into thinking He was God? Finally, perhaps He was what He said He was – God.

Liar: If Jesus deliberately misled others, He would have been evil. Yet, his friends wrote that He did incredible acts of good, was honest, kind, and compassionate. No one experienced Jesus as a bad man.

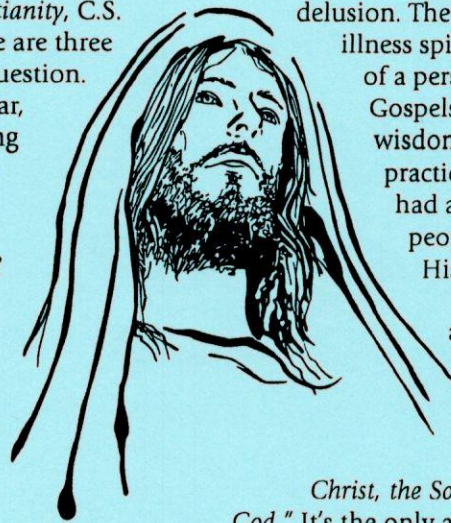
Lunatic: What if Jesus were insane and deluded when believing He was

God? Being out of touch with reality wouldn't have been confined to one delusion. The effects of mental illness spill into many areas of a person's life. Yet, the Gospels describe Jesus' wisdom, intelligence, and practical good sense. He had an ability to attract people who respected His authority.

Lord: When Jesus asked, *"But who do YOU say that I am?"*, Peter responded, *"You are the*

Christ, the Son of the living God." It's the only answer that makes sense.

Ultimately, we all have to answer the question of who Jesus is for ourselves. We can pray for the faith of Peter to declare Jesus our Lord and our God.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Popes, saints, and Catholics over the centuries have turned to the Rosary for miraculous help in seemingly impossible situations. The mysteries of the Rosary describe the events of Jesus' life, death and



Why do Catholics pray the Rosary?

Resurrection. As we pray the Rosary, we revisit these events.

The Rosary is deeply ingrained in our Catholic identity. The rhythm of the Rosary is meant to still our minds and direct our hearts to communion with God, placing our focus on God and not on the world.

Mary brings us to the heart of her Son

Jesus so loved his mother that his last thoughts on the Cross were of her. He gave her to us as our own mother, and wants us to honor her. "Since Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise" (*Mense Maio*, Blessed Pope Paul VI).

For her "yes." Without fully understanding what God intended, she unhesitatingly agreed to become his mother. Her "yes" made it possible for God to become



human and be crucified for our salvation.

Following her example means saying "yes" to whatever God asks.

For her sacrifice. Wouldn't you be forever grateful to someone who gave up her child so that you and your loved ones might live? Mary loved her amazing child and she experienced unspeakable heartache as he was sacrificed for us. Praying the Rosary regularly reminds us of the life of Jesus and the desire of his Mother to bring us close to his heart.

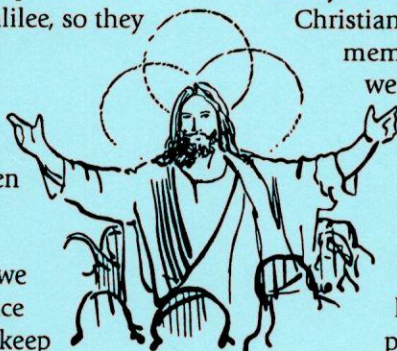
from Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20, The Holy Trinity

Jesus appeared to the Apostles on the mountain top in Galilee, so they could receive their final instructions. They were to go forth, baptize, make disciples, and to teach what they had been taught.

These are our instructions, too. Once we meet Jesus and experience his love for us, we can't keep him to ourselves. We must share him.

Jesus also revealed to the Apostles, and to the crowd gathered with them, that God is a Trinity — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — three Divine Persons united in love. The belief that God is



three, yet one, is distinct to Christianity. When we became members of the Church, we were baptized in the name of the Trinity.

The Trinity is a mystery we may not fully understand, but we can still live in its love and power. We proclaim our faith in it

whenever we make the Sign of the Cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Our ultimate goal is to follow Christ into the eternal life of the Trinity.

Q & A

Why are Catholics urged to pray?

St. Therese of Lisieux said, "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."



Practically speaking, prayer is how we connect with God.

Prayer helps us to hear God's voice. By praying, we learn about Him, come to understand what He wants for us, and how

we reap the blessings He wants to give us. The more we pray, the closer to Him we become. "Christian prayer is a covenant relationship between God and man in Christ" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2564).

Through our Baptism, we are united with Jesus. When we pray often and regularly, we create the habit of being in His presence and in communion with Him. And, we tap into our Baptismal connection. Through a healthy prayer life, we enjoy a personal and living relationship with God.

God seeks to draw us each to Himself. Prayer is our answer to Him.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker. Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a carpenter dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

May 13 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century). This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven. *Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

May 18 – St. Felix of Cantalice (1587). Born to poor, pious parents in

Italy, St. Felix was called "Brother Deogratias" because he was always thanking God. As a young man, he joined the Capuchins, who sent him to Rome to be the friary's official beggar. He was also friends with Saints Philip Neri and Charles Borromeo.

May 23 – Pentecost (1st century). After the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was given to the Church at the first Pentecost. When the apostles received the Holy Spirit, the "new age" of the Church was born.



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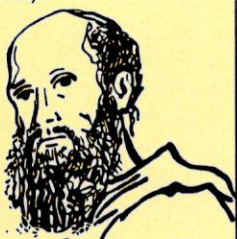
Dios es nuestra fuerza

La vida puede ser agotadora y podemos sentirnos abrumados por lo que debemos hacer para ser buenos. Es importante recordar que no estamos solos en la lucha. "Si Dios está con nosotros, ¿quién estará contra nosotros? El que no escatimó a su propio Hijo, sino que lo entregó por todos nosotros, ¿no nos concederá toda clase de favores?" (Romanos 8:31-32).

Un nuevo enfoque

San Pablo dijo que toda la ley se resume en el amor. Aunque hablaba de la ley mosaica, las leyes se dan para conservar el orden. Jesús presentó un nuevo enfoque. Por amor vino no para abolir la ley, sino para perfeccionarla. La conexión entre el cielo y la tierra es el amor.

"Y yo haré todo lo que ustedes pidan en mi nombre, para que el Padre sea glorificado en el Hijo. Si ustedes me piden algo en mi nombre, yo lo haré" (Juan 14:13-14).



¿Quién dice usted que es Jesús?

Jesús preguntó a sus apóstoles, "Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo?" En *Cristianismo y Nada Más*, C. S. Lewis escribió que hay tres formas de contestar esta pregunta. Puede que Jesús fuera un mentiroso que engañaba a propósito a la gente diciendo que era Dios. ¿O es que estaba loco y equivocado sosteniendo que era Dios? Finalmente, tal vez era quien decía que era: Dios.

Mentiroso: Si Jesús engañó a propósito a los demás, habría sido perverso. Pero sus amigos escribieron que realizó increíbles actos de bondad y que era honrado, amable y compasivo. Nadie vio a Jesús como un hombre malo.

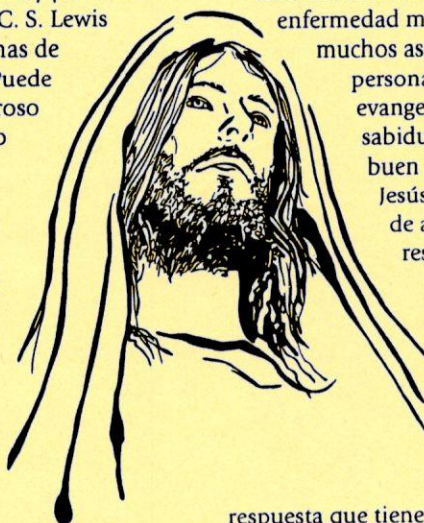
Loco: ¿Y si Jesús estaba loco y equivocado creyendo que era Dios? Perder el contacto

con la realidad no se habría limitado a un solo delirio. Los efectos de una enfermedad mental se extienden a muchos aspectos de la vida de una persona. Sin embargo los evangelios describen la sabiduría, la inteligencia y el buen sentido práctico de Jesús. Tenía la habilidad de atraer a gente que respetaba su autoridad.

Señor: Cuando Jesús preguntó "Y ustedes ¿quién dicen que soy yo?", Pedro contestó: "Tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo del Dios vivo". Es la única

respuesta que tiene sentido.

Básicamente todos tenemos que contestar la pregunta de quién es Jesús para nosotros. Podemos pedir la fe de Pedro para declarar que Jesús es nuestro Dios y Señor.



¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

Los papas, los santos y los católicos a través de los siglos se han dirigido al Rosario pidiendo ayuda milagrosa en situaciones en apariencia imposibles. Los misterios del Rosario describen eventos de la vida, la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús.



¿Por qué rezan el Rosario los católicos?

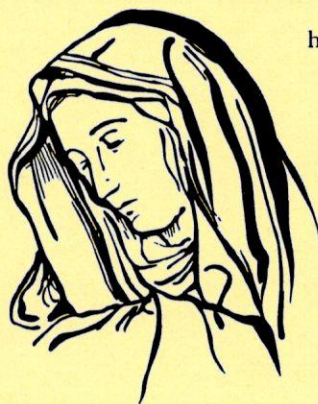
Al rezar el Rosario repasamos estos eventos.

El Rosario está profundamente arraigado en nuestra identidad católica. El ritmo del Rosario está pensado para calmar nuestras mentes y dirigir nuestros corazones a la comunión con Dios, centrándonos en Dios y no en el mundo.

María nos lleva al corazón de su Hijo

Jesús amó tanto a su madre que sus últimos pensamientos en la Cruz fueron para ella. Nos la dio como madre nuestra y quiere que la honremos. "Como María es por derecho la vía por la que llegamos a Cristo, la persona que encuentra a María encuentra también a Cristo" (*Mense Maio*, Pablo VI, Santo).

Por su "sí". Sin entender plenamente la intención de Dios, aceptó ser su madre sin dudar. Su "sí" hizo posible que Dios se hiciera



hombre y fuera crucificado por nuestra salvación. Seguir el ejemplo de María implica decir "sí" a todo lo que Dios pida.

Por su sacrificio. ¿No estaría eternamente agradecido a alguien que cediera a su hijo para que usted y sus seres queridos pudieran vivir? María amaba a su maravilloso hijo y sufrió indeciblemente cuando él fue sacrificado por nosotros. Rezar el Rosario con regularidad nos recuerda la vida de Jesús y el deseo de su Madre de acercarnos a su corazón.

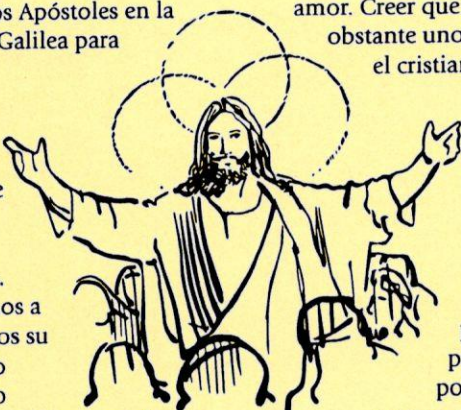
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Mateo 28:16-20, la Santísima Trinidad

Jesús se apareció a los Apóstoles en la cima de un monte en Galilea para darles sus últimas instrucciones. Tenían que partir, bautizar y hacer discípulos y enseñar todo lo que se les había enseñado.

Éstas son también nuestras instrucciones. Una vez que conocemos a Jesús y experimentamos su amor por nosotros, no podemos quedarnos solamente para nosotros. Tenemos de compartirlo.

Jesús también reveló a los Apóstoles, y a la multitud congregada con ellos, que Dios es una Trinidad—Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo—tres personas divinas unidas en



amor. Creer que Dios es trino, y no obstante uno, es algo muy claro en el cristianismo. Cuando nos

convertimos en miembros de la Iglesia somos bautizados en nombre de la Trinidad.

La Trinidad es un misterio que no podemos entender plenamente, pero podemos vivir en su amor

y en su poder. Proclamamos nuestra fe en ella cada vez que nos santiguamos: "En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo". Nuestra meta final es seguir a Cristo hasta la vida eterna de la Trinidad.

P & R ¿Por qué se insta a los católicos a que recen?

Santa Teresa de Lisieux dijo: "Para mí, la oración es un impulso del corazón, una simple mirada lanzada al cielo, un grito de reconocimiento y de amor, tanto desde



dentro de la prueba como desde dentro de la alegría". En términos prácticos, la oración es como conectamos con Dios.

La oración nos ayuda a escuchar la voz de Dios. Al rezar aprendemos sobre él, conseguimos entender lo que él quiere para nosotros y cómo recogemos las bendiciones que quiere darnos. Cuanto más rezamos, más nos acercamos a él. "La oración cristiana es una relación de alianza entre Dios y el hombre en Cristo" (*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, #2564).

Nos unimos a Jesús mediante el Bautismo. Cuando rezamos a menudo y con regularidad, nos habituamos a estar en su presencia y en comunión con él. Y accedemos a nuestra conexión bautismal. Disfrutamos de una relación personal y viva con Dios gracias a una sólida vida de oración.

Dios quiere llevarnos hacia él. La oración es la respuesta que nosotros le damos.

Fiestas y celebraciones

1 de mayo – San José Obrero. Encargado del cuidado de la Bendita Madre y de Jesús, José era un carpintero que se dedicó a su familia y obedeció a Dios.

13 de mayo – La Ascensión del Señor (siglo I). Esta solemnidad señala el término de la misión de salvación de Jesús y su entrada triunfal en el cielo. *Nota: En muchas diócesis, la celebración de la Ascensión ha sido trasladada al domingo siguiente.*

18 de mayo – San Félix de Cantalice (1587). Hijo de padres pobres y piadosos

italianos, san Félix fue llamado "Hermano Deogratias" porque daba gracias a Dios constantemente. De joven ingresó en los capuchinos quienes lo enviaron a Roma a que fuera el limosnero oficial del convento. Fue amigo de san Felipe Neri y de san Carlos Borromeo.

23 de mayo – Pentecostés (siglo I).

Después de la Ascensión de Jesús, la Iglesia recibió al Espíritu Santo el primer Pentecostés. Cuando los Apóstoles recibieron al Espíritu Santo, nació la "nueva era" de la Iglesia.



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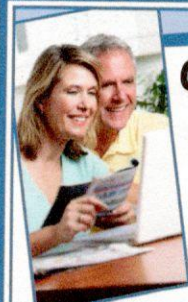

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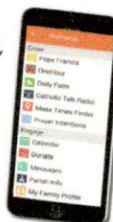
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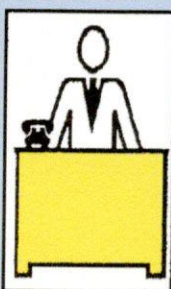
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