



Christ Our Light Catholic Church

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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

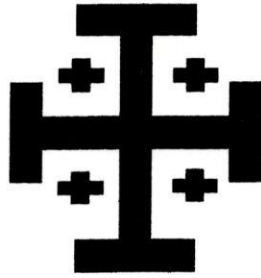
RECONCILIACION/CONFESIONES

Los Martes, jueves y el

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

y por cita 936-825-3920

May 16, 2021 - The Ascension of The Lord



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®



"Why do I welcome you to the parish with plastic fruit?
The Gospel says 'Go and bear fruit that will remain.'"

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Padre Pancho



"Yo siempre le doy la bienvenida a la parroquia con el sabor
de cómo nuestros miembros se alimentan unos a otros."

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May 15 & 16, 2021

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

MONDAY, MAY 17

No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 18

6:00 PM No Mass

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

8:30 AM No Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 20

8:30 AM No Mass

6:00 PM* No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 21

8:30 AM No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 22

6:00 PM Jim Ray † and Mary Ann † Wilder

SUNDAY, MAY 23

8:00 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM* Martin Ruiz, Jr. †

*Spanish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 17

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

TUESDAY, MAY 18

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

THURSDAY, MAY 20

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

7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH

SATURDAY, MAY 22

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

6:00 PM Mass—Blessing for Graduating Seniors

SUNDAY, MAY 23

8:00 AM Mass—Blessing for Graduating Seniors

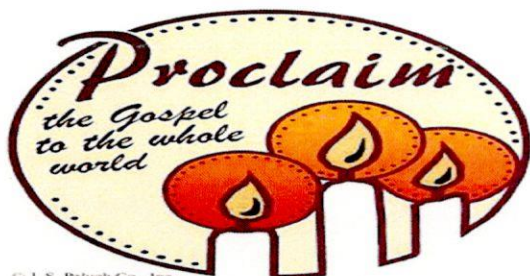
1:00 PM Mass—Blessing for Graduating Seniors

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.



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E-Mail Addresses for the Parish

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

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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



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BAPTISM

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.

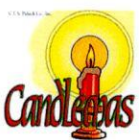


**PRAY for THE CONTINUING
RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF
the infirmed and homebound
members of our community.**

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.



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TRESASURE YOU HAVE SHARED:

GIFTS FOR GOD — YOUR TITHE RESPONDS

May 08 and 09, 2021

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| (74) Offertory Envelopes/Loose Checks, On Line Giving, Mail Ins, Drop Ins | 5,324.50 |
| Children Offering | 128.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | 1,195.00 |

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 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 Sara Castro. The parish thanks the 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**

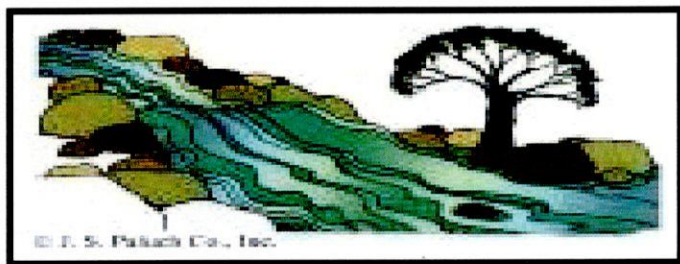
The Parish Code to access the website is
MVMZKF

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.



The Ascension of the Lord May 16, 2021

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.
—Mark 16:16

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

Ascension of Our Lord — “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” -1 John 4:15 How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don’t think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and joyfully share you witness with others.

“Boletín de Mayordomía—Reflexiones

La Ascensión de Nuestro señor— “*Todo aquel que confiese que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios, permanece en Dios, y Dios en él.*” -1 Juan 4:14 ¿Qué tan fuerte es su fe? Cuando tienes la oportunidad de defender o aclarar un asunto acerca de la fe Católica, ¿O permaneces en silencio para que otros no piensen que eres raro? Rece para tener el coraje de ser fuerte en cualquier circunstancia y compartir con los demás su testimonio con alegría.

Blessing for Graduating Seniors

All graduating seniors are encouraged to attend one of the Masses during the weekend of May 22nd and 23rd for a special blessing. Wear your cap and gown.

THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life’s different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course. —St. Boniface

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**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.

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Giving**

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**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 MISSALETTES

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 \$8,839.00
37 Donors**

Ministry with Persons with Disabilities — Ministry with Persons with Disabilities assists parishes in opening their doors to invite, welcome and accept person with disabilities into the full life of the Church. Presentations inform how to provide religious formation and sacramental preparation in ways that best serve persons with different learning abilities.

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IGNITE

**Ignite Parish Goal \$208,632.00
Gifts Amount Received \$64,097.00
38 Donors**

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
CHRIST OUR LIGHT — NAVASOTA
ST. STANISLAUS — ANDERSON**

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. Become a Volunteer. Volunteers are an essential part of SVDP.

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION

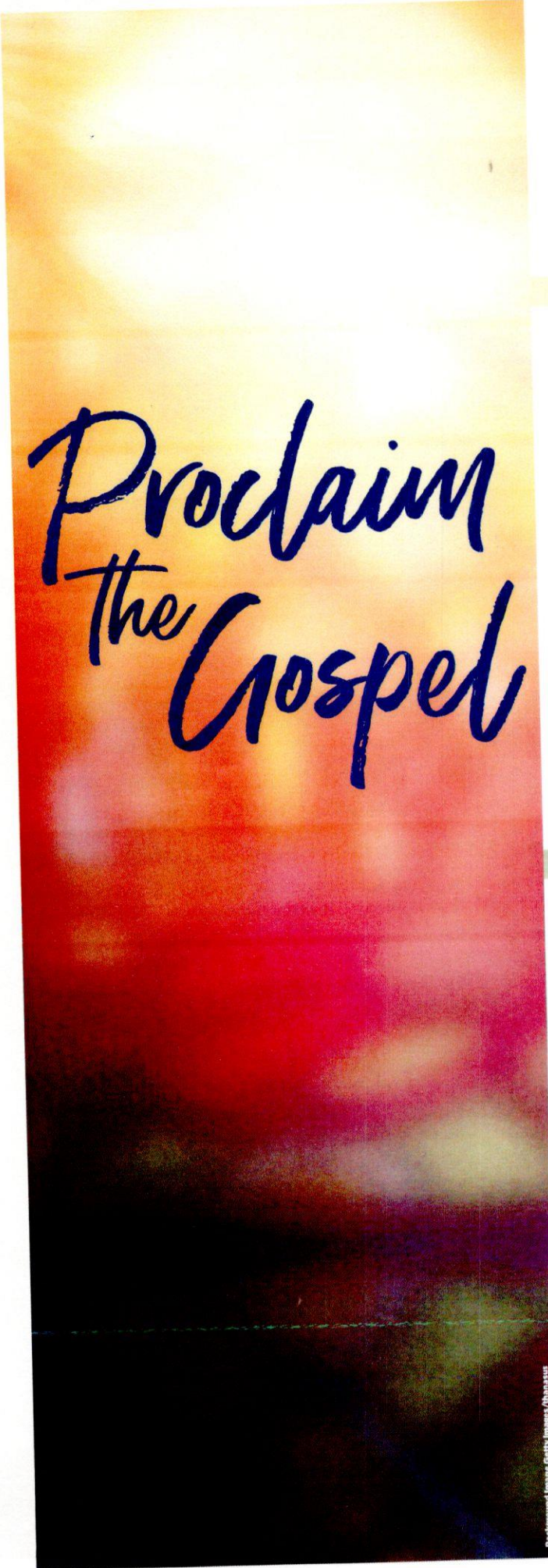
The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

EL SIGNIFICADO DE LA ASCENSIÓN

La unión teológica, o tal vez la experiencia temporal de la primera comunidad cristiana, hizo parecer que la Resurrección y Ascensión de Jesús eran aspectos inseparables de un único misterio. Solo en los últimos escritos de Lucas y Juan la reflexión teológica que iba madurando ayudó a la comunidad cristiana distinguir las diferentes dimensiones del misterio. La tradición litúrgica ha seguido la cronología de cuarenta días formulada por Lucas. No comprenderíamos lo esencial, sin embargo, si exigiéramos una cronología precisa de acontecimientos históricos como la Resurrección y la Ascensión que son principalmente de naturaleza espiritual y que superan claramente los límites del tiempo y el espacio tal como los conocemos.

Lo que es importante es que comprendamos el significado de la Ascensión. Para Lucas, es el momento decisivo que marca el final del ministerio terrenal de Jesús y el comienzo del ministerio guiado por el Espíritu de los discípulos, y por lo tanto el ministerio de toda la Iglesia hasta nuestros días. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Proclaim the Gospel

May 16, 2021

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 |
Mk 16:15-20

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

"Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" the Apostles are asked. Well, hello! The risen Jesus, who had once again walked among the Apostles, "was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight." Of course the disciples would look up, to gaze once more upon the Son of God whom they loved. Today's feast reminds us, however, that to look for Jesus is not to stand around looking up, but to engage with others in the world in which he remains present. Even as he sits "at the right hand of God," Jesus dwells among and within us. For God is not some distant figure, but One who desires to walk alongside us in the person of his Son, Jesus, and give us the gift of the Holy Spirit as our help and advocate. Even in times when we experience doubt, complacency, or simply feel distant from God, Jesus is at our side. Once we open our hearts to his presence, we cannot help but share the Good News of God's love in our families, workplaces, and everyday encounters with others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

For anyone wishing to grow in their understanding of what evangelization looks like, today's readings offer as good a playbook as any. As we celebrate the Ascension, we may be tempted to see it as a kind of "farewell party" for Jesus. But while on the surface, it may appear that Jesus "left" the Apostles, he promises to remain with them through the gift of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean for us? Today's Gospel sums it up, quoting Jesus' words immediately before he was taken up to heaven: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." As Catholics and Christians, that's our bottom line. I read somewhere that "proclaim" goes beyond mere words, and encompasses living out the Gospel by sharing God's love. Jesus remains at our side, encouraging us to use the gifts God has given us to build up the Church.

PRAY Today's feast reminds us that we have an advocate in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As you enter a challenging situation or even just a typical day, remember to ask Jesus to give you a "spirit of wisdom."

A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving
An introduction of *Stewardship* to the congregation

May 2021

There was a woman who tells about how challenging sermons, family devotions, and a visit from Every Member Canvassers challenged her to reconsider her family's priorities regarding the use of money. Like many of us, she had focused on worldly goods more than Christian stewardship. Do we not think about the next "worldly thing" we want to get, far more than we consider what we can do on behalf of God and the Kingdom?

In short, don't we often put our "wants" first and God's work somewhere down the list in our priorities? Well, she came to realize that even when their income had doubled to \$40,000 annually, they were still giving the church the same \$500 annually that they had when their income was lower. She thought this was like embezzling money from God. Should not God have a healthy portion of a family's income? And certainly, given the fact that God enables us to have whatever we have: life, talent, energy, guidance, our church, and time on earth ... should we not glorify God with worship, service and with responsible and generous stewardship?

God gives us the freedom to choose what sort of a steward we will be! Jesus gave us the direction we need to follow: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth," he said. "But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven ... for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:19-21)


Prayer: Stir us up to give as you would have us give, O Lord, source of all that we have. In Christ's name. **Amen**

A Stewardship Minute is available to subscribers of Stewardship at www.parishpublishing.org. Simply click on the "Parish Resource Center" and log in using with your account number (Username) and zip code (Password), both of which can be found on the invoice or mailing label.

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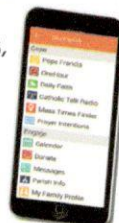


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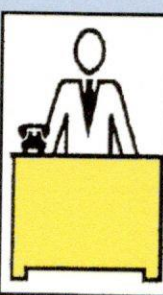
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