

Christ Our Light Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
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Monday-Thursday

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

Friday 9:15am- noon

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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

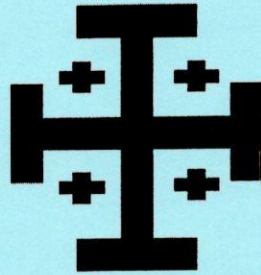
RECONCILIACION/CONFESIONES

Los Martes, jueves y el

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

y por cita 936-825-3920

June 6, 2021 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



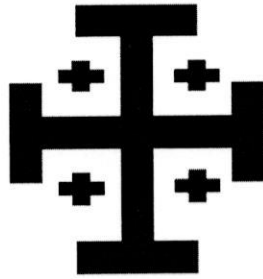
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**For further information, please contact Fr. Eli at
936-873-2291 or 936-825-3920
lopez.eli68@gmail.com**

Early registration is encouraged!

On the Feast of Corpus Christi (Vigil Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6) the total offertory in every parish of the archdiocese is dedicated to the support of those studying for the priesthood. For 2021-22, over a million dollars is needed from this collection to support our seminarians studying for the priesthood. To achieve this goal, Cardinal DiNardo requests that you double the amount of your regular church support for the weekend of June 5-6. If we all come together in this effort, the needed subsidy will be met by this collection. In gratitude for the incomparable gift of the Holy Eucharist, which is inseparably joined to the priesthood, please do your part to help the archdiocese provide priests for the sake of your future by praying daily for vocations and supporting this collection.



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June 05 & 06, 2021

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

MONDAY, JUNE 07

No Mass

TUESDAY, JUNE 08

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 09

No Mass

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

No Mass

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

No Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

6:00 PM Nina Rotello †

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

8:00 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM* Miguel Nunez †

*Spanish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JUNE 07

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 08

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

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

7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

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



The parish thanks the LeFlore and Land families for the Altar Flowers this past weekend.

Words Worth Noting

It's not until you become a mother that your judgement slowly turns to compassion and understanding.
—Erma Bombeck

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



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BAPTISM

English Baptism Class Schedule for 2021: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM, 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, 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.

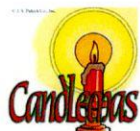


**PRAY for THE CONTINUING
RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF
the infirmed and homebound
members of our community.**

Sarina 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 29 and 30, 2021

(68) Offertory Envelopes/Loose Checks, On Line Giving, Mail Ins, Drop Ins	4,074.50
Children Offering	82.00
Maintenance Fund	87.00

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.

June 5 & 6 the Entire Collection is for St. Mary Seminary.

SECOND COLLECTION

June 12 & 13 - Our Maintenance Fund
June 19 & 20—DSF Shortall of our assigned Goal
June 26 & 27—Peter's Pence (Holy Father's Charity)

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 JUNE**

Intention for evangelization—The beauty of marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



**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 Most Holy Body And blood of Christ June 2, 2021

**The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call
upon the name of the Lord. Psalm 116:13**

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

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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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Feast of Corpus Christi — *Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it. Mark 14:34* Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself up for us, completely for our salvation. He offers us the same chance to drink from His cup. In the bread and wine, we meet Christ personally. If we follow Him, drinking from His cup means our own self-sacrifice, using all of our gifts for the benefit of others and to do His work on earth.

“Boletín de Mayordomía—Reflexiones

Fiesta de Corpus Christi — *“Entonces tomó la copa, dio gracias, y la pasó a sus discípulos y todos ellos bebieron de ella,” Marcos 14:23* Jesús el perfecto administrador, dio gracias, justamente antes de entregarse a Sí mismo por nosotros completamente para nuestra salvación. El nos ofrece la misma oportunidad para tomar de Su copa. En el pan y el vino, nos encontramos personalmente con Cristo. Si lo seguimos, beber de Su copa significa nuestro propio sacrificio personal, utilizando todos nuestros dones para el beneficio de los demás y para hacer Su trabajo en la tierra.

**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>

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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.**

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 5 & 6

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Monday: Tenth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Ephrem
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday: Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2021

DSF Goal \$25,000.00
Gifts Received \$9,354.00
40 Donors

Correctional Ministries: The priests, deacons and lay volunteers provide sacramental and pastoral care to those victimized by crime and violence, as well as the nearly 60,000 men and women who are incarcerated in two federal facilities, 22 state prison units, and 10 county jails located within the boundaries of the Archdiocese.

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IGNITE

Ignite Parish Goal \$208,632.00
Gifts Amount Received \$66,048.00
38 Donors

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul
“Christ the Good Shepherd of
Navasota and Anderson”

Monthly Meetings;

The First Saturday of the month: June 5

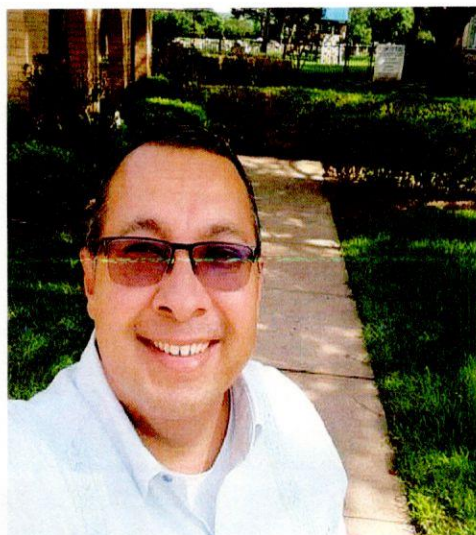
- ♦ Following the 9:00 AM. First Saturday Mass at Christ Our Light Parish
- ♦ St. Patrick Hall located at 510 Manley St.

The Third Wednesday of the month: June 16

- ♦ 5:00 PM at St Stanislaus Parish Hall

Become a volunteer! Volunteers are an essential part of the SVDP. Through their work, commitment, and hope, we can undertake many forms of social action which benefit millions of people. Each of us has something special to contribute. The SVDP has a broad framework of action, in which you are sure to find something to suit you, and where your contribution will be valuable. Give of your love and time to others will make you happy.

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**In loving spirit of joy and gratitude we give
thanks for Fr. Eli.**

**Ordination to the PRIESTHOOD — June 6, 2015 —
6th Anniversary**

BIRTHDAY — June 14

**PASTOR of Christ Our Light — June 19, 2017 — 4th
Anniversary at COL**

**Refreshments and Fellowship in the Narthex fol-
lowing each of the Masses June 12 & 13, 2021.**



June 6, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Ex 24:3-8 | Heb 9:11-15 | Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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

It takes only a few moments of holding one's breath to realize how desperately we need oxygen to survive. If only we were always as cognizant and mindful of the importance of the Eucharist for the same reason! I, for one, confess to approaching the altar with fervent belief in the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ, but also at times doing so while distracted or not fully appreciative of the gift being given to me. But today's solemnity is a powerful reminder not to take the Eucharist for granted. It is the Church's formal and official homage to Jesus Christ who, "with his own blood" obtained for us eternal redemption. St. Thomas Aquinas offers this description of how wonderful, precious, and important the Eucharist is with the following words: "The only-begotten Son of God, wishing to enable us to share in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that by becoming man he might make us gods." (Opusc. 57, 1-4) Like the disciples on the night of the Last Supper, we, too, receive the body and blood of Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine. He dwells within us, intercedes for us, and through grace he transforms us.

GO EVANGELIZE

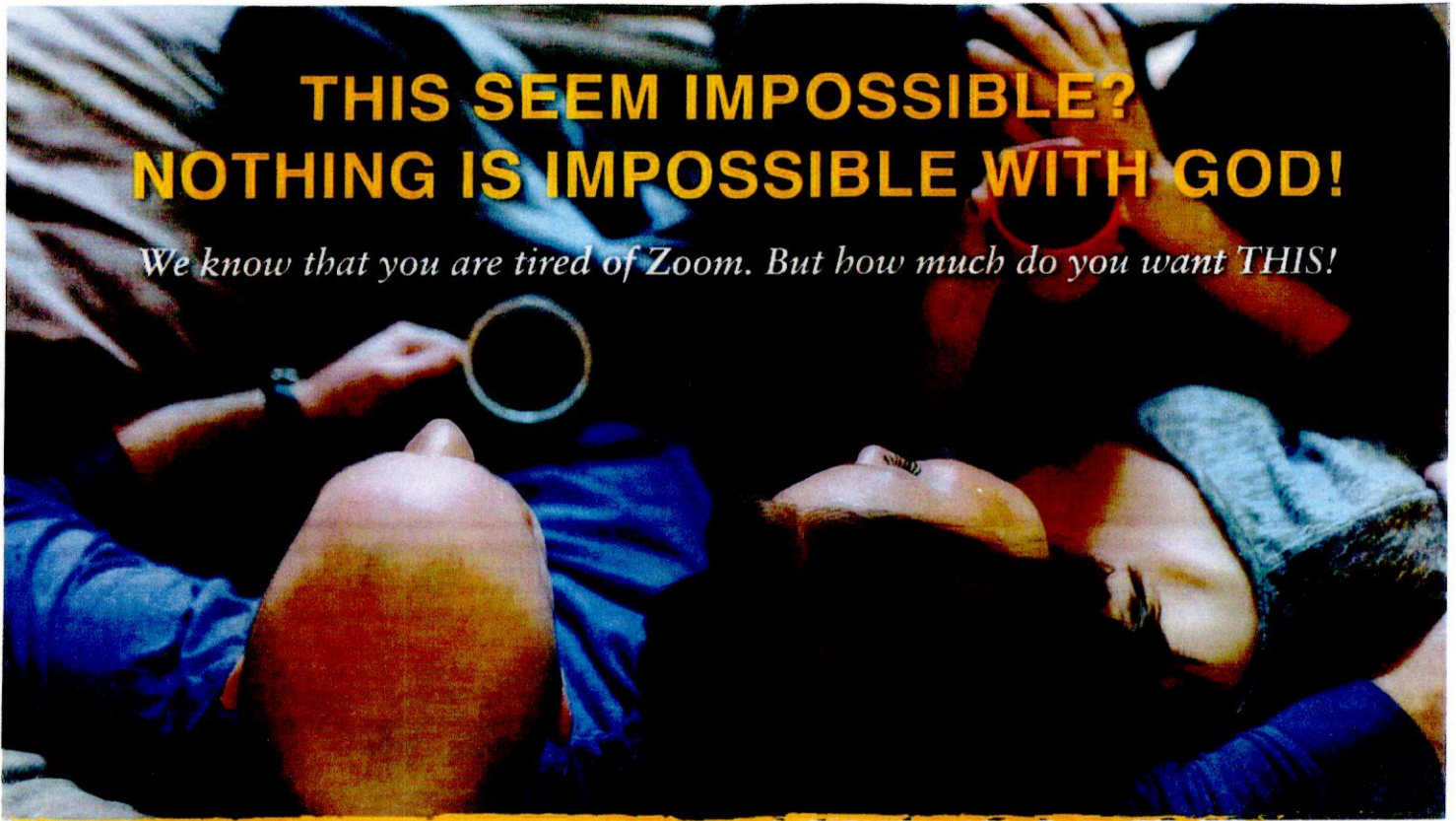
PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Spending time with our Lord at Eucharistic adoration is a profound opportunity to open our hearts to him. Just as we know that we cannot love others well if we don't love ourselves, likewise we cannot share the love of Christ with others well if we don't take time to allow Christ to enter our hearts and our lives. By taking the time to talk to Jesus and listen, we can, in turn, witness to his love to others. We can use this time to pray for a specific person, seek help with a personal dilemma, or ask the Lord to show us where we need repentance and conversion in our own lives so as to be more like him. The more we are conformed to Christ, the better we can bring Christ to the world.

STUDY Draw closer to the Lord through meditation on the meaning of the Eucharist by reading these "basic questions and answers" about the Real Presence: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/the-real-presence-faqs.

THIS SEEM IMPOSSIBLE? NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD!

We know that you are tired of Zoom. But how much do you want THIS!



A Weekend to Help You Connect on a Deeper Level.
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

• June 25-27 • Apply Online at HOUSTONME.ORG



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

What: Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Where: Your Home (Virtual on-line Experience)
When: June 25 -27 2021

Marriage Enrichment

Once again, Worldwide Marriage Encounter will come to your home via a virtual, on-line presentation.

This will be a special time to do something that can help make your marriage closer, and happier. Couples will look at themselves, their behaviors and attitudes, and their relationship with their spouse and God. Communication tools are taught on the weekend helping couples connect in healthy, constructive ways on areas that can deepen their intimacy and connectedness. This Weekend will help couples in good marriages to communicate even better and experience more joy. You will be able to participate from the comfort of your home by logging onto this virtual weekend. **PLAN NOW**, to be a part this event.

To apply or for more information:

Follow link for review: <https://youtu.be/ciC8-oLVJ9w>

go to www.houstonme.org or call 713-482-1791. Application fee of \$100.00, but no one is turned away for lack of funds.

SAVE THE DATE: Summer Youth Nights for Grades 9-12

When: Every Wednesday, June 23-August 18, 2021

Where: St. Patrick Hall located at 501 Manley Street

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- Do you want to learn more about your faith?
- Do you want to make new friends this summer?
- Do you want to share a meal and learn from other students ways to live out your Catholic faith?

If so, then join us this summer.

Summer Youth Nights are BACK!! The *Christ Our Light Youth Ministry* crew is looking forward to hosting these weekly get-togethers over the summer to play some games, build relationships, worship, and study God's Word. Open to students in grades 9-12.

Attention parishioners: if you would like to assist with food, drinks, and or snacks please contact Carolyn Katkoski at the parish office. 936-825-3920

Stewardship

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

June 2021

Left a preacher's widow, with five children to feed, clothe, and educate, Aunt Nan settled on a farm in Ohio, and ran it herself with the aid of her boys as they grew up. In the pantry of her farm house was an old coffee grinder she used as a "storehouse" for her offering to God. Out of every dollar she received for things sold off her farm, she immediately put into that coffee grinder the Lord's portion.

Those who knew her well were witness to the fact that she gave of her gross, not merely her net income. If anyone ever had a right to renege on proportionate giving to God, Aunt Nan had; a run-down farm to manage and five children to raise. But she did not.

But she proved her love by her life and by her deeds. She often sang:

*"Take my life and let it be consecrated,
Lord, to thee. Take my silver and my
gold, Not a mite would I withhold."*

In years of financial stress and strain, Aunt Nan proved the place God held in her life; not by gathering her children around her in her farmhouse and talking to them in mere words about how she loved the Lord; she proved by the way she handled money that Jesus Christ had the supreme place in her heart and house.

The money in Aunt Nan's coffee grinder wasn't only mother's gift ... it was the family gift. The children helped on the farm and had a personal investment in the contents of that coffee grinder. Every Sunday, each one of them, from mother down to baby, had an offering for their Lord. Aunt Nan knew that children

"learn to do by doing," and she acted upon this principle. She taught her children to give by giving. She did not have her children sit beside her in church and watch the collection plate go by without putting anything in it.

Aunt Nan knew the message of the Bible: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not

*G*enesis tells us that God placed the first human being in the garden to practice stewardship there; "to work in and take care of it." Genesis 2:15



depart from it" ... was true. "Aunt Nan's coffee grinder plan" has worked better in supporting the local church, in helping missionary work at home and abroad, and in influencing young people to give of their time and talent to God, than many

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We can take the step of faith as we renew or consider additional areas of commitment of our time, talents or treasures.

Jesus' death on the cross was the ultimate in love for us ... what we do with it is our response.

*Are you an active member...
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just content
That your name is on the list?*

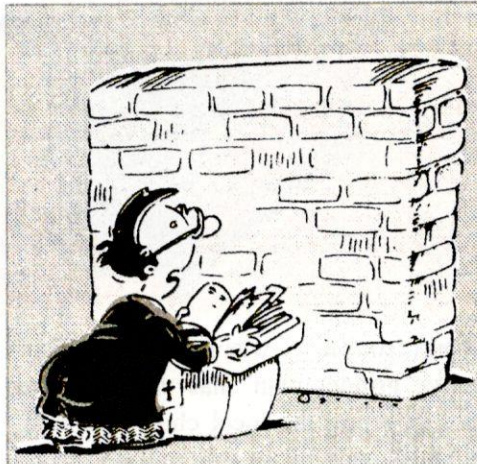
*Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?*

*Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belongs?*

*Do you ever voluntarily
Help at the guiding stick,
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?*

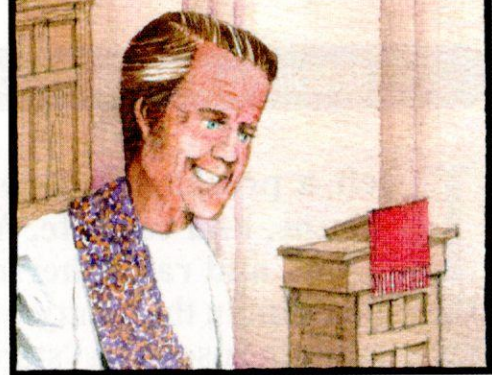
*Come out to meetings often
And help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member
But take an active part.*

*Think this over member ...
You know right from wrong,
Are you an active member
Or do you just belong?*



*"Today's message is titled:
'It is More Blessed to Give'
and is taken from Paul's letter to ..."*

Deacon Dave on stewardship



Very often the lines between what we consider "sacred" and what is "worldly" are blurred. The situation in the Gospel of Matthew 22:15-21 is a case in point.

Is it just for a faithful Israelite to pay the Roman tax? A yes and Jesus is convicted of subjecting God's kingdom to the pagans. A no and he is a traitor to the state. The answer is a classic. Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.

Although the question was posed two thousand years ago, the answer has to be worked out in each age. That fine line between what belongs to God and what to Caesar is a constant puzzle. It mixes in with issues of state funding of abortion, praying in public school, the relationship of one state to another in the Middle East.

***Give to Caesar the things that
belong to Caesar and to God
the things that are God's.***

Jesus does not get caught in the verbal trap. His answer is not a definitive statement; but a statement of attitude. In this world we really don't own things as much as we are stewards who administer. To be sure, we have monthly

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God's Gift of Time

The dictionary defines time as a period during which something exists or can be accomplished. We live in twenty-four hour increments. We can only live one day at a time, one hour at a time.


We make time for work, recreation and rest. If you are like me, all of your time is accounted for. Most of us run through our days like that character in Alice in Wonderland, crying "I'm late,



I'm late."

I challenge you to get still for a moment. Take a good long look at your typical day and honestly see how much time you allot to the giver of life!

Now that I've gotten your attention ... if you're really serious about this challenge, we agree that time is a gift given freely from our Creator; it is life itself. Yet, sadly we misuse this gift. Typically, we have the attitude of self-service, rather than other-service, including service to our church.


If we are honest, we can see areas in which we can improve our response to God, for the astonishing gift of time. You might ask, I do give? I invite you to take a closer look at your giving habits. When you give, in what spirit do you give? It is to give loudly, so all those within range know of your gift. When you show some kindness or use your talent, are you pompous and pumped up? Then the reward is superficial. The gift is given in the spirit of self-service. As the words of Scripture remind us to be "doers of the Word, not hearers only." 

The Good Steward

It had been many years since I taught a Sunday School class. But I knew the morning I arrived at church and saw the small gathering of little girls on the front steps, I was about to be called to serve God ... if only temporarily.

"We don't have a teacher," a little girl named Sara said, looking up at me with wide blue eyes. I stared at the four little faces before me and nodded my acceptance to help out. There were instant smiles all around. And as I trailed the girls down the hallway to their classroom, I was overwhelmed with the feeling of gratefulness.

She listened with her heart and served.

Only God knew I was capable of teaching a Sunday School class. The children were only eight and nine years old. Too young by far to have known my own daughter when she went to the church. God was calling me into stewardship ... a teaching stewardship, briefly, but confidently, nonetheless. I listen to God with my heart. And when God calls, I gladly serve. I'm menial, and God knows my limits. God never summons me into a servitude I am incapable of performing. God makes me smile ... and bow my head to him. God is a lamp unto my feet. Therefore my servitude is joyful! 



The work of the church can never be complete without your help as a member of the stewardship team. Everyone must work together to form a beautiful picture of what God can do through the ministry of your church. Each steward can find and fill his or her place.




God was calling me into stewardship ... a teaching stewardship.

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Aunt Nan...


other plans, drives, movements, suppers, and sales have.

Because she was a real steward and proved her love for God by her deeds, Aunt Nan influenced her whole family to serve Christ and his church. All are active in the church today. Her oldest son is an able bishop with world influence. Another son is a professor at a great theological seminary, and still another son is doing missionary work.

Let us learn from the fine example of Aunt Nan! Set aside a coffee grinder or something in the house to serve as a storehouse for your family's offering to God. Like Aunt Nan, we will see the positive effect this will have on our young people as they learn the principles of stewardship by active participation. As a result we will have a more Christ-like America and a more Christ-like world. 

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Deacon Dave...

bills and mortgage payments to prove that things belong to us; but the belonging is for only a short time. We really only manage these things and then pass them on to another. In the Gospel, Jesus sees Caesar as but another of the stewards of the world. Ultimately the stewardship must be settled before the "owner." 



Co-Responsabilidad

Inspirando una comprensión más profunda de la verdadera generosidad

Al enviudar de un predicador, con cinco hijos que alimentar, vestir y educar, Tía Nan se estableció en una granja en Ohio, y ella misma la manejaba con la ayuda de sus hijos a medida que iban creciendo. En la despensa de la casa había un viejo molinillo de café que ella usaba como “almacén” para guardar sus ofrendas a Dios. De cada dólar que recibía de los productos de la granja que vendía, inmediatamente ponía en el molinillo la porción que le correspondía a Dios.

Quienes la conocían bien eran testigos del hecho de que ella daba su donativo no meramente de su ingreso neto sino de su ingreso bruto. Si alguien alguna vez tuvo razón en renegar respecto a la donación proporcional a Dios, era la Tía Nan, con una granja destartalada y cinco hijos que mantener. Pero nunca lo hizo.

Ella probó su amor con su vida y sus obras. Y con frecuencia cantaba:

“Toma mi vida, Señor y yo te la consagraré. Toma mi oro y mi plata, que con nada me quedaré”.

En los años de mucha estrechez y presión financiera, la Tía Nan demostraba el lugar que Dios ocupaba en su vida, no reuniendo a sus hijos en torno a sí para hablarles sobre cómo amaba a Dios. En la forma en que manejaba el dinero era como ella demostraba que Jesucristo era quien ocupaba el lugar supremo en su corazón y en su casa.

Pero el dinero que se juntaba en el molinillo de café de Tía Nan no era solo el donativo de mamá...era el de toda la familia. Los chicos ayudaban en la granja y hacían una inversión personal en el contenido de ese molinillo. Todos los domingos cada uno de ellos, desde

mamá hasta el bebé, hacían una ofrenda al Señor. Tía Nan sabía que los niños “aprenden a hacer haciendo”, y actuaba en base a este principio. Les enseñaba a sus hijos a dar dando. No dejaba que sus hijos se quedaran sentados mirando pasar la canasta de la colecta sin echarle algo.

Tía Nan conocía el mensaje de la Biblia: “Enséñale a un niño cómo debe

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El Génesis nos dice que Dios puso al primer hombre en el jardín para que practicara la corresponsabilidad; “para que trabajara en él y lo tomara bajo su responsabilidad”.

Génesis 2:15



hacer la cosas, y cuando llegue a viejo no habrá dejado de hacerlas así”. El “Plan molinillo de café de Tía Nan” ha funcionado mejor para apoyar a la iglesia local, para ayudar al trabajo misionero tanto en la localidad como en el

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Podemos dar el paso de la fe en la medida en que renovamos o consideramos nuevas áreas de compromiso de nuestro tiempo, talentos y recursos.

La muerte de Jesús en la cruz fue la muestra última de su amor hacia nosotros...lo que hagamos de ese amor es responsabilidad nuestra.

*¿Eres un miembro activo...
De los que siempre se alistan,
O te basta que tu nombre
Forme parte de la lista?*

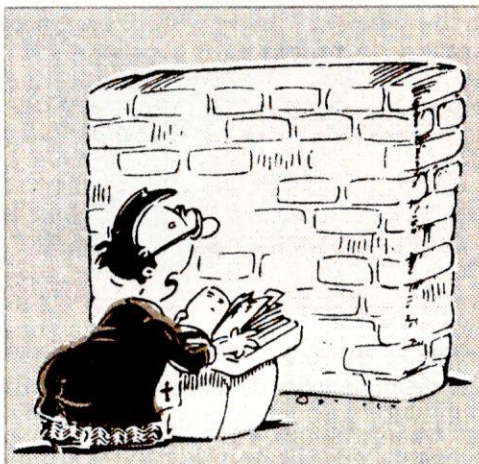
*¿Asistes a las reuniones
Y te mezclas con los otros,
O te quedas en tu casa
Sin nunca dar soluciones?*

*¿Tomas tu parte activa
En todo lo que lo que hay que
hacer,
O crees que es suficiente
Con tan solo pertenecer?*

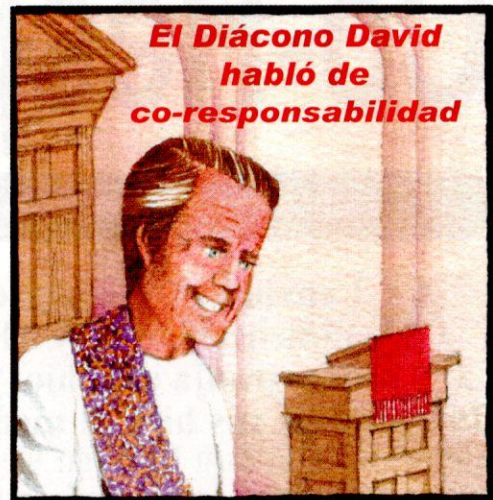
*¿Alguna vez das tu ayuda
En tomar las directivas,
O dejas todo el trabajo
A unos cuantos de arriba?*

*Asiste seguido a las juntas
Pon tus manos, tu corazón.
No seas un simple miembro
Cualquiera más del montón.*

*Reflexiona en esto, miembro ...
Distingue acierto de error,
¿Eres verdadero miembro
O un simple espectador?*



*"El mensaje de hoy es sobre el diezmo:
'Es más bendecido el dar'
Tomado de la carta de San Pablo a los..."*



**El Diácono David
habló de
co-responsabilidad**

Con mucha frecuencia la línea divisoria entre lo que consideramos "sagrado" y "mundano" es difusa. Un caso típico es la situación planteada en el Evangelio de Mateo 22: 15-21.

¿Es justo para un fiel israelí pagar impuestos a Roma? Un sí por parte de Jesús equivalía a someter el reino de Dios a los paganos. Un no, por otro lado, significaba traición al estado. Su respuesta es un clásico. Dar al César lo que es del César, y a Dios lo que es de Dios.

Aunque la cuestión se planteó hace dos mil años, la respuesta debe reabordarse en cada época. La tenue línea que divide lo que es de Dios de lo que es del César nos plantea una permanente interrogante. Hoy día tiene que ver con cuestiones como el financiamiento del aborto por parte del estado, la oración en las escuelas públicas, la relación de un estado con otro en el Medio Oriente.

***Dar al César lo que es del César
y a Dios lo que es de Dios.***

Jesús no se deja atrapar en la trampa verbal. Su respuesta no es una declaración definitiva, sino una actitud de principio. En este mundo
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Dios nos regala el tiempo

El diccionario define el tiempo como un periodo en el cual algo existe o puede ser realizado. Vivimos en periodos de veinticuatro horas. Solo podemos vivir un día a la vez, una hora a la vez.

Nos damos tiempo para trabajar, divertirnos y descansar. Si ustedes son como yo, todo nuestro tiempo está contabilizado. La mayoría vivimos nuestros días como ese personaje de Alicia en el País de las Maravillas que todo el día andaba repitiendo “Ya voy tarde, ya voy tarde”.

Los reto a quedarse quietos por un momento. Observen con calma un día típico y vean honestamente ¡cuánto de él le dedican al dador de la vida!

Ahora que he captado su atención, si se toman realmente en serio este reto estarán de acuerdo conmigo en que el tiempo es algo que libremente nos da nuestro Creador; es la vida misma. Sin embargo, tristemente usamos mal este regalo. Típicamente, tenemos la actitud de auto-servirnos y no la de servir a otros, incluyendo a nuestra iglesia.


Si somos honestos, siempre tendremos áreas en las que podremos mejorar nuestra respuesta a Dios, por su maravilloso don del tiempo. Deben preguntarse, ¿realmente doy? Los invito a mirar de cerca sus formas habituales de dar. Cuando dan, ¿con qué espíritu lo hacen? ¿Dan de manera ruidosa, de tal modo que todos cuantos están cerca se percaten de ello? Cuando muestran gentileza o emplean su talento, ¿lo hacen de manera presuntuosa? Si es así, la recompensa será superflua. Pues el don se da con un espíritu de auto-servicio. Como nos lo recuerdan las palabras de la Escritura, debemos ser “hacedores del mundo, no sus simples escuchas”. 

El buen co-responsable

Hace ya muchos años que yo daba clases en la Escuela Dominical. Pero aquella mañana que llegué a la escuela y vi al grupito de niñas en la escalinata, yo supe que sería llamada a servir a Dios... aunque solo fuera temporalmente.

“No tenemos maestra”, dijo una pequeña llamada Sara, mirándome con sus grandes ojos azules. Yo miré fijamente las cuatro caritas ante mí, y acepté con un movimiento de la cabeza mi decisión de ayudar. Al instante se llenó todo aquello de caritas sonrientes. Y cuando llevaba a las niñas por el pasillo hacia su salón, me inundó un profundo sentimiento de gratitud.

Ella escuchó con el corazón y se dispuso a servir

Solo Dios sabía que yo era capaz de enseñar en la Escuela Dominical. Las niñas solo tenían entre ocho y diez años. Con mucho demasiado chicas para haber conocido a mi hija cuando iba a la iglesia. Dios me estaba llamando a la corresponsabilidad... corresponsabilidad en la enseñanza. Yo escuché a Dios con el corazón. Y cuando el me llama, yo lo sirvo con alegría. Soy poca cosa y Dios conoce mis limitaciones. Dios nunca me llama a un servicio que yo no sea capaz de hacer. Dios me hace sonreír...e inclinar mi cabeza hacia él. Es el farol que guía mis pasos. Así alumbra siempre mis acciones. 



La obra de la Iglesia nunca estará completa sin tu parte como miembro del equipo de co-responsables. Todos debemos trabajar juntos para integrar la imagen completa de lo que Dios puede hacer a través de nuestro ministerio eclesial. Cada co-responsable debe encontrar su lugar y llenarlo.




Dios me estaba llamando a la corresponsabilidad... corresponsabilidad en la enseñanza.

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Tía Nan...


extranjero, y en influenciar a los jóvenes para que aprendan a dar su tiempo y su talento a Dios que mucho planes, campañas, movimientos, cenas y ventas.

Siendo una verdadera co-responsable y demostrando su amor a Dios en sus obras, Tía Nan enseñó a toda su familia a servir a Cristo y a su Iglesia. Hoy día todos ellos son miembros activos de la Iglesia. Su hijo mayor es un obispo con influencia a nivel mundial. Otro es profesor en un importante seminario de teología, y otro se dedica al trabajo misionero.

¡Aprendamos todos del gran ejemplo de Tía Nan! Destinemos un molinillo de café o algún otro sitio en casa como almacén de nuestras ofrendas familiares a Dios. Al igual que Tía Nan, veremos el efecto positivo que ello tendrá en los jóvenes, en la medida que aprenden los principios de la corresponsabilidad mediante la participación activa. Como resultado, tendremos una nación y un mundo más semejante a Cristo. 

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El Diácono David...

en realidad no somos dueños de nada, sino administradores co-responsables. Tenemos cuentas e hipotecas que pagamos cada mes para demostrar que las cosas que tenemos nos pertenecen; pero esa pertenencia es solo por un tiempo limitado. En realidad solo las manejamos por un tiempo y luego se las dejamos a otros. En el Evangelio Jesús solo ve al César como uno más de los co-responsables del mundo. Pero en última instancia, la corresponsabilidad debe establecerse ante el verdadero "propietario". 



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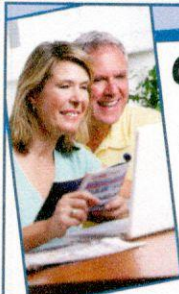
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