

Christ Our Light Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
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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

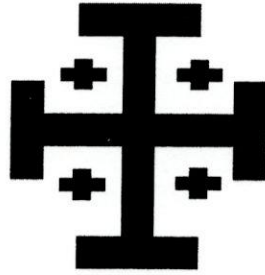
RECONCILIACION/CONFESIONES

Los Martes, jueves y el

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

y por cita 936-825-3920

June 13, 2021 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



"...what do the angels say when God sneezes?"

Padre Pancho



"¡Nunca sabía que los sacerdotes también se enfermaban!"

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June 12 & 13, 2021

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

MONDAY, JUNE 14

No Mass

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

6:00 PM Larry Wisnoski †

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

8:30 AM Smith Family, Living and Deceased

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

8:30 AM Minnie Crouch †

6:00 PM* Martin Ruiz, Jr. †

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

8:30 AM Harold J. Urbanoski, Sr. †

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

6:00 PM Msgr. David Kennedy †

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

8:00 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM* Serafin Murillo †

*Spanish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JUNE 14

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

6:00 PM Altar Society Meeting, SPH

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

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

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

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

7:00 PM Bazaar Meeting, SPH

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 Altar Flowers this past weekend were for the 27th Anniversary of Deacon Grant Holts Ordination. The parish thanks Deacon Grant.

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, 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



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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, Charles Cavanaugh, II, 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.

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.



**YOUR PARISH
SUPPORT
SU APOYO
PARROQUIAL**

TRESASURE YOU HAVE SHARED:

GIFTS FOR GOD — YOUR TITHE RESPONDS

June 05 & 06, 2021

(71) Offertory Envelopes/Loose Checks, On Line Giving, Mail Ins, Drop Ins --for
St. Mary Seminary 4,153.50
Children Offering 57.93

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

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)

THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND

Web site is FORMED.ORG

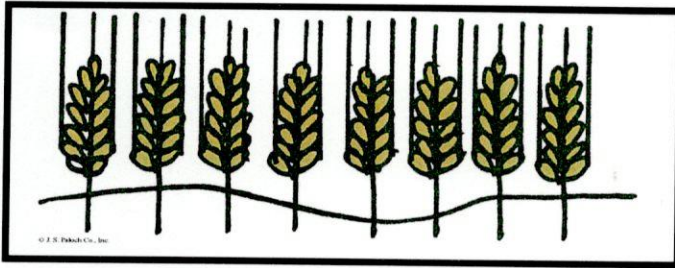
The Parish Code to access the website is
MVMZKF

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.



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time June 13, 2021

They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of God.

—Psalm 92-14

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time — “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.” *2 Corinthians 5:10* We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us — our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

“Boletín de Mayordomía—Reflexiones

Domingo 11º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario — “Pues todos tendremos que estar delante de Cristo para que nos juzgue. Cada uno de nosotros recibirá lo que merezca por lo bueno o lo malo que haya hecho mientras estaba en este cuerpo terrenal.” *2 Corintios 5:10* Todos somos responsables de todos los dones que Dios nos ha dado—nuestro tiempo, nuestro talento y nuestros tesoros; todo lo que tenemos y lo que somos. Cada uno de nosotros es responsable no solo por su propia vida sino también por la vida de los demás. Un día Dios nos preguntará a cada uno de nosotros que hicimos con los dones que recibimos. ¿Cómo responderá usted?

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SACRISTAN TRAINING

We will have sacristan training after the English Masses on the 26th and 27th of June. Anyone wanting to assist with the preparation of the Mass please attend one of the training sessions. If you have been a sacristan in the past and want a refresher please attend the training. If you have any questions please talk to Kathryn Kehlenbeck or Deacon Grant Holt.

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**Pray for
Vocations**



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.

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.

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2021

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

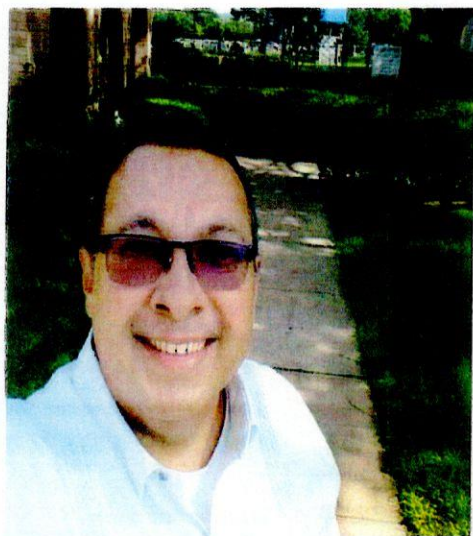
Correctional Ministries: The priests, deacons and lay volunteers provide sacramental and pastoral care to those victimized by crime and violence, as well as the nearly 60,000 men and women who are incarcerated in two federal facilities, 22 state prison units, and 10 county jails located within the boundaries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

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ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

In July Christ Our Light will be taking a group of teens to the archdiocesan youth conference. If you are going into your freshman year or not yet graduated from High school you are eligible to attend. Please see any RE board member, Kathryn Kehlenbeck, or Jessica Herrera for details. We will be having a back sale the weekend of the 26th and 27th to help raise funds for students to attend. If you would like to donate to help teens with the costs please let us know.

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THE CHURCH AND THE SPIRIT

Where the Church is, there is the Spirit of God; and where the Spirit of God is, there is the Church and all grace, and the Spirit is truth. —St. Irenaeus

LA IGLESIA Y EL ESPÍRITU

Donde está la Iglesia, allí está el Espíritu de Dios; y donde está el Espíritu de Dios, allí está la Iglesia y toda gracia. —San Irineo

June 13, 2021

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24 | 2 Cor 5:6-10 | Mk 4:26-34

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

Many years ago, I met someone whose attentive hospitality cast a seed in me that took root and enabled me to grow as a disciple of Jesus. At the meetings I attended with her, Sister Bridget would immediately greet everyone with a smile, outstretched hand, and, "Hello, I'm Sister Bridget; what's your name?" You couldn't help but feel at ease with her warm greeting, but it didn't end there. Throughout the encounter, she remained just as positive and as completely present as she had in the beginning. Just like the parable of the man scattering seed in today's Gospel, Sister Bridget didn't know how the seed of God's word would grow as she sowed it in her unique, joyful way. To her, maybe her graciousness was the smallest gesture. But the Lord allowed it to sprout and grow, yielding fruit and a bountiful harvest.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel verse within the Alleluia proclaims, "The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will live forever." By our baptism, we are called to continue the work of Christ, sowing the word of God in our world. This may seem an intimidating expectation for all of us who doubt that we have the expertise to "sow" God's word. But in today's Gospel, Jesus tells the crowds that the kingdom of God is like the smallest of seeds, that once sown, becomes the largest of plants. If we believe in Christ and "aspire to please him," God can use our smallest gestures to sow his word in the world. We may not see how our small acts of kindness accomplish this. But if we scatter these "seeds" out of love for God, we can trust they will take root, grow abundantly, and call others to "come to him [and] live forever."

INVITE What "seeds" of welcome can you scatter among those you encounter? Make your "random acts of kindness" regular, intentional acts that express God's love. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux said: "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."



Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

June 2021

Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church

Rev. Elias Lopez, Pastor

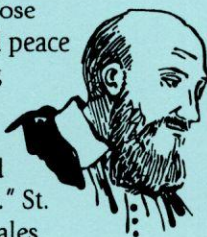
One Minute Meditations

Baptismal bargain

When we are baptized, God forms an unbreakable covenant with us promising His unconditional love. *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:38-39). Our part of the bargain is to obey him and love him, and put him first in our lives. At Baptism, we are marked as God's for life. That can never change.

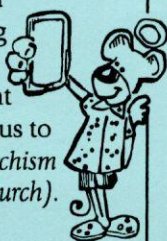
A perspective check

"Do not lose your inward peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset." St. Francis de Sales



Adoration

"The acknowledgment of God as God, Creator and Savior, the Lord and Master of everything that exists ... The first commandment of the law obliges us to adore God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*).



Make a difference to your parish family

The Catholic parish is a place of wonder and awe. It is in the arms of our parish that we experience God's love, and share it with others. Each parishioner is important to a parish, especially now. Consider these ideas to make a difference to yours:

Take your place. As pandemic restrictions ease around the country, you can once again take a seat at your parish table. You take it when you attend weekend Mass, seek peace from Sacraments such as the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, and participate in parish ministries.

Boost the faith of others. Even the

strongest Catholics can sometimes falter in their faith. Look for opportunities to share Gospel values through your actions and words and you will strengthen the faith of those around you.

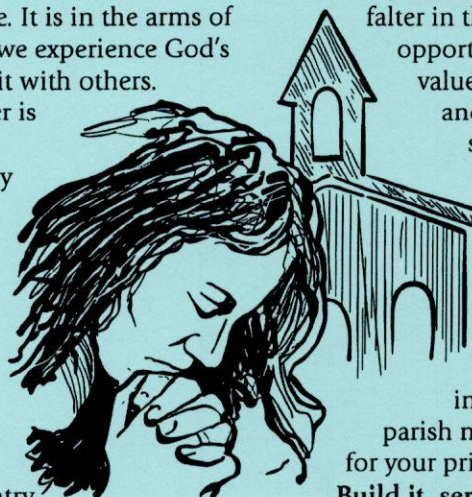
Pray for your parish. This is one of the most important contributions you can make. Join parish intentions to your own

in daily prayer. Pray for parish ministries. Offer prayers for your priests and parish staff.

Build it, serve it, or pay for it.

When there is a need in the parish, don't wait for an invitation. Your parish family depends upon your efforts.

Help it grow. Invite friends, coworkers, or neighbors to join you in worship. Your parish might be the spiritual home they've been searching for.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

The white collar – or "Roman collar" – dates back to the 15th century when priests placed linen or cotton collars over their outer clothing to be easily distinguished. This evolved into the collar we see on most priests

Why do priests wear a white collar?

today when wearing their black "clerics."

According to the USCCB, "Outside liturgical functions, a black suit and Roman collar are the usual attire for priests." When wearing a white collar, it means he's "on duty" to give blessings, offer counsel, and administer Sacraments.



Savor a saintly summer

The slower pace of summer offers opportunities to nurture faith in creative ways not feasible in hectic times. Consider these ideas:

Visit a shrine. Holy places where relics are preserved, an apparition has taken place, or one that encourages a particular belief or devotion offer opportunities for prayer and pilgrimage. Look for directories of shrines in the U.S., including www.catholicshrines.net or from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) <http://ow.ly/OYvJ30bAayl>.

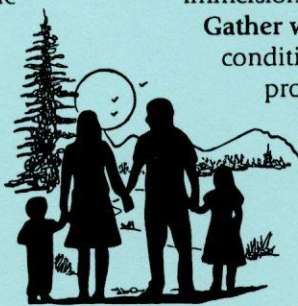
Attend daily Mass. Meeting God in the Eucharist

begins a summer day with grace. Daily Mass is a full Catholic immersion in Christ, in the Sacraments, and the saints, all at once.

Gather with other Catholics. As we emerge from pandemic conditions, spending time with other Catholic friends can provide a community of faith-filled companions.

Attend Mass together, socialize together, brainstorm Gospel-centered life solutions together.

Look for signs of God's love. Find a park or green space near you where you can center your heart and mind on Jesus. Observe His creation and become more aware of His presence.



from Scripture

Mark 5:21-43, Faith in action.

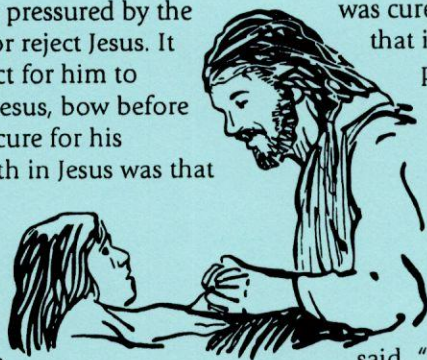
As the leader of the local synagogue, Jairus was probably pressured by the Pharisees to avoid or reject Jesus. It was a courageous act for him to publicly approach Jesus, bow before him, and beg for a cure for his daughter. Jairus' faith in Jesus was that strong.

On the way to Jairus' home, Jesus was delayed by a woman with a serious hemorrhage.

According to Jewish law, her constant bleeding would have excluded her from most social contact. She thought Jesus wouldn't want to touch her and secretly grabbed His cloak believing that any

contact would cure her. In fact, she was cured, but Jesus told her that it was her faith that provided the cure. We should never allow fear of our unworthiness to keep us from God.

By the time Jesus finished with the woman, Jairus was told of his daughter's death. Jesus simply said, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (Mark 5:36), and Jairus' great faith was rewarded. No matter how desperate your situation may appear, trust Jesus to help. Even death is under His control.



Feasts & Celebrations

June 11 - Sacred Heart of Jesus. The image of Jesus with His heart exposed in unquenchable flame is a reminder of His intense and eternal love for us.

June 22 - Immaculate Heart of Mary. In response to a request by Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to Mary's gentle and devout Immaculate Heart in 1942, and initiated this feast in 1945.

June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1591). St. Aloysius prayed vigorously and fasted from age 7. Upon joining the Society of Jesus, he was ordered to

cut back in order to study and spend time with the other students. He died while nursing the sick.

June 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist. The only saint whose birth and death we observe, St. John was Jesus' cousin. He baptized and prepared the people for Jesus' coming. He even baptized Jesus and was later executed for denouncing Herod's marriage to his sister-in-law.



Q & A What is sin?

Dealing with sin is uncomfortable and following God's rules is hard. The world tells us that sin doesn't exist. While we may think we are "good" and others may look up to us,



eventually God will decide if we have been "good." Since His opinion is the one that matters, His rules rule.

Sin is real. The world tells us that sin doesn't exist but Catholics know that "sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed, or omission contrary to the eternal law of God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*) The law can be found in the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and in Scripture. The law says sin is real.

Unconfessed sin separates us from God. "For you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt" (Isaiah 64:6). Avoiding guilt means missing God's forgiveness. Each evening, examine the day's actions and ask if they would please God or not. Resolve to do better and take steps to change. Seek absolution through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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Creciendo en la Fe

Descubriendo esperanza y gozo en la fe católica.

Junio de 2021

Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church
Rev. Elias Lopez, Pastor

Meditaciones breves

El trato del bautismo

Cuando somos bautizados, Dios establece una alianza irrompible con nosotros prometiéndonos su amor incondicional. *"Porque tengo la certeza de que ni la muerte ni la vida, ni los ángeles ni los principados, ni lo presente ni lo futuro, ni los poderes espirituales, ni lo alto ni lo profundo, ni ninguna otra criatura podrá separarnos jamás del amor de Dios, manifestado en Cristo Jesús, nuestro Señor"* (Romanos 8:38-39). Nuestra parte del trato es obedecerlo y amarlo y darle prioridad en nuestras vidas. En el Bautismo nos convertimos en criaturas de Dios para siempre. Esto no puede cambiar nunca.

Con perspectiva

"No pierdan la paz interior por nada, hasta cuando todo su mundo les parezca alterado".
San Francisco de Sales



Adoración

"El reconocimiento de Dios como Dios, Creador y Salvador, Señor y Dueño de todo lo que existe... El primer mandamiento de la ley nos obliga a adorar a Dios"
(Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica).



Influyan positivamente en su familia parroquial

La parroquia católica es un lugar de asombro y sobrecogimiento. En los brazos de nuestra parroquia experimentamos el amor de Dios y lo compartimos con los demás. Cada parroquiano es importante para la parroquia, especialmente ahora. Tengan en cuenta estas ideas para influir positivamente en la suya:

Tome su sitio. Al suavizarse las restricciones de la pandemia en el país, puede una vez más tomar un sitio en la mesa parroquial. Lo toma cuando asiste a la misa del fin de semana, busca la paz en los sacramentos como el Sacramento de la Reconciliación y la Unción de los Enfermos y participa en actividades de la parroquia.

Refuerce la fe de los demás. Hasta los católicos más sólidos pueden a veces dudar

de su fe. Busque ocasiones de compartir los valores del evangelio mediante sus obras y sus palabras y reforzará así la fe de quienes están a su lado.

Rece por su parroquia. Ésta es una de las contribuciones más importantes que puede realizar. Añada las intenciones de su parroquia a las de usted en la oración diaria. Rece por los servicios pastorales de la parroquia. Ofrezca oraciones por sus sacerdotes y el personal de la parroquia.

Constrúyala, sívala o páguela.

Cuando haya una necesidad en la parroquia, no espere una solicitud de ayuda. La familia parroquial depende de sus esfuerzos.

Contribuya a que crezca. Invite a sus amigos, compañeros de trabajo o vecinos a que se unan a usted en oración. Su parroquia puede ser el hogar espiritual que andaban buscando.



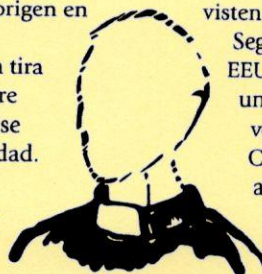
¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Por qué llevan los sacerdotes un alzacuellos?

El alzacuellos tiene su origen en el siglo XV cuando los sacerdotes colocaban una tira de lino o de algodón sobre sus vestimentas para que se les distinguiera con facilidad. Esto se transformó en el alzacuellos que vemos en la mayoría de los sacerdotes hoy cuando se

visten con su traje eclesiástico.

Según la Conferencia Episcopal de los EEUU, "Fuera de las funciones litúrgicas, un traje negro y un alzacuellos es la vestimenta normal para los sacerdotes". Cuando el sacerdote lleva el alzacuellos, indica que está "de servicio" para dar bendiciones, aconsejar y administrar los sacramentos.



Disfruten de un verano santo

El ritmo más pausado del verano nos ofrece oportunidades de nutrir nuestra fe de formas creativas que no son factibles en momentos más agitados. Tengan en cuenta estas ideas:

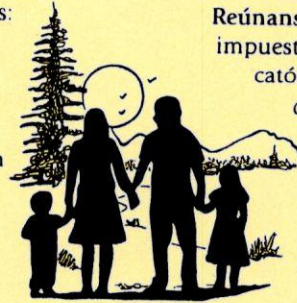
Visiten un santuario. Los lugares sagrados donde se conservan reliquias, ha tenido lugar una aparición o uno que fomente una creencia o una devoción particular, ofrecen oportunidades para la oración y la peregrinación. Busquen directorios de santuarios en los EEUU, por ejemplo en www.catholicshrines.net o en la Conferencia Episcopal de los EEUU <http://ow.ly/OYvJ30bAayl>.

Asistan a la misa diaria. Encontrarse con Dios en la Eucaristía inicia la jornada veraniega con la gracia.

La misa diaria es una inmersión católica completa en Cristo, los sacramentos y los santos, todo ello al mismo tiempo.

Reúnanse con otros católicos. Al salir de las condiciones impuestas por la pandemia, pasar tiempo con otros amigos católicos puede proporcionar una comunidad de compañeros que viven su fe. Vayan juntos a misa, salgan juntos, piensen juntos en soluciones de vida centradas en el Evangelio.

Busquen señales del amor de Dios. Encuentren un parque o un espacio verde cerca de ustedes donde puedan centrar su corazón y su mente en Jesús. Observen su creación y sean más conscientes de su presencia.

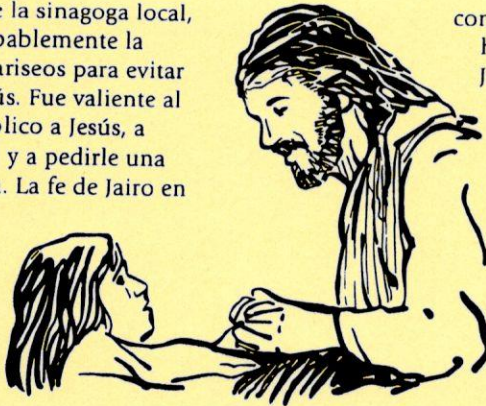


de las Escrituras

Marcos 5:21-43, La fe en acción

Como líder de la sinagoga local, Jairo sentía probablemente la presión de los fariseos para evitar o rechazar a Jesús. Fue valiente al acercarse en público a Jesús, a postrarse ante él y a pedirle una cura para su hija. La fe de Jairo en Jesús era así de fuerte.

Por el camino a la casa de Jairo, una mujer con una severa hemorragia detuvo a Jesús. Según la ley judía, el sangrar constantemente la excluía de casi todo contacto social. Ella pensaba que Jesús no querría tocarla y en secreto tocó su manto creyendo que cualquier tipo de



contacto la curaría. Y de hecho fue curada, pero Jesús le dijo que fue su fe lo que la curó. No deberíamos permitir que el miedo por nuestra falta de méritos nos aleje de Dios. Cuando Jesús terminó con la mujer, Jairo se enteró de la muerte de su hija. Jesús le dijo simplemente:

"No tengas miedo, solamente ten fe" (Marcos 5:36) y la gran fe de Jairo fue premiada. Por muy desesperada que parezca una situación, confíen en la ayuda de Jesús. Hasta la muerte está bajo su control.

P & R ¿Qué es el pecado?

Enfrentarse al pecado es incómodo y es duro seguir las normas de Dios. El mundo nos dice que el pecado no existe. Pero aunque pensemos que somos "buenos" y los demás nos tomen como ejemplo, al final será Dios quien decida si hemos sido

"buenos". Como su opinión es la que cuenta, sus normas son las que cuentan.

El pecado es real. El mundo nos dice que el pecado no existe pero los



católicos sabemos que "el pecado es un pensamiento deliberado, palabra, obra u omisión contrarios a la ley eterna de Dios". (*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*) La ley se encuentra en los Diez Mandamientos, las Bienaventuranzas y en la Sagrada Escritura. La ley dice que el pecado es real.

El pecado no confesado nos separa de Dios. *"Nadie ya invoca tu Nombre ni se despierta para buscarte, sino que tú nos has dado vuelta la cara y nos has dejado a merced de nuestras culpas"* (Isaías 64:6). Evitar la culpa significa privarse del perdón de Dios. Examinen cada noche sus actos del día y pregúntense si agradarían o no a Dios. Decídanse a obrar mejor y a dar los pasos necesarios para cambiar. Busquen la absolución mediante el Sacramento de la Reconciliación.

Fiestas y celebraciones

11 de junio – Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. La imagen de Jesús con el corazón en llamas es un recuerdo de su amor intenso y eterno por nosotros.

22 de junio – Inmaculado Corazón de María. En respuesta a una petición de Nuestra Señora de Fátima, el papa Pío XII consagró el mundo al amable y devoto Inmaculado Corazón en 1942 e instituyó su fiesta en 1945.

21 de junio – San Luis Gonzaga (1591). San Luis rezaba y ayunaba intensamente desde los 7 años de edad. Tras ingresar en la

Compañía de Jesús le ordenaron que lo hiciera un poco menos para estudiar y pasar tiempo con los otros estudiantes. Murió mientras cuidaba a los enfermos.

24 de junio – Nacimiento de san Juan Bautista. El único santo del cual celebramos su Nacimiento y su muerte, san Juan era primo de Jesús. Bautizó a la gente y la preparó para la llegada de Jesús. Bautizó también a Jesús y más tarde fue ejecutado por denunciar el matrimonio de Herodes con su cuñada.



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Worshipping the Lord

The old man was bedridden, victim of a stroke. His eyes gleamed mistily as we talked of our little church, its rapid growth, its new building. "Pastor," he murmured, "I'd give anything to be able to come to church one Sunday, but I know I'll never get out of this bed."

Smiling, he went on, "There was a time when I could have come to church every Sunday—but then I preferred to stay in bed."

It is ironic how our sense of values can change. Fortunate is the man who awakens in time to the worth of worship and work in the house of the Lord. (Henry B. Luffberry)

There is the story of a pastor who announced one Sunday to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is the money is still in your pockets."

Stewards Need God's Wisdom

As stewards, we have the responsibility to be knowledgeable and wise. In order to be effective in our stewardship, we need to seek God's wisdom. "For the Lord gives wisdom and from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:6).

God's Word illustrates the poor consequences that result when we think and act foolishly. For example, in Matthew 6:26-27, we read of the man who built his house on the sand, and, when the rain came, the house came crashing down. Wisdom teaches us to build our houses on solid ground.

Yet another example of not acting with wisdom is the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Five



virgins did not remember to bring enough oil so they missed the wedding celebration. By not thinking ahead, they missed the festivities. Jesus didn't condemn these people for their wickedness but rather their lack of preparedness.

Jesus uses the Parable of the Rich Fool to point out more foolishness. In this parable, Jesus tells us about a successful farmer who built bigger barns for the purpose of becoming wealthier. Jesus called him foolish because he didn't acknowledge God as the provider of all that he had. When God took his life, his wealth was meaningless.

Just as Jesus is critical of foolish thoughts and activities, he praises those who act wisely. In the Parable of the Shrewd Manager, Jesus praises the dishonest steward for how quickly and astutely he handled things when he was told that his job was coming to an end. Although the Shrewd Manager was dishonest, Jesus said there are even things that unbelievers do that we as believers can learn from and do. After the master told the Shrewd Manager his job would be ending, he became very wise, creative, and alert with his master's money, and he assured

himself of his temporary earthly future. In the same way, we can use the money God has given us to make friends who will welcome us into eternal dwellings.

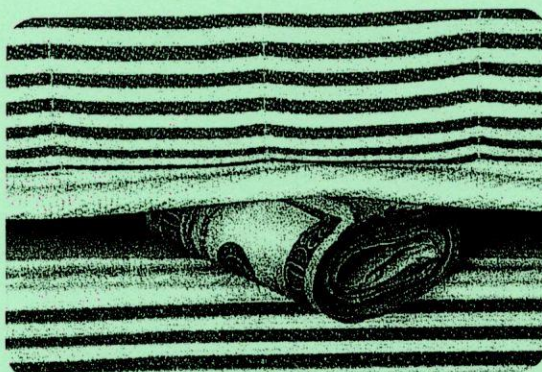
As God's stewards, we can best fulfill our calling when we seek and use his wisdom. With God's wisdom, we will build on solid ground; we will acknowledge God as our source of all things, and we will be prepared for Christ's coming again. Because God grants us his wisdom, we can be God-pleasing stewards.

Our Attitude toward Money

Money is what we make it. Money can own us or be owned by us. Money can be our servant or our master. It depends entirely on our attitude. And this is why the Bible says that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter God's kingdom (Matthew 19:24). It is not the rich man's money, but the rich man's attitude toward money that turns him away from God, away from other people, toward himself and his money. Likewise, it is not the poor man's poverty, but the poor man's attitude toward money that turns him away from God, away from other people, and makes him covetous, grasping, and every bit as selfish in his poverty as the wealthy man.

Much of Jesus' teaching focused on money so we need to develop the right attitude toward it and be concerned about its use and misuse. Whether God gives us little or much money, we need to be faithful stewards of it and learn an attitude of contentment. According to the Apostle Paul, we are very rich if we are satisfied with what we have. In 1 Timothy 6:6-10 he wrote:

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."



Unfortunately, so many people have become so eager to have money and the things that money can buy that they have lost much of life's real value and life's real purpose. Poverty is a problem, not only with those who have no money, but also with those who have much. There are many who don't lack money but lack satisfaction because no amount of money satisfies.

As we examine our attitudes toward money, we need to remember that money can do many things, but it can't buy happiness or heaven.

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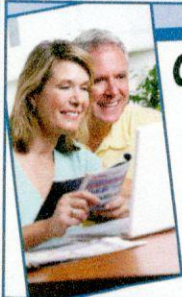
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