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### Monday-Thursday

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

**Friday 9:15am - noon**

Other times by appointment

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Jessica Herrera

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Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: (English) 8:00am

Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00pm

## WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

First Saturday 9am

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30am

Tuesday 6:00pm (English)

Thursday 6:00pm (Spanish)

## ROSARY PRAYED IN COMMON

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:40pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8:10am

Saturday: 5:15pm

Sunday: 7:15am & 12:15pm

## RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Tuesday, Thursday and

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

and by appointment 936-825-3920

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**July 11, 2021 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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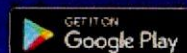
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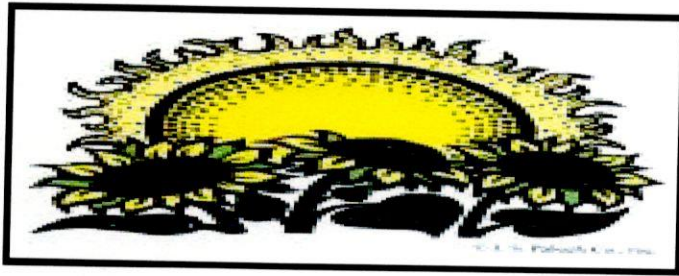
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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 11, 2011

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and  
justice shall look down from heaven.  
—Psalm 85:12

### 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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time — “He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a waling stick — no food, so sack, no money in their belts.” *Mark 6:8* Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God’s providential care. Think of all the material things “we can’t live without” in today’s world. We make our life’s journey more difficult because of all the material baggage what we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don’t become “slaves” to wanting to acquire more things.

### Boletín de Mayordomía—Reflexiones

Domingo 15º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario — “Les ordenó que no llevaran nada para el camino, ni pan, ni bolsa, ni dinero en el cinturón, sino solo un bastón.” *Marcos 6:9* Imagínese no llevar nada sino un bastón cuando sale de viaje. Los Apóstoles deben realmente haber confiado en el cuidado Providencial de Dios. Pienso en todas las cosas materiales “sin las cuales no podemos vivir” en el mundo de hoy. Hacemos el viaje de nuestra vida más difícil por causa de todo el equipaje material que arrastramos. Poner a Dios en primer lugar en todo y poner nuestro dinero y nuestra posesiones en segundo lugar nos da la libertad, ya que no nos haremos “esclavos” siempre queriendo adquirir más cosas.

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### FUNDRAISER FOR AYC

Bake Sale after all Masses July 17th and 18th in the Narthex of the Church.

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Vocations**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

to the Priesthood and Religious Life especially in our

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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.

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Christ Our Light now accepts online giving. Parish Soft is our parish’s online giving program. Enroll at the link 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.

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### **CELEBREMOS/LET US CELEBRATE MISSALETES**

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



# DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2021

DSF Goal \$25,000.00  
Gifts Received \$11,706.00  
47 Donors

## IGNITE

Ignite Parish Goal \$208,632.00  
Gifts Amount Received \$67,067.00  
38 Donors

## 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.

## Online Registration for the 2021-2022 CCE Classes

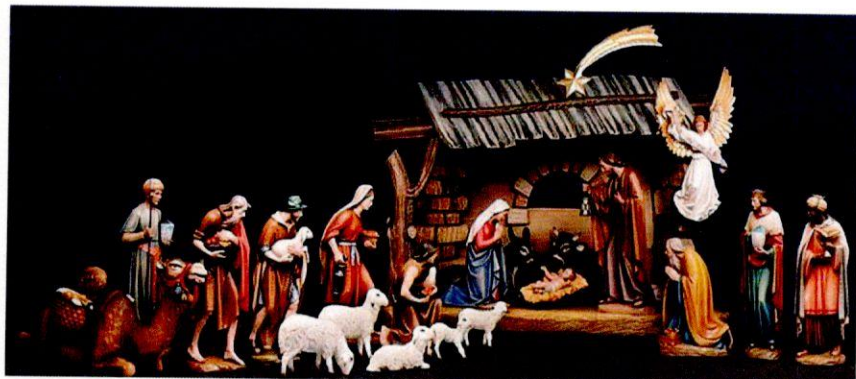
Is now available on the church's website and will remain open to August 31st. Please register your children as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact Carolynn Katkoski at the RE Office.

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## SIGN UP TODAY!

If you would like to volunteer to help teach CCE or be a teacher's assistant, Please email Carolynn Katkoski @ [reboard@christourlight.org](mailto:reboard@christourlight.org) or contact her at 936 825-1869. We are looking for more volunteers to assist with this important ministry to our children.

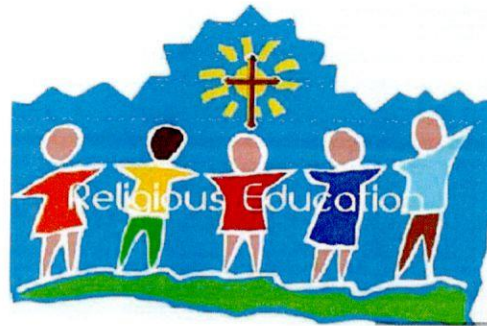


**Our current Nativity Scene is getting very fragile and some pieces are broken. Fr. Eli has chosen a Nativity. Each piece stands 24' high and made of fiberglass. We will be purchasing the Holy Family and 3 Wise-**

**men this year. We will try to add other pieces in the future. It will take all of us to pay for it. Please consider making a donation to help defray the cost. You can place your donation in the collection in an envelope or bring by the office. We will need to order it in July to have it delivered by Christmas.**



**Sign up your children for Religious Education classes. Classes begin Sep 13.**



Sign up in English by scanning the QR code above or go to the link.

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**Inscriba a sus hijos en Clases de Educación Religiosa.  
Las clases comienzan el 13 de Septiembre.**



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**Religious Education**



# **Items Needed** **for** **Silent Auction**

***Baked Goods, Toys, Handcrafted  
Items, Wine Baskets, Kitchen Items,  
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***PLEASE DELIVER ITEMS TO  
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***Ladies Altar Society Thanks You!***



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July 11, 2021

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15 | Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 | Mk 6:7-13

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

I don't know about you, but even for the quickest of errands I don't like to leave my house without my smartphone. Nor would I go on a road trip without my trusty mini-Diet Coke and a snack or two. So I'm struck by what Jesus tells the Apostles when he sends them on their mission to share the Good News: "He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." While it may be hard for us to imagine striking out with only the sandals on our feet, to me this reading is more about what the Apostles *did* have than what they went without: They had a companion (Jesus sent them two by two) and the spiritual blessings Saint Paul refers to, including a relationship with Jesus and absolute trust in him. Today's readings remind us to set aside distractions and spend time deepening our relationship with Jesus through prayer, reading the Scriptures, and participating in the sacramental life of the Church. In doing so, we, too, can join in the mission of the early disciples by giving our lives to Jesus and sharing his message with others.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I find the phrase "the new evangelization" somewhat ironic. After all, evangelization is not new, it goes back to the earliest days of the Church, which wouldn't exist had it not been for the disciples. The "new" part reminds us that we today also share in this mission. The U.S. Catholic bishops describe it succinctly: "The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel." This call is both simple, and challenging, but we don't have to be perfect. After all, just as God called Amos, a humble shepherd, and Jesus called the Twelve, a motley group of fishermen, he calls us. Like them, our first "task" isn't a task at all – it is placing God and our relationship with Jesus at the center of our lives. Only then can we effectively share the Gospel with others, inviting our brothers and sisters to a life in Christ – to become part of God's adopted family.

**WITNESS** At the end of Sunday Mass, we often hear the words: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." As we are sent forth, let us ask God to show us how we can share the Gospel with others during the week ahead. Then pay attention to where the Spirit leads us in answering our prayer.



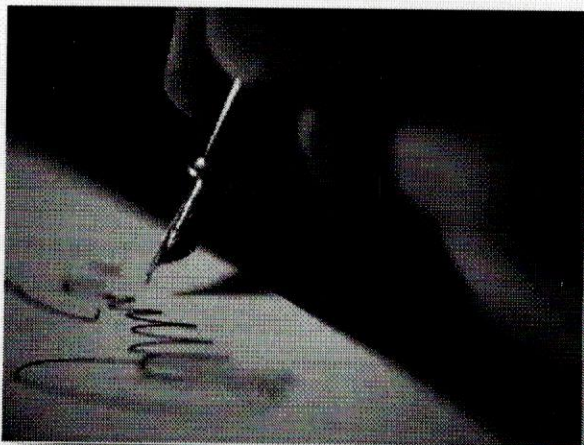
# Graceful Generosity

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

## Stewards of the Gospel

God wants all believers to be willing to tell others what he is doing in their lives. He exhorts us to proclaim the Gospel in our homes, neighborhoods, communities, and throughout the world. Each one of us is God's chosen instruments to reflect his power in and through us. As Paul wrote to the church in Corinth:

*"You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." 2 Corinthians 3:2-3*



All believers have a testimony. Are you sharing it? What do others say your testimony is? God can help you become a person in whose life others can see that he is clearly working. He wants to make us vessels through which others see the character and nature of Christ.

## Being a Steward through Influence

### Story one:

In 1871, the *New York Herald Newspaper* sent Henry M. Stanley in search of David Livingstone, long overdue from his third trip

into Africa. He found the missionary in Central Africa and spent four months with him. Stanley went to Africa a confirmed atheist, but Livingstone's influence ... his piety, gentleness, and zeal ... won him over. Stanley became a Christian, saying, "I was converted by him, although he had not tried to do it." Livingstone was a good steward of his daily influence.

### Story two:

Centuries ago a young monk went on a preaching tour with the famed St. Francis of Assisi. But to the young monk's surprise, St. Francis simply mingled with the people without preaching a single sermon. His explanation, "my child, we were preaching as we walked and talked with people." The stewardship of influence!

## Keeping Faith

A young pastor and his wife, having agreed that they would tithe of their income, had paid their tithe regularly and faithfully throughout a period of two or three years.

There came a day when hospital bills, and expensive cross-country move, and one or two other emergency situations produced a financial crisis. For the first time in their young married life they found themselves hard pressed for funds and faced a difficult decision: should they take the tithe out of their small salary as usual, or should they spend their pittance for their own needs and make an entry on their books that they "owed the Lord" the proportionate amount?

It was then that the young wife's faith came to the rescue. "When we agreed to tithe," she said, "we did not stipulate that we would pay the tenth in good times and hold out in bad times. How can we expect God to see us through if he can't count on us in dark days?" With that, they paid up their pledge.



Years afterward, in telling of this experience, the young husband said, "Nothing gave us so much assurance of the companionship of God during those days as the sure knowledge that we had kept faith with him when all about us was dark."

### Devoted Stewards

Christian stewardship is more than being an agent or administrator of God's property. As God's stewards, Christ controls us and we live for him.

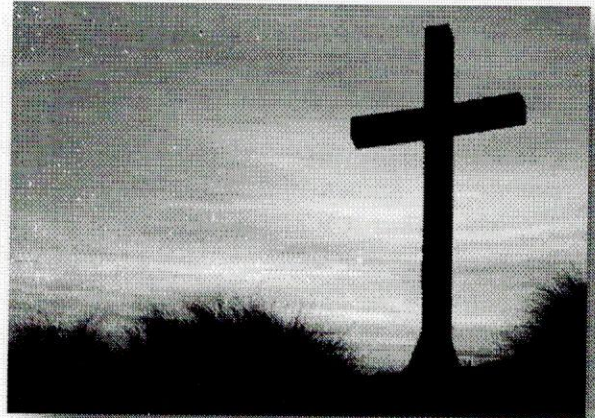
*"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."* 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

As stewards, we have a full time vocation and a full time calling. Thus, our stewardship calls for total devotion. It is a way of life that is expressed in conduct, character, and actions. Jesus places us in a position of high status. He said, *"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father, I have made known to you"* (John 15:15). We can be faithful in our stewardship because God gives us what we need in order to accomplish his purposes for our lives through us.

The Apostle Paul told us that our status is raised above a servant level in a Master-servant

relationship. He wrote, *"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building"* (1 Corinthians 3:9). God uses us as his fellow workers. God's purpose becomes our purpose. We work together with our heavenly Father to unite all people under the Lordship of Jesus. The Master and fellow worker partnership grows into a Father and son relationship.

*"So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir."* Galatians 4:7




As sons, we become part of a family that works together, and we love one another. As part of a family, we are given responsibilities. As a family, we have common purposes and goals.

In his sovereignty, God has chosen to make us his stewards with all privileges and responsibilities of stewards. May God grant us the faith, strength, and wisdom to be the stewards he wants us to be.

***Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!***



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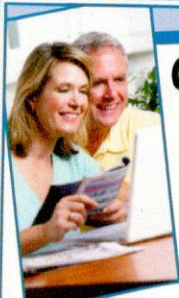
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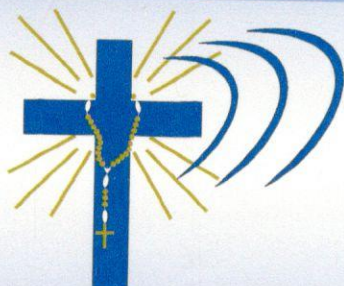
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