

# Christ Our Light Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston  
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**Monday-Thursday**  
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Other times by appointment  
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## PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Rev. Elias Lopéz  
Grant Holt, Permanent Deacon  
Garry Janota, Permanent Deacon  
Russell Pasket, Permanent Deacon  
Gregory Jelinek, MD, Permanent Deacon (Retired)  
Ryan Burns, Seminarian in Resident

## ADMINISTRATION & BOOKKEEPER

Nelda Kurten

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Carolyn Katkoski

## DIRECTOR OF LITURGY AND MUSIC

Susan Russell

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Samuel Pry

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Michael Culver (Chairperson), Teresa Morales, Jason Katkoski, Laura Quirino, and Sam Pry

## FINANCE COUNCIL

Teresa Morales, Carolyn Katkoski

## DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN

Deacon Grant Holt, Jason Katkoski, Mitch Kroll, Gregorio Gonzalez

## RE BOARD

President: Brandi Tejeda, Vice President: Jessica Herrera  
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## BUILDING COMMITTEE

Deacon Grant Holt, Danny Clark, Richard Krolczyk, and Joe Rangel

## YOUTH MINISTER COORDINATOR

Jessica Herrera

## 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

**October 3, 2021 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Dear parishioners,

Thank you so much for helping to make our **2021 Fall Homecoming Bazaar** a **TREMENDOUS** success. On behalf of the clergy and staff, I would like to thank **Kathy Baldabino** for overseeing the bazaar committee. Kathy's third year as head of the bazaar committee. Kathy has done a terrific job bringing our parishioners together to volunteer their time supporting the bazaar. Thank you to **Carolynn Katkoski** and the **Altar Society** for an excellent job with the silent and live auctions. Thank you to all the live and silent auction volunteers who helped before, during, and after the bazaar. Thank you to **Gregorio Gonzalez** and all the volunteers that helped with the setup and coordination. Thank you to the **Knights of Columbus** for preparing a delicious meal for us to enjoy. Everyone commented on how good the meal was once again this year. Thank you to **La Casita** and **Richard Krolczyk** for donating the meat. Thank you to our two live auctioneers this year, **Tommy Szymczak** and **Adren Pilger**, for helping us sale over two hundred items in the live auction. Thank you to everyone who helped in the kitchen, especially **Susan Pilger and Marianne Shiflett** and their team, the food and game booths, the children's rides, and the clean-up crew. Thank you to everyone who sold raffle tickets and purchased raffle tickets. Thank you to **Nelda** in the parish office for keeping us all in check and being patient with all of us as we were preparing for the big day. Lastly, **THANK YOU** to all the people who came out to support us! Your friends, family, and neighbors. I am grateful and humbled by your continued support of your parish and me, your pastor. May God continue to bless us here at **Christ Our Light** parish, and I pray that God will bless you and your families as well.

Yours In Christ,

Fr. Eli Lopez



Queridos feligreses,

Muchas gracias por ayudar a que nuestro Bazar de bienvenida de **otoño de 2021** sea un **TREMENDO** éxito. En nombre del clero y el personal, me gustaría agradecer a **Kathy Baldabino** por supervisar el comité del bazar. El tercer año de **Kathy** como jefa del comité del bazar. **Kathy** ha hecho un excelente trabajo al reunir a nuestros feligreses para que ofrezcan su tiempo como voluntarios para apoyar el bazar. Gracias a **Carolynn Katkoski y la Sociedad del Altar** por un excelente trabajo con las subastas silenciosas y en vivo. Gracias a todos los voluntarios de la subasta en vivo y en silencio que ayudaron antes, durante y después del bazar. Gracias a **Gregorio González** y a todos los voluntarios que ayudaron con la configuración y coordinación. Gracias a los **Caballeros de Colón** por preparar una deliciosa comida para que la disfrutemos. Todos comentaron una vez más lo buena que estuvo la comida este año. Gracias a **La Casita y Richard Krolczyk** por donar la carne. Gracias a nuestros dos subastadores en vivo de este año, **Tommy Szymczak y Adren Pilger**, por ayudarnos a vender más de doscientos artículos en la subasta en vivo. Gracias a todos los que ayudaron en la cocina, especialmente a **Susan Pilger y Marianne Shiflett** y sus asistentes, los puestos de comida y juegos, los juegos para niños y el equipo de limpieza. Gracias a todos los que vendieron boletos de rifa y compraron boletos de rifa. Gracias a **Nelda** en la oficina parroquial por mantenernos a todos bajo control y por ser pacientes con todos nosotros mientras nos preparábamos para el gran día. Por último, **¡GRACIAS** a todas las personas que vinieron a apoyarnos! Tus amigos, familiares y vecinos. Estoy agradecido y honrado por su continuo apoyo a su parroquia y a mí, su párroco. Que Dios continúe bendiciéndonos aquí en la parroquia **Cristo Nuestro Luz**, y oro para que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias también.

Tuyo en Cristo,

P. Elías Lopez



# Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

October 02 & 03, 2021

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

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 04

No Mass



### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 05

6:00 PM Theresa Wisnoski †

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 06

8:30 AM Smith Family, Living & Deceased

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 07

8:30 AM Charles "Beau" Cavanaugh, II †

6:00 PM\* For Rain or In Thanksgiving for Rain

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 08

8:30 AM Abandoned Souls In Purgatory

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 09

6:00 PM Merlita & Lambert † Laskowski  
16th Wedding Anniversary

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00 AM Torres, Rangel and Baldobino Families

1:00 PM\* People of the Parish

\*Spanish

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 04

6:00 AM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, SPH

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

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 05

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

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 06

6:00 PM CCE, 1st-5th Grades, SPH

6:00 PM RCIC, SPCC

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 07

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 RCIA,

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 08

5:30 AM TMIY Men's Group, SPH

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 09

8:30 AM English Baptism Class, CH

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

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

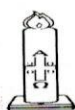
10:15 AM CCE 6-12th Grades

Christ Our Light Catholic Church



The Architecture of Celebration - 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 Sanctuary Candle will burn October 3rd through October 9th in Loving Memory of Rosa Baldobino

## 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.

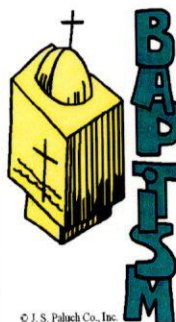
## PARISH REGISTRATION

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, & 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, 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 11:30 AM in English every 3rd Saturday and every 4th Saturday at 11:30 AM in Spanish 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.





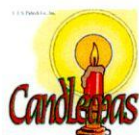
**PRAY for THE CONTINUING  
RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF  
the infirmed and homebound  
members of our community.**

Sarafina Alo, Andrew Castillo, Jo Ann Clepper, Frank Crouch, Elizabeth Culmer, Herman Culmer, Eva Estrada, Liz Estrada, Lois Finke, Fabryna Hitchcock, Liz Johnson, Rachel Kammel, Mary Ann Knowles, Liz Kubricht, Glenda Lawrence, John Lawrence, Nancy Lopez, Ramon Mendez, Christian Mills, Leslie Mills, France Munoz, Delia Nunez, Anita Olguin, Leona Pasket, Cecilia Pearson, Angelina Peterson, Wallace Peterson, Irene Ramirez, Lucila Rivera, Zek Rueda, Rosalinda Salazar, Josh Sechelski, Sherrie Shiflett, Dana Sowell, Lydia Torres, Jessie Torres, Robert Mario Torres, Jessie Valadez, III, Crystal Winkler, Johnny Wisnoski.

**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**

**September 25 & 26, 2021**

(68) Offertory Envelopes/Loose Checks, On Line Giving, Mail Ins, Drop Ins	4,253.50
Children Offering	37.00
Maintenance	82.00

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.



The Altar Flowers this past Weekend were for Victor and Melita Ostiguin 50th Wedding Anniversary. The parish thanks the family.

**In Our Prayers**

We remember in prayer our friends and loved ones in active military duty, both in and out of harms way, in the service of their our country. Pray for peace in the world and for our leaders.

Ssg Jorge Aguilar, Jr., Alexander Cortez, Jesus Cortez, Spec. SFC Antinia Franco, 1SG, Jason Malek, Antonio Magallon, Jose Rene Milan, Christopher Munoz, Javier Salinas, Shelby Seale, SSgt Allen Thane

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

**Universal Intention—An environmentally sustainable lifestyle** We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



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

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has resumed on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. following the 8:30 AM Masses and will be reposed at 9:00 PM on Wednesdays and Friday and Thursdays at 5:45 PM 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**

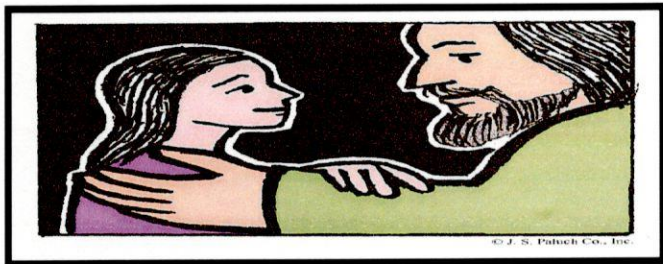
Then register to create an account.

**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](http://www.flocknote.com/christourlightchurch)
2. Text SPOLG to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.





**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 03, 2021**

**Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.  
—Mark 10:14**

**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**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time** — “So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.” *Genesis 2:19* The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn’t something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

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**REFLEXIONES DEL BOLETIN DE CO-RESPONSABILIDAD**

**27º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario** — “Entonces el Señor Dios formó de la tierra a todos los animales del campo y las aves del cielo, y se los llevó al hombre para que pudiera nombrarlos; y el hombre les puso nombre a todas las criaturas vivientes, y ese fue su nombre.” *Génesis 2:19* La historia de la creación nos recuerda dos puntos importantes. Primero, desde el inicio, Dios puso el mundo entero bajo nuestro cuidado. Segundo, la corresponsabilidad ha existido desde el inicio de la humanidad, no es algo que ha sido recientemente inventado por la Iglesia. Así como las generaciones pasadas construyeron nuestra responsabilidad ahora es continuar cuidándola y desarrollando estos dones para las generaciones futuras/.

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**October 17, 2021—Hearts & Songs, A Concert of Sisters, 2:00 PM, St. Stanislaus Parish Hall.**

**All Concerts are free of charge.  
For more information, Contact Susan Russell  
@ russellharp@outlook.com**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**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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**II Collections in October**

**October 2nd & 3rd — US Disaster Recovery**

**October 9th & 10th — Maintenance Fund**

**October 16th & 17th — DSF Shortfall of our  
Assigned Goal**

**October 23rd & 24th — Propagation of the Faith**

**October 30th & 31st — Black Bag, Local St.  
Vincent de Paul**



# DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2021

DSF Goal \$25,000.00  
Gifts Received \$14,506.54  
54 Donors

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## IGNITE

Ignite Parish Goal \$208,632.00  
Gifts Amount Received \$69,395.00  
38 Donors

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**THANK YOU TO ALL** for your hard work on the Bazaar. It was great getting together with our parishioners and friends who turned out. Some worked, some played, most ate and we did it as

## A FAMILY AND A COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

### Congratulations to our 2021

### 37th Annual Bazaar Raffle Winners:

#### Prize and Winner

1st Prize \$5,000.00 Visa Gift Card — Liz Eickenhorst

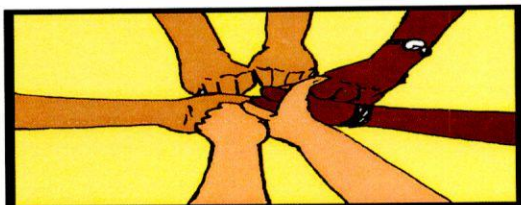
2nd Prize Zero Turn Mower — Cara Clepper

3rd Prize — MacBook Air Laptop — Bernie Gessner

4th Prize Apple Watch 6 — JoAnn Kubecka

5th Prize Stihl Chainsaw — Mark Ashlock

6th Prize 50" Flatscreen TV — Sheila Prihoda



**TEAMWORK**

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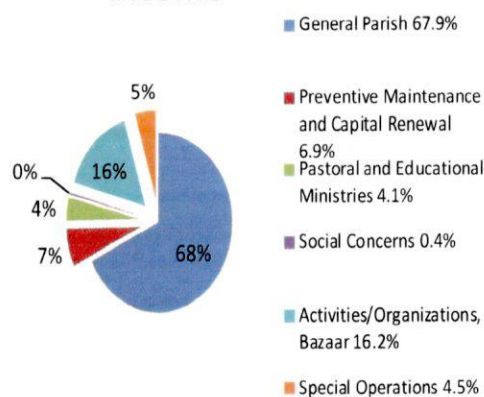
### FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR YEAR 2020-2021

#### INCOME

General Parish.....	275,894.26
Collections, Special Donations, Interest Income, Admin	
Preventive Maintenance and Capital Renewal.....	28,141.00
Maintenance Fund, Plant Maintenance	
Pastoral And Educational Ministries.....	16,701.07
CCE, Registration, Religious Articles Sales,	
Wedding Income, Candles	
Social Concerns.....	1,482.00
Donations to assist the poor, Prison Ministry	
Activities/Organizations, Bazaar.....	65,786.88
Special Operations.....	18,450.00
Property Rental, Rental, Church Use	
Total Income.....	406,455.21

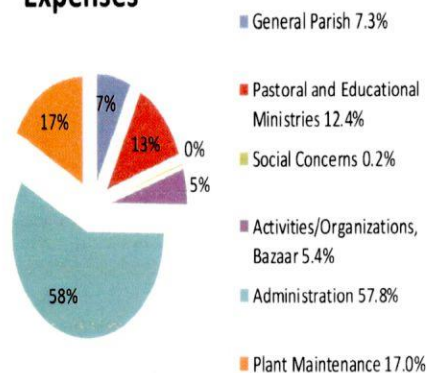
#### Income



#### EXPENSES

General Parish.....	27,051.85
Insurance, Taxes, Cathedralism, Sacristy, Ignite	
Pastoral and Education Ministries.....	45,649.16
Pastor, Rectory, CCE, Liturgy, Music, Respect Life,	
Weddings	
Social Concerns.....	662.63
Housing Assistance, Parish grants , Prison Ministry	
Activities/Organizations.....	19,772.17
Altar Society, December 12, Bazaar	
Administration.....	212,593.35
IT, Office Supplies, Salaries, Equipment, Services	
Advertising	
Plant Maintenance.....	62,590.46
Janitorial, Fixtures, Utilities, Bldg. Maintenance,	
Services, Grounds, Permits	
Total Expense.....	368,319.62

#### Expenses





September '21							November '21								
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26	27	28	29	30			28	29	30						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8am COL Fr. Eli 10am St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 1pm COL Fr. Eli	27	28	29 8:30 am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli	30 8:30am COL Fr. Eli	1 8:30am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 4pm Luther Trustee Camp Fr. Eli	2 9am COL Fr. Eli  4:15pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 6pm COL Fr. Eli
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17 8am COL Fr. Eli 10am St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 1pm COL Fr. Eli	18	19 6pm COL Fr. Eli	20 NO MASS	21 8:30am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli	22 8:30am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli	23 6pm COL Fr. Eli  8am Pack Unit Fr. Eli  4:15pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Paul 6pm COL Fr. Eli
24 8am COL Fr. Eli 10am St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 1pm COL Fr. Eli	25	26	27 8:30am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli	28 8:30am COL Fr. Eli	29 8:30am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli	30  4:15pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 6pm COL Fr. Eli
31 8am COL Fr. Eli 10am St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 1pm COL Fr. Eli	1 ALL SAINTS DAY 8am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 6pm COL Fr. Eli (Spanish) 6pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Paul	Preaching Schedule: Oct. 2-3, Deacon Russell Oct. 9-10 Fr. Eli Oct. 16-17 Deacon Grant Oct. 23-24 Deacon Garry      Oct. 30-31 Fr. Eli				



October 3, 2021

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24 | Heb 2:9-11 | Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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

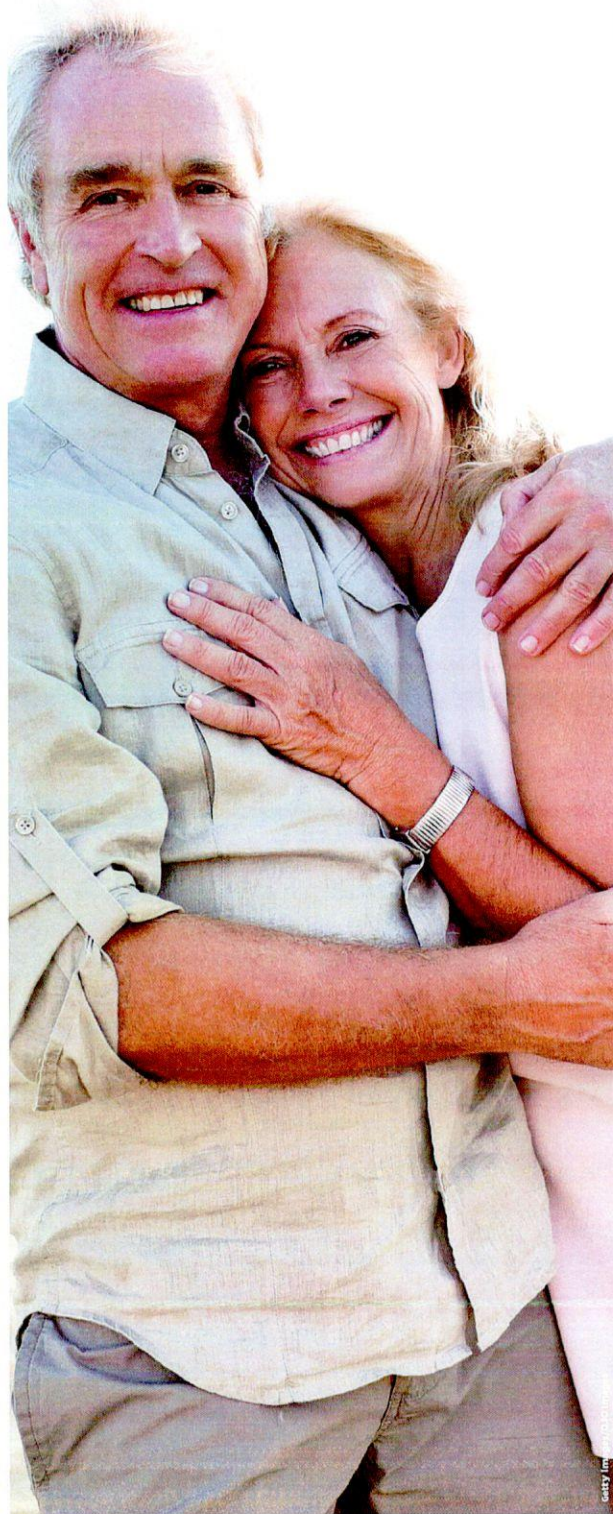
Social media certainly has its downsides, but it's a wonderful way to keep up with friends and family. Lately, I've noticed a number of wedding day snapshots – with couples finally able to celebrate their “big day” as pandemic restrictions have eased. Today's readings bring these beautiful images to mind. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about marriage: “God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” While the readings focus on the relationship between man and woman, we are reminded that God created all of us – no matter our state in life – to love one another as he loves us. The capacity to love is in our DNA. Jesus invites us to be companions on life's journey, reflecting to others Christ's love for the Church.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each year in October, our diocese invites married couples to a “Wedding Anniversary Mass.” Friends and family are invited to join them as they celebrate milestone anniversaries – whether it be 5 years or 50. Just as we celebrate newlyweds, it's nice to recognize these couples – and the love that has endured well after the honeymoon ended. Just as they witnessed their love for one another on their wedding day, they have continued to do so through the ensuing years by their example. Despite the inevitable hardships, they cling to one another; through disagreements and quarrels, they find a way back to each other – and I suspect they laugh together too. By sharing their stories we, too, can witness to others a love that endures through thick and thin. In doing so, we help build up our families, our communities, and our Church.

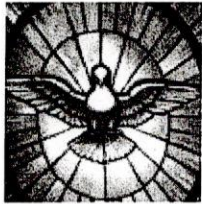
**WITNESS** You may have heard of *The Moth*, a popular storytelling platform. Each of us has a story to tell, and recording family “love stories” can be a fun way to witness to our children and grandchildren what good relationships look like. Take some time to interview your parents or others in your extended family about how they met, how they've overcome the challenges they have faced as a couple, and how they have kept God at the center.





# Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Sunday, October 3, 2021



God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. The Sunday Connection provides useful background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.





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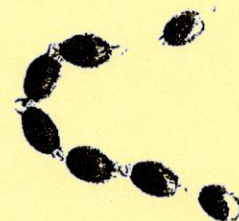
In The Secret of the Rosary, Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

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# Stewardship

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

October 2021

**M**ay I speak of money? I own no money, nor do you, simply because God insists that all things ... even money ... belong to him. In God's Word we read, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord Almighty" (Haggai 2:8). This claim of God presents a confusing situation at first glance. After all, I do have money in my possession. I speak of it as mine.

The very practical question arises, "Is the money I have God's or mine?"

Actually, there is no confusion. Scripture tells me God owns all things. God places material things in my possession. These are not gifts. Rather God entrusts what is his to my care to use in God's service. It follows then that I am not the owner, but a manager or steward of God's property.

## God entrusts his property

Yet, I am not frustrated that I am deprived of ownership. Can I be deprived of something I never owned? Instead, I am honored that God entrusts his property to my keeping, that God deigns to make me a steward of what is his; that God depends on me to administer it honestly.

Honest administration immediately obligates me to place all God has entrusted to me to his service. But this doesn't mean I must give every cent to the church. God has entrusted to me a body, soul and mind. God has entrusted to me a wife and children, similarly endowed. He has given me the responsibility of caring for them. Therefore, when I take a portion of the money God has

entrusted to me to provide food, clothing, shelter, education, recreation and other necessities of life and health for these, then I am a steward who is fulfilling God's trust.

Of course, I provide for these things in proper proportion. I would hardly be a good steward if I spent a large sum on some luxury while a basic need was left unmet. "In proper proportion" is a primary rule in my administration.



## In proper proportion

"In proper proportion" is the rule that also applies when I prepare to make my offering to God and through the church.

*Think of time as a priceless gift; develop an awareness of its incomparable value and examine your conscience in this light. Are you using your time according to God's plan, or are you throwing it away?*

*If tomorrow were never to dawn, what would you do for God today?*



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## A Mere Colt

**I** have so much to offer God," my pride calls from within. I can see a vision of what God can do with me, with my life, and I am excited. Day after day, I have waited in expectation. Surely the time has come for me to be of great service. I have heard the Lord will be passing this way today. So, patiently, I wait a little longer. And then I see two men nearing. I stand a little taller because I know these men are sent from God. But as I stand there, they bypass me and go to my donkey ... a mere colt.

"Why are you doing this?" I ask.

"The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly," the men answer. Then they walk away.

"My donkey?" I mutter. God wants to use my donkey? What about my talents? My abilities? My availability? What about that, Lord?

Then, I see a crowd forming. Many are waving palm branches and crying out, "Hosanna in the highest!"

I squeeze my way through the jumble of arms and branches, and I see him! There is my Lord! My eyes tear. There is my donkey. The Lord is riding on my donkey.

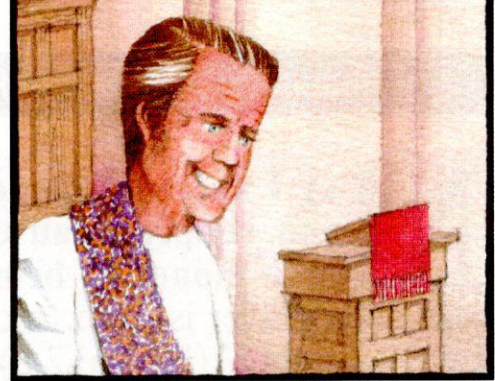
I drop to my knees. "Dear Jesus," my soul cries. "Forgive my pride. You have used what I have considered least, yet you are elevated. May this always be so."

"Continue to use me, Lord," I pray. "What I consider my best, may not be what you need from me at all. But now I understand, Jesus. What you need most is my open arms, and my willingness to serve in any way you ask."

I look up from my place on the crowded road, and I look into his eyes

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## Deacon Dave on stewardship



*"Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality."*

2 Corinthians 8:13

**P**aul held up the generosity of the Macedonian churches to those in Corinth (2 Corinthians 8). It seemed his desire was that they show some kind of proof for their appreciation of the Lord's blessing and sustaining power to them. He urged them, therefore to bring to completion the great work begun earlier in their ministry. It seemed apparent they had forgotten, like we often do, with what fervor and fire they had started to serve the Lord with.

We, too, could use this urging of Paul's periodically. He wanted to bring the churches in Corinth from their relaxed attitude toward giving and sharing, and found it necessary to remind them of their oneness in the body of Christ. The Corinthians had begun to take pleasure in what others were doing for God's kingdom and the sustaining of the earthly churches, and had forgotten their own part.

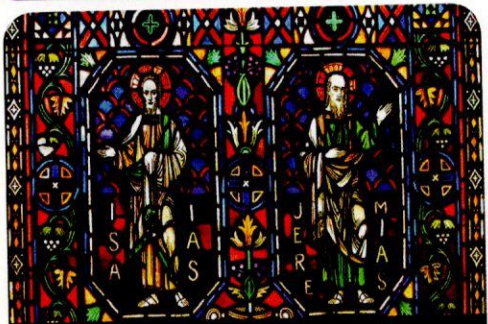
### Strive For Equality

"Strive for equality" was Paul's urging to the Corinthians. Since Christ bore the total weight of our salvation

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*To be a good steward is to be conscious that all things we have on earth are generous gifts from God. Stewardship is to care, to have concern, and to give thanks by giving of what has been given to us.*






### Through the Stained Glass...

**F**or the past few years, we have been preoccupied on the subject of what is wrong with the church, generally there has been a negative approach. In so expending our best energies, we have lost something. Not only have we tended to splinter, but the church has appeared to have had less impact on its communicants. It is certainly easier to be defensive and negative about something in which we do not invest of ourselves; on the other hand, we tend to work creatively where our investments are!

I know of no way to help turn the tide more effectively than by investing the best of ourselves in the church, thereby giving evidence of our positive belief in God. If God's church is to have meaning to us or to others, then our commitment must be clear and decisive and, I might say, it must cost us something. It has been said that there is no "cheap grace."

Pledging to the church is one very specific way in which we give ourselves or prove our belief. If the investment is made grudgingly and represents only that which can be worked in conveniently, then this tells the story of our faith in God's primary instrument for his life and work on this earth, namely, his church. If it costs something worthwhile, then the investment is clearly a weighed and weighty one.

A new sense of commitment through giving (and the trust it represents) is

crucial to us all, not because of the dollars represented, but because it will be a creative conversion movement for your church and for you. 

**God bless you in your giving.**

### What I want my church to be!

*My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.*

*It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.*

*It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.*

*It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.*

*It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.*

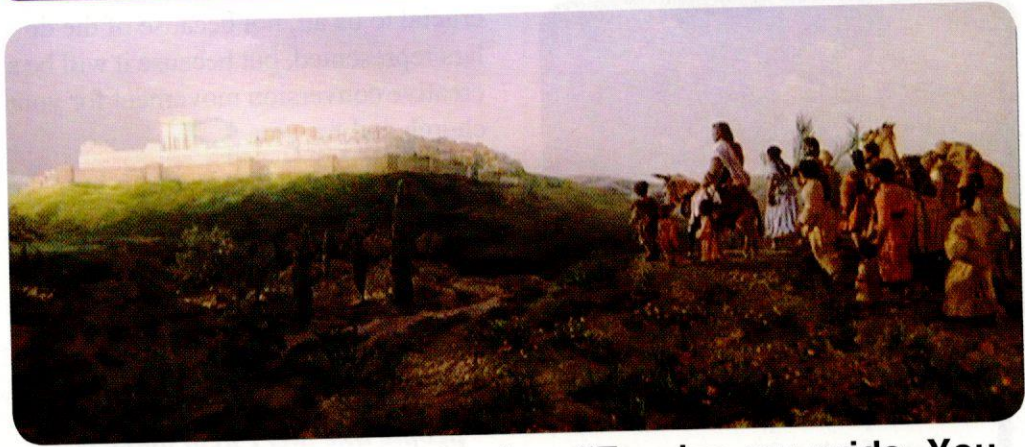
*Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.*



**G**od desires that first of all you give him yourself. When you do this, you will find a certain satisfaction.

God then wants you to use your time, talent, and treasure for his purposes. This means total commitment of what you have to God. That's a hard step to take, but it will bring complete happiness and satisfaction in serving God.





**“Dear Jesus,” my soul cries. “Forgive my pride. You have used what I have considered least, yet you are elevated. May this always be so.”**

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### **May I speak of money...**


As the owner of all things, God requests offerings in many instances. As God's steward, can I disobey?

Yet, I do not bring my offering because of a command from God. Would a command be necessary? When I think of the tremendous blessings God has deluged upon me ... blessings that serve me now and that will endure forever ... could I possibly deny God an offering? Could my offering be only a pittance?

Motivated by love and gratitude, I first separate God's portion whenever I receive income. I make that portion of a size that will give adequate evidence of my love and gratitude. This separated portion I then dedicate to God's specific service and administer it in a way that God would have me do.


With this done, the remainder, understand, is still devoted to God's service. I use that remainder, as God would wish, to provide for the needs of my life and for the needs of those God has committed to my care. In God's name and to his service is my guiding principle.

So, as a steward of money, I recognize that God owns all things. I recognize that

I am God's manager of what he places in my charge. To be a good and faithful steward ... that is my aim. 


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### **A Mere Colt...**

as he passes by. It is then I know that my small gift is monumental, historical. 

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### **Deacon Dave...**

on himself, could we not at least share in the earthly ministry as a body so that *“He who gathered much does not have too much and he who gathered little does not have too little?”* (2 Corinthians 8:15) 





# Co-Responsabilidad

Inspirando una comprensión más profunda de la verdadera generosidad

**¿Podemos hablar de dinero? Yo no poseo ningún dinero, ni ustedes tampoco, simplemente porque Dios insiste en que todas las cosas...hasta el dinero...le pertenecen. En la Palabra de Dios leemos, “La plata es mía, y el oro es mío, declara Dios Todopoderoso” (Haggai 2:8). Esta afirmación de Dios plantea una situación a primera vista confusa. Después de todo, yo tengo dinero en mi posesión. Y hablo de él como mío.**

La cuestión práctica que surge es, ¿El dinero que tengo es mío o de Dios?

En realidad no hay ninguna confusión. La Escritura me dice claramente que Dios es el dueño de todas las cosas. El pone cosas materiales en mi posesión. No son regalos. Más bien Dios pone lo suyo bajo mi cuidado para que lo use a su servicio. Por lo tanto, yo no soy el dueño, sino administrador o co-responsable de la propiedad de Dios.

## Dios confía Su propiedad

Sin embargo, no siento que se me haya despojado de algo. ¿Se me puede despojar de algo que nunca ha sido mío? Más bien, me siento honrado de que Dios me haya confiado su propiedad, que se haya dignado hacerme co-responsable de lo que es suyo; que dependa de mí para administrarlo honestamente.

Una administración honesta me obliga antes que nada a poner todo lo que Dios me ha confiado a su servicio. Pero esto no significa que debo dar a la Iglesia hasta el último centavo. Dios me ha confiado también un cuerpo, alma y espíritu. Y me ha confiado a mi esposa y mis hijos. Me ha dado la responsabilidad de hacerme cargo de ellos.

Por lo tanto, cuando tomo una porción del dinero que Dios me ha confiado para proveerles alimento, techo, vestido, educación, recreo y otras necesidades de vida y salud, estoy honrando la confianza que Dios ha depositado en mí.

Por supuesto que debo proveer estas necesidades en su justa medida. Difícilmente seré un buen co-responsable si gasto una fuerte suma en algún lujo



mientras descuido alguna necesidad básica. La “justa medida” es una regla primordial de mi administración.

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*Piensen en el tiempo como un don inapreciable; sean conscientes de su incomparable valor y a la luz de esto examinen su conciencia. ¿Están usando su tiempo de acuerdo al plan de Dios, o lo están tirando? Si mañana no fueran a amanecer, ¿qué harían hoy por Dios?*





## Solo un borrico

**T**engo tanto que ofrecerle a Dios”, pensaba orgulloso dentro de mí. Veo claramente todo lo que Dios puede hacer conmigo, con mi vida, y me siento emocionado. He esperado día tras día con ansiedad. Claramente ha llegado el día en que le seré de gran utilidad. He escuchado que el Señor pasará hoy cerca de aquí. Así que, pacientemente, espero un poco más. Y de pronto veo a dos hombres que se aproximan. Me yergo un poco pues sé que son enviados de Dios. Pero pasan de largo y se dirigen a mi burro...un mero borrico.

“¿Por qué hacen esto?” les pregunto.

“El Señor lo necesita y te lo enviará de regreso en breve”, contestan los hombres. Y enseguida se retiran.

“Mi burro”, murmuro a regañadientes. ¿Dios quiere usar a mi burro? ¿Y qué con mis talentos, mis capacidades, mi disponibilidad? ¿Qué con todo eso, Señor?”

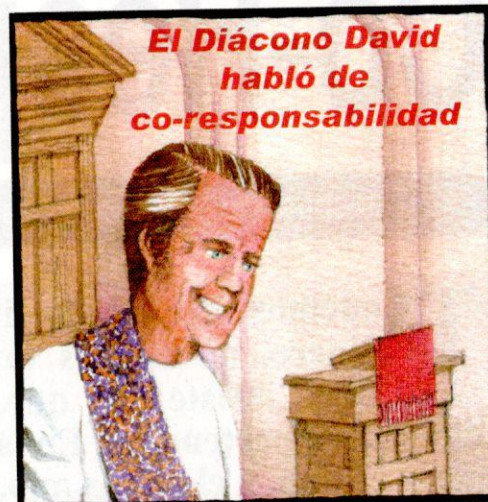
Luego veo que se forma una multitud. Muchos saludan con palmas y dicen “¡Hosana en las alturas!”

Me abro paso como puedo entre la selva de brazos y ramos, ¡y lo veo a él! ¡Ahí está mi Señor! Mis ojos se llenan de lágrimas. Ahí está mi burro. El Señor viene montado en él.

Caigo de rodillas. “Querido Jesús”, dice mi alma. “Perdona mi orgullo. Has usado de mí lo que yo consideraba ínfimo, pero tú eres grande y elevado. Que esto sea siempre así”.

“Sigue usándome”, le ruego. “Tal vez lo que yo considero lo mejor de mí no sea para nada lo que tú necesitas. Pero ahora entiendo, Jesús. Lo que más necesitas son mis brazos abiertos y mi disposición a servir en cualquier

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*“Nuestro deseo no es que haya holgura para ellos y penuria para ustedes, sino que haya igualdad”*

2 Corintios 8:13

**P**ablo ponía como ejemplo a los de Corintio la generosidad de las iglesias macedonias (2 Cor. 8). Parece que su deseo era que demostraran de alguna manera su aprecio de las bendiciones y beneficios sostenidos que Dios les había dado. Los urgía a completar la gran obra que habían empezado al inicio de su ministerio. Parecía que se habían olvidado, como todos con frecuencia olvidamos, el fuego y fervor con el que habían empezado a servir al Señor.

Nosotros también podríamos usar periódicamente este llamado de Pablo. Él quería que las iglesias de Corintio cambiaran su actitud relajada hacia una de dar y compartir, y se dio cuenta de que era necesario recordarles el papel único que jugaban en el cuerpo de Cristo. Los corintios habían empezado a deleitarse con lo que otros hacían por el reino de Dios y el sustento de sus iglesias terrenales, pero olvidaban la parte que les correspondía jugar a ellas.

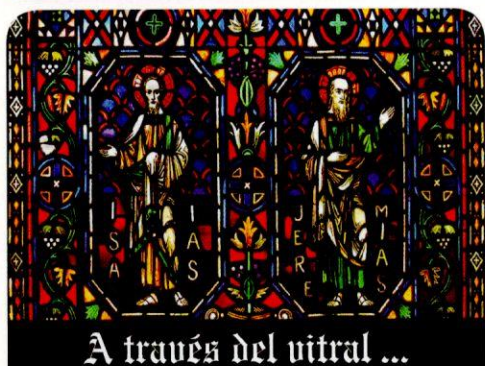
### Esforzarse por la igualdad

“Esforzarse por la igualdad”, era a lo que Pablo urgía a los corintios.

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**S**er buenos co-responsables es ser concientes de que todas las cosas que tenemos en la tierra son regalos generosos de Dios. Corresponsabilidad significa ver por los demás, estar atentos a sus necesidades y agradecer a Dios dando a los demás de lo que se nos ha dado a nosotros.






**E**n los años recientes nos hemos preocupado por saber qué anda mal en la Iglesia, y por lo general ha habido un enfoque negativo. Al emplear así nuestras mejores energías, hemos perdido algo. No solo hemos tendido a dividirnos, sino que la Iglesia ha tenido como cuerpo un menor impacto en las personas que la escuchan. Ciertamente es más fácil que adoptemos una actitud negativa y defensiva sobre algo en lo que no tenemos ningún tipo de inversión personal. Mientras que actuamos en forma mucho más creativa si se trata de algo en lo que están comprometidas nuestras inversiones.

No veo mejor forma de ayudar a cambiar efectivamente la marea que invirtiendo lo mejor de nosotros en nuestra Iglesia, dando así evidencia de nuestra fe en Dios. Si la Iglesia de Dios ha de tener algún significado importante para nosotros o para los demás, nuestro compromiso debe ser firme y decisivo, y, debo decirlo, nos ha de costar algo. No hay tal cosa como "gracia barata", diría Bonhoeffer.

Comprometerse con la Iglesia es una forma muy específica en la que nos entregamos y demostramos nuestra fe. Si la inversión es hecha a regañadientes y se limita solo a lo que puede hacerse cómodamente, esto refleja lo que sucede con nuestra fe respecto a lo que es el principal instrumento de Dios para realizar su obra en esta tierra, a saber, su

Iglesia. Si, por el contrario, la inversión representa un esfuerzo, ello demuestra que es algo valioso y que vale la pena.

Un nuevo sentido de compromiso a través del dar (y la entrega que ello representa) es algo crucial para todos, no por los dólares que representa, sino porque será un movimiento creativo de conversión para ustedes y para su iglesia. 

**Que Dios los bendiga  
en su acción de dar**

## **¡Lo que quiero que sea mi iglesia!**

***Mi iglesia está compuesta  
por gente como yo. Pues yo ayudo  
a hacerla como es.***

***Será amigable, si yo lo soy. Sus  
bancas se llenarán por completo  
Si yo ayudo a llenarlas.***

***Realizará un gran trabajo, si  
yo me pongo a trabajar. Hará  
muchos donativos generosos para  
causas nobles, si yo doy ofrendas  
generosas.***

***Atraerá a otra gente a su liturgia  
y su vida comunitaria, si yo los  
invito a asistir.***

***Será una iglesia de lealtad y amor,  
de valentía y fe, y de noble espíritu,  
si yo, que la hago ser lo que es,  
estoy lleno de esas mismas virtudes.***

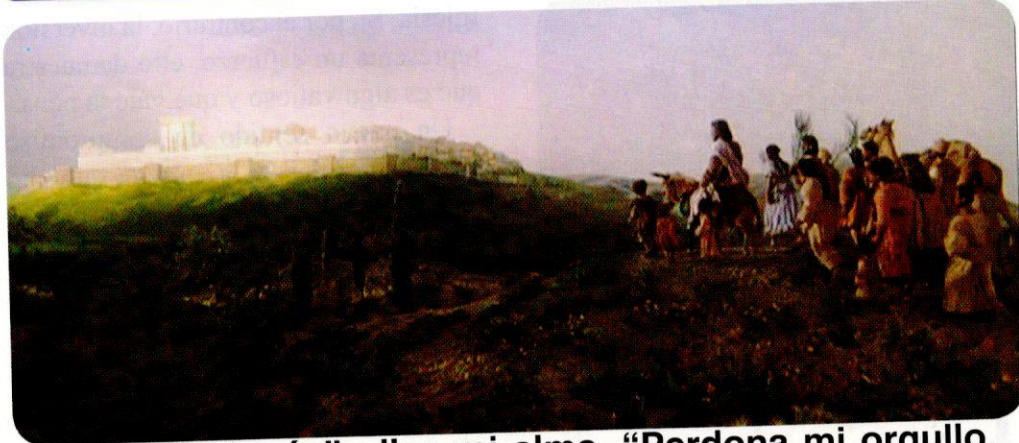
***Por lo tanto, con la ayuda de Dios,  
debo dedicarme a la tarea de ser y  
hacer todas esas cosas que quiero  
que mi iglesia sea.***



***D**ios quiere que  
antes que nada  
te le entregues tú.  
Cuando lo hagas,  
encontrarás en ello  
cierta satisfacción.*

*Enseguida Dios  
quiere que uses tu  
tiempo, talentos y  
riquezas para sus  
propósitos. Esto  
significa comprometer  
totalmente todo lo que  
tienes con Dios. Es un  
paso difícil de dar, pero  
te traerá la felicidad y  
la satisfacción plenas  
de estar sirviendo a  
Dios.*





**“Querido Jesús”, dice mi alma. “Perdona mi orgullo. Has usado de mí lo que yo consideraba ínfimo, pero tú eres grande y elevado. Que esto sea siempre así”.**

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### **¿Podemos hablar de dinero?... La “justa medida”**


La “justa medida” es también la regla que se aplica cuando preparo mi ofrenda a Dios a través de la Iglesia.

Como dueño de todas las cosas, Dios espera recibir ofrendas de muchas maneras. Como administrador de Dios, ¿puedo desobedecer?

Sin embargo, no hago mi ofrenda por mandato de Dios. ¿Será necesario un mandato? Cuando pienso en las inmensas bendiciones que Dios ha derramado sobre mí...bendiciones que me benefician hoy y que perdurarán beneficiándome por siempre, ¿puedo negarle a Dios una ofrenda? ¿Puede mi ofrenda ser una miseria?

Motivado por amor y gratitud, lo primero que hago al recibir un ingreso es apartar la porción de Dios. Y dicha porción la defino pensando en un tamaño que ponga de manifiesto la magnitud de mi amor y agradecimiento. Esta porción la dedico específicamente al servicio de Dios, y la administro como pienso que al él le agradaría.


Una vez hecho esto, el resto también lo dedico al servicio de Dios. Lo utilizo, como Dios desearía, para satisfacer las necesidades de mi vida y la de aquellos a

quienes Dios ha puesto bajo mi cuidado. A nombre de Dios y a su servicio, es mi principio orientador. Así que, como administrador de dinero, reconozco que Dios es el dueño de todo. Y reconozco que yo soy el administrador de lo que él ha puesto en mis manos. Ser un corresponsable bueno y leal...ese es mi objetivo. 

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### **Solo un borrico...**

manera que tú lo me lo pidas”.

Alcé la mirada desde mi lugar entre la multitud y lo miré a los ojos mientras pasaba. Es cuando comprendí que mi pequeña ofrenda era monumental, histórica. 

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### **El Diacono David...**

Ya que Cristo lleva todo el peso de nuestra salvación, ¿no seremos capaces de al menos hacer nuestra parte en el ministerio terrenal, de forma tal que “quien levante mucho no tenga demasiado y a quien levante poco no le falte” (2 Cor. 8:15) 





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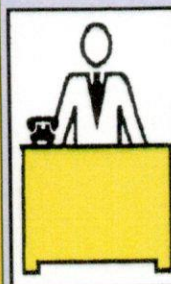


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**WHY IS IT**

A man wakes up after sleeping under an ADVERTISED blanket on an ADVERTISED mattress and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas bathes in an ADVERTISED shower shaves with an ADVERTISED razor brushes his teeth with ADVERTISED toothpaste washes with ADVERTISED soap puts on ADVERTISED clothes drinks a cup of ADVERTISED coffee drives to work in an ADVERTISED car and then . . . refuses to ADVERTISE believing it doesn't pay. Later if business is poor he ADVERTISES it for sale.

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