

# Christ Our Light Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston  
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## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

### **Monday-Thursday**

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

**Friday** 9:15am- noon

Other times by appointment

**Website:** [www.christourlight.org](http://www.christourlight.org)

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

Pastor Rev. Elias Lopéz

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Russell Pasket, Permanent Deacon

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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

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Tuesday, Thursday and

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## **RECONCILIACION/CONFESIONES**

Los Martes, jueves y el

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

y por cita 936-825-3920

**June 5, 2022 - Pentecost Sunday**





SUNDAY JUNE 26 FOLLOWING 1:00 P.M. Spanish Mass, an anniversary, birthday, and farewell celebration for Fr. Eli at Christ Our Light Parish. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share. If you have questions, contact Carolynn at 936-825-3920.



# Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

June 04 & 05, 2022

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

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

MONDAY, JUNE 06

No Mass

TUESDAY, JUNE 07

6:00 PM Larry Wisnoski †

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 08

8:30 AM Torres, Rangel and Baldobino Families

THURSDAY, JUNE 09

8:30 AM Leo Malek, Jr. †

6:00 PM\* Torres & Rangel Families

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

8:30 AM Susie Dominguez †

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

6:00 PM Nina Rotello †

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

8:00 AM Cecil Wilde †

1:00 PM\* People of the Parish

\*Spanish



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JUNE 06

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

6:00 PM Bible Study, SPH

TUESDAY, JUNE 07

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

6:00 PM Consecration to Jesus through Mary, SPCC

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

THURSDAY, JUNE 09

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

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

7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

11:30 AM Spanish Baptism Class, CH

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

Christ Our Light Catholic Church



The Architecture of Christianity - Houston

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The Altar Flowers this past weekend are in Memory of Doris Sweeney. The parish thanks the Sweeney Family.

SMALL PLEASURES — Little things seem nothing, but they give peace, like those meadow flowers which individually seem odorless but all together perfume the air.

—George Bernanos

## 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 2022: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO CLASS. To register please contact Susan Pilger at 979-219-1360.

Spanish Baptism Class Schedule for 2022: 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, July 24 & October 23. For Information, call Rosa Torres at 936-419-8974 or Felisa Paz at 979-255-4361.



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ALL DOCUMENTS AND FORMS must be completed and turned in before Baptism Date. SCHEDULED Baptism will be celebrated at 11:30 AM in Spanish every 2nd Saturday and at 11:30 AM in English every 4th Saturday, following completion of the baptismal classes the prior month and Fr. Eli has been informed in advance. The Sacrament of Baptism is a communal celebration. Therefore, private baptisms are not celebrated here.





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

Sarina Alo, Scott Beddingfield, Andrew Castillo, Jo Ann Clepper, Frank Crouch, Elizabeth Culmer, Eva Estrada, Liz Estrada, Lois Finke, Fabryna Hitchcock, Liz Johnson, Rachel Kammel, Mary Ann Knowles, Liz Kubricht, Glenda Lawrence, John Lawrence, Nancy Lopez, Christian Mills, Leslie Mills, France Munoz, Delia Nunez, Anita Olguin, Julian Olguin, Cecelia Pearson, Angelina Peterson, Wallace Peterson, Irene Ramirez, Lucila Rivera, Zek Rueda, Rosalinda Salazar, Josh Sechelski, Sherrie Shiflett, Dana Sowell, Lydia Torres, Jessie Torres, Jessie Valadez, III, Crystal Winkler, David Woehler.

**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 REPENDS**

**May 28 & 29, 2022**

(83) Offertory Envelopes/Loose Checks, On Line Giving, Mail Ins. Drop Ins	5,191.89
Children	43.00
Maintenance Fund	165.00

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.

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**II Collection**

- June 11 & 12 — Maintenance Fund
- June 18 & 19 — Entire Collection for St. Mary Seminary
- June 25 & 26 — Peter's Pence (Holy Father's Charities)

**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., Sgn, Jason Malek, Antonio Magallon, Jose Rene Milan, Christopher Munoz, Javier Salinas, Shelby Seale, SSgt Allen Thane

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

**For families — We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.**



**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, Thursdays at 5:45 PM before the 6:00 PM Spanish Mass and Friday at 9:00 PM*

*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**

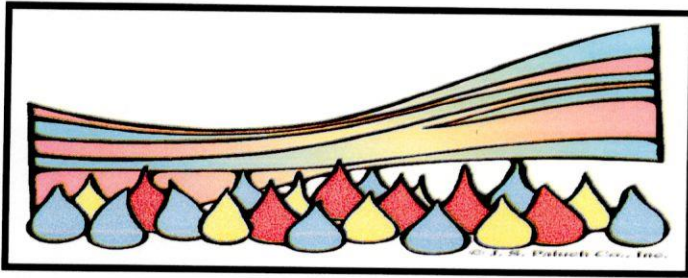
**There are 2 easy ways to connect to  
FLOCKNOTE (pick one):**

Then register to create an account.

**NOTE: Do not use Mozilla Firefox browser.**

1. Visit our church at: [www.flocknote.com/chistourlightchurch](http://www.flocknote.com/chistourlightchurch)
2. Text SPOLG to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.





## Pentecost Sunday June 5, 2022

**In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.**  
— 1 Corinthians 12:13a

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Every 1st weekend of the month (Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses) blessing of all who have a birthday or Wedding Anniversary during the month.

### MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASSES

Refreshment will be served after Masses the first Sunday of each month. The refreshments and service will be provided by the following:

Altar Society—January and July  
Pastoral Council—February and October  
Finance Council—March and September  
R.E. Board—April and August  
Stewardship—May and November  
Choir—June and December

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### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

**Pentecost Sunday** — *“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”*  
**John 14:26** The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your head, heart and mind affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

### REFLEXIONES DEL BOLETIN DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD.

**Domingo de Pentecostés** — *“El Defensor, el Espíritu Santo a quien el Padre enviará en mi nombre, les enseñará todo y les recordará todo lo que les he dicho.”*  
**Juan 14:26** El materialismo de nuestra sociedad nos atrae a concentrarnos más en lo que nosotros queremos que en lo que Dios quiere para nosotros, el relativismo de nuestro mundo nos dice que debemos ser tolerantes de todas las cosas, que no existe la verdad absoluta. Recé al Espíritu Santo para que transforme nuestras vidas y guíe nuestros pensamientos, palabras y acciones. Lo que ponemos en nuestra cabeza, corazón y mente afecta nuestras acciones. Si ponemos cosas buenas dentro saldrán cosas buenas.

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### THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD NAVASOTA/ANDERSON

**We are a non-profit, faith-based organization providing social services to people in need. We can be reached at 936-873-5002.**

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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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### LA SOCIEDAD DE SAN VICENTE DE PAUL CRISTO EL BUEN PASTOR NAVASOTA/ANDERSON

**Somos una organización religiosa, sin ánimo de lucro, que presta servicios sociales a personas necesitadas. Nuestro numero de teléfono es**

**936-873-5002**



# IGNITE

**Ignite Parish Goal \$208,632.00**  
**Gifts Amount Received \$77,071.00**  
**39 Donors**

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## 2022 DIOCESAN SERVICE FUND

**DSF Goal 26,200.00**  
**Gifts Received**  
**Gifts Received \$16,607.00**  
**4p Doner**

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### MARY

A BIBLICAL WALK with the BLESSED MOTHER  
An 8 week Study Through the biblical Narrative of Mary's life.  
You will be introduced to the Blessed Mother on a personal level  
and will see how Scripture, History, and Jewish culture reveal  
the sorrows, anxieties, and joys Mary would have held in her heart.

Narrated by Dr. Edward Sri and filmed in the Holy Land

Classes begin:

Monday, April 25th 2022 and continue until Monday, June 20, 2022

6:00 pm – 8:00pm

St. Patrick's Hall at 510 Manley Street

To register please contact Helen Kimball at [helen.kimball@outlook.com](mailto:helen.kimball@outlook.com) or call 832-771-3001.  
Helen will order the study guides, cost is \$27.00.

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**It is that time of the year again!** We are preparing for our Annual Christ Our Light Catholic Church Bazaar which will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2022. We have scheduled our next meeting for Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall on Manley Street. We would like for all Committee Chairpersons to attend this first meeting. You may invite any other team members of your committee to attend. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact me, Kathy Baldobino, at [mkbaldobino@ymail.com](mailto:mkbaldobino@ymail.com) (please note on subject line Church Bazaar Volunteer) or call 936-870-7294.

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### THE SPIRIT'S ACTIVE POWER

June 5, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

The mystery of the Trinity refers to one God in three persons. We frequently acknowledge Jesus as "the second person of the Trinity," but referring also to the Spirit as a "person" comes less naturally. In religious art, the Holy Spirit often appears as a dove or, as in today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, tongues of fire. Much rarer are images of the Spirit as a "person" in recognizable human form. Today's readings do not settle the issue of how to picture the Spirit, but they certainly give shape to the Spirit's active power in the world and in each human heart. In Acts, the Spirit enables people to speak and understand a variety of languages. Paul's letter to the Corinthians praises the Spirit for all kinds of spiritual gifts, services, and "workings." Finally, in John's Gospel, Jesus calls the Spirit our Advocate and our divine teacher.

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JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5</b> 8am COL Fr. Eli 10am St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 1pm COL Fr. Eli	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> 8:30am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli	<b>2</b> 8:30am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 6pm COL Fr. Eli	<b>3</b> 8:30am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 4pm Luther Unit Fr. Eli	<b>4</b> <b>NO FIRST SATURDAY MASS</b> <b>AGH Priesthood Ordinations</b> 4:15pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 6pm COL Fr. Eli
<b>12</b> 8am COL Fr. Eli 10am St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 1pm COL Fr. Eli	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:30am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli	<b>16</b> 8:30am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 6pm COL Fr. Eli	<b>17</b> <b>NO MASS</b> <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>18</b> 4:15pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Paul 6pm Fr. Paul COL
<b>19</b> Father's Day 8am COL Fr. Eric Petree 10am St. Stanislaus Fr. Eric 1pm COL Fr. Michael Earthman	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:30am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli	<b>23</b> 8:30am COL Fr. Eli 6pm COL Fr. Eli	<b>24</b> 8:30am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli	<b>25</b> 8am Luther Unit Fr. Eli 4:15pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Paul 6pm COL Fr. Paul
<b>26</b> 8am COL Fr. Eli 10am St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 1pm COL Fr. Eli	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>29</b> 8:30am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli	<b>30</b> 8:30am COL Fr. Eli 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Eli 6pm COL Fr. Eli		

May 2022

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July 2022

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Preaching Schedule:

June 4-5, Deacon Grant

June 11-12, Deacon Garry

June 18, Fr. Paul @COL

June 19, Fr. Eric? (I will confirm)

June 25-26, Deacon Russell



# PENTECOST

## A CONSPIRACY OF LOVE

Our lives are a conspiracy of love. *Con-spriacy* means “breathing together.” From the moment that the “Breath of God” first gives life to our body (Gen 2:7), we start a lifetime of breathing together with God. Pentecost celebrates God’s new life transforming us—a change that demands leaving behind old ways and adopting God’s ways—a new vision of the world, new values and new behaviors.

The outward signs of the first Pentecost experience—wind and fire (Acts 2:2-4)—are tokens of transformation. The wind blows where it wills, always fluctuating and changing independently of our control. Fire never leaves anything it touches the same. Like God’s transforming power, wind and fire are safe in small doses, but dangerous, uncontrolled, and even devastating when experienced at full power.

### God’s Holy Breath: Mystery and Mission

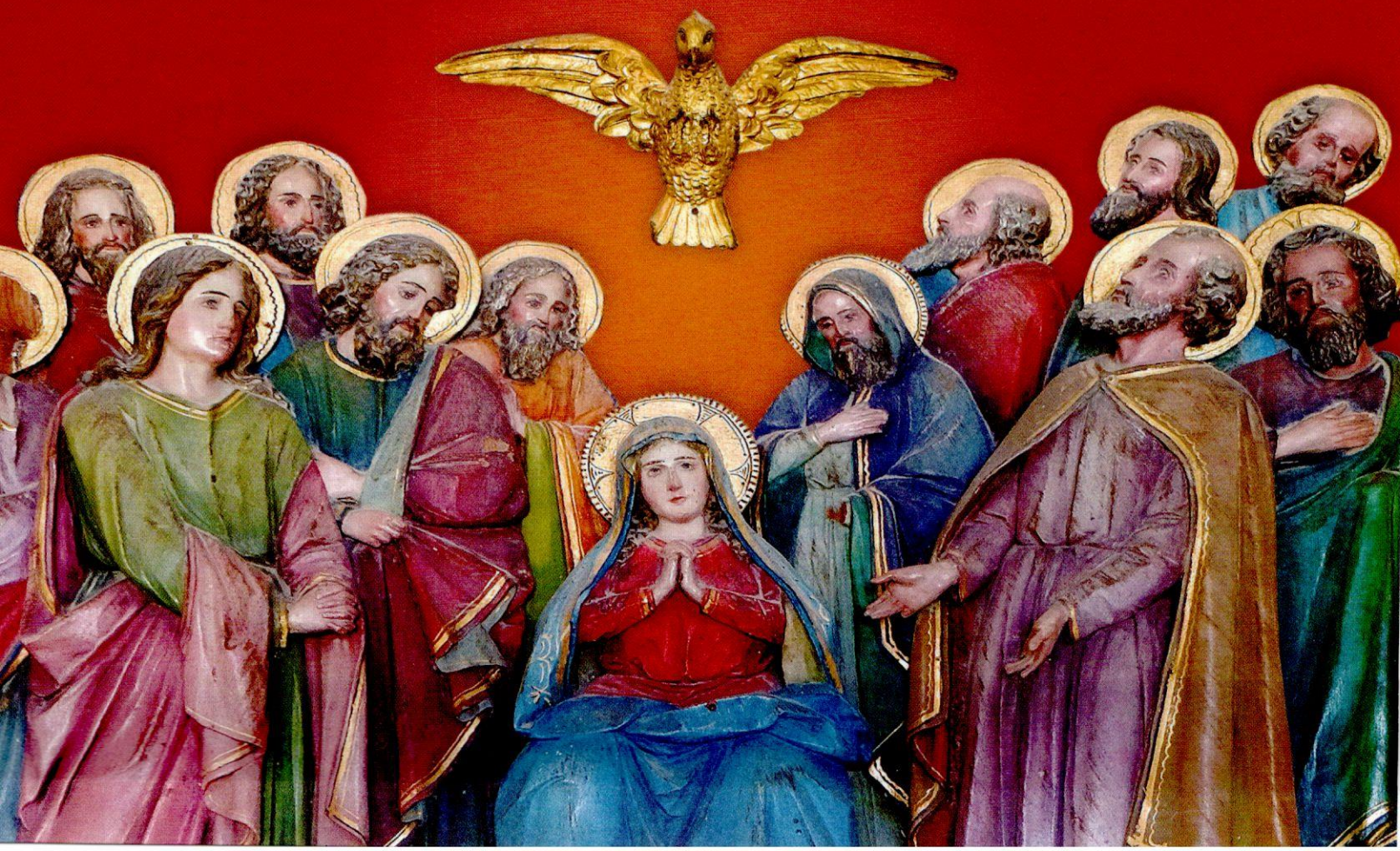
The reality of the Holy Spirit, the divine power of life and the bond of love, is a theological mystery. That is, although we affirm *that* the Father and the Son share the same Holy Spirit or “Breath” of divine life that draws

them together into a communion of love, we cannot explain how this happens.

The Holy Spirit is our way of experiencing how God dwells deep within us to empower us for living and to draw us together into a community through the power of love. Breath is the sign of life—we can’t do without it—and vigorous breathing is a sign of vital power at work. When we detect the Holy Spirit, we know that God is somehow present and working.

God’s Holy Breath always accompanies God’s Word. Just as we cannot speak words without using breath, so likewise when God sends the Word, God also sends the Holy Spirit (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #689). God’s Holy Spirit empowers us to hear and understand God’s Word, then to act on it in our lives.

Filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the disciples responded by their public witness to the Christian message and their community life of worship and solidarity. From that time onward, the Christian community has continued to proclaim the meaning of Jesus’ saving work and to invite all humanity to believe and to share in the life of God.





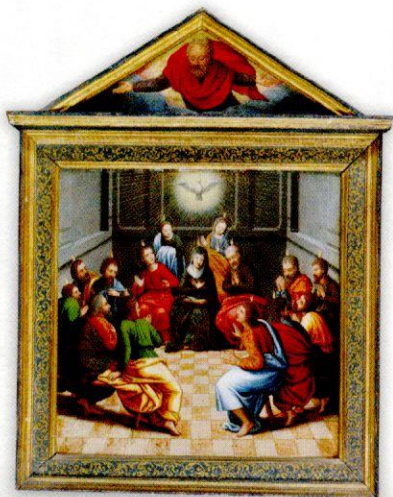
# THE SPIRIT AT WORK IN US

The disciples' transformation was based on their astounding experience of first meeting the risen Christ and then being empowered by God's Holy Spirit. Through baptism, the Holy Spirit also now dwells in us and transforms us from within into living images of God and Christ (Gen 1:26-27; 2 Cor 3:18). We are reminded of this transforming power when we imagine the Holy Spirit as fire. "As fire transforms into itself everything it touches, so the Holy Spirit transforms into the divine life whatever is subjected to his power" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1127). So whenever the fire of the Holy Spirit touches us, we cannot but be changed.

But unlike regular fire which usually destroys things, God's transforming fire changes us into something better. We become images of Christ by taking on the mind of Christ, his attitudes, his values and his behaviors to continue his mission of building God's covenant community of justice, love and peace on earth.

The Holy Spirit is always at work empowering us for new life in Christ and bonding us into the Christian community. This work is done through the theological gifts of faith, hope and charity that help us to live in right relationship with God and others, through the celebration of the sacraments that bond us into Christ and his community, and finally through particular personal gifts given to us as individuals to use to help build up the community (1 Cor 12:4-11). As the Holy Spirit works within us to help us put on the mind of Christ and live according to his gospel values, we become more receptive to the Holy Spirit's guidance and more eager to follow where the Spirit leads us.

- *Where and how have I recently experienced the promptings of the Holy Spirit in my life?*
- *How have I most experienced the Holy Spirit drawing me into a deeper relationship with God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit?*
- *What gifts has the Holy Spirit given to me for building up the Christian community and how have I used them?*



When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. —Acts 2:1-4

## *Come Holy Spirit*

*Veni Sancte Spiritus*, ("Come Holy Spirit") is the Sequence Prayer before the Gospel in the Mass for Pentecost. Originally an ancient Latin hymn, it reminds us that whenever we pray, we should call upon God and Jesus to send us their Holy Spirit, the bond of love between them, to join us to them and to empower us for a life of witness and service leading to a life with God that will never end.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from your celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!  
Come, source of all our store!  
Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best;  
You, the soul's most welcome guest;  
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;  
Grateful coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of yours,  
And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought,  
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour your dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore  
And confess you, evermore  
In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward;  
Give them your salvation, Lord;  
Give them joys that never end.

*Amen. Alleluia.*





June 5, 2022

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17 |  
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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

"Peace be with you." On hearing those four simple words, the fear that had paralyzed the disciples gives way to rejoicing. We, too, can feel paralyzed at times – by fear, yes – but also indecision, conflict, negativity, and perhaps even headlines that remind us how fractured our world has become. Yet here is Jesus, wishing us peace and giving us the gift of Pentecost: our Advocate, the Holy Spirit. As Jesus breathes on the disciples, he confers upon them a Spirit of peace that will allow them to push past their fears and build up the Church. "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." We, too, can turn to the Holy Spirit in times of trouble to help us move forward in faith, sharing peace and reconciliation with those we encounter.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes after a tiring or stressful day, I head up to my room, kick my feet up, and mindlessly scan social media or whatever other distractions might pop up on my smartphone. A friend read somewhere that doing so amounts to effectively putting your time in the shredder! Today's readings challenge me and all of us to dig deeper. Why not, instead, find a quiet place to pray, asking the Holy Spirit for a refresh as we move into the next part of our day, which is indeed the first minute of the rest of our lives. There's nothing wrong with downtime! But in the Holy Spirit, we can find a source of inspiration, energy, and creativity. As St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." Just as Jesus sent out the disciples, he sends us out to share our gifts to build up the Church.

**PRAY** *We thank you, God, for the ways your Holy Spirit helps us see your love through the people and world around us. We thank you for the gifts of the Spirit within us and for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Holy Spirit, open our hearts as we listen to your word. We ask this in Christ's name.*



# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

June 2022

Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church

Rev. Elias Lopez, Pastor

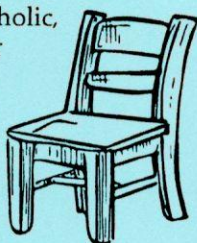
## One Minute Meditations

### Take your rightful place

As a baptized Catholic, your parish is your home by right.

As such, you have the right to a seat at your parish table.

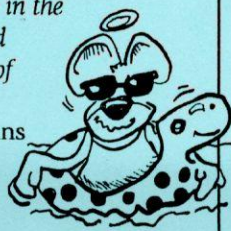
You take it when you attend weekend Mass, and seek peace from sacraments such as the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Holy Matrimony.



### Times change; God doesn't

The Bible tells of countless times when God gave his people victory in otherwise hopeless circumstances, provided for them when they had no resources, and guided them in their decisions. God is ready to work as powerfully for you.

*"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right, 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth.' Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:1-4).*



## God waits for our "Yes"

God loves us and wants us to be happy with Him in Heaven forever, but He won't force Himself on us. Out of respect for our free will, God asks that we cooperate with His grace to save us, but leaves it up to us to say, "Yes!"

**Cultivate your faith.** The better we know our Catholic Faith the easier it is to know how to live it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church summarizes all major teachings of the Catholic Church. Read an article in it each day and learn a new term from the glossary weekly. Then, there will be no guessing about what Catholics believe.

**Keep your conscience in shape.**

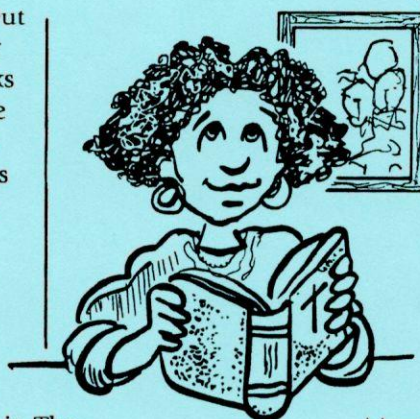
A well-formed conscience signals us when a choice is virtuous (good) or sinful (bad). Review what

the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes require. Meditate on the examples of Jesus and Mary in the Gospels and how your behavior compares.

**Stay close to the Sacraments.** Through the Sacraments we directly encounter Christ. Attend Confession monthly and

Mass at least weekly. This is the best way to stay close to God and His Heart.

**Perform Works of Mercy.** God uses these opportunities to conform us more fully to Christ. Find ways to serve your parish in time, resources, or gifts. It is Jesus who ultimately receives our gift (Matthew 25:40).



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics use the different titles when we address the clergy?

After Jesus ascended, the Church grew so quickly that the spiritual needs of the Christian community demanded a global hierarchy of clergy to minister to them while maintaining the unity of the Faith. In response, the Apostles ordained deacons to assist so they could

focus on liturgy (Acts 6:2-4).

Today, there are different titles for different roles and levels of authority. For example, we are most likely to encounter priests ("Father"), deacons, and bishops ("Your Excellency," or "Your Grace").

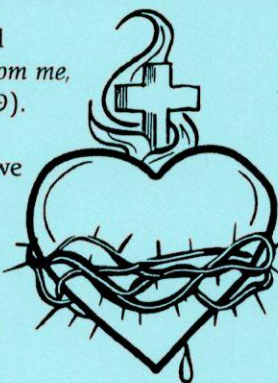




## Three invaluable lessons from the Sacred Heart devotion

Attaining holiness can seem overwhelming and complicated, but Jesus makes it simple: *"Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart"* (Matthew 11:29). Follow the lessons of His Sacred Heart.

**Focus on Jesus.** We often get in trouble when we lose sight of who Jesus is (God) and how much He loves us. Actually, God is always close and loves us with an infinite, intense, burning love. Keep an image of the Sacred Heart nearby for when you feel discouraged or disconnected from Him.



Give Him your "Yes." Instead of relying on your own strength and strategy, consecrate yourself to Jesus' Sacred Heart and let Him form and direct you. He is patient, gentle, and knows what we can handle. Say "Yes" to whatever He asks.

**"Love is not loved!"** Jesus wants our love but is often rejected by our sins. Love Jesus for those who won't. Spend time with Him and thank Him for what He's done for you. Offer Him your sufferings for a soul in need.

### from Scripture

#### Luke 9:51-62, the cost of discipleship

Jesus' listeners often got swept up by his charismatic manner and professed eagerness to follow him. But they weren't always prepared for what it took to be a true disciple.

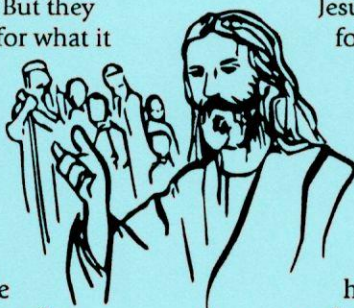
In this Gospel passage, a young man asked to follow Jesus but was deflated when Jesus pointed out that He had no home and none of the things considered necessary for a happy life. Jesus warned that it wouldn't always be comfortable to follow him.

The timing wasn't right for the second man. He promised to follow Jesus but

said he needed to fulfill his duty to his dying father first. In truth, Jesus sets the priorities we follow. Our duty is to obey.

Finally, Jesus used the example of plowing a field to make His point. If you look back while plowing it can ruin the job. He used that example to help the third man

understand that we need to have a singleness of purpose to be His disciple. We will have to make sacrifices to follow Jesus. But He promises us that the rewards will be worth much more.



### Q & A Why are there different lists of Apostles?

Ever wonder why there seem to be different Apostles in different Gospels? For instance, there's a "Judas, not the Iscariot" at the Last Supper (John 14:22) who isn't mentioned anywhere else.



Likewise, Nathanael, who asked *"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"* (John

1:46), is absent in the other Gospels.

Usually, the difference is because some of the Apostles had two names. For example, St. Matthew the tax collector, before joining Jesus, is "Levi" (Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27). The "other" Judas is called Thaddaeus. Nathanael is in the other Gospels, too, but under his Jewish surname, Bartholomew (Bar-Tolomai, "son of Tolomai").

Considering that half of the Twelve Apostles would have shared a name with another Apostle, some may have changed names to avoid confusion, e.g. Judas-not-the-Iscariot changing his name to Thaddaeus. All these differences show that the Apostles, who came from diverse backgrounds, were called for one mission of building up the Kingdom. Likewise, God calls us to build up the Kingdom, and gives each an important role in it.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**June 4 – St. Francis Caracciolo (1608).** St. Francis was born in the Abruzzo region in Italy. He went on to found the Minor Clerks Regular with St. John Adorno. The Order was approved in 1588, and St. Francis became its superior for life.

**June 6 – Mary, Mother of the Church (2018).** On the Cross, Jesus gave us His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). Even in Heaven, she prays and cares for us as our spiritual mother.

**June 19 – Corpus Christi Sunday.**

On this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. This solemnity was established by Pope Urban IV in 1264 in response to the need for a Eucharistic feast day.

**June 23 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (1st century).** Before St. John was born, his father, Zechariah received a message from the angel Gabriel foretelling his birth. His doubt was punished by his being struck speechless until John's birth.



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# Creciendo en la Fe

Descubriendo esperanza y gozo en la fe católica.

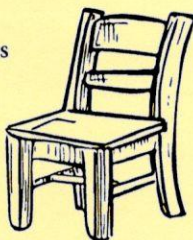
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## Meditaciones breves

### Ocupen el puesto que les corresponde

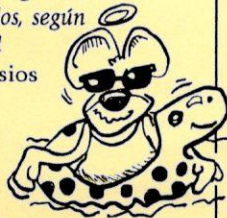
Como católicos bautizados, su parroquia es por derecho su hogar. Por lo tanto tienen el derecho de sentarse a la mesa de su parroquia. Lo hacen cuando asisten a la misa dominical o buscan paz en sacramentos como el sacramento de la Reconciliación o el Santo Matrimonio.



### Los tiempos cambian, Dios no

La Biblia nos habla de numerosas ocasiones en las que Dios dio la victoria a su pueblo en circunstancias desesperadas, los sacó adelante cuando carecían de recursos y los encaminó en sus decisiones. Dios está listo para asistirnos con todo su poder.

*"Hijos, obedezcan a sus padres en el Señor porque esto es lo justo, ya que el primer mandamiento que contiene una promesa es este: Honra a tu padre y a tu madre, para que seas feliz y tengas una larga vida en la tierra. Padres, no irriten a sus hijos; al contrario, eduquenlos, corrigiéndolos y aconsejándolos, según el espíritu del Señor" (Efesios 6:1-4).*



## Dios aguarda nuestro "Sí"

Dios nos ama y quiere que seamos felices para siempre con él en el Cielo, pero no se nos impondrá. Por respeto

a nuestro libre albedrío, Dios nos pide que cooperemos con su gracia para salvarnos, pero deja en nuestras manos el decir "¡Sí!"

**Cultive su fe.** Cuanto mejor conozcamos nuestra fe católica, más fácil nos resultará saber vivirla. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica resume las enseñanzas más importantes de la Iglesia católica. Lea un artículo del catecismo a diario y aprenda semanalmente un nuevo término del glosario. Así no tendrá que hacer suposiciones sobre lo que creen los católicos.

**Mantenga en forma su conciencia.** Una conciencia bien formada nos indica

cuándo optamos por algo virtuoso (bueno) o por algo pecaminoso (malo). Repase lo que requieren los Diez

Mandamientos y las Bienaventuranzas. Medite en el ejemplo de Jesús y María en los Evangelios y cómo se compara el comportamiento de usted con el de ellos.

**No se aleje de los sacramentos.** Nos encontramos directamente con Cristo mediante los sacramentos. Vaya a confesar mensualmente y asista a misa por lo menos

semanalmente. Es la mejor manera de estar cerca de Cristo y de su corazón.

**Haga obras de misericordia.** Dios usa estas oportunidades para que nos ajustemos más plenamente a Cristo. Busque formas de servir a su parroquia con tiempo, recursos o donativos. En definitiva es Jesús quien recibe nuestra dádiva (Mateo 25:40).



¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Por qué usamos distintos títulos los católicos para dirigirnos al clero?

Después de la ascensión de Jesús, la Iglesia creció tan rápidamente que las necesidades espirituales de la comunidad cristiana requerían una jerarquía global del clero que las atendiera al mismo tiempo que mantenía la unidad de la fe. En consecuencia los Apóstoles ordenaron



diáconos que les ayudaran para poderse concentrar en la liturgia (Hechos 6:2-4).

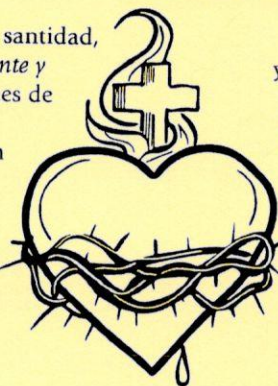
Hoy existen distintos títulos para distintas funciones y niveles de autoridad. Por ejemplo, probablemente nos encontremos con sacerdotes ("Padre"), diáconos y obispos ("Su excelencia").



## Tres inapreciables lecciones de la devoción al Sagrado Corazón

Puede parecer abrumador y complicado alcanzar la santidad, pero Jesús lo simplifica: *"Aprendan de mí, que soy paciente y humilde de corazón"* (Mateo 11:29). Sigamos estas lecciones de su Inmaculado Corazón.

**Concéntrense en Jesús.** A menudo nos metemos en problemas cuando perdemos de vista quién es Jesús (Dios) y cuánto nos ama. Dios está siempre cerca y nos ama con un amor infinito, intenso y ardiente. Tengan cerca una imagen del Sagrado Corazón para cuando se sientan desanimados o desconectados de él.



Denle su "Sí". En lugar de confiar en su propia fuerza y estrategias, conságrense al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y permítanle que los forme y los dirija. Él es paciente, amable y sabe lo que podemos sobrellevar. Díganle "Sí" a cuanto les pida.

**"¡El amor no es amado!"** Jesús quiere nuestro amor pero es a menudo rechazado por nuestros pecados. Amen a Jesús por los que no lo hacen. Pasen tiempo con él y agradézcanle lo que ha hecho por ustedes. Ofrezcanle sus sufrimientos por un alma que lo necesite.

### de las Escrituras

#### Lucas 9:51-62, el precio del discipulado

Los que escuchaban a Jesús a menudo se dejaban llevar por su carisma y declaraban su entusiasmo por seguirlo. Pero no siempre estaban preparados para lo que conlleva ser un auténtico discípulo.

En este pasaje evangélico, un hombre joven pidió seguir a Jesús pero se decepcionó cuando Jesús le indicó que él carecía de hogar y de las cosas consideradas necesarias para una vida feliz.

Jesús le advirtió que no siempre sería cómodo seguirlo.

El momento no era oportuno para el segundo hombre. Prometió seguir a Jesús pero dijo que debía cumplir la obligación

debida a su padre moribundo. Lo cierto es que Jesús establece las prioridades que seguimos. Nuestra obligación es obedecer.

Finalmente Jesús usó el ejemplo del arado de un campo para insistir en su mensaje. Si al arar se mira hacia atrás se puede arruinar el surco. Usó este ejemplo para ayudar a que el tercer hombre entendiera que para ser

discípulo de Jesús nuestro objetivo debe ser único. Tendremos que hacer sacrificios para seguir a Jesús. Pero nos promete que las recompensas valdrán mucho más.



### Fiestas y celebraciones

**4 de junio – San Francisco Caracciolo (1608).** San Francisco nació en la región italiana de los Abruzzos. Fundó la Orden Regular de Clérigos Menores con san Juan Adorno. La orden fue ratificada en 1588 y san Francisco fue el superior por vida.

**10 de junio – María, Madre de la Iglesia (2018).** Cuando estaba en la Cruz, Jesús nos dio a su madre para que fuera nuestra madre (Juan 19:27). Incluso desde el Cielo reza y se ocupa de nosotros como nuestra madre espiritual.

**19 de junio – Domingo de Corpus Christi.** En esta solemnidad celebramos la

transformación del pan y el vino en el Cuerpo y la Sangre en la Sagrada Eucaristía. Esta solemnidad fue establecida por el papa Urbano IV en 1264 como respuesta a la necesidad de una festividad eucarística.

**23 de junio – El nacimiento de san Juan Bautista (siglo I).** Antes de que san Juan naciera, su padre Zacarías recibió un mensaje del ángel Gabriel profetizando su nacimiento. Por dudar fue castigado con la mudez hasta el nacimiento de Juan.



### P & R ¿Por qué hay distintas listas de Apóstoles?

¿Se ha preguntado alguna vez por qué parece que hay distintos Apóstoles en los distintos Evangelios? Por ejemplo, hay un "Judas, no el Iscariote" en la Última Cena (Juan 14:22), que no se menciona en



ninguna otra parte. Así mismo, Natanael que preguntó *"¿Acaso puede salir algo bueno de Nazaret?"* (Juan 1:46), está ausente de los otros Evangelios.

Generalmente la diferencia radica en que algunos de los Apóstoles tenía dos nombres. Por ejemplo san Mateo, el recaudador de impuestos, antes de conocer a Jesús es Leví (Marcos 2:14; Lucas 5:27). El "otro" Judas se llama Tadeo. Natanael está en los otros Evangelios también, pero con su apelativo judío, Bartolomé (Bar-Tolomai, "hijo de Tolomai").

Teniendo en cuenta que la mitad de los Doce Apóstoles habría compartido un nombre con otro Apóstol, es posible que alguno cambiara el nombre para evitar confusiones, por ejemplo, Judas "no el Iscariote" a Tadeo. Todas estas diferencias muestran que los Apóstoles, que provenían de entornos diversos, fueron llamados para una misión, la de construir el Reino. Dios nos llama también a nosotros para construir el Reino y nos da una importante función en esta misión.

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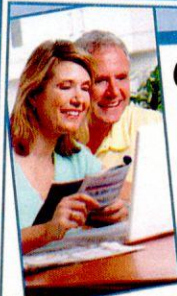
  
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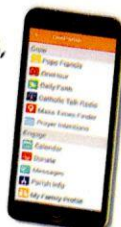
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