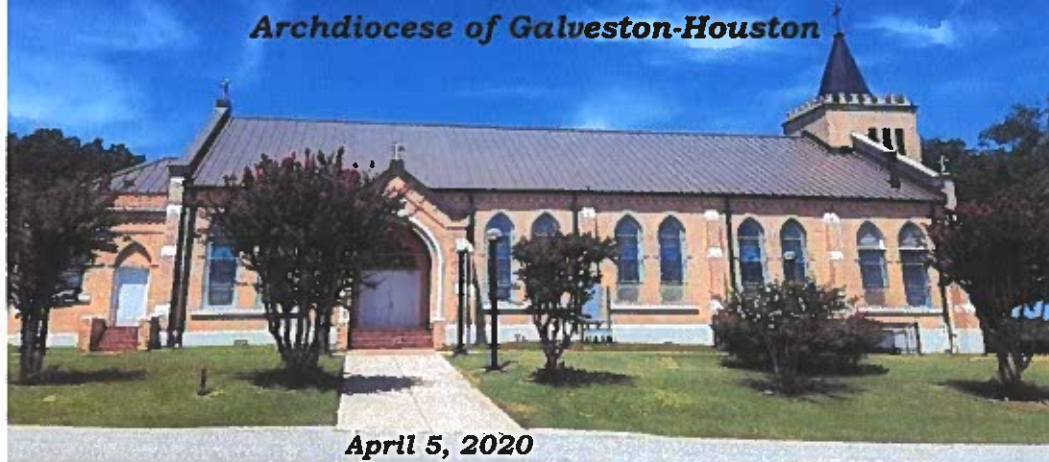


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**April 5th, 2020**

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*



We recall and commemorate the events of our  
salvation as we begin Holy Week.

Saint Matthew writes of Jesus' celebrated entry into Jerusalem, where some of the very large crowd ... cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. Isaiah prophesies of one who will speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Paul writes to the Philippians about the total self-giving of Christ and his exaltation by the Father. In the Gospel, Matthew gives his account of the last hours of Jesus, including their Passover meal, his betrayal, and his passion, death, and burial.

## ***Mass Intentions***

### **Wednesday April 8th**

Living & deceased members of the  
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### **Thursday April 9th**

Holy Thursday

### **Friday April 10th**

Good Friday

### **Saturday April 11th**

Holy Saturday

### **Sunday April 12th Easter**

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## **An Open Letter From Deacon Jeremy Trull To All Parishioners of Christ Our Light Catholic Church & St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to all of you!! I wanted to take this opportunity to reach out to everyone in order to update you about my current situation in seminary formation. In light of the circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic, the difficult decision has been made to close the St. Mary's Seminary campus for the remainder of the semester for the safety and welfare of the community. This was a very tough call to make, but I know that it was approached with prayer and a pastoral concern for the well-being of our community. All of the seminarians, myself included, have been instructed to return to our home diocese where we will continue our education and formation in an online format. Thus, I am now back home in Lubbock. I am doing well, continuing my classes and formation online and making final preparations before Ordination this summer. However, one unfortunate consequence of this difficult yet prudent decision is that my time serving as a deacon at both Christ Our Light in Navasota and St. Stanislaus Kostka in Anderson has come to an end.

This is certainly not how I imagined that my time with you would come to an end. I had sincerely hoped that I would get to have a few more weekends at the parishes and then have the opportunity to say thank you and good-bye in person. Sadly, this will not be possible due to the circumstances of the pandemic, and so I wish to express my most sincere gratitude and appreciation in this letter.

Last year, when my classmates and I were asked to consider which parish they would like to serve at during our deacon year, I told our Formator that I didn't have a particular parish in mind, but that I did want an assignment similar to what my experience would be in my life as a priest. For those of you who don't know, the Diocese of Lubbock is technically considered a mission diocese. Most of our parishes are in rural communities and are quite small, especially in comparison to most of the parishes in Houston. I told my Formator that, if my assignment was meant to give me hands on experience in preparation for my Ordination to the Priesthood, then it be better to find a more rural community to serve in. And wouldn't you know it, they found the perfect assignment for me.

Very early on, I told Fr. Eli that it was very easy for me feel at home at both Christ Our Light and St. Stanislaus. A part of that is the small town environment and culture of the parishes, but before long, "feeling at home" was because of you, the parishioners. I do not have the words to express how grateful I am to each and every one of you for welcoming me with open arms into your parish. From day one, your hospitality, kindness, generosity, support, encouragement, and

affection has gone far beyond anything I could have imagined. Coming out to Navasota and Anderson very quickly became the highlight of my week during this last year of seminary and I will truly miss seeing you each weekend and being a regular part of your community. From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much, my brothers and sisters in Christ, for making me feel so at home!!

I would also like to take this opportunity to point out something quite obvious to all: you have a truly outstanding and holy pastor!! All year long, Fr. Eli has amazed me with his pastor's heart. He has quite bit on his plate as the pastor of two thriving parishes, and yet I have never heard him complain or even seen him frown. His genuine love for the priesthood and for his people is plainly evident and truly inspiring. I am beyond grateful for his friendship, his shared wisdom and insight, and his tremendous generosity. Above all, I am grateful for the example he has set for me as to what a pastor should be and to what it means to be a priest of Jesus Christ. From the bottom of my heart, thank you, Fr. Eli, for being such an amazing pastor, mentor, and friend to me and to the people of Navasota and Anderson!!

I would give anything to be able to say all of this to you in person, but sadly, that is not possible at this time. That being said, I do have two things to look forward to. First, I am ecstatic to announce that I have been officially approved for Holy Orders!! My Ordination is set for Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and it will be held at Christ Our King Cathedral in Lubbock, TX. This is still a about three months away, but it is possible that it will have to be a private liturgy; if we are able to celebrate it in a public Mass, however, then you are certainly welcome to attend. Second, there is a custom followed by newly ordained priests which I am also looking forward to. When a man is ordained to the priesthood, it is a custom for him to offer a Mass of Thanksgiving in places and parishes which have played a role in his formation. This is usually his home parish, but new priests will also often offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at his former seminary and at parishes to which he was assigned as a seminarian. I don't know which weekend it will, but it is my heartfelt desire to, at some point in my first year as a priest, to come back to Christ Our Light and St. Stanislaus in order to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving. In other words, we will see other again before long!! Until then, be assured of my prayers for all of you, and of my gratitude, love, and prayers for you and for Fr. Eli. May the grace, mercy, and blessing of our Heavenly Father be with you, now and always!!

Grace and peace,  
Deacon Jeremy Trull  
Diocese of Lubbock





## **Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka**

Please contact the parish office if you wish to register or know someone who would like to become a member of our parish.  
936-873-2291

### **Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for April**

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering addition may be helped and accompanied.

### **Announcements**

**All Masses have been suspended**

**Our church is open for prayer daily**  
**8:00 to 4:00 ,7 days a week**

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AT  
NOON AND GOOD FRIDAY**

As we remember the suffering and death of Jesus, we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of God's steadfast love for all humanity: God so loved the world that he sent his only Son that all may be saved.

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

John 12.13



## A Message from Cardinal DiNardo

Greetings,

I would like to take this moment to let you know that I understand the emotional, physical, economic and spiritual toll that the outbreak of COVID-19 has taken on you, your family, your work and your friends. The social isolation that is expected of every one of us has added an extra burden. This enormous health care crisis continues to affect our local community, our nation and the world.

In the days and weeks to come, I pray that your faith is a comfort to you. Through our website and social media, we are offering daily spiritual reflections from our priests and access to live-streamed daily and weekend Masses from our local parishes. Additionally, we have created this "Spiritual Resources and Prayers" page on our website for you to visit during this time.

The pastors of your parish are continuing to pray for you and your family every day and you remain in their Mass intentions. Even though we cannot be together to worship and pray, I ask you to continue supporting your parish. They need your contributions to survive and be ready when the doors are open once again for us to worship together. In addition, support for our social services that serve the sick, the poor and the elderly is important.

All of our parishes have been given the opportunity for a platform to accept online donations to help during this time. For more information, you may visit your parish's individual website or visit a special website we created specifically to help address these needs by visiting <https://www.archgh.org/ways-to-gi.../parish-offertory-support/>

This special website provides a means by which online donations can be made directly to parishes.

I am praying for your continued fortitude during these difficult times and God's abundant blessing upon you, I am

Your Faithful Shepherd,

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo  
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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# Stewardship

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

April 2020

**H**ow many “opportunities” have you missed? This question recalls the old adage: “Opportunity knocks but once.” Which always implied to me that openings occur rapidly and we’d better be ready to grasp them or we lose their potential advantages quickly.

I remember a dear friend of mine who was always able to see in every problem not an occasion for trouble, but a golden opportunity.” Look about your life right now and ask yourself: What opportunities am I overlooking or missing?

Easter, with its focus upon God’s raising Christ to newness of life, says to us that God is not content to simply shrug his heavenly shoulders and say of us “Well, what could I have expected of such people.” Rather, God chose a unique, new beginning that unleashed all manner of power and creative actions into this world. Once more not a defeat, but an occasion for growth! This is the

recurring theme of the New Testament. Just at the point when we think all is lost and nothing is going to improve, God surprises us with a new opportunity.

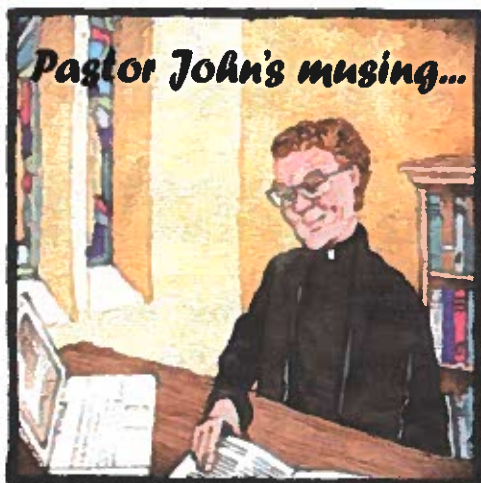
The key, of course, is our response. Shall we be like those who are always ready and willing to join the large ranks of scoffers and the “I told you so” crowds? Or shall we say I see here a chance to grow with God. The tug of the “what might have been if only” idea is strong, but must be overcome by a good, large dosage of “what new opportunities do I see in today’s world.” I am certain that God is working within the events of today and that God is always gracious

and giving to use us as we respond faithfully. Like the proverbial bus, don’t worry; if you missed the last one, there will always be another coming along. See the excitement that God has built into your life and say a hearty “Yes” to the occasions for joy and life and goodness God sets before you in the opportunities of this moment. ☩

*The strangest paradox is that as we accept the heavy yoke of Christ, all our burdens become lighter. As we accept the stewardship of God’s grace and give ourselves to the Kingdom’s cause, we become rich. At the very heart of Christian stewardship is the act of service, even at great cost. But the wonderful thing is that Christian service does something to us, as well as to the people whom we serve.*



### Pastor John's musing...



### Stewardship is Not a Buzzword

**S**tewardship" is often a "buzzword" or cliché in Christian circles, but shouldn't be. Like clichés, buzzwords are terms that at first have a freshness, but soon, because of overuse or imprecise use, become tags that say many things to many people.

Unfortunately, buzzwords become shortcuts that keep us from thinking through the concepts they are meant to communicate.

If asked, many Christians will say that stewardship is a fund-raising term that has little if any relationship to our faith. The same type of complaint often heard about the word "tithing," is often equated with stewardship.


All of the aforementioned notions about stewardship and tithing are inaccurate. Stewardship is a way of life; it is Jesus' call to us to share God's grace. Stewardship is not marginal to the Gospel, rather it is there that Jesus tells us about God and about how we are to live. And perhaps because he knew how much trouble our perspective on the material things of this world could be to us, Jesus gave us numerous statements and parables about what our relationship to material things should be. By urging us to avoid the problems inherent in materialism and by telling us what his Father's Kingdom is like, Jesus gives us a clear picture of stewardship, a picture that is found in Holy Scripture; hardly a fund-raising gimmick.

Furthermore, the Old Testament writers make numerous references to tithing and to one's responsibility to use one's possessions in conformity with Yahweh's laws. The emphasis in the Old Testament is upon strict responsibility and the tithe is given as a norm. The approach would be considered authoritarian by many, but the tone is that

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*A beautiful creed to live by was expressed by Etienne De Grellet: "I expect to pass this way but once; any good therefore that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."*

**T**here is no doubt that you need to be responsible with your money, invest it wisely, and take your manner of making a living very seriously. But to put all your trust in material things is counter to a Christian's faith, which should be grounded in God.

Security must come from personal and emotional stability, a confidence in your own ability to cope with future events, and ultimately from the knowledge that there is a loving God, intimately interested in you. This should be the basis for security. When money becomes the focus, people tend to stop working at personal and emotional growth and fail to develop a deeper faith in God. Children should learn this at an early age. At all stages of their development we must emphasize to them how good it is to share. We must show them by your own attitude that irresponsible consumerism is nothing more than greed; that living well does not consist in having many possessions. The by-product of teaching such things to your children is that they will have a greater appreciation of their own emotional powers, intellectual strengths, and faith in God. 



## I'M Sure You Understand

**Age 1** *I'd like to give to the church, Lord, but you see I'm still in diapers, and I don't have any money of my own. I'm sure you understand.*

**Age 3** *I'd like to give to the church, Lord, but you see I'm just a toddler, and I haven't learned to count yet. I'm sure you understand.*

**Age 6** *I'd like to give to the church, Lord, but Daddy only gives me a quarter allowance, and ten percent would be 2 and a half cents. I'm sure you understand.*

**Age 16** *I'd like to give to the church, Lord, but Mom says to save the money for college, though \$10.00 for the movies seems only fair, so I won't be square. I'm sure you understand.*

**Age 20** *I'd like to give to the church, Lord, but now that I'm on a college scholarship it would be unfair to give an offering when others are helping me. I'm sure you understand.*

**Age 25** *I'd like to give to the church, Lord, but I just got married and set-*

*ting up a home has to be number one priority; payments and everything. I'm sure you understand.*

**Age 35** *I'd like to give to the church, Lord, but you see, raising a family's more expensive than I thought. And I never know when I'll be laid off or on a strike. I'm sure you understand.*

**Age 45** *I'd like to give to the church, Lord, but a college education these days is more than ever. My mission is to my kids for the next ten years. I'm sure you understand.*

**Age 65** *I'd like to give to the church, Lord, but retirement's come for both of us. And you know what it's like to live on a fixed income. I'm sure you understand.*

**Age 80** *I'd like to give to the church, Lord, but now the will is all drawn up, and though I forgot the church, I'm sure my kids will take care of it the way I always wanted to. I'm sure you understand.*

*We were created to use all we have in fellowship with God. When that is not done, our lives are unfulfilled and incomplete. It is not a matter of earning our salvation, but of putting God in the center where he belongs. When we do that, everything else can fall into place. And when we do that, we want to express our thanks by giving and by sharing our time and talents to help others.*





### Dear Editor:

We hear so many pleas for money today. Our mail boxes are full of "give to me and my organization" letters every week. The biblical command has always been and continues to be: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." The church is God's way of carrying on Good Works today. It is God's program

of evangelism in the 21<sup>st</sup> century just as it was in the first century.

Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. It is his Body. He is coming back for the church. Someone said to me the other day, "I don't have much to give to any organization, but what I do have to give, I want to give to my church where it can be used for the glory of God."


The Apostle Paul placed a high value on being found faithful as a Christian in the matter of sharing God's grace. The Christian who gives his tithe to God's work at God's house on the first day of the week fits that description.

S. Defoe, Charlotte, NC

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### Stewardship is Not a...

of a stern, but loving parent teaching a child necessary truths.

Stewardship is introduced in the earliest of our sacred Scriptures and Jesus amplifies and extends our knowledge of stewardship in the New Testament. Indeed, Jesus expands the limits of stewardship beyond almsgiving or the observance of external codes of responsibility, and explains its meaning by using various metaphors and stories that show us a way of life involving all aspects of our lives, our external actions as well as our thoughts and motives. 



*Faith*  
— OVER —  
FEAR

**Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:**

**Good Friday April 10th**

*Holy Land Collection*



**Please pray for those in  
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Travis Klawinsky, Joe A. Lopez,  
Matthew Macejewski,  
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**Please pray for our parish family who are ill and/or homebound:**

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PROVERBS 3:5-6





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