

Our Lady of Lourdes Church and School

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July 2, 2023

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Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 pm (English)

Sunday Mass

7:00 am (English)
8:30 am (Spanish)
10:30 am (English)
12:30 pm (English)

Daily Mass

Monday through Thursday
7:45 am
Friday: 8:30 am

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:30 am - 1:00 pm
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday

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Adoration and Benediction

First Fridays after 8:30 am Mass

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

Rosary

After Daily Mass

Baptism and Marriages

Please call the Parish Office
☎818-352-3218

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89
– *Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*
Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4,8-11
Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

In an age when people are growing further apart, there is a greater need for friendliness than ever before, and the traditional value of hospitality is once more being rediscovered.

We have a beautiful story in the first reading. It is the delightful story of a couple who made the prophet, Elisha, welcome under their roof and as a result, were rewarded with the gift of a son. The wealthy lady saw in Elisha a holy man and treated him with care and respect and she, in turn, was given a prophet's reward: a son in a year.

This is an indication of how hospitality is precious in the eyes of God. In the second reading, we hear that God invites us first through baptism so that we can share in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ and therefore become bearers of the message of God's hospitality. Furthermore, from this reading, we understand and realize that we become alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The gospel reminds us of all the small ways of giving and caring we avail of, even a trivial act of kindness like giving a cup of cold water to a stranger on our doorstep, that will win God's favor and result in a great blessing. Fr. Henri Nouwen in his book entitled *Reaching Out*, defined hospitality as, "the creation of a friendly space where a stranger can enter and leave in freedom," and also, providing a comfortable empty space for them. In other words, it is the capability of giving up one's comfort and well-being and putting oneself in the place of others.

Hospitality is a demanding task as it involves a reshaping of our attitudes. It may mean coming to grips with years of innate selfishness which prevent us from sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure.

The world we live in is crying for

small acts of mercy, which cost little but, sadly, are missing. This could be something as simple as a smile, a word of appreciation or a phone call. In extending welcome to other people, we are following in the footsteps of the Master who has room for everyone in his heart.

Christ comes to our doors in many disguises, and he is not always recognizable. There are times when we are reluctant to help our neighbors in need. Perhaps we feel that they do not deserve it. Maybe it is also because we simply do not have the motivation nor the patience to make sacrifices for them. When a stranger comes looking for help, our natural instinct tells us not to get involved or trouble ourselves. Unless we have made a conscious decision to reach out to those in need, we will resent the disturbance such intrusions make on our privacy and run the risk of neglecting a genuinely needy person.

Following Christ involves putting his way of life into practice and, in a Christian community, this means everyone should feel welcome and there should be no strangers or outcasts. Hospitality means showing a generosity of disposition and a willingness to interrupt our personal lives in order to perform some unrecorded act of kindness because it is not what is given that counts but the heart with which it is given. The least we can do for Christ is to receive one another warmly. In this way, we respond to his compelling call for discipleship and allow his word to take hold of us.

For as he said, "He who welcomes you welcomes me, and he who welcomes me welcomes him who sent me. . . . And I promise you that whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these lowly ones because he is a disciple will not want for his reward." ❖

Cast into the Deep (July 2)

Freedom and Responsibility

Nelle Orsburn

Happy 4th of July. In a couple of days, it will be the 4th, the day when we celebrate our freedom. We get together with family and friends; we go watch the parade go by; we feast together (of course); we watch fireworks displays; or hit the 4th of July sales.

What a concept freedom is. According to Webster's Dictionary, freedom is the absence of necessity, coercion, or constraint in choice or action. Or in plain Oxford English, it is the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint. At face value, these definitions seem to be a recipe for anarchy and chaos.

But God did give us the gift of free will. "God created man a rational being, conferring on him the dignity of a person who can initiate and control his own actions. ... so that he might of his own accord seek his Creator and freely attain his full and blessed perfection by cleaving to him. Man is rational and therefore like God; he is created with free will and is master over his acts" (CCC 1732).

Let's unpack this. Our goal is to attain full and blessed perfection, an eternity in God's loving embrace. But as master over our own acts, with the attendant imperfections of being human, our journey to perfection is full of choices. Should it be this or that, a yes or a no, when a yes and when a no, good or evil, this good or that good. So many choices! We may be tempted to throw up our hands and wish we did not have free will so that we don't need to step on the landmines that litter the path to perfection. But God knows best. We are after all rational, thinking creatures. Can you imagine how it would be if we did not have our free will? I remember my nephew at 5 or 6 years of age, after being told by his mom to do something, for his own good I might add, with a great deal of exasperation blurt out, "You are not the boss of me!" Imagine how many times God would have had to listen to that same line if he had not gifted us with a free will.

Besides, isn't it true that something one has worked hard for becomes more precious and a source of great happiness? Likewise, we know that perfection and eternal happiness come with sacrifice.

St. Paul in his letter to the Romans laments, "What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate" ... "For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want." (Romans 7:15, 19). I would hazard to guess that we have all said the same thing at least once, if not more times, in our life.

There is no easy sacrifice. Even Jesus, who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our salvation, asked His Father, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done" (Luke 22:42).

Thy will be done. Yes there are many choices but in the final analysis, our wish and prayer is to do God's will because He loved us first, because we can trust in His mercy and goodness, because we want to be with Him forever. Once again Jesus shows us the way, "Not my will but yours be done." In fact, St Paul concludes his rant against the sinfulness of the flesh saying, "Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me from this mortal body? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord..." (Romans 7:24-25).

In his second letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul shares with us God's reply to his petition, "My grace is sufficient for you..." (2 Corinthians 12:9). By God's grace, we can exercise our free will as "... a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness" (CCC 1731). We rely on His grace to make the right choices, to live according to His will.

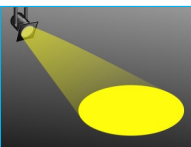
On the 4th of July, we celebrate our freedom even as we clamor for more freedoms. Let us remember that every choice we make is like a pebble tossed in the ocean. The ripple starts at the pebble's point of contact and travels far and wide. Let us remember that "There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just" (CCC 1733).



I guess it is safe to say that if we are guided with an honest desire to follow the will of God, which is to love him and to love one another, in our personal, parish and civic life, we can have a degree of confidence that God will bless us with a responsibly lived freedom characterized by charity. For his grace is sufficient for us.

(Reprint from July 4, 2021)





Pasture Needs you the pasture - Part II



As you may have read last week, the pasture turned 12 years old. It was started by our youth minister, Anthony Ortiz-Luis, several of the kids in his youth group and a few adults anxious to serve the community. Of course, as happens, life sometimes gets in the way – Anthony left for other career opportunities (still in public service), the young folks grew up and often out of the area, leaving the older folks, to take ownership and commit to each other to keep the pasture alive and meaningful. But a number of these founding mothers and fathers have moved on themselves. Fortunately, replacements have filled their shoes and share the resolve to maintain the pasture. Unfortunately, these replacements are also older folks and now the average age of the staff is 70+ years (thank goodness for Zeb Winfield and Quinn Marquez, who help bring the average age down to about 68 years!)

We can use your help. Frankly, we can use your brawn as well as your brains. Several local stores contribute food stuff to us. We need help picking it up, delivering it to the rectory garage, where it is kept in freezers until pasture day. These pickups happen mid-week and on Saturday morning. We need help getting stuff from the freezers in the rectory garage to our area outside the pasture trailer in the lower parking lot on Saturday mornings before we open. We need help to carry tables and pop-ups out to our bread station and reception table, to carry bags of food to our guests as they sign in, to help unload boxes of food and get them on the shelves for picking, to help bag bulk rice, beans, cat and dog food and then at 11 AM, when we close to move left over bread up to the hospitality patio and set it up for Mass goes that evening and return tables, pop-ups and chairs back into the trailer. Trash, including cardboard, needs to be taken to the large dumpsters by the auditorium and general cleaning is required. The pasture hours are 9 to 11 AM on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The set-up crew normally gets there around 7:30AM and we're wrapped-up around 11:15 when the bread is on the tables in the patio.

The bulk of the team activity is 7:30 to 9 for set up and then 10:50 to 11:15 to tear down and move the bread. In between, there is ample opportunity to discuss world affairs, child rearing, or problems in the neighborhood.

If this sounds interesting to you, and you have about 8 hours a month to donate and you appreciate helping other people, come on down to the pasture at 7:30 AM, the first or third

Saturday of the month. We'd love to meet you and show you the ropes and get you to work, so that the pasture can go another 12 or 24 or 48 years!

~ Jim Lank



At the Ministry Fair, May 2011. Recruiting Volunteers, socializing the ministry.

Mike Noyes and Whitney Lank preparing the goods that will be distributed from the early years.



"... so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Mt 9:38)

Third-year anniversary celebration above;

At right, the pasture team Celebrating five years



Unstoppable! Serving the community during the pandemic: masked; drive-thru pickup; prepackaged goods

Parish News

In the News:



Parish Office Closed for the 4th

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of our nation's independence day. Please plan accordingly. Have a happy and safe holiday.

Seniors 55+ Group

Join the Seniors 55+ Group (for single, separated, divorced and widowed women) on **Saturday, July 22** for the 5 p.m. Mass followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Meet at the hospitality patio at 4:50 p.m.

Call the parish office and leave your name, email and phone number before **July 20** so we know how many to expect for dinner.



Peter's Pence: Be a Sign of Mercy



The Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up this weekend, July 1 & 2. Please make your check payable to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. For more information, check out the flyer on p 10.

Papal Prayer Intention for :

July: For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



Blood Drive

In partnership with American Red Cross, the OLL Health Ministry will sponsor a Blood Drive today, Sunday **July 16th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm** in the auditorium.



Donate blood now and save lives.

To make an appointment, please call 1-800 RED CROSS or register online at

<https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>.

Masks are no longer required when entering the auditorium but personal preference will be respected. Thank you.

Do we have your current email address?



If you are not receiving Fr. Rolly's Friday letter and other notifications from OLL, please call the parish office now and provide your email address.

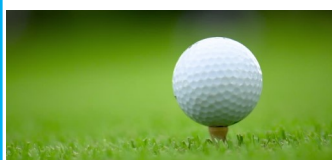
Lions Roar: OLL School News

The Summer program has started and will run through July 28. It offers fun academic enrichment mornings followed by outdoor games, crafts, field trips, science and more. The summer program is designed for Grades TK to 8th.

Enrollment to the program is currently ongoing. Please see the flyer on page 8 for more information or email tkaide@olltjunga.org



OLL School Golf Tournament



... is around the corner. It will be held on July 31st at Moorpark Country Club. There are many opportunities to participate: Join us and invite your golf buddies to team up with you. The cost?

Singles at \$200, foursomes at \$700. There are also several levels of sponsorship available. Please check the website at ollcharitygolftournament.com/ or email ollgolfevent@gmail.com for more information. See Flyer on p 9.

TOGETHER IN MISSION

	a/o 6/16/23
Goal:	\$44,396.00
Pledged:	\$36,057.25
Paid:	\$27,053.47
Over/Under Goal:	(\$17,342.53)

If you haven't submitted your pledge, it is not too late. Pledge envelopes are in the bulletin racks. Thank you for your generosity.

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Your student could be eligible for a tuition award of up to 50% of tuition!
Phone: (818) 353-1106 Website: ollschooltjunga.org

Celebrating our Saint for the Week

July 3: St. Thomas, Apostle: St. Thomas was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus and from the reading of scripture seems to have been just as impetuous as St. Peter and just like the other apostles showed weakness and lack of understanding. The idiomatic "Doubting Thomas" derives from his reaction when the apostles told him that they had seen the resurrected Jesus.

"Unless I see the marks of the nails in his hands and ... put my hand into his side, I will not believe." (Jn 20:25).

Jesus obliged him and when next he appeared to them, he invited Thomas to see and feel his wounds. Thomas' response has been immortalized as we respond with his words as we behold the body and blood of Christ raised in consecration.

"My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28).

After Pentecost, as the apostles scattered to different parts of the world to spread the Good News, headed East, to India, stopping at Persia on his way. In fact tradition has it that he even reached as far as what is now Kerala. There, the St. Thomas Christians trace their faith to St. Thomas the Apostle. St. Thomas was martyred in Chennai, India in 72 AD.

Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age.

Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.

Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering.

Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Maintaining appropriate boundaries in ministry



Adults who work with children are responsible for maintaining appropriate boundaries and relationships. This can include guiding children to appropriate physical interactions, like side hugs, or high fives and fist bumps. Adults are also responsible for keeping interactions

professional — in every setting, a safe adult is supposed to be a friend, but not a peer. If necessary, remind children in your care that you are there to support and guide them as a leader. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "How Safe Adults Can Maintain Healthy Boundaries" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

[Read the VIRTUS® article "How Safe Adults Can Maintain Healthy Boundaries" here.](#)

Mass Intentions

July 1 to 7, 2023



Saturday July 1

Eduardo Herrera †
Joseph & Maria Dinh †
Joseph Nguyen †
Samantha Najeny -- *Thanksgiving*
Reggie & Jo--*Thanksgiving*

5:00 PM

Jim Donovan †
Maria Dinh †
Joseph & Maria Nguyen †

Sunday July 2

Jose Enriquez †

7:00 AM

8:30 AM

Hugo Betancourt †
Javier & Martha Perez †
Christopher Girolo & Mauricio Rodriguez -- *Very Special Intentions*
Oscar Chavez -- *Spiritual Healing*
Rolmen Chavez -- *Spiritual & Physical Healing*

10:30 AM

Serafin Par †-- *1st Death Anniversary*
Zenaida Jesmer †
Isidro Mercado Cruz †
Aurora Cruz & Family -- *Strength & Comfort*

12:30 PM

OLL Community of Faith

Esther Sales -- *Thanksgiving*

Monday July 3

Jose Domingo Enriquez †

7:45 AM

Tuesday July 4

Jose Domingo Enriquez †
Erwin Brucelas -- *Birthday Thanksgiving*

7:45 AM

Wednesday July 5

Jose Domingo Enriquez †

7:45 AM

Thursday July 6

Carmen Conde -- *Birthday Thanksgiving*

7:45 AM

Friday July 7

Richard Lockhart †--*Birthday Remembrance*

8:30 AM

**"If, then, we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him."**

Rom. 6:8

Readings for July 3 to 9, 2023

7/ 3	Eph 2:19-22 / Ps 117:1bc, 2 / Jn 20:24-29
7/ 4	Gn 19:15-29 / Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 / Mt 8:23-27
7/ 5	Gn 21:5, 8-20a / Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 / Mt 8:28-34
7/ 6	Gn 22:1b-19 / Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 / Mt 9:1-8
7/ 7	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 / Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 / Mt 9:9-13
7/ 8	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 / Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Mt 9:14-17
7/ 9	Zec 9:9-10 / Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 / Rom 8:9, 11-13 / Mt 11:25-30

From scripture to life...

On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being best), how 'welcoming' are you? In Christ's terms, not yours.

en Nuestra Parroquia

En las noticias:

Noticias de la escuela OLL



¡Programa de escuela de verano OLL 2023:

Ahora abierto para la inscripción. Funciona del 26 de junio al 28 de julio. Consulte el volante en la página 8 para obtener más información.

¿Estás interesado en una educación católica?

Llame a nuestra oficina de la escuela hoy

Teléfono 818-353-1106

Sitio web: www.ollschooltunjunga.org



El Torneo de Golf de la Escuela OLL es el 31 de julio. Únase a nosotros. individuales \$200; Cuartetos \$700. El volante en p. 9.

Oración del Renacimiento Eucarístico

Padre Celestial, te damos gracias por el don de tu Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que prometió estar con nosotros siempre, hasta el final de los tiempos.

Te pedimos que vuelvas a despertar en nosotros el sentimiento de asombro ante Su presencia en la Santísima Eucaristía. Que nuestros corazones ardan cuando nos da a conocer las Escrituras y comparte el pan con nosotros.

Concédenos que con los ojos de nuestra fe reconozcamos Su presencia en nuestros hermanos y hermanas, especialmente en los pobres y en los que sufren.

Alimentados por la Eucaristía, envíanos para que caminemos fielmente como discípulos misioneros, proclamando el Evangelio a todos los corazones y extendiendo Tu reino a todas las naciones.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

Manteniendo los límites apropiados en el ministerio



Los adultos que trabajan con niños son responsables de mantener límites y relaciones apropiados. Esto puede incluir guiar a los niños a interacciones físicas apropiadas, como abrazos de lado, o chocar las manos y chocar los puños. Los adultos también son

responsables de mantener interacciones profesionales. En cualquier entorno, se supone que un adulto de confianza es un amigo, pero no una persona de la misma edad que el menor. Si es necesario, recuérdale a los niños bajo su cuidado que usted está ahí para apoyarlos y guiarlos como el líder que usted es. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS®. "How Safe Adults Can Maintain Healthy Boundaries" (Cómo los adultos seguros pueden mantener unos límites saludables) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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"Por lo tanto, si hemos muerto con Cristo, estamos seguros de que también viviremos con él..."

Rom 6,8

Donación de Sangre

En asociación con la Cruz Roja Americana, el Ministerio de Salud de la OLL patrocinará una donación de sangre hoy, domingo 16 de julio, de 8:00 am a 2:00 pm en el auditorio.



Dona sangre ahora y salva vidas.

Para programar una cita, llame al 1-800 RED CROSS o regístrese en línea en

<https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>.

Ya no se requieren máscaras al ingresar al auditorio, pero se respetará la preferencia personal. Gracias.

Santo del Día:

3 de julio: Santo Tomás, Apóstol: Santo Tomás fue uno de los doce apóstoles de Jesús y de la lectura de las Escrituras parece haber sido tan impetuoso como San Pedro y al igual que los otros apóstoles mostró debilidad y falta de entendimiento. El idiomático "Tomás incrédulo" deriva de su reacción cuando los apóstoles le dijeron que habían visto a Jesús resucitado. Jesús lo complació y la próxima vez

«Si no veo en Sus manos la señal de los clavos, y meto el dedo en el lugar de los clavos, y pongo la mano en Su costado, no creeré.» (Jn 20:25)

que se les apareció, invitó a Tomás a ver y palpar sus heridas. La respuesta de Tomás ha sido inmortalizada cuando respondemos con sus palabras al contemplar el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo resucitados en la consagración.

«¡Señor mío y Dios mío!» (Jn 20:28)

Mientras los apóstoles se dispersaban por diferentes partes del mundo para difundir las Buenas Nuevas, Tomás se dirigía al Este, a la India. De hecho, la tradición dice que incluso llegó tan lejos como lo que ahora es Kerala. Allí, los cristianos de Santo Tomás remontan su fe al apóstol Santo Tomás. Santo Tomás fue martirizado en Chennai, India, en el año 72 d.C.

Intención de oración papal para:

Julio: Por una vida eucarística

Oramos para que los católicos puedan poner la celebración de la Eucaristía en el centro de sus vidas, transformando las relaciones humanas de manera muy profunda y abriéndose al encuentro con Dios y con todos sus hermanos y hermanas.



De las escrituras a la vida ...

En una escala del 1 al 10 (siendo 10 el mejor), ¿qué tan "acogedor" eres? En los términos de Cristo, no en los tuyos.

XIII Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario**Primera Lectura: 2 Reyes 4, 8-11. 14-16****Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 88***– Cantaré eternamente las misericordias del Señor.***Segunda Lectura: Romanos 6, 3-4. 8-11****Evangelio: San Mateo 10, 37-42**

En una era en la que las personas están cada vez más distanciadas, ahora existe como nunca antes, una mayor necesidad de amistad, y el valor tradicional de la hospitalidad se está redescubriendo una vez más.

Tenemos una hermosa historia en la primera lectura. Es la encantadora historia de una pareja que acogió al profeta Eliseo bajo su techo y, como resultado, fueron recompensados con el regalo de un hijo. La mujer rica vio en Eliseo a un hombre santo y lo trató con cuidado y respeto y ella, a su vez, recibió la recompensa de un profeta: un hijo en un año.

Esta es una indicación de cuán preciosa es la hospitalidad a los ojos de Dios. En la segunda lectura, escuchamos que Dios nos invita primero a través del bautismo para que podamos compartir la vida, muerte y resurrección de Cristo y así llegar a ser portadores del mensaje de la hospitalidad de Dios. Además, de esta lectura, entendemos y nos damos cuenta de que llegamos a estar vivos para Dios en Cristo Jesús.

El evangelio nos recuerda todas las pequeñas formas de dar y cuidar de las que disponemos, incluso un acto trivial de bondad como darle un vaso de agua fría a un extraño en nuestra puerta, ganará el favor de Dios y resultará en una gran bendición. El Padre Henri Nouwen en su libro titulado *Reaching Out*, definió la hospitalidad como “la creación de un espacio amigable donde un extraño puede entrar y salir en libertad”, y también, proporcionar un espacio vacío cómodo para ellos. En otras palabras, es la capacidad de renunciar a la comodidad y el bienestar propios y ponerse en el lugar de los demás.

La hospitalidad es una tarea exigente, ya que implica una remodelación de nuestras actitudes. Puede significar enfrentarse a años de egoísmo innato que nos impiden compartir nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro.

El mundo en el que vivimos está clamando por pequeños actos de misericordia, que cuestan poco pero, lamentablemente, faltan. Esto podría ser algo tan simple como una sonrisa, una palabra de agradecimiento o una llamada telefónica. Al dar la bienvenida a otras personas, estamos siguiendo los pasos del Maestro que tiene lugar para todos en su corazón.

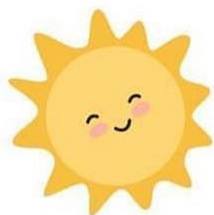
Cristo llega a nuestras puertas con muchos disfraces, y no siempre es reconocible. Hay momentos en que somos reacios a ayudar a nuestros vecinos en necesidad. Quizás sentimos que no lo merecen. Tal vez también sea porque simplemente no tenemos la motivación ni la paciencia para hacer sacrificios por ellos. Cuando un extraño viene en busca de ayuda, nuestro instinto natural nos dice que no nos involucremos ni nos molestemos. A menos que hayamos tomado una decisión consciente de ayudar a los necesitados, nos molestará la perturbación que tales intrusiones causan en nuestra privacidad y correremos el riesgo de descuidar a una persona genuinamente necesitada.

Seguir a Cristo implica poner en práctica su forma de vida y, en una comunidad cristiana, esto significa que todos deben sentirse bienvenidos y que no debe haber extraños ni marginados. Hospitalidad significa mostrar una generosidad de disposición y una voluntad de interrumpir nuestra vida personal para realizar algún acto de bondad no registrado porque no es lo que se da lo que cuenta sino el corazón con el que se da. Lo menos que podemos hacer por Cristo es recibirnos unos a otros calurosamente. De esta manera, respondemos a su llamado apremiante al discipulado y permitimos que su palabra nos guíe.

Porque como dijo: “Quien los recibe a ustedes me recibe a mí; y quien me recibe a mí, recibe al que me ha enviado... Quien diere, aunque no sea más que un vaso de agua fría a uno de estos pequeños, por ser discípulo mío, yo les aseguro que no perderá su recompensa”.



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