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 Thursday 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)

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 Wednesday & Friday: 8:10 a.m.  
 Saturday: 5:15 p.m.  
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 y por cita 936-825-3920.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter: April 29, 2018**

# Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

APRIL 28 & 29, 2018

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

## **MASS INTENSIONS**

**MON., APRIL 30 — EASTER WEEKDAY/ST. PIUS V, POPE**

No Mass

**TUESDAY, MAY 01 — EASTER WEEKDAY/ST. JOSEPH  
THE WORKER**

6:00 PM In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 02 — ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND  
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

8:30 AM Joe † and Shirley † Guidry

**THURSDAY, MAY 03 — ST. PHILIP AND JAMES; APOSTLES**

8:30 AM Lambert Laskowski †

6:00 PM Maria Murillo †

**FRIDAY, MAY 04 — EASTER WEEKDAY**

8:30 AM (1st Friday) Rodney † and Maggie † Laskowski

**SATURDAY, MAY 05 — VIGIL, 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9:00 AM (1st Sat.) Eng. Legion of Mary, Lvg. & Deceased

6:00 PM Cecil Wilde †

**SUNDAY, MAY 06 — SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00 AM Benefactor's of Memorial Fund

1:00 PM\* Imelda Gonzalez, Living Recovery of Health

\*SPANISH

## **THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY, APRIL 30**

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

7:00 PM Marriage Retreat Couples, CH

**TUESDAY, MAY 01**

6:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH

6:00 PM RCIC Class, SPH

6:45 PM Building Committee Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 02**

7:30 PM Choir Practice, CH

**THURSDAY, MAY 03**

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

5:00 PM Confession, CH

After Mass, Spanish Bible Class, CH

**FRIDAY, MAY 04**

No Events Scheduled

**SATURDAY, MAY 05**

10:00 AM First Reconciliation, CH

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 06**

No Activity Scheduled

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;

Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;

Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial)

Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;

Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;

1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17

or Jn 17:11b-19

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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 2018: 8:30 AM, July 14 and October 13. For Information, call Deacon Grant Holt at 936-825-6448 or Joe Rangel at 936-672-5566**

**Spanish Baptism Class Schedule for 2018: 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, July 16 & 23 and October 21 & 28. For Information, call Rosa Torres at 936-419-8974**

**ALL DOCUMENTS AND FORMS** must be completed and turned in before Baptism Date. **SCHEDULED** Baptism will be celebrated once a month every 2nd Saturday at 12:00 PM in the Church.

## Sick Relatives & Friends

### PRAY for THE CONTINUING RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF

the infirmed and homebound members of our community. Steve Alvarado, Deborah Allwell, Amy Baldobino, Joe Baldobino, Katherine Berger, JoAnn Clepper, Frank Conte, Minnie Crouch, Sherry Noto Coronado, Taylor Cox, Susie Dominguez, Carol Lynne Estes, Maria Flores, Charleen Holmes, Judy Huber, Marion Huber, Joe Imhoff, Eva James, Liz Johnson, Esther Jones, Charlie Kapchinski, Brianna Kelley, Kim Kelly, Landon Kimich, Mary Ann Knowles, Ronny Kurten, Crystal Lane, Leslie Lane, Manuel Lebeck, Ted Loq, Lillian Marcotte, Maria Martinez, June McDonald, Yvonne Meitzen, Valeriano Melchor, Anthony Mendez, Evita Mendez, Beth Minava, Eddie Muston, Fabian Munoz, Trealean Nickerson, Thomas Nobles, Leon Nowak, Julian Olguin, Victor Ostiguin, Howard Owens, Ralf Perez, II, Tanisha Perry, Angelina Peterson, Wallace Peterson, Rose Betty Piper, Mercedes Rios, Joel Rivera, Irma Salazar, Abby Schoessow, Josh Sechelski, Judy Seigler, Dana Sowell, Krysten Sowell, Angie McLaurin Till, Lucy Thompson, Tina Tomczak, Alene Torres, Anastacia Torres, Jesse Valadez, III, Carrie Vega, Amanda Walkoviak, Clara Walkoviak, Debra Wills and Pam Wise. **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.

### **YOUR PARISH SUPPORT SU APOYO PARROQUIAL**

TRESASURE YOU HAVE SHARED:

#### **Weekly Offering**

C. J. S. Potuch Co., Inc.

**APRIL 21 & 22, 2018**

#### **GIFTS FOR GOD — YOUR TITHE RESPONDS**

(86) Offertory Envelopes / Loose Checks	4,145.00
Loose Change	1,031.85
Children's	125.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,302.60</b>

II Collection, Archdiocese Home Mission	971.81
Maintenance Fund	98.00

**5th Sunday of Easter** — *“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” 1 John 3:18* Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your action reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If no, it's not too late to start!

**5° Domingo de Pascua** — *“Hijos, no amemos con sólo palabras ni de los labios para afuera, sino en hechos y en la verdad”. 1 Juan 3:18* En lo que respecta nuestra fe católica, ¿usted “hace lo que predica”? ¿Es un participante activo en la misa dominical? ¿Está contento cuando participa en el ministerio parroquial? ¿Brinda agradecida y generosamente su apoyo financiero a su parroquia y otras necesidades de la Iglesia? Si no, ¡no es demasiado tarde para comenzar!



### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The parish thanks Jose and Liliana Torres for the altar flowers this past weekend.

## **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.

### **OUR HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APR.**

**General Intention — UNIVERSAL: For those who have responsibility in economic matters.** That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to explore new ways forward.



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

We are inviting and highly encouraging everyone to sign-up for our “P.E.R.A.” (Perpetual Eucharistic Reparative Adoration). We are asking everyone to devote ONE HOUR (at least) a WEEK adoring God in the Blessed Sacrament—that is, only asking 168 parishioners to make adoration of God everyday, 24/7! We do this as a Parish Community in response to the teaching of St. John Paul II:

*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.”*

*(Dominicae cenae, 3)*

Please call Mary Rangel @ 936-419-9024.



### **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.

### **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.

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

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

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.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter April 29, 2018

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.  
—1 John 3:18



### 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



*Altar Flowers for 2018 sign up list is in the white binder on the brown shelf in the Narthex of the Church. Sign up for the weekend you would like to place altar flowers in front of the altar.*

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS** to the Priesthood and Religious Life especially in our Archdiocese.

### MEMORIALIZING THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you are interested in memorializing the Sanctuary candle, in memory of, in personal reverence and petition or special intention for the week, stop by the parish office for more information.

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### *Upcoming Events and Dates*

- ♦ May 05 — 10:00 a.m. First Reconciliation, Church
- ♦ May 06 — 8:00 AM & 1:00 PM Mass with 1st Holy Eucharist

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### St. Matthias Catholic Church Annual Bazaar

Bring the family out for a fun filled outdoor event, Sunday, May 6th, 12-5:00pm, at St. Matthias Catholic Church, 302 FM 1774, Magnolia, TX 77355. Come hungry. Barbeque plates with all the trimmings and a variety of other food choices will be available. There is fun for all age groups. Enjoy the raffle, live and silent auctions, video games bus for the tweens, mechanical bull, Mexican Bing, inflatable for the youngsters, music and much, much more.

### ONLINE STORE FOR CATHOLIC GIFTS

Go to our website: [www.christourlight.org](http://www.christourlight.org)  
 Click on: [www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store?promoCode=102608](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store?promoCode=102608)"<> img (with a % of your purchase going back as Credit to the parish.



### YOUTH MEETING SCHEDULE

Christ Our Light Youth Group Grades 8-12 will meet every 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** Guest Speakers, Food & Games, Bible Study, Praise and Worship and more. To join contact: Joe Rangel (936) 672-5566 or Jessica Herrera (936) 870-8130.

### DIOCESAN SERVICE FUND

Participation	Goal:
	\$24,940.00
Total Registered Families at Christ Our Light: 657	<b>Pledged:</b>
	\$14,029.00
Participating Families in DSF: 60	<b>Paid:</b>
	\$10,432.75

Percent Paid: 41.83%

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

### II Collections in May

May 05th and 06th  
 Archdiocese Catholic Communications  
 May 12th and 13th  
 Monthly Maintenance Fund



We need Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you are interested, please contact Nelda Kurten at the office. The Archdiocese Office of Worship will be holding a workshop on Saturday, May 5th from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at St. Dominic Chancery.

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# Bazaar, September 30, 2018 at the Fairgrounds



**Bazaar Meeting on Tuesday, May 15th in St. Patrick Hall. All booth chairpersons are asked and encouraged to come. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to come as well.**

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### Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful — April 29, 2018

That our daily actions reflect our goal of good discipleship.

### Corresponsabilidad Oraciones de los Fieles — 29 de abril de 2018

Para que las acciones diaria reflejen nuestra meta de buen discipulado.

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9367 2018 SCHOLARSHIP

The Navasota Knights of Columbus Council 9367 2018 Scholarship applications are available to any graduating high school/college enrolled registered student of Christ Our Light Catholic Church/St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. Application may be picked up during regular business hours at either parish office. All applications are due by 12:00 pm Friday, May 11, 2019.

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**Diocesan Service Fund (DSF):** The DSF is an annual archdiocesan-wide appeal that is made through all the parishes for operating funds for the needs of the greater community and to support and continue essential ministries of the Church in Archdiocese. A goal is assigned to each parish based on a three-year average of its most recent taxable income. No parish may be exempt from the annual Diocesan Services Fund appeal EXCEPT for exemptions granted in connection with a combined capital campaign/DSF appeal.

The DSF appeal ends on December 31. DSF goals are mandatory and deficits are due at the end of the campaign.

### Your donations to DSF will support these ministries:

- Teaching, Evangelizing and Worship
- Ministering To The Poor, The Sick and the Incarcerated
- Promoting, Preparing and Supporting the Clergy
- Nurturing and Strengthening Families

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### THE GRAND REOPENING OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Joseph the Worker

As Jesus' father on Earth, protector of the Holy

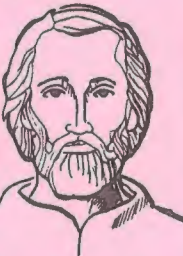
Family, and the spouse of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph was an example of obedience. He was also a carpenter who used the work of his hands to serve his family and community.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from St. Joseph, working side-by-side in his carpentry shop. Jesus learned dedication, integrity, and the dignity of work from the example of his earthly father.

### Turn to Mary

This month, we honor Mary, the Mother of God (and ours, too). Trust her for guidance and protection: "Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided."

*"I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go"* (Joshua 1:9)



## "Lord, grant me serenity."

Stress can result from feeling powerless in difficulties, yet change isn't always up to us. Knowing when to step back and surrender can actually bring peace. When faced with what we cannot change, try these tips for increasing feelings of serenity and peace.

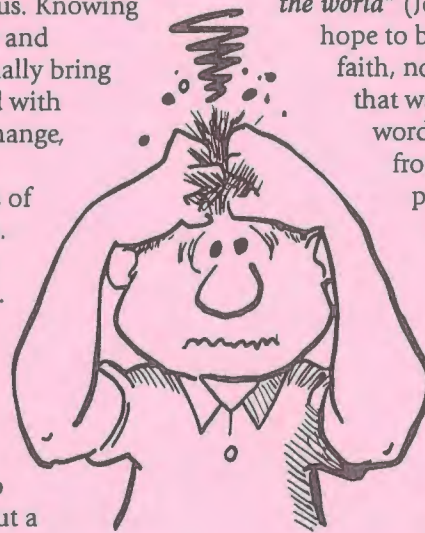
*"My peace I give you"* (John 14:27). Remember, Jesus does not want us to be troubled by worldly concerns. When you feel yourself starting to worry or stew about a difficult situation (or person), act out your belief that your prayer for resolution will be answered. Substitute positive, cheerful thoughts for negative ones. God is in control. *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it*

*again: Rejoice!"* (Philippians 4:4).

*"... Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33). While we hope to be strong witnesses of our faith, not everyone will see us that way. Sometimes sharp words or critical comments from others can disturb our peace. Feedback can be helpful, but if anyone gets to you for more than day or two, consult a fellow Christian whom you trust for a better perspective.

*"I can do all things in him who strengthens me"* (Philippians 4:13).

Take every opportunity to appreciate your place in God's kingdom. Relish the tasks you have been given, for a job well done brings satisfaction and increased contentment.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do we ask the saints to pray for us?

The saints' prayers for us are called "intercessory prayers." Asking the saints to pray for us is "good and pleasing to God" and is encouraged in Scripture: *"I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered"* (1 Timothy 2:1).



Intercessory prayer is powerful: by it, the saints help us on earth and we help those in Purgatory. Our prayers are joined to the prayers of Christ, who "never ceases to intercede for us" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2741).

## Three ways to share God's love

Christians know that our most important task is to share God's love with others. Finding ways to communicate love in a fallen world can be tricky, however. Try these strategies:

*"And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt teacher, forbearing,"* (2 Timothy 2:24). Does someone have a need you can meet? Can others benefit from your knowledge or talents? Show love by cheerfully jumping to help those around you.

*"The ill-tempered stir up strife, but the patient settle*



*disputes"* (Proverbs 15:18). It's hard to show love for others if we are fighting with them. When tempted to get involved in a spat, ask if winning will strengthen a relationship, lead to a better outcome, and if the issue is meaningful or important. If not, try to compromise or walk away.

*"Bless the Lord, my soul; and do not forget all his gifts"* (Psalm 103:2). When we are constantly aware of God's love, our natural response is to offer up our voices to praise him.

### from Scripture

#### Matthew 28:16-20, The Holy Trinity

Jesus appeared to the Apostles on the mountain top in Galilee, so they could receive their final instructions. They were to go forth, baptize, and make disciples, and to teach what they had been taught. These are our instructions, too. Once we meet Jesus and experience his love for us, we can't keep him to ourselves. We must share him.

Jesus also revealed to the Apostles, and to the crowd gathered with them, that God is a Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—three Divine Persons united in love. The



belief that God is three, yet one, is distinct to Christianity. When we became members of the Church, we were baptized in the name of the Trinity.

The Trinity is a mystery we may not fully understand, but we can still live in its love and power. We proclaim our faith in it whenever we make the Sign of the Cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Our ultimate goal is to follow Christ into the eternal life of the Trinity.

### Q & A Why are Christians asked to evangelize?

Before Jesus ascended to Heaven, he instructed his disciples, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). The Gospel, or "good news," to which Jesus referred is his



Resurrection and victory over death. God became man and died for our sins, then rose from the dead. Thanks to Jesus, we have hope for a new life on Earth and eternal life in Heaven if we follow him. "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Think of it another way: If you discovered a way to eliminate hunger in the world or found a medicine to cure all diseases, you would want to share what you know with everyone who will listen. Jesus' death and Resurrection offers something more amazing: eternal life. Once we have heard and believed the Good News, we can't keep it to ourselves. We must tell everyone about it.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**May 3 – Saints Philip and James (1st Century).** St. Philip was born in Bethsaida and followed John the Baptist before he followed Christ. After the Ascension, St. Philip preached in Asia Minor, where he was martyred. St. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve apostles. He is often confused with St. James, Brother of the Lord, who helped St. Peter in leading the early Church.

**May 10 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century).** This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his

triumphant entry into Heaven. **Note:** In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.

**May 18 – St. Felix of Cantalice (1587).** Born to poor, pious parents in Italy, St. Felix was called "Brother Deogratias" because he was always thanking God. As a young man, he joined the Capuchins, who sent him to Rome to be the friary's official beggar. He was also friends with Saints Philip Neri and Charles Borromeo.



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# Creciendo en la Fe™

Descubriendo **esperanza y gozo** en la fe católica.

Mayo de 2018

Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church

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## Meditaciones breves

### San José Obrero

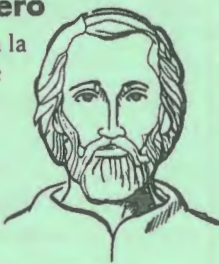
Padre de Jesús en la Tierra, protector de la Sagrada

Familia y esposo de la Madre

Bendita, san José fue un

ejemplo de obediencia. Era un carpintero que usaba el trabajo de sus manos para servir a su familia y a su comunidad.

Jesús fue también carpintero. Aprendió el oficio de san José, trabajando a su lado en la carpintería. Del ejemplo de su padre terrenal, Jesús aprendió dedicación, integridad y la dignidad del trabajo.



### Acudan a María

Este mes celebramos a María, la Madre de Dios (y madre nuestra). Pídanle con confianza que los guíe y los proteja: "Acordaos, oh, piadosísima Virgen María, que jamás se ha oído decir que ninguno de los que han acudido a vuestra protección implorando vuestro auxilio o buscando vuestro socorro, haya sido desamparado".

"Esta es mi orden: Sé valiente y ten ánimo; no tiembles ni tengas miedo; Yahvé tu Dios está contigo adonde quiera que tú vayas" (Josué 1:9).



## "Señor, dame serenidad"

El estrés puede ser el resultado de nuestra impotencia ante las dificultades, pero a veces el cambio no depende de nosotros. Saber cuándo dar un paso atrás y ceder puede también traernos paz. Cuando se enfrente a algo que no se pueda cambiar, ponga en práctica estos consejos para lograr la serenidad y la paz.

"Les doy mi paz" (Juan 14:27).

Recuerde que Jesús no quiere que nos preocupemos por asuntos de este mundo. Cuando empiece a preocuparse o a obsesionarse por una situación (o una persona) difícil, crea que su oración resolverá el problema y actúe de acuerdo con esa confianza. Sustituya los pensamientos negativos por otros positivos y alegres. Dios controla todo. "Alégrese siempre en el

Señor. Vuelvo a insistir, alégrese" (Filipenses 4:4).

"Tengan valor: yo he vencido al mundo" (Juan 14:26).

Aunque esperamos dar testimonio de nuestra fe, no todo el mundo nos entenderá. A veces las palabras mordaces o los

comentarios críticos de otras personas pueden turbar

nuestra paz. Las críticas pueden ser útiles, pero si alguien le molesta más de uno o dos días, consulte con otro cristiano en quien confíe para ver las cosas desde una perspectiva mejor.

"Yo lo puedo todo en aquel que me conforta" (Filipenses 4:13).

Aproveche cualquier ocasión para apreciar el lugar que usted ocupa en el reino de Dios. Disfrute de las tareas a su cargo, porque un trabajo bien hecho satisface y complace.



¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Por qué pedimos a los santos que recen por nosotros?

Las oraciones de los santos por nosotros son las llamadas "plegarias de intercesión". Pedir a los santos que recen por nosotros es "bueno y grato a Dios" y la Escritura nos alienta a ello: "Ante todo, te recomiendo que se hagan peticiones, oraciones, súplicas y acciones de gracias (1 Timoteo



2:1). Las intercesiones son potentes: los santos nos ayudan en la tierra con ellas y nosotros ayudamos a las almas del Purgatorio. Nuestras oraciones se unen a las oraciones de Cristo que "nunca deja de interceder por nosotros" (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, #2741).



## Tres formas de compartir el amor de Dios

Los cristianos saben que nuestra obligación más importante es compartir el amor de Dios con los demás. Pero puede resultar complicado encontrar la manera de comunicar amor en un mundo caído. Pongan a prueba estas estrategias:

*"El que sirve al Señor no debe tomar parte en querellas. Por el contrario, tiene que ser amable con todos, apto para enseñar y paciente en las pruebas"* (2 Timoteo 2:24). ¿Hay alguien que necesite algo que usted puede satisfacer? ¿Pueden beneficiarse los demás de su conocimiento o de sus habilidades? Demuestre amor ayudando con presteza a quienes están a su lado.



*"El hombre iracundo provoca altercados, el que tarda en enojarse aplaca las disputas"* (Proverbios 15:18). Es difícil mostrar amor por los demás si peleamos con ellos. Cuando le tiene que iniciar una discusión, pregúntese si ganar fortalecerá una amistad, producirá un resultado mejor y si el asunto en cuestión es significativo o importante. Si la respuesta es no, procure llegar a un acuerdo o aléjese.

*"Bendice al Señor, alma mía, y nunca olvides sus beneficios"*. (Salmo 103:2). Cuando somos plenamente conscientes del amor de Dios, nuestra respuesta natural es ofrecerle nuestras voces en alabanza.

### de las **E**scrituras

#### Mateo 28:16-20, La Santísima Trinidad

Jesús se apareció a los Apóstoles en la cumbre de un monte en Galilea a fin de darles sus últimas instrucciones. Tenían que marcharse, bautizar y reclutar discípulos y enseñar lo que se les había enseñado. Estas instrucciones son también las nuestras. Al conocer a Jesús y sentir su amor por nosotros, no podemos quedarnos sólo para nosotros. Debemos compartirlo.

Jesús también les reveló a los Apóstoles, y a la multitud a su alrededor, que Dios es una Trinidad—Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo—, tres personas divinas unidas en amor. Creer que Dios es tres, y



sin embargo uno, es algo específico del cristianismo. Cuando nos hacemos miembros de la Iglesia, somos bautizados en nombre de la Trinidad.

La Trinidad es un misterio que quizá no comprendamos del todo, aunque sí que podemos vivir en su amor y en su poder.

Proclamamos nuestra fe en ella cuando hacemos la señal de la cruz: "En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo". Nuestro objetivo final es seguir a Cristo en la vida eterna de la Trinidad.

### **P** ¿Por qué se les pide **&** a los cristianos **R** que evangelicen?

Antes de subir a los cielos, Jesús ordenó a sus discípulos: "Vayan por todo el mundo y anuncien la Buena Nueva a toda la creación"

(Marcos 16:15). El evangelio o "buena nueva" al que se refería Jesús es su resurrección y su victoria



sobre la muerte. Dios se hizo hombre y murió por nuestros pecados y luego se levantó de entre los muertos. Gracias a Jesús esperamos una vida nueva en la Tierra y la vida eterna en el Cielo si lo seguimos. "Porque no existe bajo el cielo otro Nombre dado a los hombres, por el cual podamos alcanzar la salvación" (Hechos 4:12).

Piénselo de otra forma: Si descubriera una forma de eliminar el hambre en el mundo o encontrara una medicina que curara todas las enfermedades, querría compartir lo que sabe con quienes escucharan. La muerte y la resurrección de Jesús nos ofrece algo más asombroso: la vida eterna. Una vez hayamos escuchado y creído la Buena Nueva, no podemos quedarnos sólo para nosotros. Debemos contársela a todo el mundo.

### Fiestas y celebraciones

3 de mayo – Santos Felipe y Santiago (siglo I). San Felipe nació en Betsaida y siguió a Juan el Bautista antes de seguir a Cristo. Después de la Ascensión, san Felipe predicó en Asia Menor, donde fue martirizado. Santiago Apóstol, hijo de Alfeo, fue uno de los doce apóstoles. Se le suele confundir con Santiago, hermano del Señor, que ayudó a san Pedro a liderar la Iglesia primitiva.

10 de mayo – Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor (siglo I). Esta solemnidad señala el término de la misión salvadora de Jesús en la tierra y su entrada triunfal en el cielo. Nota: En muchas

diócesis, la fiesta de la Ascensión ha sido trasladada al domingo siguiente.

18 de mayo – San Félix de Cantalicio (1587). Nacido de padres pobres y piadosos en Italia, san Félix era conocido como "Hermano Deogratias" porque siempre daba gracias a Dios. De joven ingresó en los capuchinos que lo enviaron a Roma para ser el limosnero oficial del monasterio. Fue amigo de san Felipe Neri y de san Carlos Borromeo.



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