

# Christ Our Light Catholic Church



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**Monday-Thursday**

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

**Friday** 9:15am- noon

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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: 6:10pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8:10am

Saturday: 5:15pm

Sunday: 7:15am & 12:15pm

## RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 5:00 - 5:45pm

and by appointment 936-825-3920

## RECONCILIACION/CONFESIONES

Los martes, jueves y los sábado a las 5:00 - 5:45pm

y por cita 936-825-3920

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time : July 29, 2018**

# Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

July 28 & 29, 2018

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

## **MASS INTENSIONS**

**MONDAY, JULY 30 — ST. PETER CHYSOLOGUS, BISHOP  
AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

No Mass

**TUESDAY, JULY 31 — ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST**

6:00 PM Teresa Gabriella Ramirez †

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 01 — ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI,  
BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

8:30 AM Barbara Thane †

**THURSDAY, AUG. 02 — ST. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI,  
BISHOP; ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST**

8:30 AM Eddie Knowles †

6:00 PM\* Martin Ruiz, Jr. †

**FRIDAY, AUG. 03 — WEEKDAY/FIRST FRIDAY**

8:30 AM Spanish Legion Mary, Living & Deceased

**SATURDAY, AUG. 04 — VIGIL, 18TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 AM 1st Saturday, English Legion of Mary Living  
and Deceased

6:00 PM Baldobino and Duran Families

**SUNDAY, AUG. 05 — 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM Benefactor's of Memorial Fund

1:00 PM\* Julian & Anita Olguin, Anniversary

\*SPANISH

## **THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY, JULY 30**

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

5:00 PM Youth Band Practice, SPH

7:00 PM Marriage Retreat Reunion, CH

**TUESDAY, JULY 31**

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

6:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH Cry room

7:00 PM Spanish Lector's Practice, CH

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 01**

6:30 PM Summer Youth Night, SPH

7:00 PM Choir Practice, CH

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 02**

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

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

After Mass Spanish Bible Class, CH Cry room

7:00 PM Guitar Lesson, CH

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 03**

No Events Scheduled

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 04**

No Events Scheduled

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 05**

No Events Scheduled

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;  
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18;  
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34;  
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54;  
Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

## **E-Mail Addresses for the Parish**

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To e-mail Rel. Ed. asha\_ramirez17@yahoo.com

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, October 13. For more information, please contact Deacon Grant Holt at 936-825-6448 or Lucy Coronilla at 936-419-9286.

**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 at 12 noon every 3rd Saturday following completion of the baptismal classes the prior month. The Sacrament of Baptism is a communal celebration. Therefore, private baptisms are not celebrated here.

## 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, Irene Castillo, 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, Lysie Kitchens, 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**

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**JULY 21 & 22, 2018**

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

(73) Offertory Envelopes / Loose Checks	2,487.00
Loose Change	923.00
Children's	82.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,492.00</b>
On Line Giving	55.00
II Collection — 2018 DSF Deficit	417.55

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time** — *“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?”* John 6:9 The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!

**17º domingo del tiempo ordinario** — *“Aquí hay un niño que tiene cinco panes de cebada y dos pescados; pero ¿de qué sirven estos para tantos?”* Juan 6:9 El milagro de los panes y los peces es el único milagro que se registra seis veces en el Evangelio. Lleva dos mensajes importantes. Primero, no importa lo poco que tengamos, siempre tenemos suficiente para compartir. Segundo, Cristo puede tomar nuestros humildes dones y hacer grandes cosas con ello si estamos dispuestos a dejarlo hacer. Ningún regalo es demasiado pequeño o insignificante!

## **Words Worth Noting**

**Faith means trusting in advance what will only make sense in reverse.** —Phillip Yancey

## **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 JULY**

**General Intention — EVANGELIZATION:** Priest and their pastoral ministry — **That priest, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priest.**



### **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.

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

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

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



**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 29, 2018**


**The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and  
 you give them their food in due season.**  
 — *Psalm 145:15*


**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. The following weekend are open.*

September 08 and 09, September 29 and 30  
 October 6 and 7, October 28 and 29  
 November 24 and 25

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**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.

**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 Group News**  
**Summer Youth Nights!**  
 (Grades 6-12<sup>th</sup>)  
 When: June 6th - Aug 22nd (except 7/4)  
 Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm

Where: St. Patrick's Hall  
 Fellowship, Food & Fun!  
 Dress comfortable ;)


**CCE NEWS**

The Mandatory Registration Date for CCE will be one day **ONLY** on Saturday, August 25th 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Church. The Mandatory Parent meeting will be held at the same time. Refreshments will be served and there will be supervised activities for the children.

We are seeking teachers and teacher aids. Please consider giving of your Time and Talent to this Ministry. We are also looking for volunteers to serve in other areas of our Religious Education Program. Forms are available on the table in the Narthex following all weekend Masses. Please complete and either bring by the office or leave in the box next to the additional forms.

**REQUIRED TEACHER ORIENTATION** will be held at St Patrick Hall on Thursday evening August 9th at 7:00 pm. Please mark your calendars now!

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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The parish thanks Victor and Yvonne Meitzen for the altar flowers this past weekend.

**DIOCESAN SERVICE FUND**

Participation	Goal:
	\$24,940.00
Total Registered Families at Christ Our Light: <u>657</u>	Pledged:
	\$15,374.00
Participating Families in DSF: <u>66</u>	Paid:
	\$13,502.75
Percent Paid: 54.14%	
<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT</b>	

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**Christ Our Light Youth Ministry Presents 2018 "Back to School" LOCK-IN**

For Incoming 6th-8th Grade students, Friday, August 10, 2018 @ St. Patrick Hall, 510 Manley Street, Navasota, TX 7pm—7am — \*Admission \$10.00\* For details please contact: Jessica Herrera (936) 870-8130 or Brandi Tejada (936) 870-5599 Games — Food — Fun — Music —Worship — Movies — Prizes!

# Bazaar, September 30, 2018 at the Fairgrounds



**Next Bazaar Meeting is Tuesday, August 07 at 7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall.**



All Booth Chairpersons are collecting items for their booth. Items needed are groceries as listed on the poster in the Narthex of the Church, new toys for the toy booth, auction items for the live auction and the silent auction and donations to offset all our expenses. Let's come together and make this our best BAZAAR ever. Raffle tickets ready for pick up this weekend in the Narthex of the Church. Need Tickets or more tickets, drop by the Office at 510 Manley Street.

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## II Collections in August

August 4 & 5 — Archdiocese Infirm Priest Collection  
August 11 & 12 Monthly — Maintenance Fund  
August 18 & 19 — 2018 DSF Deficit

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## **New Reconciliation times goes into effect July 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Reconciliation will only be available on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at Christ Our Light at 5:00 PM. On the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays Reconciliation will be available at St. Stanislaus Kostka parish in Anderson, TX
- The new Mass time will be 4:15pm at St. Stanislaus.
- The changes are due to Fr. Eli being alone and having to serve both parishes.
- Reminder that Christ Our Light has reconciliation available Tuesdays & Thursdays 5-5:45 pm and by appointment.
- St. Stanislaus has reconciliation available Wednesdays & Fridays at 11:30 am and by appointment.

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### **JULY LECTOR'S SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY 6:00 PM MASS** — Linda Lara, July 7th and 21st. Samuel Pry, July 14th and 28th.  
**SUNDAY 8:00 AM Mass** — Rebecca Wisnoski, July 1st, 15th and 29th. Marion Busa, July 8th and 22nd.

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**The 2018 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass** honoring couples celebrating their Silver (25th) Anniversary of marriage in the Catholic Church will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2018 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 pm. Whether or not a couple attends the ceremony they are eligible to receive a special recognition. The deadline to register is August 24, 2018.

**The 2018 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass** honoring couples celebrating their Golden (50th) Anniversary of marriage in The Catholic Church will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at The Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3:00 pm. The deadline to register is September 30, 2018 . Each couple will be able to bring a maximum of 6 family members or friends to the Mass.

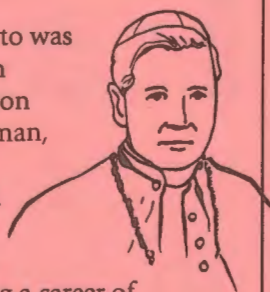
Please register online at <https://www.archgh.org/offices-ministries/pastoral-educational-ministries/family-life-ministry/marriage-enrichment/wedding-anniversary-jubilee/>

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Pius X

Giuseppe Sarto was born in Italy in 1835. The son of a postman, he was ordained a priest in 1858, beginning a career of successfully serving in Church leadership positions. As pope, he was ahead of his time. St. Pius reformed his own administration, spoke out against the dangers of Modernism, worked for peace in a world preparing for war, and encouraged the practice of receiving Communion frequently. He died in 1914 and was canonized in 1954.



### "Me" Last

Society makes it acceptable to pursue our own happiness without concern for others. As followers of Christ we know that God holds us responsible for meeting others' needs. When we care for the poor and needy, God will take care of us.

### Give it to God

"Never forget that God loves you deeply and cares for you passionately. Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7).



## Make Jesus' Mother your own

Catholics reserve worship for God, but Mary has a special place of honor in our hearts. When we follow Jesus' request to take his Mother as our own, we are sheltered by her maternal protection, share in the love between Mother and Son, and take a unique route to the heart of Our Lord.

*"Behold the handmaid of the Lord"* (Luke 1:38). From the first "Yes" to her unique role in God's plan to the final moments at the foot of the Cross, Mary cooperated with faith, hope, and charity in her Son's plan to restore supernatural life to us. She is ready to protect our new

life and help us grow in love of her Son, if only we ask.

*"Woman, behold your son"* (John 19:26). Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross was the ultimate act of love. Out of love, too, he offered to share his beloved

Mother with all of us as our own Mother.

Heeding Jesus' words, *"Behold your mother"* (John 19:27), we can take Mary into our hearts and homes.

*"Do whatever he tells you"* (John 2:5). Mary brought others to Jesus by bringing him into the world and talking about him. Bringing others to

Jesus is our job, too. We can follow her example, ask for her help, and be obedient like her.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics believe the Church is Apostolic?

We call the Church, "Apostolic," because it is founded on the Apostles whom Jesus appointed to carry on his work.

Before he ascended, Jesus commissioned the Apostles to baptize and preach the Gospel in his name (Matthew 28:19-20). The

Apostles ordained others to carry on this mission, and they ordained others. The Catholic faith has been preserved and handed down to us from the Apostles through their successors, our bishops, who can trace their "priestly lineage" back to the Apostles.



# Show others the way to God

God has called all of us to follow him but we are also called to lead. Aiding another's spiritual growth in simple ways can lead others to Christ.

**Be on the watch.** Ask God to reveal to you those who don't know him. Record their names and commit to praying for them daily.

**Go to Mass together.** Inviting a friend or someone seeking a spiritual home to attend Sunday Mass with you is a great way to spend time together and show commitment to the faith.



**Offer prayer cards.** Promote prayer and a devotion to the saints by sending an occasional prayer card featuring a saint relevant to his or her life issues.

**Build bridges.** Spend time with those seeking God. Show them what a life with him looks like. Invite seekers to dinner, go for coffee, listen to their problems. In other words, be a friend.

**Share his love.** God's love breaks down barriers and removes prejudices. Act with love toward others. A little kindness may open the door for the Gospel.

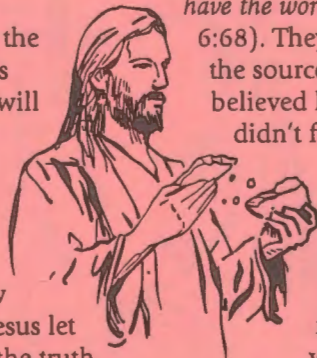
## from Scripture

### John 6:60-69, To whom shall we go?

This reading comes at the end of Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse, in which he explained the meaning of the Eucharist. Jesus said that he is the Bread of Life. Unless we eat his flesh and drink his blood, we will not have eternal life. Many of his listeners left, horrified.

The Apostles were also shocked. The day before, enthusiastic crowds were ready to make Jesus king. Now they were running away and Jesus let them go. He understood that the truth is more important than popularity.

Jesus turned to the Apostles and asked if they wanted to leave, too. Peter,



speaking for the group, replied, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). They all recognized Jesus as the source of eternal life. They believed him, even though they didn't fully understand him.

Followers of Christ know that there is always hope even in times that appear hopeless. We remember Peter's words: "Master...you have the words of eternal life." With God, we all can have hope. He can bring us eternal life.

## Q & A Is it okay to tell a "white lie"?

The Eighth commandment directs us to tell the truth always (Exodus 20:16). While a "white lie" told to avoid hurting someone else's feelings may seem harmless, telling lies is never acceptable. Here are some suggestions to help:



"Does this look good on me?" A dishonest "yes" creates the wrong impression in the wearer's mind. Instead of brutal honesty - "You look fat!" - offer a truthful positive - "It's a great color on you." This is "mental reservation," and is better than lying.

"That's personal..." Questions about your personal life, family, and financials don't require explanations, if the seeker has no right to know. A simple, "That's personal," should get the message across. This goes for seeking others' personal information as well (CCC #2489).

**Tell the truth with love.** What is right and wrong is not decided by popular vote. Admonishing the sinner is actually a spiritual act of mercy. "Whoever fears the Lord directs his friendship aright, for as he is, so his neighbor [will be] also" (Sirach 6:17).

## Feasts & Celebrations

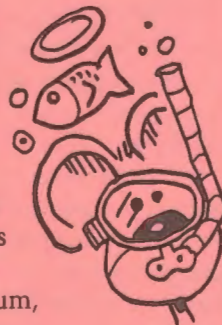
**Aug. 7 - St. Cajetan (1547).** St. Cajetan worked to reform the Church by founding the Theatines, a religious order modeled on the teachings of the Apostles.

**Aug. 11 - St. Clare of Assisi (1253).** Born to a noble family in Assisi, Italy, St. Clare followed St. Francis of Assisi into poverty at age eighteen and founded a sister order to the Franciscans called, the "Poor Clares."

**Aug. 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1950).** Declared a dogma of our faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates

Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.

**Aug. 24 - St. Bartholomew (1st Century).** One of the Twelve Apostles and the son of Tolomai, Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the Apostle, Nathanael, who went with Philip to see Jesus. After Jesus's ascension, he spread Christianity to India and in Armenia, where he was martyred. He is the patron saint of Armenia and Belgium, among other places.



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Agosto de 2018

Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church

Rev. Elias Lopez, Pastor

## Meditaciones breves

### San Pío X

Giuseppe Sarto nació en Italia en 1835. Hijo de un cartero, fue ordenado sacerdote en 1858 y empezó con éxito una carrera de servicio en puestos eclesiásticos de liderazgo. Como papa se adelantó a su tiempo. San Pío reformó su propia administración, habló contra los peligros del modernismo, trabajó por la paz en un mundo que se preparaba para la guerra y fomentó la práctica de recibir la Comunión con frecuencia. Murió en 1914 y fue canonizado en 1954.

### El último, yo

La sociedad admite como aceptable que busquemos nuestra propia felicidad sin preocuparnos de los demás. Como seguidores de Cristo, sabemos que Dios nos hace responsables de que se cubran las necesidades de los demás. Si nos ocupamos de los pobres y de los necesitados, Dios se ocupará de nosotros.

### Déselo a Dios

*Nunca olvide que Dios lo ama profundamente y se ocupa de usted con pasión.*  
*"Depositen en él todas sus preocupaciones, pues él cuida de ustedes"*  
(1 Pedro 5:7).



## La madre de Jesús es nuestra madre

Los católicos reservan la adoración para Dios, pero María tiene un lugar de honor especial en nuestros corazones.

Al acceder a la petición de Jesús de que su madre sea nuestra madre, recibimos su protección maternal, compartimos el amor entre Madre e Hijo y seguimos una ruta singular hacia el corazón de Nuestro Señor.

*"He aquí la sierva del Señor"* (Lucas 1:38). Desde el primer "Sí" de su extraordinario papel en el plan de Dios hasta los momentos finales al pie de la Cruz, María cooperó con fe, esperanza y caridad en el plan de su hijo para que recobráramos la vida sobrenatural. Está lista para proteger nuestra vida nueva y ayudarnos a crecer

en el amor de su hijo con sólo pedirselo.

*"Mujer, aquí tienes a tu hijo"*  
(Juan 19:26). El sufrimiento y la

muerte de Jesús en la Cruz fue un acto de amor sin precedentes. También por amor ofreció a compartir con todos nosotros a su madre como si fuera la nuestra. A acatar las palabras de Jesús, *"Aquí tienes a tu madre"* (Juan 19:27), podemos traer a María a nuestros corazones y a nuestros hogares.

*"Hagan todo lo que él les diga"* (Juan 2:5). María llevó a Jesús a los demás llevándolo al mundo y hablando de él. También es misión nuestra llevar a Jesús a los demás.

Podemos seguir el ejemplo de María, pedirle ayuda y ser obedientes como ella.



¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Por qué creen los católicos que la Iglesia es apostólica?

Decimos que la Iglesia es "apostólica" porque está fundada sobre los Apóstoles a los que Jesús designó para que continuaran su misión.

Antes de ascender al cielo, Jesús encargó a los Apóstoles que bautizaran y que predicaran el Evangelio en su nombre (Mateo

28:19-20). Los Apóstoles ordenaron a otras personas para que continuaran esta misión y ellos ordenaron a otros. La fe católica ha sido preservada y transmitida hasta nosotros desde los Apóstoles mediante sus sucesores, nuestros obispos, cuyo "linaje sacerdotal" se remonta a los Apóstoles.





# Muestran a los demás el camino hacia Dios

Dios llama a cada uno de nosotros para que lo sigamos, pero también nos llama a que guiemos. Al ayudar con sencillez el crecimiento espiritual de otra persona puede conducir a los demás hasta Dios.

**Preste atención.** Pida a Dios que le permita descubrir a quienes no lo conocen. Anote sus nombres y comprométase a rezar por ellos a diario.

**Vayan juntos a misa.** Invitar a un amigo o a alguien que busca un hogar espiritual a que vaya con usted a la misa dominical es una forma estupenda de pasar tiempo juntos y de mostrar su compromiso con la fe.



**Ofrezca tarjetas de oración.** Promueva la oración y la devoción a los santos enviando de vez en cuando una tarjeta de oración relativa a la situación de cada uno.

**Tienda puentes.** Pase tiempo con los que buscan a Dios. Muéstreles cómo es la vida con Dios. Invítelos a cenar, vayan a tomar café, escuche sus problemas. En otras palabras, sea su amigo.

**Comparta su amor.** El amor de Dios destruye las barreras y elimina los prejuicios. Trate a los demás con amor. Un poco de bondad puede abrir la puerta al Evangelio.

## de las **E**scrituras

### Juan 6:60-69, ¿A quién iremos?

Esta lectura se encuentra al final del discurso de Jesús sobre el Pan de Vida en el que explicó el significado de la Eucaristía. Jesús dijo que él es el Pan de Vida. Si no comemos su carne y bebemos su sangre, no tendremos vida eterna. Muchos de los que lo escuchaban se marcharon horrorizados.

Los Apóstoles también estaban confundidos. El día anterior, una multitud entusiasta estaba dispuesta a hacer rey a Jesús. Ahora se marchaban y Jesús dejaba que se alejaran. Entendía que la verdad es más importante que la popularidad.

Jesús se dirigió a los Apóstoles y les



preguntó si también ellos querían irse. Pedro, hablando en nombre del grupo, le respondió: *"Maestro, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna"* (Juan 6:68). Todos reconocieron a Jesús como la fuente de la vida eterna. Creyeron en él aunque no lo entendían por completo.

Los seguidores de Cristo sabemos que siempre hay esperanza incluso en momentos que parecen desesperados. Recordamos las palabras de Pedro: *"Maestro... Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna"*. Con Dios todos podemos tener esperanza. Él nos trae la vida eterna.

## **P & R** ¿Está permitido decir una "mentira piadosa"?

El octavo mandamiento nos ordena decir siempre la verdad (Éxodo 20:16). Aunque decir una "mentira piadosa" para evitar herir los sentimientos de una persona



parezca inofensivo, mentir no es aceptable jamás. He aquí algunas útiles sugerencias: *"¿Me queda bien?"* Un "sí" mentiroso crea una impresión errónea en la mente de la persona que se viste así. En lugar de la sinceridad brutal — *"¡Te hace gorda!"* — ofrezca algo positivo: *"El color te sienta bien"*. Esto implica una "reserva mental" y es mejor que mentir.

*"Esto es algo personal..."* Las preguntas sobre su vida personal, su familia y su situación económica no exigen una respuesta, si el que la busca no tiene derecho a ella. Un simple "Esto es algo personal" conseguirá transmitir el mensaje. Lo mismo vale para buscar información personal sobre otras personas (CIC #2489).

Decir la verdad con amor. Lo que está bien y lo que está mal no se decide por voto popular. Aconsejar al pecador es una acción espiritual de misericordia. *"El que teme al Señor encamina bien su amistad, porque como es él, así también será su amigo"* (Eclesiástico 6:17).

## **Fiestas y celebraciones**

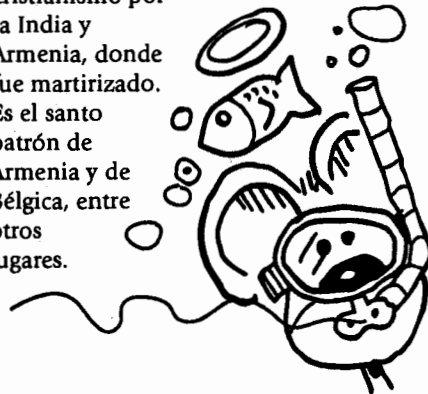
7 de agosto – San Cayetano (1547). San Cayetano trabajó por reformar la Iglesia fundando los teatinos, una orden religiosa basada en las enseñanzas de los Apóstoles.

11 de agosto – Santa Clara de Asís (1253). Nacida en una familia noble de Asís, Italia, santa Clara siguió a san Francisco de Asís en su vida de pobreza a la edad de dieciocho años y fundó una orden hermana de los franciscanos, las "Clarisas Pobres".

15 de agosto – Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María (1950). Declarada dogma de fe en 1950 por el papa Pío XII, la Asunción celebra que María fue llevada al

cielo en cuerpo y alma tras su muerte.

24 de agosto – San Bartolomé (siglo I). Muchos estudiosos piensan que Bartolomé, uno de los doce Apóstoles e hijo de Tolmai, era el apóstol Natanael, que fue con Felipe a ver a Jesús. Después de la Ascensión de Jesús, difundió el cristianismo por la India y Armenia, donde fue martirizado. Es el santo patrón de Armenia y de Bélgica, entre otros lugares.



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