



# Christ Our Light Catholic Church

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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

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Los martes, jueves y los sábado a las 5:00 - 5:45pm  
y por cita 936-825-3920

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time : July 1, 2018**

# Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

June 30 & July 01, 2018

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

## MASS INTENSIONS

**MONDAY, JULY 02 — WEEKDAY**

No Mass

**TUESDAY, JULY 03 — ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE**

6:00 PM Janie Kallus †

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 04 — WEEKDAY/**

**USA INDEPENDENCE DAY**

8:30 AM Jimmy † & Lucy † Benedetto

**THURSDAY, JULY 05 — WEEKDAY/ST. ANTHONY**

**ZACCARIA, PRIEST; USA/ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL**

8:30 AM Alice Kolojacko † & John Branch †

6:00 PM Martin Ruiz, Jr. †

**FRIDAY, JULY 06 — ST. MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN &**

**MARTYR; FIRST FRIDAY**

8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, JULY 07 — VIGIL, 14TH SUNDAY IN**

**ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 AM 1st Sat. Legion of Mary, Living & Deceased

6:00 PM Nina Rotello †

**SUNDAY, JULY 08 — 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM Torres, Rangel & Baldobino Families

1:00 PM\* People of the Parish

\*SPANISH

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**MONDAY, JULY 02**

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 03**

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

7:00 PM Bazaar Meeting, SPH

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 04**

No Events Scheduled

**THURSDAY, JULY 05**

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, JULY 06**

No Events Scheduled

**SATURDAY, JULY 07**

11:00 AM Altar Server Training & Appreciation Dinner

**SUNDAY, JULY 08**

No Events Scheduled

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23;  
Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 10:24-29

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17;  
Mt 8:28-34 or, for Independence Day, any  
readings from the Mass "For the Country or  
a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and  
Justice," nos. 887-891

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40,  
131; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

## E-Mail Addresses for the Parish

To e-mail Fr. Elias...fr.eli@christourlight.org

To e-mail Nelda: nelda@christourlight.org

To e-mail RE Board: reboard@christourlight.org

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**

JUNE 23 & 24, 2018

#### GIFTS FOR GOD — YOUR TITHE RESPONDS

(86) Offertory Envelopes / Loose Checks	3,866.00
Loose Change	888.53
Children's	71.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,825.53</b>
II Collection, 2018 DSF Deficit	609.19
Maintenance Fund	53.00

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time** — *"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply you want, that there may be equality."* 2 Corinthians 8:14 We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and live in isolation.

**13º domingo del tiempo ordinario** — *"...como una cuestión de igualdad, tu abundancia en el tiempo presente debe suplir sus necesidades, para que su abundancia pueda suplir tu necesidad, para que haya igualdad"*. 2 Corintios 8:14 somos responsables no solo de nuestras vidas, sino también de las vidas de quienes nos rodean. Es importante que no solo crezcamos, nos nutramos y compartamos nuestros dones; sino que también enseñamos a nuestros hijos y alentamos a otros a hacer lo mismo. Este es el aspecto comunitario de nuestra fe Católica. Somos el "Cuerpo de Cristo". Estamos llamados a depender el uno del otro y no vivir aislados.

## **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 JUNE**

**General Intention — UNIVERSAL:** Social Networks — **The social networks my work towards that inclusiveness which respects others in their differences.**



### **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.



**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 1, 2018**


**You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.**  
*— Psalm 30:13*


**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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**II Collections in June & July**  
**June 30th and July 1st**  
**Peter's Pence (Holy Father's Charties)**  
**July 7 & 8**  
**St. Vincent de Paul Society Black Bag Annual**  
**July 14 & 15**  
**Monthly Maintenance Fund**  
**July 21 & 22**  
**2018 DSF Deficit**

**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) (with a % of your purchase going back as Credit to the parish.)

**Youth Group News**  
**Summer Youth Nights!**  
 (Grades 8-12<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 :)

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**ALTAR FLOWERS**




The parish thanks Dorothy Wilde for the Altar Flowers this past weekend in Memory of Cecil Wilde.

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**DIOCESAN SERVICE FUND**


Participation	Goal:
	\$24,940.00
Total Registered Families at Christ Our Light: <u>657</u>	<b><u>Pledged:</u></b>
	\$14,824.00
Participating Families in DSF: <u>64</u>	<b><u>Paid:</u></b>
	\$12,557.75



Percent Paid: 50.35%

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

**PARISH OFFICES**

will be closed Wednesday  
**July 4th.**

# Bazaar, September 30, 2018 at the Fairgrounds



**Next Bazaar Meeting is Tuesday, July 03rd at 7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall.**



All of the Raffle Prizes have been donated and payed. All information has been given to the printer. We should soon be receiving our printed Raffle Tickets.

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**We have an altar server training and appreciation lunch scheduled for Saturday, July 7 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Church. All current altar servers and all children, who have received their 1st Communion, wishing to become an Altar Server are invited and encouraged to attend.**



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

- 5pm reconciliation will no longer be available on Saturdays before Mass due to Mass time change at St. Stanislaus parish.
- The new Mass time will be 4:15pm. Reconciliation will be available from 3-4pm 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 5-5:45pm and by appointment.

St. Stanislaus has reconciliation available Wednesdays & Fridays at 11:30am and by appointment.

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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/>

## **CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH NOW PROVIDES ONLINE GIVING**

As of June 23, 2018 we are pleased to announce that **Christ Our Light** Church now provides online giving through software called Parish SOFT Giving (formerly Connect Now Giving). This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Parish SOFT Giving is part of our parish database. It is less expensive for the parish and contributions are automatically entered into the database (rather than the secretary printing out a report and manually entering them). This program also offers forms that will be useful in many ways.

Getting started is easy—just click our online giving link.

When you participate, your gift will transfer directly into the parish bank account. And you won't have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays!

If you manage your bills online, why not give to your church online? It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. So, if you forgot your envelope last week, or if you missed our second collection, you can go online and make a gift to the special collection fund or our regular offertory. And if you still want to place something in the offertory basket, just pick up one of our **"I GAVE ONLINE"** cards on your way into church and use that at offertory time.

### **To create your Parish SOFT account:**

Go to <https://giving.parishsoft.com/dl/?uid=chri510191>

(or click on the Parish SOFT Giving button)

2. Click on First Time? New User Registration button.

3. Set up your Donor Profile by entering your info., email & password (NOTE: Password must be at least 8 characters and must contain a combination of letters and numbers but no special characters).

4. Then you may set up your donations, scheduling recurring or one time, enter your banking info., etc. This new system also lets you include more than one fund at a time from this page (all Christ Our Light collections will be included on the drop-down list). NOTE: For each of our Flower Funds you'll need to include the intention names in the "Other Comments" section.

5. Although this contribution method costs you nothing, you may choose to click on the option to add 2.6 percent to help cover costs of processing for the parish.

### **What are the benefits of Parish SOFT Giving?**

It is easy, convenient and safe.

It allows you to donate any amount, anytime from any device with Internet access.

It puts all giving information at your fingertips to print receipts and track pledges.

How does Parish SOFT Giving help our parish?

It increases the efficiency of processing regular giving for financial planning.

It allows the church to more effectively engage with all our members and donors.

It utilizes technology to allow us to spread God's Word through more consistent stewardship.

### **Is Parish SOFT Giving Safe?**

Online Giving meets the highest banking-level security standards set forth by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) to ensure safe and confidential transactions. In fact, your banking information is encrypted in the system and is not accessible to any users or administrators of the Parish SOFT Giving system. When you manage your own account information, your church never needs to handle checks or worry about locking up documents containing your account information. And you'll always be certain that your gifts are direct-deposited into your church's account.

### **What are the advantages of Parish SOFT Giving?**

Parish SOFT Giving makes it easy to give, even when you are unable to attend church. You never have to bring cash, checks, or giving envelopes to church. Parish SOFT Giving is secure. You can trust that your information is safe. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan its budget! How are my contributions automatically deducted from my account? Once you complete the online registration form, the contribution amount you specify will automatically be transferred from your bank account to the church's bank account.

### **If I do not write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?**

Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date. Electronic contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement as well as your online reports.

### **How can I prove I made my contribution?**

Your bank statement and the Parish Soft Giving system both provide reports that document your electronic transactions.

### **How much does Parish SOFT Giving cost?**

It costs you absolutely nothing!

### **What if I try Parish SOFT Giving and don't like it?**

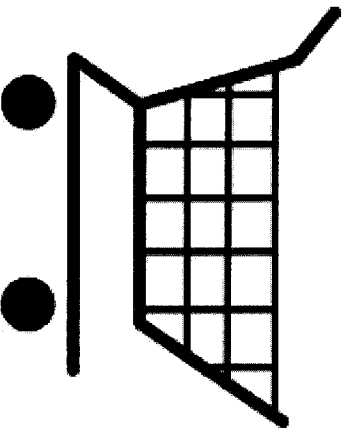
You can cancel your authorization by cancelling your gifts and donation dates at any time.

### **How do I sign up for Parish SOFT Giving?**

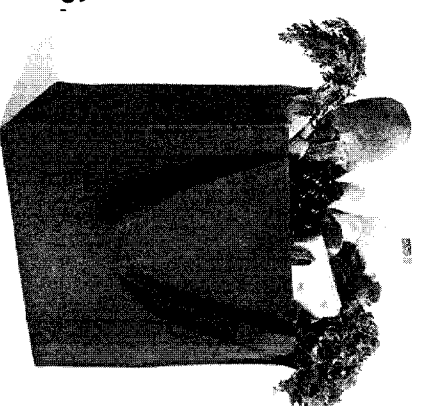
Visit our church website at [www.christourlight.org](http://www.christourlight.org)  
Click on the Parish SOFT Giving link  
Complete the online registration form  
It's that simple!

If you have any questions about Parish SOFT Giving or need assistance, please contact Nelda Kurten at the Parish Office (936-825-3920).

# Christ Our Light Bazaar



## Grocery Booth



### **Donations Needed**

Please see back of page for the needed Donations.

We will have 50 Grocery bags and

10 Grocery Store Gift Cards this year.

Contact Rebecca Wisnoski at (936)870-5498 (leave message or text) to donate items or sign-up on list in Narthex.

If donating money or gift cards, you may drop it off at church office.



**2018 Grocery Booth Donations**

Item	Quantity	Name of Person Donating	Contact Phone number or email	Item	Quantity	Name of Person Donating	Contact Phone number or email
BBQ Sauce	25			Cake Frosting	25		
BBQ Sauce	25			Hamburger Helper	25		
Cake Mix	25			Hamburger Helper	25		
Canned Fruit	25			Jello	25		
Canned Fruit	25			Jello	25		
Canned Meat	25			Ketchup	25		
Canned Meat	25			Ketchup	25		
Canned Vegetables	25			Ketchup	25		
Canned Vegetables	25			Macaroni & Cheese	25		
Canned Vegetables	25			Peanut Butter	25		
Canned Vegetables	25			Peanut Butter	25		
Canned Vegetables	25			Peanut Butter	25		
Canned Vegetables	25			Pudding	25		
Canned Vegetables	25			Pudding	25		
Canned Vegetables	25			Pudding	25		
Canned Vegetables	25			Spaghetti Noodles	25		
Corn bread mix	25			Spaghetti Noodles	25		
Corn bread mix	25			Spaghetti Sauce	25		
Corn bread mix	25			Spaghetti Sauce	25		
Dried Beans	25			Spaghetti Sauce	25		
Dried Beans	25			Spaghetti Sauce	25		
Dried Beans	25			Spaghetti Sauce	25		
\$25 Grocery Store Gift Card	1			\$25 Grocery Store Gift Card	1		
\$25 Grocery Store Gift Card	1			\$25 Grocery Store Gift Card	1		
\$25 Grocery Store Gift Card	1			\$50 Grocery Store Gift Card	1		
\$25 Grocery Store Gift Card	1			\$50 Grocery Store Gift Card	1		
\$25 Grocery Store Gift Card	1			\$50 Grocery Store Gift Card	1		
\$25 Grocery Store Gift Card	1			\$100 Grocery Store Gift Card	1		

**If you leave items at the church, please mark Grocery Booth on the box/bag.  
Please have items ready for me to pick up or at church by Sunday, September 16th.**

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

July 2018

Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church  
Rev. Elias Lopez, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

Pier Giorgio was born in 1901, in Turin, Italy.

From a young age, he had a deep love for the Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin and had a rich spiritual life. Pier used what resources he had to help the poor. He was devoted to serving the sick, caring for orphans and helping the servicemen returning from war. He studied engineering to better serve Christ among the miners, but died before completing his degree.



### Discipleship

Disciples aren't just 12 men chosen by Christ long ago. A disciple is one who makes Christ the center of his or her life. "Make room therefore for Christ, and refuse entrance to all others. When you have Christ, you are rich and have need of (nothing) else." Thomas A Kempis

"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more" (Luke 12:48)



## Forgive yourself first

Forgiveness can be a gift we easily offer to others but deny ourselves. Yet, learning to forgive ourselves is a critical ingredient in the ability to forgive others. Consider offering yourself the loving gift of forgiveness:

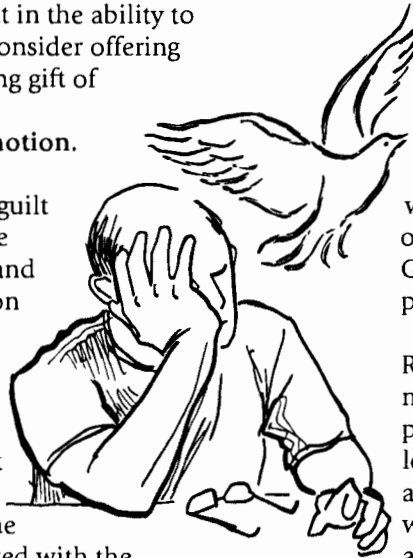
### Release the emotion.

A well-formed conscience feels guilt for sin. A mistake triggers sadness and regret. Holding on to these negative feelings makes them patterns that become part of who we are. Instead, attack the emotion associated with the transgression and release it. Go to Confession, perform acts of kindness, make amends to change the way you look at yourself.

Clarify morals. The reason most of us feel ashamed of our wrongdoings is because they are out of line with our faith and morals.

Fortunately, examining our actions can actually clue us into what we really feel is important. Bringing our actions in line with our beliefs is a positive outcome from transgressions. Growth makes forgiveness possible.

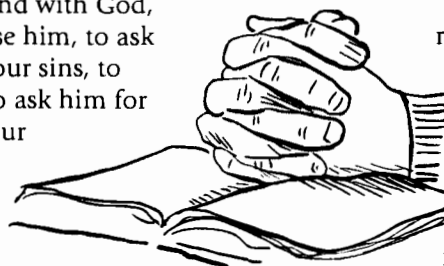
Give yourself a do over. Refusing to forgive ourselves means we are locked in the past. Instead, the goal is to learn from the experience to avoid repetition. To help, write down how you would act differently if you had the chance to do it again. You will see the skills you have acquired as a result and be able to move on to a better future.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics pray?

We pray to bond with God, whether to praise him, to ask forgiveness for our sins, to thank him, or to ask him for help. Prayer is our connection to God, who created us and wants to have a relationship with us.



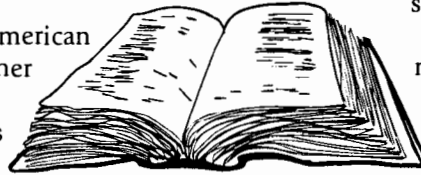
Our prayer is always a response to God's invitation: "Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2560).

# Use the Bible well

There's an old saying, "Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who aren't." Try these tips to get the most out of your reading:

**Choose a Catholic version.** The New American Bible is read during Mass but there are other Catholic translations. Most important is having an edition you enjoy that contains all the Catholic books. (Here is a list: [usccb.org/bible/approved-translations/index.cfm](http://usccb.org/bible/approved-translations/index.cfm).)

**Use the aids.** The Bible contains customs and terms that are foreign to us. Read the introductions and footnotes for helpful explanations.



**Focus on passages.** The Bible will make more sense if you read the sections that are grouped together rather than sentence by sentence.

**Mark it up.** Underline and make notes in the margins as you read to make your book more useful.

**Read aloud.** The Bible began as an oral tradition. Hearing the passages read may help them become clearer.

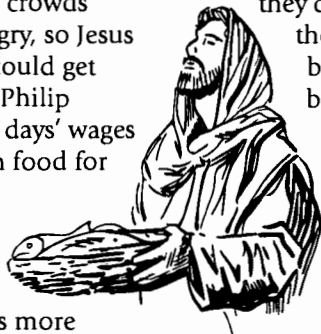
**Live it.** What you read in the Bible will help you find strength to meet the challenges of life. Don't just read it. Live it.

## from Scripture

### John 6:1-15; Loaves and fishes.

This Gospel passage records the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. The crowds following Jesus were hungry, so Jesus asked Philip where they could get enough food. Dismayed, Philip figured that two hundred days' wages still wouldn't buy enough food for them. Like Philip, we can face problems that seem too big for us and get dismayed.

The apostle Andrew was more industrious; he found a boy with five loaves of barley bread and two fish. The boy willingly offered to Jesus all he had, meager though it was. What a surprise



when Jesus fed the five thousand "as much...as they wanted." Even after they'd had their fill of bread, there were still twelve wicker baskets left over. God can't be outdone in generosity. Being faced with problems that appear beyond our ability to solve can feel overwhelming. It's easy to react like Philip and give up hope. On our own, we may not have much to offer. By offering what we have to God, meager though it may be, he can accomplish amazing feats through us.

## Q & A What is expected of Catholics?

Successful families have guidelines that help each member grow in love and virtue. Also a family, the Catholic Church recommends basic guidelines so that her children, too, can grow in love and virtue:



**Come home every weekend:** "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy days of Obligation and rest from

servile labor." God *wants* to see us – often!  
**Take responsibility:** "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." Since we are prone to sin, it's important to repair our relationship with Our Lord.

**Proper nourishment:** "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season." In the Eucharist, Jesus nourishes us with his Body and Blood – at every Mass!

**Make room for love:** "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." Fasting helps us free our hearts for God's love.

**Contribute to the family:** "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." Whether we donate money, time or resources, our help matters (CCC #2042-2043).

## Feasts & Celebrations

**July 3 – St. Thomas (1st Century).** Known as "doubting Thomas" for requesting proof of the Resurrection, he made a beautiful profession of faith when he received proof, "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28). Tradition says that Thomas evangelized the Parthians, Medes, and Persians, and ultimately reached India. He was martyred near Mylapore.

**July 9 – St. Veronica Giuliani (1727).** Born in Italy, in 1660, St. Veronica entered the Capuchin order as soon as she was old enough to marry. Soon after, she began receiving

visions of Christ's Passion and, by a special grace, received the marks of Christ's wounds on her body.

**July 25 – St. James (1st Century).** When Jesus called St. James and his brother, John, to become apostles, they left their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. St. James was one of three apostles to witness Jesus' transfiguration, the raising of Jairus' daughter, and the agony in Gethsemane. St. James was the first of the apostles to be martyred.



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## Meditaciones breves

### Beato Pier Giorgio Frassati

Pier Giorgio nació en Turín, Italia, en 1901.

Desde joven sintió un profundo amor por la Santa Eucaristía y la Santísima Virgen y tuvo una rica vida espiritual. Pier usó los recursos que tenía para ayudar a los pobres. Se dedicó a servir a los enfermos, a ocuparse de los huérfanos y a ayudar a los soldados que volvían de la guerra. Estudió ingeniería para servir mejor a Dios entre los mineros, pero murió antes de terminar la carrera.



### Discipulado

Los discípulos no son sólo los 12 hombres elegidos por Cristo hace mucho tiempo. Un discípulo es alguien que coloca a Cristo en el centro de su vida. "Hagan sitio a Cristo y nieguen la entrada a todo lo demás. Cuando se tiene a Cristo, se es rico y no se necesita nada más". Tomás de Kempis

*"A quien se le dio mucho, se le reclamará mucho; y a quien se le confió mucho, se le pedirá más" (Lucas 12:48).*



## Perdónese a usted primero

El perdón puede ser un don que ofrecemos con facilidad a los demás, pero nos negamos a nosotros mismos. No obstante, aprender a perdonarnos a nosotros mismos es un ingrediente crítico en nuestra habilidad para perdonar a los demás. Ofrezcense el amoroso don del perdón:

**Líbrese de las emociones.** Una conciencia bien formada siente culpa por el pecado. Un error desencadena tristeza y remordimiento. Agarrarse a estos sentimientos negativos crea patrones de comportamiento que se convierten en parte de nosotros. Ataque, por el contrario, la emoción asociada con la transgresión y líbrese de ella. Vaya a confesar, haga actos amables, enmiende lo necesario para sentirse en paz con usted mismo.

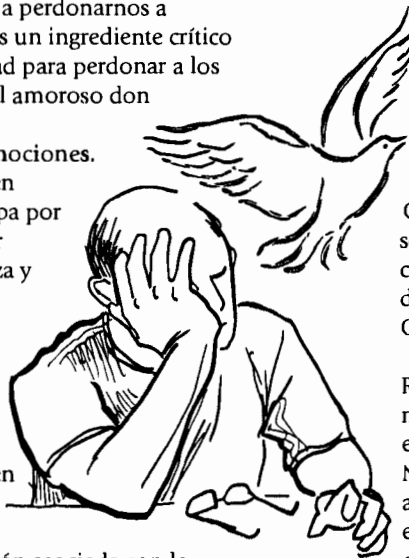
Aclare sus valores morales. La razón por la que la mayoría de nosotros nos avergonzamos de nuestros malos actos es

que estos actos están en desacuerdo con nuestra fe y con nuestros valores morales. Por fortuna, el examen de nuestras acciones puede encaminarnos a lo que realmente es importante.

Conseguir que nuestros actos sean coherentes con nuestras creencias es un resultado positivo de nuestras transgresiones.

Creer hace posible el perdón. Dese otra oportunidad. Renunciar a perdonarnos a nosotros mismos significa que estamos encerrados en el pasado. Nuestro objetivo, en cambio, es aprender de la experiencia para evitar repetir el error. Le será útil escribir de qué otra manera

actuaría usted si tuviera la oportunidad de hacerlo de nuevo. Verá las destrezas que ha adquirido como resultado del error y será capaz de encaminarse a un futuro mejor.



¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Por qué rezan los católicos?

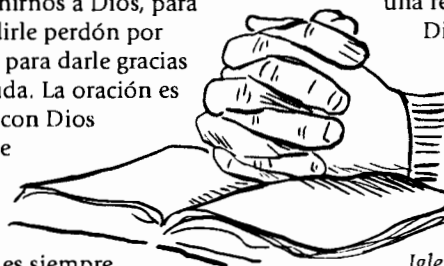
Rezamos para unirnos a Dios, para alabarlo, para pedirle perdón por nuestros pecados, para darle gracias o para pedirle ayuda. La oración es nuestra conexión con Dios que nos creó y que quiere tener una relación con nosotros.

Nuestra oración es siempre

una respuesta a la invitación de Dios: "La oración, lo

sepamos o no, es el encuentro de la sed de Dios y de la sed del hombre. Dios tiene sed de que el hombre tenga sed de Él" (Catecismo de la

Iglesia Católica, #2560).



# Utilice bien la Biblia

Hay un viejo dicho: "Las biblias que se desmoronan suelen ser de gente que no lo hace".

Tenga en cuenta estos consejos para aprovechar al máximo su lectura:

Elija una versión católica. La Nueva Biblia Americana se lee durante la misa, pero hay otras traducciones católicas. Lo más importante es tener una edición que le guste y que contenga todos los libros católicos. (Para inglés vaya a: [usccb.org/bible/approved-translations/index.cfm](http://usccb.org/bible/approved-translations/index.cfm). Para español, consulte <http://biblia.catholic.net>.)

Use ayudas. La Biblia se refiere a costumbres y a términos que

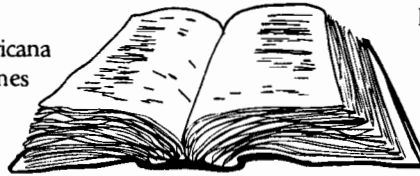
nos resultan extraños. Lea la introducción y las notas a pie de página que contienen útiles explicaciones.

Concéntrase en pasajes. La Biblia tendrá más sentido si lee las secciones que están agrupadas juntas en lugar de leer frase por frase.

Márquela. Subraye y haga notas en los márgenes según lee para que su libro le resulte más útil.

Lea en voz alta. La Biblia en sus orígenes formó parte de la tradición oral. Escuchar la lectura de los pasajes puede contribuir a aclararlos.

Vívala. Lo que lee en la Biblia le ayudará a encontrar la fuerza para hacer frente a los desafíos de la vida. No la lea sin más. Vívala.



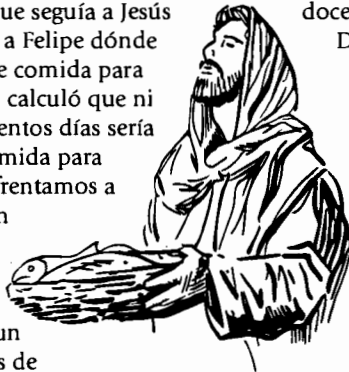
## de las **E**scrituras

### Juan 6:1-15; Los panes y los peces.

Este pasaje evangélico conmemora el milagro de la multiplicación de los panes y de los peces. La multitud que seguía a Jesús tenía hambre y Jesús pidió a Felipe dónde podían conseguir suficiente comida para todos. Felipe, consternado, calculó que ni siquiera el salario de doscientos días sería suficiente para comprar comida para ellos. Como Felipe nos enfrentamos a problemas que nos parecen demasiado grandes y nos consternamos.

El apóstol Andrés fue más diligente; encontró a un muchacho con cinco panes de cebada y dos peces. El muchacho ofreció a Jesús lo que tenía, aunque era poco. ¡Qué sorpresa cuando Jesús dio de comer a cinco

mil "todo lo que quisieron". Después de saciarse de pan todavía quedaban doce cestas llenas. Nadie gana a Dios en generosidad.



Al encontrarnos con problemas que parecen exceder nuestra capacidad de resolverlos nos podemos sentir abrumados. Es fácil reaccionar como Felipe y perder la esperanza. Solos no podemos ofrecer mucho. Al ofrecer a Dios lo que tenemos, aunque sea poco, veremos que él puede realizar cosas extraordinarias a través de nosotros.

## **P** ¿Qué se & **R** espera de los católicos?

Las buenas familias tienen pautas que contribuyen a que cada uno de sus miembros crezca en amor y virtud. La Iglesia católica, que es también una familia, ofrece unas

pautas básicas como recomendaciones para que sus hijos puedan también crecer en amor y virtud:



Venga a casa cada fin de semana: "Oírás la misa entera los domingos y días de precepto y

descansarás de trabajo servil". Dios quiere vernos ¡y a menudo!

Responsabilízese: "Confesarás los pecados mortales al menos una vez al año". Como somos propensos al pecado es importante reparar nuestra relación con Nuestro Señor.

Nútrase adecuadamente: "Comulgarás por Pascua de Resurrección". En la Eucaristía Jesús nos nutre con su Cuerpo y su Sangre ¡en cada misa!

Haga sitio al amor: "Ayunarás y te abstendrás de comer carne cuando lo manda la Santa Madre Iglesia". El ayuno nos ayuda a liberar nuestros corazones para el amor de Dios.

Contribuya a la familia: "Ayudará a la Iglesia en sus necesidades". Tanto si donamos dinero, tiempo o recursos, nuestra ayuda es importante (CJC #2042-2043).

## Fiestas y celebraciones

3 de julio – Santo Tomás (siglo I). Conocido como "Tomás el incrédulo" porque pidió prueba de la resurrección, hizo una hermosa profesión de fe cuando recibió la prueba: "Señor mío y Dios mío" (Juan 20:28). La tradición dice que Tomás evangelizó a los partos, a los medos y a los persas y que logró llegar a la India. Fue martirizado cerca de Mylapore.

9 de julio – Santa Verónica Giuliani (1727). Nacida en Italia en 1660, santa Verónica ingresó en la orden capuchina en cuanto tuvo edad de casarse. Muy pronto empezó a recibir visiones de la Pasión de Cristo y, por una gracia especial, recibió en

su cuerpo los estigmas de la pasión de Cristo.

25 de julio – Santiago apóstol (siglo I). Cuando Jesús llamó a Santiago y a su hermano Juan para que fueran apóstoles, abandonaron a su padre en un barco de pesca en el Mar de Galilea. Santiago fue uno de los apóstoles que presenciaron la transfiguración de Jesús, la resurrección de la hija de Jairo y la agonía en Getsemaní. Santiago fue el primer apóstol martirizado.



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