

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: 5:40pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8:10am

Saturday: 5:15pm

Sunday: 7:15am & 12:15pm

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Tuesday, Thursday and

2nd & 4th Saturdays 5:00-5:45pm

and by appointment 936-825-3920

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Los Martes, jueves y el

segundo y cuarto sábado a las 5:00-5:45pm

y por cita 936-825-3920

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time : January 27, 2019

Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

January 26 & 27, 2019

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

6:00 PM Sasha Ramirez, Living

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

8:30 AM Nelly Denman †

6:00 PM Genaro Medina Rodriguez †

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 01 (1st Friday)

8:30 AM Sp. Legion of Mary, Living & Deceased

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 02 (1st Saturday)

9:00 AM Eng. Legion of Mary, Living & Deceased

6:00 PM Vigil Angie Scarmardo †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 03

8:00 AM Benefactor's of Memorial Fund

1:00 PM* Eduardo Perez †

*SPANISH

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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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

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

7:00 PM Adult Confirmation Class, SPH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

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

6:45 PM Spanish Choir Practice

7:00 PM Lector Class

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

6:00 PM Religious Education Classes, PreK-5th

6:00 PM to 6:45 PM A Parent Class in English and Spanish, CH

7:15 PM Choir Practice, CH

7:30 PM RCIA in English, SPCC

7:30 PM RCIA in Spanish, SPCC

7:30 PM Youth Group Meeting, SPH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

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

5:00 PM to 5:45 PM Confession, CH
Spanish Bible Class, CH Cry room
Guitar Lesson, CH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 01

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 02

8:30 AM Quincenera Class with Candidates, SPH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 03

10:15 AM Religious Education Classes, 6-12th



Sacrament of Baptism Schedule

English Baptism Class Schedule for 2019: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM April 13, July 13, and October 12. **PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO CLASS.** To register please contact Deacon Grant Holt at 936-825-6448 or Lucy Coronilla at 936-419-9296.

Spanish Baptism Class Schedule for 2019: 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, January 27, April 21 and 28, July 21 and 28 October 20 and 27. 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.

II Collections in January and February

January 26 & 27— Bishops' Fund for Latin America

February 9 & 10—Maintenance Fund

Sick Relatives & Friends

PRAY for THE CONTINUING RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF the infirmed and homebound members of our community. Yvonne Meitzen, Leon Nowak, Leona Pasket, Angelina Peterson, Wallace Peterson, Lucila Rivera, Josh Sechelski, Dana Sowell, and Krysten Sowell.

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.

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.

YOUR PARISH SUPPORT SU APOYO PARROQUIAL

Weekly Offering



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TREASURE YOU HAVE SHARED:

GIFTS FOR GOD — YOUR TITHE RESPONDS

January 19 & 20, 2019

(85) Offertory Envelopes/Loose Checks and On Live Giving	3,567.00
Loose Cash	915.00
Children	53.50
1st Offering for Offertory Envelopes	10.00
Total	4,545.50

Maintenance Fund	225.00
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DIOCESAN SERICE FUND

Participation	Goal:
	\$24,940.00
Total Registered Families at Christ Our Light: <u>657</u>	Pledged:
	\$21,278.46
Participating Families in DSF: <u>75</u>	Paid:
	\$21,247.21

Percent Paid: 85.19%

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

World Day for
Consecrated Life



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.

Jorge Aguilar, Jr.
Antonio Magallon
SSgt Allen Thane

OUR HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JAN.

General Intention — **YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE EXAMPLE OF MARY:** That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.



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.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND
Web site is FORMED.ORG
The Parish Code to access the website is
MVMZKF

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

Then register to create an account.

NOTE: Do not use Mozilla Firefox browser.

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



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 27, 2019

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.
— Luke 4:18a

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.

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.

11 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND TIBERIAS—MOUNT OF BEATITUDES—CANA— NAZARETH—MOUNT OF OLIVES— JERUSALEM—BETHLEHEM - WITH FR. ELI - APRIL 30—MAY 10, 2019

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land brings the scriptures to life. It will give new meaning and depth to scripture and your faith. How wonderful it would be for you to make a pilgrimage and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. I invite you to join me on a life changing journey of faith to visit the Holy Land. If you have any questions, please contact me at lopez.eli68@gmail.com



Join the Choir: CHEAPER THAN THERAPY

Singing builds confidence, reduces anxiety, and raises endorphins. No kidding! Join us for a rehearsal and see what fund we have.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Tuesday—6:45pm to 8:00 pm
Wednesday—7:15pm to 8:15 pm

Contract Susan Russell for more information
russellharp@outlook.com

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

ONLINE STORE FOR CATHOLIC GIFTS

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...” Nehemiah 8:10
Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.

Tercer domingo del Tiempo ordinario — “*Id y comed manjares grasos, bebed bebidas dulces y mandad su ración a quien no tiene nada preparado...*” Nehemías 8:10 *Las instrucciones de Ezra a la gente nos muestran que Dios no nos prohíbe disfrutar de las cosas buenas de la vida. ¡Quiere que seamos felices! Sin embargo, Dios espera que estemos agradecidos por todo lo que nos ha dado y que, sin esperar nada a cambio, compartamos generosamente nuestras bendiciones con aquellos que lo necesitan.*



Mass Intentions for 2019 are available and needed. Stop by the parish office or drop your request in the collection basket with the needed information.



Total Pledged to Date: \$101,153.00
% of Parish Goal 48.48%
Number of Participation
(# Families) 34

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PREPARATION FOR RELEASE OF NAMES

January 27, 2019

Sexual abuse of children is a societal calamity on many, many fronts. Last year alone the Texas Education Agency reports over 400 accusations of sexual misconduct between adults and students. But let's be clear: it is especially evil when those purporting to follow in the footsteps of the Apostles and represent Christ in our midst act in such a vile way against the children of God.

As a result of the actions of a few, we face a terrible crisis that cries out for a widespread response of saintly behavior. When this list of "credibly accused" clergy is published, please take note how most of the incidents were decades ago. The very public case of Cardinal McCarrick is troubling, and we must find ways to understand how this happened and how to help ensure a similar case will not be repeated.

Also, be very careful of simple answers to a complex problem. There are some well-funded web sites that look only at the bad side of an issue.

I believe that those who bring the allegations do so with a firm belief that the memories of incidents are accurate and are brought forth with sincerity. Also remember that one is innocent until proven guilty. We can fall into the trap of the sin of calumny or detraction by speaking without knowledge of all the facts. Reputations are very difficult to restore when allegations prove to be unfounded and sometimes the accused never recovers. Let us keep in mind and prayer the impact to the lives of victims and the accused as we are called to be a community of healing.

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Dominica Sisters of Houston
To Praise To Bless To Preach

This program is open to girls of all races and denominations. Girls must have complete 5th, not started 11th grade. One session being offered and enrollment is limited to 36 girls. Applications are being accepted on a first come first served basis. When: Sunday, June 9-Saturday, June 15, 2019. Where: Circle Lake Retreat Center located in Pinehurst, Texas operated by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Cost: \$300.00—one week session **Registration form can be found on the bulletin board in the Church Narthex.**

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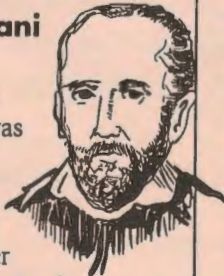
February 2019

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One Minute Meditations

St. Jerome Emiliani

St. Jerome led a wayward life while a soldier until he was captured in battle and turned back to God. Soon after returning to Venice, he began studying for the priesthood and was ordained in 1518. With the devastation from the war came famine and plague. At his own expense, St. Jerome cared for the victims left behind, especially the children. For this purpose, he and some companions founded the Clerks Regulars of Somascha, in Somascha, Italy.



Make it a good day

A good day is one spent in God's presence. Start the morning by offering your efforts to God. Throughout the day, look for evidence of his nearness to you as you go about your business. Don't let minor irritants affect your mood.

"I don't care to inquire why they cannot believe an earthly body can be in heaven, while the whole earth is suspended on nothing." St. Augustine, City of God



Make every Sunday the Lord's Day

"This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). God wants us to have a day of rest each week. He felt it was so necessary that he made it a **Commandment**.

While it is non-negotiable for God's people, a busy person may find it hard to do Sunday right. Try these tips for making Sunday the Lord's Day.

Attend Mass. Both Jesus' Resurrection and Pentecost occurred on Sunday. There's no better way to celebrate the Lord's Day than to worship him during Mass on Sunday.

Schedule chores. It's not very restful to stand in line at the grocery store or change the oil in your car. Try to

accomplish chores and errands another day so you can spend time relaxing on Sunday.

Alternate entertainment. Instead of turning on the TV or zoning on the smartphone, take a nice long drive, curl up with a good book, or visit friends or family. Do whatever it takes to recharge your spirit.

Create a unique prayer habit. Offer prayers that you only say on Sundays. Read Scripture. Listen to sacred music. Take time to thank God for your blessings.

Protect the day. Make Sunday a priority. Don't let anything interfere with your rest, peace, or worship. Let the Holy Spirit guide your day.

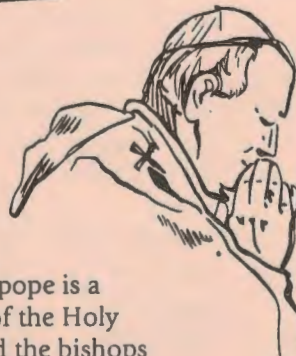


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe the pope is infallible?

As visible head of the Church on earth, the pope has the gift of infallibility. This means that by gift of the Holy Spirit, the pope can't err in teaching the faith.

That's not to say that a pope is a perfect person. This gift of the Holy Spirit helps the pope, and the bishops



with him, guide the Church in staying faithful to Christ. The pope is only infallible when he solemnly declares a teaching on faith and morals as St. Peter's successor (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #890-891).

"Please forgive me!"

Throughout history, there has been only one person who never made mistakes. The rest of us make plenty but few of us are comfortable with asking for forgiveness for them. Yet owning up to our mistakes is a big step toward preventing their recurrence. Try this:

Start by looking at the other person when you apologize. This communicates that you know you have caused harm and are ready to accept the consequences of your behavior.

Name the actions for which you are sorry. Be specific.



Assure the other person that the actions won't happen again and detail the steps you will take to rectify any harm you caused. Remember – true contrition involves making amends for your sin.

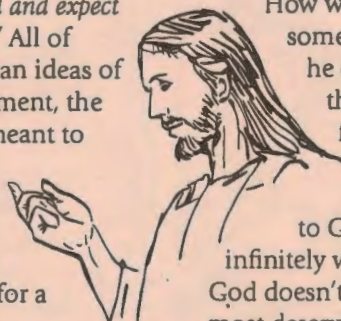
Give some visible sign that you are sincerely sorry. Shake hands or give a touch on the shoulder. Such an action will help start the healing of your relationship.

Taking steps to achieve sincere contrition and forgiveness will help you grow in holiness as you work to eliminate an occasion of sin.

from Scripture

Luke 6:27-38; Being merciful as God is merciful

In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells us to "love your enemies...lend and expect nothing back...and forgive." All of these go against our human ideas of fairness. In the Old Testament, the "eye for an eye" rule was meant to make sure the punishment wasn't excessive. Likewise, the idea of getting favors was meant to show gratitude for a favor already given.



appreciation to simply owing favors. How would you know if the good someone did you was because he or she loved you or because they wanted something from you?

Jesus "updates" the old understanding of justice to God's justice, which is infinitely wiser and more perfect. God doesn't dole out his love to the most deserving, but freely to everyone. His goodness includes mercy as well as justice. His love is generous, selfless, simple, and compassionate. The surest sign of being God's children is if we love others the way he does.

The problem is that "an eye for an eye" can result in a vicious cycle of violence and destroyed relationships. The "favor for favor" idea reduces the value of giving gifts out of kindness and

Q & A What is the difference between a basilica, a cathedral, and a shrine?

Different church buildings serve different purposes. Basilicas are traditionally large, rectangular churches that have a historical and spiritual

importance, such as St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The ancient Romans originally used them to house kings or judges. Later, Christians used the style for places to worship God, the King of Kings.

The pope can raise important church buildings of historical and spiritual significance, for example a cathedral, to the status of "minor basilica." When you visit, you'll know you're in a minor basilica if the conopaeum (a red-and-yellow umbrella), a special bell, and the Vatican seal (papal crown and crossed keys) are on display.

A cathedral is the chief church in a diocese and is where the bishop presides. The name "cathedral" comes from the word cathedra, which is Latin for "the chair." This refers to the bishop's chair, which represents his authority. A shrine is a sacred place where a saint's relic is preserved, an apparition took place, or a place to encourage a specific belief or devotion.

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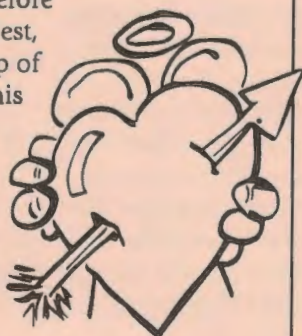
Feasts & Celebrations

Feb. 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858). A heavenly "lady" appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor and sickly girl from a small village in France. Soon after the first vision, a spring with miraculous, healing waters emerged from a nearby cave. The "lady" revealed herself as the "Immaculate Conception" – the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Feb. 22 – St. Peter's Chair (1st century). We celebrate the establishment of the Holy See and pray for the preservation of God's Church. The "Chair of Peter" refers to the relic of an actual chair of St. Peter and to the

spiritual authority of the Church, symbolized by the chair.

Feb. 26 – St. Porphyry (420). Born to a wealthy Greek family in Macedonia, St. Porphyry lived as a hermit. His quiet life was interrupted when he inherited a fortune, which he quickly gave to the poor. He worked as a shoemaker before becoming a priest, then the Bishop of Gaza (against his will). Despite initial resistance, St. Porphyry successfully evangelized Gaza.



Creciendo en la Fe™

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

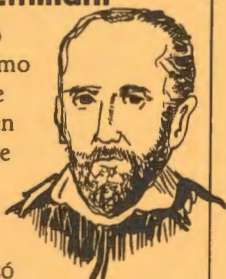
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Meditaciones breves

San Jerónimo Emiliani

San Jerónimo vivió una vida disoluta como soldado hasta que fue capturado en una batalla y se convirtió a Dios. Nada más regresar a Venecia empezó a estudiar para el sacerdocio y fue ordenado en 1518. Tras la devastación de la guerra llegaron el hambre y la peste. San Jerónimo pagó de su dinero el cuidado de las víctimas, especialmente de los niños. Para esto fundó con algunos compañeros la Orden de los Clérigos Regulares de Somasca, en Somasca, Italia.



Que sea un buen día

Un buen día es uno vivido en la presencia de Dios. Empiece la mañana ofreciendo sus esfuerzos a Dios. A lo largo del día busque pruebas de lo cerca que está de usted mientras se encarga de sus ocupaciones. No permita que las pequeñas irritaciones influyan en su estado de ánimo.

"No me interesa preguntar por qué no pueden creer que un cuerpo terrenal pueda estar en el cielo, cuando la tierra entera cuelga de la nada". San Agustín, *La ciudad de Dios*



Que cada domingo sea el Día del Señor

"¡Este es el día que hizo Yahvé, exultémos y gocémos en él!" (Salmo 118:24). Dios quiere que cada semana tengamos un día de descanso. Le parecía tan necesario que lo convirtió en uno de los Mandamientos. Aunque para el pueblo de Dios esto no es negociable, a una persona ocupada puede resultar difícil hacer lo debido el domingo. Ponga en práctica estos consejos para hacer del domingo el Día del Señor:

Vaya a misa. Tanto la Resurrección de Jesús como Pentecostés tuvieron lugar en domingo. No hay mejor forma de celebrar el Día del Señor que alabarlo durante la misa dominical.

Haga un horario para sus quehaceres. No se descansa mientras esperamos en la fila del supermercado o cambiamos el

aceite del auto. Procure completar los quehaceres y mandados otro día para poder relajarse el domingo.

Cambie de entretenimiento. En lugar de encender la TV o ensimismarse con el celular, dé un largo y bonito paseo con el auto, siéntese cómodamente con un libro o visite a amigos o familiares. Haga lo necesario para recargar su espíritu.

Cree un hábito de oración especial. Ofrezca plegarias que diga sólo los domingos. Lea la Sagrada Escritura. Escuche música sacra. Dedique tiempo a agradecerle a Dios sus bendiciones.

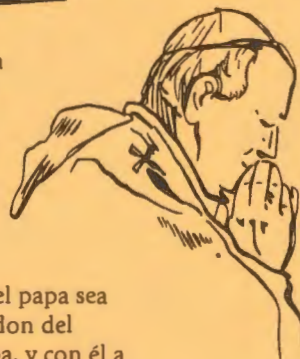
Proteja el día. Dé prioridad al domingo. No permita que nada interrumpa su descanso, su paz o sus plegarias. Deje que el Espíritu Santo guíe su día.



¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

Como cabeza visible de la Iglesia en la Tierra, el papa tiene el don de la infalibilidad. Esto significa que por el don del Espíritu Santo, el papa no puede equivocarse en la enseñanza de la fe.

Esto no quiere decir que el papa sea una persona perfecta. Este don del Espíritu Santo ayuda al papa, y con él a



¿Por qué creen los católicos que el papa es infalible?

los obispos, a guiar a la Iglesia para que se mantenga fiel a Cristo. El papa es sólo infalible cuando enseña con solemnidad la doctrina en cuestiones de fe y de moral como sucesor de san Pedro (*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, #890-891).

“¡Perdóname, por favor!”

A lo largo de la historia, ha habido sólo una persona que nunca cometió errores. El resto de nosotros comete muchos pero pocos de nosotros nos sentimos cómodos pidiendo perdón por ellos. Sin embargo, admitir nuestras faltas es un paso importante para evitar repetir las. Ponga esto en práctica:

Mire a la otra persona cuando le pida perdón. Esto comunica que usted es consciente de haber hecho daño y está listo para aceptar las consecuencias de su comportamiento.

Diga el nombre de los actos que lamenta. Sea



específico. Asegure a la otra persona que esos actos no se repetirán y detalle los pasos que usted tomará para rectificar el mal causado. Recuerde: la auténtica contrición incluye la enmienda por su pecado.

Haga un signo visible de que lo lamenta de verdad.

Dé un apretón de manos o un toque en el hombro.

Una acción así iniciará la reconciliación con la otra persona.

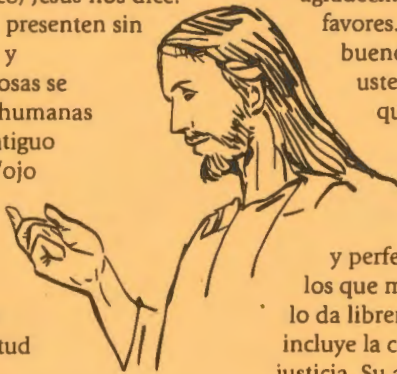
Los pasos que dé para conseguir la contrición sincera y el perdón le ayudarán a crecer en santidad mientras se esfuerza por eliminar las ocasiones de pecado.

de las **E**scrituras

Lucas 6:27-38; Ser compasivo como Dios es compasivo

En este pasaje evangélico, Jesús nos dice: “Amen a sus enemigos... presenten sin esperar nada a cambio... y perdonen”. Todas estas cosas se oponen a nuestras ideas humanas sobre la justicia. En el Antiguo Testamento, la regla del “ojo por ojo” existía para asegurar que el castigo no fuera excesivo. Así mismo la idea de conseguir favores existía para mostrar gratitud por un favor otorgado.

El problema es que el “ojo por ojo” puede general un círculo vicioso de violencia y de relaciones rotas. La idea del “favor por favor” reduce el valor de dar por bondad y



agradecimiento a un simple deber favores. ¿Cómo podría saber si lo bueno que alguien hizo por usted fue por amor o porque quería algo de usted?

Jesús “actualiza” la idea antigua de justicia a la justicia de Dios que es infinitamente más sabia y perfecta. Dios no da su amor a los que más se lo merecen, sino que lo da libremente a todos. Su bondad incluye la compasión junto con la justicia. Su amor es generoso, desinteresado, sencillo y misericordioso. La señal más clara de que somos hijos de Dios es que amamos a los demás como él ama.

P ¿Cuál es la diferencia **&** entre una basílica, una **R** catedral y un santuario?

Los distintos edificios eclesiásticos tienen funciones distintas. Las basílicas son tradicionalmente templos grandes y rectangulares que tienen importancia histórica y espiritual como la Basílica de San Pedro en Roma. Los antiguos romanos las usaban para albergar a reyes o jueces. Más tarde los cristianos las usaron como lugares para dar culto a Dios, el Rey de Reyes.



El Papa puede elevar la condición de edificios eclesiásticos importantes con significado histórico y espiritual, por ejemplo una catedral, a la de “basílica menor”. Cuando la visite sabrá que se encuentra en una basílica menor si están a la vista el conopeo (una cobertura roja y amarilla), una campana especial y el sello del Vaticano (la tiara papal y las llaves entrecruzadas).

Una catedral es la iglesia principal de una diócesis y la preside un obispo. El nombre “catedral” viene de cathedra, la palabra para “asiento” en Latín. Se refiere esto a la silla del obispo, que representa su autoridad. Un santuario es un lugar sagrado donde se conserva la reliquia de un santo, tuvo lugar una aparición o donde se fomenta una creencia o una devoción especial.

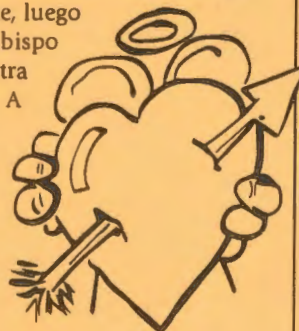
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11 de febrero – Nuestra Señora de Lourdes (1858). Una “señora” celestial se le apareció a santa Bernadette Soubirous, una niña pobre y enferma de un pueblecito francés. Poco después de la primera visión manó en una cueva una fuente con aguas milagrosas y curativas. La “señora” se presentó como la “Inmaculada Concepción”, la Bienaventurada Virgen María.

22 de febrero – La cátedra de San Pedro (siglo I). Celebramos el establecimiento de la Santa Sede y rogamos por la preservación de la Iglesia de Dios. La “Cátedra de Pedro” se refiere a la reliquia de una silla de san

Pedro y a la autoridad de la Iglesia simbolizada por la silla.

26 de febrero – San Porfirio (420). Nacido en el seno de una rica familia griega en Macedonia, san Porfirio vivía como un ermitaño. Su callada vida fue interrumpida cuando heredó una fortuna que inmediatamente repartió entre los pobres. Trabajó como zapatero antes de hacerse sacerdote, luego fue nombrado obispo de Gaza (en contra de su voluntad). A pesar de la resistencia inicial de la gente, san Porfirio logró evangelizar Gaza.



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