



**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 25, 2024**

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.  
— *Joshua 24:15b*

**HOUSEHOLDS IN GOD’S SERVICE**

In the ancient world, “household” was a wide-reaching concept. When Joshua today speaks of his household serving the Lord, he meant not just those people who lived inside his walls or those related to him by blood or marriage; he meant slaves or servants and their families, and anyone indebted to him in any way. Even his livestock and other possessions would be consecrated to service of God. In our world, we value allowing individuals their freedom to choose how they live, and wouldn’t think of offering our pets to the service of God. But, as we discern our vocation as disciples baptized into Christ, we can come to realize how far-ranging the “households” of our lives still are: how we act toward our spouses, children, roommates or anyone we live with; our behavior with neighbors; or in public as we encounter many “strangers” every day in stores or traffic who suddenly are “next door” to us. How can we use our time, our resources, or gifts for selfless reasons rather than personal gain? No matter what life our witness to the Good News calls us to, we all have a “household” that must be consecrated to service of the Lord our God.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The LORD, our God, protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5;  
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;  
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5;  
Mk 6:17-29

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;  
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21;  
Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18,  
21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK †\_MISAS DE LA SEMANA**

**August 24-30**

**Saturday/4:30pm/Augusto Coutinho †,**

**Maria Spannuth †, Lee Roy Weiland †**

**6:30pm/Isabel Topete †, Adolfo Trujillo †**

**Sunday/8:00am/Alicia Andes †,**

**Aurora Lim †, Urbano Lim Sr. †**

**Manuel Moreno †, Deceased members of the**

**Daughters of Isabella †**

**10:00am/Tony Mello †, Mary Gomes †,**

**Tony Solorzano †**

**11:30am/All Souls †**

**Monday/9:00am/All Souls †**

**Tuesday/9:00am/ All Souls †**

**Wednesday/9:00am/All Souls †**

**Thursday/9:00am/ All Souls †**

**Friday/9:00am/All Souls †**

**The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is celebrated each Thursday from 4:30PM-6PM.**

**THIS WEEK WE WILL REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

Let us pray for our sick: Manuel Francisco Silva, Beto Da Sanchez, Charlie Morales, Francisca Martinez, Dave Robinson, Nick Neuburger, Larry Ellsworth, Aslan Khamo, Maria Gonzalez, Noelia Monroy, Rosemary Lanza, Larry Mitchell, Senon Franco Jr., Maria Duarte Mota Ferreira, Mr. Kohler.



**DID YOU KNOW.....**

Did you know that if you or a family member have not received all the Sacraments of the Catholic Church, the **OCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Program at St. Christopher's can help prepare you to receive these Sacraments. Did you know if someone you know would like to become a member of the Catholic Church, the RCIA Program at St. Christopher's can help. For further information please contact Ben White, 916 396 5453.



**To all who have donated to the roof project. A total of \$69,165.00 has been received. Our Goal: \$134,000.00.**

### Volunteers We Need YOU!

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

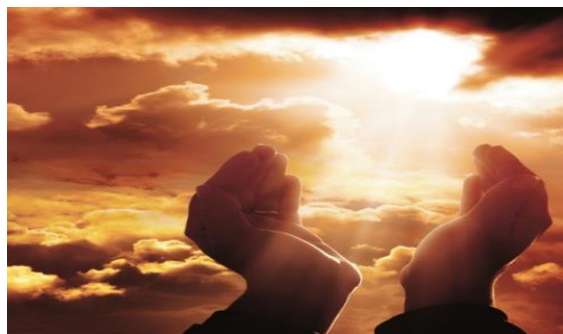
Eucharistic Ministers assist the Presider in the distribution of communion at Mass or other special events. Ministers must be a Catholic in good standing, registered in the parish.

#### LECTORS

Lector proclaim God's Word to the assembled faith community. Two lectors are scheduled to read at each weekend Mass. Training is available to properly proclaim God's word.

Lori Smith or Ben White at 209-745-1389.

*Next weekend, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the Galt Sunshine Food Closet in the vestibule. We have a constant need for **pasta, rice, beans, peanut butter, dry cereal, canned tuna & chicken.** Thank you for your continuous support.*



#### Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 25 de agosto de 2024

En cuanto a mí toca, mi familia y yo serviremos al Señor. - Josué 24:15b

#### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** -- Josué urge a los israelitas a que sirvan a Dios o a los otros dioses. Ellos escogieron al Señor (Josué 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Salmo** -- Gusten y vean qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]).

**Segunda lectura** -- Pablo reflexiona cómo los esposos y esposas deberán darse amor y reverencia mutua (Efesios 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

**Evangelio** -- Después de hablar de dar su carne a comer, muchos de los discípulos de Jesús se alejaron. Los doce escogieron permanecer con él; "Maestro, ¿a quién acudiremos?" (Juan 6:60-69)

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Tes 1:1-5, 11-12; Sal 96 (95):1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Martes: 2 Tes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Sal 96 (95):10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Miércoles: 2 Tes 3:6-10, 16-18; Sal 128 (127):1-2, 4-5; Mc 6:17-29

Jueves: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Sal 145 (144):2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Viernes: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Sábado: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Sal 33 (32):12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

Domingo: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Sal 15 (14):2-5; Sant 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mc 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

#### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Narcisa de Jesús Martillo Morán nació el día de san Narciso (29 de octubre, 1832), hija de campesinos ecuatorianos. Vivió su vida como costurera y doméstica. Falleció en Perú en 1869. Su fe se distinguió por su amor a la presencia de Jesús Sacramentado en la Eucaristía, sus prácticas de penitencia y sus obras de caridad. Cuando aún era joven, conoció la vida de la recientemente beatificada y ahora santa, Marianita de Jesús, "la Azucena de Quito" (1618-1645). La vida de esta santa mujer latina la inspiró a vivir como mejor cristiana, buscando ser guiada espiritualmente por una serie de directores espirituales. En esta laica beata, encontramos dos puntos de reflexión para nosotros los latinos. El primero es la necesidad de conocer nuestros santos latinos no sólo para recurrir a ellos sino para imitar su santidad. Lo segundo es la necesidad de buenos directores espirituales, ya sean sacerdotes, religiosos, religiosas, laicos o laicas. La dirección espiritual es una práctica antigua en nuestra Iglesia y muchos hombres y mujeres han sido directores espirituales para guiar a personas como Narcisa, ayudándoles en el camino a la santidad.

#### Noticias de la Doctrina!

**¡Registraciones de la doctrina se ha cerrado!**