

June 7, 2015
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST
CORPUS CHRISTI

Moses ratifies the covenant by offering a thanksgiving sacrifice and by sprinkling blood over the people. The new covenant, the law's oblation, is ratified in the blood of Christ, the unblemished offering poured out for us.



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

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| June 8 | 10:30 AM | |
| Mary Tang | | SI |
| June 10 | 6:00 PM | |
| Veronica Vernon | | RIP |
| June 11 | 10:30 AM | |
| Fr. Bob Kenny | | RIP |
| June 12 | 10:30 AM | |
| Truman Fox | | RIP |
| June 13 | 5:00 PM | |
| Pete & Stella Firos | | RIP |
| June 7 | 8:30 AM | |
| Jack Nacci | | RIP |
| | 10:30 AM | |
| Stella Debari | | RIP |
| | 12:30 PM | |
| Pro Populo | | |

SI = Special Intention

RIP = Rest in Peace

Pro Populo = For the people of the parish

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM, Stafford Room

"I lift my eyes toward the mountain, whence shall help come to me. My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" Ps. 121: 1-2.. All are welcome.

Daily Worship
Week of June 7, 2015

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| Monday, June 8 | 2 Corinthians 1:1-7 Psalm 34:2-9 Matthew 5:1-12 |
| Tuesday, June 9 | 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 Psalm 119:129-133, 135 Matthew 5:13-16 |
| Wednesday, June 10 | 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 Psalm 99:5-9 Matthew 5:17-19 |
| Thursday, June 11 | Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Psalm 98:1-6 Matthew 5:20-26 |
| Friday, June 12 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus | Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8-9 Isaiah 12:2-6 Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19 John 19:31-37 |
| Saturday, June 13 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12 Matthew 5:33-37 |
| Sunday, June 14 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34 |

PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL HEALING PRAYERS

Fr. Scott is taking a group from Assumption on a pilgrimage to Lourdes and Fatima in June and it is the custom to take petitions from the parish to both locations. Request for physical healing for yourself, a friend or relative is sent to Lourdes. Request for spiritual healing for yourself, a friend or relative is sent to Fatima. They will be collected each Sunday until June 14th in the Gathering space at church and taken on the pilgrimage. One basket will be labeled Lourdes and the other Fatima. Please place your intentions in the appropriate basket. Your prayers for the group would be appreciated as they make this spiritual journey and they will remember you as well at each of the shrines."



EVENING PRAYER
and
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:30 PM.
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until Wednesday evening and ends with Benediction at 5:45 PM, and Mass at 6 PM.
 Are you being called to spend an hour with the Lord? We especially need someone on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM. If able to help, call Linda at 595-4366.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY
Wednesdays after Mass 6:45-8:30 PM

The answer to prayers. "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you shall find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives and the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which one of you would hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf of bread." Mt. 7:7-9a

Are you worried about something in your life? Why not come for prayer? It is confidential and quiet. No appointment is necessary, just come. Info, Nancy Fudge, 734-9563.

SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM in St. Cecilia Room
 "It is written: As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." Rom. 13:11.
 We welcome those who attended the 'Come Holy Spirit,' journey and desire to continue growing in your spiritual walk.

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH MY SPIRITUAL NEEDS ARE MET.



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
2015 GRADUATES**



OF ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- MARISOL AVILA
- MARTINA BUI
- JORGE CAMPOS
- CARL CAPILI
- FRANCIS DEPALMA
- JULIANA JEFFREY
- ANTHONY LE
- SARAH MAEDA
- ANNIKA SAXTON
- LILLIAN SCHOENECKER
- ALEXA SOTELO
- HESSER SOTELO
- CASEY TRAN
- TIANA VARANG
- JAMES VORENKAMP
- LOULI ZIELS

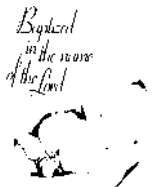
*May you continue to take God by your side
on your next journey.*



THANKS TO BLOOD DONORS

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the 25 persons who signed up to donate blood later this month. Reminders will be sent out to them closer to the blood drive date, Friday, June 26. There still are openings for five more donors--1:00, 1:45, 2:00, 3:30, and 4:45. Contact Joe St.Hilaire, 671-4836, if you would like to join the volunteers. You never know whose life you might save by donating blood, and this is an easy, painless way to help others.

The **Harvest Festival Used Book Sale** is now accepting donations of books for all ages. (No encyclopedias or magazines, please.) Donations may be left at the Parish Office, or in the box behind the kiosk in the Gathering Space at Church.



BAPTISMAL CLASSES

The next baptismal classes will be on Saturday July 11 & 18 at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room. You must attend both classes.

MOM'S GROUP SUMMER PICNIC SCHEDULE

Hello Catholic Moms! You are all invited to join us this summer with your child(ren) at a local park for a summer picnic. Children of all ages are welcome and please know that you do not have to have come to our group before. All are welcome. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy socializing with other Catholic moms while the kids play and enjoy the summer and beautiful parks around our town! If you have any questions please contact Bev Williams at 920-7592 or bevjohnson_13@hotmail.com.

Hope to see you at the park!

- June 11 -Squalicum Creek Park
- June 25 -Fairhaven Park
- July 9 -Lake Padden Park
- July 23 -Cornwall Park
- August 13 -Elizabeth Park
- August 27 -Blodel Donovan Park

PREPARES (Pregnancy and Parenting Support)

Prepares Orientation meeting will be held Monday June 8th in the Assumption School Library from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help build a network of support and services to Pregnant women, fathers, and their families by walking the journey from conception to their child's fifth birthday. Prepares will provide; rapid response and referrals for urgent needs, e.g. food, formula, diapers, and clothing. Parent support services, mentors for moms and dads, Support groups and classes for parents and families, adoption support and referrals. Prepares is an initiative of the Catholic Bishops of Washington State, which is open to all people. Come to the meeting and learn more about Prepares and what is needed. Potential volunteers will be trained. All are welcome

PREPARES (Programa de apoyo a los padres durante el embarazo) es una iniciativa de los Obispos Católicos del Estado de Washington que ofrece servicios a mujeres embarazadas, los padres y la familia. Este programa proporciona apoyo desde la concepción hasta que el niño cumpla 5 años. En el transcurso del próximo año, Prepares visitará todas las parroquias en el estado de Washington para crear una red de apoyo de la comunidad católica. Prepares ofrecerá capacitación a los voluntarios que quieran apoyar a las familias el 8 de junio a las 6:30 p.m. en la biblioteca de la escuela de la Asunción. Para obtener más información, visite el sitio web

www.preparesforlife.org o llame al coordinador de la zona al (206) 327-2474 o (206) 328-5921.

**FAITH
FORMATION,
SCHOOL,
PARISH
EVENTS**

**ATTENTION
SCRIP
SUPPORTERS**

Please support our school by purchasing Scrip. It is available on the first and third Sunday of each month between 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM masses. Thank you for your support!

**PRAY FOR OUR
MILITARY**

- Floyd Carpenter
- Chris Formicbella
- Don Veltum
- Capt. Mark Bieda
- Capt. Trevor Corrigan
- Adam Honda
- Jason Woolsey
- Steve Ploog
- Corey McDaniel
- Patrick Kelley
- Patrick L. Blake
- Capt. Paul Cleary
- Michael Condit
- Gabriel Feely
- John Hutson
- Gabriel Rodriguez
- Steven Faecke
- Lt Col Gregory DeMarco
- Keanu Franco
- Michael Dahl
- Matt Edge
- Kurt DeVries
- 2nd Lt. Garrett Burnham
- Bob Iverson
- Lt. Michael Bertschinger
- Capt. Eric Stein
- Caleb Trottnner

**COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT
&
LIFE, JUSTICE &
PEACE
MINISTRY**

**PASTORAL
COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

Bill Attebery
Jim Gibson
Jerilou Jones
Carlos Muñoz
José Ordóñez
Denise Plaisier
Sam Raines
Belen Saturay
Jean Wilford
Tashie Zang

**COMMISSION &
COMMITTEE
CHAIRS**

Faith Formation Commission
John Getchell
Parish Life & Social
Mary & Bill Chambers
Spiritual Life & Worship
Ronald Delbecq
School Commission
Kathy Buford
Life, Justice & Peace
Michael DiSpigno
Pastoral Care
Carol Frazey
Building & Grounds
Eric Schueler
Stewardship/Engaged
Church
Patti & James Wright
Finance Council
Bill Zang
Pastoral Council
Jim Gibson
Bill Attebery
Belen Saturay

CALLED TO SERVE AS A DEACON?

The Archdiocese of Seattle will soon be accepting applications to study for the permanent diaconate. A permanent deacon is ordained to serve the needs of the Church, especially the poor and vulnerable. A candidate demonstrates readiness for deacon formation by a lifetime pattern of spiritual, pastoral and intellectual growth, solid moral character, humility, good listening skills, empathy, truthfulness, patience and good relationships with others. A deacon candidate is prepared to understand, present and promote the teachings of the Church. To enter the deacon formation class the candidate must have a recommendation of the pastor, a mastery of the English language, sufficient education to succeed in a rigorous intellectual formation program, a stable family situation, if married then validly married by the church and have their wife's support. Bilingual skills are desirable. Candidate must have the ability to commit to a weekend away from home once a month for four years, beginning in August 2016. Once ordained, the deacon must have the ability to serve the Church gratis (deacons are typically not paid for their diaconal service.) An informational meeting will be held at Sacred Heart Parish, Bellingham, at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 27th. To RSVP, and for more information see www.seattlearchdiocese.org/pdv

**CYPRIAN CONSIGLIO COMING TO
ASSUMPTION!**

Friday, June 26th, from 7pm to 9pm
“An Evening of Songs and Stories”

This event will be an enjoyable opportunity to listen to the stories behind Consiglio’s musical compositions which incorporate styles and sacred texts from a wide variety of cultures and spiritual traditions.

Saturday, June 27th from 7pm to 9pm
“Spirit, Soul, Body: Toward an Integral Christian Spirituality”

At this evening event Consiglio will be drawing upon insights from his newest book. It is his desire “to bring a Christian voice to an exciting conversation about spirituality that is going on beyond the walls of our churches.”

Both Events are held at Assumption Church:
Suggested Donation: \$10.00 All donations will be given to New Camaldoli Hermitage.

For further information go to Stillpoint at Becksidespiritualitycenter’s website: stillpointatbecksides.com OR contact: Ron or Kathy Delbecq rkdelbecq@comcast.net



They come in all sizes and ages, and they have one thing in common—they all have birthdays! Every child deserves a once a year special day all about them, and for parents living on the edge of poverty, that can be almost impossible. Imagine not being able to buy your child a birthday gift or even the makings of a birthday cake! Well, at Hope House this is one of the forgotten areas we like to serve, and any new toys/gifts left over after Christmas are put away for birthday gifts throughout the year. We also set aside cake mixes, frosting and birthday cake decorations and candles for the cause. Sometimes we get whole sets of birthday party paper goods (Dora is always popular), and once we even received a piñata. I can’t tell you how much of a relief this is for parents who are wondering how to explain no birthday to their young child—we have seen our share of tears from moms! So here are the items we would love to receive for our birthday corner:

- Cake mix and frosting mix
- Cake decorations and candles
- Gently used birthday gift bags
- Unused birthday cards and wrap
- New toys, books, games, puzzles, dolls....
- Party decorations are a treat.

Help Support our MS Mission Trip



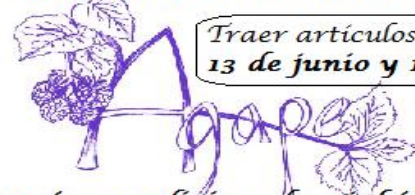
Students will collect donations of hygiene products after all Masses

**JUNE
13 - 14**

Shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, deodorant, feminine pads/tampons, tooth brush, tooth paste, floss, mouthwash shaving cream, razors, etc. THANK YOU!!!

Colabora con nuestro viaje misionero

Necesitamos productos hygiene para dar en el banco de alimentos.



**Traer artículos a misa
13 de junio y 14**

Champú, acondicionador, jabón, loción, desodorante, toallas femeninas / tampones, cepillo de dientes, pasta de dientes, crema de afeitar, maquinillas de afeitar, etc.

ARCHDIOCESE SETTLES SUIT OUT OF COURT

Many of you saw an article a couple of weeks ago regarding a settlement of a sexual abuse case down in Burlington. Michael Cody was the pastor there and admitted to his wrong doing. Since Cody was also assigned here at Assumption, I wanted to share the following statement which came out from the Archdiocese two weeks ago. Fr. Scott

“The Archdiocese of Seattle today resolved a case of child sexual abuse by Michael Cody for \$1.2 million. The sexual abuse occurred between 1968 and 1972.

Cody, 84, was ordained in 1958 and served as a parish priest in a number of parishes in the archdiocese before being laicized. He currently lives in Nevada and has not served as a priest in the Archdiocese of Seattle since 1979.

In the case, the Archdiocese of Seattle acknowledged responsibility for the emotional distress of Cody’s victim and, in keeping with our commitment to healing, worked to reach a fair and just resolution.

Anyone who has knowledge of sexual abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Seattle should call the archdiocesan hotline at 1-800-446-7762.”

LA ARQUIDIÓCESIS RESOLVIÓ LA DEMANDA FUERA DE LA CORTE

Muchos de ustedes vieron un artículo hace un par de semanas con respecto a una solución de un caso de abuso sexual en Burlington. Michael Cody era el pastor allí y admitió que su mala acción. Ya que Cody también fue asignado aquí en Asunción, le quería compartir la siguiente declaración que salió de la Arquidiócesis hace dos semanas. Padre Scott

"La Arquidiócesis de Seattle resolvió una demanda hoy de un caso de abuso sexual infantil por Michael Cody por \$1,2 millones. El abuso sexual se produjo entre 1968 y 1972.

Cody, de 84 años, fue ordenado sacerdote en 1958 y sirvió como párroco en varias parroquias de la arquidiócesis antes de ser laicizada. Actualmente vive en Nevada y no ha servido como sacerdote en la Arquidiócesis de Seattle desde 1979.

En el caso, la Arquidiócesis de Seattle reconoció su responsabilidad por la angustia emocional de la víctima de Cody y, el estar de acuerdo con nuestro compromiso con la curación, trabajó para llegar a una solución justa y equitativa.

Cualquier persona que tenga conocimiento de abuso sexual o mala conducta de un miembro del clero, un empleado o voluntario de la Arquidiócesis de Seattle debe llamar a la línea directa de la arquidiócesis al 1-800-446-7762 ".

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| W | <u>Monday, June 8th</u> | |
| | 10:30 AM | Mass |
| | 6:30 PM | Bible-based Weight Loss |
| | 6:30 PM | Prepares Program |
| E | 6:30 PM | Servants of the Lord Prayer Group |
| | <u>Tuesday, June 9th</u> | |
| | 3:00 PM | Cub Scout Pack 16 |
| | 6:00 PM | Frassati Young Adult Group |
| E | 6:30 PM | Adoration |
| | 7:00 PM | Knight of Columbus Mtg. |
| | 7:00 PM | Coalition Against Human Trafficking |
| | 7:00 PM | Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg. |
| K | <u>Wednesday, June 10th</u> | |
| | 12:00 AM | Adoration |
| | 10:00 AM | Women's Scripture Study |
| | 11:00 AM | Deanery Meeting |
| A | 5:45 PM | Benediction |
| | 6:00 PM | Mass |
| | 6:45 PM | Prayer Ministry |
| | 7:00 PM | Stewardship/Engaged Church Comm. |
| T | 7:00 PM | St. Teresa of Avila |
| | <u>Thursday, June 11th</u> | |
| | 11:00 AM | Mothers & Children |
| | 1:00 PM | Purple Readers Group |
| A | 6:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal (8:30) |
| | 7:00 PM | Pastoral Council |
| | 7:30 PM | Choir Rehearsal (10:30) |
| | <u>Friday, June 12th</u> | |
| G | 8:30 AM | School Prayer Service |
| | 10:30 AM | Mass |
| | 1:30 PM | Grief Support Group |
| | 5:00 PM | MFCC Temas |
| L | 6:00 PM | Rosary Makers |
| | 7:00 PM | Grupo de Oración |
| | <u>Saturday, June 13th</u> | |
| | 3:00 PM | Cantor Rehearsal |
| A | 3:30 PM | Reconciliation |
| | 5:00 PM | Mass |
| | <u>Sunday, June 14th</u> | |
| | 7:45 AM | English Choir Rehearsal |
| N | 8:30 AM | Mass |
| | 9:30 AM | English Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:30 AM | Mass |
| | 11:00 AM | Ensayo de coro |
| C | 10:30 AM | Children's Liturgy of the Word |
| | 12:30 PM | Misa |
| | 12:30 PM | Palabra de la Liturgia para niños |
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MEMORIAL GATHERING FOR GERRY RHEA

There will be a Celebration of Life for Gerry Rhea, Jr. on June 18th at the Broadway Hall from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Private family graveside services will be held the next day. Gerry was a graduate of Assumption School and BHS class of 61. He and his family were Assumption members until moving to Minnesota then to Arizona before his death.

FREE WILL OFFERING CONCERT

On June 28 Christ The Servant Lutheran Church in Bellingham will host a benefit concert starting at 3:00 in the church sanctuary. It will be an afternoon of song and music presented by an array of talented local musicians in support of Cameron Noe, granddaughter of Bill and Chris Attebery. In November, Cameron was diagnosed with Chordoma cancer and a brain tumor. She has undergone two surgeries and eight weeks of Proton Beam Radiation Treatments. Insurance does not begin to cover all the costs associated with her surgeries, treatments, tests, and procedures. You can help ease the burden of financial worries for Cameron and her family by attending what promises to be an afternoon of good music, and by giving freely to help defray some of the costs of Cameron's cancer battle.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting Monday June 15, our office hours will be from 8:30 to Noon.

FATHERS DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

On the weekend of June 20 & 21 we will celebrate Fathers Day as a parish. We will remember our fathers in prayer at all the weekend masses. The *Fathers Day Spiritual Bouquet sets* in the Gathering Space have a Fathers Day card and envelope inside a larger envelope. The small envelope and Card go to your dad or other special man, while the larger envelope needs to come back to the parish. You write the name of those whom you wish to pray for on Fathers Day weekend. You may place your donation in the larger envelope as well. Please return these larger envelopes next weekend! Thank you.

POPE FRANCIS & THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES PILGRIMAGE

Archbishop Peter Sartain invites you to join the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, Sept. 22-27. This is an historic opportunity to see Pope Francis on his first visit to the U.S. The week-long Congress also offers inspiring keynote speakers and dozens of timely workshops. For complete information on how to register for this exciting pilgrimage, visit www.seattlearchdiocese.org/wmf.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

| | Wk(05/31/2015) | Month | YTD |
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| Contributions needed: | \$18,173 | \$ 90,865 | \$ 872,304 |
| Contributions received: | \$13,751 | \$ 76,806 | \$ 853,022 |
| Over/under for wk/mo/yr | -\$4,422 | -\$ 14,059 | -\$ 19,282 |

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community.

| | Wk(05/31/2015) | Month | YTD |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Debt Reduction | | | |
| Contributions needed: | \$ 1,058 | \$ 5,290 | \$ 50,784 |
| Contributions received: | \$ 312 | \$ 3,920 | \$ 36,571 |
| Over/Under for wk/mo/yr | -\$ 746 | -\$ 1,370 | -\$14,213 |

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

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| Hope House | \$ 39 |
| CRS for Nepal disaster | \$ 100 |

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with the larger community.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have reached our Archdiocesan goal of \$90,821! Thank you to everyone who has helped us reach that goal. Now, every gift we receive will come back to the parish as a rebate. **Please help us reach our parish goal of \$111,821 so we can repair and repaint the gym. Gifts of any amount are welcome, including prayers.** It is not too late to make your pledge if you haven't already done so. Please complete a pledge card today. Or go online to donate at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate.

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| Our Parish goal: | \$111,821 |
| Amount pledged so far: | \$ 90,839 |
| Percent complete: | 81% |

Have you seen the new paint job inside the gym? Take a peek when you can. Let's make the outside look like new, too!

LA PETICIÓN CATÓLICA ANUAL

¡Hemos alcanzado nuestra meta de la Arquidiócesis de \$90,821! ¡Gracias a todos los que han ayudado alcanzar esa meta. Ahora, todos los dones que recibimos será regresado a nuestra parroquia como un reembolso. **Por favor ayúdenos a alcanzar nuestra meta parroquial de \$111,821 para que podamos reparar y pintar el gimnasio.** Regalos de cualquier cantidad son bienvenidos, incluyendo oraciones. No es demasiado tarde para hacer su promesa si no la ha hecho. Por favor llene un sobre de compromiso hoy o vaya a la página del internet para hacer su donativo: www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate.

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| Nuestra meta de Petición Católica Anual | \$111,821 |
| Importe de las promesas: | \$ 90,839 |
| El % de la meta alcanzado | 81% |

¿Has visto el nuevo trabajo de pintura en el interior del gimnasio? Echa un vistazo cuando pueda. Hagamos que el aspecto exterior se vea como nuevo, también!

A Stewardship Moment

The bishops' stewardship pastoral asks, "And what do Christians bring to the eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering?" The answer: "Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ."

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

La carta pastoral de los obispos sobre la Administración de Nuestro Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro como Bienes de Dios pregunta: "Y qué traen los Cristianos a la celebración eucarística y se reúnen allí con la ofrenda de Jesús?" La respuesta: "Sus vidas como discípulos Cristianos; sus vocaciones personales y la administración de los bienes de Dios que han ejercitado con respecto a ellos; sus contribuciones individuales a la gran obra de restaurar todas las cosas en Cristo."



Bless us Lord as we, Your humble servants, come before You on our Stewardship journey to grow in Your likeness. May we be ever mindful of the blessings that You have bestowed upon us on a daily basis.

Help us to understand that as we grow in Stewardship together as individuals, faith communities and as a nation, we grow only because of Your benevolence.

May we use this time on earth that You have given us to make a difference, to open our eyes to the little things of life, to not be overwhelmed to the point that we delay our journey.

When we accept the challenge of Stewardship and see Your face in the downtrodden, in the sick, in the dying, in the unborn, may we know it is only because of Your grace that we are able to accept that challenge.

Dear Lord, thank You for earthly sustenance that gives us the strength of body to do our work. But, more so, thank You for Your spiritual food that fills us with the grace and knowledge that we are indeed Your people. Be with us, touch our hearts, invigorate our minds and give us the energy to go forth and grow in Your image. Amen.