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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding.

Luke 12:35

August 7, 2016

Mass Times

Mon-Fri: 7:00 & 8:30 am

Saturday: 8:30 am

Wednesday: 7:00 pm in Spanish

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm in English

7:00 pm in Spanish

Sunday

6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am 11:00 am
and 6:00 pm and 12:30 pm in Spanish

Sign Language 1st Sunday 11:00 am
Vietnamese Mass 4th Sunday 3:30 pm

Confession

Saturday in the Church

9:00 am and 3:45 pm English

6:15 pm Spanish

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

2:30 pm in the Convent Chapel

Anointing of the Sick

Every 1st Saturday after the 8:30 am
Mass or by appointment: 925-447-1585

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

24/7 in the Chapel. For after hours
access code, call 925-980-4826.

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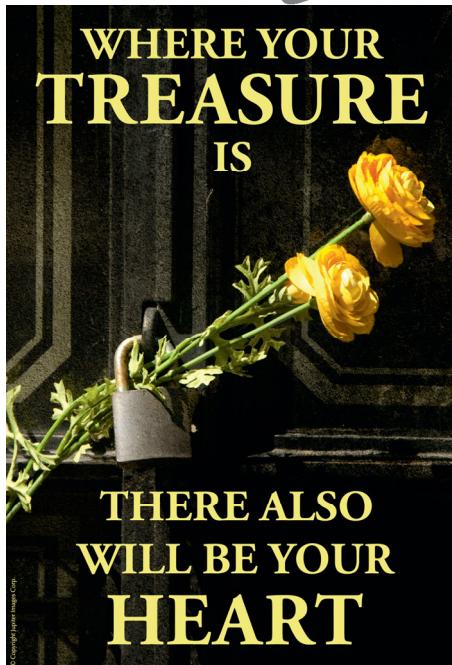
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925-447-8814 M-Th 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

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Reflect &



True Treasure by Opening the Word

First Reading -- Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

This passage comes from the third part of the Book of Wisdom (10–19), which is an interpretive poetic commentary on the way that Wisdom is disclosed in the history of Israel. This is contrasted to the foolishness of polytheism and idolatry. In this case, the Egyptian idolaters are confounded by the secret sacrifices, the Passover Lamb, of the children of Israel. This unblemished young ram, the blood of which was placed on the doorposts of their houses to protect them from the death of the firstborn of Egypt, harkens back to the sacrificial ram that Abraham had been given to ransom or replace his firstborn son, Isaac, in Genesis 22.

So the Israelites had seen "beforehand," not just the description of the conduct of the Passover ritual as God wanted to carry it out in Egypt, but they had seen it beforehand in the actions of their

ancient forebear Abraham, who had trusted God, saying to Isaac, "God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son" (Genesis 22:8, RSV). And so it was that "with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage." Like them, we, too, have been given the oath (the Latin for oath is sacramentum) in which we put our trust, the Holy Eucharist, the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" that we might have courage.

Second Reading -- Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

In this reading we see the famous definition of faith as "the realization of what is hoped for and the evidence of things not seen." The author of Hebrews connects it clearly to the virtue of hope, which the Catechism defines as that theological virtue "by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness." That is, faith enables us to realize the eternal happiness we hope for, even though we may not yet see it. So faith has, as a constituent part of its makeup, that trust which enables us to strive for a promise without seeing it.

But the rest of this passage from Hebrews 11 shows us that this trust isn't usually a blind trust for an entirely blind faith. God has given us many examples of faith to help us see in the past what remains unclear in our own future. Hebrews 11 is a chronicle of faith listing many characters from Israel's past who braved all kinds of trials to inherit the promise that only comes to be fulfilled in Christ. Here the examples given are Abraham and Sarah for whom God did the impossible, bringing forth fruit in two who were well beyond child-bearing, and then of whom he asked the unthinkable in the offering of that son,

Discuss

Meditation

Isaac, in sacrifice. Faith enables us to go forward in darkness, yes, but that is because God has thrown so much light behind us in the past heroes of faith, enabling us to hope in what we cannot yet see.

Gospel -- Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

Jesus here instructs his disciples on the skills required for being a watchman, someone who is prepared for the Lord's return. First, we are to live in the kingdom, not relying on earthly treasure but on that heavenly treasure that is won by almsgiving. We are also to be vigilant, awake, dressed, and attentive for his coming. The Catechism says that vigilance at prayer is "custody of the heart" (CCC 2849) and that "in prayer the disciple keeps watch, attentive to Him Who Is and Him Who Comes, in memory of his first coming in the lowliness of the flesh, and in the hope of his second coming in glory" (CCC 2612).

And for those who are entrusted with the "stewardship" of the Church, or what Jesus calls, "all [the master's] property," they must also be sure to be vigilant in supplying the needs of the other servants, "to distribute the food allowance at the proper time" and in not abusing the privileges of office or those over which they exercise it. The whole of Christian history, the history of the Church, is the story of the great night watch. At this point in our collective journey through time, "salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" and "the night is far gone, the day is at hand," (Romans 13:11-12, RSV). We can't be sure if we are "in the second or third watch" of that night, but the proper Christian stance in any age is that of watchfulness, of earnest Christian living in faith, hope, and love.

This week's readings are about discovering our true treasures. So let me ask you: If your house was on fire and you could only take out three things (in addition to the people in your home!), what would they be and why?

In the Gospel reading, Jesus says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." What things in your life do you truly treasure; in other words, what do you spend most of your time, energy, and attention on? Do these things that you treasure—that you spend time and energy on—reflect what is truly most important in life?

The biblical understanding of almsgiving is giving a loan to God [*"He who has compassion on the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his good deed."* Proverbs 19:17]. How is almsgiving like giving a loan to God and what does God do with your "loan"? What does Jesus promise to do to those who generously give him a loan to help the poor and those in need?

Use a journal to write down your thoughts, reflections and your resolutions. Share and discuss them with a friend or in a small group.

Opening the Word offers prayers and insights for the Sunday Scriptural lessons. Featuring videos designed to facilitate thought and discussion for faith formation, Personal Prayer Journals and a Group Leader's Guide, Opening the Word helps you to make the most of the Sunday readings. Opening the Word is one of many programs available at Formed.org.

Sunday Readings

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 7, 2016

First Reading -- Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm -- Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading -- Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel -- Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 -- 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 -- 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: St. Dominic

Tuesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Wednesday: St. Lawrence

Thursday: St. Clare

Friday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Saturday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus; Blessed Virgin Mary

Baptized!

"Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ..."

Catechism of the Catholic Church #1213

Welcome our new members of the Body of Christ:

Aldo Barriga
Brayden A. Bodenmiller
Jacob M. Colmenares
Julia Dreier
Andy Garcia
Sofia E. Gomez

Canton J. Helfrich
Reese R. Hutson
Mason E. Malone
Analí Mata Mendez
Noelia A. Mendiola
Valeria Morales

Edna G. Moreno-Herrera
Cameron S. Munkner
Kinley R. Nuño
Ava L. Tilley

Special Intentions

For all those who are celebrating a birthday in August, we offer prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of their lives.

For the financial means necessary for our parish's mission to celebrate the Sacraments, grow disciples and bring Christ to people.

That parishioners who are parents be inspired by the Holy Spirit to register their children for Faith Formation and Confirmation programs.

For those who are at the earliest stage of seeking God, that they may find answers among the ministries at St Michael's.

For our clergy, and for an increase in vocations.

For our visitors, that they may find a welcome home-away-from-home at St Michael's.

For those who have been hurt by misguided members of the church, that they receive healing and consolation.

For those who are sick in body and mind.

For Fernando Castro to be healed from lymphoma in the brain.

For Jorge Sierra who is hospitalized and very ill.

For our friends and family who are in recovery from addiction, and especially for those who are still enslaved by addiction.

**Send prayer request to:
Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com**

Mass Intentions

Saturday 8/6

8:30am Patricia Werner †
5:00pm Pat Mueller
7:00pm Carolotta Ramirez †

Sunday 8/7

6:45am Anthony Sousa †
8:00am Lorna Camcam †
9:30am Phero Cao Dang Hoan †
 Maria Nguyen Thi Quy †
11:00am Patricia Werner †
12:30pm Sara Fernandez & Family
6:00pm Trinidad D. Cruz †

Monday 8/8

7:00am Giuse Nguyen Ruy †
8:30am Ildio Pereira †

Tuesday 8/9

7:00am John Paul Blackwell †
8:30am Audrina Mandelenis

Wednesday 8/10

7:00am Chukwuemeka Ezekwem †
8:30am John Blackwell †
7:00pm Antonio Arias Martinez †
 Jose Arias, Josephina Chavez
 and Teresa Suniga †

Thursday 8/11

7:00am Tammy Kennedy
8:30am Gus & Lucile Beach †
 Hezlyn & Gertrude Stocking †

Friday 8/12

7:00am Matthew Bord †
8:30am Aurelia G & Oscar Mangabat

Saturday 8/13

8:30am Anna Tran T. Trong †
5:00pm Tri Nguyen †
7:00pm Sara Fernandez

Parish News

Help Us Serve Dinner at St Mary's We Need \$500

For the 9th year, St Michael parishioners will prepare and serve dinner for very low income and homeless seniors at St Mary's Center in Oakland on Sunday August 28. We lovingly prepare a delicious home-cooked meal, serve it with joy and care and provide extra for St Mary's Center's daily mission.

Can you help contribute toward the grocery cost? Our goal is \$500. A gift of any amount is appreciated. Contact Lisa Malone at 925-455-0508.

Think About Joining the Music Ministry **We start back up after Labor Day**

Practice Days:

Children's Choir - Mondays at 4 pm

Bell Choir - Mondays at 6:30 pm

Chamber Choir: Thursdays at 7:30 pm

Lifeteen Band/Choir: Sundays at 4 pm

Contact JaNet at 925-292-5071 or Music@StMichaelLivermore.com

Do We Have Your Correct Info? **Confirm Parish Registration**

If your address or phone number has changed since you registered as a parishioner at St Michael's, please take a moment to let the office know. It will save us money on mailings, and will help us reach you quickly if you have a pastoral emergency.

Office@StMichaelLivermore.com or call 925-447-185 x 10.

The Friday Flocknote **Our Parish e-Newsletter**

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"He who has compassion on the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his good deed."

Proverbs 19:17.

Your Loan to God

If you already give regular offerings to St Michael's, thank you. Your gifts are what make the operation of the parish possible.

If St Michael's is your home parish, and you have not yet set up regular offerings, here are a few things to know:

1. St Michael's does not receive money from the Diocese or the Vatican. In fact, it's the opposite. We support the Diocese of Oakland. The money that we receive to run the parish

comes from the Sunday collection.

2. The parish needs about \$22,000 each week just for the bare-bones operational cost of providing for the spiritual needs of thousands of people. It must cover the PG&E bill, the cost of ministries, toner for the copier... everything.

3. This does not include any growth. The weekly goal does not leave extra money for new improvements for the facilities or ministries. So if you've ever thought, "Why doesn't St Michael's..."

often the answer is that we have not received enough offerings to afford it.

7/17/16 Collection: \$15,904.48

7/24/16 Collection: \$19,986.73

7/31/16 Collection: \$15,040.11

Weekly Donation Average: \$21,481.59

Maintenance Fund to Date: \$38,798.00

Faith Direct Offerings for July: \$11,069

To arrange a one-time or recurring gifts, visit FaithDirect.net or call 925-447-1585. Thank you!

This Week

Try Something Different to Grow in discipleship

Celebrate Mass once more during the week. At St Michael's, Mass is offered Monday through Friday at 7:00 am and 8:30 am, on Wednesday at 7:00 pm in Spanish and on Saturday at 8:30 am.

Pray the Rosary with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help group. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.

Seek the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit. Our Charismatic prayer group meets on Tuesdays at 8:00 pm in St Michael School, Room 8 and on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Convent. Contact Gary Devine 925-449-7848.

Help the poor at the St Vincent de Paul Food Locker. Stop by the food locker located behind the church anytime Monday through Thursday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm to see how you can help feed the poor.

Find out about becoming Catholic. The first step to becoming Catholic is simply finding out more about the faith. Inquiry meetings are no pressure, no commitment gatherings on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Convent. Contact Marjorie Melendez at 925-447-2925.

Deliver Backpacks

Saturday, August 13 at 9:00 am
LDS Church on Hillcrest

Here comes the fun part! The Backpack Project of Livermore will have about 1400 packs to deliver to kids in their homes, including the backpacks you have donated. Can you help deliver them? Must be over 18 years old. Questions: ernestina.shay@comcast.net or lynnmacedo@icloud.com



Knights of Columbus Family Mass

Sunday, August 14 at 9:30 am
Church



The Father Patrick Power Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce the Knight's Family mass will be celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass at St Michael on Sunday August 14, 2016. All Knights and their Families are cordially invited to attend this worship service, and join us in fraternity and fellowship.

Programs Starting This Fall

Faith Formation Grades 1-5

Registration packets are available in the church office, Faith Formation office, or www.StMichaelLivermore.com. Return them to the Faith Formation office M-Th between 9:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Confirmation Classes Teens and Adults

High School students, registration packet in the church office or at StMichaelLivermore.com.

Adults contact Marjorie 925-447-2925 or RCIA@StMichaelLivermore.com by September 7.

CYO Basketball Grades 1-8



Online registration is now open for the 2016-2017 St. Michael-St. Charles CYO Basketball program at www.smsccyo.org.

Basketball Coaches Adults

Our CYO team counts are only limited by the number of adults that volunteer to be coaches. Coaches only need to have played organized basketball at any level, or have prior coaching experience in any sport. We are also looking for volunteers to help with various administrative tasks. Info at www.smsccyo.org

Small Group Bible Study Adults

Online registration for homebased bible study groups of 4-8 is open at StMichaelLivermore.com. Hard copy registration forms will be distributed on September 10 and 11, then participants will be assigned to groups that week. Call/Text Tina 925-961-7231 with questions.

Altar Server Training Grade 5 and up

The altar server program is open to boys and girls 5th grade and up. Training sessions are being held throughout the summer. For more information, please call 447-1585 ext.10

Upcoming

Rite of Acceptance Sunday, August 14 at 9:30 Mass

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy we've heard a lot about doors. The door of the church is an important symbol, for when we cross the church threshold we leave behind the world outside and enter "the realm of salvation."

On August 14, the 9:30 Mass assembly will have the privilege of going out to meet and accompany an inquirer as she crosses the threshold and begins her journey to the waters of baptism. All will be invited to gather before Mass by the front steps. Our liturgy will begin outside that day with the Rite of Acceptance.

Messiah of Mercy Charismatic Retreat August 19-21 San Damiano Retreat Center

Join Fr. Jim Sullivan and Fr. Jay Nuthulapati for a charismatic weekend retreat contemplating Jesus, the Messiah of Mercy and to seek out the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit.

This retreat will take place at San Damiano Retreat Center in the beautiful hills of Danville.

For more information and to register visit www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141.

NEW!

The Holy Spirit ALIVE in Scripture Tuesday, October 18 6:30 pm in the Church

Come experience how to unleash the Holy Spirit in your life, making Scripture come alive! Deacon Steve Greco, our special guest speaker, will teach on the power of the Holy Spirit, and how the healing power of the Lord restores His people, spiritually, emotionally and physically and how to allow Scripture to come alive through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This event is a must for Small Groups studying the Bible.

6:30 pm: Songs of praise and worship
7:00 pm: Talk
7:45 pm: Healing Service

St Michael Parish Fall Festival October 1 & 2 St Michael School Courtyard

Fun for the entire family! Come enjoy games, live entertainment, and ethnic foods from our diverse parish cultures. There will be a raffle drawing, a silent and live auction.

Fall Festival Raffle Tickets **Coming to you by mail!**

Ten raffle tickets will be sent to all registered parishioners to sell. Don't miss a chance to win big! Prizes include \$3,000, one week at a World Mark Resort, a 55 inch television, or a chance at five \$100 Amazon gift cards.

Knights of Columbus Fall Festival Bayou Ball and Dinner Dance Saturday, October 1

All are invited to have a night of fun, food and music with fellow parishioners and friends at the Knights of Columbus Fall Festival Bayou Ball and Dinner Dance.

Adult Menu

Peel and eat boiled shrimp, tri tip or surf & turf with jambalaya or baked beans, coleslaw and dessert, soda, juice or water. No host bar.

Kids Menu

Hamburger or hot dog with chips and one side dish of jambalaya, baked beans or coleslaw, with soda, juice or water and dessert.

Family Dinner seating from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. \$20 for adults, \$7 for kids

Adult Dinner seating from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. \$25 per person.

Dance & Costume Contest from 8:00 - 10:00 pm. Come in your most creative, wackiest New Orleans mardi gras costumes! Get your tickets available after Mass!





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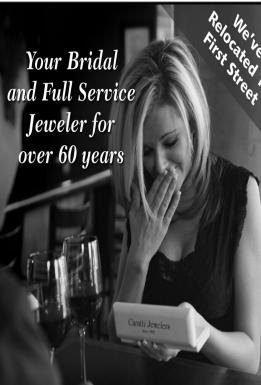
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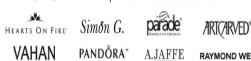
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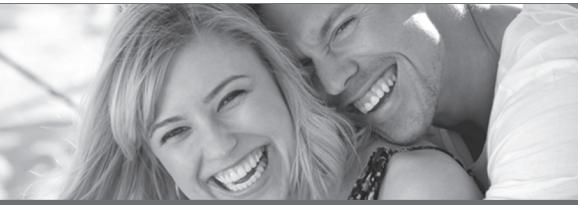
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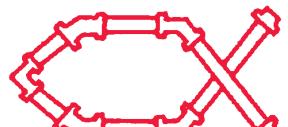
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Lecturas del domingo y reflexiones

Primera lectura

Tus antepasados esperaron con fe y valor el cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios (Sabiduría 18:6-9).

Salmo

Dichoso el pueblo escogido por Dios (Salmo 33 [32]).

Segunda lectura

A causa de la fidelidad al llamado de Dios, los descendientes de Abraham son tan numerosos como las estrellas (Hebreos 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Evangelio

Estén alerta y preparados porque no saben ni el día ni la hora en que el Hijo del hombre aparecerá (Lucas 12:32-48 [35-40]).

FE Y ESPERANZA

Nuestra fe consiste en esperar por aquello que no vemos. Pues si sabemos lo que viene, no lo estaríamos esperando, sino sabiendo que es lo que viene. Esperamos en Cristo la llegada del reino de Dios, la restauración de todas las buenas y maravillosas cosas; y nuestra promesa de salvación. Toda la ansiedad puede desaparecer con las simples palabras de Jesús "No temas, rebañito

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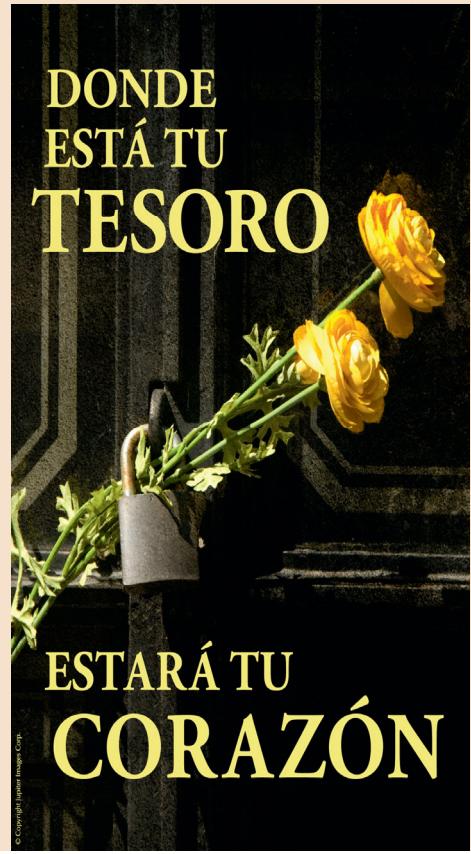
mío, porque tu Padre ha tenido a bien darte el Reino". ¿Que otras palabras podrían dar más ánimos en aquellos momentos cuando nos preguntamos si hemos sido administradores buenos o malos de lo que se nos ha confiado?

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Cualquier persona que haya alcanzado la mayoría de edad para trabajar probablemente ha experimentado lo que es trabajar con un mal jefe. Quizá ese jefe no conoce como fomentar la productividad de una manera gentil y entendible sin ser abusiva. Quizá ese jefe es un hostigador, causando desanimo y una moral pobre con los trabajadores, para que muchos renuncien a causa de que no lo pueden soportar. Quizá ese jefe no sabe como administrar la improductividad y personas perturbadoras en la oficina, u otros son los hostigadores. Ese administrador "empieza a maltratar a los criados y las criadas, a comer, a beber y a embriagarse".

Pero cada jefe a su vez tiene un jefe. Y aquí Cristo es el Maestro que vendrá en un momento inesperado, y si él encuentra al administrador sin trabajar bien e indigno de confianza, él corregirá de la mejor manera. Cristo vendrá en un momento que no sabemos; ponemos nuestra fe y nuestra esperanza en su misericordia. Pero cuando dudamos de no-

sotros mismos tenemos esas palabras de Jesús, asegurándonos que ya el Padre nos ha dado el reino. No debemos tener miedo. Solo necesitamos estar conscientes de la misericordia de Cristo y conducirnos de manera gentil, cortes y generosa con los demás. En efecto, podemos tener paz.





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