

Parishioner Faith story

I thank God for the gift of life and that I was blessed with a Catholic mother and father who brought me to church as a small baby to receive the "faith of my fathers". It is a strong faith and I trust that God is with me always! As a child going to Catholic schools, I knew that God wanted me "to know, love and serve Him". As a young wife I was blessed with a husband who shared this faith. I was blessed to be the mother of six children - each a unique gift from God. God has been with me!

For 45 years, I have been a part of St. Christopher's. This parish has nurtured my faith, and each time I come to Mass, I receive answers or solutions to my problem of the week! I do love Mass! I feel the presence of God in the Eucharist. This is God's house – this is our time together. Whether I come happy, sad or confused, I leave refreshed and renewed! The songs, the prayers, the rituals – they were all here before me, but I come to share this time of praise and thankfulness. There are many ways to worship, but this is my way and links me to the generations before me.

When my husband was diagnosed with leukemia, he listened to his doctors and followed their orders. He gave it his all to get well. He didn't get frustrated or angry over his pain and limitations, but adjusted to them laughing and joking with an inner peace. He had surrendered to the will of God. He was always a great example of how to live a Christian life and now he was a great example of how to die with Christ, with complete faith in God.

After my husband's death, I heard God the loudest and felt his presence the most. My husband
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was with God and out of pain, but I also knew God was with me! My faith lets me see God in every ray of sunshine, in the songs of the birds, in the smiles and hugs of my 15 grandchildren, in the technicolor world of the nature around us, and in the laughter and concern of friends.

Now, as a senior, it is a quiet time - a prayerful time. My life has changed, but God is the constant that never changes through all my years.

Everything I do today and everyday, I do for you, Dear God.

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