

# Christ Our Light Catholic Church

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9:15am - noon & 1:00pm - 5:00pm

**Friday 9:15am- noon**

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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

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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

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**Third Sunday of Lent : March 15, 2020**





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While we were still sinners Christ  
died for us. —Romans 5:8

### 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.

### 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.

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### Stations of the Cross on Friday's during Lent

<u>February 28th — Spanish 7:00 PM</u>	Spanish Legion of Mary
<u>March 6th — English 6:00 PM</u>	Deacon Jeremy
<u>March 13th — English 6:00 PM</u>	Fr. Eli
<u>March 20th — Spanish 7:00 PM</u>	Fr. Eli
<u>March 27th — English 6:00 PM</u>	K of C's #9367, Samuel Pry
<u>April 3rd — Spanish 7:00 PM</u>	Deacon Jeremy

### 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

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

**3rd Sunday of Lent** — That we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered” in our daily actions and decisions. *“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” John 4:13* Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered”.

### Boletín de Mayordomía—Reflexiones

**2do domingo de Cuaresma** — Para que nos volvamos más centrados en Dios y menos egocéntricos en nuestras acciones y decisiones diarias. *“Todos los que beban esta agua volverán a tener sed.” Juan 4:13* Jesús nos recuerda que las cosas materiales, incluso algo tan básico como el agua, nunca pueden satisfacernos por mucho tiempo. Cuando construimos nuestras vidas alrededor de posesiones materiales, siempre queremos más. La verdadera alegría y la paz solo llegan cuando seguimos a Jesús; cuando nos volvemos más centrados en Dios y menos egocéntricos.

### Seekers Retreat for Young Adults, May 1-3

Charis is an Ignatian Spirituality Retreat for Young Adults in their 20s and 30s. This year's theme is “Seekers Retreat.” This 3-day, 2-night retreat presents an intentional time of sharing and reflection for young adults seeking insight and understanding about some of their deepest, innermost longings. May 1-3, 2020 at LLT Retreat Center (20303 Kermier Rd., Waller, TX 77484), The cost is \$100 per person (includes food and lodging). Spaces are limited. Register online by April 20. For more information, visit [www.archgh.org/yacm/chair](http://www.archgh.org/yacm/chair) or contact [yacm@archgh.org](mailto:yacm@archgh.org) or 713-8741-8778.

## IGNITE: *Our Faith, Our Mission*

Summary Report: March 09, 2020

Parish Goal: \$208,632.00

Total Pledged to Date \$100,527.00

Paid—Undesignated \$45,027.54 21.58%

Paid Over/(Under) Goal (\$108,105.00)

% of Parish Goal Pledged 48.18%

Number of Participation 38

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† Office of Evangelization and Catechesis  
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† Pastoral and Educational Ministry

### **SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**March 19**

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: “With a husband’s love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus” (Preface of Saint Joseph, *Sacramentary*). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive “Saint Joseph’s Table,” welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as Patron of a Happy Death. Descended from David’s house, which God finished “building” through Joseph’s provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature’s rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph’s silent obedience and Mary’s “Let it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity’s spiritual rebirth. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### **WISDOM**

A wise old owl lived in an oak. The more he saw  
the less he spoke. The less he spoke the more he  
heard. Why can’t we all be like that wise old bird?

—English nurse rhyme

### **EL AGUA DEL CIELO**

Como la harina seca no puede unirse a la  
masa, ni al pan, si no tiene agua, así tampoco noso-  
tros que somos muchos, no podemos hacernos uno  
en Jesucristo sin el agua que viene del cielo. —Irineo

**MARCH 05, 2020**

**DIOCESAN SERVICE FUND—2020**

Goal: \$24,940.00

Pledged: \$9,880.00

Paid: \$7,825.00

Total Registered Families: 675

Number of Participant: 28

Percent Paid: 31.38%

Paid Over (Under) Goal: (\$17,115.00)

Pledged Over (Under) Goal: (\$15,060.00)



# St Patrick

## THE APOSTLE OF IRELAND

### The "Apostle of Ireland"

The man who would come to be known as St. Patrick the "Apostle of Ireland" was likely born in Britain around A.D. 387. Although much of his life is unknown to historians, some sources have listed his birth name as Maewyn Succat, with the name Patrick taken on later in life.

### Slavery

When Patrick was 16 years old, he was captured by Irish pirates who brought him to Ireland. He was sold into slavery where his job was tending sheep.

Patrick came to view his enslavement as God's test of his faith. During his six years of captivity he became devoted to Christianity through constant prayer and became passionate about converting the Irish from Druidism (a pagan sect).

### Freedom & Religious Calling

Around the year 408 Patrick fled his master and convinced a ship's captain to help him make his escape. After being shipwrecked and a month lost wondering the wilderness he finally reunited with his family.

In Auxerre, France, Patrick entered the priesthood under the guidance of St. Germain and ordained a deacon by the Bishop of Auxerre around 418. Years later he was ordained as a bishop and was sent by Pope Celestine I to Ireland to spread the gospel.

### Missionary Work

Upon his arrival in Ireland, Patrick spread Christian teachings through preaching, writing and performing baptisms. In addition he helped fortify the church structure by creating councils, founding monasteries and organizing Ireland into dioceses.

### Death & Legacy

Patrick died around the year 461 in Saul, Ireland, on what is believed to be March 17th. St. Patrick is recognized as the patron saint of Ireland, and his writings, noted for their humble voice, include the autobiographical *Confessio* and *Letter to Coroticus*.

Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated inside and outside Ireland as a religious and cultural holiday. In the dioceses of Ireland, it is both a solemnity and a holy day of obligation; it is also a celebration of Ireland itself.





# St Patrick's Blue

Should we be wearing blue on St. Patrick's Day?

The original color associated with St. Patrick's Day was actually blue. Back in the 7th century, St. Patrick's Day was a religious holiday celebrated only in Ireland. Early depictions of St. Patrick show him wearing blue, and the official color of the Order of St. Patrick, part of Ireland's chivalry, was a sky blue known as "St. Patrick's Blue." So how did the feast day of the patron saint of Ireland become associated with green?

The use of green on St. Patrick's Day began during the 1798 Irish Rebellion, when the clover became a symbol of nationalism and the "wearing of the green" on lapels became regular practice. The green soon spread to uniforms as well. That evolution, combined with the idea of Ireland's lush green fields (The Emerald Isle), and St. Patrick's legendary affinity for shamrocks eventually made blue a thing of the past.



## More on St. Patrick

- Although **St. Patrick** is the patron saint of Ireland, he was actually **born in Britain**. His parents Calpornius and Conchessa were Roman citizens living in either Scotland or Wales.
- Miracles attributed to **St. Patrick** include the driving of snakes out of Ireland. However, fossil evidence suggests Ireland has been **snakeless** since the ice age because of its climate. The snakes mentioned in legend are believed to be symbols for the pagan religions that St. Patrick was trying to eliminate.
- Legend credits **St. Patrick** with teaching the Irish about the doctrine of the **Holy Trinity** by using the native three-leaved **shamrock**. The shamrock has since become a central symbol for Saint Patrick's Day
- St. Patrick was **never canonized** by a pope. In the Church's first millennium, there wasn't a formal canonization process, so most saints from that period were declared saints on a local level by the Bishop or by popular appeal. By the time the formal canonization process we know today came about St. Patrick was already renowned as a Saint so there was no need for the process.

# St. Patrick's Breastplate

*St. Patrick's Breastplate*, a Prayer of Protection, is a popular prayer attributed to St. Patrick. According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote it in A.D. 433 for divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity. (The term *breastplate* refers to armor worn in battle.) The version printed here is popular on many prayer cards.

I arise today through  
God's strength to pilot me,  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to see before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's host to secure me—  
against snares of devils,  
against temptations and vices,  
against inclinations of nature,  
against everyone who shall wish me  
ill, afar and anear,  
alone and in a crowd.  
Christ, be with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ where I lie,  
Christ where I sit,  
Christ where I arise,  
Christ in the heart  
of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth  
of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.  
Salvation is of the Lord.  
Salvation is of the Christ.  
May your salvation,  
O Lord, be ever with us. *Amen*



# Sacrifice of Praise

*Third Sunday of Lent: Exodus 17:3-7 / Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 / John 4:5-42*

## Contrition Offers Us a Way to Approach the Lord

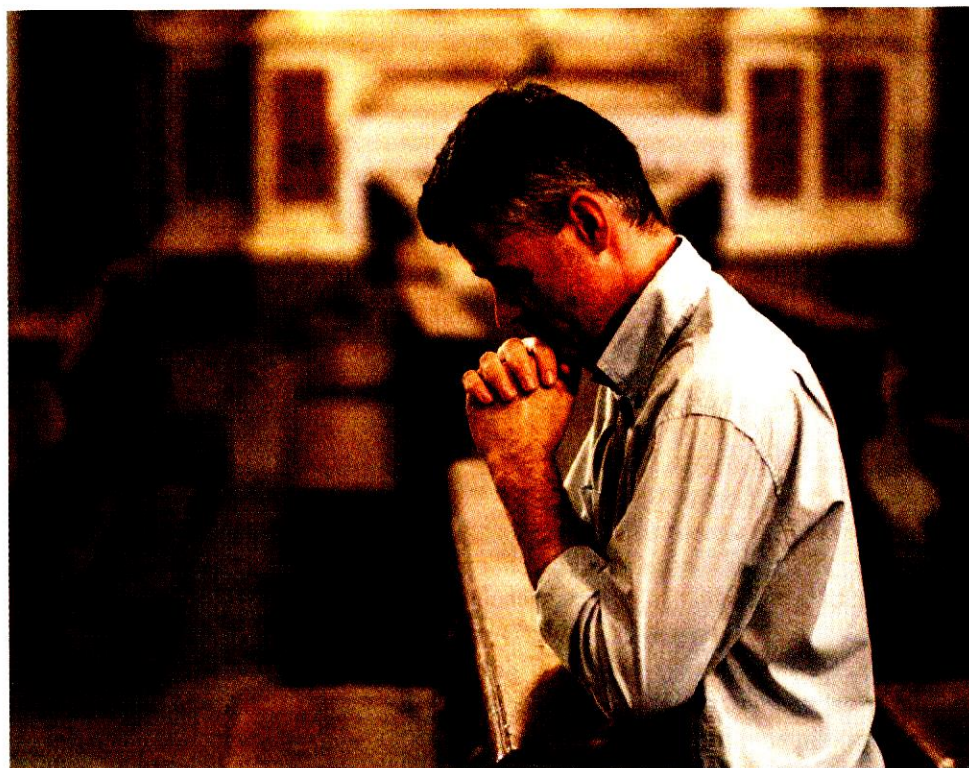
In today's Gospel reading, every detail of the encounter between Jesus and the woman at the well, a Samaritan woman, reveals Jesus' deep abiding love for all people.

First, let's look at the location and time of day when Jesus and the woman at the well meet. Jesus is in Samaria, home to people considered unclean by the Jews. Everything they touch, including the water in the well, would have been considered unclean. Note the time of day: It is the hottest time of the day; most of the women would have completed the task of collecting water in the cool of the morning. The Samaritan woman comes at this time to avoid others, specifically the judgment of others.

During their conversation, we can witness the progression of the woman's faith. (Perhaps you recognize yourself in her story?) Her relationship with the man seeking to have his thirst quenched is one with a stranger.

Next, Jesus reveals he knows the intimate details of her life. He gently but clearly states the truth of her current state of life, causing her to consider him a prophet. (Perhaps you, too, have experienced the Holy Spirit nudging your heart, gently revealing behaviors or choices that keep you bound and ashamed.)

After gaining her trust by showing the woman that despite all she has done or who she may be, he longs to give her the promise of salvation; she now sees him as the Messiah. Finally, accepting this invitation to be set free through the living water of his mercy and forgiveness, she proclaims him as Savior. She emerges from this encounter contrite and transformed, symbolically dropping her pot (see Jn 4:28) and with it her



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### FOR REFLECTION

- Sometimes we need to ask for forgiveness; other times we need to offer it. Recall examples of each in your life. Did you experience joy from offering or receiving forgiveness?
- When have you encountered God's mercy in your life?
- When you come to pray, do you first seek God's forgiveness for your sins?

old way of life. From what situation can Jesus' mercy and love free you?

As a true disciple, the Samaritan woman, known as St. Photina in the Eastern rite, finds others with whom to share the Good News. She runs to find others with which to share her story and invites them to encounter Christ for themselves. Many became believers because of her testimony. Remarkable are the words of those who returned to the woman to report, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have

heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

Jesus thirsts for each of us to encounter him, to witness our relationship evolve from strangers to believers, to proclaim him as Savior.

Embracing contrition, we can be freed from our burdens through the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pray for and with a heart of contrition to allow Jesus to gently show who you presently are and who he longs for you to be.





## Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for the invitation during Lent to take a closer look at my life, to look deeply at the places in which I may be faltering or missing opportunities to show your glory in the world. Lord, thank you for the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please strengthen my heart to make a healing, grace-filled confession before Easter.

## How to Make a Good Confession

Has it been a while since you've been to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Lent is the perfect time to rectify that. Here is a quick refresher:

- Examination of Conscience. Spend some time in prayer recalling your sins.
- Confession begins with, "Forgive me, Father, it has been X amount of time since my last confession." If you are nervous or unsure how to proceed, this is a good time to ask for assistance.
- Share your transgressions, listen to the priest's response, and receive your penance.
- Conclude with the Act of Contrition. Feel free to bring it written down if you don't have one memorized.
- Upon leaving the confessional, spend a few moments completing (if possible) the penance the priest has assigned you.

That's it. You are now a new creation in Christ. Allow the grace of this sacrament to guide your prayer, almsgiving, and fasting for the remainder of your Lenten season.

## The Great Mercy of God

Bartolo Longo was a priest of Satan before his conversion to Catholicism. He feared, "As the priesthood of Christ is for eternity, so also the priesthood of Satan is for eternity. So, despite my repentance, I thought that I was still consecrated to Satan, and I am still his slave and property as he awaits me in hell. As I pondered over my condition, I experienced a deep sense of despair." Consolation came to him as he recalled this promise from the Blessed Virgin Mary, "One who propagates my Rosary shall be saved," and he recounted, "Falling to my knees, I exclaimed: 'If your words are true that he who propagates your Rosary will be saved, I shall reach salvation because I shall not leave this earth without propagating your Rosary.'"

Blessed Bartolo spent his life promoting the Rosary; in fact, it was from his writings that Pope St. John Paul II based the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, also known as the Mysteries of Light. If Blessed Bartolo's life could be used for such a splendid purpose, imagine what amazing things God can do with you?



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“Lord Jesus, let my heart never rest until it finds You, who are its center, love, and its happiness. By the wound in Your heart pardon the sins that I have committed whether out of malice or out of evil desires.”

— ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE



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