

# Christ Our Light Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston  
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

### Monday-Thursday

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

**Friday** 9:15am- noon

Other times by appointment

**Website:** [www.christourlight.org](http://www.christourlight.org)

## PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Rev. Elias Lopéz

Grant Holt, Permanent Deacon

Gregory Jelinek, MD, Permanent Deacon (Retired)

Jeremy Trull, Deacon

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Nelda Kurten

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Jessica Herrera

## SUNDAY EUCHARIST

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

## RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Tuesday, Thursday and

2nd & 4th Saturdays 5:00-5:45pm

and by appointment 936-825-3920

## RECONCILIACION/CONFESIONES

Los Martes, jueves y el

segundo y cuarto sábado a las 5:00-5:45pm

y por cita 936-825-3920

**Fourth Sunday of Lent : March 22, 2020**



# Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

March 21 & 22, 2020

Under the Patronage of St. Patrick and Our Lady of Guadalupe

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

MONDAY, MARCH 23

No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

8:30 AM Jo Ann Smith †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

8:30 AM Sterling Denman †

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

8:30 AM Marcelino † and Teresita † Dizon

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

8:30 AM Baltazar Regalado †

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

8:30 AM Vigil Nina Rotello †

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

8:30 AM People of the Parish



## E-Mail Addresses for the Parish

To e-mail Fr. Elias...fr.eli@christourlight.org

To e-mail Nelda: nelda@christourlight.org

To e-mail RE Board: reboard@christourlight.org

Christ Our Light web-site: www.christourlight.org

## BULLETIN DEADLINE TUESDAY 12:00 NOON

Announcements and or articles are to be submitted in writing to the Parish Office, or faxed to 825-7612 or e-mailed nelda@christourlight.org.

Events, meeting etc. for the Parish Calendar are to be submitted in writing to the Parish Office in advance.

## AFTER MASS WEEKLY PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline Tuesday, 12:00 Noon. Announcements are to be submitted in writing to the Parish Office. The Pastor reserves the right to pick and choose which announcements are made in this forum as there is a need to keep these to a minimum.

Todos los anuncios deben ser presentados por escrito en la oficina de la parroquia no mas tarde que los martes al mediodia. El Pastor decidirá si las noticias son de importancia para ser pronuncia das.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

To our new parishioner, we welcome you to Christ Our Light Parish. Please register at the parish office or ask one of the Hospitality Ministers to help you. For parishioners moving out of the parish or changing your address or phone number, **please** notify the parish office, 825-3920.

In accordance with the guidelines issued by Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston in response to the public health crisis, we will be suspending all activities including the public celebration of the Holy Eucharist, until further notice. The church will remain open for personal prayer from 9am to 6pm. No more than 10 people gathering are strictly prohibited. Please observe social distancing.

## HELPING THOSE IN NEED

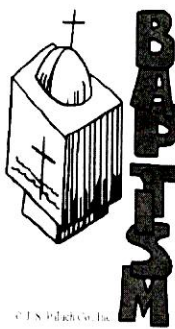
Christ Our Light families would like to provide services to those deemed especially at-risk for the COVID-19 virus that is spreading throughout the United States.

Individuals aged 60+ and those with conditions that impair their immune function are specifically vulnerable to contacting this virus. To help ease the uncertainty, anxiety, and fear surrounding this pandemic, we are volunteering our time to physically go and pick up groceries or other shipping necessities for those who may prefer to stay within the safety of their own home at no additional cost.

Please contact the following for assistance.

Mayra Bautista — 832-392-2254

Lucy Coronilla — 936 419-9296



## Sacrament of Baptism Schedule

English Baptism Class Schedule for 2019: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM April 11th, July 11th and Oct. 10th., 2020 **PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO CLASS.** To register please contact Deacon Grant Holt at 936-825-6448 or Lucy Coronilla at 936-419-9296.

Spanish Baptism Class Schedule for 2019: 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, April 26th, July 26th and Oct. 25th. For Information, call Rosa Torres at 936-419-8974

ALL DOCUMENTS AND FORMS must be completed and turned in before Baptism Date. SCHEDULED Baptism will be celebrated once a month at 12 noon every 3rd Saturday following completion of the baptismal classes the prior month and **Fr. Elie has been informed in advance.** The Sacrament of Baptism is a communal celebration. Therefore, private baptisms are not celebrated here.





**PRAY for THE CONTINUING  
RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF**  
the infirmed and homebound  
members of our community. Jo

Ann Clepper, Frank Crouch, Herman Culmer, Gilbert Druck-  
hammer, Eva Estrada, Liz Estrada, Jerry Flores, Liz Johnson,  
Juanita King, Mary Ann Knowles, Christian Mills, Leslie  
Mills, Leon Nowak, Victor Ostiguin, Leona Pasket, Angelina  
Peterson, Wallace Peterson, Irene Ramirez, Lucila Rivera,  
Rosalinda Salazar, Josh Sechelski, Dana Sowell, and Krysten  
Sowell, Jessie Valadez, III, Crystal Winkler.

Call the parish office when a member of our community has a  
need to be remembered in prayer, 825-3920.

Also, if you have added a name to the prayer list, please call to  
let us know when to remove the name from the list.  
Thank you.

### New Memorial Candles

The new Candle Stands are electrical.  
Anyone wanting to light a candle may do so by  
pressing the red button and give an offering.  
The candle will burn for 12 hours. Memorial  
Candles burning for one year are \$150.00  
each. Come by the parish office to schedule and pay your



### YOUR PARISH SUPPORT SU APOYO PARROQUIAL



**TRESASURE YOU HAVE  
SHARED:**

**GIFTS FOR GOD — YOUR**  
**TITHE RESPONDS**

March 14 & 15, 2020

(61) Offertory Envelopes/Loose Checks and On Live Giving	2,404.50
Loose Cash	560.00
Children	14.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,978.50</b>
 Maintenance Fund	 840.00

### **MARCH 16, 2020** **DIOCESAN SERVICE FUND—2020**

Goal: \$24,940.00  
Pledged: \$10,515.00  
Paid: \$7,720.00  
Total Registered Families: 675  
Number of Participant: 37  
Percent Paid: 30.95%  
Paid Over (Under) Goal: (\$17,220.00)  
Pledged Over (Under) Goal: (\$14,425.00)

### **In Our Prayers**

We remember in prayer our friends and loved ones  
in active military duty , both in and out of harms  
way, in the service of their our country. Pray for  
peace in the world and for our leaders.

SSG Jorge Aguilar, Jr., Alexander Cortez,  
Jesus Cortez, SFC Antinia Franco, 1SG  
Jason Malek, Antonio Magallon, Jose Rene Milan  
Christopher Munoz, Javier Salinas,  
Sgt. Kevin Seigler, SSgt Allen Thane

### **OUR HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS** **FOR MARCH**

**General Intention — Catholics in China:** We  
pray that the Church in China may persevere in  
its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



### **P.E.R.A. (Perpetual Eucharistic** **Reparative Adoration)**

We are inviting and highly encouraging everyone to  
sign-up for our "P.E.R.A." (Perpetual Eucharistic  
Reparative Adoration). We are asking everyone to  
devote ONE HOUR (at least) a WEEK adoring God  
in the Blessed Sacrament—that is, only asking 168  
parishioners to make adoration of God everyday,  
24/7! We do this as a Parish Community in response  
to the teaching of St. John Paul II:

*The "Church and the world have a great need for Eucharis-  
tic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let  
us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in con-  
templation full of faith, and open to make amends for the  
serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration  
never cease."*

*(Dominicae cenae, 3)*

Please call Mary Rangel @ 936-419-9024.

### **THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND** **Web site is FORMED.ORG**

The Parish Code to access the website is

There are 2 easy ways to connect to  
**FLOCKNOTE (pick one):**

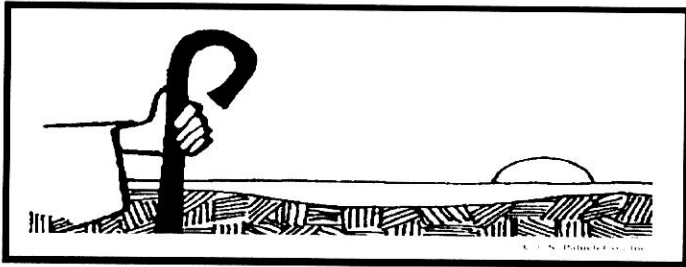
**MVMZKF**

Then register to create an account.

**NOTE: Do not use Mozilla Firefox browser.**

1. Visit our church at: [www.flocknote.com/christourlightchurch](http://www.flocknote.com/christourlightchurch)
2. Text SPOLG to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.





## Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2020

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
— Psalm 23:1

### 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.

**ParishSOFT**  
Giving

### SIGN UP NOW

Sign Up for Christ Our Light  
Online Giving Now

Christ Our Light now accepts online giving. Parish Soft is our parish's online giving program. Enroll at the link the below. It is secure and easy to use. You will be able to use Parish Soft for normal tithing and special collections throughout the year. Apps are available, so your cell phones/tablets can be used for online giving.

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/dl?uid=chri510191>

### +++++ Stations of the Cross on Friday's during Lent All suspended until further notice.

<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 6:00 PM</u>	Fr. Eli
<u>March 27th — English 6:00 PM</u>	K of C's #9367, Samuel Pry
<u>April 3rd — Spanish 6:00 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

**4th Sunday of Lent** — *That we are less concerned about our outward appearance and more concerned with our interior conversion of heart. "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7*  
How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

### Boletín de Mayordomía—Reflexiones

**4º domingo de Cuaresma** — *Para que estemos menos preocupados por nuestra apariencia externa y más preocupados por nuestra conversión interior de corazón. "Dios no ve lo que el hombre ve, porque el hombre ve apariencia pero el Señor mira al corazón." 1 Samuel 16:7* ¿Con qué frecuencia invertimos nuestro tiempo, talentos y tesoros en crear una apariencia que no le importa a Dios? Nos esforzamos por impresionar con nuestra ropa, casa, carrera, posesiones, automóviles y otras marcas de distinción. Pero ninguna de estas ilusiones de grandeza impresionará a Dios. En cambio, Él mirará en nuestros corazones para ver cuánto lo amamos, cuánto amamos a los demás y cómo mostramos ese amor por la forma en que usamos nuestro tiempo, talentos y tesoros aquí en la tierra.

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The parish office will remain open for regular business hours. Fr. Eli is still accessible via phone (936-825-3920) and will still visit the sick and dying.

# IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission

Summary Report: March 12, 2020

Parish Goal: \$208,632.00

Total Pledged to Date \$100,527.00

Paid—Undesignated \$45,027.54 21.59%

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

% of Parish Goal Pledged 48.18%

Number of Participation 38



## **"TEACHING, EVANGELIZING AND WORSHIP"**

### **YOUR DONATION TO DSF WILL SUPPORT**

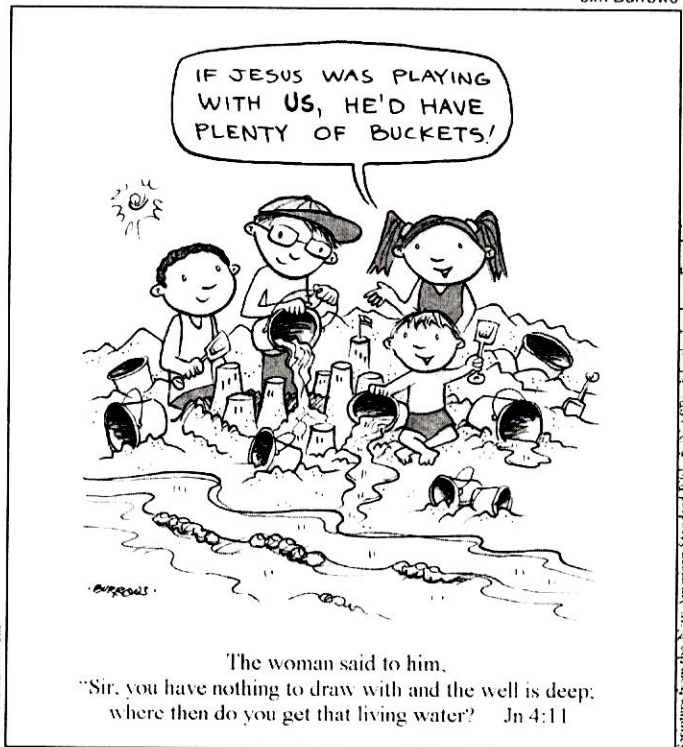
#### **Ministering to the Poor, the Sick and the Incarcerated ministries:**

- † Angela House
- † Catholic Chaplain Corps
- † Catholic Charities
- † Correctional Ministries
- † Foreign Missions

- † Office of Justice & Peace/Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- † Our Daily Bread
- † San Jose Clinic
- † S. Dominic Center for the Deaf

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows



### **MASS INTENTION REQUESTS ARE NEEDED FOR 2020**

Most needed are Intentions for weekdays. Fr. Eli celebrates Mass everyday except Mondays and some weekdays celebrates two to three Masses. Stop by the office to request your Mass Intentions.



# Sacrifice of Praise

*Fourth Sunday of Lent: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8-14 / John 9:1-41*



## The Blessing of a Thankful Heart

In today's Gospel, the disciples questioned Jesus if sin caused the man's blindness. Did he or someone in his family warrant this punishment by their offense to God? The disciples listened and accepted Jesus' explanation that the man's lack of sight was not due to sin but instead was to show the glory of God. Meanwhile, the Pharisees refused to accept Jesus' teaching and in essence became the blind ones. Ironically, their inability to see could be directly attributed to sin — specifically, the sin of pride.

They refused to believe in the miracle which had occurred right before them and would never be able to see the miracles Jesus could perform in their lives. Their metaphorical blindness remained because they were unwilling to believe in any truth other than their own. Jesus has the power and authority to open anyone's eyes, to break through anyone's darkness, but first we have to be willing to see.

Sometimes we face circumstances truly beyond our control, which make

### FOR REFLECTION

- Make a list of all the things you are grateful for. Spend time in prayer thanking God for each one.
- In difficult situations, are you able to recognize reasons to be thankful?
- What burdens keep you free from embracing a hope-filled life in Christ?

us wonder what we've done to be abandoned by God or what may have angered him. It is imperative to understand an important truth about God: He does not bring hardships; these exist as a result of the Fall in the Garden of Eden. God has given each of us free will so that we may be able to freely choose to enter into a relationship with him — one based on love, not coercion.

Trusting in God's promises that "all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28), or that "for human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible" (Mt

19:26), can be difficult in the midst of a tragedy, trial, or difficulty. However, one who continues to pray in thanksgiving maintains a grateful heart and remains hopeful, like the man born blind. Although Jesus' method of curing the man's blindness may have seemed strange, the man, thankful for a chance at healing, followed Jesus' instructions.

Lent is the perfect time to rub mud in our eyes, figurately speaking, and allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness. Whether currently struggling through a difficult time, or scars from past battles that are hard to forget, prayers of thanksgiving can mold those experiences into blessings. Clarity of vision of the cumulative experiences in our lives belong only with God; apart from him, we will never make sense of them. Remaining close, thankful, and open to seeing his hand in all that happens in the world, keeps our hearts safeguarded from growing hard. Lent is a time to reflect on what blinds us from saying, "Lord, I believe," and a time to refocus on following the Light of the World.



## PRAYER TIP

When do you find time for prayer within a typically busy day? Some days do not lend themselves to dedicated or uninterrupted prayer time. Instead of skipping prayer, find ways to build it into the things you are already doing. Here are a few suggestions:

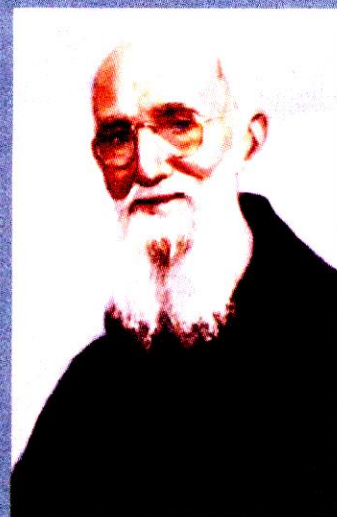
- Use your morning coffee time to read a Scripture verse.
- Recite the Rosary on your drive to work.
- Bring joy to your chores by thanking God for the food that dirtied the dishes, the clothes that now fill the hamper, and a floor that requires vacuuming.
- Offer a Hail Mary while brushing your teeth.
- Pray before (and even after) each meal.

“Give thanks to the Lord ...  
whose love endures forever.”

– 1 CHRONICLES 16:34

## Thank God Ahead

Blessed Solanus Casey was a simple Capuchin friar from Oak Grove, Wisconsin. Blessed Solanus is an extraordinary example of how a person can foster devout faith amid an ordinary life. Through his many hardships, he learned the blessing of maintaining a heart of gratitude, regardless of current circumstances. Solanus often counseled people to consider the good God would do in the future for them, and to “Thank God ahead of time!”



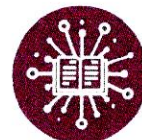
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Prayer

Lord Jesus, may I remember each day this Lent to thank you for each blessing and each cross. May the devotion I offer you be from a place of great love and not hinge on my happiness, but instead on the blessed hope found in Easter. Our blessings are abundant; so should our thanks to the One who bestows them. Lord, this week, I will pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances.

## CATECHISM CONNECTION



“The inexhaustible richness of [the Eucharist] is expressed in the different names we give it. Each name evokes certain aspects of it. It is called:

“Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words *eucharistein* and *eulogein* recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim — especially during a meal — God’s works: creation, redemption, and sanctification.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1328

“Thanksgiving characterizes the prayer of the Church which, in celebrating the Eucharist, reveals and becomes more fully what she is. Indeed, in the work of salvation, Christ sets creation free from sin and death to consecrate it anew and make it return to the Father, for his glory. The thanksgiving of the members of the Body participates in that of their Head.

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2637



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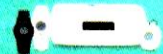
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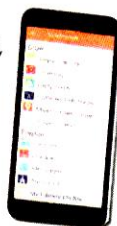
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### WHY IS IT

A man wakes up after sleeping  
under an ADVERTISED blanket  
on an ADVERTISED mattress  
and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas  
bathes in an ADVERTISED shower  
shaves with an ADVERTISED razor  
brushes his teeth  
with ADVERTISED toothpaste  
washes with ADVERTISED soap  
puts on ADVERTISED clothes  
drinks a cup  
of ADVERTISED coffee  
drives to work  
in an ADVERTISED car  
and then . . .  
refuses to ADVERTISE  
believing it doesn't pay.  
Later if business is poor  
he ADVERTISES it for sale.  
**WHY IS IT?**

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