

Christ Our Light Catholic Church

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Monday-Thursday

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

Friday 9:15am- noon

Other times by appointment

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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

Third Sunday of Advent : December 13, 2020

Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

December 12 & 13, 2020

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:00 PM Marion † and Angie † Scarmardo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:30 AM For Rain or In Thanksgiving for Rain

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:30 AM Stash † and Barbara † Macjewski

6:00 PM* Consuelo Quinonez Nunez †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30 AM Cecil Wilde †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, VIGIL

6:00 PM Nina Rotello †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 AM Cecil Wilde †

1:00 PM* People of the Parish

*Spanish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:00 PM to 5:45 PM Confessions, CH

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:00 PM CCE Grades 1-5th, SPH & SPCC Group B

6:00 PM RCIC, SPCC

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

12:00 AM English Legion of Mary, CH Cry Room

5:00 PM to 5:45 PM Confession, CH

7:00 PM RCIA Session, SPH

7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM extra Confession Time

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

10:00 AM Christmas Masses Altar Server Practice, CH

EXTRA CONFESSION TIME

Friday, 18th

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Church

Christ Our Light Catholic Church



The Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston

The Church is open every day from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for people to come stop by and Pray.

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 mediodía. 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.

Sacrament of Baptism Schedule



English Baptism Class Schedule for 2021: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM Jan. 9th, April 10th, July 10th, & October 9th
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 2021: 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, Jan 24th, April 25th, July 25th, & October 24th.

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. Eli 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.**

Sarafina Alo, Jo Ann Clepper, Frank Crouch, Elizabeth Culmer, Herman Culmer, Eva Estrada, Liz Estrada, Lois Finke, Liz Johnson, Rachel Kammel, Mary Ann Knowles, Liz Kubricht, Glenda Lawrence, John Lawrence, Christian Mills, Leslie Mills, France Munoz, Leon Nowak, Victor Ostiguin, Leona Pasket, Cecelia Pearson, 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 offering of \$150.00 for your Memorial candle.



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TRESASURE YOU HAVE SHARED:

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December 05 & 06, 2020

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| (69) Offertory Envelopes/Loose Checks | |
| On Live Giving, Mail Ins, & Drop Ins | 3,557.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | 50.00 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious Sisters | 48200 |

Thank you thank you for Mailing, Bringing In, and On Line Giving your Offertory. Baskets will not be passed during the Offertory. You will be able to place your weekly gift in a basket by the Baptism Font before or after Mass.

II Collections

December 12 & 13 — Maintenance Fund

January 9 & 10, 2021 — Maintenance Fund

January 23 & 24, 2021 Bishops' Fund for Latin America

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, Spec. Alysa Flores Kelleher, 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 DECEMBER**

General Intention — For a life of prayer.

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has resumed on Thursdays throughout the Summer following the 8:30 AM Masses on Thursdays and will be reposed before the 6:00 PM Spanish Mass.

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

Please call Mary Rangel @ 936-419-9024 to sign up for a time slot on Thursdays.

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

The Parish Code to access the website is
MVMZKF

Then register to create an account.

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

NOTE: Do not use Mozilla Firefox browser.

1. Visit our church at: www.flocknote.com/chistourlightchurch
2. Text SPOLG to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.



Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2020

Rejoice Always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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**Pray for
Vocations**



to the Priesthood and Religious Life especially in our Archdiocese.

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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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Online Giving Now

Christ Our Light now accepts online giving. Parish Soft is our parish's online giving program. Enroll at the link 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>

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CELEBREMOS/LET US CELEBRATE MISSALETTES

Missalette's starting November 29th to February 16, 2021 are available to purchase for \$5.00. Do not leave them in Church. Take them home with you, bring with you each weekday or weekend Masses you will be attending. Stop by the parish office at 510 Manley Street.

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

Third Sunday of Advent — *“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18* This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

Boletín de Mayordomía—Reflexiones

3º Domingo de Adviento — *“Regocijense siempre, oren constantemente, den gracias en toda circunstancia; porque esta es la voluntad de Dios para ustedes en Cristo Jesús” 1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-18* Esta lectura de las Escrituras resume la corresponsabilidad. “Regocijate siempre” significa depositar tu confianza en Dios; Él te proporcionará todo lo que necesites. “Orar constantemente” significa que la oración debe ser una conversación continua con Dios durante todo el día. “Dar gracias en todas las circunstancias” significa, incluso en situaciones difíciles, gracias a Dios. Sufrir un poco ayuda a desarrollar la empatía por otros en situaciones similares y muestra nuestra dependencia de Dios.

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UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they can't understand; but ... I have noticed that the passage in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand.
— Mark Twain

CCE NEWS: We are asking that more parents get involved with their child's Religious Education by becoming an aid/assistant in the classroom. We are still looking for aids for the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Even if you don't have a child attending classes please consider helping to educate our students. All are welcome!

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DECORATING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

The Altar Society plan to decorate the Church for Christmas on December 20th at 2:00 PM.

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DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2020

**DSF Goal \$24,940.00
Gifts Received \$17,649.00
DSF Donors: 59**

Our balance on December 31, 2020 will be \$7,291.00 unless we receive more donations.

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IGNITE

**Ignite Parish Goal \$208,632.00
Gifts Amount Received \$56,377.00
Ignite Doners: 38**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Regocíjense en el Espíritu del Señor que nos trae buenas noticias (Isaías 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Salmo — Mi espíritu se alegra en Dios, mi salvador (Lc 1:46-50, 53-54).

Segunda lectura — ¡Alégrense! Conserve su integridad en el Espíritu y guárdense sin mancha hasta la venida del Señor (1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-24).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista dice: "Soy la voz que grita en el desierto" (Juan 1:6-8, 19-28).

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ANGLES OF PEACE — Le us not be justices of peace, but Angles of peace.

ÁNGELES DE LA PAZ — No seamos jueces de paz, seamos ángeles de paz.

**—St. Therese of Lisieux
—Santa Teresa de Lisieux**

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 | 1 Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

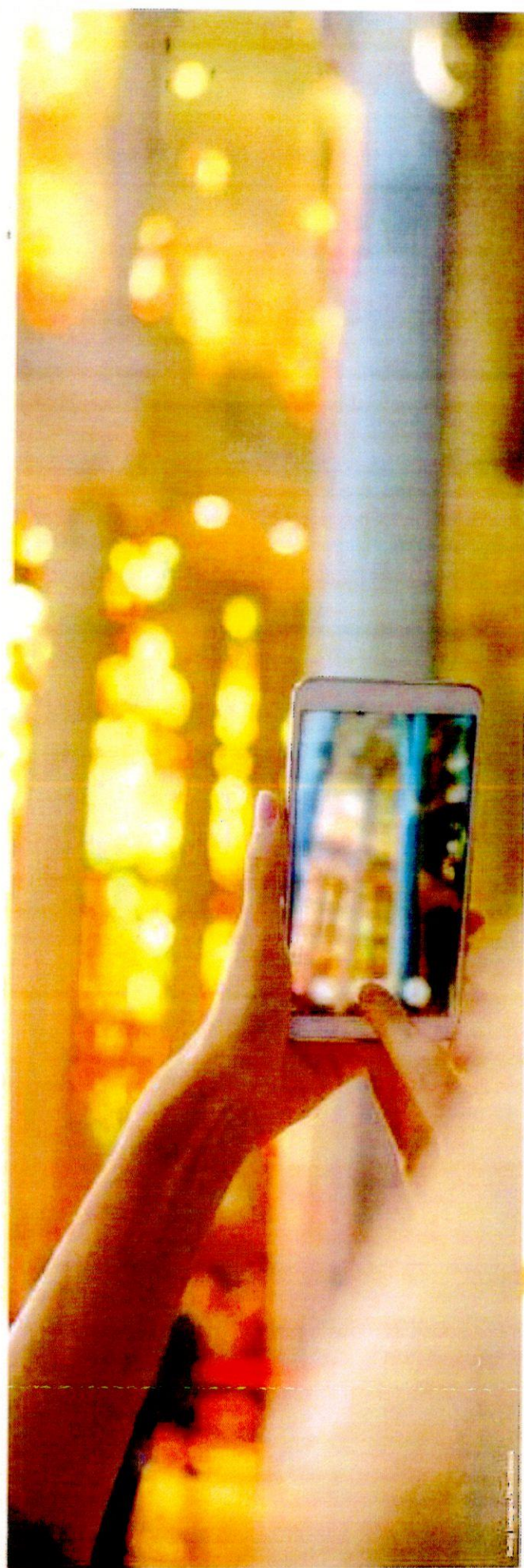
The prophet's words in the Book of Isaiah are bursting with hope: "The Lord ... has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord." As we enter the third week of Advent, these words may resonate more deeply for many of us as we look back on 2020. We know that for many of the world's people, struggle can be an everyday reality; however, after this year marked by pandemic, mourning, racial injustice, and mounting unemployment, the prophet's hope-filled words may hit home more acutely. Regardless of what 2020 has been like for us, Advent is a reminder that we have reason for hope: in Emmanuel, God with us. Let us prepare our hearts and our minds for Christ's coming through prayer, confident that the Lord will fulfill the promises of the prophet.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Light! Here in the Midwest in December we don't see nearly enough of it. Every year I consider purchasing a "happy lamp" and vow to "up" my Vitamin D intake. Perhaps that's why I was taken by the line in today's Gospel describing John the Baptist: "He came ... to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him." As predicted by John the Baptist and the prophet, Christ came to dwell among us, and remains within us through the Eucharist and the working of the Holy Spirit. We, like John the Baptist, can "testify to the light" by sharing Christ's presence through our witness to others.

WITNESS Last week we focused on making God's kindness visible through our words and actions toward the people with whom we live and interact regularly; this week, let our witness focus on testifying to the light in our digital presence and encounters. Make your words be those that foster hope and promise rather than incite division.



The Story of The Search

A new and impactful video-based series coming to our parish
Here's how to describe it to your parishioners

Do any of these situations or stories sound familiar?

- You get the big promotion, but it doesn't make you happy for more than a day or two.
- You buy the fancy car, but the thrill is over by the time you pull into the garage.
- Your team wins the Super Bowl... and you all you have to show for it was an expensive jersey with someone else's name on it.

"Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you."

—St. Augustine

- The things we expect to fulfill us don't...
- Why is life this way? Why are we here? Not just here in these bodies on this planet and in this year. But why do we exist? Why are we filled with longing?

Our friends at the Augustine Institute have created an award-winning video-based series that's turning heads as it explores fundamental questions and mysteries like these. It's called *The Search*, and the national reception to it has been so enthusiastic that we are bringing it here, to our parish, for all our spiritual benefit and growth.

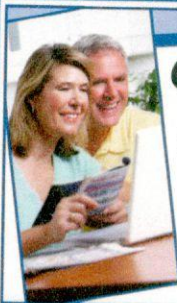
The Search is a multi-part video based spiritual experience from the producers of the FORMED online platform many of us use for faith formation at our parish. The production is beautiful. None of this rec room or fake library feeling to it. The well-known Catholic evangelist Chris Stefanick hosts *The Search*.

But *The Search* is not meant just to be watched... and it's certainly not meant to be watched alone. That's why we are beginning to form small groups – both in-person and virtual – to watch, discuss, and truly benefit and grow from experiencing *The Search*.

- If your faith is already solid, *The Search* will help you to deepen it. If you're feeling unsure, it's for you too. If you're worried about your kids or grandkids, it's a great series for you to share with them -- by bringing them along.
- *The Search* features scientists, artists, philosophers, and other people from all walks of life proclaiming how their searches for meaning in life led them to Jesus and the Gospel.
- There's nothing quite like it in the Catholic world. *The Search* proclaims the Gospel in words that modern ears are ready to hear and images that modern eyes can't help but see and remember.

There are take-one cards in the back with details on how to watch Episode 1 of *The Search* on our parishes FORMED website. Go home and watch *The Search* tonight. And stay tuned for more information about how to join a small group to experience all the power and potential of *The Search*.

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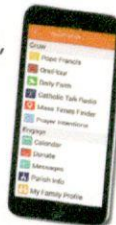


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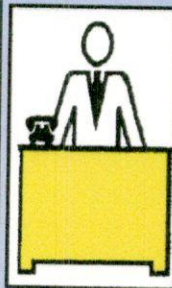
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