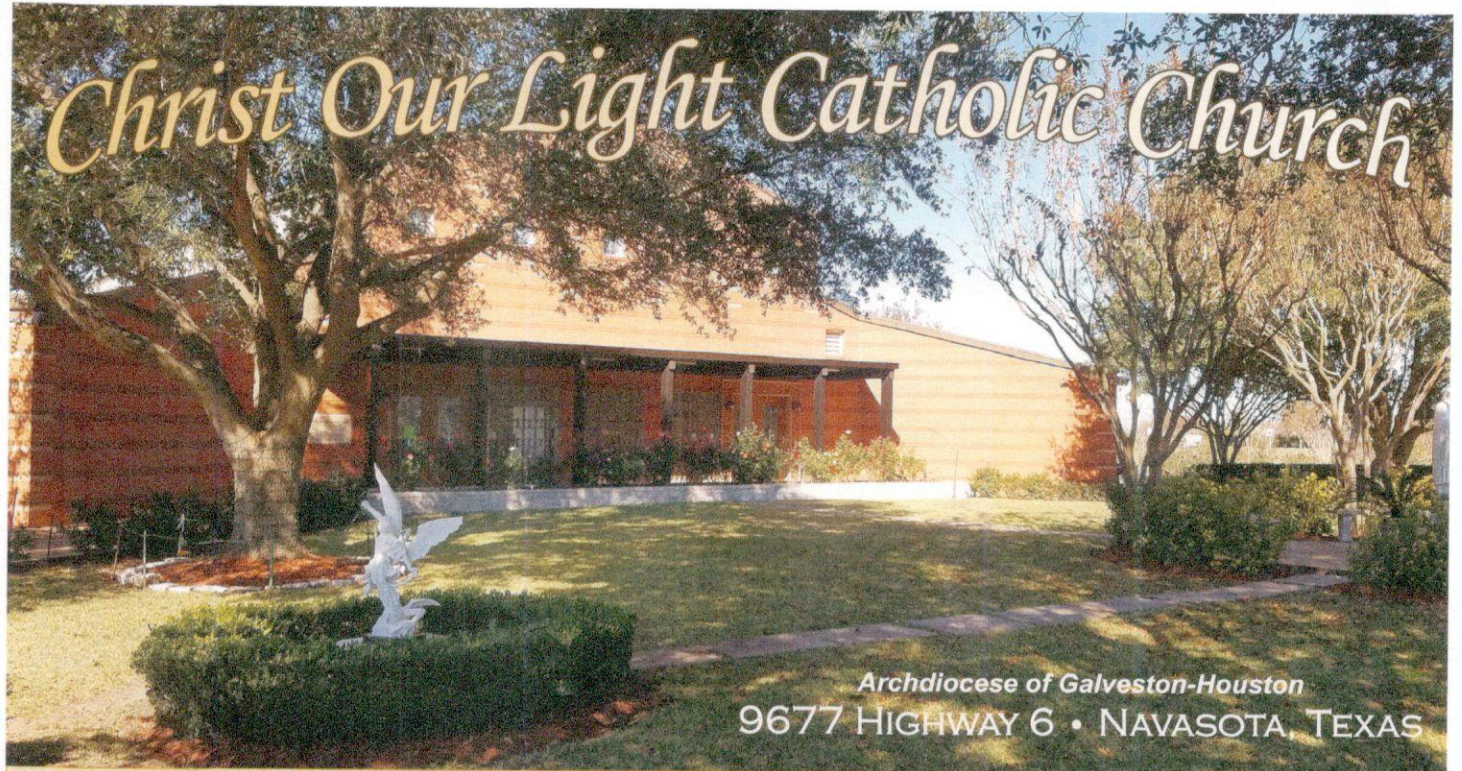


Christ Our Light Catholic Church



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Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: (English) 8:00am

Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00pm

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Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30am

Tuesday 6:00pm (English)

Thursday 6:00pm (Spanish)

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Tuesday & Thursday: 5:40pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8:10am

Saturday: 5:15pm

Sunday: 7:15am & 12:15pm

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Tuesday, Thursday and

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November 14, 2021 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

November 13 & 14, 2021

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

No Mass



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

5:30 PM Paul † and Monica † Mattern

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:30 AM Charles "Beau" Cavanaugh, II †

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:30 AM Louis † and Loreina † Klevenski

10:00 AM Golden Creek, Fr's Intention

6:00 PM* Serafin Murillo †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:30 AM Torres and Rangel Families

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00 AM Wallace Pack Unit, Fr's Intention

6:00 PM Nina Rotello †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM Juan Coronilla † 1st Anniversary of Death

*Spanish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

5:00 PM Spanish, Legion of Mary, Cry room, CH

6:00 PM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, SPH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

5:00 PM St. Vincent DePaul Meeting, KC Hall in Anderson

6:00 PM CCE, 1st-5th Grades, SPCC

6:00 PM RCIC, SPCC

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

12:00 PM English, Legion Mary, Cry room CH

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

7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH

7:00 PM R.E. Board Meeting, SPH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

5:30 AM TMIY Men's Group, SPH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

No CCE November 21st thru 26th

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

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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.



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Sacrament of Baptism Schedule

English Baptism Class Schedule for 2021: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM, 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, 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 11:30 AM in English every 3rd Saturday and every 4th Saturday at 11:30 AM in Spanish 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.



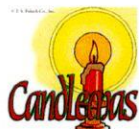
**PRAY for THE CONTINUING
RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF
the infirmed and homebound
members of our community.**

Sarafina Alo, Andrew Castillo, Jo Ann Clepper, Frank Crouch, Elizabeth Culmer, Herman Culmer, Eva Estrada, Liz Estrada, Lois Finke, Fabryna Hitchcock, Liz Johnson, Rachel Kammel, Mary Ann Knowles, Liz Kubricht, Glenda Lawrence, John Lawrence, Nancy Lopez, Ramon Mendez, Christian Mills, Leslie Mills, France Munoz, Delia Nunez, Anita Olguin, Leona Pasket, Cecelia Pearson, Angelina Peterson, Wallace Peterson, Irene Ramirez, Lucila Rivera, Zek Rueda, Rosalinda Salazar, Josh Sechelski, Sherrie Shiflett, Dana Sowell, Lydia Torres, Jessie Torres, Robert Mario Torres, 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.



**YOUR PARISH
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TRESASURE YOU HAVE SHARED:

GIFTS FOR GOD — YOUR TITHE REPONDS

November 06 & 07 and 08, 2021

(87) Offertory Envelopes/Loose Checks, On Line Giving,	
Mail Ins, Drop Ins	5,819.75
Children Offering	21.00
II Collection, Retired Priest	1,230.00
All Saints	366.00

Thank you thank you for Mailing, Bringing in, and On Line Giving your Offertory. Baskets will be passed during the Offertory. Baskets will also be passed when we have a II Collection.



The Parish thanks the Altar Altar Society for the Altar Flowers this past weekend for Confirmation.

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. SFC Antinia Franco, 1SG, Jason Malek, Antonio Magallon, Jose Rene Milan, Christopher Munoz, Javier Salinas, Shelby Seale, SSgt Allen Thane

**OUR HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
FOR NOVEMBER**

Universal Intention — People who suffer from depression. We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has resumed on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. following the 8:30 AM Masses and will be reposed at 9:00 PM on Wednesdays and Friday and Thursdays at 5:45 PM 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**

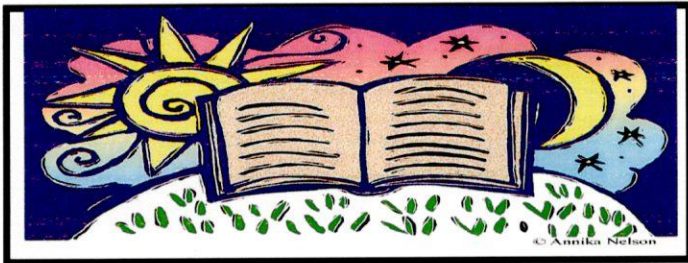
**The Parish Code to access the website is
MVMZKF**

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/christourlightchurch
2. Text SPOLG to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 14, 2021

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. —Mark 13:31

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.

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — “And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory,” Mark 13:26 We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?” How will you respond? The good news—it’s never too late to live and grateful and generous lifestyle.

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REFLEXIONES DEL BOLETIN DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

Domingo 33º del Tiempo Ordinario — “Y entonces veremos al ‘Hijo del Hombre venir entre las nubes’ con gran poder y gloria,” Marcos 13:26 Cada uno de nosotros tendrá un día que pararse delante del Señor y nuestra vida pasará frente a nosotros como una película. Cuando eso suceda y Dios nos pregunte a cada uno de nosotros, “¿Qué has hecho con los dones que te di?” ¿Cómo responderás? La buena noticia es que nunca es tarde para vivir y agradecer, y tener un estilo de vida generoso.

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 14, 2021

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Albert the Great
Tuesday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Wednesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Thursday: Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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**Pray for
Vocations**



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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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 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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II Collections in November

November 13th & 14th — Maintenance Fund
November 20th & 21st — Campaign for Human Development
November 27th & 28th — DSF Shortfall of Our Assigned Goal

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HOPE — If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes. —St. Clement

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2021

DSF Goal \$25,000.00
Gifts Received \$16,027.00
56 Donors

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IGNITE

Ignite Parish Goal \$208,632.00
Gifts Amount Received \$70,406.00
39 Donors

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An Invitation

“All Women in the BCS Deanery are invited to a special presentation on December 4 from 1-3 PM at the PAC at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bryan, Texas. Kevin Wells, an award-winning journalist, author, evangelist, and great defender of the Catholic faith, will give a talk on “THE WOMEN WE NEED TO NOURISH THE CHURCH.” He has spoken on the National Catholic stage including EWTN, TIMY, Legatus, and at hundreds of other men’s and women’s conferences. Don’t miss this opportunity. Admission is free.

Organizer-Meredith Olson, a parishioner at St. Thomas Aquinas olsonjm25@aol.com
Monica Mize monica.mize87@gmail.com

This is a Deanery-wide event for women.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Serán salvados cada uno de los que estén inscritos en el libro (Daniel 12:1-3).

Salmo — Enséñanos, Señor, el camino de la vida (Salmo 16 [15]).

Segunda lectura — Donde hay perdón, ya no hay ofrenda por el pecado (Hebreos 10:11-14, 18).

Evangelio — Nadie sabe cuándo será el día ni la hora (Marcos 13:24-32).

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FEAST OF FAITH

Blessing and Dismissal

At the beginning of Mass, the priest made the sign of the cross with us. At the conclusion of Mass, he makes the sign of the cross over us, a sign of blessing. We are then dismissed—not just let out, but sent forth with a mission “to love and serve the Lord.” Just as Jesus blessed his disciples as he ascended to heaven, so this leave-taking is joined to a blessing, a prayer for God’s continuing protection. As we leave the church, we bear the invisible sign of the Master whom we follow. In the words of an ancient letter to Diognetus, “Christians are indistinguishable from other [people] either by nationality, language, or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow an outlandish way of life. . . . And yet, there is something extraordinary about their lives” (*Liturgy of the Hours*, Vol. II, p. 840). We are ordinary people sent forth to live extraordinary lives, lives like Christ’s own life—pouring ourselves out for others in prayer, service, and love.

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Dear Parishioner,

I am appealing to you to make your Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) donation as soon as possible. In the past, parishioners like you have been very generous, for which I am grateful.

We are some **\$8,557.73** short in DSF pledges to meet our mandatory amount. If we fail to pay our mandatory amount, then our parish operating budget must pay any deficit. Last year, we had to pay **\$5,435.000** and our operating budget cannot absorb such a deficit. So please be extra generous in your donation amount by increasing your pledge if possible.

You may donate by:

Using the DSF pledge envelope that was mailed to you in mid-September and a reminder that will be sent in early November.

Using the blank DSF envelopes in the back of the church.

Pledging online (<https://www.archgh.org/dsf>) OR

Simply writing a check by including the name of Christ Our Light and our ID number: **7793**.

Remember that DSF supports more than sixty ministries in the Archdiocese. These ministries bring the light of Christ to people who have been particularly hit hard by the pandemic. Your gift to DSF strengthens these important works of mercy. A few examples are:

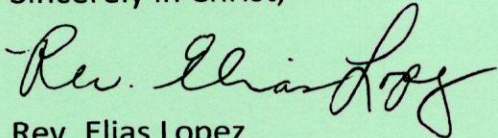
Catholic Charities is distributing thousands of tons of food.

San Jose Clinic devised curbside prescription pick-up

Our Chaplain Corps is providing pastoral care to hospitalized patients despite extreme contact restrictions

Your DSF donation will be used only for the sole purpose of these 60+ ministries so as to spread the light of Christ to people who need to experience the Gospel. I ask you today not to neglect to share what you have with others and to make a gift to the DSF.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Elias Lopez

Pastor

Estimado feligrés,

Le pido que considere su donación hacia el Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos (DSF) lo antes posible. En el pasado, feligreses como usted han sido muy generosos, por lo que estoy agradecido.

Nos faltan **\$8,557.73** en promesas de DSF para cumplir con nuestra cantidad obligatoria. Si no pagamos nuestra cantidad obligatoria, entonces el presupuesto operativo de nuestra parroquia debe pagar cualquier déficit. El año pasado, tuvimos que pagar **\$5,435.00** y nuestro presupuesto operativo no puede absorber tal déficit. Así que por favor sea más generoso con el monto de su donación aumentando su contribución si es posible.

Puede donar mediante:

Utilizando el sobre de compromiso de DSF que se le envió por correo a mediados de septiembre y un recordatorio que se enviará a principios de noviembre

Usando los sobres DSF en blanco en la parte de atrás de la iglesia

Compromiso en línea (<https://www.archgh.org/dsf>) O

Simplemente hacer un cheque incluyendo el nombre de Cristo Nuestra Luz y nuestro número de identificación: **7793**

Recuerde que DSF apoya más de 60 ministerios en la Arquidiócesis. Estos ministerios llevan la luz de Cristo a las personas que han sido particularmente afectadas por la pandemia. Su donación a DSF fortalece estas importantes obras de misericordia.

Algunos ejemplos son:

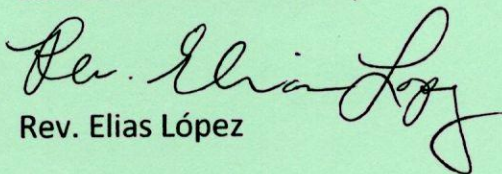
Caridades Católicas está distribuyendo miles de toneladas de comida

San Jose Clínica ideó la recogida de recetas en la acera

Nuestro Cuerpo de Capellanes brinda atención pastoral a pacientes hospitalizados a pesar de las restricciones extremas de contacto

Su donación a DSF se utilizará únicamente para el único propósito de estos más de 60 ministerios para difundir la luz de Cristo a las personas que necesitan experimentar el Evangelio. Les pido hoy que no descuiden compartir lo que tienen con los demás y que hagan una donación al DSF.

Sinceramente en Cristo,



Rev. Elias López

Pastor

November 14, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3 | Heb 10:11-14, 18 | Mk 13:24-32

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

My husband reads the obituaries regularly, as did my elderly Aunt Loretta. Me, I avoid them. I don't like to think about death, and the same can be said for some references to the end times, particularly those like we hear in the Book of Daniel: "Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace." Give me a comforting psalm any day! However, in today's Gospel, Jesus assures us that we who believe need not fear the Second Coming, for at that time the Son of Man shall "gather his elect." Yes, "heaven and earth will pass away," but the words of Jesus never shall. It is true, we don't know the time or the hour of his return and so we prepare for it by remaining focused on Jesus' words and turning our lives over to him in and through the sacramental life of the Church. Strive to live well on earth, following the path to eternal life that our loving and merciful Savior has paved for us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It's easy to become complacent in that striving. I notice that tendency in everyday life – taking my spouse for granted, not being mindful of how what I say and do serves as an example (either good or bad!) for another. It's like moving through the day with blinders on. In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples about his return in glory, and how those who follow him will be able to sense its approach. "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near." In other words, "pay attention; be observant" – the opposite of complacency. To counter this within ourselves, we can ask God to open our eyes to the signs of his love all around us – our spouses and dear friends, our families, and all the gifts we have been given. Just as importantly, we can accompany one another as we seek to grow in holiness and prepare for the day we meet Jesus, living as an example in word and deed. As the Book of Daniel so eloquently tells us, "The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

PRAY Read the obituaries! Many of them contain inspiring examples of lives well lived. Take a moment in this month of November to pray for all who have died. Make a conscious effort to be a specific example to another of Christ's love in the world that they, too, might be better prepared for Christ's return.

"HEAVEN
AND EARTH
WILL PASS
AWAY

but my words

WILL NOT
PASS
AWAY."



God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. The Sunday Connection provides useful background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

November 2021

Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church

Rev. Elias Lopez, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Happiness

As a loving Father, God wants us to be happy. True happiness is: "Joy and beatitude over receiving the fulfillment of our vocation as creatures: a sharing in the divine nature and the vision of God. God put us into the world to know, love, and serve Him, and so come to the happiness of paradise"

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 1720). The happiness the world offers doesn't last, but the happiness God offers is forever.

Nurture faith

Spiritual growth doesn't stop with formal religious education. To know God better, start with the Bible and consider adding spiritual reading. (Hint: ask a priest for recommendations.) Read so that you may learn more about God's ways.

Patience makes sense

Don't be tempted to compare yourself to others. God's plan for you is unique. "Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way" (Psalm 37:7).

At Christmas we celebrate the truth that God came and lived among us. What's even more amazing is that He will come again at our death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first. To help us prepare, the Church created the season of Advent, beginning this year on November 28. It is a watchful time during which we can ...

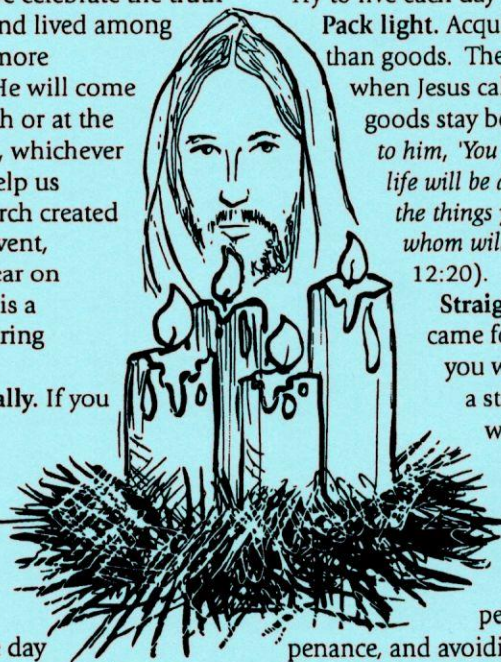
Live intentionally. If you knew that Jesus would come for you tomorrow, how would you spend today? Chances are you would devote the day to asking and granting forgiveness, spending time with loved ones, and preparing your heart for your Savior.

Try to live each day that way.

Pack light. Acquire graces rather than goods. The graces come along when Jesus calls for you, but the goods stay behind. "But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'" (Luke 12:20).

Straighten up. If Jesus came for you tomorrow, you would need to be in a state of grace to go with Him. Prepare now by never missing Mass, going to Confession regularly,

performing heartfelt penance, and avoiding sin so that you'll be ready to greet Jesus with joy anytime. The truth is, Jesus really could come tomorrow – or even today!



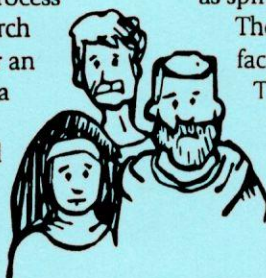
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor saints?

Canonization is the process through which the Church acknowledges that, after an extensive investigation, a person demonstrated extraordinary virtue and is now in Heaven, face-to-face with God. Saints are offered to us

as spiritual guides to lead us to God.

The saints were real people who faced problems similar to our own. They allowed God's grace to transform them. When we are facing difficulties, trials, and temptations, we can look to the saints and be encouraged by their faithfulness.

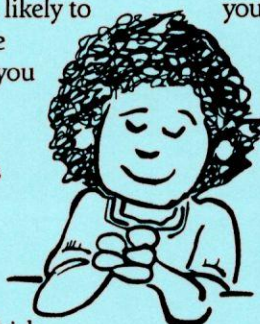


Thankfulness is good for the health

Studies show that people who are thankful are less likely to be depressed or unhappy, and find they enjoy simple pleasures like sunsets and good health. Here is how you can join them ...

Calculate your ratio. For three days straight, keep track of how many times you think grateful thoughts versus complaining. This is your Grateful to Grumbling Ratio. The higher your G2G Ratio, the happier you will be.

Gather inspiration. Ask others what inspires their gratitude. You will probably discover something for which



you can also be thankful but haven't thought of.

Fast. Forgo something you like such as food, TV, the internet. It will make you thankful for it when you get it back.

Guard the company you keep. Attitudes are contagious. Do the people around you encourage gratitude or griping? Consider changing your environment or your friends to lean toward gratitude.

Detach. Have you noticed that the people who have the least seem the happiest? Take stock of your possessions. Keep only what you need.

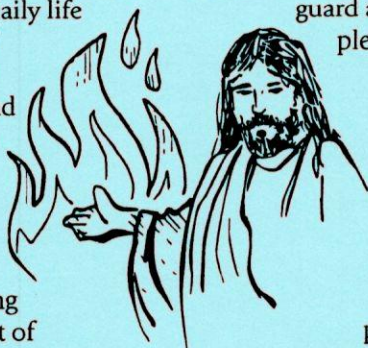
from Scripture

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36, the Advent of hope

The virtues of patience and perseverance aren't strengths for most of us. Often the concerns of daily life overshadow our pursuit of holiness. We can get lured into sin by the comforts and pleasures the world has to offer. We can forget our ultimate goal is Heaven. Knowing this, Jesus warned His followers about the end times, hoping to shake them (and us) out of "drowsy" complaisance.

Imagine the terrifying scene Jesus described - the shaking of the earth, sea, and sky and people dying of fright. In the midst of that terror, though, people living

in God's friendship will have no reason to fear. The key is, He said, to stay on guard against sin and worldly pleasure.



Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Christ. God has promised us that if we are faithful to Him, we will be rewarded. This is a time when we must pray for patience and

perseverance to keep us ready for the arrival of our Savior. Then we can hold our heads high and stand confident expecting our promised reward.

Q & A Is our belief in Purgatory rooted in the Bible?

In the Old Testament, the Jewish leader Judas Maccabee required his soldiers to offer prayers and sacrifices for dead comrades who died wearing "magic" amulets in service of pagan gods - a serious violation of the covenant. *"Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out"*



(Maccabees 12:42). By offering prayers on their behalf after their death, Judas Maccabee demonstrated his faith that the prayers could still benefit the dead.

In the New Testament, Jesus speaks of the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit that won't be forgiven in this life or in the next (Matthew 12:32). We conclude that other sins are forgiven in the next life.

If we die in God's friendship but still have attachment to venial sin, purification will be necessary. It is difficult to see a beautiful landscape through a dirty window. To enjoy the view, the window must be cleaned. Likewise, Purgatory cleans us up so we can enjoy the view, in this case, the beatific vision of God.

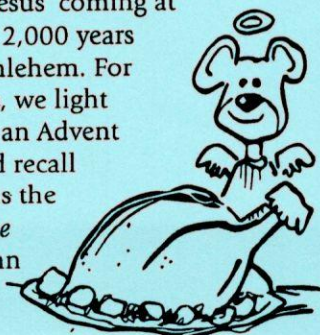
Feasts & Celebrations

November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1231). The daughter of the King of Hungary, she married at the age of 14. Her beloved husband was killed after only six years of marriage. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order and spent her life caring for the poor.

November 21 - Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. God promised his people a king who will be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.

November 22 - St. Cecilia (230). A native of Rome, St. Cecilia was forced to marry although she wanted to consecrate herself to God. She eventually converted her husband and both were martyred for the faith.

November 28 - First Sunday in Advent. During Advent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas 2,000 years ago at Bethlehem. For four weeks, we light candles in an Advent wreath and recall that Jesus is the "Light of the world" (John 8:12).



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Felicidad

Como padre amante que es, Dios quiere que seamos felices. La auténtica felicidad es: Gozo y bienaventuranza al alcanzar la culminación de nuestra vocación como criaturas: una participación en la naturaleza divina y en la visión de Dios. "Dios nos ha puesto en el mundo para conocerle, servirle y amarle, y así ir al cielo" (*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, #1720, 1721). La felicidad del mundo no dura, pero la felicidad que Dios nos ofrece es para siempre.

Nutran su fe

El crecimiento espiritual no termina con la educación religiosa formal. Para conocer mejor a Dios, empielen con la Biblia y procuren añadir lecturas espirituales. (Idea: pidan recomendaciones a un sacerdote). Lean para aprender más sobre Dios.

La paciencia tiene sentido

Resista la tentación de compararse con otras personas. El plan de Dios para usted es singular. "Descansa en el Señor y espera en él; no te exasperes por el hombre que triunfa" (Salmo 37:7).

Prepárense para una verdad asombrosa

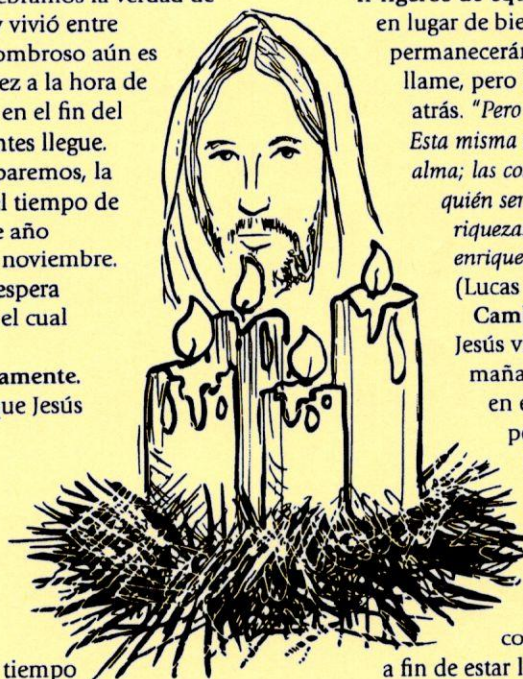
En Navidad celebramos la verdad de que Cristo llegó y vivió entre nosotros. Más asombroso aún es que llegará otra vez a la hora de nuestra muerte o en el fin del mundo, lo que antes llegue. Para que nos preparemos, la Iglesia instituyó el tiempo de Adviento que este año empieza el 28 de noviembre. Es un tiempo de espera vigilante durante el cual podemos...

Vivir deliberadamente. Si usted supiera que Jesús viene por usted mañana, ¿cómo pasaría el día de hoy? Lo más probable es que dedicara el día a pedir perdón y perdonar, a pasar tiempo con sus seres queridos y a preparar su corazón para su Salvador. Procure vivir así cada día.

Ir ligeros de equipaje. Adquiera gracias en lugar de bienes. Las gracias permanecerán cuando Jesús lo llame, pero los bienes se quedarán atrás. "Pero Dios le dijo: '¡Necio! Esta misma noche te reclamarán el alma; las cosas que preparaste, ¿para quién serán?' Así es el que atesora riquezas para sí y no se enriquece en orden a Dios" (Lucas 12:20).

Cambiar de actitud. Si Jesús viniera por usted mañana, tendría que estar en estado de gracia para poder ir con él.

Prepárese ahora no faltando a misa, confesando con regularidad, haciendo penitencia de corazón y evitando pecar a fin de estar listo para dar la bienvenida a Jesús venga cuando venga. La verdad es que Jesús podría realmente venir mañana ¡e incluso hoy!



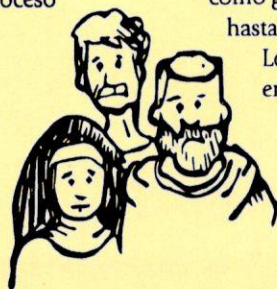
¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Por qué honran a los santos los Católicos?

La canonización es el proceso por el cual la Iglesia reconoce que, tras una investigación exhaustiva, una persona demostró poseer virtud extraordinaria y ahora está en el Cielo, cara a cara con Dios. Los santos se nos ofrecen

como guías espirituales para conducirnos hasta Dios.

Los santos fueron gente real que se enfrentó a problemas semejantes a los nuestros. Permitieron que la gracia de Dios los transformara. Cuando nos enfrentamos a dificultades, pruebas y tentaciones, podemos acudir a los santos y sentirnos motivados por su fidelidad.



La gratitud es buena para la salud

Los estudios demuestran que las personas que son agradecidas tienden menos a deprimirse o a ser infelices y descubren que disfrutan de placeres sencillos como las puestas de sol y la buena salud. He aquí cómo puede usted unirse a estas personas ...

Calcule su proporción. Durante tres días consecutivos lleve la cuenta de cuántas veces tiene pensamientos agradecidos comparados con las quejas. Esta es la proporción de Gratitud a Gruñidos. Cuanto más alta sea su proporción, más feliz será usted.

Recoja inspiración. Pregunte a otras personas qué



inspira su gratitud. Probablemente descubra algo que usted pueda agradecer pero que no se le había ocurrido.

Ayune. Prívese de algo como comida, televisión, internet. Lo agradecerá cuando lo recupere.

Atención a la gente con la que se trata. Las actitudes son contagiosas. Las personas a su alrededor, ¿fomentan la gratitud o las quejas? Piense en cambiar su ambiente o sus amistades para inclinarse hacia la gratitud.

Desconecte. ¿Ha observado que la gente que tiene menos parece la más feliz? Haga inventario de sus posesiones. Conserve sólo lo que necesite.

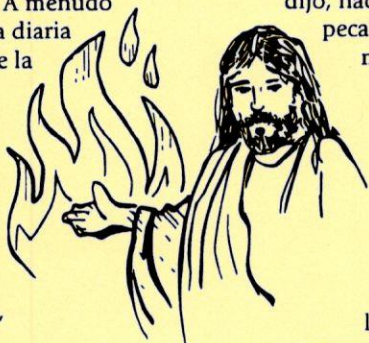
de las Escrituras

Lucas 21:25-28, 34-36, el Adviento de la esperanza

Las virtudes de la paciencia y la perseverancia no suelen ser puntos fuertes para la mayoría de nosotros. A menudo las preocupaciones de la vida diaria eclipsan nuestra búsqueda de la santidad. Las comodidades y los placeres del mundo nos tientan al pecado. Se nos olvida que nuestra meta final es el Cielo. Jesús lo sabía y advirtió a sus seguidores del fin del mundo, con la esperanza de sacarlos de su "somnolienta" complacencia.

Imaginen la terrorífica escena que describió Jesús: el temblor de la tierra, del mar y del cielo y la gente muriendo de miedo. En medio de ese terror, no obstante,

la gente que vivía en amistad con Dios no tendrá motivo para temer. Lo esencial es, dijo, hacer guardia contra el pecado y los placeres mundanales.



El Adviento es tiempo de espera de la llegada de Cristo. Dios nos ha prometido que si le somos fieles seremos recompensados. Es un tiempo en el que debemos rezar para que la paciencia y la perseverancia nos mantengan

preparados para la llegada de nuestro salvador. Así podremos mantener la cabeza alta y confiada mientras esperamos la recompensa prometida.

P & R ¿Se basa en la Biblia nuestra creencia en el Purgatorio?

En el Antiguo Testamento, el líder judío Judas Macabeo exigía a sus soldados que ofrecieran plegarias y sacrificios por los camaradas difuntos que habían muerto llevando amuletos "mágicos" al servicio

de dioses paganos, una seria violación de la alianza.

"Pasaron a la súplica, rogando que quedara completamente borrado el pecado cometido" (2Macabeos 21:42). Al ofrecer

plegarias en su nombre después de su muerte, Judas Macabeo demostró su fe en que las plegarias podrían beneficiar aún a los difuntos.

En el Nuevo Testamento, Jesús habla del pecado de blasfemia contra el Espíritu Santo que no se perdonará ni en esta vida ni en la otra (Mateo 12:32). Concluimos que hay pecados que se perdonan en la otra vida.

Si morimos en la amistad de Dios pero aún tenemos vínculos con el pecado venial, será necesaria la purificación. Es difícil ver un paisaje hermoso a través de una ventana sucia. Para disfrutar de la vista tenemos que limpiar la ventana. De igual manera, el Purgatorio nos limpia para que podamos disfrutar de la vista, en este caso, de la visión beatífica de Dios.

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Fiestas y celebraciones

17 de noviembre – Santa Isabel de Hungría (1231). Era hija del rey de Hungría y se casó a los 14 años. Su amado esposo murió a los seis años de su matrimonio. Isabel ingresó en la Orden Franciscana Seglar y pasó su vida cuidando a los pobres.

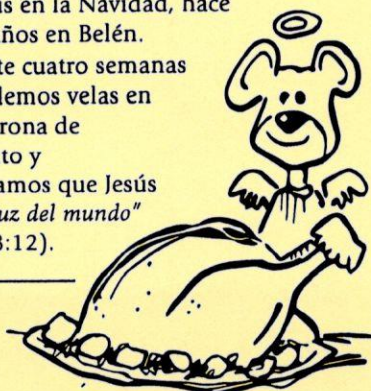
21 de noviembre – Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. Dios prometió a su pueblo un rey que triunfaría sobre sus enemigos. Jesús es nuestro rey. Entramos en su reino mediante el bautismo y la confirmación.

22 de noviembre – Santa Cecilia (230). Nacida en Roma, santa Cecilia fue

obligada a casarse aunque quería dedicarse a Dios. Logró convertir a su esposo y ambos fueron martirizados por su fe.

28 de noviembre – Primer domingo de Adviento. Durante el Adviento nos preparamos para celebrar la llegada de Jesús en la Navidad, hace 2000 años en Belén.

Durante cuatro semanas encendemos velas en una corona de Adviento y recordamos que Jesús es la "luz del mundo" (Juan 8:12).



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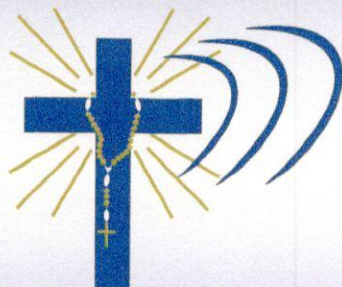
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