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Website: www.christourlight.org

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

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# Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

March 05 & 06, 2022

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

#### Mass Schedule & intention

MONDAY, MARCH 07

No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 08

6:00 PM Chris † and Regina † Mattern

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 09

8:30 AM Mike Nowak †

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 AM Chris Mattern, Jr.

10:00 AM Navasota Nursing Home, Fr's Intention

6:00 PM\* Martin Ruiz, Jr. †

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

8:30 AM Manriquez Dominguez †

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

8:30 AM Luther Unit, Fr's Intention

6:00 PM Nina Rotello †

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM\* Jorge Quirino † and Demetrio Quirino †

\*Spanish

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MARCH 07

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

6:00 PM Bible Study, SPH

**TUESDAY, MARCH 08** 

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

6:00 PM Consecration to Jesus through St. Mary

Class, SPCC

6:15 PM Altar Society Meeting, SPH

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 09

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

6:00 PM RCIC, SPCC

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

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

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

7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

5:30 AM TMIY Men's Group, SPH

5:30 PM English Stations of the Cross, CH

6:30 PM Spanish Stations of the Cross, CH

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12** 

11:30 AM Spanish Baptism, CH

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

No CCE

Christ Our Light Catholic Church



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 <u>or articles are to be submitted in writing</u> to the Parish Office, or faxed to 825-7612 or emailed 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 2022: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO CLASS. To register please contact Deacon Grant Holt at 936-825-6448.

Spanish Baptism Class Schedule for 2022: 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, Apr. 24, July 24 & October 23. For Information, call Rosa Torres at 936-419-8974 or Feli-

sa Paz at 979-255-4361.

ALL DOCUMENTS AND FORMS must be completed and turned in before Baptism Date. SCHEDULED Baptism will be celebrated at 11:30 AM in Spanish every 2nd Saturday and at 11:30 AM in English every 4th 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. Saraf-

ina Alo, Scott Beddingfield, Leonard Busa, 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, Julian 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.

<u>Call the parish office</u> 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

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The Altar Flowers this past weekend were from the Cienfuegos Family. The Parish thanks the family.

#### 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., Sgn, Jason Malek, Antonio Magallon, Jose Rene Milan, Christopher Munoz, Javier Salinas, Shelby Seale, SSgt Allen Thane

## OUR HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

Intention for A Christian response to bioethical challenges — We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



# 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.

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- 2. Text SPOLG to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.



#### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Every 1st weekend of the month (Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses) blessing of all who have a birth-day or Wedding Anniversary during the month.



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCA-TIONS

to the Priesthood and Religious Life especially in our

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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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Ahora estamos listos para publicar el número de teléfono de nuestra oficina en el boletín. El número de teléfono es

936-873-5002

Por favor, déjenos un mensaje.

#### First Sunday of Lent March 6, 2022

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. —Romans 10:8

#### **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

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81st Sunday of Lent "I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." Deuteronomy 26-10 The line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer, or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

#### "REFLEXIONES DEL BOLETIN DE CORRES-PONSABILIDAD

Ier. Domingo de Cuaresma "Ahora he traído los primeros frutos de la tierra que tú, Señor, me has dado: Deuteronomio 26:10 Esta línea del Antiguo Testamento nos ofrece dos retos. Primero, ¿le entrega a Dios sus "primeros frutos"?, los primeros y mejores que usted tiene para ofrecer, ¿o le está dando lo que le sobra? Segundo, ¿se da cuenta de que todo lo que es y todo lo que es y todo lo que tiene le ha sido dado por Dios? Pídale a Dios que le déun corazón agradecido y generoso, cada día, y en cualquier circunstancia.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRIST THE GHOOD SHEPHERS NAVASOTA/ANDERSON

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We are a non-profit, faith-based organization providing social services to people in need. We can be reached at 936-873-5002.

March 12 & 13 — Maintenance Fund

March 26 & 27 — Catholic Relief Service

#### **IGNITE**

Ignite Parish Goal \$208,632.00 Gifts Amount Received \$75,170.00 39 Donors

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The Spring start of the men's program called That Man is you! (TMIY) Session 14-26 has started. Weekly meeting are held on Friday Mornings 5:30 AM to 7:00 AM. In St. Patrick Hall, 510 Manley Street Christ Our Light. That Man is You is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teaching of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Join us for food,

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fellowship, and faith Fridays at 5:30 am. We will be done by 7:00 am. All men are welcome. Learn more at tmiy.org or call/text Mike Kimball at 281-923-8314.

We need volunteers for the following ministries: Parish Council, Finance Council, and English Baptism Coordinator. Please pray and consider offering your time, talent and treasure to serve our

parishioners. Thank you for all you do.

Please contact Fr. Eli or Nelda Kurten at the parish office.

## First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10 | Rom 10:8-13 | Lk 4:1-13

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

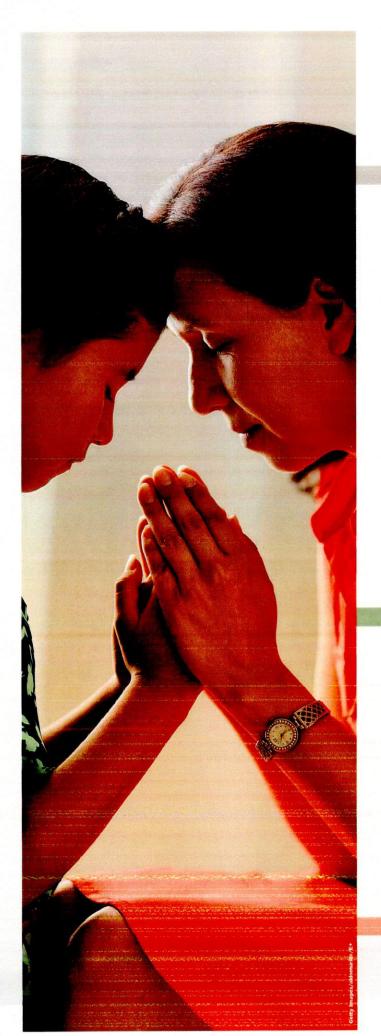
If you are anything like me, you may still be deciding what to give up or do for Lent even though we're already five days in. I know ... "Stop procrastinating!" Today's readings can help us enter more deeply into this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. They are a reminder that Lent isn't primarily about us, as if it were a self-improvement project, but about taking the opportunity to go deeper into our relationship with God. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are ways of reducing distractions in our life and focusing on God's mercy, his sacrifice for us, and his generosity and love. I am one who likes to control things and make plans, so the readings challenge me to look beyond myself, beginning with prayer, and ask the Lord to help me grow in faith. Paul writes, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Jesus exemplifies this dependence on God, allowing himself to be led to the desert by the Spirit. Each time the devil tempts him, he responds and in turn shows us how to respond: by turning to God and God's words, the source of our strength. As we choose how to observe the next 35 days, we are reminded to ask God to help us find those things that help draw us closer to him.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What comes to mind when you picture a desert? I imagine sand, heat, thirst. It's more challenging to examine the landscape of my personal desert – barren places of prayer or too much focus on the details of everyday life. Lent, however, presents a rich opportunity to pause and reprioritize our lives based on Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can help us do that, reminding us of our dependence on God and helping us shift our focus from ourselves to God and others. How we observe and experience Lent will differ for each of us. Whatever our personal desert looks like, we can rest assured that God will help us find our way back to him.

ACCOMPANIMENT Find an accountability partner for Lent who can help you stay the course these next 40 days. Perhaps you can pray together each day, or simply send a text sharing how God is working in and through you in this penitential season.



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# THE SEASON OF

# LENT

# A JOURNEY TO HOLINESS

Go and learn the meaning of the words,
"I desire mercy, not sacrifice."
—Matthew 9:13

Each year when we start thinking about Lent, we often seem initially drawn to the concepts of sacrifice and self-denial. These issues are significant, but they are neither the starting point nor the end of the season. The goal of Lent, in fact, is quite the opposite. Lent is first and foremost a time, not for diminishment, but for growth and development. We should aspire to expand our hearts, enlarge our souls, and enrich our minds. Perhaps the meaning of the Lord's words is this—God prefers a full heart to an empty stomach.

#### THE FIRST GOAL OF LENT

I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. —John 10:10

The first question we often ask is, "what should I give up for Lent?" Perhaps instead we might begin by asking: "What do I need for Lent?" or "What is missing from my life?" The first goal of Lent is holiness and the meaning of holiness is wholeness. Such holiness is measured, not by the scale of our deprivation, but by the fullness of our life in Christ. Lent is a time to seek the real gifts we lack: patience, joy, trust, and compassion. True blessedness does not arrive by denying our craving for chocolate, but by fulfilling our hunger for righteousness.

#### THE TOOLS OF LENT

You are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. —Luke 10:41-42

Once we determine what we lack, only then do we turn to the question of self-denial. The human heart and soul are much like our computers and garages; they fill up with junk very quickly. The role of self-sacrifice is to discard the superfluous in order to clear a space for life's real treasures. We live in a culture that is often distracted by noise, materialism, and self-absorption. We use the three disciplinary tools of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—to open our hearts and minds to others and to make room in our lives for God.



## A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO LENT

The Three Basic Lenten Disciplines



#### **PRAYER**

Balance your spiritual life by integrating the body, mind, and soul in your prayer life. Increase the quality, not the quantity of your prayer. Enhance meditative prayer by "un-

plugging" from the modern distractions. Create spaces where God's voice can be heard. For more active or external prayer, keep a journal, read the psalms aloud, or sing the sacred music from your worship. Let your body express your prayer by trying Yoga, Tai Chi, or dance.



#### FASTING

Use your fasting, not to impress God with your discomfort, but to feed on the gifts for which you hunger most. Let your fasting serve the lives of others as well as your own. It does little good to give up dessert, but then to grumble at your children's need for attention. Fast from some of your private pursuits to become food for your family and friends. Fast from anger, blame, and entitlement; feast on forgiveness, affirmation, and the common good.



#### **ALMSGIVING**

Connect your almsgiving to your fasting so that self-denial becomes other-enhancement. If you skip a daily latte, give the money to a local food bank. If you have limited financial

means, supplement your alms by giving of your time and talent. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or become a minister of care at your parish. Let your own poverty, whatever it may be, enrich the lives of others. Give generously, not just from the leftovers, but from the "first fruits" of your table.

#### THE SYMBOLS OF LENT

**Color:** Violet (purple) is the usual color for Lent, symbolizing repentance and prayerful reflection. Red on Good Friday relates to Jesus sacrifice, while white is the color for Easter.

**Ashes** placed on the forehead hint at an ancient ritual-covering oneself with ashes in penitence. Receiving the cross-shaped "smudge" reminds us that we are dust and is a public statement of repentance.

The **Forty Days** of Lent parallel the 40 days which Jesus spent in fasting and prayer in the wilderness (among many "40" references in the Bible). Sundays *are not* counted as days of Lent. Good Friday and Easter Vigil, while technically not in Lent, *are* counted as part of the 40 days.

Palm branches in ancient times signified victory and were used in triumphal processions by Romans and Jews.

**Stations of the Cross:** In the early Church, Christians would make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus on his way to the cross. As the Church grew, such a pilgrimage became unrealistic and a tradition was born to retrace the steps of Jesus by reflecting on pictures that depicted those steps. During Lent, especially on Fridays, Catholics reflect on the crucifixion of Jesus by praying the Stations of the Cross, which has become a time-honored tradition.

#### LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

The Church teaches that Catholics in good health are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so:

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

#### **READINGS FOR LENT 2022**

 Ash Wednesday
 Jl 2:12-18 • 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 • Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

 1st Sunday
 Dt 26:4-10 • Rom 10:8-13 • Lk 4:1-13

 2nd Sunday
 Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 • Phil 3:17—4:1 • Lk 9:28b-36

 3rd Sunday
 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 • 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 • Lk 13:1-9

 4th Sunday
 Jos 5:9a, 10-12 • 2 Cor 5:17-21 • Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

 5th Sunday
 Is 43:16-21 • Phil 3:8-14 • Jn 8:1-11

 Palm Sunday
 Lk 19:28-40 • Is 50:4-7 • Phil 2:6-11 • Lk 22:14—23:56

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 • 1 Cor 11:23-26 • Jn 13:1-15 Is 52:13—53:12 • Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 • Jn 18:1—19:42 Gn 1:1—2:2 • Gn 22:1-18 • Ex 14:15—15:1 • Is 54:5-14

• Is 55:1-11 • Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4 • Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

• Rom 6:3-11 • Lk 24:1-12

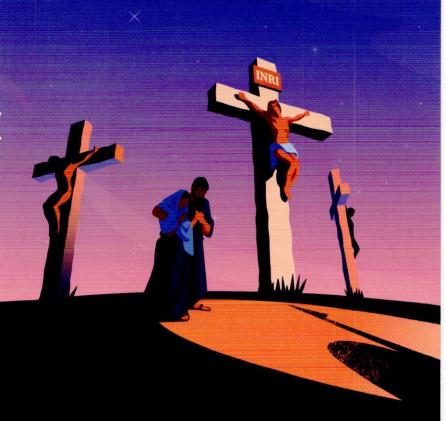
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**Good Friday** 

Easter Vigil

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