

# Christ Our Light Catholic Church

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday**

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

**Friday** 9:15am- noon

Other times by appointment

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## PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Rev. Giovanni Nguyen

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## ADMINISTRATION & BOOKKEEPER

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

**December 11, 2022 - Third Sunday of Advent**



# Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

December 10 & 11, 2022

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

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:00 PM Susie Dominguez †

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:00 PM Joe Bolcerek †

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:30 AM Johnny Wisnoski †

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 AM Torres and Rangel Families

10:00 AM Mass at Golden Creek, Fr. Intention

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:30 AM Ted Bolcerek †

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:00 PM Nina Rotello †

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM\* Petra Rios †

\*Spanish

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe *Celebration*

4:30 AM Rosary

5:00 AM to 7:00 AM—Mañanitas-Singing to our  
Blessed Mother, Procession from Grotto to  
Front of Church  
Dinner Sale after Mass

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

7:00 PM Pastoral and Finance Councils, SPH

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

8:00 PM RCIA-Spanish, SPCC

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:00 PM CCE Grades 1-5, SPCC

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

12:00 PM English Legion of Mary, CH Cry room  
Spanish Choir Practice, CH after Mass

7:00 PM RCIA, English, SPH

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

10:30 PM CCE Grades 6-12th

3:00 PM 15th Parent Meeting, Cry room, CH

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM First Communion Workshop, SPH  
to 5:30 PM Confirmation Workshop, SPCC

Christ Our Light Catholic Church



The Architecture of Conversion - Houston

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JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE — Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.  
—William Penn

## E-Mail Addresses for the Parish

To e-mail Fr. Giovanni: [duyanhungnguyen@yahoo.com](mailto:duyanhungnguyen@yahoo.com)

To e-mail Nelda: [nelda@christourlight.org](mailto:nelda@christourlight.org)

To e-mail RE Board: [reboard@christourlight.org](mailto:reboard@christourlight.org)

Christ Our Light web-site: [www.christourlight.org](http://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](mailto: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



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English Baptism preparation is completed via an on-line video class.

Spanish Baptism Classes will be held in person. Please call for Rosa or Felisa for class dates and times.

All Documents, forms and classes must be completed prior to the next upcoming scheduled Baptism date, turned in and approved by the Pastor.

The Sacrament of Baptism is a communal celebration; therefore, private baptisms are not celebrated at Christ Our Light. English Baptisms will be held quarterly. October 22, 2022, January 28, April 22, July 22, 2023 at 11:30 AM. Spanish Baptisms will be held quarterly (October 8, 2022, January 14, April 15, July 15, 2023 at 11:30 AM. For more information regarding English Baptism, contact Susan Pilger at 979-219-1360.

For more information regarding Spanish Baptisms, contact Rosa Torres at 936-419-8974 or Felisa Paz at 979-255-4361.



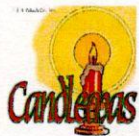


**PRAY for THE CONTINUING  
RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF  
the infirmed and homebound  
members of our community.**

Sarafina Alo, Andrew Castillo, Braxton Castillo, Jo Ann Clepper, Frank Crouch, Elizabeth Culmer, Eva Estrada, Liz Estrada, Lois Finke, Fabryna Hitchcock, Liz Johnson, Rachel Kammel, Mary Ann Knowles, Liz Kubricht, Glenda Lawrence, John Lawrence, Christian Mills, Leslie Mills, France Munoz, Anita Olguin, Julian Olguin, Matthew Oliver, Cecelia Pearson, Angelina Peterson, Wallace Peterson, Irene Ramirez, Lucila Rivera, Zek Rueda, Rosalinda Salazar, Bill Sears, Josh Sechelski, Sherrie Shiflett, Lydia Torres, Jessie Torres, Jessie Valadez, III, Crystal Winkler, David Woehler.

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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SU APOYO  
PARROQUIAL**

***TRESASURE YOU HAVE SHARED:***

**GIFTS FOR GOD — YOUR TITHE REPONDS**

**December 03 & 04, 2022**

(84) Offertory Envelopes/Loose Checks, On Line	
Giving, Mail Ins. Drop Ins	5,740.69
Children's	36.00
Maintenance Fund	125.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	804.34
Sisters Collection	

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.

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Envelopes for Christmas flower are available on the tale in the Narthex. The Altar Society thanks you in advance for you kind donations.

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

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

For Volunteer not-for-profit organization. We pray that volunteer non-profit organization committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation



**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, Thursdays at 5:45 PM before the 6:00 PM Spanish Mass and Friday at 9:00 PM*

*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**

**There are 2 easy ways to connect to  
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**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.





## **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.**

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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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Giving**

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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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Somos una organización religiosa, sin ánimo de lucro, que presta servicios sociales a personas necesitadas. Nuestro número de teléfono es  
**936-873-5002**

Gracias por su continua generosidad, oraciones y apoyo a nuestros vecinos que necesitan ayuda.

## **Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022**

**CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER — Saint Teres's Bookmark**  
Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing; God only is changeless. Patience gains all things. Who has God wants nothing. God alone suffices.

### **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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**December 22, 2022**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG**

Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace. Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.

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**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
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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.

Thank you for your continued generosity, prayer, and support of our neighbors in need.



## **IGNITE**

**Ignite Parish Goal \$208,632.00**  
**Gifts Amount Received \$80,144.93**  
**39 Donors**

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### **2022 DIOCESAN SERVICE FUND**

**DSF Goal 26,200.00**  
**Gifts Received**  
**Gifts Received \$22,212.00**  
**57 Doner — 8.1 Partition**  
**Less of Goal to be paid \$3,988.00**

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**II Collections in December, 2022 — December 10 & 11, Our Maintenance Fund,  
December 17 & 18, Our DSF Shortage,**

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**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christ The Good Shepherd Navasota and Anderson is in need of assistance to help those in need. Here at Christ Our Light you may place your monetary donations in a sealed envelope marked for St. Vincent de Paul. Other items needed macaroni and cheese, snacks and crackers and any other foods requiring little preparation. Hygiene products also are needed: deodorant/anti-perspirants, shampoos, toothpaste and soap. Paper products: paper towels and toilet paper. Cleaning items: detergent and Clorox type wipes.**

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### **OUR FASCINATING FAITH**

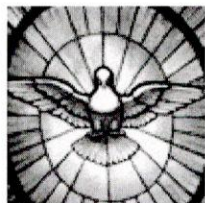
#### **Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, first appeared to Cuauhtlatzin (Juan Diego) on December 9, 1531 while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. The Virgin addressed him by his indigenous name, asking him to go to the palace of Archbishop Zumárraga to request that a shrine be erected there at the site of the apparition, in Tepeyac, so as to share her love and compassion for all believers. Juan Diego did so, but the archbishop did not believe him, demanding proof of his story and of the Lady's identity. He returned to Our Lady daily, and on December 12, he conveyed to her the archbishop's request for proof. She showed him Castilian roses blooming there through the stony ground despite the winter's cold. He picked the flowers and carried them in his *tilma* (mantle) to the archbishop. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present the roses, Mary's image was imprinted on the mantle! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mestiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.**

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# Sunday Connection



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.

## Third Sunday of Advent, Cycle A

Sunday, December 11, 2022

### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 11:2-11*

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.



# A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving  
An introduction of **Stewardship** to the congregation

DECEMBER 2022

In the December issue of **Stewardship** there is a moving story about a child who wanted to give a Christmas gift to Christ. The young boy had waited until the Christmas Eve service was over and then handed the gift to an usher explaining that it was a gift for Jesus. When the usher saw the pastor passing by, he handed the bulging envelope to him explaining that it was a gift for the Lord offered by a little boy.

Opening the envelope, the clergyman found a small toy car. Instantly, he surmised that the child had given a gift that was very important to him; a present from his mind, his heart, and his hand. This is what true giving is all about; offering to God what matters to us most: our hearts, our minds, our talents, our time, and our talents.

Christmas is a joyous time. But it should also be a challenging time when we consider how we should respond to God's precious gift of Christ to us. The hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter," written in the 19th century by a woman named Christina Rossetti, sums up what we should give Christ at Christmas in the fourth stanza:

*What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet  
What I can I give him: give my heart.*

**Prayer:** God, you are the greatest giver we can imagine. You gave us your dear Son, our Lord and Savior. Help us, loving God, to willingly give you our hearts in totality. **Amen**

*A Stewardship Minute is available to subscribers of Stewardship at [www.parishpublishing.org](http://www.parishpublishing.org). Simply click on the "Parish Resource Center" and log in using with your account number (Username) and zip code (Password), both of which can be found on the invoice.*

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## Quinceañera

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**Call Becky Davila at 832-368-3238 to schedule a tour.**

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