

Christ Our Light Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
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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

December 18, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

December 17 & 18, 2022

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:00 PM Elvera Williams and son Devin

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:30 AM Terry Gabriel †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:30 AM Eugene Riley Castillo Family

6:00 PM* Nancy Lopez †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:30 AM Christine Demny †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:00 PM Helen Shibest Noto †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00 AM Laskowski & Dizon Families, Living

1:00 PM* People of the Parish

*Spanish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

6:15 PM RCIC, SPCC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

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

7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Holiday's

Christ Our Light Catholic Church



The Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer for Generosity

Lord, teach me to be generous.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve;

to give and not to count the cost,

to fight and not to heed the wounds,

to toil and not to seek for rest,

to labor and not to ask for reward,

save that of knowing that I do your will.

E-Mail Addresses for the Parish

To e-mail Fr. Giovanni: duyanhungnguyen@yahoo.com

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

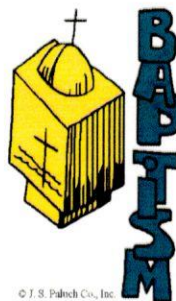
Deadline Tuesday, 12:00 Noon. Announcements are to be submitted in writing to the Parish Office. The Pastor reserves the right to pick and choose which announcements are made in this forum as there is a need to keep these to a minimum.

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



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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, Doris Jane Eickenhorst, 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, Raymond Uilkie, 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 SUPPORT SU APOYO PARROQUIAL

TRESASURE YOU HAVE SHARED:

GIFTS FOR GOD — YOUR TITHE REPONDS

December 07 & 08, 2022

Immaculate Conception of BVM

Holy Day 622.00

December 11 & 12, 2022

(54) Offertory Envelopes/Loose Checks, On Line	
Giving, Mail Ins. Drop Ins	3,772.73
Children's	21.00
Maintenance Fund	1,276.00

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.

+++++ GETTING EVEN

The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you. —Anonymous

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
FLOCKNOTE (pick one):**

Then register to create an account.

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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2022

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent Hanukkah begins
Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
Friday: St. John of Kanty
Saturday: The Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve)

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

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December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent
GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.

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THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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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.

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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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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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LA SOCIEDAD DE SAN VICENTE DE PAUL
CRISTO EL BUEN PASTOR
NAVASOTA/ANDERSON

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.

IGNITE

Ignite Parish Goal \$208,632.00
Gifts Amount Received \$80,577.00
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 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

Las Posadas (December 16–24)

Of the many Latin American traditions for the celebration of Advent and Christmas, the tradition of *Las Posadas* seems to be the best known. It originated in the last half of the eighteenth century when the boisterous *Misas de Aguinaldo* were no longer celebrated in Mexico. To replace these Masses, the laity decided to celebrate in their own homes by taking what they had seen dramatized in the churches: the journey of the Galilean immigrants, Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, when they were looking for an inn (*posada*) in Bethlehem of Judea. Like the "O Antiphons" of the official liturgy, these *posadas* were celebrated on nine consecutive nights.

The journey of Joseph and Mary from inn to inn sadly continues every day in the fearful and tired steps taken by so many immigrants in this country. Like the Holy Family, Latin American families look for hospitality with the hope of finding a new life for their sons and daughters. Unfortunately, many citizens of the United States behave like the people of Bethlehem, preferring to close their door in the face of the immigrants rather than welcoming them. Perhaps that is the reason that the tradition of *Las Posadas* has taken on so much importance among the Latinos in the United States. We know firsthand what Joseph and Mary experienced two thousand years ago. We have to ask ourselves: When will the human heart change? When will we open the doors of our heart to our immigrant Lord?

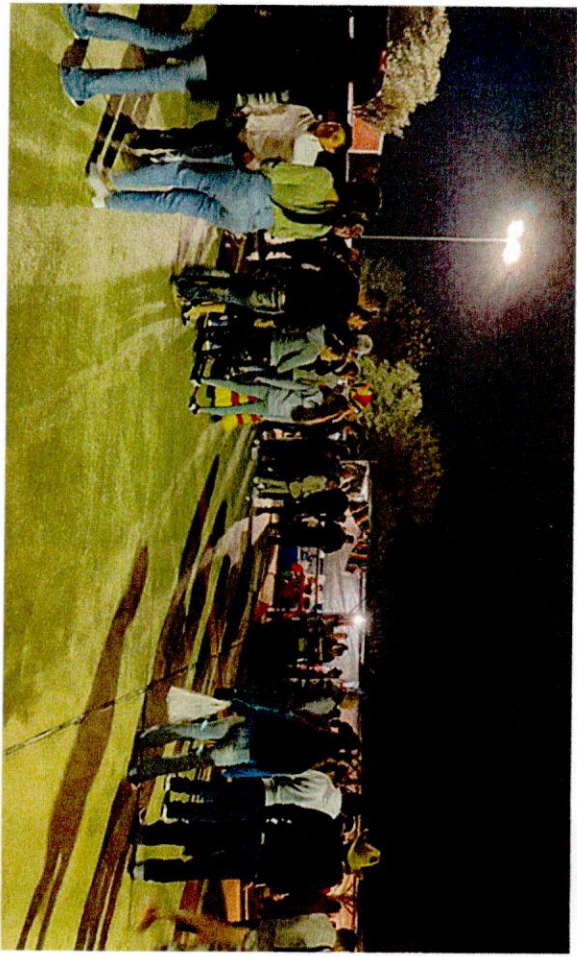
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Mass at Daybreak Nursing Home on December 08, 2022 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Christ Our Light on December 12, 2022





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Matthew 25:35-40

24 Dec

11 AM TO 1 PM

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Gracious Givers

Lay Reader Message

In God's Plan Nothing Is Insignificant

Lots of jokes have been made about the “begats” in the first chapter of Matthew. We have updated that word now and use the more understandable “*was the father of*.” Still, we tend to skip over those seventeen verses with their hard-to-pronounce names. Yet we know that we can benefit from reading these verses, for we are told, “*ALL Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness*” (2 Timothy 3:16). Insignificant as those names may at first seem to us, each represents a person from whom Jesus was directly descended.

Bethlehem was considered an insignificant little town. Nothing much was going on there. When the Wise Men went looking for Jesus, Bethlehem was not their first stop. No, they stopped in Jerusalem. They inquired of a king in a king's palace for “. . . *the one who [had] been born king of the Jews*” (Matthew 2:2). Yes, the prevailing view of Bethlehem was that it was a pretty insignificant place. However, God chose Bethlehem to be Jesus' birthplace. “*But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah . . . out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel . . .*” (Micah 5:2).

Then there's Nazareth. When Nathanael was told about Jesus, he sneered, “*Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?*” (John 1:46) It was just an obscure, insignificant town, but it was the place God chose to be Jesus' hometown.

Looking back, we see God's wonderful plan. We realize that nothing is insignificant to him. “*'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the Lord. 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts'*” (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Just as, in the past, God used seemingly insignificant people, places, and events to carry out his plan, he is today using us where we live and where we work, throughout our daily lives, to be stewards of his message, stewards of his gifts, stewards of the lives he has given us.

As we worship the Christ Child this Christmas season and hear again the wonderful chain of events God put in motion to fulfill Scripture, let us be prepared to be used by him as his ongoing plan for the salvation of all people unfolds.



Quinceañera

An important milestone in your daughter's life. Create cherished memories and experience this beautiful tradition in the Crown Jewel of Navasota, the P.A. Smith Hotel and Event Center. Full catering services and a beautiful setting for the Quinces and her Court to celebrate and dance. Call Becky Davila at 832-368-3238 to schedule a tour.

Un hito importante en la vida de su hija. Crea recuerdos inolvidables y experimenta esta hermosa tradición en la Joya de la Corona de Navasota, el Hotel y Centro de Eventos del P.A. Smith. Servicios completos de catering y un hermoso entorno para La Quince y su Corte para celebrar y bailar. Llama a Becky Davila al 832-368-3238 para citar una visita.

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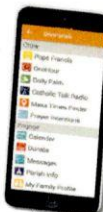


Contact (Comuníquese con) Becky Davila at 832-368-3238
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and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas
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of ADVERTISED coffee
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in an ADVERTISED car
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Later if business is poor
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WHY IS IT?

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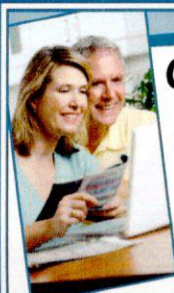
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