

Christ Our Light Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
9677 HIGHWAY 6 • NAVASOTA, TEXAS

OFFICES AND MAILING ADDRESS
510 Manley Street • Navasota, TX 77868

Phone: 936-825-3920 • Fax: 936-825-7612

Religious Education: 936-825-1869

After hour emergencies: 936-825-3920

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

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

Friday 9:15am - noon

Other times by appointment

Website: www.christourlight.org

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Rev. Giovanni Nguyen

Grant Holt, Permanent Deacon

Garry Janota, Permanent Deacon

Russell Pasket, Permanent Deacon

Gregory Jelinek, MD, Permanent Deacon (Retired)

ADMINISTRATION & BOOKKEEPER

Nelda Kurten

COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Carolyn Katkoski

COORDINATOR OF LITURGY

Angelia

SACRISTAN

Samuel Pry

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Michael Culver (Chairperson), Teresa Morales, Jason Katkoski, Laura Quirino,

Sam Pry and Diane LeFlore

FINANCE COUNCIL

Teresa Morales, Carolyn Katkoski, Jose Coronilla

DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN

Deacon Grant Holt, Jason Katkoski, Bill Heathcott, Gregorio Gonzalez

RE BOARD

President: Brandi Tejeda, Vice President: Jessica Herrera

Secretary: Teresa Morales, Board Members: Lucy Coronilla, Jason Katkoski,

Allyson Sweeney, Den Grant Holt

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Deacon Grant Holt, Danny Clark, Richard Krolczyk, and Joe Rangel

YOUTH MINISTER COORDINATOR

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

February 12, 2023 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

February 11 & 12, 2023

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:00 PM Michael Michels †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:30 AM Cecil Wilde †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30 AM Dorothy † and Otto † Wilde

6:00 PM* Adolph Reyes †

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:30 AM Tommy Schulte †

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18—Vigil

6:00 PM Christine Demny †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM* Hernandez & Rios Families

*Spanish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

5:15 PM Bible Study, SPH

6:15 PM RCIC, SPCC

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting, SPH

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:00 PM to 7:15 PM CCE Grades 1-5th, SPCC

8:00 PM Spanish RCIA, SPCC

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

7:00 PM English RCIA, SPH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:00 AM TMIS Men's Group, SPH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:30 AM CCE Grades 6-12th, SPCC

After 8:00 AM Mass Anointing of the Sick,
Chapel

Christ Our Light Catholic Church



The Architecture of Celebration - Houston

+++++

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

World Marriage Day;

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the

Servite Order

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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

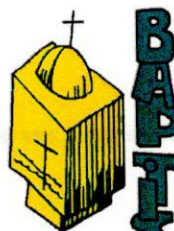
Deadline Tuesday, 12:00 Noon. Announcements are to be submitted in writing to the Parish Office. The Pastor reserves the right to pick and choose which announcements are made in this forum as there is a need to keep these to a minimum.

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



© J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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.

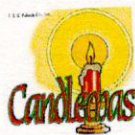
For more information regarding Spanish Baptisms, contact Rosa Torres at 936-419-8974 or Felisa Paz at 979-255-4361.



**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, Josh Sechelski, Sherrie Shiflett, Lydia Torres, Jessie Torres, Polly 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

February 04 & 05, 2023

(82) Offertory Envelopes/Loose Checks, On Line Giving, Mail Ins. Drop Ins	5,862.23
Children's	45.00
Maintenance Fund	295.00

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.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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 FEBRUARY 2023

For parishes—We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities, of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12, 2023

What eye has not seen, and ears have not heard and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepare for those who love [God] this God has revealed to us through the Spirit —1 Corinthians 2:9-10

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

+++++

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

On February 17 we honor the seven founding saints of the Order of the Servants of the Virgin Mary. Bonfilius, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene and Buonagiunta were a group of merchants of Florence who, upon experiencing an apparition of the Blessed Virgin in 1233, renounced their businesses, left what was necessary for their families, and distributed the rest among the poor. They then dedicated themselves entirely to the veneration of the Virgin Mary, going to live on an Italian mountain, each assuming the life of a hermit—prayer, extreme fasting and penance. Sometime later, at the request of the pope's delegate, all but one were ordained priests. Brother Alexis, considering himself unworthy of the priesthood, decided to remain as a brother. They were all canonized in 1888. Their feast day, originally February 11, now falls on the 17th, the date of the death of the last of the seven founders. Brother Alexis died at the age of 110.


Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

+++++

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD NAVASOTA/ANDERSON

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.



**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.

ParishSOFT
Giving

SIGN UP NOW

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>

+++++

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 \$82,293.34
40 Donors

+++++

2022 DIOCESAN SERVICE FUND

DSF Goal 26,000.00
Gifts Received
Gifts Received \$200.00
2 Doner

+++++

II Collection in February, 2023. — February 11th & 12th, Maintenance Fund, February 18th & 19th , Black & Indian Missions,

+++++

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.

+++++

THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

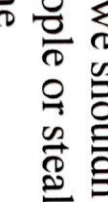
Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

+++++

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

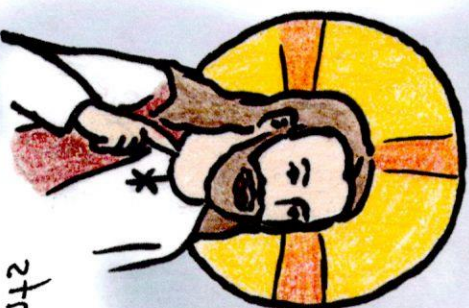
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

The old laws tell us the things that we shouldn't do, like worship false gods or kill people or steal. Jesus is telling us that just obeying the commandments isn't enough. He wants us to do everything out of love. If you really love a person then of course you won't kill them! But He says you shouldn't get angry at them either. You wouldn't steal from someone you love- but wouldn't you want to be generous to them too?



www.thekidsbulletin.com

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12th, 2023

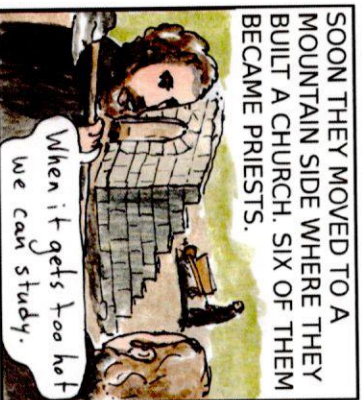
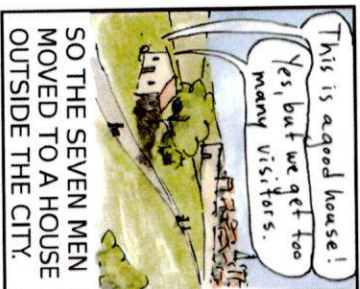
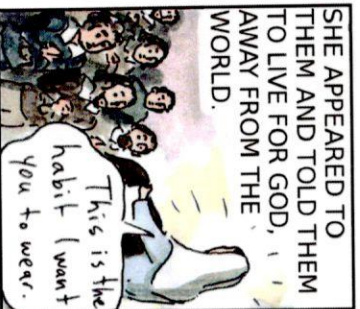
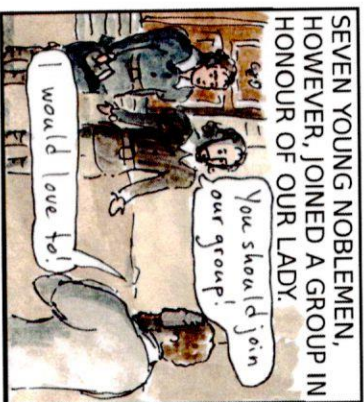
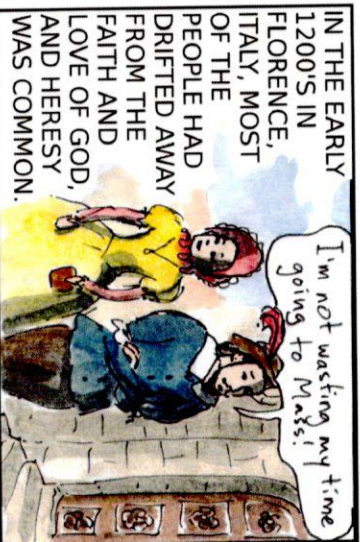


Some people in Jesus' time thought that He was going to get rid of the old law. What does He have to say about the commandments in today's Gospel reading?

Look at this picture in the mirror to find out!

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

February 17



THE SEVEN SAINTS WHO STARTED THE SERVITE ORDER MADE GREAT SACRIFICES BY GIVING UP THEIR LIFE OF WEALTH AND THEIR FAMILIES. THEY HAD GOD'S HELP AND ALSO EACH OTHER'S HELP. DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS WHO CAN HELP YOU TO BE HOLY AND EVEN HEROIC? ARE YOU THAT KIND OF FRIEND?

Psalms 119 Word-Find



See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS.
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Y D S C O F G O O D U
W I T O L O R D B I L
B L A M E L E S S L B
L I T M E L A W E B C
E G U A P O F I R M O
S E T N R W L I V E N
S N E D E C R E E S S
E T S E C M A Y L S I
D L E D E O P E N E D
S Y K E P T S E D E E
M I G H T H W A L K R
W O R D S E R V A N T

Blessed are they who FOLLOW the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they whose way is BLAMELESS,
who WALK in the LAW of the Lord.
BLESSED are they who OBSERVE his DECREES,
who SEEK him with all their heart.

You have COMMANDED that your PRECEPTS
be DILIGENTLY KEPT.
Oh, that I MIGHT be FIRM in the ways
of keeping your STATUTES!

Be GOOD to your SERVANT, that I MAY LIVE
and keep your WORDS.
OPEN my EYES, that I may CONSIDER
THE wonders of your law.

If you obey God's law, _____

2023 LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES – NORTHERN DEANERY

	PARISH	PENANCE SERVICE	TIME	DINNER	BILINGUAL
1	St.Thomas - Hunsville	March 15, Wednesday 2 nd Week of Lent	6pm	5pm	X
2	Sacred Heart - Conroe	March 21, Tuesday 4 th Week of Lent	6:30-9:30pm	5:30pm	X
3	St.Matthias - Magnolia	March 22, Wednesday 4 th Week of Lent	6:30pm	5:30pm	X
4	St.Stanislaus - Anderson	March 28, Tuesday 5 th Week of Lent	6:30	5pm	X
5	St.Joseph - New Waverly	March 29, Wednesday 5 th Week of Lent	6:30-8:30pm	5pm	X
6	St.Joseph - Stoneham	Handled with individual			
7	St.Mary's - Planterville	Handled with individual			
8	St.Stephen Martyr-Point Blank				

Importance Dates:

Ash Wednesday – <i>February 22</i> Priests Lenten Reflection. Palm Sunday – <i>April 2.</i> Chrism Mass – <i>April 4.</i> Easter Sunday – <i>April 9.</i> Divine Mercy Sunday – <i>April 16.</i>	No Masses/Confessions, nor Liturgy of the Word at Christ Our Light & St. Stanislaus Kostka on the evenings we have Deanery Penance services.
---	--

NAVASOTA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CO.9367



FISH FRY 2023

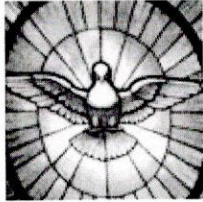
Friday, February 24th, 5 PM

KC Hall 9306 CR420 (Courtney Rd Off Spur 515)



Catfish, Fries, Hush puppies, and Coleslaw
\$12/Plate - Dine-In or Pick Up Until Sold Out

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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Gospel Reading
Matthew 5:17-37

I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

February 2023

Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church

One Minute Meditations

Flee temptation

Christians are meant for Heaven.

Yet, the world can work against our efforts for holiness. St. Peter tells us to "escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires" (2 Peter 1:4). Ask God often to protect you from sin, to give you the wisdom and courage to make good choices and, become sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. God will reveal when you've messed up, and rejoice with you when you get it right.

Serve without complaint

Every job has aspects about it that are tedious, messy, and unrewarding, yet they are necessary. However, they can be opportunities to grow in virtue: humility, patience, self-discipline, etc. When you dread doing your work, smile and say a prayer, "and your Father, who sees in secret, will repay you" (Matthew 6:4).

"The works of God are all of them good; in its own time every need is supplied" (Sirach 39:16).



Take steps to share your faith during Lent

Jesus didn't intend for the Great Commission - "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) - to be a heavy burden.

He meant witnessing to His love to come through the natural course of living a Christ-inspired life. Consider making more disciples this Lent:

Live a Catholic life. Non-believers may hear what we say about Jesus, but they are persuaded by seeing how our love for Him shapes our lives. It is critical that worship - Sunday Mass, Confession, Scripture - informs our life choices. When we spend time in Jesus' presence, His character rubs off on us.

Bring Christ out into the world. Jesus asked that we care for the poor and needy, thus acting as

His hands and feet in the world. We may not be able to solve all of their problems, but we can show them the reality of Christ's love in their lives.

Talk about God's plan. God wants us each to experience the peace He offers.

Help others know that

God's love is personal and He has a specific plan for each of us.

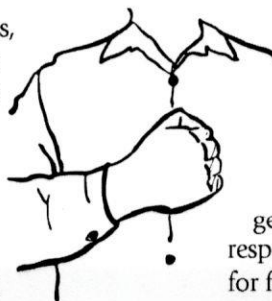
Invite. Some people will be ready to "come and see," so consider inviting seekers to Mass. Others might be ready to "take up and read." Share your favorite inspirational reading. If you need other suggestions, ask your pastor or favorite religious.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics strike their chests?

When we use our voices, our minds, and even our bodies during prayer, we pray with deeper meaning and enthusiasm. During the Confiteor at Mass, for example, we strike our chest three times, saying,



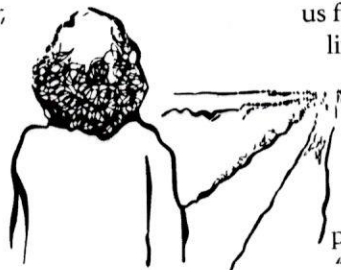
"through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault." It's an ancient symbol of sorrow and repentance for having offended God or hurting our neighbor. Such a gesture reminds us to take responsibility for our actions and pray for forgiveness and grace to change.

Lent leads us back to God

"For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment" (Joel 2:13). Lent may be a penitential season, but it is also a wonderful reminder that no matter how we let sin interfere in our relationship with God, He always wants us back. Gracious and merciful is He.

"Return to me with your whole heart."

Throughout the year, sin creeps into our daily lives almost without our noticing. A bad habit such as using bad language or gossiping can keep



us from loving God fully. Lent is a time to examine our lives and sweep aside whatever keeps us from giving God our whole heart.

"Rend your hearts, not your garments." God doesn't just want outward acts of repentance. Our Father wants a change of heart. Start with Confession and then practice virtues such as prudence, temperance, and fortitude.

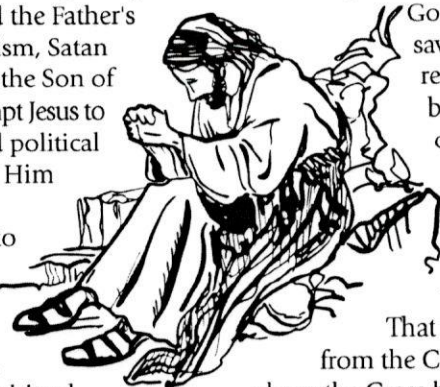
"Gather the people, notify the congregation." Become more active in your parish to build it up. Consider attending Mass more often than just once a week.

from Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11, Victory in the wilderness

In this passage, Jesus is tempted by the devil. Having witnessed the Father's declaration at His baptism, Satan tested Jesus' identity as the Son of God. His goal was to tempt Jesus to embrace an earthly and political mission and to distract Him from the suffering and death that would lead to the world's salvation.

Satan tempted Jesus to satisfy His hunger with a miracle – to put physical needs above spiritual needs. In His response, Jesus taught us to put spiritual needs first and to entrust both body and soul to God's care. Next, Satan commanded Jesus to jump from



the temple roof in an effort to force God to miraculously save Him. Again, Jesus refused. God is not to be forced or controlled.

Finally, Satan offered to surrender all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would worship him. That would save Jesus from the Cross. Instead, Jesus chose the Cross because it was the only way to save us. When tempted to do what's "easy" versus what's morally right, ask for the strength to choose what's right.

Q & A What's a simple way to explain the Faith, if asked?

St. Peter says to be ready to *"account for the hope that is in you"* (1 Peter 3:15). Consider using this simple, five-point explanation, inspired by Bishop Michael Jackels:

Pinky: The smallest finger recalls our weakness and need for a Savior.

Although Jesus redeemed us, we're still weak and must pray for God's graces daily.

Ring finger: To save us, Jesus took on our human nature, "wedding"

Himself to us. At Sunday Mass, we worship God and become one with Him in Holy Communion.

Middle finger: Jesus was raised up on the Cross for sins, then raised from the dead. We attend Confession monthly and receive the saving graces. We hope to be raised to eternal life.

Pointer: Jesus' call is universal, yet personal. He singled you out and chose you to follow Him; only you can give Jesus your "Yes" – in word and deed.

Thumb: Lastly, hitchhikers point their thumbs to ask, "Are you on my way?" Likewise, we're called to ask, "Are you going His Way?" (John 14:6).



Feasts & Celebrations

Lent begins February 22, and is devoted to the Passion of Our Lord. One form of observance is to pray the Stations of the Cross and meditate on Jesus' walk to Calvary.

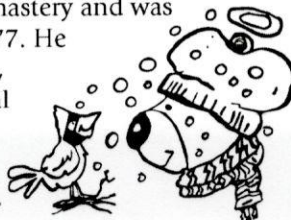
February 1 – St. Brigid of Ireland (525). Born to an Irish chieftain and an enslaved mother in Ireland, St. Brigid founded a monastery for monks and nuns at Kildare and served as abbess until her death.

February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858). A heavenly "lady" appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor girl

from a village in France and a miraculous spring emerged from a nearby cave. The "lady" revealed herself as the "Immaculate Conception," the Blessed Virgin Mary.

February 22 – Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. Ashes are placed on the foreheads as a sign of penance.

February 27 – St. Gregory of Narek (1003). Born in Armenia to a devout Christian family, St. Gregory entered the Narek Monastery and was ordained in 977. He wrote treatises, letters, mystical poems, and Scripture commentaries.



Our Mission

To provide practical ideas that promote faithful Catholic living.

Success Publishing & Media, LLC
Publishers of Growing in Faith™ and Partners in Faith™
(540)662-7844 (540)662-7847 fax
<http://www.growinginfaith.com>

(Unless noted Bible quotes and references are from the Revised Standard Version and the New American Bible)

© Copyright 2023 Success Publishing & Media, LLC

Creciendo en la Fe

Descubriendo esperanza y gozo en la fe católica.

Febrero de 2023

Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church

Meditaciones breves

Huyan de la tentación

Los cristianos están destinados al Cielo.

Sin embargo, el mundo puede obstaculizar nuestros esfuerzos para alcanzar la santidad. San Pedro nos dice que escapemos *"de los deseos corruptores de este mundo"* (2 Pedro 1:4). Pídale a Dios que lo proteja del pecado, que le dé la sabiduría y el valor para elegir bien. Y sea susceptible a las indicaciones del Espíritu Santo. Dios le revelará cuando haya errado y se alegrará con usted cuando haya acertado.

Servir sin quejas

Cada trabajo tiene aspectos que son aburridos, liosos e ingratos y no obstante necesarios. Sin embargo, pueden convertirse en oportunidades para crecer en virtud: en humildad, paciencia, autodisciplina, etc. Cuando tema hacer su trabajo, sonría y rece, *"Y tu Padre, que ve en lo secreto, te premiará"* (Mateo 6:4).

"¡Qué hermosas son todas las obras del Señor, y todo lo que él ordena se cumple a su tiempo!" (Eclesiástico 39:16).



Tomen medidas para compartir su fe durante la Cuaresma

Jesús no tenía la intención de que la Gran Comisión—*"Vayan, pues, y hagan que todos los pueblos sean mis discípulos"* (Mateo 28:19)—fuera una carga

pesada. Quería que diéramos testimonio de que su amor venía a través del curso natural de vivir una vida inspirada en Cristo. Procuren hacer más discípulos esta Cuaresma:

Vivan una vida católica. Puede que los no creyentes oigan lo que decimos sobre Jesús, pero les persuade ver cómo nuestro amor por él da forma a nuestras vidas. Es fundamental que el culto—la misa dominical, la confesión, la Sagrada Escritura—conforme las elecciones de nuestra vida. Cuando pasamos tiempo en presencia de Jesús, su carácter se nos pega.

Resalten a Cristo en el mundo. Jesús nos

pidió que cuidáramos a los pobres y a los necesitados, actuando así como sus manos y sus pies en el mundo. Tal

vez no seamos capaces de solucionar todos sus problemas, pero podemos mostrarles la realidad del amor de Cristo en sus vidas.

Hablen del plan de Dios. Dios quiere que vivamos la paz que nos ofrece. Contribuyan a que otras personas entiendan que el

amor de Dios es personal y que él tiene un plan específico para cada uno de

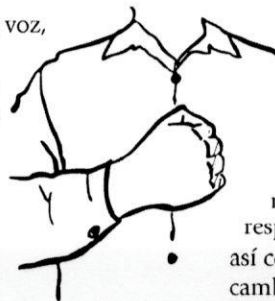
nosotros.

Inviten. Quizá algunas personas estén listas para "llegar y ver", así que piensen en invitar a misa a los que buscan. Otras personas pueden estar listas para "tomar y leer". Compartan con ellas sus lecturas edificantes preferidas. Si necesitan sugerencias, pídanse a su párroco o a un religioso conocido.



¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

Cuando usamos nuestra voz, nuestra mente e incluso nuestro cuerpo durante la oración, rezamos con más profundidad y entusiasmo. Durante el Yo pecador en la misa, por ejemplo, nos golpeamos el pecho tres veces diciendo "por mi



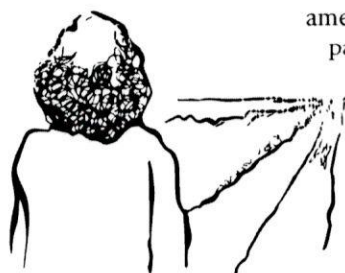
¿Por qué se dan golpes en el pecho los católicos?

culpa, por mi culpa, por mi gran culpa". Es un antiguo símbolo de pena y de arrepentimiento por haber ofendido a Dios o hecho daño a nuestro prójimo. Este gesto nos recuerda que debemos responsabilizarnos de nuestros actos así como pedir perdón y la gracia para cambiar.

La Cuaresma nos lleva de vuelta a Dios

"Porque él es clemente y misericordioso, tardo a la ira y rico en benignidad, y se arrepiente en castigar" (Joel 2:12). La Cuaresma es tiempo de penitencia, pero es también un maravilloso recordatorio de que aunque dejemos que el pecado se interfiera en nuestra relación con Dios, él siempre nos quiere de vuelta. Él es clemente y misericordioso.

"Vuelve a mí con todo tu corazón". A lo largo del año el pecado entra sigilosamente en nuestra vida cotidiana sin que lo percibamos. Un mal hábito como usar malas palabras o murmurar puede evitar que



amemos por completo a Dios. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para examinar nuestras vidas y para apartar lo que impide que le entreguemos a Dios todo nuestro corazón.

"Rásguense los corazones, no las vestiduras". Dios no quiere solamente actos externos de arrepentimiento. Nuestro padre quiere un cambio de corazón. Empiecen por la confesión y luego practiquen virtudes como la prudencia, la templanza y la fortaleza.

"Reúnan al pueblo, informen a la congregación".

Participen más activamente en su parroquia para reforzarla. Piensen en ir a misa más de un día a la semana.

de las Escrituras

Mateo 4:1-11, Victoria en el yermo

En este pasaje, Jesús es tentado por el demonio. Tras presenciar la declaración del Padre en su bautismo, Satanás puso a prueba la identidad de Jesús como Hijo de Dios. Su objetivo era tentar a Jesús a que abrazara una misión terrenal y política y distraerlo del sufrimiento y la muerte que conduciría a la salvación del mundo.

Satanás tentó a Jesús para que saciara su hambre con un milagro, para anteponer las necesidades físicas a las espirituales. En su respuesta, Jesús nos enseñó a anteponer las necesidades espirituales y a confiar el cuerpo y el alma al cuidado de Dios. A continuación, Satanás



tentó a Jesús a que saltara desde el tejado del templo a fin de forzar a Dios a que lo salvara milagrosamente. Jesús rehusó de nuevo. A Dios no se le obliga ni se le controla.

Finalmente, Satanás le ofreció entregarle todos los reinos del mundo si Jesús lo adoraba. Eso salvaría a Jesús de la cruz. En cambio, Jesús eligió la cruz porque era la única forma de salvarnos. Cuando sientan la tentación de elegir lo que es "fácil" frente a lo moralmente correcto, pidan la fuerza de elegir lo correcto.

P & R Si me preguntan, ¿cómo puedo explicar la fe de forma sencilla?

San Pedro dice que estemos dispuestos *"para dar una respuesta a quien les pida cuenta de su esperanza"* (1 Pedro 3:15).

Usen esta sencilla explicación en cinco puntos, inspirada por el arzobispo Michael Jackels:

Meñique: El dedo más pequeño nos recuerda nuestra debilidad y nuestra necesidad de un salvador. Aunque Jesús nos redimió, seguimos siendo débiles y debemos pedir diariamente la gracia de Dios.

Dedo anular: Jesús tomó nuestra naturaleza humana para salvarnos, "desposándose" con nosotros. En la misa dominical, alabamos a Dios y nos hacemos uno con él en la Santa Comunión.

Dedo corazón: Jesús fue alzado en la Cruz por nuestros pecados y luego resucitó de entre los muertos. Nosotros vamos a confesar mensualmente y recibimos gracias salvadoras. Esperamos ser alzados a la vida eterna.

Índice: La llamada de Jesús es universal, pero también personal: Lo señaló a usted y eligió que usted lo siguiera a él; sólo usted puede decirle "Sí" a Jesús de palabra y de obra.

Pulgar: Finalmente, los autoestopistas apuntan con el pulgar hacia arriba para preguntar: "¿Va usted por mi camino?" Así mismo, estamos llamados a preguntar: "¿Va usted por Su Camino?" (Juan 14:6).

Fiestas y celebraciones

La Cuaresma comienza el 22 de febrero y se dedica a la Pasión de Nuestro Señor. Una forma de observarla es rezar las Estaciones de la Cruz y meditar sobre el camino de Jesús hasta el Calvario.

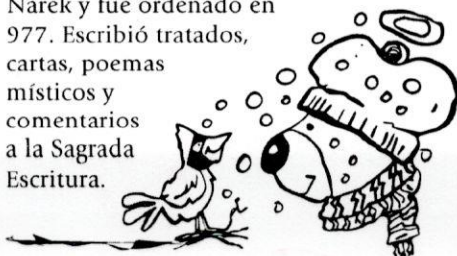
1 de febrero – Santa Brígida de Irlanda (525). Hija de un cacique irlandés y de una madre esclavizada en Irlanda, santa Brígida fundó un monasterio de monjes y monjas en Kildare y sirvió como abadesa hasta su muerte.

11 de febrero – Nuestra Señora de Lourdes (1858). Una señora "celestial" se le apareció a santa Bernadette Soubirous, un niña pobre de un

pueblecito francés y en una cueva cercana manó una fuente milagrosa. La "señora" se reveló como la "Inmaculada Concepción", la Santísima Virgen María.

22 de febrero – Miércoles de Ceniza. Primer día de Cuaresma. En señal de penitencia se coloca ceniza en la frente.

27 de febrero – San Gregorio de Narek (1003). Nacido en Armenia en el seno de una devota familia cristina, san Gregorio ingresó en el monasterio de Narek y fue ordenado en 977. Escribió tratados, cartas, poemas místicos y comentarios a la Sagrada Escritura.



Nuestra misión

Proporcionar ideas prácticas que fomenten la vida en la fe católica

Success Publishing & Media, LLC
Publishers of Growing in Faith™ and Partners in Faith™

(540)662-7844 (540)662-7847 fax

<http://www.growinginfaith.com>

(Salvo advertencia, las citas y referencias bíblicas son de la Biblia de la Biblioteca de Autores Cristianos o de la Nueva Biblia de Jerusalén.)



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.

www.thesmithnavasota.com

111 S. Railroad St., Navasota, TX 77868

Protecting **Seniors**
Nationwide



Medical Alert System

\$29.95/Mo. billed quarterly



- One Free Month
- No Long-Term Contract
- Price Guarantee
- Easy Self Installation

Call Today!
Toll Free 1.877.801.8608



*Your
ad
could
be in
this
space!*

Get on board! Subete a bordo!

Red Board Tavern and Table is Hiring
A great place to work!

Red Board Tavern and Table esta Contratando
Es un buen lugar para trabajar!

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Line Cooks | • Linea de cocineros |
| • Waitresses / Waiters | • Meseras / Meseros |
| • Kitchen Staff | • Personal de cocina |
| • Host / Hostess | • Anfitrion / Anfitriona |



Contact (Comuniquese con) Becky Davila at 832-368-3238
or apply at (o para aplicar al) www.redboardtavern.com

117 S. RAILROAD ST., NAVASOTA, TX 77868

ONE PARISH

Grow in your faith, find a Mass,
and connect with your
Catholic Community
with OneParish!



Download Our Free App or Visit

<https://www.oneparish.com>

WHY IS IT
A man wakes up after sleeping
under an ADVERTISED blanket
on an ADVERTISED mattress
and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas
bathes in an ADVERTISED shower
shaves with an ADVERTISED razor
brushes his teeth
with ADVERTISED toothpaste
washes with ADVERTISED soap
puts on ADVERTISED clothes
drinks a cup
of ADVERTISED coffee
drives to work
in an ADVERTISED car
and then
refuses to ADVERTISE
believing it doesn't pay.
Later if business is poor
he ADVERTISES it for sale.
WHY IS IT?

catholicmatch[®]
Texas



CatholicMatch.com/myTX

Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship
of the Sea of the United States of America
Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY.
Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email
eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com
www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com

FINDaPARISH.com

*The Most Complete Online
National Directory
of Catholic Parishes*

CHECK IT OUT TODAY!

**ADVERTISE
IN YOUR LOCAL
CHURCH BULLETIN**

- GROW YOUR BUSINESS
- SUPPORT YOUR PARISH
- REACH NEW CUSTOMERS
- FREE AD DESIGN

Learn More About Advertising In Your Parish Bulletin

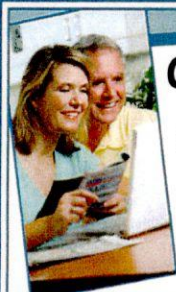
Call us at **1-800-833-5941** Email: sales@jspaluch.com



PLAY RUGBY

Texas' Only Catholic
Men's Rugby Club

www.arrowsrugby.com



Get this weekly bulletin delivered by email - for FREE!

Sign up here:

www.jspaluch.com/subscribe

Courtesy of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.

