

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF

# EASTER

## **CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH**

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

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### **Reconciliation Confession**

Tues, Thurs

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays

5:00 – 5:45 pm

Confession by appointment:

Parish Office

Tel: 936-825-3920

### **Reconciliación Confesiones**

Los martes, jueves y el segundo

y cuarto sábado a las 5:00–5:45 pm

y por cita 936-825-3920

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Giovanni Nguyen

### **Permanent Deacon**

Garry Janota

Russell Pasket

Grant Holt

Gregory Jelinek, MD (Retired)

### **Mass Schedule**

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: (English) 8:00 am

Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00 pm

Weekday Mass:

First Saturday 9:00 am

Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30 am

Tuesday 6:00 pm (English)

Thursday 6:00 pm (Spanish)

Rosary Prayed in Common:

Tues & Thurs: 5:40 pm

Wed & Fri: 8:10 am

Saturday: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 7:15 am & 12:15 pm

**Email:** [shepherd@christourlight.org](mailto:shepherd@christourlight.org)

Religious Education : 936-825-1869

After hours emergency: 936-825-3920

# PARISH LIFE

Parish new website design:  
<https://christourlight.org> Please check out  
our new website. You can also view our  
website using the QR Code below:



If you would like to have Sunday's bulletin and announcement sent to your email before Sunday, please email to add your name to the mailing list at Christ Our Light parish email address: [shepherd@christourlight.org](mailto:shepherd@christourlight.org) or sign up for Flock note at our website.

May 1

## MARY: THE MOTHER OF GOD

"When the Blessed Virgin said yes, freely, to the plans revealed to her by the Creator, the divine Word assumed a human nature -- a rational soul and a body -- which was formed in the most pure womb of Mary. The divine nature and the human were united in a single Person: Jesus Christ, true God and, thenceforth, true man; the only begotten and eternal son of the Father and from that moment on, as man, the true son of Mary. This is why our Lady is the mother of the Incarnate Word, of the second person of the Blessed Trinity, who has united our human nature to himself for ever, without any confusion of the two natures. The greatest praise we can give to the Blessed Virgin is to address her loudly and clearly by the name that expresses her very highest dignity: 'Mother of God'." 7  
Let us offer to our Mother today:

*Brief but frequent prayers of love, such as:  
"Mother of God, your petitions are most powerful."  
Catholic News Agency*

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**Hail, holy Mother, thou  
who didst bring forth the  
King who rules heaven and  
earth forever and ever.**



**"Let us welcome the grace of  
Christ's Resurrection!  
Let us be renewed by God's  
mercy.**

**Let us allow the power of His  
love to transform our lives."**

**– Pope Francis**

*Chancery advisory: Archgh.org*

## PARISH LIFE

### MASS INTENTION

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 30

8:00 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM Maria Elena Hernandez † Antonio Ramirez †

#### MONDAY, MAY 01

No Mass

#### TUESDAY, MAY 02

6:00 PM Special Intention

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 03

8:30 AM Smith Family, Living & Deceased

#### THURSDAY, MAY 04

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving

6:00 PM\* Serafin † and Rosa † Murillo

#### FRIDAY, MAY 05

8:30 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, Spanish Legion of Mary, Living & Deceased

#### SATURDAY, MAY 06

9:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, English Legion of Mary, Lvg. & Deceased

6:00 PM Vigil Mass Cecil Wilde †

#### SUNDAY, MAY 07

8:00 AM Benefactors of Memorial Fund

1:00 PM\* Petro Rios † and Gregoria Rico †

\*Spanish

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### MONDAY, MAY 01

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

#### TUESDAY, MAY 02

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

#### THURSDAY, MAY 04

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

7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH

7:00 PM Mystagogy, SPCC

#### FRIDAY, MAY 05

6:00 AM TMIY Men's Group, SPH

#### SATURDAY, MAY 06

10:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, SPH

#### SUNDAY, MAY 07

8:00 AM or 1:00 PM First Holy Communion



### OUR HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2023

#### FOR CHURCH MOVEMENTS AND GROUPS

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their charisms at the service of needs in the world.

### 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: 936-825-3920.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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. January 28, April 22, July 22, 2023, and October 28, 2023, at 11:30 AM. Spanish Baptisms will be held quarterly. January 14, April 15, July 15, 2023, and October 14, 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.

### WEDDING PREPARATION

Contact parish office or email Jennifer Nguyen, [jnguyen9@twu.edu](mailto:jnguyen9@twu.edu) for registration information. The standard preparation time for weddings is 6-9 months in advance of the desired date. All engaged couples must attend an information session.



# PARISH LIFE

## PRAY for THE CONTINUING RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF

the infirmed and homebound members of our community:

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

Call the parish office when a member of our community has a need to be remembered in prayer, 936-825-3920. 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.

## MEMORIAL CANDLES

The 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.

## 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

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Divine Mercy Sunday 04/23/2023	\$ 5,746.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 133.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 751.00
Religion Nail Supply Donation	\$ 240.00

## DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2023

2023 Parish Goal.....	\$ 26,000.00
2023 Total Paid (activity thru 4/25/2023)...	\$ 12,635.00
Difference Goal vs. Paid.....	\$ 13,365.00
Participants.....	36

## SECOND COLLECTION: HOME MISSIONS

APRIL 30, 2023



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SPOTLIGHT  
OF THE WEEK  
35 DEACONS  
WERE  
ORDAINED THIS  
SPRING 2023**

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## APPRECIATION

PLEASE THANKS THESE BUSINESSES FOR  
THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH:

**S&M TOVAR ROOFING  
DIERLAM'S HOME REPAIR  
RELIGION NAIL SUPPLY  
RICARDO FINOL**

# PARISH LIFE

## EASTER FLOWERS PRAYER INTENTION

### IN MEMORY OF:

Jorge Quirino  
 Adolfo Reyes  
 David Miller  
 Peter Nguyen Ngoc Tuynh  
 Maria Tran Thi Thanh Tra  
 Maria Teresa Pham Thi Tuyet  
 Teresa Avila Huynh Thi Hue  
 Joseph Nguyen Van Hung  
 Peter Nguyen Ngoc Huyen  
 Peter Nguyen Xuan Canh  
 Maria Pham Thi Nhan  
 Anton Nguyen Thai Hy  
 Pauline Bidelspach  
 Rev. Phaolo Nguyen Hoai Chuong  
 Maria Nguyen Thi Dung  
 Bishop George Arthur Sheltz  
 Venerable Cardinal Francois Xavier  
 Nguyen Van Thuan  
 The Rev. Joseph Nguyen Van Chu



Our Life, Our Sweetness and Our Hope  
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*Be holy!*

Make Christ the centre  
 of your lives!

Build the edifice of  
 your existence on him!

In Jesus you will find  
 the strength to open  
 yourselves to others  
 and to make  
 yourselves,

after his example, a  
 gift for the whole of  
 humanity.

Pope Benedict XVI 5/8/11

# PARISH LIFE

## EASTER FLOWERS DONATION

Pamela Maleh  
 Jennifer & Thong Nguyen  
 Barbara Lebeck  
 Laura Quirino  
 Helen Kimball  
 Clara Walkoviak  
 Michael Miller  
 Juan & Elisa Caronella  
 Familia Quirino  
 Eva Reyes

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### APRIL/MAY

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

30

GATHER BOOK #1022

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1

Pt 2:20b-25

Jn 10:1-10 (49)

Pss IV

#### MAY MONDAY

1

St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 11:1-18

Jn 10:11-18

Gn 1:26—2:3

Mt 13:54-58 (559)

#### TUESDAY

2

St. Athanasius Memorial

Acts 11:19-26

Jn 10:22-30 (280)

#### WEDNESDAY

3

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

*Feast*

1 Cor 15:1-8

Jn 14:6-14 (561)

Pss Prop

#### THURSDAY

4

Acts 13:13-25

Jn 13:16-20 (282)

#### FRIDAY

5

Acts 13:26-33

Jn 14:1-6 (283)

#### SATURDAY

6

Acts 13:44-52

Jn 14:7-14 (284)

## FOURTH EASTER SUNDAY REFLECTION

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. (Psalm 23:1)*

Shepherds know that their sheep need to feed on good, lush pasture to grow and flourish. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows what we need to flourish as well, so he promises that we will “find pasture” in him (John 10:9). On this Good Shepherd Sunday, let’s take some time to follow Jesus into the “verdant pastures” promised in the responsorial psalm (Psalm 23:2).

Start by closing your eyes and taking some deep, calming breaths. Then picture Jesus in front of you, staff in hand. Let him look on you with loving eyes and a gentle smile. Stay with this image for a few minutes, and then watch as he turns and beckons you to follow him. Where is he leading you? Into the fertile pastures that lie deep in your soul, that place where he abides.

In this place of beauty and stillness, you quiet your mind and let the tension drain out of you. You lie down in the soft grass and let it cushion your head (Psalm 23:2). *My dear child*, Jesus tells you, *let nothing disturb you. I have everything in hand.*

After a time, Jesus leads you by the hand to a small lake nearby. You recognize the “restful waters” that the psalmist speaks of (Psalm 23:2). Jesus urges you to cup your hands and take a long drink. The water is cool, refreshing, and sweet to the taste, and you keep drinking. Finally, you feel completely rested and satisfied. The Lord has restored your soul (23:3).

The Good Shepherd came so that you “might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). This life grows and deepens in prayer. It’s Jesus’ own life in you. So let him lead you each day to the rich pastures where he is waiting for you. There you will find refreshment, restoration, and peace.

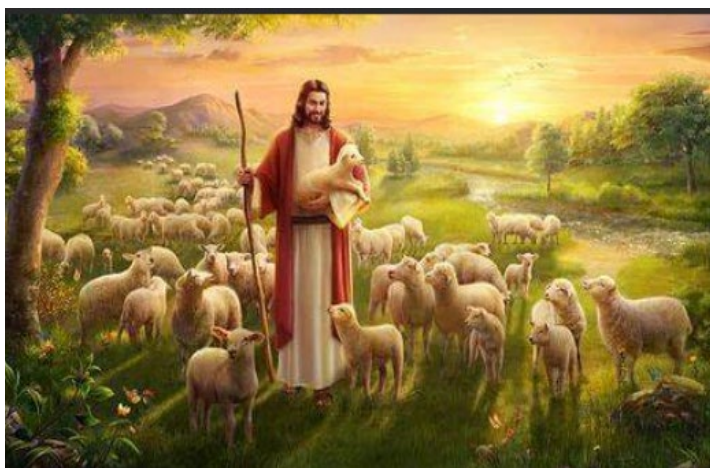
*“Jesus, you are my Good Shepherd who leads and guides me. There is nothing and no one else I want but you.”*

*The Word Among Us*

Acts 2:14, 36–41

1 Peter 2:20–25

John 10:1–10



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*¡ Él llama a cada una por su nombre. (Juan 10, 3)*

El domingo del Buen Pastor a menudo trae a la mente imágenes de un gentil pastor con su cayado en la mano, sentado pacíficamente en praderas verdes, rodeado de ovejas inmaculadas y dóciles.

Pero esta imagen se queda corta en dos aspectos: Primero, el pastor y el rebaño a menudo están llenos de tierra. Segundo, Jesús se llamó a sí mismo “pastor” como una forma de reprender a los “pastores” judíos, los jefes religiosos que acababan de rechazarlo y expulsar a un hombre al cual él había devuelto la vista. Un verdadero pastor conoce bien a sus ovejas y las conduce con cuidado. Sus ovejas reconocen su voz y lo siguen. Y Jesús, el *buen pastor*, llega tan lejos que “da su vida por las ovejas” (Juan 10, 11).

En este pasaje podemos leer las palabras de Jesús como una corrección para sus oponentes, pero podemos aprender algo nosotros mismos también. Todos somos pastores para el pueblo de Dios de una forma u otra y estamos llamados a cuidar de su pueblo siguiendo los pasos de Jesús, nuestro pastor. Nuestro “rebaño” puede incluir a nuestros hijos, nuestros padres o nuestros alumnos de catequesis. Pero debemos recordar que esas ovejas le pertenecen a Jesús y no a nosotros. El Señor los valora a cada uno de ellos y desea que nosotros reflejemos su amor y autosacrificio.

Así que pregúntate: “¿Qué tan bien conozco a mis ovejas? ¿Sé los nombres de mis compañeros de trabajo o hermanos de la parroquia? ¿Conozco las dificultades que mi familia está enfrentando?” A veces estamos tan ocupados en nuestros propios asuntos que ignoramos el dolor, el cansancio o el temor de quienes están a nuestro lado. Pero siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús, podemos dejar de lado nuestras preocupaciones, “llamarlos por su nombre” y escuchar sus necesidades. Quizá incluso podemos conducirlos a un lugar de paz. Así podemos ser pastores para las ovejas de Dios.

*“Señor, te pido que hoy me ayudes a entregar mi vida por tus ovejas.”*

ALMIGHTY EVER-LIVING GOD,  
LEAD US TO A SHARE IN THE  
JOYS OF HEAVEN, SO THAT THE  
HUMBLE FLOCK MAY REACH  
WHERE THE BRAVE SHEPHERD  
HAS GONE BEFORE. WHO LIVES  
AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE  
UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER.

Catholic Culture



# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*April 30, 2023*



O Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, draw all people to yourself, especially those you are calling to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Give your Church, we pray, fervent priests to serve at your altar, and holy men and women who will devote their lives to prayer and service as consecrated brothers and sisters.

May the heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored and loved with grateful affection and mercy at every moment in all the tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time. Amen.



### **Please include the seminarians of our Archdiocese in your prayers:**

Alexander Griffin  
An Hong Vo  
Andres Carabez  
Anthony Sommer  
Basil Housewright  
Ben Mueller  
Carlos Velero  
Christian Mai  
Daniel Phillips  
David Ramirez  
Denneghy Mason

Ethan Sicking  
Fontenelle Dimarg  
Hai Dao  
Henry Stadler  
James Schnitzler  
John Clark  
John Ellwanger  
John Paul Phillips  
Jose C. Serrato  
Jose Carlos Vera  
Joshua Svajda

Keenan Annicchiarico  
Kyle Gibson  
Luis Armas  
Luke Parmenter  
Marlon Barao  
Matthew Krusleski  
Matthew Lydick  
Michael James Arienza  
Mitchell Schumann  
Nam Nguyen  
Orlando Herrera

Pedro Rubio  
Ryan Berger  
Shawn Varkey  
Theodore Birkofer  
Timothy Spjut  
Trieu Nguyen  
Viet Nguyen  
Wesley Henry  
William Waters  
Zachary Muldrow

# FAMILY LIFE: CCE CORNER

## With Flowers for Mary

*In this month, let's think about all mothers:*

*Those who are with us and those who are gone, who like angels keep protecting us.*

*We ask you Lord to protect all mothers, may you enlighten them in these times of many changes, so they can continue bringing your love to their families.*

*Mary, mother of Jesus and our mother, we commend our mothers while we sing to you.*

*With flowers, with flowers, with flowers for Mary.*



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## The Lives of the Saints

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### Mary, Mother of God

Mary was the first disciple of Jesus. She was the first person to know that Jesus was the Messiah. By learning about Mary's life, we can also learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Make a card to thank Mary for showing us how to follow Jesus. Cut out the card below and fold it on the dotted line. Choose a Bible story about Mary. Inside your card, draw a picture of this story.

*Thank  
you,  
Mary!*

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## Floral Reflections on the Hail Mary

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.*

Mary understood throughout her life how richly God had blessed her. The lily is a symbol of Mary's purity and openness to God's will. Reflect upon this beautiful image and how you might open yourself more fully to God's grace.

*Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus.*

We honor Mary as the mother of Jesus and as our mother as well. The strawberry plant symbolizes Mary's fruitfulness. Enjoy the pleasure of eating a strawberry or other piece of fruit. Reflect on how God is calling you to be the bearer of life to all those you meet today.

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners...*

We turn to Mary as an intercessor, one who prays on our behalf. The lily of the valley is also known as "Our Lady's Tears" due to the shape of the small blossoms. Let Mary's compassion and kindness wash over you when asking her for prayers of comfort and consolation.

*Now and at the hour of our death.*

The Rosary includes meditations on both the joys and sorrows in Mary's life. The rose has symbolized these mysteries since ancient times. As Mary stood vigil beneath her Son's cross, let her faith and trust be a model of hope and inspiration for you each and every day of your life.

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## Praying with Mary

### HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with you!  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

### HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,  
hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.  
To you we cry, the children of Eve;  
to you we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this land of exile.  
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,  
your eyes of mercy toward us;  
lead us home at least and show us  
the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus:  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

### THE ANGELUS

The angel spoke: God's message to Mary,  
and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.  
Hail Mary...  
"I am the lowly servant of the Lord:  
let it be done to me according to your word."  
Hail Mary...  
And the Word became flesh  
and lived among us.  
Hail Mary...  
Pray for us, holy Mother of God,  
That we may become worthy of the promises of Christ.  
Let us pray  
Lord,  
fill our hearts with your grace:  
once, through the message of an angel  
you revealed to us the Incarnation of your Son;  
now through his suffering and death  
lead us to the glory of his resurrection.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### THE MEMORARE

Remember, most loving Virgin Mary,  
never was it heard  
that anyone who turned to you for help  
was left unaided.  
Inspired by this confidence,  
though burdened by my sins,  
I run to your protection for you are my mother.  
Mother of the Word of God,  
do not despise my words of pleading  
but be merciful and hear my prayer.  
Amen.

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# PARISH NEWS

## APPRECIATION

ST. PATRICK FESTIVAL: OUR SINCERE THANKS TO ALL RE LEADERS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS AND STUDENTS WHO HELPED ORGANIZED, PARTICIPATED IN ANY WAY WITH THE ST. PATRICK FESTIVAL.

DONATION NAMES TO BE PUBLISHED ON SUNDAY BULLETIN: In order to recognize those who contributed to Christ Our Light with DSF funds, Father Giovanni would like to start publishing names of all donors for year 2023 on our Sunday bulletin. If you would like to remain anonymous, please contact parish office or email [shepherd@christourlight.org](mailto:shepherd@christourlight.org).

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

EMHC PRACTICUM TRAINING: A second workshop for all EMHC who completed their applications as of April 30, 2023. Please check your email for details. If you have turned in your applications and have not received an email of your second training, please email: [shepherd@christourlight.org](mailto:shepherd@christourlight.org).

SACRISTAN TRAINING: If you are interested to be Sacristan at Christ Our Light. Please discern if this is your ministry. Please see Father Giovanni after mass today or by email [shepherd@christourlight.org](mailto:shepherd@christourlight.org).

CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING:

If it has been more than five years since your last training, you must complete your renewal training and background check before your expiration date. If you have not completed your Child & Youth protection safe environment training, you can not work or volunteer at any parishes under the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston guidelines. Please log into CMG or create a new account if you are new for more details and instructions to complete your training: <https://GalvestonHouston.CMGConnect.org>

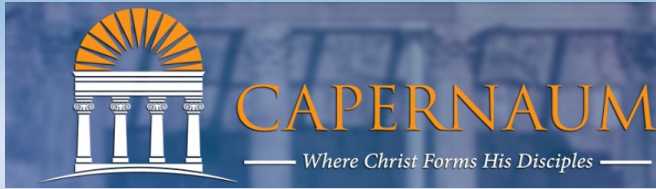
## NEWS AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE

OFFICE OF HISPANIC MINISTRY: Dialogando con el Evangelio La Oficina de Ministerio Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston los invita a sintonizar su programa de radio, "Dialogando con el Evangelio" todos los domingos a las 6 a.m. y 8 a.m. por la 920 AM y a las 11 a.m. por Radio María. Para más información, comuníquense al 713-741-8727.

NORTH HOUSTON YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY NORTH HOUSTON Young Adult Ministry is a group composed of young adult ministries from parishes in the north of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The purpose of this group is to share and coordinate better the resources offered to all young adults in the North of our Archdiocese. Every month a parish hosts an event open to ALL young adults from the area. For more information, visit [www.archgh.org/NHYAM](http://www.archgh.org/NHYAM).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER If our Lord Jesus was tempted by the devil, how much more will we be tempted in our marriage! The Marriage Encounter is a unique opportunity for married couples of any age who want to strengthen their relationship and grow together in all aspects of their lives. During the weekend experience, spouses learn how to improve their communication, discover more about each other, and work on areas of their relationship that need attention. There is no group discussion. With the guidance of three couples and a priest, each couple works alone in the privacy of their room. Live your best life in love! Upcoming events: May 5-7 May 26-28 Information: Brian and Tina Little (281) 773-4014,

ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL MUNDIAL Si nuestro Señor Jesús fue tentado por el diablo, ¡cuánto más seremos tentados nosotros en nuestro matrimonio! El Encuentro Matrimonial es una oportunidad única para parejas casadas de cualquier edad que desean fortalecer su relación y crecer juntos en todos los aspectos de su vida. Durante la experiencia de fin de semana, los cónyuges aprenden cómo mejorar su comunicación, descubren más uno del otro y trabajan en áreas de su relación que necesitan atención. No hay discusión en grupo. Con la guía de tres parejas y un sacerdote, cada pareja trabaja sola en la privacidad de su habitación. ¡Vive la vida enamorado! Próximos eventos: 5 al 7 de Mayo – Informes: Paula y Adrian Garcia 281-788-6372.



*FTCM, Catechists, leaders, and others who are interested in increasing your knowledge and skills, the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is offering many courses through their online program CAPERNAUM.*

## What is Capernaum

Capernaum was the center of Jesus' ministry. It was there that he performed a number of his miracles and healings; it was there that he taught and formed his disciples. In Capernaum, Jesus taught in both the local synagogue and in people's homes.

It was a small town situated on the main road that connected the region of Judea. For the Archdiocese, Capernaum will serve the same ends. Here you will be formed as a disciple of Jesus Christ in the local church and in your home. Here you will encounter Christ, and journey with him along the road of discipleship.

## Our Vision

A world where people are actively engaged in their Catholic faith.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to provide formation to anyone, anywhere, and at any time so that the faithful are engaged in responding to the call to be disciples of Christ.

## Our Core Values

- We bring Christ to all of God's people through evangelization and catechesis.
- We celebrate our rich, inclusive community.
- Our collaborative efforts promote the values of life, justice, and peace.
- We strive to be worthy stewards of the resources God has afforded us.
- We endeavor to make affordable and accessible learning opportunities.

## ¿Qué es Cafarnaúm?

Cafarnaúm estaba en el centro del ministerio de Jesús. Fue allí donde realizó varios de sus milagros y curaciones; fue allí donde enseñó y formó a sus discípulos. En Cafarnaúm, Jesús enseñó tanto en la sinagoga local como en los hogares de las personas.

Era un pequeño pueblo situado en la carretera principal que conectaba la región de Judea. Para la Arquidiócesis, Cafarnaúm servirá los mismos fines. Aquí se formará como discípulo de Jesucristo en la iglesia local y en su hogar. Aquí encontrarás a Cristo y viajarás con él por el camino del discipulado.

## Nuestra Visión

Un mundo donde las personas participan activamente en su fe católica.

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Nuestra misión es proporcionar formación a cualquier persona, en cualquier lugar y en cualquier momento para que los fieles se comprometan a responder al llamado a ser discípulos de Cristo.

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- Llevamos a Cristo a todo el pueblo de Dios a través de la evangelización y la catequesis.
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- Nuestros esfuerzos de colaboración promueven los valores de la vida, la justicia y la paz.
- Nos esforzamos por ser dignos administradores de los recursos que Dios nos ha brindado.
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## IN REQUIEM

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Mourn  
FOR **THEY** SHALL BE  
Comforted  
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## CONGRATULATIONS



With thanksgiving to God, we announce the ordination of

**Deacon Matthew Krusleski**

to the Order of the Priesthood:

**10:00 A.M. ON JUNE 3, 2023**

at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart,  
1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, TX 77002.

All are invited!

Fr. Matthew will visit Christ Our Light to celebrate the  
6 p.m. Mass on June 10, 2023,  
and the 1 p.m. Mass on June 11, 2023.

Demos gracias a Dios y anunciamos la ordenación del

**Diácono Matthew Krusleski**

a la Orden del Sacerdocio:

**10:00 A. M. EL 3 DE JUNIO DE 2023**

en la Co-Catedral del Sagrado Corazón  
1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, TX 77002.  
¡Todos son invitados!

También, el padre Matthew va a celebrar la Misa de 6  
p.m. el 10 de junio

y la Misa de 1 p.m. el 11 de junio aquí en la Parroquia

Cristo Nuestra Luz.

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Please keep these children in your  
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**First Holy Communion on**

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IN CELEBRATION A NEWLY MEMBER OF  
OUR CHURCH THROUGH BAPTISM  
ON SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023

**CALADIN MICHAEL McDUFFIE**

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Se le exige a todo el clero, a los empleados, al personal escolar contratado y a los voluntarios mayores de 18 años, que trabajen en cualquier capacidad con los niños, los ancianos, y los adultos con necesidades especiales o alrededor de ellos que completen la Formación de la Arquidiócesis para un Ambiente Seguro. También es un requisito presentar los antecedentes penales y que sean analizados antes de que puedan comenzar a trabajar o actuar como voluntarios en las escuelas, o con ministerios, grupos, movimientos u organizaciones. Además, es obligatorio renovar la formación cada 5 años y presentar antecedentes penales actualizados.

### Archdiocese Of Galveston-Houston (Child & Youth Protection Safe Environment Training)

Bienvenido a CMG Connect, el centro de capacitación de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston para el programa Ambiente Seguro.

#### Asistencia previa a la formación VIRTUS

Si ha completado la capacitación de VIRTUS en los últimos 5 años, no necesita crear una nueva cuenta. Inicie sesión con su ID de usuario de VIRTUS de siempre e ingrese la contraseña 1234. Si no puede iniciar sesión, comuníquese con nuestra línea directa de atención al cliente: 833-993-1667 o envíe un correo electrónico: [cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org](mailto:cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org).

#### NOTAS IMPORTANTES

Se le pedirá que complete una verificación de antecedentes penales como parte del proceso de registro. Asegúrese de ingresar su nombre legal tal como aparece en su identificación emitida por el gobierno (licencia de conducir, tarjeta de identificación emitida por el estado, pasaporte, matrícula consular).

#### Usuarios nuevos

Si nunca ha asistido a la capacitación VIRTUS o ha tomado la capacitación en línea de Safe Haven anteriormente, regístrese para crear una nueva cuenta

If you have never taken the Safe Haven online training, please register to create a new account or log in to renew your account via CMGConnect at <https://GalvestonHouston.CMGConnect.org>.

Jeremiah1:7 is an Archdiocesan safe environment program that provides formation for high school-age youth who assist adults in ministry to children and youth under the age of 18. For upcoming training please visit: [jeremiah1-7@archgh.org](mailto:jeremiah1-7@archgh.org) or [tcobert@archgh.org](mailto:tcobert@archgh.org).



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## JESUS WANTED TO BE PRESENT AT MY WEDDING

It was fifteen years ago, but I can remember it as if it were yesterday. In the early morning, I sat in a hotel room in Brazil, the sun streaming through the large open windows. It was my wedding day, and I was beginning this day that my fiancée and I had longed for with so much joy by praying with Scripture. So much preparation had gone into the plans for our wedding, which included getting special permission from the local archbishop to have our wedding celebrated within the Holy Mass. It was the custom in that diocese for the Sacrament of Matrimony to be celebrated outside the context of Mass. The permission was granted, and we had a dear priest friend of ours fly across the world to celebrate our nuptial Mass and witness our marriage. As I prayed that morning, I was filled with such gratitude and joy.

### A Very Special Guest

I opened my Bible to the Gospel passage my fiancée and I had chosen for our wedding and had memorized during our engagement, [John 2:1-11](#), the wedding feast at Cana. As I read the familiar words, I closed my eyes and felt the gentle breeze on my face. The air smelled fresh and clean. I imagined myself as an observer at that Jewish wedding feast. In my mind's eye, I looked around the room and visualized the people who were there, the jars along the side of the wall filled with water that would be transformed by Jesus into the finest wine, the dancing, the music, the food, the joy, and the bride and bridegroom beaming with love.

A thought suddenly occurred to me: "Who were this bride and bridegroom? Who were these people who knew Mary and Jesus and invited them to their wedding?" As I sought to create an image of the happy couple, I wondered whether they were important people, local authorities, or perhaps active members of the synagogue. What families had they come from? Were their parents perhaps noble acquaintances of the Lord and his mother? The more I thought about these questions, the more amazed I became. "Who were these people who deserved such an honor as to have Jesus himself attend their wedding?"

### The Wedding Gift of Grace

I had no sooner realized the awesome privilege of the wedding couple at Cana when the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart and inspired me to wonder, "Who am I that Jesus himself is coming to my wedding?" In just a few short hours, Jesus himself would be truly present at Mass—in Word and in Sacrament. As my husband and I pledged to give all of ourselves to one another forever, Jesus would strengthen our self-giving through his grace which was poured out in his Death and Resurrection and re-presented in the Eucharist. Jesus was coming to our wedding to personally give us the grace we would need to live our vocation well. He was coming not just to turn water into wine for a party, but to transform wine into his own Blood to nourish and help us to remain in him and to be faithful to each other for life. *Wow*, I remember thinking, now almost in tears. Jesus himself was coming to my wedding this very day! I still remember that meditation as clear as a bell.

I marvel that I was loved and worthy of Jesus attending my wedding, just as that bride in Cana was honored with his presence thousands of years ago. It was amazing to think that Jesus *wanted* to be present at my wedding. The Mass has remained one of our greatest gifts my husband and I cherish in our marriage. We have lived in many places and travel often. It is so beautiful that we assist at Mass with our children wherever we go, no matter the language. I am in awe each day thinking that Jesus invites us to his table to feed us and refresh us on our journey. There is room for us at his table. There is also room for you.

Story and Photos: Emy Ronderos. National Eucharistic Revival 4/23



### MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS

Our PREPARATION OF MARRIAGE program here at Christ Our Light works with the state of Texas and the Twogether In Texas Program. We have gone through a lengthy review process to gain our qualification to provide the marriage program course to you. Once you have completed your preparation of marriage program, we will then log into the official Twogether In Texas Program website with the state of Texas. We input your name and your future spouse's name. The state's site then generates a unique certificate for you two that includes your registration number. Having this number indicates that you have been registered as completing the course with Texas. Any Texas clerk of court will then have record that you and your spouse have completed the course. We receive your certificate immediately from the State of Texas, and will then email you an electronic copy of your official Twogether In Texas Premarital Program certificate. The Twogether In Texas certificate will give you 1) Up to \$60 off of your marriage license and 2) Waiting the 72 hours requirement waiting period with the State of Texas. **Class starts on May 21, 2023.** **More information on our website:** [https://christourlight.org/Holy\\_Matrimony](https://christourlight.org/Holy_Matrimony).

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OUR LADY OF BANNEUX

Belgium 2015 Photo Credit: TBN

## Our Lady of Banneux: The Village, Priest, and Vow That Changed the World

Today marks the 88th anniversary of the Blessed Mother visiting a brokenhearted Belgian village called Banneux. Though the apparition has been approved by the Church, it is barely known—even though what unfolded there spurred one of the greatest accounts in Church history of Our Lady's intermediary work through a single man—Washington D.C. native Venerable Aloysius Schwartz.

What follows is the incomprehensible story of how Our Lady of **Banneux**—or the Virgin or the Poor—worked through a lonely seminarian who changed the course of the world by making a promise to his Queen.

In the 1950s, in the midst of battling prolonged illnesses, a language barrier, persistently miserable weather, and a concentration camp-scarred seminary rector, Al Schwartz—the lone American seminarian with the Société des Auxiliaires des Mission (the Samists)—often traveled southeast by train through Belgium's green-blanketed farming communities to reach tiny Banneux. Not a single Belgian mapmaker even thought to include it. It was a town World War I German soldiers didn't notice on their westward march right through it.

But the town drew Al, in the manner a sunflower bends to the sun's rays. By the time he was in his second year at the Catholic University of Louvain, Banneux had become a part of his soul. He desired union with Mary, who rose in him there like a small flame of consolation during tough seminary days.

Before he returned to America to become ordained in the summer of 1957, Al caught a train to Banneux one last time where he gave Mary his life—at the same spot where she appeared to 12-year-old Mariette Beco twenty-four years earlier. He vowed to Mary that everything he did in the days that followed would be as her slave. It could be argued, with great success, that the language of heaven that Mary brought to the peasant Mariette was designed not for her, but for the seminarian, Al, who is now on the path to canonization.

During the early years of his priesthood, Fr. Al spent unmeasured hours in contemplation of Mary's few words to the young girl. As he turned the messages from Mary's eight apparitions over in his head, he pieced together a holy system that would bestow incomprehensible inheritances on generations of the poverty-stricken and humiliated. Hundreds of thousands of the poorest people in the world would be given new life because of "Fr. Al."

Kevin Wells (Jan. 2021) Catholic Exchange.

## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

## YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL

June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024

The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.



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July 17 – 21, 2024

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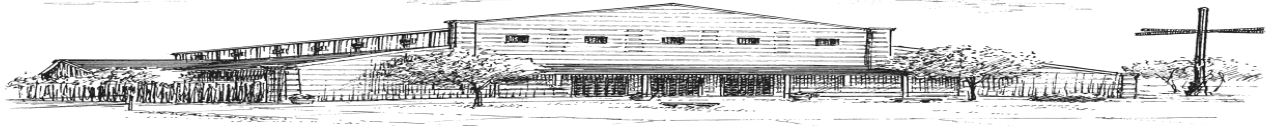
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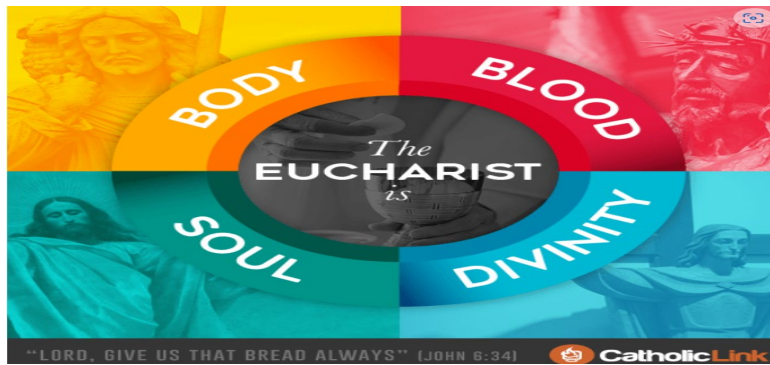
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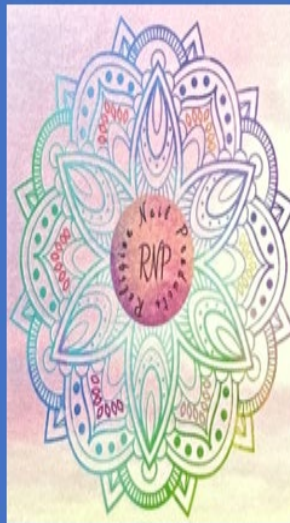
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