



"The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Matthew 23:11-12

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

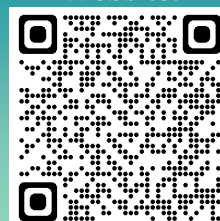
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NOVEMBER 5, 2023
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PASTOR:

Rev. Giovanni Hùng Nguyễn

Permanent Deacons:

English Mass:

Garry Janota
 Russell Pasket

Spanish Mass:

Rafael Millet 1st Sunday
 Jose Lauro Huerta 2nd & 3rd Sunday

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)

Reconciliation Confession

Tues, Thurs

2nd & 4th Saturdays

5:00 – 5:45 pm

Confession by appointment:

Parish Office

Tel: 936-825-3920

Confesiones

Los martes, jueves y el segundo
 y cuarto sábado a las 5:00-5:45 pm
 y por cita 936-825-3920

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

P.E.R.A. (Perpetual Eucharistic Reporative Adoration)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 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 COLLECTION

30th Week Sunday Collection

10/29/2023 \$ 4,855.76
Maintenance Fund \$ 195.00
DSF Second Collection \$ 737.00

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2023

2023 Parish Goal..... \$ 26,000.00
2023 Total Paid
(activity thru 10/29/23) \$ 19,910.00
Difference Goal vs. Paid \$ 6,090.00

POPE PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER



For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit

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 or by email: admin@christourlight.org

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.

For English Baptism, contact Susan Pilger at 979-219-1360. For Spanish Baptisms, contact Rosa Torres at 936-419-8974 or Felisa Paz at 979-255-4361.

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.

THE PARISH THANKS
DORIS EICKENHORST
FOR THE ALTAR
FLOWERS THIS PAST
WEEKEND.

THE PARISH ALSO THANKS
ALL DONORS WITH THE
WEEKLY COLLECTION, DSF,
AND THE "KEEP COOL
CAMPAIGN"!

EACH ONE HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE
IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER AS GOOD
STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

NOVEMBER

31st SUNDAY
ORDINARY-A

GATHER BOOK #1022

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13
Mt 23:1-12 (151) Pss III

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MONDAY

Rom 11:29-36
Lk 14:12-14 (485)

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TUESDAY

Rom 12:5-16b
Lk 14:15-24 (486)

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WEDNESDAY

Rom 13:8-10
Lk 14:25-33 (487)

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THURSDAY

The Dedication of the Lateran
Basilica
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9,
12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22 (671) Pss Prop

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FRIDAY

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and
Doctor of the Church
Rom 15:14-21
Lk 16:1-8 (489)

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SATURDAY

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Lk 16:9-15 (490) Pss Prop

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OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION USCCB CHARTER AUDIT CMGConnect online training

The Safe Environment compliance training and renewal training is a condition of employment and for volunteer ministry in our Archdiocese. All clergy, employees, contracted school personnel, volunteers, members of groups, movements, and organizations over the age of 18, who work, volunteer or participate in any capacity are required to complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training and a criminal background check before they may begin employment or volunteer activities. Mandatory renewal training must be completed every five years and a new background check submitted before the five-year expiration of prior training.

For questions regarding the Child and Youth Protection Safe Environment Policy or assistance with compliance issues, contact Jeannie Nelson, Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection jnelson@archgh.org Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (archgh.org)

KEEPING OUR PROMISE
TO PROTECT
Child and Youth Protection



PARISH LIFE

MASS INTENTION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 05

8:00 AM Benefactors of Memorial Fund

1:00 PM* Petra Rios †

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 06

No Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 07

6:00 PM Donna Edwards †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 08

8:30 AM Smith Family, Living & Deceased

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 09

8:30 AM Margaret Frazee †

6:00 PM* Jesus Nava † Reyes Nava †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:30 AM Gladda Crocker †

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

VIGIL MASS

6:00 PM John LeFlore †

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Bulletin & Weekly

Announcement Deadline

10 days in advance for new layout. Monday before noon for rush announcement.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 05

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

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM P/FHC Workshop, SPH

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 06

5:15 PM Adult Bible Study, SPH

6:30 PM Spanish Legion of Mary, Church Cry room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 07

5:00 PM to 5:45 PM Confession

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 08

6:00 PM CCE Grades 1-5 th, SPH-SPCC

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 09

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

5:00 PM to 5:45 PM Confession

7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH

7:00 PM RCIA, SPH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:00 AM TMIY Men's Group, SPH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM Confirmation

Workshop, SPH

PRAY for THE CONTINUING RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF

the infirmed and

Retired Deacon

Gregory Jelinek

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

John Lawrence

Christian Mills

Leslie Mills

France Munoz

Angelina Petersen

Wallace Petersen

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

Trần Thị Tuyết Mai

Kim Sechelski

Dawson Shiflett

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.

Front Cover:

Humility...the Path to Greatness
- Catholic Daily Reflections
(catholic-daily-reflections.com)



DSF SPOTLIGHT FOR THE WEEK: CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Guided by God's love and backed by the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF), Catholic Charities help people in need achieve self-sufficiency and life with dignity in southeast Texas. For 75 years, Catholic Charities has provided food, clothing, shelter and a network of support services to people of all ages and from all walks of life and religious backgrounds. Promoting social justice and serving as a voice for the poor and vulnerable. Annually, Catholic Charities provides help and creates hope for more than 85,000 people as they create better lives for themselves and their families. The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) supports 60+ programs benefitting 1.7 million Catholics in our Archdiocese

**How Can You Transform Their World?
Join The Cardinal's Circle, Today!**

The Cardinal's Circle

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They tie up heavy burdens . . . and lay them on people's shoulders. (Matthew 23:4)

Today we read how Jesus accused Jerusalem's religious leaders of laying "heavy burdens" on people by imposing more and more rules on them (Matthew 23:4). But wasn't he doing the same thing? After all, he's the One who told people, "Take my yoke upon you" (11:29). Isn't a yoke—a contraption made of iron and hardwood—a burden as well?

Maybe so, but anyone who spent time with Jesus saw that the burden he spoke about was completely different—and much more attractive!

First, Jesus said that the burdens imposed by these scribes and Pharisees "nullified the word of God" (Matthew 15:6). They consisted of rules and fasts and tithes that were nowhere to be found in the Law of Moses. Some of them even contradicted God's will for his people. But Jesus' yoke is meant to help us "fulfill" the word of God (5:17). It's a yoke that calls us simply to love him and love our neighbor (22:34-40).

Jesus also said that his opponents placed burdens on people but did not "lift a finger" to help them (Matthew 23:4). By contrast, Jesus used the image of a yoke to describe his "burden." A yoke is an instrument that links two oxen together so they can help each other bear the load. And that's the point: Jesus wants to yoke himself to us so that he can walk beside us and help to lighten our burden.

Finally, and most important, the burdens of Jesus' opponents were made up of human regulations and restrictions, of additional fasts and tithes, that could not bring people closer to God. But the exact opposite happens when we accept Jesus' yoke. We come into an ever-deepening relationship with him. And that relationship fills us with the joy and comfort of his own Spirit. So come to Jesus today. Let him yoke himself to you in a bond of everlasting love.

"Jesus, thank you that your burden is light!" Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

Psalm 131:1-3. 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13. Word Among Us

AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE:

Nurturing the Roots of Our Communal Tree: A Catholic conference to honor and support aging. The event will be held in English and Spanish on January 26-27, 2024, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church

Nov. 9

Caritas Day of Service, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (816 Park Dr., La Porte). Bay Area Deanery Council of Catholic Women sponsor a St. Vincent de Paul Society service day, with sorting, cleaning and preparing for the Christmas season. Bring sack lunch. 281-402-5401.

Nov. 16

Craft Market, 1 to 7 p.m., St. Laurence Ave Maria Parish Life Center (3103 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land). Event includes over 60 vendors selling seasonal gifts, home décor, toys, jewelry, food items and more. Free admission. Food, drinks and desserts are available for purchase. Stlaurence.org/shop-til-u-drop.

Craft Market, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Francis de Sales (8200 Roos Rd., Houston). Free admission, sale includes crafts, food and more. sfdsholidaymarket@yahoo.com.

Nov. 19

Workshop, 1 to 3 p.m., Emmaus Spirituality Center (12211 Memorial Dr., Houston). Houston Country Club florist Susie Miller and Christian author Joy Hilley host an advent wreath class. Cost: \$75, includes all materials, including fresh greens. Register by Nov. 6 at emmausspiritualitycenter.com.

Hacen fardos muy pesados... y los echan sobre las espaldas de los hombres. (Mateo 23, 4)

Hoy leemos cómo Jesús acusó a los jefes religiosos de Jerusalén de colocar "fardos muy pesados" sobre las personas imponiéndoles cada vez más reglas (Mateo 23, 4). Pero, ¿no estaba él haciendo lo mismo? Después de todo, él fue quien dijo a la gente: "Acepten el yugo que les pongo" (11, 29). ¿No es un yugo —un aparato de hierro y madera dura— una carga también?

Tal vez sí lo sea, pero quienes pasaron tiempo con Jesús vieron que la carga de la que hablaba era completamente diferente, ¡y mucho más atractiva!

Primero, Jesús dijo que las cargas impuestas por estos escribas y fariseos habían "anulado la palabra de Dios" (Mateo 15, 2-6). Consistían de reglas, ayunos y diezmos que no se encontraban en la ley de Moisés. Algunos de ellos incluso contradecían la voluntad de Dios para su pueblo. Pero el yugo de Jesús tenía el objetivo de ayudarnos a darle "su pleno valor" a la palabra de Dios (5, 17). Es un yugo que nos llama simplemente a amarlo a él y amar a nuestro prójimo (22, 34-40).

Jesús también dijo que sus oponentes ponían cargas sobre las personas pero ellos "ni con el dedo" ayudaban a moverlas (Mateo 23, 4). Por el contrario, Jesús usó la imagen de un yugo para describir su "carga". Un yugo es un instrumento que une a dos bueyes para que se ayuden el uno al otro a llevar la carga. Y ese es el punto: Jesús desea "amarrarse" con nosotros para caminar a nuestro lado y ayudarnos a aligerar la carga.

Finalmente, las cargas de los oponentes de Jesús consistían de regulaciones y restricciones, ayunos y diezmos adicionales, que no acercaban a la gente a Dios. Pero exactamente lo opuesto sucede cuando aceptamos el yugo de Jesús. Entramos en una relación aún más profunda con él. Y esa relación nos llena con la alegría y el consuelo de su propio Espíritu.

Así que hoy acércate a Jesús, permite que se amarre contigo en un lazo de amor eterno.

"Amado Jesús, ¡gracias porque tu carga es ligera!"

Malaquías 1, 14-2, 2. 8-10 Salmo 131 (130), 1. 2. 3

1 Tesalonicenses 2, 7-9. 13. la-palabra.com

Preparing for the Month of All Souls

Book of Commemorating of the departed: As we prepare for All Souls Day, we invite you to add the names of dearly departed friends and family to the Book of the Dead. The book will remain in the sanctuary of the Church throughout November.

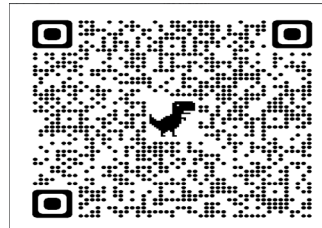
A Tribute Wall of Remembrance:

Please bring a picture frame of your loved ones with us to display during November.

Online Book of Remembrance:

We invite you to remember deceased family and friends (Catholics and non-Catholics) in this Book of Remembrance. We're online this year, and it'll be up through Nov 2023. Let us join our priests and Intercessory Prayer Group members to pray for their souls.

<https://padlet.com/shepherd8/COLBookofremembrance2023>



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA



“To dedicate or consecrate” a place to God is a ritual that is found in every religion. To “reserve” a place to God is an act of recognizing His glory and honor.

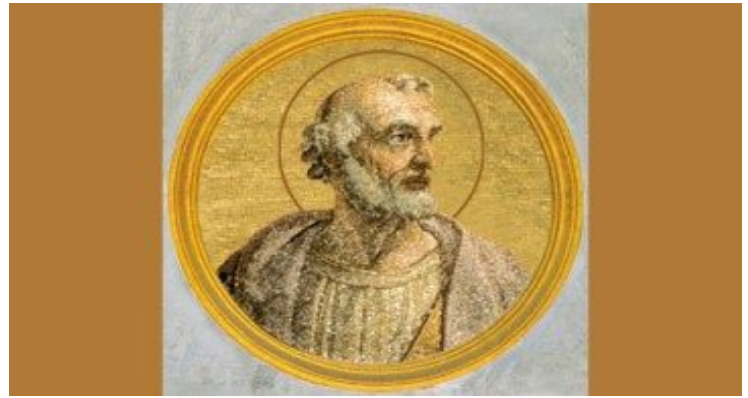
When the Emperor Constantine granted full liberty to Christians in 313, they did not spare in order to construct places for the Lord – numerous are the churches constructed at that time. Constantine himself also constructed churches, one of which he was a magnificent basilica on the Caelian Hill in Rome, over the ancient Lateran Palace, which Pope Sylvester I dedicated to Christ the Savior (318 or 324). A chapel dedicated to Saint John the Baptist was built inside it which served as the baptistry. This moved Pope Sergius III to dedicate it to Saint John the Baptist as well. Lastly, Pope Lucius II also dedicated it to Saint John the Evangelist in the 12th century. Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica is the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. Christians consider the Basilica to be the *mother church of all churches in the world*.

The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries, and always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church.

Jesus, the new Temple

Today’s Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica allows us to remember the journey of the people and God’s constant and faithful care. At the same time, we are reminded today that each one of us is a “house of God” in the Risen Jesus, because the Holy Spirit dwells in each one of us (cf. 1 Cor. 3:16). This awareness alone leads us to praise the Lord on the one hand, and on the other, it leads us to say, at times excessively, “O Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof” (Mt. 8:8), forgetting that He is already in us and that He welcomes us and loves us not as we would like to be, but as we are, here, now. All the present distractions are what make the Lord’s face blurry. When we learn to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, of our friendship with Him (cf. Heb 12:1-4), our faces will shine with light that flows from a “unified” heart. The serenity required is momentary, but it is needs to develop over a life time of continuous entering within ourselves and heading straight for the “King’s room” (cf. *The Interior Castle*, Saint Teresa of Avila).

[The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Vatican News](#)



St. Leo the Great,
Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls

The pontificate of Pope Leo I spanned the middle of the fifth century (440-461). It was an era marked by great disturbances, in the world and in the Church.

One of the most famous events in his papacy occurred in the year 452, when the whole of the Italian peninsula was trembling in the face of invasion by Attila the Hun. Already, large parts of northern Italy had fallen before the invader; the cities of Aquileia, Padua, and Milan were conquered, sacked, and razed to the ground.

Attila, threatening the interior of Italy, camped near Mantua, on the Mincio River; and it is here that he met Leo, the Bishop of Rome. Leo had come as the head of a delegation to persuade Attila to withdraw his forces. According to a later legend, during the negotiations, Attila had a vision of the Apostles St Peter and St Paul, carrying drawn swords, and threatening Attila if he dared to attack the city of Rome. The story can be seen portrayed in the Apostolic Palace, in frescoes by Raphael.

Three years later, it fell again to Pope Leo to stand without human aid before a conquering army. Genseric, a Vandal king, appeared at the gates of Rome; and although the great Pope could not persuade him to spare the city, he nonetheless convinced him to spare the Archbasilica of St John Lateran, and the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul. The city was captured, but thousands of innocent people were saved when they took refuge in the Christian edifices.

A Pope of firsts

Leo’s pontificate was marked by a number of firsts: He was the first Pope named Leo, and the first Pope to be remembered as “the Great” (later, Gregory I and Nicholas I would also be accorded the honour). Leo is also the first Pope whose sermons have come down to us. He is one of only two Popes (the other is Gregory) to be recognised as a Doctor of the Church. When he died in 461, he became the first Pope buried in the St Peter’s Basilica. His relics are preserved in the new St Peter’s, near the Altar of the Chair, in a chapel dedicated to the “Madonna of the Column”.

[St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church - Information on the Saint of the Day - Vatican News](#)



Information on Events for
Highschoolers and Young Adults
www.houstonvocations.com



November 2023

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NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

The Importance of Parental Reverence

"In 1959, in Houston, they had 100 seminarians (men studying to be priests). That's the most we've had since then even though the population of Catholics has increased by almost 500%. We now have 46 seminarians and 1.7 million Catholics.

There is no Eucharist without priests, so if you care at all about having the Eucharist in the future, something needs to change. I think the solution might be simpler than we think. I asked my dad once what he thought was the best thing parents could do to encourage vocations. He said parents should receive communion with reverence. He's right. If we receive communion like it's just a piece of bread, why would a young man give up his life for that? Why give up everything and be celibate for a piece of bread? But, if we receive the Eucharist with the reverence it deserves, as the True Body of Jesus, then a young man will see that too. I would especially challenge fathers. You will have the greatest spiritual influence on your children. Your sons need to see that the Eucharist is the most important thing in your life based on your example. Your sons need to know that the Eucharist will be worth giving their life for."

-Fr. David Michael Moses, parochial vicar at Christ the Good Shepherd



Pictured above is the Ramirez family including Fr. Jacob Ramirez, Fr. Nicholas Ramirez, and Bishop Oscar Cantu, their Uncle, at Fr. Jacob's ordination in 2022.

"Let us not forget that Christian marriage is a vocation to holiness in the full sense of the word, and that the example of holy parents is the first condition favorable for the flowering of priestly and religious vocations."

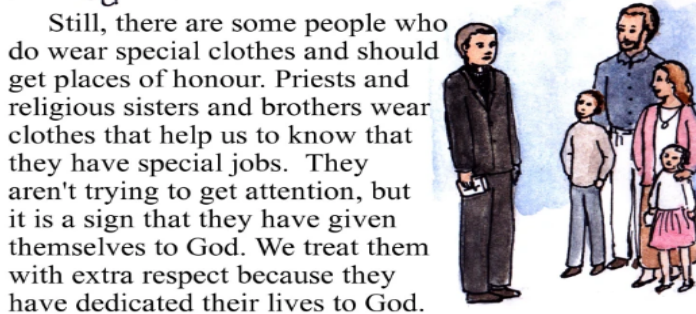
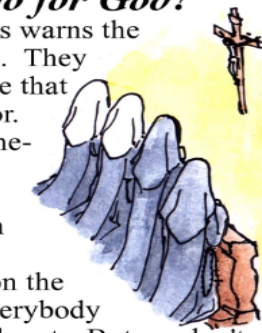
-Pope Benedict XV

Should We Let Others See What We Do for God?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus warns the people about some of their leaders. They wore special clothes and made sure that people saw them giving to the poor. They also got the best seats at gatherings. These men were only concerned about outward things and not about being holy and loving in their hearts.

Our Lord wants us to be holy on the inside- to love Him and to love everybody else with our hearts. But we don't always have to show it on the outside. Sometimes we pray together or help people when others can see us, but we should often pray and do good in ways that people won't see, too.

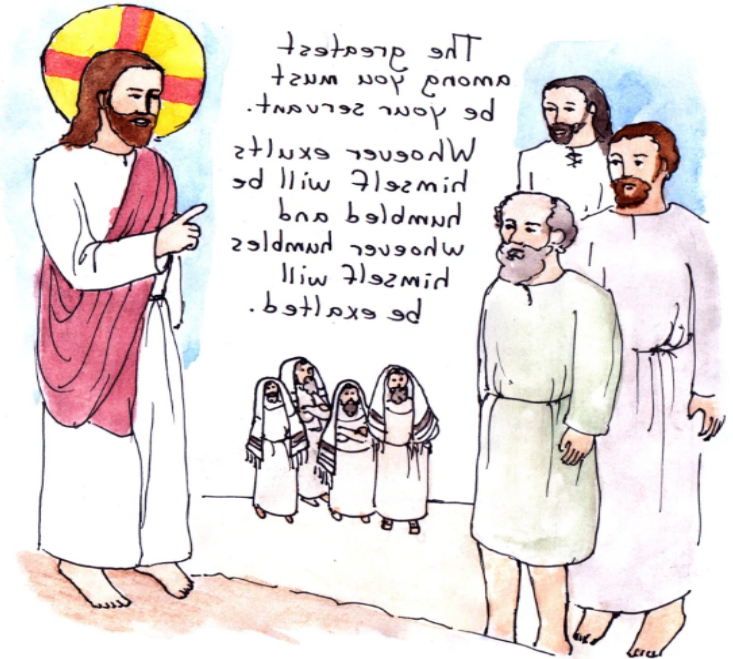
Still, there are some people who do wear special clothes and should get places of honour. Priests and religious sisters and brothers wear clothes that help us to know that they have special jobs. They aren't trying to get attention, but it is a sign that they have given themselves to God. We treat them with extra respect because they have dedicated their lives to God.



Answers to Saint Paul Cross-Word: Across: 1. to 2. give 3. beloved 7. work 9. too 10. well 11. toll 13. day 14. human 16. her 17. night Down: 1. like 2. God 3. Gospel 4. gentle 6. proclaimed 7. word 8. mother 10. with 12. among 15. in
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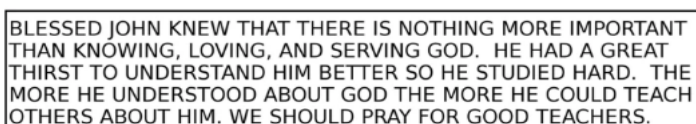
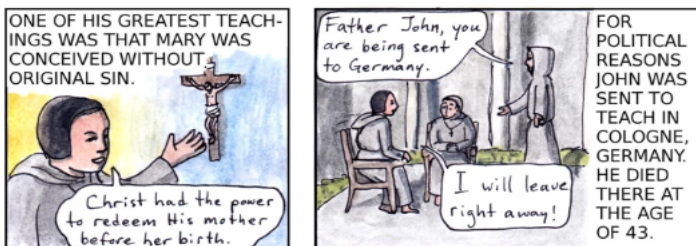
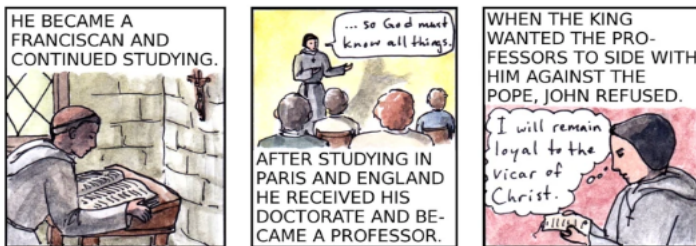
The Kids' Bulletin

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5th, 2023



What was the last thing Our Lord said
in today's Gospel reading?
Look in the mirror to find out!

Blessed John Duns Scotus November 8



ONE OF HIS GREATEST TEACHINGS WAS THAT MARY WAS CONCEIVED WITHOUT ORIGINAL SIN. A speech bubble says: 'Christ had the power to redeem His mother before her birth.'

Father John, you are being sent to Germany. I will leave right away!

FOR POLITICAL REASONS JOHN WAS SENT TO TEACH IN COLOGNE, GERMANY. HE DIED THERE AT THE AGE OF 43.

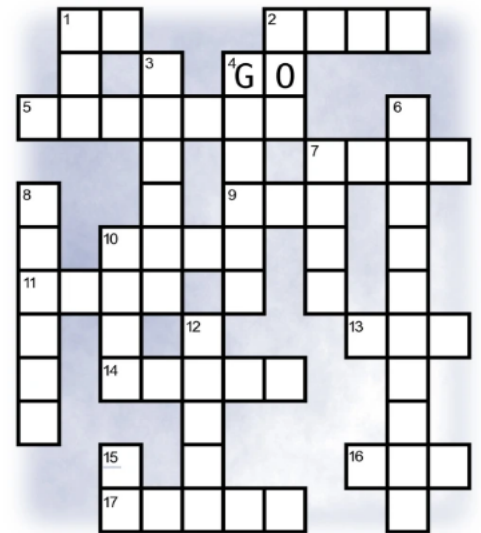
St. Paul's Letter

Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's reading from the letter to the Thessalonians and then fill in the puzzle.

A=Across
D=Down

PROCLAIMED
IN
TO
GOD
THE
TOO
TOIL
DAY
HER
GIVE
WITH
BELOVED
MOTHER
GOSPEL
GENTLE
HUMAN
AMONG
NIGHT
WORK
WORD
WELL



Brothers and sisters: We were _____ (4D) _____ (12D) you, as a nursing _____ (8D) cares for _____ (16A) children. _____ (10D) such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only _____ (1D) gospel of God, but our very selves as _____ (10A), so dearly _____ (5A) had you become _____ (1A) us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our _____ (11A) and drudgery. Working _____ (17A) and _____ (13A) in order not to burden any of you, we _____ (6D) to you the _____ (3D) of God.

And for this reason we _____ (9A) _____ (2A) thanks to _____ (2D) unceasingly, that, in receiving the _____ (7D) of God from hearing us, you received not a _____ (14A) word, but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at _____ (7A) _____ (15D) you who believe.

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presented by Deacon Rick Vogel

Please join us for Deacon Rick Vogel's seminar on Prayer & Your Relationship
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This is a 3-hour program for individuals and couples designed to strengthen prayer
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