

"Jesus, help me to open my heart to you as I await your coming!"

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

DECEMBER 10, 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)

Cover: "The Sermon of John the Baptist" (1634-35) by Rembrandt (Staatlichen Museen zu Berlin). NCR

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 Reparative 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 in adoration. him 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

1st Sunday Advent Collection

12/03/2023	\$	3,396.52
Online Giving	\$	1,361.26
Children Collection	\$	46.00
Maintenance Fund	\$	5.00
Retired Priest	\$	943.00
Xmas Fund	\$	45.00
Prison Ministry	\$	10.25
DIOCESAN SERVICE	ES F	UND 2023

2023 Parish Goal....... \$ **26,000.00** 2023 Total Paid

(activity thru 12/04/23) \$ 1,602.00 Difference Goal vs. Paid \$ 4,398.00

POPE PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER



For persons with disabilities
We pray that people living with
disabilities may be at the centre of
attention in society, and that institutions
may offer inclusive programs which
value their active participation.

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.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for the upcoming 2024 Sunday Altar Flowers Decoration. Your contribution is greatly appreciated!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

DECEMBER 2nd SUNDAY GATHER BOO

ADVENT-B

GATHER BOOK #1022 Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8 (5) Pss II

MONDAY 11

Saint Damasus I, Pope Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26 (181)

TUESDAY

Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19<u>a;</u> 12:1-6a, 10ab Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

wednesday

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Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30 (183)

THURSDAY

Saint John of the Cross Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15 (184)

FRIDAY 15

Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19 (185)

SATURDAY

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13 (186)

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



Mass Intentions						
12-10-23	8 am	Torres, Rangel & Baldobino Families				
	1 pm	People of Parish				
		II Collection Maintenance Fund				
12-11-23		No Mass				
12-12-23	5am	Mananitas				
		Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe				
	5:30 pm	Procession				
	6 pm Mass	Our Lady of Guadalupe Society				
12-13-23	8:30 am	Donald Scamardo+				
12-14-23	8:30 am	Margaet Frazee+				
	6 pm	Adolpho Reyes+				
12-15-23	8:30 am	Sophia Copeland+				
12-16-23	6 pm	John La Flore+				
		DSF Shortage Collection				
12-17-23	8 am	Joe & Leona+ Pasket				
	1 pm	People of Parish				
Weekly Schedule						
12-10-23	10:30-noon	CCE grades 6-12, SPH				
12 10 23	4 - 5:30 pm	Confirmation Workshop, SPH				
	6:30 pm	Novenario a la Virgin de Guadalupe				
12-11-23	6:30 pm	Novenario a la Virgin de Guadalupe				
12-12-23	1	Altar Society Christmas Party				
	6:30 pm	Novenario a la Virgin de Guadalupe				
12-13-23	6 - 7:15 pm	CCE grades 1-5 SPH				
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12-14-23	2 pm	Eng. Legion of Mary CH				
	7 pm	Sp. Choir practice				
		Advent Penance Service				
		St. Joseph. New Waverly, Tx				
12-15-23	6 am	TMIS, Men's Group, SPH				
12-16-23	9 am	First Communion Reconciliation P/FHC				
	6 pm	el Movimiento Familiar Cristiana				
		Catolico Posada Navideña				
12-17-23	10:30 - 12 noon	CCE grades 6-12, SPH				
		Anointing of the Sick after each Mass				

PRAY for THE CONTINUING RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF

the infirmed and homebound members of our community:

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

Primitivo Zamorano

Matthew Oliver

Cecelia Pearson

Angelina Petersen Wallace Petersen

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

Phillis Failla

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.

BUSINESS OFFICE:

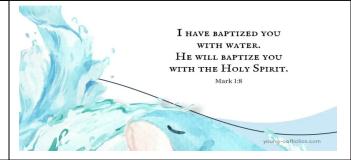
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Email: admin@christourlight.org





Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer

Mary, wrap me in your mantle, just as you wrapped Juan Diego. May you wrap me in your love, too, so that I might grow in the same courage and hope as Juan Diego to seek Christ and love others in this life. And may you guide me closer to your Son, so that I might more fully love Him as you do.

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PARISH LIFE/AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE



Make Reconciliation a Community Affair

Consider going to a confession service as a family or with youth group or youth ministry. And then do something afterwards to celebrate this beautiful gift of grace from our Lord. Go out for pizza together or something similar.

Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Advent, Lent, and More

For many of us, our Lenten and Advent journeys are not complete until we receive the sacrament of reconciliation. For this is what Jesus died for – to save us from our sins. And during confession we not only get to admit our sins and be freed from my shame. The priest often gives us wonderful insight into what is really going on inside and suggestions about how we might try to avoid my "repeat offenses".

Although the sacrament is not just for Advent and Lent. going more frequently helps us see the patterns of sin in our lives better. If you are struggling with being comfortable with confession, try going monthly for nine months. Be honest with the priest about your discomfort with the sacrament. After nine months of this, you may bring to birth a new appreciation for the sacrament.

Don't Wait for a Big Moment for Confession

We might know people who have had one of those big "reconciliation moments" which changed their whole lives. Sometimes we feel like we are doing it wrong because we never had that. But reconciliation can also be like life. We meet Jesus there in the ordinary and the simple. So consider approaching the sacrament a little differently. Think of confession as being more like a little regular checkup, to remember that we are flawed and need God's grace.

We can look at what we are doing and what we need to change. And we can see over time that some things which used to be a real problems are not any more. So instead of expecting some big moment which completely changes us, look at it more as meeting our Lord when we are stumbling off the path and he gently points me back in the right direction and calls us "Beloved".

Be a Good Example

No matter what your approach to reconciliation, take advantage of this sacrament. And teach the young Catholics in your life to appreciate it also. Be a good example and go together.

The Confiteor Prayer (I Confess Prayer)

It is a usual practice to strike your breast three times when saying "through my fault"

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

2023 ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES – NORTHERN DEANERY

	PARISH	PENANCE SERVICE	DINNER	TIME	BILINGUAL
1	St. Matthias - Magnolia	Nov. 29, Wednesday	5:30pm	6:30pm	X
2	Christ Our Light - Navosota	Dec. 05, Tuesday 1st Week of Advent	5:30pm	6:30pm	X
3	St. Stanislaus - Anderson	Service at Christ Our Light - Navasota			
4	St. Joseph - New Waverly	Dec. 14, Thursday 2nd Week of Advent	5:30pm	6:30pm	X
5	St. Thomas – Huntsville	Dec. 20, Wednesday 3rd Week of Advent	5:00pm	6:00pm	X
6	Sacred Heart - Conroe	Dec. 21, Thursday 3rd Week of Advent	5:30pm	6:30pm	X
7	St. Joseph - Stoneham	Handled with individual			
8	St. Mary's - Planterwille	Handled with individual			
9	St.Stephen Martyr-Point Blank				











The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary – December 08.

Our Lady Of Guadalupe – Dec. 12. The Nativity of the Lord – Dec. 25.

The Holy Mother of God-Jan.1,2024 New Year 2024.

IMPORTANCE DATES:

There are not Masses/Confessions, nor Liturgy of the Word at Christ Our Light & St. Stanislaus Kostka on the evenings we have Deanery Penance services.

Morning Mass will be held as usual at 8:30 AM in Christ Our Light and at 12:00 PM in St.Stanislaus Kostka.

No hay Misas/Confesiones, ni Liturgia de la Palabra en Christ Our Light y St. Stanislaus Kostka en las tardes en las que tenemos servicios de Penitencia del Decanato. La misa de la mañana se llevará a cabo como de costumbre a las 8:30 a.m. en Christ Our Light ya las 12:00 p.m. en St.Stanislaus Kostka.





JOIN US IN CEXEBRATION FOTRASE OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

4:30 AM ROSARY 5:00 AM MAÑANITAS & MARIACHIS 5:30 PM PROCESSION 6:00 PM MASS MATACHINES, DANCING, MUSIC & FOOD FESTIVAL

Daily At-Home Advent Activities for Families

DECEMBER -

SUN

Sing Christmas hymns together. Light the second purple Advent candle. Pray to God to be faithful even when it is difficult.

MON

As you prepare for Jesus' coming, plan a day and time for family members to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

TUE 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Read the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Sing a favorite hymn that honors Mary.

WED

Choose family prayer partners. Print each family member's name on an index card; decorate it; fold it in half and place in a basket. Pass the basket around and have each family member pick a name. Pray for that person during Advent.

THUR 14

Make Christmas cookies and share them together. Thank God for the gifts of food and family.

FRI

On Christmas Day, children may receive new gifts and new toys. Go through the toys you have and donate ones that you have outgrown to a local charity.

SAT

Gather together for a meal and begin with a blessing. Make a plan to donate a meal to a person or family in need in your community.



The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. (Mark 1:1) Beginnings are important, and the beginning of Mark's Gospel is no exception. His very first sentence reads like a summary of the entire book: "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). So where does Mark start the story? He takes us to the Judean desert, where John the Baptist is preparing the way for the Christ, the Messiah.

Contrary to expectations that the Messiah would bring Israel military liberation, John proclaims that Jesus will baptize his people in the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:8). He will open the way for God himself to dwell in them! That's why John offered baptism for the forgiveness of sins. He knew that Jesus had come to do something new, something astonishing. Repentance was the key that would help the Jews—and us—to receive this surprising good news.

In order to be ready, we need to empty ourselves of our old ways of thinking. That's where repentance comes in. It clears out the sin that clouds our vision of God. It removes our shame and guilt and delivers us from whatever blocks God's life from taking root in us. It makes us ready to receive God's forgiveness and helps us to become more aware of his abiding presence within us.

Are there ways that you need a change of attitude or a new hope this Advent? As you prepare the way for Jesus during this holy season, go back to "the beginning" and listen to John the Baptist's message. Repentance is good news because it opens your heart to Jesus. So take advantage of opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this season. Let God expand your capacity to receive him at Christmas. As Mark shows us in his Gospel, that's where it all begins.

"Jesus, help me to open my heart to you as I await your coming!"

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalm 85:9-142 Peter 3:8-14 The Word Among Us December 14, 2023 | 7:30 P.M. Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Join Cardinal DiNardo on December 14 at 7:30 p.m. for the second annual Festival of Lessons & Carols at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (1111 St. Joseph Pkwy, Houston, TX 77002). The Festival will be presented by the Cor Jesu Choir, under the direction of Dr. Crista Miller, Director of Music and Organist at the Co-Cathedral.

The Festival of Lessons & Carols developed as an English tradition in 1880 and has since grown each year into an opportunity to celebrate, through song and prayer, the approaching Christmas season. Mixing carols with Scripture, the Festival is a wonderful way to prepare to welcome Jesus Christ into our midst.

A complete brass quintet, percussion and organ will accompany the choir throughout the evening.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required but encouraged!

Este es el principio del Evangelio de Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios. (Marcos 1, 1) Los inicios son importantes, y el principio del Evangelio de San Marcos no es la excepción. Su primera oración parece el resumen de todo el libro: "Este es el principio del Evangelio de Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios" (Marcos 1, 1). El relato de Marcos comienza en el desierto de Judea, donde Juan el Bautista está preparando el camino a Cristo, el Mesías.

Contrario a las expectativas de que el Mesías traería a Israel una liberación militar, Juan proclama que Jesús bautizaría a su pueblo en el Espíritu Santo (Marcos 1, 8). ¡Abriría el camino para que Dios mismo morara en el corazón de cada uno de ellos!

Por eso, Juan ofreció el bautismo por el perdón de los pecados. Él sabía que Jesús había venido a hacer algo nuevo, algo impresionante. El arrepentimiento era la clave que ayudaría a los judíos —y a nosotros— a recibir esta sorprendente buena noticia.

Para estar preparados, necesitamos vaciarnos de nuestras antiguas formas de pensar. Así es como nos arrepentimos. Nos limpia del pecado aue nubla la visión aue tenemos de Dios. Remueve nuestra veraüenza v nuestra culpa y nos libera de lo que sea que impida que la vida de Dios se arraique en nuestro corazón. Nos prepara para recibir su perdón y nos ayuda a estar más conscientes de su presencia permanente en nosotros.

¿Hay formas en las que necesitas cambiar de actitud o una nueva esperanza en este Adviento? Al preparar el camino para Jesús en este tiempo santo, regresa "al principio" y escucha el mensaje de Juan el Bautista. El arrepentimiento es una buena noticia porque abre tu corazón a Jesús. De modo que aprovecha las oportunidades para recibir el Sacramento de la Reconciliación en este tiempo. Permite que Dios aumente tu capacidad de recibirlo en Navidad. Como nos lo muestra San Marcos en su Evangelio, ahí es donde todo comienza.

"Señor, ¡te pido que me ayudes a abrirte mi corazón mientras aguardo tu venida!'

Isaías 40, 1-5. 9-11 Salmo 85 (84), 9ab-10. 11-12. 13-14 2 Pedro 3, 8-14



NEWS AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE

DEC 9: ARCHDIOCESAN GUADALUPE CELEBRATION archgh.org/live Join the Archdiocesan Guadalupe Celebration on Saturday, December 9, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (1111 St. Joseph Pkwy, Houston). The Procession begins at 8am at 1700 Bell St. and ends in front of the downtown Chancery, followed by Mass at 10am at the Co-Cathedral with traditional dancing and singing to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. For those unable to attend, Mass will be livestreamed at archgh.org/live.

DEC 9-10: Retirement Religious Annual collection benefits 24,000 elderly religious sisters, brothers and religious order priests across the U.S. Several men's and women's religious congregations in the Archdiocese have benefited from this collection in the past.

REGISTER NOW: CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ON AGING archgh.org/aging A Catholic Conference on Aging will be offered by the Archdiocesan Office of Aging on January 26–27. Register now to reserve your spot at this conference offered in both English and Spanish at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in North Houston. The session on Friday, Jan 26, is for parish leaders and the session on Saturday, Jan 27, is for older adults and family members.

DEC 14: FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS archgh.org Join Cardinal DiNardo at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 7:30pm on Thursday, December 14, for the 2nd annual Festival of Lessons & Carols. The English tradition of mixing carols with Scripture is a wonderful way to prepare to welcome Jesus Christ into our midst at Christmas. Under the direction of Dr. Crista Miller, the Cor Jesu Choir will be joined by a brass quintet, percussion, and organ. This event is free and open to all, no registration necessary.

DEC 15: ADVENT MASS & LUNCHEON 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Mary's Seminary (9845 Memorial Dr., Houston). The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Council of Catholic Women hosts a Mass, celebrated by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, and luncheon Seafarers Port Ministry. Port Chaplain Father Jan Kubisa and Spiritual Advisor Monsignor Dan Scheel will be in attendance. Cost: \$25 per person or \$240 for reserved table of 8. ghcw.org.



When you hang your Advent wreath on your door, in your home, or in your classroom, consider conducting a simple prayer service. Gather together and reflect on the symbolism of the wreath and the significance of each candle. Offer prayers of hope, peace, joy, and love, as you light each candle, inviting the presence of Christ into your hearts and surroundings.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. – John 1:1-3

The evergreen in the wreath represents strength because it does not fade quickly. This reminds us of the strength we have in Christ. I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me. -Philippians 4:13

For the same reason, the evergreen also represents the everlasting life given to us by Jesus Christ.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - John 3:16

Let us keep this in our hearts whenever we see a wreath this season.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:

A Model of Compassion and Respect

On December 12, we honor Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas. This feast day offers an opportunity to reflect on living our faith with the love, compassion, and respect that Mary herself exhibited.

On the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we recall the appearance of Mary before Saint Juan Diego, a poor Aztec Indian peasant, on a hill in Mexico in 1531. Clothed like an Aztec princess, Mary spoke to Juan in his own language. Her request—that Juan go to the local bishop and instruct him to build a church on that very spot—took Juan by surprise. Why, he wondered, would a bishop listen to someone as lowly and humble as he? Yet Mary entrusted him with this important task. After first being refused by the bishop, Juan returned to the bishop with a sign given to him by Mary-roses that bloomed,

impossibly, in winter. When he opened his tilma, or cloak, the roses spilled out, and inside the tilma was imprinted the beautiful image of Mary as she appeared to Juan. The bishop built the church, and Mary's love

Mary's kindness and respect toward Juan and sensitivity to his culture are powerful reminders to respect the dignity of others, especially those who are poor or "different" from us. Mary also evangelizes. Over the centuries, she has brought the love of her Son to millions of people who otherwise might not have known him. Her example is one to emulate in our roles as catechists, teachers, parents, and believers.





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