



CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

DECEMBER 24, 2023

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PASTOR:

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English Mass:

Garry Janota
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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)

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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 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

3rd Sunday of Advent Collection
12/17/2023 \$ 3682.00
Online Giving \$ 483.76
Maintenance Fund \$ 275.00

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2023

2023 Parish Goal..... \$ 26,000.00
2023 Total Paid
(activity thru 12/04/23) \$ 21,602.00
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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

DECEMBER

3rd SUNDAY
ADVENT-B

24

GATHER BOOK #1022
Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 (11)
Pss IV

MONDAY

25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Christmas Holyday of Obligation
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 (13)
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-

TUESDAY

26

Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
17-22 (696) Pss Prop

WEDNESDAY

27

Saint John Apostle
1Jn 1:1-4
Jn 20:1a, 2-8 (697) Pss Prop

THURSDAY

28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5—2:2
Mt 2:13-18 (698) Pss Prop

FRIDAY

29

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

SATURDAY

30

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 (203)
Pss Prop

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)



MASS INTENTION

12-24-23
8 am Cecil Wilde +
10 am For the People
6 pm Vigil Christmas Mass
8 pm Family Movement Families –
 Sp Mass

12-25-23
8 am Mass
10 am For People of The Parish- Sp Mass

12-26-23
6 pm Victor Ostiguin +

12-27-23
8:30 am Margret Frazer +

12-28-23
8:30 am Rev. Joseph Cullen +

6 pm Jesus Orlando Sagrero +

12-29-23
8:30 am Torres and Rangel Families

12-30-23
6 pm Nina Rotello
 II Collection DSF

12-31-23
8 am Mass For the People
 II Collection DSF

1pm Petra Rios + Jesus Hernandez +

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

12-24-23
 No CCE Christmas Holiday's

12-25-23
 Office Closed

12-26-23
4:30 pm Sp. Legion of Mary

12-27-23
 No CCE Christmas Holiday's

12-28-23
12 noon
 Eng. Legion of Mary

12-29-23
6am TMIY Men's Group

12-31-23
 No CCE Christmas Holiday's

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 RECOVERY
 OR COMFORT OF**
 the infirmed and
 homebound members
 of our community:

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 Gregory Jelinek
 Sarafina Alo
 Andrew Castillo
 Braxton Castillo
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 Frank Crouch
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 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
 Phyllis Failla

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

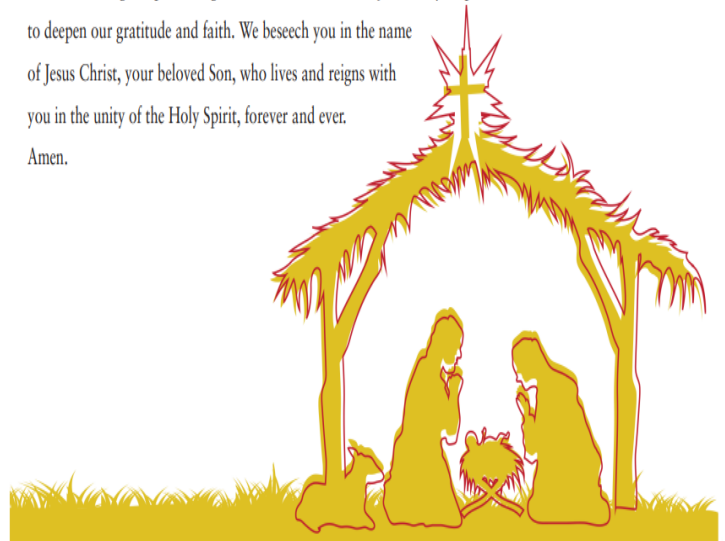
CONTEMPLATING THE BABY JESUS,
 WITH HIS HUMBLE AND INFINITE LOVE,
 LET US SAY TO HIM, VERY SIMPLY:
 "THANK YOU FOR DOING ALL THIS FOR ME!"

POPE FRANCIS

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Blessing for the birth

Our Father, who loved the world so much that you gave us your only Son,
 born from the Virgin Mary, please bless this birth and the Christian family here present,
 so that the images representing his birth in Bethlehem of Judea may help us
 to deepen our gratitude and faith. We beseech you in the name
 of Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with
 you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.
 Amen.



May it be done to me according to your word. (Luke 1:38)

Mary's words to the angel can seem easy and somewhat romantic to us. But to her they were anything but. They represented a seismic shift in her life. When she spoke these words, she was agreeing to take up a mysterious new life filled with a host of unknowns. No longer would she be a humble housewife and mother in the model of so many of the women she had known. Instead, she would become the Mother of God, and nothing would ever be the same. She would have only one child whom she would prepare to become Israel's Messiah and the Savior of the world. What's more, she would go through life bearing the misunderstanding and judgments of friends and family members.

Imagine how frightening this could have been for Mary. She had no example to follow because nothing like this had ever happened before! She couldn't ask her mother or an aunt to show her how to walk this path. Her rabbi might offer some guidance, but the idea that God even had a Son would have been foreign to him.

But as unique as Mary's situation was, it is also very familiar. Who among us hasn't felt at times as if we were walking a path that no one else has walked? Who hasn't felt at times as if we were all alone, with no one to guide us? We may not have responded as sinlessly as Mary did, but just the fact that she has gone before us can bring us great comfort.

Mary knows what it's like to have her life turned upside down. She knows what it's like to walk a lonely road and to be misunderstood. But even on Christmas Eve, as she faced the prospect of giving birth in a stable, she continued to trust in God's care. Now assumed into heaven, she offers us her compassion, support, and intercession, especially when we feel lost and alone. She never tires of teaching us and caring for us.

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, help me to walk the path of trust as I await the coming of your son."

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29 Romans 16:25-27

WORD AMONG US

Cumplase en mí lo que me has dicho. (Lucas 1, 38)

Estas palabras de María pueden parecernos fáciles e incluso algo románticas. Pero para ella no lo fueron en lo absoluto pues representaban un giro radical en su vida. Cuando las pronunció, estaba aceptando una misteriosa nueva forma de vida, repleta de incertidumbre. Ya no sería una esposa y madre humilde como lo eran muchas de las mujeres que ella conocía.

En su lugar, se convertiría en la Madre de Dios, y nada volvería a ser igual. Tendría solamente un hijo al cual prepararía para ser el Mesías de Israel y el Salvador del mundo. Es más, viviría cargando la incompreensión y los juicios de los demás.

Imagina lo atemorizante que esto puede haber sido para ella. ¡María no tenía un ejemplo que seguir porque nunca antes había sucedido nada igual! No podía pedirle a su madre o a una tía que le ayudaran a caminar por esta senda. El rabino podía ofrecer algo de guía, pero la idea de que Dios tuviera un Hijo habría sido extraña para él.

Pero a pesar de lo única que era la situación de María, también resulta muy familiar. ¿Quién entre nosotros no se ha sentido a veces como si estuviera caminando por una senda que nadie más ha caminado? ¿Quién no ha sentido a veces que se encuentra solo, sin nadie que lo guíe? Quizá no hemos respondido con tanta pureza como lo hizo María, pero el solo hecho de que ella lo haya hecho antes que nosotros es un gran consuelo.

María sabe lo que significa que la vida dé un giro radical. Ella sabe lo que implica caminar por una senda solitaria y ser incomprendida. Pero aun en la víspera de Navidad, cuando se enfrentó a la realidad de dar a luz en un establo, siguió confiando en el cuidado de Dios. Ahora, asunta al cielo, nos ofrece su compasión, apoyo e intercesión, especialmente cuando no sentimos perdidos y solos. Ella nunca se cansa de enseñarnos y cuidar de nosotros.

"Santa María, ayúdame a caminar por la senda de la confianza mientras espero el regreso de tu hijo."

2 Samuel 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16Salmo 89 (88), 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29

Romanos 16, 25-27

Advent 2023

CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Advent Activities for Families

◆ DECEMBER ◆

SUN 24

Light the fourth Advent candle. Consider ways you can bring peace and love to others. Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Read the nativity story in the Bible together as a family.

MON 25

Christmas

Christ is Born! Let us rejoice! Thank God for the greatest gift, the gift of his only Son! Put the figurine of the baby Jesus you made for the nativity scene in the manger.





Christmas 2023 at the Vatican: Nativity to Recall St. Francis' First-Ever Manger Scene

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Hannah Brockhaus/CAN Vatican October 30, 2023

The Christmas 2023 Nativity scene at the Vatican will evoke the first-ever live manger, which was created by St. Francis of Assisi in Italy in the 1200s, the Vatican said Monday.

The Vatican's Nativity scene, which is different every year, will be unveiled at a ceremony in St. Peter's Square on Dec. 9. The Christmas tree will also be lit for the first time this season at the same event.

The Christmas tree and Nativity scenes will remain in place through the Christmas season, until Jan. 7, 2024, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

St. Francis' meditations on the life of Christ while visiting the Holy Land led him to create a representation of the birth of Jesus on Christmas in Greccio, Italy, in 1223. It is believed to be the origin of the Nativity scene.

The Vatican's Nativity scenes in St. Peter's Square and the Paul VI Hall will "revive the atmosphere of Christmas 1223 ... when St. Francis, returning from a journey to the Holy Land, asked to reenact the birth of Jesus in a village that reminded him of Bethlehem," a press release said.

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In addition to the traditional Nativity figures of Mary, Joseph, the child Jesus, and the ox and donkey, the life-size painted terracotta statues will depict St. Francis and some of the principal characters who helped him create the first live creche.

The structure behind the figures will be of the rock still present at the Catholic shrine in Greccio and the fresco painted above it. The surrounding countryside and the four Franciscan shrines of that area will also be depicted.

The Nativity scene inside the Paul VI Hall, where Pope Francis holds his Wednesday audiences with the public during the winter months, will be made from thousands of glass Venetian tiles.

The 82-foot-tall white spruce to be used for the Vatican Christmas tree comes from the Italian Alps close to the border with France.

Instead of traditional ornaments, the tree will be decorated with thousands of edelweiss, a white mountain flower that grows in the Alps and other areas of high altitude.

Christmas 2023 at the Vatican: Nativity to Recall St. Francis' First-Ever Manger Scene | National Catholic Register (ncregister.com)



[Zelda Caldwell](#) - published on 06/28/22

The theme for this, the second jubilee in Pope Francis' pontificate, is "Pilgrims of Hope."

The Vatican unveiled its logo for Jubilee 2025, the commemoration of the anniversary of the incarnation of Christ that the Catholic Church celebrates every 25 years.

The theme of the upcoming jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope," depicted by an image of people from around the world holding onto an anchor-like Cross amid a turbulent sea.

The tradition of the jubilee dates back to the year 1300, when Pope Boniface VIII called for a period of penitence at a time when Christendom faced great social and political turmoil at the end of the Crusades. Originally held every 100 years, jubilees are today celebrated every 25 years. This Jubilee is the second in Pope Francis' pontificate, after an extraordinary jubilee for the "Year of Mercy" was held in 2015-2016.

At a press conference held on Tuesday at the Vatican, the former President of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization, Archbishop Rino Fisichella revealed the logo that Pope Francis selected from three finalists chosen from among 294 submissions.

"After looking at the projects several times and expressing his preference, the project of Giacomo Trivisani was chosen," Archbishop Fisichella said, according to Vatican News.

Giacomo Trivisani, a resident of Puglia, Italy, explained that he was inspired by a vision of people moving forward together "thanks to the wind of Hope that is the Cross of Christ and Christ himself."

Symbolism of the logo

The logo depicts four figures "representing humanity from the four corners of earth," explained Bishop Fisichella. As they cling to each other and to the Cross, their "solidarity and fraternity" is emphasized, he said.

The waves beneath the four figures convey that "the pilgrimage of life is not always on calm waters," Bishop Fisichella said. And the anchor at the foot of the cross symbolizes hope in Christ.

"The anchor of hope, in fact, is the name given in maritime jargon to the reserve anchor" used in case of distress, he said. And finally, the words "Pilgrims of Hope" are written in green, also symbolizing hope.

"May this theme really become authentic content so that the whole world can experience it," the Cardinal Secretary of State, Pietro Parolin, said. "The events of recent years, and especially of recent months, seem to oblige the Church to keep her eyes fixed on this virtue of hope," he added.

Jubilee 2025

Catholics from all over the world are expected to travel to Rome in 2025 to celebrate the ordinary Jubilee year. Those who pass through St. Peter's Basilica may obtain extraordinary indulgences.

In the lead-up to the Jubilee year, an app and website will be released, Bishop Fisichella announced. In preparation for the jubilee, he said, the year 2023 would be devoted to the study of the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council, whose Church will celebrate the 60th anniversary of its opening next October. In addition, he said, the year 2024 will be dedicated to prayer to help pilgrims prepare for the Great Jubilee.



PRAYER The Hope of the World

Beloved Jesus,
hope of the world,
in these days shrouded in darkness,
help us to see your light and let it shine,
shedding light on the path that leads us to enjoy
your presence.
Let the joy of Christmas remain with us always.
Amen.



Prayer of Christmas Past, Present, and Future

Gracious God,
We turn to you in wonder and praise as
we celebrate Christmas.

Remind us during this sacred season of our
collective story. May our roots extend deep
into the soil of faith and spread outwards to
share the Good News of Christ's coming.

Focus our attention so that we remain
attuned to the sights, sounds, and sensations
of the season. May the presence of Christ be
at the forefront of our thoughts and actions
as we enact each holiday ritual.

Fill us with hope in the continuous birthing of
Christ in our world. May we never lose sight
of the promise of the Kingdom of peace and
compassion that is both present and yet to be.

With gratitude in our hearts, we pray.
Amen.

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2023 DSF NEWS

ONLY ONE MORE WEEK
UNTIL THE END OF DSF23

Cardinal DiNardo has approved the following
incentives for DSF 2023:

- 1.) A 75% rebate on every dollar a parish raises
over goal
- 2.) A 50% rebate on the total amount given by
first time DSF donors.

Example: if a first-time donor (someone who
has never given to DSF before) makes a gift to your
parish of \$50, you will receive a rebate of \$25.

- 3.) The parish in each vicariate with the
greatest increase in participation over
DSF 2021 will receive a \$5,000 check at the
DSF Vicariate meeting. Increase in
participation will be calculated against
registered families. If there is a significant
drop in families within the parish but the
number of donors remains the same, this
would be an artificial increase in
participation and would not be considered
for the prize. Winners of the \$5,000
incentive must be present at the Vicariate
meeting to qualify.

- 4.) Any parish that donates some or all of its
rebate to another parish through twinning
will be allowed a double deduction for
purposes of Cathedraticum.



GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART

Next week is Commitment Weekend where we all can support the
Diocesan Services Fund. DSF is our opportunity as a community of faith
to answer God's call, through His son Jesus Christ, to joyfully love and
serve the needs of others. Through your support of DSF, you proclaim
the Gospel, help provide 64 ministries that no one parish can do alone
and remind all around you that God is the strength of our hearts.

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través de Su hijo Jesucristo, para amar y servir gozosamente las necesidades
de los demás. A través de su apoyo a DSF, proclama el Evangelio, ayuda
a proporcionar 64 ministerios que ninguna parroquia puede hacer sola y
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Tonight a light has been lit, a kindly light,
reminding us that in our littleness,
we are beloved sons and daughters,
children of the light.

Let us rejoice together, for no one will
ever put out this light, the light of Jesus,
who tonight shines brightly in our world.

POPE FRANCIS

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Christmas Eve Meal

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