

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT-YEAR B



MARCH 10, 2024

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm Sunday: (English) 8:00 am Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00 pm

Sunday: (Vietnamese) 5:00 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

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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 him in adoration. meet 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

Third Sunday Collection 3/03/24

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Regular Collection	\$ 4, 199.00
Black & Indian	\$ 20.00
Children	\$ 45.00
Latin America Mission	\$ 4.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 20.00
Online Giving First	\$ 1,4690.64

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2024

2024 Parish Goal	\$ 27,900.00
2024 Total Paid	

(activity thru 03/04/24) \$ 7,468.00

Difference Goal vs. Paid \$ 20,432.00

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 MARCH SUNDAY 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-Fourth Sunday 10/Jn 3:14-21 (32) of Lent- Yr. B Year A: Scrutiny 2 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54 (244) TUESDAY Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16 (245) Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30 (246) THURSDAY Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47 (247) Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248) SATURDAY Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53 (249)

Congratulations to the dedicated catechumen and candidates for full communion:

Catechumen/Catecúmenos:

Lourdes Stewart

Candidates/Candidatos:

Dora Gil, Genesis Coronilla, Jey Baldobino, Jesus Sierra, Carlos Mijangos, Julian Sanchez, Pham Vu Minh Trang

Please continue to pray for them during this transformative journey throughout this Lenten season.

MASS INTENTION

3-10-24 2nd Scrutiny Mass

8am John LeFlor+

1pm For the People

II collection Maintenance Fund

3-11-24 No Mass

3-12-24

6pm Tasha Brenski+

3-13-24

8:30am Margaret Frazee+

3-14-24

8:30am Manrique Dominguez Sr+

6pm Benito Rodriguez Sr+ &

Benito Rodriguez Jr+

3-15-24

8:30am Leo + & Frances+ Drabek

3-16-24

6pm Joe + & Leona + Pasket

II collection Catholic Relief Fund

3-17-24 8am Cecil Wilde

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

3-10-24

No CCE Spring Break 3pm Sp Baptism Class, CH

3-11-24

4:30pm Sp Legion of Mary, CH

CR

5:15pm Adult Bible group, SPH

3-12-24

7pm Eng Choir practice

3-13-24 No CCE Spring Break 6:30pm Lenten Penance Service

- Sacred Heart, Conroe, Tx

3-14-24 12noon

Eng Legion of Mary, CH CR

5:-5:45pm Confession

7pm Sp Choir practice

3-15-24

6am TMIY Men's group, SPH 5:30 pm Eng Stations of the cross 6:30pm Sp Stations of the cross

3-16-24 5-5:45pm Confessions

3-17-24 No CCE Spring Break

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

Julian Olguin

Matthew Oliver

Cecelia Pearson

Angelina Petersen

Wallace Petersen

Samuel Pry

Eugene Castillo, Jr.

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 Steve Avendano Trần Thi Tuyết Mai Kim Sechelski Dawson Shiflett Phyllis Failla

Angelina Petersen

Call the parish office

Steve Avendano

Mary Ramirez

Panchita Reyes

Carol Woehler

Steve Seymour

when a member of our community has a need to remembered in prayer, 936-825-3920. Also, if you have added a name to the prayer list, please call to let us know when remove the name the from list. Thank you.





Everyone who believes in him . . . (John 3:16)

Today's Gospel reading is full of promises to "everyone who believes" in Jesus. They will have eternal life (John 3:15). They will not perish (3:16). They will not be condemned (3:18). But what does it mean to believe in him?

We might think that believing in Jesus means being convinced that he is who he says he is. And it does. We agree with the truth that he is the Messiah, the Son of God. We acknowledge his miracles and the wisdom of his teachings. But intellectual assent will get us only so far. As James says, "Even the demons believe that and tremble" (2:19).

The belief that Jesus is talking about here is an act of the will; it's a decision to place our trust in Someone whom we know and love. That kind of personal connection with the Lord can spark a deep faith that changes the way we think and behave. St. John Henry Newman talked about the importance of our relationship with Jesus when he said, "No man will be a martyr for a conclusion" (An Essay in Aid of a Grammar of Assent).

But even deeper, and at the heart of everything else, faith is a gift of grace from God. Our belief is more than intellectual assent or an act of the will. It's a response to God's initiative. His grace opens our minds to the truth and moves us to place our lives in Jesus' hands. Belief isn't possible without God's initial intervention. The Catechism puts it succinctly: "In faith, the human intellect and will cooperate with divine grace" (155).

Today is a day overflowing with grace. So turn to the Lord and affirm your faith. Tell Jesus that you believe he is who he says he is. Entrust your life to him. As you do, your faith will continue to grow, and you will trust even more deeply in Jesus' promise of eternal life.

"Jesus, I believe in you!"

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalm 137:1-6 Ephesians 2:4-10. The Word Among Us

TO PROTECT Child and Youth Protection



NOTICE TO ALL STAFFS/ VOLUNTEERS AT CHRIST OUR LIGHT:

Beginning on March 1, 2024. All volunteers and employees at COL will need to complete the Safe Environment Training and a criminal background check. Please contact our Christ Our Light Safe Haven Coordinator: Lupe Diaz-Christ Our Light Safe Environment Coordinator: lupe@christourlight.org

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated! The <u>CMGConnect</u> online training replaces the former Safe Environment Program (VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children") that was previously offered through our Archdiocese. Individuals are now required to complete all Environment Training online. 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, volunteer, or participate with ministries, groups, movements, and organizations. In addition, the mandatory renewal training must be completed every 5 years and a new background check submitted before the 5-year expiration of prior training. The Archdiocese of Galveston-

Houston Safe Environment compliance training and renewal training is a condition of employment and for volunteer

ministry in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo. (Juan 3, 17)

¿Piensas en Dios como si fuera un contador? Es decir, ¿alguien que tiene un libro de contabilidad y revisa para ver si tú cumples con sus exigencias exactas y rigurosas? En el Evangelio de hoy, San Juan nos recuerda que Jesús fue enviado al mundo no para condenar sino para salvarnos. El Señor no vino para llevar un recuento de nuestras buenas obras o de las malas. Vino para sanar, proteger y rescatarnos. ¿Cómo es eso posible?

Juan 3, 14–15 nos da una pista. Sí, nos quedamos lejos de cumplir los mandamientos de Dios y de su visión para nuestra vida. Pero en lugar de condenarnos justamente, Dios envió a Jesús para que fuera "levantado" y concediera la vida eterna a todos los que creen en él. Esta es una referencia al libro del Éxodo cuando los israelitas estaban siendo mordidos por serpientes venenosas y le reclamaron a Dios. Él mandó a Moisés que hiciera una serpiente de bronce y la colocara en el asta de una bandera para que todo aquel que la mirara se curara (ver Números 21, 4–9).

Al igual que los israelitas, nuestro primer paso es reconocer nuestra necesidad de salvación, aun cuando eso significa enfrentar todos los errores que cometemos. Después de todo, ¿qué puede ser más duro que saber que Jesús cargó nuestros propios pecados en la cruz? Pero al igual que los israelitas, podemos contemplar la respuesta que Dios nos dio: La cruz de Jesús.

La salvación que Jesús nos ofrece es mucho más que la sanación física de los israelitas. El Señor nos sana espiritualmente, nos perdona y nos fortalece para vivir de una forma diferente. Jesús nos ayuda a tener una relación correcta con Dios. Y nos da una verdadera esperanza del cielo.

Así que no caigas en la trampa de pensar que Jesús lleva las cuentas. El Señor no se dedica a condenar sino a ofrecer salvación. Hoy, contémplalo, levantado en la cruz. Preséntale tus necesidades y permite que él te sane y te restaure.

"Señor Jesús, te pido que me ayudes a fijar mis ojos en ti." 2 Crónicas 36, 14-16. 19-23 Salmo 137 (136), 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6Efesios 2, 4-10



Legion of Mary
Redemptoris Mater Northern Curia

18th ACIES CEREMONY
Date: Saturday March 16, 2024

Time: 7:30 am



Rosary at 7:30 am, Holy Mass @ 8:00 am Sacred Heart Catholic Church

109 North Frazier St. Conroe, Tx 77301 Holy Mass will be livestreamed at:

https://www.youtube.com/@shconroe

Reception follows after mass @ St. Teresa's hall

All legionaries (active and auxiliary) are encouraged and required to attend.

Family and Friends are invited as well.

"I am all yours, my Queen, my Mother, and all that I am is yours"

Please bring flowers for Our Blessed Mother

Please bring a meal or drink to share



MARCH

SUN 10

"So they said to him, 'Who are

Who is Jesus in your life? Let this question be a conversation starter about the place of Jesus in your home and family.

MON 11

"You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks." Ps 30:12

Send a card offering cheer and comfort to someone who is sad or lonely.

TUE 12

"Jesus said to him, 'Rise, take up your mat, and walk. Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked." In 5:8-9

Offer a family prayer for all of those who need healing. Look for ways to bring God's merciful love to others.

WED 13

"And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus." Lk 16:20

Read the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). Decide on a way your family can reach out to someone who needs comfort and healing.

THU 14

"Pray without ceasing."
1 Th 5:17

Discuss as a family how you can follow Saint Paul's command. How will you keep Jesus in your minds and hearts each day of the Lenten season and always?

FRI 15

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." Lk 15:21

Check your parish bulletin for dates and times of a Lenten Reconciliation service. Make plans to attend, in person or virtually.

SAT 16

"Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair." Jn 12:3

Mary of Bethany shared something precious with Jesus. What will you give to others this week that shows your love for Jesus?



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Please join us for CHRISTOUR LIGHT 2024 EASTER EGG HUNT

Please help us with donation of Easter candies, Easter bunnies & eggs to the parish office no later than March 24, 2024.

All candies must be in a sealed bags with expiration date & receipts to keep our children safe.

More details coming soon!

Our parish would like to Thank Mrs. Verenice Murillo & Mrs. Liz Alvarado for organizing this event. Contact: 936-203-2663 (Liz)



The Basilica of The Holy Cross in Jerusalem

The Basilica of The Holy Cross in Jerusalem is located in Rome, in the Esquilino quarter, close to the Aurelian Walls and the Castrense Amphitheatre, between the Basilica of St. John Lateran and Porta Maggiore. The Basilica of the Holy Cross is part of the route of the "Seven Churches" that ancient pilgrims used to visit on foot.

The Esquilino at the time of the Emperor Augustus was a peripheral and residential area; it was chosen by the Severan Emperors in the third century. A.D. to build the imperial residence which included a palace, a Circus (Circo Variano) and the Castrense Amphitheatre, later included in the Aurelian Walls, built between 271 and 275 AD

The Emperor Constantine restored the complex and gave it the name "Sessorium"; in the year 324, when Constantine moved the capital of the Empire to Constantinople, the residence remained property of his mother Helen and underwent many changes, the most important was the transformation of part of the residential complex in a chapel designed to contain the relics of the Cross found by the Empress on Mount Calvary. This chapel became the nucleus of the Basilica of the Holy Cross, originally called the Basilica Eleniana or Sessoriana.

In the VIII century, the basilica was restored by Pope Gregory II and Pope Hadrian I, In the XII century, Lucius II transformed it, according to the Romanic style. In a three naves building with a porch and a bell tower.

There have been numerous modifications over the centuries; during the restorations of Cardinal Mendoza (1478–1495) in a box hidden inside a wall of the Basilica was found the Titulus of the Cross. This inscribed wooden tablet (once placed on the Cross of Jesus Christ) is still visible inside the Basilica.

The current appearance of the building dates back to the XVIII century. The architects Pietro Passalacqua and Domenico Gregorini, by will of Pope Benedict XIV, titular cardinal of the church, changed the interior and exterior of the church, creating an elliptical atrium and replacing the medieval facade with a modern one made of travertine. In the new facade they alternated, with a clever visual effect, concave, and convex volumes according to the true Baroque taste.

Near the Basilica, next to the walls of the Castrense Amphitheatre, there is the so called "Chapel of Our Lady of Good Help (Nostra Signora del Buon Aiuto)". The story is told that Pope Sixtus IV was caught in a violent storm and took shelter in the lee of the Aurelian Walls where he was protected by an image of Mary. Right there, in 1476, he built what is now called the "Chapel of Our Lady of Good Help"... https://www.santacroceroma.it/en/



Today is the halfway mark of the Sundays of Lent. This Sunday is known as *Laetare* Sunday for the first word of the Introit or Entrance Antiphon *laetare* (rejoice); it is a Sunday of joy. The celebrant has the option to wear rose-colored vestments. This is also the Second Scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil. The Church's liturgy, on this the Fourth Sunday of Lent, invites us to retrace one of the fundamental dynamics of our baptismal re-birth through the Gospel account of the healing of the 'man born blind'. It is the passage from the darkness of sin and error to the Light of God, who is the Risen Christ.

Meditation on the Liturgy

This Sunday has a place apart amongst the Sundays of Lent. As in Advent we had *Gaudete* Sunday, so in Lent we have a Sunday commonly called *Laetare* Sunday. The whole week, with its wealth of liturgical significance, is intensely interesting. This Sunday in vigesimal is in imitation of Byzantine custom, a Sunday in honor of Our Savior's Cross, for which reason the Station is at Holy-Crossin-Jerusalem, a great devotional centre in Rome, especially during Passiontide. The great part of the Mass is inspired by this choice. Lent is half over, and Easter is enticingly near. This Sunday is our foretaste of Easter joy. Knowing the ebb and flow of intensity even in our best efforts, God deals with us tenderly in rhythms of consolation and desertion. So today, thoughts of freedom and joy come in the middle of Lent. But the joy does more than cushion our failing energies and needle our lagging spirits. It is a positive, meaningful joy, born of our fruitful life in Christ and of our sweet freedom as His purchased children. The Eucharistic banquet of heavenly Bread, foreshadowed by the multiplied loaves and fishes and become now the Bread of Life for the whole Christian world, adds to our Laetare joy the quiet gladness of every festive meal. CatholicCulture.org

St. Helen

Helen (248–329 AD) was the mother of Constantine I (Emperor in 306). He gave her the title of Augusta, (i.e. Empress). In the year 324, when his son moved the capital of the Empire to Constantinople, she was given the opportunity to live in the *Palatium Sessorianum*, which then became her exclusive residence. In 327–328 A.D. Helen undertook a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to visit the places of the Passion of Christ; during this trip, as the historian Eusebius says, she became involved in numerous acts of Christian piety and construction of churches and she rescued the relics of the Cross of Jesus.

History and legend mingle in the story of this miraculous discovery: from the *Legenda Aurea* by *Jacopo da Varagine* (XIII century), we learn how Helen rescued more than a cross on Golgotha and to recognize the one belonged to Jesus she put in contact with the wood a deceased man who, touching the True Cross, was resurrected.

Once in Rome the Empress adapted part of the *Palatium Sessorianum* as a chapel to host the relics(it was the first nucleus of the actual chapel of Saint Helen) and later was added a baptistery to this small room. The chapel has been modified several times over the centuries, In the XVI century the vault was decorated with a beautiful golden mosaic, made from a sketch by Baldassarre Peruzzi and showing at the center a very rare example of Smiling Christ in the act of blessing. **Basilica di Santa Croce in Gerusalemme – Roma**





MARCH

WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY

BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATION





FOR OUR

CATECHUMEN



The Pilgrim Virgin
visited the home of the Guzman
for a few weeks. We prayed for
healing as she undergoes
chemotherapy again.
Please keep her in your prayers.





PRAY FOR THE STCK & HOMEBOUND



GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday

MARCH 24, 2024
8:00 AM CHRIST OUR LIGHT - ENGLISH
10:00 AM ST. STANISLAUS, ANDERSON - ENGLISH
1:00 PM CHRIST OUR LIGHT - SPANISH



Holy Thursday

MARCH 28, 2024 7:00 PM CHRIST OUR LIGHT - BILINGUAL



Good Friday

MARCH 29, 2024 3:00 PM STATION OF THE CROSS 6:00 PM CHRIST OUR LIGHT - BILINGUAL



EASTER VIGIL

MARCH 30, 2024 8:30 PM CHRIST OUR LIGHT-BILINGUAL



Easter Sunday

MARCH 31, 2024

8:00 AM CHRIST OUR LIGHT - ENGLISH 10:00 AM ST. STANISLAUS - ENGLISH 1:00 PM CHRIST OUR LIGHT - SPANISH





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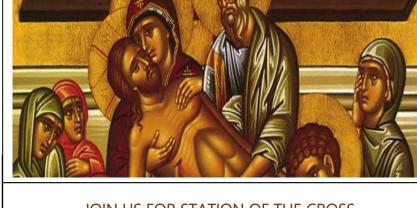
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years, Lisa has continued to share her passion for the Faith with Catholics all around the world. Lisa is the author of Reveal the Gift: Living the Feminine Genius and Dating Detox: 40 Days of Perfecting Love in an Imperfect World. Her work has been featured on Ascension Presents, the Hallow App, EWTN, Formed.org, Steubenville Youth Conferences, the SEEK Conference, and numerous other outlets. Lisa holds a Master's Degree in Theology and resides in Denver, CO with her husband Kevin and their four children.

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