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Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

December 29 & 30, 2018

Under the Patronage of St. Patrick and Our Lady of Guadalupe

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31
6:00 PM Vigil Bilingual

TUESDAY, JANUARY 01
No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 02
No Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 03
No Mass

FRIDAY, JANUARY 04 (1ST FRIDAY)
8:30 AM Spanish Legion of Mary, Living & Deceased

SATURDAY, JANUARY 05 (1ST SATURDAY)
9:00 AM English Legion of Mary, Living & Deceased
6:00 PM Vigil Janie Kallus†

SUNDAY, JANUARY 06
8:00 AM Benefactor’s of Memorial Fund
1:00 PM* Eduardo Perez†

*SPANISH

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31
No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY, JANUARY 01
No Events Scheduled

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 02
No Events Scheduled

THURSDAY, JANUARY 03
12:00 PM English Legion of Mary, CH Cry room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 04
No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY, JANUARY 05
9:00 AM First Holy Communion Workshop, CH
"The Eucharist"

SUNDAY, JANUARY 06
No Events Scheduled

DIOCESAN SERICE FUND

Participation

Goal: $24,940.00

Total Registered

Pledged: $19,769.10

Families at Christ Our Light: 657

Participating Families in DSF: 73

Paid: $18,697.85

Percent Paid: 74.97%

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BULLETIN DEADLINE TUESDAY 12:00 NOON

Announcements and or articles are to be submitted in writing to the Parish Office, or faxed to 825-7612 or e-mailed nelda@christourlight.org.

Events, meeting etc. for the Parish Calendar are to be submitted in writing to the Parish Office in advance.

AFTER MASS WEEKLY PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline Tuesday, 12:00 Noon. Announcements are to be submitted in writing to the Parish Office. The Pastor reserves the right to pick and choose which announcements are made in this forum as there is a need to keep these to a minimum.

Todos los anuncios deben ser presentados por escrito en la oficina de la parroquia no mas tarde que los martes al mediodia. El Pastor decidirá si las noticias son de importancia para ser pronunciadas.

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, 825-3920.

Sacrament of Baptism Schedule

English Baptism Class Schedule for 2019:
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM January 12, April 13, July 13, October 12. PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO CLASS. To register please contact Deacon Grant Holt at 936-825-6448 or Lucy Coronilla at 936-419-9296.

Spanish Baptism Class Schedule for 2019: 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, January 20 and 27, April 21 and 28, July 21 and 28, October 20 and 27. For information, call Rosa Torres at 936-419-8974.

ALL DOCUMENTS AND FORMS must be completed and turned in before Baptism Date. SCHEDULED Baptism will be celebrated once a month at 12 noon every 3rd Saturday following completion of the baptismal classes the prior month. The Sacrament of Baptism is a communal celebration. Therefore, private baptisms are not celebrated here.
In Our Prayers

We remember in prayer our friends and loved ones in active military duty, both in and out of harms way, in the service of their country. Pray for peace in the world and for our leaders.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DEC

General Intention — EVANGELIZATION: In the service of the transmission of Faith. That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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

We are inviting and highly encouraging everyone to sign-up for our “P.E.R.A.” (Perpetual Eucharistic Reparative Adoration). We are asking everyone to devote ONE HOUR (at least) a WEEK adoring God in the Blessed Sacrament—that is, only asking 168 parishioners to make adoration of God everyday, 24/7! We do this as a Parish Community in response to the teaching of St. John Paul II:

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.”

(Dominicae cenae, 3)

Please call Mary Rangel @ 936-419-9024.

New Memorial Candles

The new 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 CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND

Web site is FORMED.ORG

The Parish Code to access the website is MVMZKF

Then register to create an account.

There are 2 easy ways to connect to FLOCKNOTE (pick one):

NOTE: Do not use Mozilla Firefox browser.

1. Visit our church at: www.flocknote.com/christourlightchurch
2. Text SPOLG to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.
**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Every 1st weekend of the month (Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses) blessing of all who have a birthday or Wedding Anniversary during the month.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**
to the Priesthood and Religious Life especially in our Archdiocese.

**MEMORIALIZING THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**
If you are interested in memorializing the Sanctuary candle, in memory of, in personal reverence and petition or special intention for the week, stop by the parish office for more information.

**MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASSES**
Refreshment will be served after Masses the first Sunday of each month. The refreshments and service will be provided by the following:
- Altar Society—January and July
- Pastoral Council—February and October
- Finance Council—March and September
- R.E. Board—April and August
- Stewardship—May and November
- Choir—June and December

**ONLINE STORE FOR CATHOLIC GIFTS**
Go to our website: www.christourlight.org
Click on: www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store?Promo Code=102608"<\img (with a% of your purchase going back as Credit to the parish.

**Feast of the Holy Family** — “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” 1 John 3:1 During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received — being children of God. As God’s children, it’s important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them frequently.

**11 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLYLAND**
- TIBERIAS—MOUNT OF BEATITUDES—
- CANA—NAZARETH—MOUNT OF OLIVES—
- JERUSALEM—BETHLEHEM — WITH FR. ELI — APRIL 30—MAY 10, 2019

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land brings the scriptures to life. It will give new meaning and depth to scripture and your faith. How wonderful it would be for you to make a pilgrimage and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. I invite you to join me on a life changing journey of faith to visit the Holy Land. If you have any questions, please contact me at lopez.eli68@gmail.com

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**
**December 30, 2018**

Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. 1 John 3:2a

**TODAY’S READINGS**

First Reading — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, 0 Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

Gospel — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).
Mass Intentions for 2019 are available. Stop by the parish office or drop your request in the collection basket with the needed information.

IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission

Summary Report — December 17, 2018
Parish Goal: $208,632.00

Total Pledged to Date: $109,911.00
% of Parish Goal 47.32%
Number of Participation (# Families) 33

HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always “get it right,” but they always tried to. These three “amateurs” were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father’s work—but he also returned home with his parents.

EN EL HOGAR ESTÁ LA FAMILIA

La idea, el sueño y la realidad de lo que es familia es tan fuerte y perdurable que lo usamos para describir lo mejor de las relaciones humanas. Hablamos de una familia de naciones, de nuestra familia eclesial y parroquial. El mejor halago que podemos dar a un amigo o amable anfitrión es decirle que nos sentimos como en casa con su compañía, que nos sentimos parte de la familia.

Las familias son el primer crisol en el que se prueba y se fortalece el amor. Jesús mismo fue una de tres personas que vivía a la sombra del otro. Esta familia, como la nuestra, no siempre “lo hacía todo bien”, pero siempre trataba. Estos tres amateurs celebraban un día de fiesta, y uno de ellos se perdió. Los otros dos se preocuparon bastante y se esforzaron grandemente para encontrar al tercero, un niño después de todo, que siempre buscaba el significado de su llamado. Encontró su vocación—hacer la obra del Padre—pero también volvió a casa con sus padres.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I: New Year’s Eve
Tuesday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year’s Day
Wednesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Friday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday
Saturday: St. John Neumann; First Saturday

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: La Sagrada Familia;
Lunes: Séptimo día dentro de la octava de Navidad; San Silvestre I
Martes: Santa María, Madre de Dios; Octava de Navidad; Año Nuevo; Jornada Mundial de Oración por la Paz
Miércoles: Santos Basilio Magno y Gregorio Nacienceno
Jueves: El Santísimo Nombre de Jesús
Viernes: Santa Isabel Ana Seton; Primer viernes
Sábado: San Juan Neumann; Primer sábado
God watches good efforts with loving eyes

We start the New Year with the best of intentions, but life can get in the way of success. Household expenses leave little for charity, work encroaches on family time, daily tasks distract from prayer time, and healthy habits fall away. It can be discouraging when we stumble, but it’s important to keep trying. God watches our efforts with loving eyes.

God stays the same

Although the world changes constantly, God stays the same. He can be trusted to provide love, support, and strength when we need it. All we have to do is ask him. “For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed” (Malachi 3:6).

Pass it on

“Evangelization means to set out with Christ in order to pass on the gift we have received” (Pope Benedict XVI).

Why Do Catholics Call Mary the Mother of God?

When we refer to Mary as “Mother of God,” we are saying that Jesus is God. The Church has always taught that Jesus is both God and sinless man. As the Word of God, he always existed. He took on flesh and “became man” in history through Mary (John 1:14). Mary is truly his mother: she gave birth to him and raised him. Since Jesus is God, Mary, his mother, is the “Mother of God” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #495).
Forgiveness makes good sense

“My best friend hurt me terribly, hasn’t apologized and doesn’t act sorry. I refuse to forgive her.” “When my parents died, my brother took more than his share of their estate. I’ll never speak to him again.”

Refusing to forgive merely prolongs the hurt feelings and traps us in the past. It forces us to dwell on bad feelings and keep them alive. That feels awful. Forgiving is something we do for ourselves.

Need another reason? Jesus taught us that to receive forgiveness of our own sins we must forgive those who have hurt us. If we can’t or won’t — how can we obtain it for ourselves?

But when we forgive, the energy that sustained the anger and hurt is now available for better purposes. That feels better.

What is a “holy hour?”

A “holy hour” is a devotion during which one sets aside an hour for prayer and meditation before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Try these ideas to make a holy hour:

Find a tabernacle with a lit sanctuary lamp. The lamp signifies the presence of Christ. Silence yourself both interiorly and exteriorly. Clear your mind of daily stresses or outside distractions.

Start the conversation. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you, then make acts of faith, hope and charity. Tell God how you believe, trust and love him. Ask for more faith, hope and love.

Adore God. Rather than recite prayers, focus on adoration. God is all powerful, all good, more beautiful than we can imagine, and more real than the distractions on which we focus.

Imagine Christ sitting with you. It’s not your love for God, but his for you that saves. God delights in the company of his children (Proverbs 8:31). If you can’t pray, then just be with him. That itself is a prayer pleasing to God.

from Scripture

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21; Jesus teaches in the synagogue

In this passage, Jesus returned home to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue. He read the prophecy of Isaiah about the advent of the Messiah, who would come to “bring glad tidings to the poor.” Then he said, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” He confirmed that he was the long-awaited Messiah.

His hearers must have been shocked. They expected the Messiah to be a worldly king from an important city, not a carpenter-turned-preacher from a small town like Nazareth. They expected this Messiah-king to defeat the oppressive Romans and make Israel a powerful nation. Instead, Jesus conquered the powerful enemies of sin and death by his Death and Resurrection.

Throughout the Bible, God chose unlikely heroes to carry out his plan: think of Abraham, Moses, David, St. Peter, St. Paul, and many others. Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth as a newborn infant and lived in humility, poverty, and service. The Good News is that God’s love is stronger than sin and death. If he rose to glory, those who follow him will, too.

Q & A

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Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 2 - St. Gregory Nazianzen (389). Born in Cappadocia, Turkey. St. Gregory was awarded the title of “The Theologian” for his faithfulness and eloquence. Preferring the quiet life of a monk, he was unwillingly made a bishop of Sasima by his friend, St. Basil the Great. With St. Basil and St. Gregory of Nyssa, St. Gregory helped clarify the Church’s teachings about the Holy Trinity.

Jan. 3 - Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. We honor Jesus’ name, which means, “God saves,” and refers to his mission as Savior (Matthew 1:21). Jesus is “the name above all names,” at which “every knee should bend ...” (Philippians 2:10).

Jan. 5 - St. John Neumann (1860). The first American bishop to be canonized was born in the present-day Czech Republic in 1811. St. John traveled to New York as a missionary before becoming bishop of Philadelphia. He built up the Catholic school system and established diocesan schools. He also built more than 85 churches, several hospitals and orphanages.

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Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church
Rev. Elias Lopez, Pastor

Meditaciones breves

San Francisco de Sales

Nacido en el seno de una familia rica de Savoya, cerca de Suiza, san Francisco fue obispo de Ginebra y se esfuerza por reanimar el catolicismo en Chablais, Suiza. En su día polémico, enseñó que todos los cristianos sin diferencia pueden crecer en santidad. Fue famoso por sus discursos sencillos pero profundos y por su sabiduría benevolencia y espiritual. Su famosa obra "Introducción a la Vida Beata" sigue siendo hoy una lectura tan popular como cuando la escribió.

Dios no cambia

Aunque el mundo cambia constantemente, Dios permanece el mismo. Podemos confiar en que nos dé amor, apoyo y fuerza cuando lo necesitemos. Sólo tenemos que pediérselo. "Porque yo, el Señor, no he cambiado, no he cambiado, ¡pero ustedes no dejan de ser hijos de Jacob!" (Malachi 3:6).

Transmitánlo

"La evangelización es partir con Cristo para transmitir el don que hemos recibido" (Papa Benedicto XVI).

Dios observa los buenos esfuerzos con ojos amantes

Empezamos el Año Nuevo con las mejores intenciones, pero la vida puede impedir que las cumplamos. Los gastos de casa dejan poco para las obras de caridad, el trabajo invade el tiempo para la familia, las tareas diarias distraen del tiempo de oración y los hábitos sanos desaparecen. Quizá nos desanimemos cuando tropezamos, pero es importante seguir intentándolo. Dios observa nuestros esfuerzos con ojos amantes.

Dios conoce nuestros límites. Nuestro Padre entiende que somos débiles y que batallamos. Hasta Pedro, el amigo íntimo de Jesús, le prometió devoción pero luego negó que lo conocía (Juan 13: 37-38). Jesús no sólo lo perdonó sino que nombró a Pedro el primer encargado de su amada Iglesia.

No permita que los fallos impidan que siga esforzándose. "No temas, pues yo estoy contigo; no mires con desconfianza, pues yo soy tu Dios; yo te he dado fuerzas, he sido tu auxilio" (Isaías 41:10). Lo importante es volver al plan establecido.

No tenemos que hacerlo solos. Jesús es la fuente de nuestra fuerza y quiere ayudarnos a que hagamos lo debido. "Permanezcan en mí, como yo permanezco en ustedes. Así como el arriero no puede dar fruto si no permanece en la vid, tampoco ustedes, si no permanecen en mí" (Juan 15:4). "Por lo demás, fortalezcanse en el Señor con la fuerza de su poder" (Efesios 6:10).

¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos? ¿Por qué llaman los católicos Madre de Dios a María?

Cuando nos referimos a María como "Madre de Dios", estamos diciendo que Jesús es Dios. La Iglesia ha enseñado siempre que Jesús es a la vez Dios y hombre sin pecado. Como la Palabra de Dios, existió siempre. Tomó cuerpo y "se hizo hombre" a través de María (Juan 1:14). María es verdaderamente su madre; ella lo trajo al mundo y lo educó. Como Jesús es Dios, María, su madre, es la "Madre de Dios" (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, nº495).
El perdón tiene sentido

“Mi mejor amiga me ha hecho mucho daño, no me ha pedido perdón y no muestra remordimiento. Me niego a perdonarla”. “Cuando mis padres murieron, mi hermano se llevó más de lo que le correspondía de la herencia. Jamás volveré a dirigirle la palabra”.

Cuando nos negamos a perdonar únicamente prolongamos los sentimientos heridos y quedamos atrapados en el pasado. Nos obsesionamos con los sentimientos malos y los mantenemos vivos. Esto nos hiera. Perdonar es algo que hacemos por nosotros mismos.

Lucas 1:1-4, 4:14-21; Jesús enseña en la sinagoga

En este pasaje Jesús regresó a Nazaret para enseñar en la sinagoga. Leyó la profecía de Isaías sobre el mesías. Estaba sorprendido. Se esperaban que el mesías fuera un rey de un importante reino y su reino sería la tierra como un bebé recién nacido y vivió en humildad, pobreza y servicio. La buena nueva es que Dios es más fuerte que el pecado y la muerte. Si se alzó a la gloria, los que lo siguen lo harán también.

Fiestas y celebraciones

2 de enero - San Gregorio Nacianceno (389). Nacido en Capadocia, Turquía, san Gregorio recibió el título de “el teólogo” por su fe y su eloquencia. Prefería la vida callada de los monjes, pero su amigo San Basilio Magno lo hizo obispo de Sasima contra su voluntad. Junto con san Basilio y con san Gregorio de Nicaea, san Gregorio contribuyó a aclarar las enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre la Santísima Trinidad.

3 de enero - Fiesta del Santo Nombre de Jesús. Honramos el nombre de Jesús que significa “Dios salva” y se refiere a su misión de Salvador (Mateo 1:21). Jesús es el “nombre sobre todo nombre” así llamado para que ante él “se doble toda rodilla…” (Filipenses 2:10).

5 de enero - San John Neumann (1860). El primer obispo estadounidense canonizado nació en lo que hoy es la República Checa en 1811. San John viajó a Nueva York como misionero antes de convertirse en obispo de Filadelfia. Desarrolló el sistema de escuelas católicas y estableció escuelas diocesanas. Construyó también más de 89 iglesias, muchos hospitales y orfanatos.

¿Qué es una “hora santa”?

Una “hora santa” es una devoción durante la cual dedicamos una hora a la oración y a la meditación ante Jesús en el sagrario. Ponga a prueba estas ideas para hacer una hora santa:

1. Encuentre un sagrario que tenga encendida la lámpara del santuario. La lámpara indica la presencia de Cristo. Póngase en silencio interior y exterior. Limpie su mente del estrés diario y de distracciones externas.


3. Adore a Dios. En lugar de recitar oraciones, concéntrase en la adoración. Dios es todopoderoso, todo bondad, más hermoso de lo que podamos imaginar y más real que las distracciones en las que nos concentramos.

Imagine que Cristo está sentado junto a usted. Lo que salva no es su amor por Dios, sino el de Dios por usted. Dios se deleita con la compañía de sus hijos (Proverbios 8:31). Si usted no puede rezar, simplemente quédese junto a él. Eso es una oración que le agrada a Dios.

El perdon tiene sentido

Cuando perdonamos, la energía que alimentó el enojo y la herida está disponible para objetivos mejores. Esto nos sienta mejor. ¿Necesita otra razón? Jesús nos enseñó que para recibir el perdón de nuestros pecados debemos perdonar a los que nos han ofendido. Si no podemos o no queremos, ¿cómo vamos a obtener perdón para nosotros?

Recen por los que les han ofendido y pidan a Dios que los bendiga. No sólo verán que la pena disminuye, también dirán uno de los tipos de oración preferidos de Dios. Es exactamente como Jesus rezó en la Cruz.

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