

# Christ Our Light Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston  
9677 HIGHWAY 6 • NAVASOTA, TEXAS

**OFFICES AND MAILING ADDRESS**  
**510 Manley Street • Navasota, TX 77868**

**Phone: 936-825-3920 • Fax: 936-825-7612**

**Religious Education: 936-825-1869**

**After hour emergencies: 936-825-3920**

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

### Monday-Thursday

9:15 a.m.-noon & 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Friday 9:15 a.m-noon**

Other times by appointment

**Website: [www.christourlight.org](http://www.christourlight.org)**

## PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Rev. Elias Lopéz

Parochial Vicar, Rev. Jorge Cabrera

Grant Holt, Permanent Deacon

Gregory Jelinek, MD, Permanent Deacon (Retired)

## ADMINISTRATION & BOOKKEEPER

Nelda Kurten

## COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sasha Ramirez

## DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS' COORDINATOR / SACRISTAN

Samuel Pry

## PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Michael Arden, Teresa Morales, Gregorio Gonzalez, Sam Pry, Nelda Kurten

## FINANCE COUNCIL

Leonard Busa, Theresa Clark, Teresa Morales, Ann Clark, Carolynn Katkoski

## STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Dan Busa, Hipolito Olvers, Lupe Diaz, Ofelia Olvera, Toribio Hernandez,  
Celia (Rosa) Perez, Jose Murillo, Sr., Ruben Perez

## FAMILY LIFE

Joe and Monica Fultz, Robert and Pam Malek, Baltazar and Silvia Regalado

## DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN

Deacon Grant Holt, Jason Katkoski, Michael and Connie Arden, Mitch Kroll,  
Gregorio Gonzalez

## RE BOARD

President: Jason Katkoski, Vice President: Brandi Tejeda,

Secretary: Diane LeFlore, Lucy Coronilla, Dcn Grant Holt, and Teresa Morales

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mike Arden, Larry Busa, Danny Clark, Richard Krolczyk, and Joe Rangel.

## SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: (English) 8:00 a.m.

Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00 p.m.

## WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. (English)

Thursday 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)

## ROSARY PRAYED IN COMMON

Tuesday & Thursday: 6:10 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday: 8:10 a.m.

Saturday: 5:15 p.m.

Sunday: 7:15 a.m. & 12:40 p.m.

## RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Thursday and Saturday 5:00-5:45 p.m.

and by appointment 936-825-3920

## RECONCILIACION/CONFESIONES

Los jueves y los sábado a las 5:00-5:45 p.m.

y por cita 936-825-3920.

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: April 1, 2018**

# Christ Our Light Catholic Church • Navasota, Texas

MARCH 31 & APRIL 01, 2018

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

## **MASS INTENSIONS**

**MON., APRIL 02 — MONDAY** within the Octave of Easter  
No Mass  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 03 — TUESDAY** within the Octave of Easter  
No Mass  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 04 — WED.** within the Octave of Easter  
No Mass  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 05 — THUR.** within the Octave of Easter  
No Mass  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 06 — FRIDAY** within the Octave of Easter  
No Mass  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 07 — VIGIL, 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)  
6:00 PM Nina Rotello †  
**SUNDAY, APR. 08 — SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)  
8:00 AM Torres, Rangel & Baldobino Families  
1:00 PM\* People of the Parish

\*SPANISH

## **THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY, APRIL 02**  
5:00 PM Spanish Legion of Mary, CH Cry room  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 03**  
6:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH  
6:00 PM RCIC Class, SPH  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 04**  
6:00 PM Religious Education Classes, PK-5th Grades  
6:30 PM Youth Group, Grades 8-12th  
7:30 PM Choir Practice, CH  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 05**  
12:00 PM English Legion of Mary, CH Cry room  
5:00 PM Confession, CH  
After Mass, Spanish Bible Class, CH  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 06**  
No Events Scheduled  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 07**  
9:00 AM Final and Mandatory Penance/First Holy  
Eucharist Workshop, CH  
5:00 PM Confession, CH  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 08**  
10:15 PM Religious Education Classes 6-12th Grades

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;  
Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;  
Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;  
Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21;  
Mk 16:9-15  
Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;  
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

## **E-Mail Addresses for the Parish**

To e-mail Fr. Elias...fr.eli@christourlight.org  
To e-mail Fr. Jorge: Fr.jorge@christourlight.org  
To e-mail Nelda: nelda@christourlight.org  
To e-mail RE Board: reboard@christourlight.org  
To e-mail Rel. Ed. asha\_ramirez17@yahoo.com  
Christ Our Light web-site: www.christourlight.org

## **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 mediodía. El Pastor decidirá si las noticias son de importancia para ser pronuncia das.

## **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 2018: 8:30 AM, April 14, July 14 and October 13.** For Information, call Deacon Grant Holt at 936-825-6448 or Joe Rangel at 936-672-5566

**Spanish Baptism Class Schedule for 2018: 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, April 15 & 22, July 16 & 23 and October 21 & 28.** 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 every 2nd Saturday at 12:00 PM in the Church.

## Sick Relatives & Friends

### PRAY for THE CONTINUING RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF

the infirmed and homebound members of our community. Steve Alvarado,

Deborah Allwell, Amy Baldobino, Katherine Berger, JoAnn Clepper, Frank Conte, Minnie Crouch, Sherry Noto Coronado, Taylor Cox, Susie Dominguez, Carol Lynne Estes, Maria Flores, Charleen Holmes, Judy Huber, Marion Huber, Joe Imhoff, Eva James, John James, Liz Johnson, Esther Jones, Charlie Kapchinski, Brianna Kelley, Kim Kelly, Landon Kimich, Mary Ann Knowles, Ronny Kurten, Crystal Lane, Leslie Lane, Manuel Lebeck, Ted Loq, Lillian Marcotte, Maria Martinez, June McDonald, Yvonne Meitzen, Valeriano Melchor, Anthony Mendez, Evita Mendez, Beth Minava, Eddie Muston, Fabian Munoz, Trealean Nickerson, Thomas Nobles, Leon Nowak, Julian Olguin, Victor Ostiguin, Howard Owens, Ralf Perez, II, Tanisha Perry, Angelina Peterson, Wallace Peterson, Rose Betty Piper, Mercedes Rios, Joel Rivera, Irma Salazar, Abby Schoessow, Josh Sechelski, Judy Seigler, Dennis Shive, Dana Sowell, Krysten Sowell, Angie McLaurin Till, Lucy Thompson, Tina Tomczak, Alene Torres, Anastacia Torres, Jesse Valadez, III, Carrie Vega, Amanda Walkoviak, Clara Walkoviak, Debra Wills and Pam Wise. **Call the parish office** when a member of our community has a need to be remembered in prayer, 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.

### **YOUR PARISH SUPPORT SU APOYO PARROQUIAL**

TRESASURE YOU HAVE SHARED:

#### **Weekly Offering**

© J. S. Patlach Co., Inc.

**MARCH 24 & 25, 2018**

#### **GIFTS FOR GOD — YOUR TITHE RESPONDS**

(94) Offertory Envelopes / Loose Checks	4,030.00
Loose Change	1,413.47
Children's	152.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,595.00</b>

Maintenance Fund	115.00
------------------	--------

**Easter Sunday** — *“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” Colossians 3:2* On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing *“Alleluia.”* Let's try to keep the joy of this Ester season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

**Domingo de Pascua** — *“Piensa en lo que está arriba, no en lo que hay en la tierra”.* Colosenses 3:2 En este día, agradecemos a Dios por su Hijo, Jesús, quien murió y resucitó por nosotros. Celebramos y cantamos *“Aleluya.”* ¡Tratemos de mantener la alegría de esta temporada de Pascua en nuestros corazones durante todo el año! Ore diariamente y escuche cómo Él nos llama a cada uno de nosotros para que usemos con alegría nuestros dones para cumplir su plan de salvación.



**Alleluia! Christ is risen!** The Parish Office will be closed Monday, April 02 for Easter Monday.

## **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 our country. Pray for peace in the world and for our leaders.

### **OUR HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APR.**

**General Intention — UNIVERSAL:** For those who have responsibility in economic matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to explore new ways forward.



### **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.

**NOTE: Do not use Mozilla Firefox browser.**

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

1. Visit our church at: [www.flocknote.com/christourlightchurch](http://www.flocknote.com/christourlightchurch)
2. Text SPOLG to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.





**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection  
of the Lord  
April 1, 2018**

**I shall not die, but live, and declare the  
works of the LORD. — Psalm 118:17**

**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.

**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



*Altar Flowers for 2018 sign up list is in the white binder on the brown shelf in the Narthex of the Church. Sign up for the weekend you would like to place altar flowers in front of the altar.*

+++++



**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.

+++++

***Upcoming Events and dates***

- ♦ April 7th — 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mandatory Penance / First Holy Communion Workshop, Church
- ♦ May 05 — 10:00 a.m. First Reconciliation, Church
- ♦ May 06 — 8:00 AM & 1:00 PM Mass with 1st Holy Eucharist

+++++

**ALL GIRLS CAMP—JULY 1-7, CAMPKAPPE.**

Girls from 5th—9th grades come together to do sewing, singing, archery, and wood crafts. Activities are taught by qualified Dominican sisters and several female lay people. Campers are indoors during the hottest part of the day, working on electives they choose such as calligraphy, croquet, 42 dominoes and others. For more information or a brochure go to Dominican Sisters of Houston web site and look under ministry or call Sr. Thomas Ann. O.P. 281-684-8011.

**ONLINE STORE FOR CATHOLIC GIFTS**

Go to our website: [www.christourlight.org](http://www.christourlight.org)  
 Click on: [www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store?promoCode=102608](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store?promoCode=102608) <> img (with a % of your purchase going back as Credit to the parish).



**YOUTH MEETING SCHEDULE**

Christ Our Light Youth Group Grades 8-12 will meet every 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** Guest Speakers, Food & Games, Bible Study, Praise and Worship and more. To join contact: Joe Rangel (936) 672-5566 or Jessica Herrera (936) 870-8130.

**DIOCESAN SERVICE FUND**

Participation	<b>Goal:</b> \$24,940.00
Total Registered Families at Christ Our Light: 657	<b>Pledged:</b> \$13,074.00
Families Participating Families in DSF: 53	<b>Paid:</b> \$9,022.75
Percent Paid: 36.18%	

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**II Collections in April**

**April 7 & 8th Monthly Maintenance Fund**

**April 21th & 22nd  
Archdiocese Home Mission**

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE FOR APRIL**

Saturday, 6:00 PM Mass: Linda Lara — April 7th and 21st. Samuel Pry — April 14th and 28th

Sunday, 8:00 AM Mass: Marion Busa — April 1st & 8th. Victor Meitzen — April 15th and 22nd.  
Rebecca Wisnoski — April 29th.

+++++

# Bazaar, September 30, 2018 at the Fairgrounds

The parish bazaar is only 6 months away! If you are interested in chairing the 2018 parish Fall Bazaar, please contact Nelda Kurten at the parish office. Chairperson and Co Chairperson are needed.

+++++

### Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful — April 1, 2018

That our Easter Celebration will help us to become more grateful and willing to make sacrifices to help build God's kingdom on earth.

### Corresponsabilidad Oraciones de los Fieles — 1 de abril de 2018

Para que nuestra celebración de Pascua nos ayude a ser más agradecidos y dispuestos a hacer sacrificios para ayudar a construir el reino de Dios en la tierra.

+++++

**THE PARISH THANKS** the Altar Society and all those who gave an offering In Memory of, In honor of or a donation for the Altar Flowers and decorations for Easter. The parish also thanks the Altar Society, both Choirs, the Liturgy Committee, the Art and Environment and all involved in the decoration and preparation for all the Easter Triduum Celebrations.

+++++

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9367 2018 SCHOLARSHIP

The Navasota Knights of Columbus Council 9367 2018 Scholarship applications are available to any graduating high school/college enrolled registered student of Christ Our Light Catholic Church/St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. Application may be picked up during regular business hours at either parish office. All applications are due by 12:00 pm Friday, May 11, 2019.

+++++



### **PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST**

On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today's scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing "Alleluia!"

In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John's Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives?

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

April 2018

Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church

Rev. Elias Lopez, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Born into a large Catholic family in Italy, St. Gianna studied medicine and became a physician. She opened a medical practice in Mesero, where she met her husband. The pregnancy and birth of their fourth child was very difficult, but Gianna was willing to risk her life for the life of the child. St. Gianna gave birth to a baby girl and died a week later. She is the patroness of mothers, physicians, and unborn children.



### No guesswork involved

Followers of Christ never have to rely on guesswork to decide what is right. We have a perfect example for our daily lives in Jesus. And to guide us, he gave us the Catholic Church.

*"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26).*



## Begin a new life after Easter

The promise of the Resurrection is that faithful followers of Jesus will have new life. Whether we had a fruitful Lent or were lukewarm in our resolve, we can begin now to become new creations.

**Make an examination.** Call on the Holy Spirit to reveal what is keeping you from becoming the person God intends. Make an examination of your life as you live it. Look at your prayer life, your sacramental life, your dedication to spiritual growth. Do you share your faith? Do you serve others with love?

**Face the truth with courage.** It can be discouraging to look honestly at our

many faults. Remember, though, that God understands we aren't perfect. He asks us to act with integrity and relentlessly fight against sin.

Being a sinner is not the worst condition – remaining one is.

**Devise a plan.** Decide what needs to change and make a plan. Write it down and commit to it. Sometimes making a brave life change entails leaving bad company behind. Often it means changing entrenched habits. Change may be uncomfortable but growth can't happen without it.

**Take the first steps.** New life comes through God. Entrust your plan for change to him. Spend at least 15 minutes a day in prayer, asking for inspiration and strength. Then take the first steps toward new life.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics offer the sign of peace?

During the Mass, we offer the Sign of Peace in preparation for receiving Communion. After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples in the Upper Room. Although his friends had abandoned him, Jesus



forgave them, saying: "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). When we offer each other the Sign of Peace, we imitate Christ. The Sign of Peace is also a sign of spiritual unity. Just as Jesus reconciled with his disciples, we are called to reconcile with each other.



# Catholic disciples are called to more

Daily prayer, weekly Mass attendance, and regular Confession form the foundation for a solid Catholic life. Yet, discipleship calls us to more. Discipleship moves us to make a "conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost" to ourselves (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops).

**A conscious decision.** Disciples consciously resolve to follow Jesus with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. This governing resolution – renewed every day – controls all other decisions in a disciple's life.

**Demonstrated by action.** Our discipleship is visible to others by our devotion to the Church and by the good works we perform. Our charitable actions are offered in obedience to Jesus' example – and instructions – in the New Testament. The Church suggests the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as guidelines.

**Despite the cost.** "So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33). To be Christian isn't always comfortable. Yet, disciples persist out of love, no matter the cost.

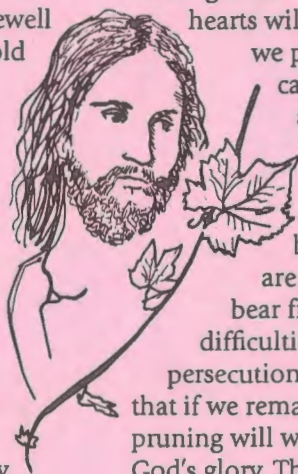


## from Scripture

### John 15:1-8, Stay faithful to Christ

This Gospel comes from Jesus' Last Supper Discourse, a kind of farewell speech for his disciples. Jesus told his disciples – and us – that without him, we can do nothing. He used a familiar image to explain. A grapevine has a main stem and smaller branches growing from it. Just as the main stem is the source of life for the branches, so Jesus is the source of spiritual life for us.

We received this life when we were "grafted onto" Jesus in Baptism. We preserve this life by taking his words seriously and



striving to live by them. Then our hearts will become like his. When we pray in Jesus' name, we can trust that God will answer our prayers. There is a "catch" to following Jesus, though. Just as the branches on a grapevine are pruned – cut short – to bear fruit, we will encounter difficulties and even persecution. Yet, Jesus reminds us that if we remain faithful to him, this pruning will work for our good and God's glory. Then we'll become the saints we were called to be.

## Q & A What does the Resurrection mean for us?

Jesus' Resurrection – the most important event in human history – is how we know that what he said and did while on Earth is true and his promises to us are trustworthy.



During his public ministry, Jesus spoke and acted as God. He promised that if we follow him, we will have eternal life. Either he was God and had the power to make it true, or he was a mere man claiming to be someone he wasn't.

That Jesus rose from the dead – a fact verified by more than 500 eyewitness accounts – means that his word can be trusted. He warned of the specifics of his own death, predicted his Resurrection, and proved that he really is God. Therefore, his promises of eternal life are real, too.

The Resurrection gives us hope. "By his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #654). All those who die in God's friendship will live with him forever.

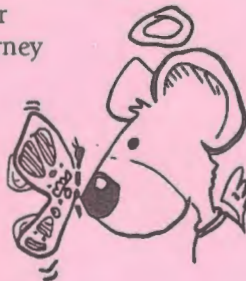
## Feasts & Celebrations

**April 3 – St. Richard of Chichester (1253).** Born in England, St. Richard studied law at Bologna. Known for his holiness and administrative skills, he was named archbishop of Chichester, but King Henry III refused to let him rule until the pope threatened the king with excommunication. Even as an archbishop, St. Richard lived a humble life. He died in Dover while preaching a crusade.

**April 8 – Divine Mercy Sunday (1935).** In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of

Mercy." Jesus promised anyone who honors him as King of Mercy and prays the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave St. Faustina – would receive special graces and great mercy.

**April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist (1st Century).** St. Mark wrote the second Gospel largely based on St. Peter's perspective. Mark accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin) on their missionary journey through the island of Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.



### Our Mission

To provide practical ideas that promote faithful Catholic living.

Success Publishing & Media, LLC  
 Publishers of Growing in Faith™ and Partners in Faith™  
 (540)662-7844 (540)662-7847 fax  
<http://www.growinginfaith.com>  
 (Unless noted Bible quotes and references are from the Revised Standard Version and the New American Bible)



# Creciendo en la Fe™

Descubriendo **esperanza y gozo** en la fe católica.

Abril de 2018

Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church

Rev. Elias Lopez, Pastor

## Meditaciones breves

### Santa Gianna Beretta Molla

Nacida en el seno de una amplia familia católica en Italia, santa Gianna estudió medicina y se hizo médico. Abrió su consulta médica en Mesero, donde conoció a su esposo. El embarazo y el parto de su cuarto hijo fue muy difícil, pero Gianna arriesgó su vida por la de su bebé. Santa Gianna dio a luz a una niña y murió una semana más tarde. Es la patrona de las madres, los médicos y los niños no nacidos.



### Sin necesidad de conjeturas

Los seguidores de Cristo no dependen de las conjeturas para decidir lo que es correcto. Para nuestra vida cotidiana tenemos un ejemplo perfecto en Jesús. Y como gufa nos dio a la Iglesia Católica.

*Les daré un corazón nuevo y pondré dentro de ustedes un espíritu nuevo. Quitaré de su carne ese corazón de piedra y les daré un corazón de carne (Ezequiel 36:26).*



## Una vida nueva después de la Pascua

La promesa de la Resurrección nos asegura que los seguidores leales de Jesús tendrán vida nueva. Tanto si nuestra Cuaresma dio sus frutos como si flaqueamos en nuestra resolución, ahora podemos convertirnos en criaturas nuevas.

Examine. Pida al Espíritu Santo que le revele lo que le impide convertirse en la persona que Dios quiere que sea. Haga un examen de su vida tal como la vive. Revise su vida de oración, su vida sacramental, su dedicación al crecimiento espiritual.

¿Comparté su fe con otras personas? ¿Sirve a los demás con amor? Enfrentése a la verdad con valentía. Quizá desanime observar nuestros errores con honradez. Pero recuerde que Dios

entiende que no somos perfectos. Nos pide que obremos con integridad y que luchemos implacablemente contra el pecado. Ser pecador no es la peor condición: seguir siéndolo lo es.

Conciba un plan. Decida qué necesita cambiar y haga un plan. Escríbalo y comprométase a seguirlo.

A veces realizar un cambio valiente en la vida implica dejar atrás las malas compañías. A veces implica abandonar costumbres arraigadas. El cambio puede ser incómodo, pero no se puede crecer sin él.

Dé los primeros pasos.

La vida nueva llega a través de Dios. Confié su plan de

cambio. Pase al menos 15 minutos al día en oración, pidiendo inspiración y fuerza. Luego dé los primeros pasos hacia la vida nueva.



¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Por qué se dan los católicos la paz?

Durante la misa nos damos la paz como preparación para recibir la Comunión. Después de su Resurrección, Jesús se apareció a sus discípulos en el cenáculo. Aunque sus amigos lo habían abandonado, Jesús los perdonó diciendo:



*"La paz esté con ustedes"* (Juan 20:19). Cuando nos damos el signo de la paz, imitamos a Cristo. El signo de la paz es también un signo de unidad espiritual. Igual que Jesús se reconcilió con sus discípulos, así también se nos pide que nos reconciliemos entre nosotros.



# A los católicos se les pide más

La oración diaria, la asistencia semanal a misa y la confesión frecuente son los cimientos de una vida católica sólida. Pero el discipulado nos pide más. El discipulado nos mueve a tomar una "decisión consciente y firme, puesta en acción, de ser seguidores de Jesús cueste lo que cueste" (Conferencia episcopal de los EEUU).

Una decisión consciente. Los discípulos decidimos conscientemente seguir a Jesús con todo nuestro corazón, nuestra alma, nuestra mente y nuestra fuerza. Esta resolución rectora —renovada cada día— controla todas las otras decisiones en la vida de los discípulos.

Demostrada por la acción. Nuestro discipulado es visible a los demás por nuestra devoción a la Iglesia y por las buenas obras que realizamos. Nuestros actos caritativos se ofrecen obedeciendo el ejemplo—y las instrucciones—de Jesús en el Nuevo Testamento. La Iglesia sugiere como directrices las Obras de Misericordia Corporales y Espirituales. Cueste lo que cueste. "De la misma manera, cualquiera de ustedes que no renuncie a todo lo que posee, no puede ser mi discípulo" (Lucas 14:33). Ser cristiano no siempre es cómodo. Sin embargo, los discípulos perseveran por amor, cueste lo que cueste.



## de las **E**scrituras

### Juan 15:1-8, Sean fieles a Cristo

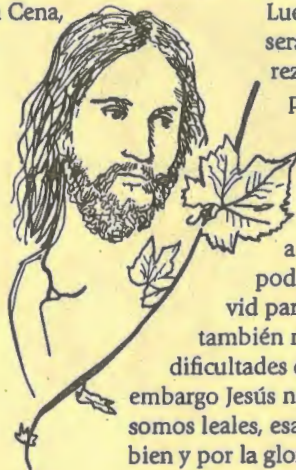
Esta lectura evangélica procede del discurso de Jesús durante la Última Cena, una especie de despedida de sus discípulos. Jesús dijo a sus discípulos—y a nosotros— que sin él no podemos hacer nada. Usó una conocida imagen para explicarlo. Una vid tiene un tronco principal y muchas ramitas, los sarmientos, que salen de él. Lo mismo que el tronco principal es la fuente de vida para los sarmientos, así Jesús es la fuente de la vida espiritual para nosotros.

Recibimos esta vida cuando nos "injetaron" en Jesús con el Bautismo. Conservamos esta vida tomándonos sus palabras con seriedad y

esforzándonos por vivir de acuerdo a ellas.

Luego nuestros corazones serán como el suyo. Cuando rezamos en nombre de Jesús podemos estar seguros de que Dios atenderá nuestras oraciones.

Pero hay un "inconveniente" al seguir a Jesús. Lo mismo que se podan los sarmientos de una vid para que den fruto, así también nosotros encontraremos dificultades e incluso persecución. Sin embargo Jesús nos recuerda que si le somos leales, esa poda será por nuestro bien y por la gloria de Dios. Luego alcanzaremos la santidad a la que estamos llamados.



## **P & R** ¿Qué significa la Resurrección para nosotros?

La Resurrección de Jesús—el acontecimiento más importante de la historia de la humanidad—es como sabemos que lo que dijo e hizo mientras estaba en la Tierra es



verdadero y que nos podemos fiar de sus promesas.

Durante su vida pública, Jesús habló y actuó como Dios. Prometió que si lo seguíamos tendríamos vida eterna. O era Dios y tenía el poder de que eso se realizara, o era un mero hombre pretendiendo ser quien no era.

El hecho de que Jesús se levantara de entre los muertos—algo verificado por el relato de más de 500 testigos—significa que nos podemos fiar de su palabra. Nos advirtió de detalles específicos sobre su muerte, predijo su Resurrección y demostró que es realmente Dios. Así que sus promesas de vida eterna son también reales.

La Resurrección nos da esperanza. "Por su muerte Cristo nos libera del pecado, por su Resurrección nos abre el acceso a una nueva vida" (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica #654). Todos los que mueren en la amistad con Dios vivirán con él eternamente.

## Fiestas y celebraciones

3 de abril – San Ricardo de Chichester (1253). Nacido en Inglaterra, san Ricardo estudió leyes en Bolonia. Conocido por su santidad y por sus destrezas administrativas, fue nombrado arzobispo de Chichester, pero Enrique III le impidió que gobernara hasta que el papa lo amenazó con la excomunión. San Ricardo vivió una vida humilde, incluso de arzobispo. Murió en Dover mientras predicaba una cruzada.

8 de abril – Domingo de la Divina Misericordia (1935). Jesús se le apareció a santa Faustina y le pidió que el domingo después de Pascua se convirtiera en la

"Fiesta de la Misericordia". Jesús prometió que cualquiera que lo venera como Rey de la Misericordia y rece la Corona de la Divina Misericordia—la oración que le entregó a santa Faustina—recibirá gracias especiales y misericordia en abundancia.

25 de abril—El evangelista san Marcos (siglo I). San Marcos escribió el segundo Evangelio, basándose ampliamente en la perspectiva de san Pedro. Marcos acompañó a los santos Pablo y Bernabé (que era primo de Marcos) en su viaje misionero por la isla de Chipre y se le atribuye la fundación de la Iglesia de Alejandría.



### Nuestra misión

Proporcionar ideas prácticas que fomenten la vida en la fe católica  
Success Publishing & Media, LLC  
Publishers of Growing in Faith™ and Partners in Faith™  
(540)662-7844 (540)662-7847 fax  
<http://www.growinginfaith.com>

(Salvo advertencia, las citas y referencias bíblicas son de la Biblia de la Biblioteca de Autores Cristianos o de la Nueva Biblia de Jerusalén.)




**LINDLEY  
ROBERTSON  
HOLT**  
*Funeral Home*  
815 South LaSalle  
**936-825-6448**

catholicmatch®  
Texas



CatholicMatch.com/myTX

**R I O S**  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
AT GREEN LAWN



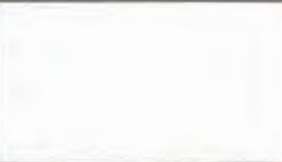
*When Professionalism Matters*

Protecting **Seniors**  
Nationwide



Medical Alert System

Catholic Cruises and Tours  
Brian or Sally, coordinators  
860.399.1785  
www.CatholicCruisesAndTours.com



Supporting  
the Rattlers

281-689-7878

riosfuneraldirectors.com

\$29.95/Mo. billed quarterly



- One Free Month
- No Long-Term Contract
- Price Guarantee
- Easy Self Installation

**ONE PARISH**

Download Our Free App or Visit  
**MY.ONEPARISH.COM**

Grow in your faith, find a Mass, and connect with your Catholic Community with OneParish!



**beldon**  
LeafGuard  
HOUSTON

Lose Your Ladder For Life.



Clog-Free Gutter System Guarantee

**CALL NOW! (281) 719-9123**

WE OFFER MILITARY DISCOUNTS!

**13% OFF ENTIRE JOB**

PLUS **\$0** MONEY DOWN INTEREST PAYMENTS

13% off entire job \*New orders only. Loans provided by EnerBank USA (1245 brickyard Rd, Suite 600, Salt Lake City, Ut 84106) on approved credit, for a limited time. Repayment terms vary from 24 to 32 months. Interest waived if repaid in 365 days. 17.25% fixed APR, effective as of 3/1/18, subject to change. Other restrictions may apply. Not valid with any other offer or previous job. Offer expires 4/30/18.

**Call Today!**  
Toll Free 1.877.801.8608

**FINDaPARISH.com**

*The Most Complete Online National Directory of Catholic Parishes*

Check It Out Today!

**J.S. Paluch Company**  
Bulletin Advertising Sales Division

- Buscamos un representante emprendedor de ventas de publicidad
- Aggressive Advertising Sales Representative Needed
- Excellent Benefit & Commission Plan
- Earning Potential 60K+ Per Year - Full Time Only
- Must Have Strong Prospecting and Closing Skills

Please Contact Our Recruiter at: 800-621-5197, Ext. 2823  
**www.jspaluch.com** EOE

**ADVERTISE**

**IN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH BULLETIN**

- GROW YOUR BUSINESS
- SUPPORT YOUR PARISH
- REACH NEW CUSTOMERS
- FREE AD DESIGN

**Learn More About Advertising In Your Parish Bulletin**

Call us at **1-800-833-5941**

Email: **sales@jspaluch.com**