



# Saint Christopher Catholic Church

## Mission Statement:

*“St. Christopher Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist; Proclaims, Witnesses, and Shares the Good News of Jesus Christ. We invite all of you to join us as we live our faith!”*

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Please contact the office for information or send an email to [reception@stchristophermarana.com](mailto:reception@stchristophermarana.com). Parents and Godparents must attend a class before the baptism.

**Marriage:** Engaged Couples planning to marry must contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

**Anointing of The Sick:** The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is for the spiritual comfort, strength and healing of the ill. Please notify the church office when you or another parishioner would like to receive this Sacrament.

*(Due to Covid-19 Priests in the DOT are restricted from visiting hospitals)*

## PARISH INFORMATION

### MASS TIMES (DURING COVID-19):

**Tue—Fri:** 9:00 am  
**SATURDAY:** 5:00 pm Sunday Mass  
**SUNDAY:** 7:00 am Mass  
9:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Santa Misa

**Live-streaming of Sunday Mass**  
9am English & 11am Spanish

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm |  
and by appointment

### Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm

*(face masks and safety protocols must be observed)*

## PARISH STAFF

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**| READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT |**  
**| LECTURAS PARA EL PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

**First Reading: IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7**

You, LORD, are our father,  
our redeemer you are named forever.  
Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways,  
and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?  
Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
with the mountains quaking before you,  
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for,  
such as they had not heard of from of old.  
No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you  
doing such deeds for those who wait for him.  
Would that you might meet us doing right,  
that we were mindful of you in our ways!  
Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful;  
all of us have become like unclean people,  
all our good deeds are like polluted rags;  
we have all withered like leaves,  
and our guilt carries us away like the wind.  
There is none who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to cling to you;  
for you have hidden your face from us  
and have delivered us up to our guilt.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our father;  
we are the clay and you the potter;  
we are all the work of your hands.

**Responsorial Psalm: PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19**

**R. (4) LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU; LET US SEE YOUR FACE  
AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.**

**Second Reading: 1 COR 1:3-9**

Brothers and sisters:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always  
on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in  
Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way,  
with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to  
Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking  
in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord  
Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end,  
irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship  
with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A reading from the Holy Gospel: MK 13:33-37**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
“Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come.  
It is like a man traveling abroad.  
He leaves home and places his servants in charge,  
each with his own work,  
and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.  
Watch, therefore;  
you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming,  
whether in the evening, or at midnight,  
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.  
May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.  
What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

**Primera lectura: Is 63, 16b-17. 19b; 64, 2b-7**

Tú, Señor, eres nuestro padre y nuestro redentor;  
ése es tu nombre desde siempre.  
¿Por qué, Señor, nos has permitido alejarnos de tus  
mandamientos  
y dejas endurecer nuestro corazón  
hasta el punto de no temerte?  
Vuélvete, por amor a tus siervos,  
a las tribus que son tu heredad.  
Ojalá rasgaras los cielos y bajaras,  
estremeciendo las montañas con tu presencia.  
Descendiste y los montes se estremecieron con tu presencia.  
Jamás se oyó decir, ni nadie vio jamás  
que otro Dios, fuera de ti,  
hiciera tales cosas en favor de los que esperan en él.  
Tú sales al encuentro  
del que practica alegremente la justicia  
y no pierde de vista tus mandamientos.  
Estabas airado porque nosotros pecábamos  
y te éramos siempre rebeldes.  
Todos éramos impuros  
y nuestra justicia era como trapo asqueroso;  
todos estábamos marchitos, como las hojas,  
y nuestras culpas nos arrebatában, como el viento.  
Nadie invocaba tu nombre  
nadie se levantaba para refugiarse en ti,  
porque nos ocultabas tu rostro  
y nos dejabas a merced de nuestras culpas.  
Sin embargo, Señor, tú eres nuestro padre;  
nosotros somos el barro y tú el alfarero;  
todos somos hechura de tus manos.

**Salmo Responsorial: Sal 79, 2ac y 3b. 15-16. 18-19**

**R. (4) SEÑOR, MUÉSTRANOS TU FAVOR Y SÁLVANOS.**

**Segunda lectura: 1 Co 1, 3-9**

Continuamente agradezco a mi Dios los dones divinos que  
les ha concedido a ustedes por medio de Cristo Jesús, ya que  
por él los ha enriquecido con abundancia en todo lo que se  
refiere a la palabra y al conocimiento; porque el testimonio  
que damos de Cristo ha sido confirmado en ustedes a tal  
grado, que no carecen de ningún don, ustedes, los que  
esperan la manifestación de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Él los  
hará permanecer irreprochables hasta el fin, hasta el día de  
su advenimiento. Dios es quien los ha llamado a la unión con  
su Hijo Jesucristo, y Dios es fiel.

**Lectura del Santo Evangelio: Mc 13, 33-37**

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: “Velen y  
estén preparados, porque no saben cuándo llegará el  
momento. Así como un hombre que se va de viaje, deja  
su casa y encomienda a cada quien lo que debe hacer y  
encarga al portero que esté velando, así también velen  
ustedes, pues no saben a qué hora va a regresar el  
dueño de la casa: si al anochecer, a la medianoche, al  
canto del gallo o a la madrugada. No vaya a suceder  
que llegue de repente y los halle durmiendo. Lo que les  
digo a ustedes, lo digo para todos: permanezcan alerta”.

## MEDITATION

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29TH, 2020

Sun: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/  
1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37  
Mon: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22  
Tue: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/  
Lk 10:21-24  
Wed: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37  
Thu: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/  
Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Fri: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31  
Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/  
2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Help needed watering the gardens, especially  
Friday mornings.

To be contacted about the Tending The Lord's  
Vineyard (Grounds Keeping) Team call the parish  
office or Maureen at 970-213-8249



## MASS INTENTIONS

† = Deceased

**Saturday, November 28th**

5:00pm †Eddie Morales SR.

**Sunday, November 29th**

7:00am Leonard & Ramona and the ROBERTS Family

9:00am †Manuel Carbajal JR.

Mariane, John & Matt Limov

11:00am †Jose Luis Garcia

†Felipe & Conzuelo Villanueva

**Tuesday, December 1st**

9:00am †Amada Molina

**Wednesday, December 2nd**

9:00am †Jose Luis & Lolita Sanchez

Mariane, John & Matt Limov

**Thursday, December 3rd**

9:00am †Taplin T. Puffinburger

**Friday, December 4th**

9:00am Mariane, John & Matt Limov

*To request a Mass intention, please call or stop by the office.*

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**\* ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT \***

**\* ADORACION DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO \***

Mon—Friday 9:30am-5pm

**\*MASS\***

***Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception***

Tuesday, December 8th

Holy Mass at 9am

Bilingual Rosary at 6pm

**\*OUTDOOR MASS\***

***Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe***

December 11th

5:30pm—Marian Auto Procession

7:00pm—Solemn Mass

8:00pm—Marian Serenade

*(face masks and safety protocols must be observed)*

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

**November 15th, 2020**

**Contributions** \$5,744.00

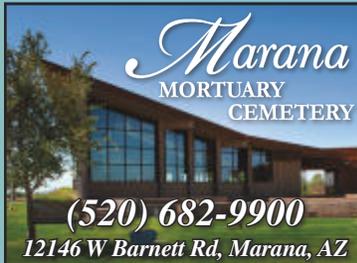
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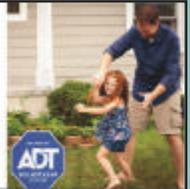
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