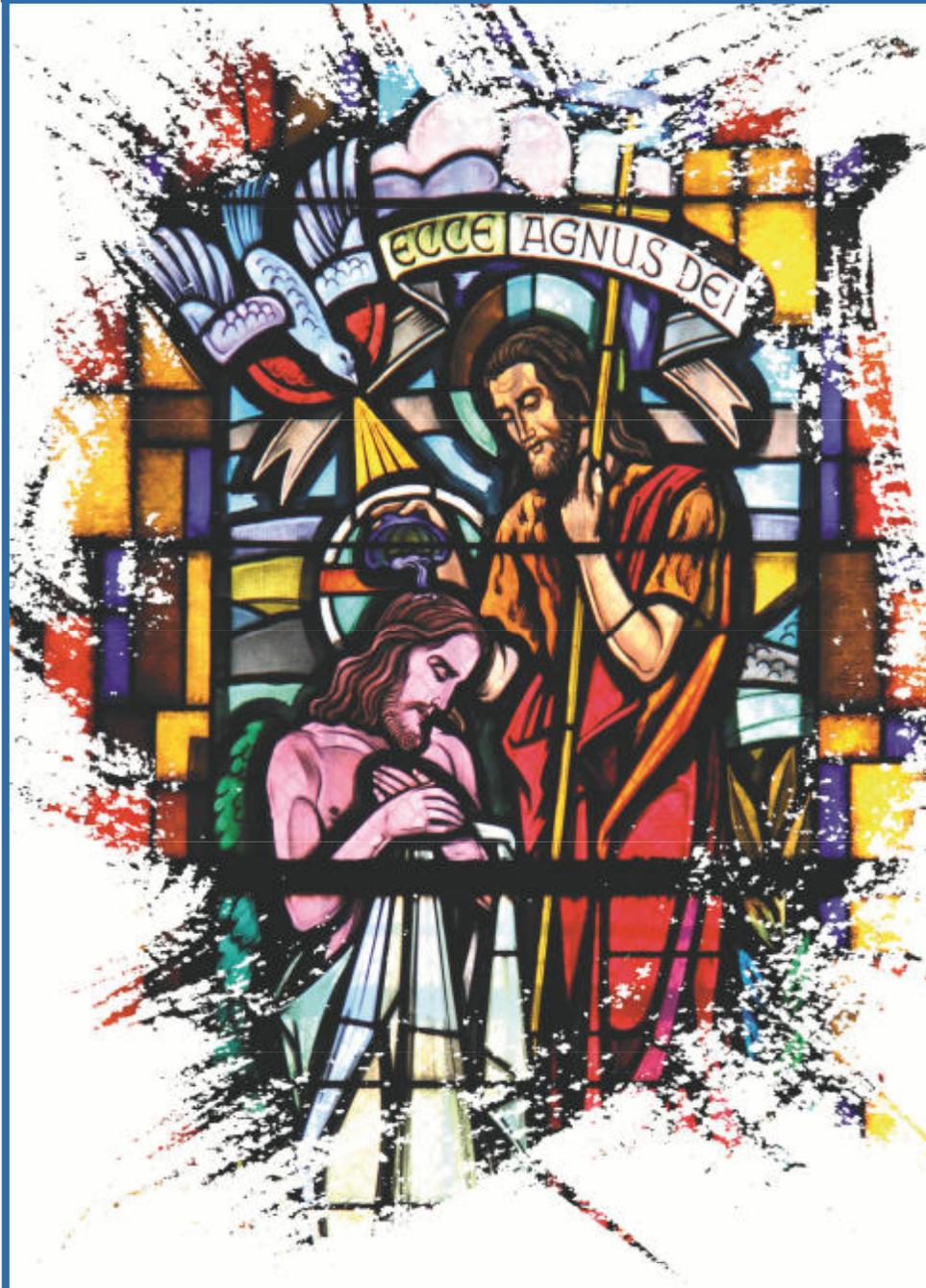




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Mission Statement:

“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!”



“I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER; HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.” - MK 1:8

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please contact the office for information or send an email to 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: NOON (outdoor)
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)

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READINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | LECTURAS DEL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

First Reading: Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,
upon whom I have put my spirit;
he shall bring forth justice to the nations,
not crying out, not shouting,
not making his voice heard in the street.
a bruised reed he shall not break,
and a smoldering wick he shall not quench,
until he establishes justice on the earth;
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.
I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. (11B) THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered
in the house of Cornelius, saying:
*“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and
acts uprightly is acceptable to him.
You know the word that he sent to the Israelites
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ,
who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and power.
He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.”*

A reading from the Holy Gospel: Mk 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:
*“One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen
the thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”*
It happened in those days that Jesus came from
Nazareth of Galilee and
was baptized in the Jordan by John.
On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens
being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove,
descending upon him.
And a voice came from the heavens,
*“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”*

Primera Lectura: Is 42, 1-4. 6-7

Esto dice el Señor:

“Miren a mi siervo, a quien sostengo,
a mi elegido, en quien tengo mis complacencias.
En él he puesto mi espíritu
para que haga brillar la justicia sobre las naciones.
No gritará, no clamará, no hará oír su voz por las calles;
no romperá la caña resquebrajada,
ni apagará la mecha que aún humea.
Promoverá con firmeza la justicia,
no titubeará ni se doblegará
hasta haber establecido el derecho sobre la tierra
y hasta que las islas escuchen su enseñanza.
Yo, el Señor,
fiel a mi designio de salvación,
te llamé, te tomé de la mano, te he formado
y te he constituido alianza de un pueblo,
luz de las naciones,
para que abras los ojos de los ciegos,
saques a los cautivos de la prisión
y de la mazmorra a los que habitan en tinieblas”.

Salmo Responsorial: 28, 1a y 2. 3ac-4. 3b y 9b-10

R. (11B) TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR.

Segunda Lectura: Hch 10, 34-38

En aquellos días, Pedro se dirigió a Cornelio y a los que
estaban en su casa, con estas palabras:
*“Ahora caigo en la cuenta de que Dios no hace distinción
de personas, sino que acepta al que lo teme y practica la
justicia, sea de la nación que fuere.
Él envió su palabra a los hijos de Israel,
para anunciarles la paz
por medio de Jesucristo, Señor de todos.
Ya saben ustedes lo sucedido en toda Judea, que tuvo
principio en Galilea, después del bautismo predicado por
Juan: cómo Dios ungió con el poder del Espíritu Santo a
Jesús de Nazaret, y cómo éste pasó haciendo el bien,
sanando a todos los oprimidos por el diablo, porque Dios
estaba con él”.*

Del Santo Evangelio: Mc 1, 7-11

En aquel tiempo, Juan predicaba diciendo: *“Ya
viene detrás de mí uno que es más poderoso que
yo, uno ante quien no merezco ni siquiera
inclinarme para desatarle la correa de
sus sandalias. Yo los he bautizado a ustedes con
agua, pero él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo”.*
Por esos días, vino Jesús desde Nazaret de Galilea
y fue bautizado por Juan en el Jordán. Al salir
Jesús del agua, vio que los cielos se rasgaban y que
el Espíritu, en figura de paloma, descendía sobre él.
Se oyó entonces una voz del cielo que decía:
*“Tú eres mi Hijo amado;
yo tengo en ti mis complacencias”.*

MEDITATION

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2020

Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Mon: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/
Mk 1:14-20
Tue: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
Wed: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thu: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
Fri: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/
Mk 2:1-12
Sat: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
Sun: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

MASS INTENTIONS

† = Deceased

Saturday, January 9th, 2021

5:00pm For the intentions of a Parishioner

Sunday, January 10th, 2021

7:00am The intentions of the members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

9:00am †Ramon & Valeria Alcoser

11:00am Familia Huizar (Bienestar)

Tuesday, January 12th

Noon For an End to the drought

Wednesday, January 13th

Noon G. Kaiser Family (well being)

Thursday, January 14th

Noon Mariane, John & Matt Limov

Friday, January 15th

Noon To End Abortion

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES

* ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT *

* ADORACION DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO *

Friday 9:30am-5pm

Daily Mass

OUTDOOR AT NOON



Ready for more in life? Ready to put Christ at the center instead of fitting him in? A new year begs for new beginnings. Take the next step in becoming a complete Man of Christ. See you soon.

(face masks and safety protocols must be observed)

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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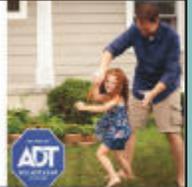
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