



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!"



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

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 (outdoors)

11:00 am Santa Misa

(estacionamiento)

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

CONFESIONS:

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
LECTURAS DEL QUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

First Reading : Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying:
Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?
Are not his days those of hirelings?
He is a slave who longs for the shade,
a hireling who waits for his wages.
So I have been assigned months of misery,
and troubled nights have been allotted to me.
If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"
then the night drags on;
I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.
My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle;
they come to an end without hope.
Remember that my life is like the wind;
I shall not see happiness again.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

Holy Gospel: Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

Primera Lectura: Jb 7, 1-4. 6-7

En aquel día, Job tomó la palabra y dijo:
"La vida del hombre en la tierra es visa de soldado
y sus días, como días de un jornalero.
Como el esclavo suspira en vano por la sombra
y el jornalero se queda aguardando su salario,
así me han tocado en suerte meses de infiernio
y se me han asignado noches de dolor.
Al acostarme, pienso: '¿Cuándo será de día?'
La noche se alarga y me canso de dar vueltas
hasta que amanece.
Mis días corren más aprisa que una lanzadera
y se consumen sin esperanza.
Recuerda, Señor, que mi vida es un soplo.
Mis ojos no volverán a ver la dicha".

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 146,1-2. 3-4. 5-6

R. (cf. 3a) Alabemos al Señor, nuestro Dios.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Cor 9, 16-19. 22-23

Hermanos: No tengo por qué presumir de predicar el Evangelio, puesto que ésa es mi obligación. ¡Ay de mí, si no anuncio el Evangelio! Si yo lo hiciera por propia iniciativa, merecería recompensa; pero si no, es que se me ha confiado una misión. Entonces, ¿en qué consiste mi recompensa? Consiste en predicar el Evangelio gratis, renunciando al derecho que tengo a vivir de la predicación.

Aunque no estoy sujeto a nadie, me he convertido en esclavo de todos, para ganarlos a todos. Con los débiles me hice débil, para ganar a los débiles. Me he hecho todo a todos, a fin de ganarlos a todos. Todo lo hago por el Evangelio, para participar yo también de sus bienes.

Del Santo Evangelio: Mk 1, 29-39

En aquel tiempo, al salir Jesús de la sinagoga, fue con Santiago y Juan a casa de Simón y Andrés. La suegra de Simón estaba en cama, con fiebre, y enseguida le avisaron a Jesús. Él se le acercó, y tomándola de la mano, la levantó. En ese momento se le quitó la fiebre y se puso a servirles.

Al atardecer, cuando el sol se ponía, le llevaron a todos los enfermos y poseídos del demonio, y todo el pueblo se apiñó junto a la puerta. Curó a muchos enfermos de diversos males y expulsó a muchos demonios, pero no dejó que los demonios hablaran, porque sabían quién era él.

De madrugada, cuando todavía estaba muy oscuro, Jesús se levantó, salió y se fue a un lugar solitario, donde se puso a orar. Simón y sus compañeros lo fueron a buscar, y al encontrarlo, le dijeron: "Todos te andan buscando". Él les dijo: "Vamos a los pueblos cercanos para predicar también allá el Evangelio, pues para eso he venido". Y recorrió toda Galilea, predicando en las sinagogas y expulsando a los demonios.

MEDITATION

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7TH, 2021

Sun: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Mon: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and
35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tue: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wed: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/
Mk 7:14-23

Thu: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Fri: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Sat: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/

1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

MASS INTENTIONS

† = Deceased

Saturday, February 6th, 2021

5:00pm † Jorge Recinos
Consuelo Sanchez (birthday)

Sunday, February 7th, 2021

7:00am Roberts Family Grandchildren (well-being)
9:00am St. Christopher Parish Family (well-being)
11:00am † Raquel Valencia
Julio Elizarrarás (cumpleaños)
Roberto Enriquez (salud)

Tuesday, February 9th

Noon St. Christopher Parish Family (well-being)

Wednesday, February 10th

Noon St. Christopher Parish Family (well-being)

Thursday, February 11th

Noon † Alfredo Roybal

Friday, February 12th

Noon Samuel Lenox (birthday)

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES



February 17, 2021

Outdoor Mass & Services | Misas al aire libre & Servicios

9:00 AM Holy Mass (English) | Distribution of Ashes

12:00 PM Holy Mass (English) | Distribution of Ashes

3:00 PM Liturgy of the Word |
Distribution of Ashes (English)

4:00 PM Liturgia de la Palabra |
Distribución de cenizas (Español)

5:00 PM Holy Mass (English) | Available also on Facebook Live
Distribution of Ashes

7:00 PM Santa Misa (Español) | También disponible por Facebook Live
Distribución de cenizas



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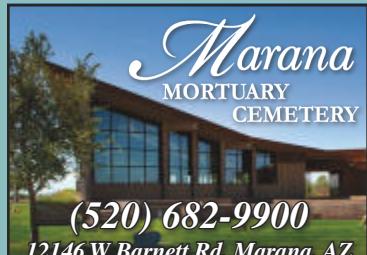
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