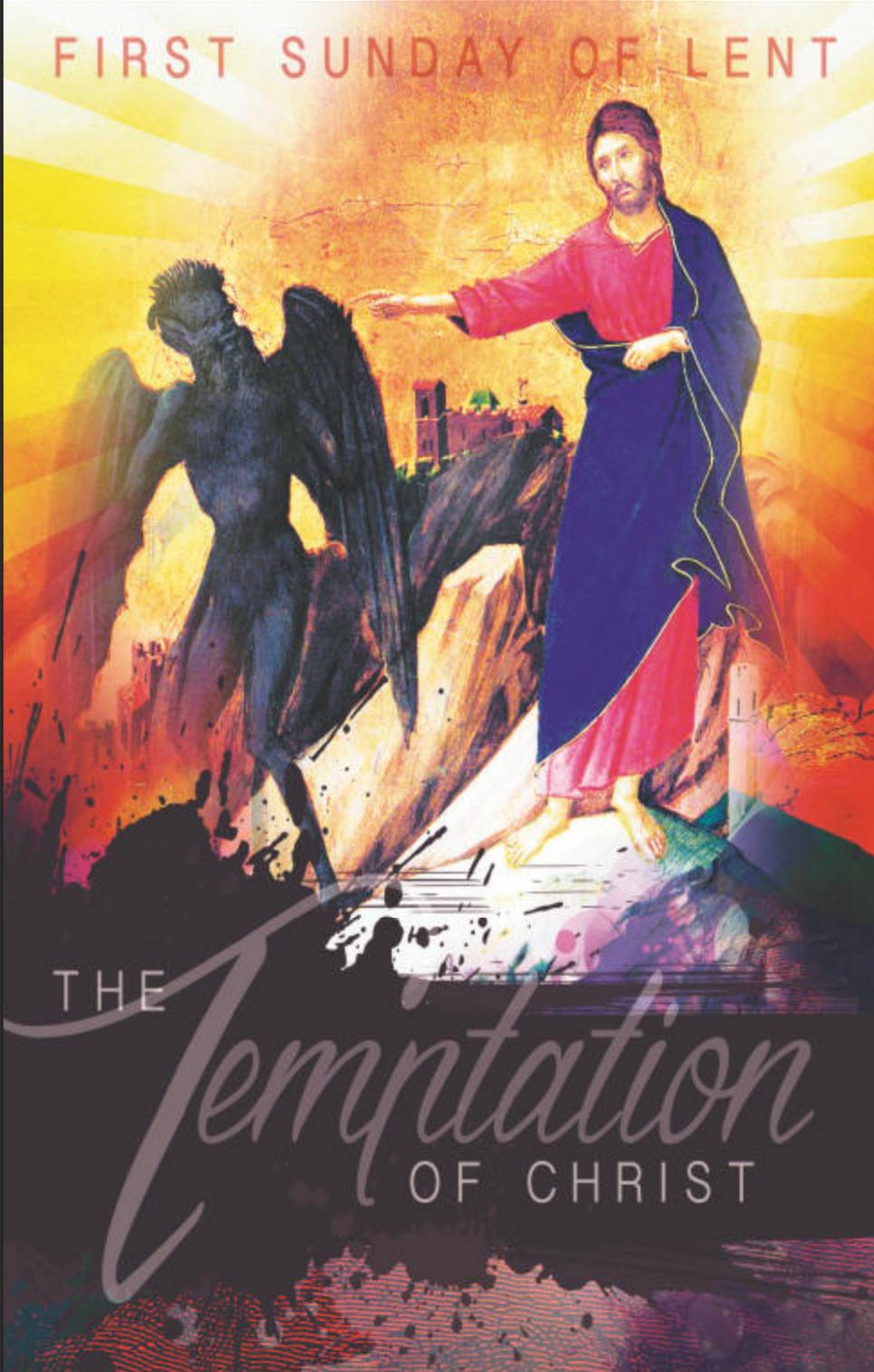




# Saint Christopher Catholic Church

## 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!" and reach out in charity to those in need."*



## 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 & Thur:** NOON  
**Wed & Fri:** 9:00am  
**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 IN LENT**  
**LECTURAS DEL PRIMER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO CUARESIMAL**

**First Reading : Gn 9:8-15**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: *“See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.”*

God added: *“This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.”*

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

**R. (CF. 10) YOUR WAYS, O LORD, ARE LOVE AND TRUTH TO THOSE WHO KEEP YOUR COVENANT.**

**Second Reading: 1 Pt 3:18-22**

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

**Holy Gospel: Mk 1:12-15**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

*“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”*

**Primera Lectura: Gn 9, 8-15**

En aquellos días, dijo Dios a Noé y a sus hijos: *“Ahora establezco una alianza con ustedes y con sus descendientes, con todos los animales que los acompañaron, aves, ganados y fieras, con todos los que salieron del arca, con todo ser viviente sobre la tierra. Ésta es la alianza que establezco con ustedes: No volveré a exterminar la vida con el diluvio, ni habrá otro diluvio que destruya la tierra”.*

Y añadió: *“Ésta es la señal de la alianza perpetua que yo establezco con ustedes y con todo ser viviente que esté con ustedes. Pondré mi arco iris en el cielo como señal de mi alianza con la tierra, y cuando yo cubra de nubes la tierra, aparecerá el arco iris y me acordaré de mi alianza con ustedes y con todo ser viviente. No volverán las aguas del diluvio a destruir la vida”.*

**Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 24, 4bc-5ab.**

**R. (CF. 10) DESCÚBRENOS, SEÑOR, TUS CAMINOS.**

**Segunda Lectura: 1 Pt 3, 18-22**

Hermanos: Cristo murió, una sola vez y para siempre, por los pecados de los hombres; él, el justo, por nosotros, los injustos, para llevarnos a Dios; murió en su cuerpo y resucitó glorificado. En esta ocasión, fue a proclamar su mensaje a los espíritus encarcelados, que habían sido rebeldes en los tiempos de Noé, cuando la paciencia de Dios aguardaba, mientras se construía el arca, en la que unos pocos, ocho personas, se salvaron flotando sobre el agua. Aquella agua era figura del bautismo, que ahora los salva a ustedes y que no consiste en quitar la inmundicia corporal, sino en el compromiso de vivir con una buena conciencia ante Dios, por la resurrección de Cristo Jesús, Señor nuestro, que subió al cielo y está a la derecha de Dios, a quien están sometidos los ángeles, las potestades y las virtudes.

**Del Santo Evangelio: Mc 1, 12-15**

En aquel tiempo, el Espíritu impulsó a Jesús a retirarse al desierto, donde permaneció cuarenta días y fue tentado por Satanás. Vivió allí entre animales salvajes, y los ángeles le servían.

Después de que arrestaron a Juan el Bautista, Jesús se fue a Galilea para predicar el Evangelio de Dios y decía:

*“Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio”.*

## MEDITATION

St. Oscar Romero said, *“Aspire not to have more, but to be more.”* These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “Being more” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of “life in the good old days.” Lent isn’t about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It’s about becoming something new. It’s about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21ST, 2021

Sun: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/  
Mk 1:12-15  
Mon: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19  
Tue: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/  
Mt 6:7-15  
Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32  
Thu: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/  
Mt 7:7-12  
Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/  
Mt 5:20-26  
Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
Sun: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/  
Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 20th, 2021

† = Deceased

5:00pm Anthony Stapleton (birthday)  
Linda & Phillip Lindsey (health)

Sunday, February 21st, 2021

7:00am St. Christopher Parish Family  
9:00am † Ricardo E. Noriega  
11:00am † Jesus Sosa  
† Mariana Lourdes Sanchez Davalos  
† Jesus Alanis Mendias  
† Roberto Enriquez  
Familia Cano (bienestar)

Tuesday, February 22nd

Noon † Jesus Alanis Mendias

Wednesday, February 23rd

9am † Jesus Alanis Mendias  
Graciela Prado (birthday)

Thursday, February 24th

Noon † Jesus Alanis Mendias  
Rita Aguon (birthday)

Friday, February 25th

9am † Ramiro Gonzales

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

## Fridays of Lent

### DAILY MASS

Tue & Thur: Noon

Wed & Fri: 9am

## Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. English

6:00 p.m. Bi-lingual



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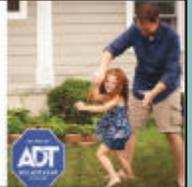
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