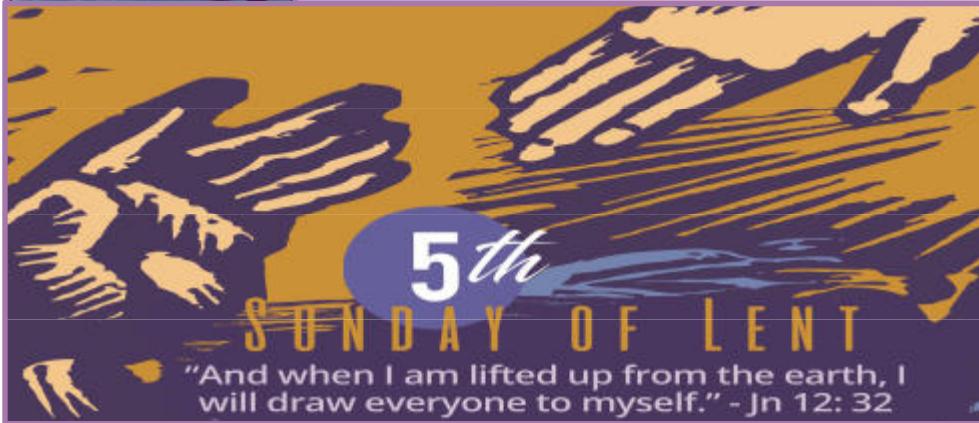




Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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. 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)



Palm Sunday | Domingo de Ramos

- 9:00AM The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem
- 11:00AM La Conmemoración de la Entrada del Señor en Jerusalén

Holy Thursday | Jueves Santo

- 5:00PM The Lord's Supper | Washing of The Feet
- 7:00pm La cena del Señor | Lavatorio de pies
- 8:00PM Outdoor Adoration Blessed Sacrament | Adoración del Santísimo



Good Friday | Viernes Santo

- 3:00pm Outdoor Stations of the Cross | Estaciones de La Cruz
- 4:00pm Meditations on Christ's Seven Last Words
Meditación de las 7 palabras de Jesús en la Cruz
- 5:00PM The Celebration of the Passion of Christ |
The Adoration of the Holy Cross
- 7:00PM Viernes Santo de la Pasión del Señor |
Adoración de la Cruz
- 8:00PM Silent Procession | Procesión del Silencio
- 8:30PM Rosario Solemne del Pésame | Bilingual Rosary



Holy Saturday | Sábado de Gloria

- 6:00PM The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night |
Blessing of Fire
- Vigilia Pascual en la Noche Santa |
Bendición del Fuego



Sunday Mass- 7:00am, 9:00am
Misa Dominical- 11:00am

PARISH INFORMATION

MASS TIMES (DURING COVID-19):

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|-------------|---|
| 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

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 LENT
LECTURAS DEL QUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO CUARESMAL

First Reading: Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm: 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

R. (12a) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Holy Gospel: Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Primera Lectura: Jer 31, 31-34

"Se acerca el tiempo, dice el Señor, en que haré con la casa de Israel y la casa de Judá una alianza nueva. No será como la alianza que hice con los padres de ustedes, cuando los tomé de la mano para sacarlos de Egipto. Ellos rompieron mi alianza y yo tuve que hacer un escarmiento con ellos.

Ésta será la alianza nueva que voy a hacer con la casa de Israel: Voy a poner mi ley en lo más profundo de su mente y voy a grabarla en sus corazones.

Yo seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo. Ya nadie tendrá que instruir a su prójimo ni a su hermano, diciéndole: 'Conoce al Señor', porque todos me van a conocer, desde el más pequeño hasta el mayor de todos, cuando yo les perdone sus culpas y olvide para siempre sus pecados".

Salmo Responsorial: 50, 3-4. 12-13. 14-15

R. (12a) Crea en mí, Señor, un corazón puro.

Segunda Lectura: Heb 5, 7-9

Hermanos: Durante su vida mortal, Cristo ofreció oraciones y súplicas, con fuertes voces y lágrimas, a aquel que podía librarlo de la muerte, y fue escuchado por su piedad. A pesar de que era el Hijo, aprendió a obedecer padeciendo, y llegado a su perfección, se convirtió en la causa de la salvación eterna para todos los que lo obedecen.

Del Santo Evangelio: Jn 12, 20-33

Entre los que habían llegado a Jerusalén para adorar a Dios en la fiesta de Pascua, había algunos griegos, los cuales se acercaron a Felipe, el de Betsaida de Galilea, y le pidieron: "Señor, quisiéramos ver a Jesús".

Felipe fue a decírselo a Andrés; Andrés y Felipe se lo dijeron a Jesús y él les respondió: "Ha llegado la hora de que el Hijo del hombre sea glorificado. Yo les aseguro que si el grano de trigo, sembrado en la tierra, no muere, queda infecundo; pero si muere, producirá mucho fruto. El que se ama a sí mismo, se pierde; el que se aburrece a sí mismo en este mundo, se asegura para la vida eterna. El que quiera servirme, que me siga, para que donde yo esté, también esté mi servidor. El que me sirve será honrado por mi Padre.

Ahora que tengo miedo, ¿le voy a decir a mi Padre: 'Padre, líbrame de esta hora'? No, pues precisamente para esta hora he venido. Padre, dale gloria a tu nombre". Se oyó entonces una voz que decía: "Lo he glorificado y volveré a glorificarlo".

De entre los que estaban ahí presentes y oyeron aquella voz, unos decían que había sido un trueno; otros, que le había hablado un ángel. Pero Jesús les dijo: "Esa voz no ha venido por mí, sino por ustedes. Está llegando el juicio de este mundo; ya va a ser arrojado el príncipe de este mundo. Cuando yo sea levantado de la tierra, atraeré a todos hacia mí". Dijo esto, indicando de qué manera habría de morir.

MEDITATION

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21ST, 2021

- Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
- Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 /Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sun: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 | 15:1-39

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 20th, 2021

† = Deceased

5:00pm Peter Agoun (birthday)

† Molly Velasquez

Sunday, February 21st, 2021

7:00am Leonard Roberts (birthday)

9:00am St. Christopher Parish Family

11:00am † Roberto Enriquez

† Maria y Antonio Altamirano

† Francisco Cano

Familia Cano (bienestar)

Juan Jose Godinez (cumpleaños)

Isalinda Godinez (cumpleaños)

Tuesday, March 23rd 2021

Noon Communion Service

Wednesday, March 24th, 2021

9am Communion Service

Thursday, March 25th, 2021

Noon St. Christopher Parish Family

Friday, March 26th, 2021

9am St. Christopher Parish Family

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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Fridays: 12pm—6:00pm

All meals prepared by volunteer parishioners with great care for cleanliness and according to health protocols. Maintain social distancing and wear a mask at all times on parish property. Meals are for take-out only and not to be consumed at the parish.

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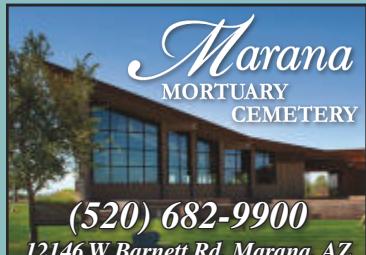
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