



# 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."

**6<sup>th</sup>**  
**SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." - Jn 15:10



## 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 & Thu	NOON
Wed & Fri	9am
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

## PARISH STAFF

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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

**First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, “Get up. I myself am also a human being.”

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.” While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?” He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Responsorial Psalm: 98:1, 2-3, 3-4**

**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

**Second Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

**Holy Gospel: Jn 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”

**Primera Lectura: Hch 10, 25-26. 34-35. 44-48**

En aquel tiempo, entró Pedro en la casa del oficial Cornelio, y éste le salió al encuentro y se postró ante él en señal de adoración. Pedro lo levantó y le dijo: “Ponte de pie, pues soy un hombre como tú”. Luego añadió: “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”.

Todavía estaba hablando Pedro, cuando el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre todos los que estaban escuchando el mensaje. Al oírlos hablar en lenguas desconocidas y proclamar la grandeza de Dios, los creyentes judíos que habían venido con Pedro, se sorprendieron de que el don del Espíritu Santo se hubiera derramado también sobre los paganos.

Entonces Pedro sacó esta conclusión: “¿Quién puede negar el agua del bautismo a los que han recibido el Espíritu Santo lo mismo que nosotros?” Y los mandó bautizar en el nombre de Jesucristo. Luego le rogaron que se quedara con ellos algunos días.

**Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4**

**R. El Señor nos ha mostrado su amor y su lealtad. Aleluya.**

**Segunda Lectura: 1 Jn 4, 7-10**

Queridos hijos: Amémonos los unos a los otros, porque el amor viene de Dios, y todo el que ama ha nacido de Dios y conoce a Dios. El que no ama, no conoce a Dios, porque Dios es amor. El amor que Dios nos tiene se ha manifestado en que envió al mundo a su Hijo unigénito, para que vivamos por él.

El amor consiste en esto: no en que nosotros hayamos amado a Dios, sino en que él nos amó primero y nos envió a su Hijo, como víctima de expiación por nuestros pecados.

**Del Santo Evangelio: Jn 15, 9-17**

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: “Como el Padre me ama, así los amo yo. Permanezcan en mi amor. Si cumplen mis mandamientos, permanecen en mi amor; lo mismo que yo cumple los mandamientos de mi Padre y permanezco en su amor. Les he dicho esto para que mi alegría esté en ustedes y su alegría sea plena.

Éste es mi mandamiento: que se amen los unos a los otros como yo los he amado. Nadie tiene amor más grande a sus amigos que el que da la vida por ellos. Ustedes son mis amigos, si hacen lo que yo les mando. Ya no los llamo siervos, porque el siervo no sabe lo que hace su amo; a ustedes los llamo amigos, porque les he dado a conocer todo lo que le he oído a mi Padre.

No son ustedes los que me han elegido, soy yo quien los ha elegido y los ha destinado para que vayan y den fruto y su fruto permanezca, de modo que el Padre les conceda cuanto le pidan en mi nombre. Esto es lo que les mando: que se amen los unos a los otros”.

## MEDITATION

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9TH, 2021

Sun:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Mon:	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tue:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/ Jn 16:5-11
Wed:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16:12-15
Thu:	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16- 20 <i>Ascension:</i> Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Eph	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/ Jn 15:9-17
Fri:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28 Next Sun: <i>Ascension:</i> Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 8th 2021	†=Deceased
5:00 pm:	† Amada Molina † Virginia Hutsell † Annie Mae Anderson † Victoria “Toya” Garcia All Mothers of the St. Christopher Parish Family
Sunday, May 9th 2021	
7:00 am:	All Mothers of the St. Christopher Parish Family
9:00 am:	Perry Fischer (health) All Mothers of the St. Christopher Parish Family
11:00 am:	† Eduardo Altamirano † Roberto Enriquez Maria Huizar (bienestar) † Enedina Hernandez Lona Udelia Torres Aranda (bienestar) † Arturo Jaramillo All Mothers of the St. Christopher Parish Family
Tuesday May, 11th, 2021	
Noon:	Communion Service
Wednesday, May 12th, 2021	
9:00 am:	Communion Service
Thursday, May 13th, 2021	
Noon:	Communion Service
Friday, May 14th, 2021	
9:00 am:	St. Christopher Parish Family

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