



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."

**15th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. - Mk 6:7

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XV Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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MARCOS 6, 7

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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):

| | |
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| 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

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm |
and by appointment

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm

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First Reading: Am 7:12-15

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, “Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king’s sanctuary and a royal temple.” Amos answered Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

R. (8) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s possession, to the praise of his glory.

Holy Gospel: Mk 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Primera Lectura: Am 7,12-15

En aquel tiempo, Amasías, sacerdote de Betel, le dijo al profeta Amós: “Vete de aquí, visionario, y huye al país de Judá; gánate allá el pan, profetizando; pero no vuelvas a profetizar en Betel, porque es santuario del rey y templo del reino”.

Respondió Amós: “Yo no soy profeta ni hijo de profeta, sino pastor y cultivador de higos. El Señor me sacó de junto al rebaño y me dijo: ‘Ve y profetiza a mi pueblo, Israel’ ”.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 84

R. (8) Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia.

Segunda Lectura: Ef 1,3-14 o 1,3-10

Bendito sea Dios, Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que nos ha bendecido en él con toda clase de bienes espirituales y celestiales. Él nos eligió en Cristo, antes de crear el mundo, para que fuéramos santos e irreprochables a sus ojos, por el amor, y determinó, porque así lo quiso, que, por medio de Jesucristo, fuéramos sus hijos, para que alabemos y glorifiquemos la gracia con que nos ha favorecido por medio de su Hijo amado.

Pues por Cristo, por su sangre, hemos recibido la redención, el perdón de los pecados. Él ha prodigado sobre nosotros el tesoro de su gracia, con toda sabiduría e inteligencia, dándonos a conocer el misterio de su voluntad. Éste es el plan que había proyectado realizar por Cristo, cuando llegara la plenitud de los tiempos: hacer que todas las cosas, las del cielo y las de la tierra, tuvieran a Cristo por cabeza.

Con Cristo somos herederos también nosotros. Para esto estábamos destinados, por decisión del que lo hace todo según su voluntad: para que fuéramos una alabanza continua de su gloria, nosotros, los que ya antes esperábamos en Cristo.

En él también ustedes, después de escuchar la palabra de la verdad, el Evangelio de su salvación, y después de creer, han sido marcados con el Espíritu Santo prometido. Este Espíritu es la garantía de nuestra herencia, mientras llega la liberación del pueblo adquirido por Dios, para alabanza de su gloria.

Del Santo Evangelio: Mc 6,7-13

En aquel tiempo, llamó Jesús a los Doce, los envió de dos en dos y les dio poder sobre los espíritus inmundos. Les mandó que no llevaran nada para el camino: ni pan, ni mochila, ni dinero en el cinto, sino únicamente un bastón, sandalias y una sola túnica.

Y les dijo: “Cuando entren en una casa, quédense en ella hasta que se vayan de ese lugar. Si en alguna parte no los reciben ni los escuchan, al abandonar ese lugar, sacúdanse el polvo de los pies, como una advertencia para ellos”.

Los discípulos se fueron a predicar el arrepentimiento. Expulsaban a los demonios, ungían con aceite a los enfermos y los curaban.

MEDITATION

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11TH, 2021

Sun: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
Mon: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tue: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24
Wed: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27
Thu: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30
Fri: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8
Sat: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sun: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 10th, 2021

†=Deceased

5:00 pm: † Gerardo Sosa
Gilberto Rodriguez (health)

Sunday, July 11th, 2021

7:00 am: † Norman Del Turco
9:00 am: † Roberto Enriquez
11:00 am: † Roberto Enriquez
Edgar Daniel Godinez (cumpleaños)

Tuesday, July 13th, 2021

Noon: Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, July 14th, 2021

9:00 am: † Norman Del Turco

Thursday, July 15th, 2021

Noon: † Norman Del Turco

Friday, July 16th, 2021

9:00 am: St. Christopher Parish Family

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

Note: Due to early bulletin submission, not all intentions may be listed.

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