



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)

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

CONFESSIONS:

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

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

Quando Jesús desembarcó, vio una numerosa multitud que lo estaba esperando y se compadeció de ellos, porque andaban como ovejas sin pastor, y se puso a enseñarles muchas cosas.
- Mc 6, 34

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First Reading: Jer 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The LORD our justice."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Eph 2:13-18

Brothers and sisters: In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Holy Gospel: Mk 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Primera Lectura: Jer 23,1-6

“¡Ay de los pastores que dispersan y dejan perecer a las ovejas de mi rebaño!, dice el Señor.

Por eso habló así el Señor, Dios de Israel, contra los pastores que apacientan a mi pueblo: “Ustedes han rechazado y dispersado a mis ovejas y no las han cuidado. Yo me encargaré de castigar la maldad de las acciones de ustedes. Yo mismo reuniré al resto de mis ovejas de todos los países a donde las había expulsado y las volveré a traer a sus pastos, para que ahí crezcan y se multipliquen. Les pondré pastores que las apacienten. Ya no temerán ni se espantarán y ninguna se perderá.

Miren: Viene un tiempo, dice el Señor, en que haré surgir un renuevo en el tronco de David: será un rey justo y prudente y hará que en la tierra se observen la ley y la justicia. En sus días será puesto a salvo Judá, Israel habitará confiadamente y a él lo llamarán con este nombre: ‘El Señor es nuestra justicia’ ”.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 22

R. (1) El Señor es mi pastor, nada me faltará.

Segunda Lectura: Ef 2, 13-18

Hermanos: Ahora, unidos a Cristo Jesús, ustedes, que antes estaban lejos, están cerca, en virtud de la sangre de Cristo.

Porque él es nuestra paz; él hizo de los judíos y de los no judíos un solo pueblo; él destruyó, en su propio cuerpo, la barrera que los separaba: el odio; él abolió la ley, que consistía en mandatos y reglamentos, para crear en sí mismo, de los dos pueblos, un solo hombre nuevo, estableciendo la paz, y para reconciliar a ambos, hechos un solo cuerpo, con Dios, por medio de la cruz, dando muerte en sí mismo al odio.

Vino para anunciar la buena nueva de la paz, tanto a ustedes, los que estaban lejos, como a los que estaban cerca.

Así, unos y otros podemos acercarnos al Padre, por la acción de un mismo Espíritu.

Del Santo Evangelio: Mc 6, 30-34

En aquel tiempo, los apóstoles volvieron a reunirse con Jesús y le contaron todo lo que habían hecho y enseñado. Entonces él les dijo: “Vengan conmigo a un lugar solitario, para que descansen un poco”, porque eran tantos los que iban y venían, que no les dejaban tiempo ni para comer.

Jesús y sus apóstoles se dirigieron en una barca hacia un lugar apartado y tranquilo. La gente los vio irse y los reconoció; entonces de todos los poblados fueron corriendo por tierra a aquel sitio y se les adelantaron.

Cuando Jesús desembarcó, vio una numerosa multitud que lo estaba esperando y se compadeció de ellos, porque andaban como ovejas sin pastor, y se puso a enseñarles muchas cosas.

MEDITATION

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18TH, 2021

Sun: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/
Mk 6:30-34
Mon: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42
Tue: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/
Mt 12:46-50
Wed: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28
[24b]/Mt 13:1-9
Thu: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
[2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Fri: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/
Mt 13:18-23
Sat: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sun: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf.
16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 17th, 2021 †=Deceased

5:00 pm: St. Christopher Parish Family

Sunday, July 18th, 2021

7:00 am: Joyce Puffinbarger(birthday)

9:00 am: † Roberto Enriquez

11:00 am: † Roberto Enriquez

Tuesday, July 20th, 2021

Noon: St. Christopher Parish Family

Wednesday, July 21st, 2021

9:00 am: St. Christopher Parish Family

Thursday, July 22nd, 2021

Noon: St. Christopher Parish Family

Friday, July 23rd 2021

9:00 am: St. Christopher Parish Family

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

	<u>Week ending</u> <u>6/27/21</u>	<u>Week ending</u> <u>7/4/21</u>	<u>Week ending</u> <u>7/11/21</u>
Offertory	\$2,683.00	\$6,053.00	\$2,991.00
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