



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."



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(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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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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18° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

First Reading: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!"

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.

"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God."

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

R. (24b) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading: Eph 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

Holy Gospel: Jn 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Primera Lectura: Ex 16, 2-4. 12-15

En aquellos días, toda la comunidad de los hijos de Israel murmuró contra Moisés y Aarón en el desierto, diciendo: "¡Ojalá hubiéramos muerto a manos del Señor en Egipto, cuando nos sentábamos junto a las ollas de carne y comíamos pan hasta saciarnos. Ustedes nos han traído a este desierto para matar de hambre a toda esta multitud". Entonces dijo el Señor a Moisés: "Voy a hacer que llueva pan del cielo. Que el pueblo salga a recoger cada día lo que necesita, pues quiero probar si guarda mi ley o no. He oído las murmuraciones de los hijos de Israel. Diles de parte mía: 'Por la tarde comerán carne y por la mañana se hartarán de pan, para que sepan que yo soy el Señor, su Dios' ". Aquella misma tarde, una bandada de codornices cubrió el campamento. A la mañana siguiente había en torno a él una capa de rocío que, al evaporarse, dejó el suelo cubierto con una especie de polvo blanco semejante a la escarcha. Al ver eso, los israelitas se dijeron unos a otros: "¿Qué es esto?", pues no sabían lo que era. Moisés les dijo: "Este es el pan que el Señor les da por alimento".

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo Del Salmo 77

R.(24b) El Señor les dio pan del cielo.

Segunda Lectura: Ef 4, 17. 20-24

Hermanos: Declaro y doy testimonio en el Señor, de que no deben ustedes vivir como los paganos, que proceden conforme a lo vano de sus criterios. Esto no es lo que ustedes han aprendido de Cristo; han oído hablar de él y en él han sido adoctrinados, conforme a la verdad de Jesús. Él les ha enseñado a abandonar su antiguo modo de vivir, ese viejo yo, corrompido por deseos de placer. Dejen que el Espíritu renueve su mente y revístanse del nuevo yo, creado a imagen de Dios, en la justicia y en la santidad de la verdad.

Del Santo Evangelio: Jn 6, 24-35

En aquel tiempo, cuando la gente vio que en aquella parte del lago no estaban Jesús ni sus discípulos, se embarcaron y fueron a Cafarnaúm para buscar a Jesús. Al encontrarlo en la otra orilla del lago, le preguntaron: "Maestro, ¿cuándo llegaste acá?" Jesús les contestó: "Yo les aseguro que ustedes no me andan buscando por haber visto señales milagrosas, sino por haber comido de aquellos panes hasta saciarse. No trabajen por ese alimento que se acaba, sino por el alimento que dura para la vida eterna y que les dará el Hijo del hombre; porque a éste, el Padre Dios lo ha marcado con su sello". Ellos le dijeron: "¿Qué necesitamos para llevar a cabo las obras de Dios?" Respondió Jesús: "La obra de Dios consiste en que crean en aquel a quien él ha enviado". Entonces la gente le preguntó a Jesús: "¿Qué signo vas a realizar tú, para que la veamos y podamos creer? ¿Cuáles son tus obras? Nuestros padres comieron el maná en el desierto, como está escrito: *Les dio a comer pan del cielo.*" Jesús les respondió: "Yo les aseguro: No fue Moisés quien les dio pan del cielo; es mi Padre quien les da el verdadero pan del cielo. Porque el pan de Dios es aquel que baja del cielo y da la vida al mundo". Entonces le dijeron: "Señor, danos siempre de ese pan". Jesús les contestó: "Yo soy el pan de la vida. El que viene a mí no tendrá hambre y el que cree en mí nunca tendrá sed".

MEDITATION

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don’t like, want, and don’t want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don’t move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1ST, 2021

Sun: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/
Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Mon: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/
Mt 14:13-21
Tue: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wed: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab,
13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
Thu: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
Fri: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Sat: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
Next Sun: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/
Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 31st, 2021

†=Deceased

5:00 pm: St. Christopher Parish Family

Sunday, August 1st 2021

7:00 am: † Richard Roberts

9:00 am: † Roberto Enriquez

11:00 am: † Cesar Zapata

† Roberto Enriquez

† Carlos Ramírez Valenzuela

† Faustino Echeandía

† José Manuel López Babuca

Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021

Noon: Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

† Carlos Ramírez Valenzuela

† Faustino Echeandía

† José Manuel López Babuca

Wednesday, August 4th, 2021

9:00 am: † Carlos Ramírez Valenzuela

† Faustino Echeandía

† José Manuel López Babuca

Thursday, August 5th 2021

Noon: St. Christopher Parish Family

Friday, August 6th, 2021

9:00 am: St. Christopher Parish Family

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